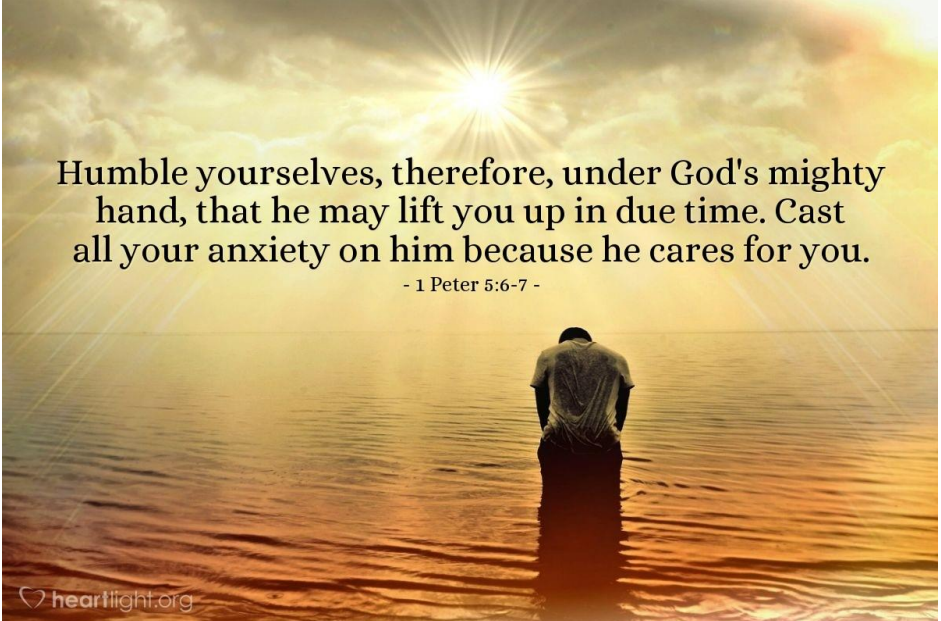


# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

## October 22, 2023



Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- 1 Peter 5:6-7 -

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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**October 22, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

***Elim's mission statement:***

*"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."*

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

*We are invited into the presence of God!*

*Please turn your cell phones off*

*The service is also being live-streamed and recorded for immediate or later viewing, and can be accessed at [elimqc.org](http://elimqc.org)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mike Hermann**

**OFFERING**

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."  
(1 John 4:18)*

**ADORATION TO GOD**

We offer to God "a sacrifice of praise," expressing our love and devotion to Him.

**WORSHIP SONGS**

*"Ancient of Days"*

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

*"Lord, I Need You"*

**HEARING FROM GOD**

We give our attention to God by opening our lives to His Word! We invite God's Spirit to take this Word into our lives that we might be formed into the image and likeness of Jesus!

**WORDS FROM GOD**

**Luke 18:1-17**

## **MESSAGE**

**“Persistence, Humility & Children”**

**by Pastor Steve Peterson**

## **PRAYERS TO GOD**

Now that God has spoken to us, it is time for us to speak to Him!

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **BEING SENT BY GOD**

God sends us out into the world that He passionately loves.

## **WORSHIP SONG**

*“Only a Holy God”*

## **BENEDICTION**

**GREETERS TODAY:** Diane and Terry Snipes

### **October Birthdays**

*23 – Haley Cunningham*

*25 – R.J. Peterson*

*28 – Luna Suits*

### **October Birthdays**

*30 – Jean Russell*

*30 – Terry Snipes*

*31 – Cecil Grimes*

### **October Anniversaries**

*16 – Don and Sheila Yoeckel*

### **November Birthdays**

*4 – Rachel Cunningham*

*6 – Kim Shuda*

### **November Anniversaries**

*5 – Byron and Becky*

*Reynolds*

## **Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023**

### ***God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus***

October 22	Isaiah 42:1-17
October 23	Isaiah 56:1-12
October 24	Isaiah 58:1-14
October 25	Jeremiah 7:1-15
October 26	Jeremiah 23:1-8
October 27	Jeremiah 30:1-24
October 28	Jeremiah 31:1-22

**Sermon Notes**  
**Sunday, October 22, 2023**  
**“Persistence, Humility & Children”**  
**Luke 18:1-17**

**Key Text:** *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time”* (1 Pt. 5:6)

**Key Thought:** Jesus is calling us to be fervent in prayer, humble in character and child-like in faith.

- 1) Intro & Context
  
- 2) **PERSISTENT** prayer (vv. 1-8) (cf. Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:12; 1 Ths. 5:17; Heb. 5:7)
  
- 3) **HUMBLE** & exalted (vv. 9-14) (cf. Pr. 3:34; Isa. 66:2; Php. 2:8-9; Ja. 4:10; 1 Pt. 5:6)
  
- 4) Kids & the **KINGDOM** (vv. 15-17) (cf. Isa. 11:6; Mt. 11:25; 18:3-5; 1 Jn. 3:1)
  
- 5) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- Do you show great perseverance in prayer? Are you truly a prayer warrior? Or are you easily defeated & give up praying?
- Does God see you as humble, and so will choose to exalt you? Or does He see you as proud, and so will choose to humble you?
- Are you child-like in your trust, obedience & humility toward God?

## PRAYER PAGE

### **Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:**

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Madeline Lumpkin
Don Neer	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	Tabatha Estes
Gary and Julie Wells	Nathan Lyon	Sandy Winthurst
Jeff Parrott		

Families that have lost loved ones, caregivers, military families, and unspoken concerns.

<b><i>Covenant Prayer Calendar — October 22 – October 28</i></b>	
<b><i>Please pray for this week's</i></b>	
<b><i>Covenant missionaries:</i></b>	
Barbara and Steven Swanson (Sweden)	Phillip and Stephanie Voland (Germany)
Becci Swearingen (Kenya)	Craig and Cheryl Wickstrom (DR Congo)
James Tang (South Sudan and Ethiopia)	Christopher and Diane Wiebe (East Asia)
Alex and Melanie Viana (Mozambique)	Janet and Ronald Ziegelbaur (Cameroon)

### **Prayer Opportunities**

**Prayer Cards:** Feel free to use the prayer cards for your requests and drop them in the offering plate.

**Prayer Following Worship:** The Elim Prayer Team is available to pray with you after the service in the Jeremiah classroom at the back of the sanctuary.

**Prayer Gatherings:** Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

**Prayer Chain:** Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church at (309) 764-6920 Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Sandy at (309) 592-7703 with your request.



## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

The whole month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It's not too late to encourage him and show him how much we love and appreciate him.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

How are you coming along with your shoeboxes? Are your boxes packed and ready for shipment? Bring them to church anytime and put them in the Matthew room. Mark on the list how many you returned. National Collection Week is November 13-19. Please return them before then. Thanks!



**Richard Spencer**  
Street Outreach  
Services

## Elim in the Community

You don't have to look far to see Elim Covenant Church in the community. You will find **Pastor Steve** and **Juanita Arellanos** preaching at Christian Care on a regular basis.

You will also find **Richard Spencer** working at Christian

Care as their new Street Outreach Services, and **Deanna Newton** volunteering at YouthHope's food pantry. Good job everyone!



Deanna made it in this month's YouthHope newsletter!

## Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, October 29,  
Immediately following the service

### ELIM FAMILY NIGHT

Sundays – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to Elim Family Night! Taco salad dinner at 5:30 before we move into our topic of prayer. ALL are welcome!



### **Fall Festival**

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Join us for food and fun at Elim's FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL this **Wednesday, October 25**, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. We will be serving chili, hosting a cake raffle, playing games, and having fun in a BIG bouncy house too! ALL are welcome!

### S.P.L.A.S.H.

Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is **Saturday, October 28**, from **9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** All women are invited. Please join us!!

### Surviving the Holidays

Elim Covenant Church will once again host GriefShare's *Surviving the Holidays* on **Tuesday, November 7**, from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** We encourage you or anyone you know who is grieving to come and learn some helpful ways to navigate the holidays. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area. Questions? See **Mary Murphy** or **Sandy McNeal**.

### Elim Workday

Elim workday is scheduled for **Saturday, November 11**, at **8:00 a.m.** There's lots of work inside and out. Whether you are 8 or 80+ or somewhere in between, there is something for everyone. Questions? See **Don Yoeckel**.

## **Looking Ahead**

Sunday	October 22	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		5:30 p.m.	Elim Family Night
Tuesday	October 24	9:30 a.m.	<b>SAS</b> Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	October 25	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Fall Festival
Thursday	October 26	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers
Saturday	October 28	9:00 a.m.	S.P.L.A.S.H.
		3:30 p.m.	Parrott/Ricail Wedding
Sunday	October 29	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Elim Family Night

## **Attendance Last Week**

Sunday Worship = 81 Views on YouTube = 18  
Sunday School/Children's Church/Confirmation = 27

## **MOWING SCHEDULE**

October 28 ..... Timothy Le and Tom Dang  
November 4 ..... Ron Lyon and Don Peterson

## **CHILDCARE SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY, October 22:**

Children's Church: Meagan Bear and Diane Snipes  
Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

### **NEXT WEEK, October 29:**

No Children's Church Today; Kids Stay in the Service  
Nursery: Amy Hennings and Kristen Burns

## **Christian Care Current Needs**

**33- & 39-Gallon Trash Bags  
Toilet Paper and Paper Towels**