

Welcome to Elim!



Elim Church
An Oasis in the City

Opportunities at Elim
(2017-2018)

WELCOME TO ELIM!

Who We Are: The name Elim is taken from an Old Testament story of promise. The Israelites were a wandering, discouraged people who found refreshment, renewal and release at an oasis called Elim. We like that picture! Ministering in Northeast Minneapolis since 1888, Elim has been an *Oasis In The City*, committed to providing refreshment, renewal and release to people of all ages and walks of life.

What We Care About: Elim is a multigenerational, multiethnic, come-as-you-are inner city church that truly loves God and its diverse neighborhood. We're a mix of folks from around the Twin Cities and around the world. Some of us grew up at Elim while many only recently arrived, but all are welcome! Against a backdrop of contemporary, relevant, biblical preaching and variety-filled, lively worship services, Elim offers solid, friendly Christian education along with good opportunities to grow, connect and serve. There is always a place for you here!

Our Mission Statement: To be a vibrant urban congregation in passionate pursuit of Jesus for our community and world

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sundays are a highlight of all we do together as a church. We worship the Lord and make Sunday special for everyone at Elim.

Hope Avenue:

Breakfast, showers, Bible study, clothing closet—7:15-9:30 am

Prayer Time:

Starting at 8:00 am in the Prayer Room

Sunday School:

Classes for all ages—9:00-10:00 am

The Gathering:

10:00-10:30 am (cookies, coffee, juice & fellowship!)

Worship Service:

10:30-11:30 am in the Sanctuary

Children's Church:

During worship service (also nursery care and preschool activities)

WE'RE GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US AT ELIM CHURCH!

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES



PRAYER TIME—PRAYER ROOM

A time of prayer is held each Sunday in the Prayer Room starting at 8 am. We would love to have you join us.

INFANT—2 YRS—NURSERY

Safe, supervised and loving care for our youngest Elim members. The nursery (Room 106 in the Kids Park) is staffed with two volunteers each Sunday morning, from 8:45-11:30 am.



AGE 2-PRESCHOOL KIDS PARK, ROOM 105

Miss Jan and her assistants will be using TRU Blessing Curriculum. It will include Bible story, memory verses, and crafts for toddlers and preschoolers. This will run from 9:00-10:15 am (a snack will be served).

At 10:15 am, we begin JAM (Jesus And Me), led by parent volunteers using the TRU Blessing Curriculum, as well as guided play time. If they choose, parents can pick up their child at 10:00 am to join them for The Gathering in the dining room, and the start of worship. At 10:50 am, children in worship will be dismissed to JAM by the worship leader.

KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE KIDS PARK, 101, 102, 104

On Sunday mornings, from 9:00-10:05 am, we will be utilizing the TRU Curriculum, a dynamic, family-empowering ministry philosophy of spiritual formation emphasizing the role and authority of Scripture. TRU is about knowing God versus knowing things about God. It reveals God's incredible plan and invites kids to be part of it in both a large group (led by Deb Somody) and small groups (led by dedicated volunteers).





ECY (6TH-12TH GRADE)

4TH FLOOR YOUTH ROOM



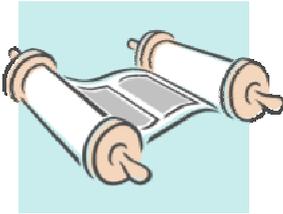
ECY Sunday School will start with a welcome pancake breakfast for our entering 6th graders. We will begin the year with a study titled "How Great is Our God!" exploring the absolute wonder of creation!

LIFE BUILDERS ROOM 402

The Life Builders class was restarted in January at the request of the Christian Education Ministry Team. We meet in room 402 from 9:15 to 10:00 on Sunday mornings.



Most of the folks are in their 30's with small children, but several people are beyond those years. The focus has been on parenting and family dynamics from a scriptural perspective, but many times the concepts we discuss are applicable to other aspects and eras of life. Discussion is more prevalent than direct teaching. Roger Dahl acts as facilitator for the class. Please stop in and join us!



MERRYMAKERS/MARINERS/SENIORS ROOM 403

The MerryMakers/Mariners/Seniors class is taught by Chuck Fleming, and is open to all adults.

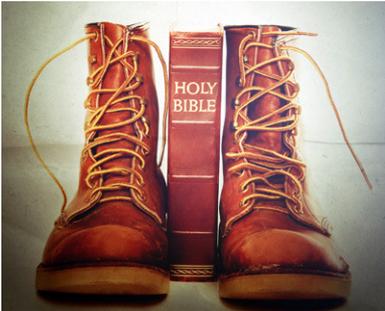
This fall, we will begin an in-depth study of the New Testament book of Acts. Sometimes known as the "Acts of the Apostles" (or more accurately, "The Acts of the Holy Spirit"), Acts is the story of the founding and spread of the early church after the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Our study will look at the foundational principles of the early church, as well as its outreach in the face of a hostile and/or indifferent world. In many ways, the story of the early church is the story of the church in today's world. Please join us for this important study.

MISFITS—LOUNGE

The Misfits class is open to all adults. We use films as a springboard into our discussions of spiritual issues. Each week we spend time in Bible study and then watch another segment of our current film. The class is led by Kyle Marsh and Brian Turnquist.



The theme for this fall is Prayer. Prayer is a massive topic, yet it is also one where we feel like we truly understand very little. In his book on prayer, Philip Yancey says: “*Why pray? I have asked this question almost every day of my Christian life, especially when God's presence seems far away and I wonder if prayer is a pious form of talking to myself.*” We will begin with a 6-week DVD discussion series by Philip Yancey. There is a short video portion for each week led by Yancey and also time for discussion. It is based on his book, *Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?* You are encouraged to pick up a copy and read along with us.



THE MISSIONAL LIFE ROOM 303

What’s “missional” anyway? This idea has been around for quite some time, but the term has only recently gained popularity. In this class, we’ll explore missional Bible study (Missional Hermeneutics), missional theology, and look at communities that exemplify missional living in local and international contexts. Finally, we will also spend time considering Elim Church through the lens of missional Christian living. Pastor Paul Olson will lead this class.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30-10:50 am—Worship with parents in the Sanctuary

10:50-11:30 am—Bible Lesson & Activities in the Kids Park

Schedule subject to change

At Elim, we value being an intergenerational church where families worship together. Participating as families is a high value; we believe the worship service is not just for adults and education is not just for children. We have made an effort to provide quality programming for both the Sunday School and worship hours and have adapted our schedule to allow families to worship together for part of the service.

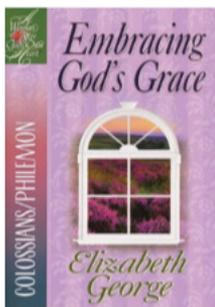
Parents must check in their child at the Check-In Station in the Kids Park by 10:30 am. Once checked in, the child must remain with their parents until released by the Children's Director or Worship Leader.

KIDS BELL CHOIR/KIDS CHOIR

We are offering two exciting opportunities for kids this year, a kids bell choir and a kids choir. Those who are interested in these groups will practice during Children's Church from October-December and February-April.



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY



EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

TIME - 10-11:30 am **LOCATION** - Lounge

Pastor Becky leads a women's Bible study designed to connect women to the Lord and each other. We continue the study of the Letter to the Colossians, using the book, *Embracing God's Grace*, by Elizabeth George. We'd love to have you join us!

WOMEN'S WINTER RETREAT

Mark Your Calendars! Elim's Women's Winter Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018.



WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

DATE/TIME - 6-8 pm, starting September 13 (2nd Wednesday of the month; runs through May).

Wednesday Night Live is for anyone age 0-99. WNL starts with supper, and will include music, Bible classes and activities for kids, youth and adults. Nursery care and a Preschool class will be offered. There will also be two adult classes offered during Wednesday Night Live:

Elim S.E.R.V. (with Pastor Paul):

Each month we will perform a short service project and relational outreach designed to connect us to our NE Minneapolis community on a deeper level. Elim S.E.R.V. is not just a class—it's an experience!

Church Alive! (with Randy Somody):

A study of the book of Acts and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.



KID GLO

TIME - Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 pm

LOCATION - Kids Park/Gym

Kids from Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to come to Kid gLo, Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8 pm. Enjoy fun activities, Bible stories and gym time! In addition to regular Wednesday activities, there are three Kid gLo Family Events scheduled at this time:

- **Wednesday, October 24**, 5:30 pm. Dinner and Dazzling Dave (the yo-yo champion of the world).
- **Sunday, December 3**, 4-7:30 pm. Advent Christmas Workshop. Dinner, plus activities to prepare your heart & home for Christmas!
- **Saturday, March 31**, 11:00 am. Easter Egg Hunt at Logan Park with Mill City Church.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! VBS IS BACK!!

Elim will hold Family VBS again next summer! It will run from August 6-10, from 5:30-8:15 pm, starting with supper.

ECY

ELIM CHURCH YOUTH (ECY)

TIME - Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

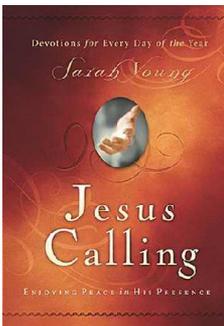
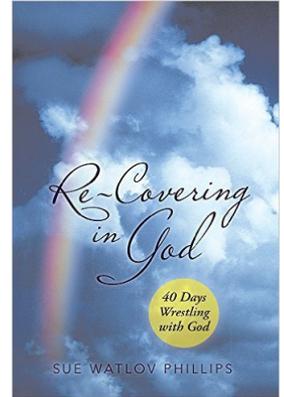
On Wednesdays, ECY is intended to be more relaxing, inviting and active than Sunday mornings. We will participate in large group games and have opportunities to hang out and share devotions from different voices. Wednesday ECY is a great time to grow together as a youth group, and friends are always welcome! Wednesday ECY begins on September 13 (at 6:00 pm instead of our regular 6:30 pm), with family dinner together before ECY. Hope to see all of you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

TIME - 6:30 to 7:30 pm Wednesdays

LOCATION - Prayer Room (outside if possible)

Sue Watlov Phillips leads this Wednesday night Bible study, by discussing two books. The first book, *Re-Covering In God: 40 Days Wrestling With God*, is a devotional designed as a guide to knowing how to be in God's will instead of our self-will. It helps to turn our focus from past failures to recovery in God for any 'isms' in our lives: materialism, cynicism, workaholism, perfectionism, alcoholism, etc.



The second book, *Jesus Calling*, is a devotional filled with uniquely inspired treasures from heaven for every day of the year. After years of writing in her prayer journal, missionary Sarah Young decided to listen to God with pen in hand, writing whatever she believed He was saying to her. She knew her writings were not inspired as Scripture is, but her journal entries—written from Jesus' point of view, thus the title *Jesus Calling*—helped her grow closer to God.



GRIEFSHARE

TIME - 6:30 to 8 pm Wednesdays

LOCATION - Lounge

GriefShare is a thirteen session, Christ-centered, support group for those journeying through one of life's most difficult experiences—grieving the loss of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly on Wednesdays (starting on September 6 and finishing on November 29), and will be led by Dennis and Jill Jezierski. Group members will gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help them deal with loss and look forward to rebuilding life. If you would like more info, please call Dennis or Jill at 763.780.0801.

How GriefShare Works:

- 1. Video seminar with experts**—Each week the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery. The videos are produced in a television magazine format featuring interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments, and on-location video.
- 2. Group discussion with focus**—After viewing the video, group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in their lives.
- 3. Personal study and reflection**—During the week, group members have the opportunity to use a workbook for personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out emotions through journaling. The group will spend time discussing questions and comments from this study.



SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY (DAYTIME)

TIME - 1:00 pm (every other Wednesday)

LOCATION - Library

The Seniors' Bible study is a daytime group for adults that meets throughout the year. Our study resource is the Bible. We pick a book of the Bible and study it a chapter at a time, reading it out loud and discussing its implications for our lives as believers. We are currently studying the letters of the Apostle Paul. We normally meet every other Wednesday, from 1-2:30 pm in the Library. Holiday and personal schedules may change this, at times, to two Wednesdays in a row. For more info, or an up-to-date schedule, please contact Chuck Fleming.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

SMALL GROUPS AT ELIM

At Elim Church, small groups are places to be known and to get to know others... coupled with the opportunity to grow in your faith in the Lord. We want everyone at Elim to feel welcome and a part of our church community, and we invite you to consider whether a small group is right for you! If you have questions, feel free to contact Heather Carlson, our small groups coordinator.



HOPE AVENUE

ELIM'S MINISTRY TO THOSE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Elim has an eleven-year-old ministry of compassion, called Hope Avenue, to those experiencing homelessness, experiencing low income, or living marginalized lives. Empowered with the Lord's love, we meet them where they are with physical, emotional and spiritual care.

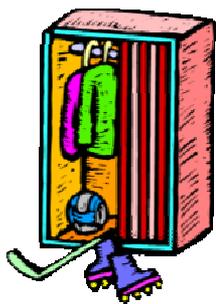
The majority of our outreach is offered at Elim on Sunday mornings. These ministries are all free of charge and include breakfast, showers and a laundry service, clothing closet, food distribution, foot care clinic, and Bible study groups. During the frigid winter months, we open the church as an emergency shelter.

A primary goal of Hope Avenue is to introduce people to the love of Jesus Christ and in turn, to grow them in their faith walks. They are invited to participate in an introduction to the Bible class or one focused on discipleship. Many attend church at Elim and participate in the life of the church.

You are invited to volunteer with the ministry during mid-week or Sunday mornings and according to your skill set and time schedule. We need help with breakfast prep and serving, sorting items in the clothes closet, friendly greeter, administrative tasks, transportation and food distribution. Feel free to try your volunteerism out for a time or two. If you have questions or comments, please contact Pastor Becky.

THE UNLIMITED

The Unlimited is a free store offering women's clothing that is slightly used, but in excellent condition. We serve any women in need (including women from Elim), in an environment of dignity and respect. The Unlimited is open from 9 am-Noon, the first Thursday of every month. If you'd like to donate clothing to The Unlimited, please call the church office for drop-off procedures. The Unlimited occasionally needs volunteers to organize clothing (mainly on Wednesdays) or to work on Thursday. If you'd like to help out, please contact Jan Wilson.



KIDZ KLOZET

The Kidz Klozet is a free clothing closet offering clothes for children, ages newborn through teen. It is open the first Thursday of the month from 9 am-Noon. We are looking for volunteers to sort and hang clothes, greet and assist families as they pick out clothes, and make these families feel supported and loved. If you are interested in donating clothes, or want to learn more about volunteering (all ages are welcome!), contact Paula Walden or email clothing@elimchurch.com.

ELIM ART GROUP

The Elim art group provides many opportunities to showcase your creative side. Previous shows have included Celebrating Community, our photography show open to all of Elim, and Just for Kids, open to kids (through high school). We also hang an Art-A-Whirl show as well as occasionally highlighting individual artists. If you'd like to get involved, contact Kari Nelson or email arts@elimchurch.com.



OASIS YOUNG ADULTS

Our young adults are involved in various ministries at Elim church. We meet monthly at locations throughout the city and at Elim Church and discuss life, faith, vocation, and issues of social justice. To stay in the loop, follow our Instagram account: [oasis.in.the.city](https://www.instagram.com/oasis.in.the.city) 



FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

TIME - 6:30 to 7:30 am every Friday

LOCATION - Dining Room

We've been holding the Friday Morning Men's Group since the mid-90s, and have worked through many of Philip Yancey's books, C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, Rob Bell's *Love Wins*, and *Letters From A Skeptic*, by Greg Boyd. We've studied the Bible, from Genesis through Joshua, as well as Acts and Revelation, plus many, many more. We recently finished *Love Does*, by Bob Goff and *Uncommon Decency* by Richard Mouw. We finished the year with *The Question of God* by Armond Nicholi - watching a video contrasting the world view of CS Lewis and Sigmund Freud.

Possible books for us to read moving forward includes *Seeking Allah*, *Finding Jesus*, *The Problem of Pain* and *The Benedict Option*.

The routine is to hear from one another and then move to prayer. We then move into a conversation about our current book. It is a "come as you can" group, as many members of the group travel some. We would still love to have you, even if you can't make it every week. If interested, talk to Don Heide (or email him) to get a current schedule.



ELIM BOOK CLUB

TIME - 7:00 pm **LOCATION** - Lounge

Please note: the July meeting will start at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm.

- September 25, 2017: Choose one book from the "Scotland Street" series by Alexander McCall Smith
- November 27, 2017: *Code Talker* by Chester Nez
- January 22, 2018: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.C. Vance
- March 26, 2018: *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas
- May 28, 2018: *When Books Went to War* by Molly Guptill Manning
- July 16, 2018: *The Great Passage* by Shion Miura

Please use the 13th Avenue entrance and be prepared to knock on the door in case there isn't someone nearby to let you in. We're looking forward to another great year, and hope you'll consider joining us! If you have any questions, please contact Barb Gabel.



ELIM PRESCHOOL

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Elim Preschool's mission is to provide a high-quality, affordable early childhood program in a faith-based environment for children age 3-5, which will prepare them socially and academically for Kindergarten. We also seek to educate and equip parents, that they may have the resources and skills to best nurture their children's growth and development. Our vision for the future is to remain rooted as a community preschool, flexible and responsive to meet changing community needs, and financially sustainable through diversified funding streams so families with limited income, time, and resources have access to quality education.

What Do We Teach? We provide a strong foundation academically and socially to prepare children for kindergarten. We use the Core Knowledge® curriculum sequence to teach a “core” of competencies in five areas: Autonomy & Social Skills, Language Development, Work Habits, Movement & Coordination, and Knowledge & Cognitive Development (including math, science, music, and visual arts). Since current research shows that early literacy skills are the best predictor of future school success, oral language and pre-reading skills are a major focus.

What Does It Mean To Be Faith-Based? Core Knowledge is *what* we teach; the Christian faith is the basis for *how* we teach it. We value all students as gifts from God and honor the way they are created and how they learn best. Our teachers are kind and compassionate and will guide the children in respecting one another. We pray before snack time, use stories from the Bible and sing *Jesus Loves Me* at the close of each day. Children of any faith are welcome and are treated with respect.

What Age Groups Do We Serve? Children ages 3 to 5 years old.

When Does Preschool Begin? Classes begin the second week of September and end the last week in May. If you have questions as to Elim Preschool policies or procedures, or need more information, contact Preschool Director Michelle Espelien (phone and email address above).

How Can I Help? The Preschool is always looking for subs in case of teacher absences. Contact the Preschool office for details!

Elim Preschool is accredited by **NAEYC**
(National Association of the Education of Young Children).



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