



THE FORECASTER

ELIM CHURCH | NE MPLS
APRIL 2019



Events

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday · 10:00AM · Lounge

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Every Friday · 6:30AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Wednesday, April 10th · 6:00PM-8:00PM

GOING BEYOND SIMULCAST

April 6th, · 9:00AM-4:30PM

EASTER SUNRISE BAPTISM

Easter Morning, 6:45am
Enhanced Coffee 8:30- 10:15am
Resurrection Sunday Service 10:30am

LAKE OKOBOJI CAMPING

August 3-11, 2019
email becky@elimchurch.com

ELIM FAMILY SUMMER SPLASH

August 12-16 · 5:30-8:15PM

ELIM YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP

April 3rd,10th,17th, 24th · 6:30PM · Youth Rooms

ADULTS

BETTER TOGETHER LUNCHEON (formerly 50+ Lunch)

Tuesday, April 2nd · 12:00 Noon · Dining Room

MARINERS' BREAKFAST

Tuesday, April 9th · 9:00AM · Original Pancake House(1661 County Rd B2, Roseville)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Johnson	04 - 01
William Turnquist	04 - 01
Janice Torkelson	04 - 04
Colleen Knuth	04 - 06
Keith Wallin	04 - 12
Daniel Smith	04 - 14
Lois Froehlig	04 - 14
Molly Wilson	04 - 15
Ray Halvorson	04 - 15
Elizabeth Dischinger	04 - 19
Tommy Nollie	04 - 19
Kathy Huffman	04 - 23
Marilyn Pennoyer	04 - 25

ANNUAL MEETING & CHILI FEED



APRIL
28th

Elim will host its Annual Meeting on April 28th. Please join us as we talk all things Elim, eat chili, raise money for camp scholarships, and fellowship together!

This year Rick Dischinger and his crew will cook chili for us!

Doing Math with Jesus

One of the recurring themes throughout the gospels is that the disciples don't understand Jesus' ministry. Contrasted against Jesus' powerful works and words is their lack of faith, their doubt, and their insecurities. Their imperfections stick out to us like a sore thumb. They lacked faith in Jesus and in themselves. They saw everything in black and white -- net gain and net loss -- a zero-sum game.

When Jesus was faced with a hungry throng of 5000 people he said this to his disciples...

But [Jesus] answered his disciples, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" (Mark 6:37)

Technically speaking, the disciples answer is 100% right! Healthy meals do cost a lot, especially for a hungry crowd likely to eat more than their fair share.

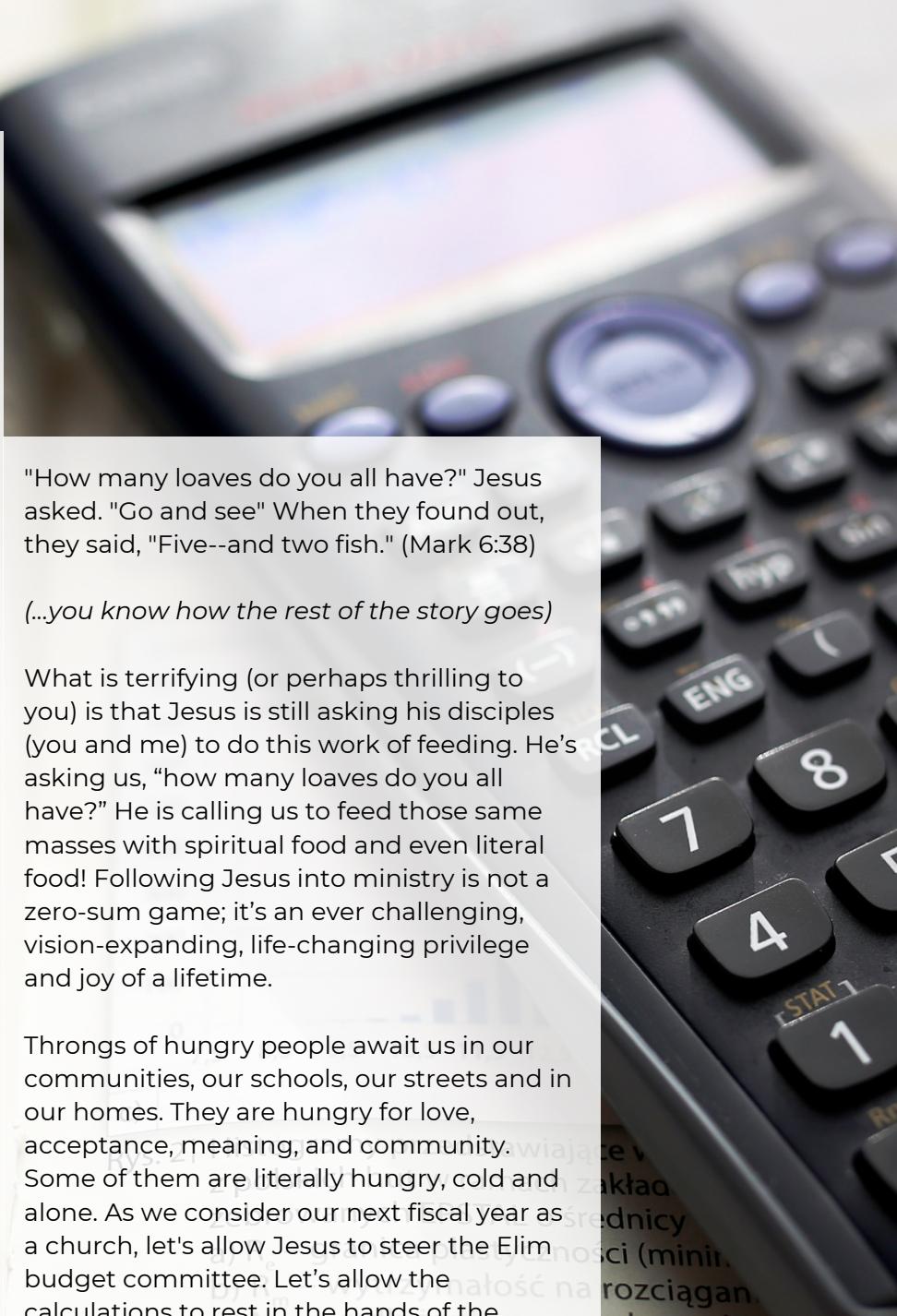
Jesus commanded the disciples to give them something to eat though he already knew the reality: his disciples weren't ready for feeding the masses. The disciples answer is realistic, it's practical, and it's the kind of answer that I've given in my own conversations about ministry with Jesus through prayer. My prayers go something like this...

"Jesus, how do you expect
ME to do THAT...?"

"Jesus, if I give it ALL away,
what's left for ME?"

"Jesus, that is simply going to cost too much,
WAY TOO MUCH!"

"Jesus, sorry, I've run the numbers and
two fish plus five loaves does not equal 5,000!"



"How many loaves do you all have?" Jesus asked. "Go and see" When they found out, they said, "Five--and two fish." (Mark 6:38)

(...you know how the rest of the story goes)

What is terrifying (or perhaps thrilling to you) is that Jesus is still asking his disciples (you and me) to do this work of feeding. He's asking us, "how many loaves do you all have?" He is calling us to feed those same masses with spiritual food and even literal food! Following Jesus into ministry is not a zero-sum game; it's an ever challenging, vision-expanding, life-changing privilege and joy of a lifetime.

Throngs of hungry people await us in our communities, our schools, our streets and in our homes. They are hungry for love, acceptance, meaning, and community. Some of them are literally hungry, cold and alone. As we consider our next fiscal year as a church, let's allow Jesus to steer the Elim budget committee. Let's allow the calculations to rest in the hands of the Almighty One "who owns the cattle on a thousand hills". (Ps. 50:10) Let's expect the power of God's provision and blessing to flow freely in our personal and corporate lives. Let's bring before him our loaves and fishes and our 1, 2, 5, or 10 talents. Let's do math with Jesus.



**Lead Pastor
Paul Stephen Olson**

EGG-CITED ABOUT EASTER!

Instead of going with the flow in your plans for Easter I want you to think of what God could do through you to serve your neighbors and friends with gospel-level hope.

HONOR

1 Peter 3:15 Part of honoring Jesus means being ready to talk about the hope of salvation in a way that's honoring to people, too. Check your heart. How loving is your attitude toward folks who do not know Christ? Ask God to strengthen and soften your spirit and look for ways to connect and serve them.

PRAY

Philippians 1:3 Few people say no when you ask "Can I pray for you?" Unfortunately, too few people actually follow through with praying. Serve friends and neighbors this Easter by listening to what is going on in their lives, taking notes, and letting them know you are praying.

SHARE

Acts 2:45 Take time to track down families in your neighborhood who are struggling. Connect them to ministries in or near our church that serves up gospel hope.



INVITE

Psalm 66:5 Calling families to "come and see what our God has done" is a great way to serve them with gospel hope, by inviting them to Easter services and events. (The Walk To The Cross in the Portico, Our Northeast Annual Easter Egg Hunt with Mill City Church April 20th and Summer Splash August 12-16) Get creative and spread the word that God is changing your life. Share your story.

GUIDE

Matthew 5:16 It is astounding that Jesus, the light of the world, passed the reality of this verse on to his followers and the church to draw people to God.

I would love to see our Kids Ministry be full of visitors this Easter season to hear and experience the power of the resurrection.

(Taken from a book called Relational Children's Ministry by Dan Lovaglia)

by Deb Somody

ALMOST HERE!

SAT, APRIL 6, 2019

9:00am-4:30pm

AT

ELIM CHURCH

Going BEYOND SIMULCAST
with PRISCILLA SHIRER

(formerly Priscilla Shirer Simulcast)



Worship with Anthony Evans

JOIN US!

Located at:

685 13th Ave NE Minneapolis, MN 55413

Registration is \$20 which includes food and beverages. Scholarships available. Seniors and Students \$10.

For more details or to register, please connect with Pastor Becky at:

(612) 789 - 3591 - becky@elimchurch.com

Elim Preschool

"Hoppy" April to All!

Preschool has had a much needed spring break and now we are excited to finish off the next 2 months of preschool. Wow, another year has flown by...

We spent the month of March dealing with lots of snow and cold weather. By the end of the month, we were able to be outdoors enjoying the beautiful sunshine and just a bit of snow! The children love both, but the teachers really like the dryer and warmer days.

This month, we will be celebrating all things Spring and enjoying the warmer outdoor weather! Playing at the park is the thing we like to do best, and it is one of the best things for us at this time of year!

We will celebrate our families with a special Family Dinner, the last of the school year. It is such a fun time for families to hear the children sing and celebrate with a good meal served to us by the Board and all the teachers. We so appreciate our families.

We will be celebrating the Week of The Young Child with fun activities and a couple special costume parties!

This month, as we talk about the Easter season and New Life in the Spring, we remember the love that Jesus has for all of us.

Have a wonderful month filled with warmer weather, growing flowers and the love of God for all of us.

Michelle Espelien
Preschool Director

NE Community Easter Egg Hunt April 20th, 2019

Join with area churches!
Logan Park and Elim Dining Room /
Lighthouse

Set-up 9:30am
Egg Hunt 10:30-1pm
Clean-up 1-1:30pm

Face-painting | Food | Games
Bouncy House | Crafts

All are Welcome!

Volunteers Needed! To sign up go to:
<https://bit.ly/2TNVdBR>

EASTER 2019

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

"Journey To The Cross" in the Elim Portico Gallery

Elim will host "Journey To The Cross" once again this year. This is an experiential, self-guided contemplative tour through the last week of Jesus' life and ministry here on earth. You will experience the full humanity of Jesus as he is betrayed, unjustly tried, crucified and buried. Taste the bread broken for you at the Last Supper and pray with Jesus in Gethsemane. Feel the pain of the sin that led Jesus to the cross and the cold stone that sealed his tomb. "Journey To The Cross" will be open from 6-8:30 pm, Wednesday through Friday, as well as from 8-10 am on Easter Sunday. Use "Journey To The Cross" as a time to remember the week of Christ's passion. Plan to spend a total of roughly 30-40 minutes in going through the 12 stations in the Portico gallery space.

21 Days of Dangerous Prayer

Prepare for Easter by praying "Dangerous Prayers" each day starting April 1. Written by Gary Rohrmayer and distributed by Converge. (Posts are on Facebook: ElimChurchMpls)

Holy Week Devotional

The staff have written daily reflections from John 6 for you to use individually, as a family, or in a group setting to guide you devotionally during Holy Week. We will encounter afresh Jesus, the Bread of Life. The devotional will be available in booklet form or on Elim's Facebook page.

Holy Week Prayer and Light Meal

Monday through Friday of Holy Week we will humble ourselves as we gather in the lounge at two different times for prayer, reflection, and a light meal:

- a continental breakfast from 7-7:30am and
- soup and bread from 12-1pm.

Good Friday - April 19

On Friday, April 19, Elim will hold a short service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary that is suitable for the entire family. We hope you will join us as we remember the death of Christ on our behalf. The nursery will not be staffed but is available to a parent as needed.

Resurrection Sunday - April 21

†Our Easter Sunday celebration and worship begin with a sunrise baptism at 6:45am as several have chosen new life in Christ.

†We will enjoy an enhanced coffee time beginning at 8:30am in the dining room with specialty breads and fruit.

†During worship at 10:30am, we will celebrate our new life in Christ through praise and worship. The ElimKids will be playing the bells to "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

†No 9am Sunday Connection Classes (all ages). There will be nursery, JAM (for Preschool kids) and Children's Church during worship.



Love and Attention

I have two grandchildren. That is a low number given my age, but it happens when generations of a family have kids in their 30's. I interact with and observe these little ones and attempt to process how their presence has affected my and the family. These observations provide lessons that may fit Elim.

Peter is 2 ½. He walks and runs with a unique style. He "dances" and sings along with music, responds to attention and rough housing, laughs exuberantly and notices and remembers little things. He can be strong willed but he can also say "I am sorry". In other words, he is like most toddlers. What lights Peter up, is when others intentionally pay attention to him. His parents know that their time, encouragement, correction and closeness are more important than any item they could purchase. In other words, Peter is also like most big people. My time in the classroom taught me that students need to know that their presence is noticed.

They did not need an old person as a close friend but they did need to know that their presence mattered. A moment of casual banter could buy me a chance at being academic. Point: Everyone who comes through Elim's door needs some reason to think that their presence is known and valued. We have to initiate the kind of connections that make that clear. This is true for kids and for adults. Many small contacts create a strong and flexible connection.

Sofie is 10 months. Health issues have caused long stays at Mayo, frequent trips to local doctors and a detailed care schedule. My wife, Suzanne, an RN, refers to Sofie as "our miracle baby". In these 10 months I learned about the power of prayer and community. I felt both from Elim and I thank you. In spite of all the trauma, Sofie lights up with smiles and limb movements when someone is close. One can see that she has Down Syndrome but that is not the first thing, nor the most important thing, that one notices. About a year ago, a wise

experienced father (named Tim) told me that: "We pray for the child we want, and we love the child we get." I live with that phrase. Point: Prayer and community support matter. Those things are necessary because there are things we cannot control. 2nd point: When we face health, economic, relationship or details of life issues we get to choose between anger and self-pity or efforts based on seeing the potential in any situation. Everyone who comes through our doors needs to be "seen" as God's creation and of unique value.

Love = prayer, attention, effort + acceptance.

Roger Dahl

Chair of Leadership Team



August 3-11, 2019

imagine more.

God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine.
- Ephesians 3:20

Elim is traveling as a church family to the Okoboji Bible Conference.

We will enjoy vibrant worship, engaging teaching, family memories and a lakeside setting with daily child and teen activities.

Registration for the "Imagine More" conference is free and is dependent on God's people for freewill offerings. Several from Elim are going August 3rd-8th and are staying at Gull Point State Park, about 5.5 miles away. Check out the website for detailed information. For now, reserve the date. Come for all or just a day. We can carpool and certainly tent together. Talk with Pastor Becky with any questions or comments.

info@elimchurch.com - www.okobojiconference.org

Read the Bible in One Year

You can still get on pace with others as we read through the Bible over the next year. Start today and don't worry about catching up.

You can join us on Mondays at 10 AM in the lounge to discuss what we've read or do it on your own.

Check the monthly Forecaster for the reading plan.

Try reading the scripture as a family. Read a different Bible than you normally use.

We thrive as Christ followers when we regularly dive into Scripture.

Contact Pastor Becky for more information:

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Day 1, April 1

Deuteronomy 18:1-20:20

Luke 9:28-50

Psalm 73:1-28

Proverbs 12:10

Day 2, April 2

Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30

Luke 9:51-10:12

Psalm 74:1-23

Proverbs 12:11

Day 3, April 3

Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19

Luke 10:13-37

Psalm 75:1-10

Proverbs 12:12-14

Day 4, April 4

Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26

Luke 10:38-11:13

Psalm 76:1-12

Proverbs 12:15-17

Day 5, April 5

Deuteronomy 28:1-68

Luke 11:14-36

Psalm 77:1-20

Proverbs 12:18

Day 6, April 6

Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20

Luke 11:37-12:7

Psalm 78:1-31

Proverbs 12:19-20

Day 7, April 7

Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27

Luke 12:8-34

Psalm 78:32-55

Proverbs 12:21-23

Day 8, April 8

Deuteronomy 32:28-52

Luke 12:35-59

Psalm 78:56-64

Proverbs 12:24

Day 9, April 9

Deuteronomy 33:1-29

Luke 13:1-21

Psalm 78:65-72

Proverbs 12:25

Day 10, April 10

Deuteronomy 34:1-

Joshua 2:24

Luke 13:22-14:6

Psalm 79:1-13

Proverbs 12:26

Day 11, April 11

Joshua 3:1-4:24

Luke 14:7-35

Psalm 80:1-19

Proverbs 12:27-28

Day 12, April 12

Joshua 5:1-7:15

Luke 15:1-32

Psalm 81:1-16

Proverbs 13:1

Day 13, April 13

Joshua 7:16-9:2

Luke 16:1-18

Psalm 82:1-8

Proverbs 13:2-3

Day 14, April 14

Joshua 9:3-10:43

Luke 16:19-17:10

Psalm 83:1-18

Proverbs 13:4

Day 15, April 15

Joshua 11:1-12:24

Luke 17:11-37

Psalm 84:1-12

Proverbs 13:5-6

Day 16, April 16

Joshua 13:1-14:15

Luke 18:1-17

Psalm 85:1-13

Proverbs 13:7-8

Day 17, April 17

Joshua 15:1-83

Luke 18:18-43

Psalm 86:1-17

Proverbs 13:9-10

Day 18, April 18

Joshua 16:1-18:28

Luke 19:1-27

Psalm 87:1-7

Proverbs 13:11

Day 19, April 19

Joshua 19:1-20:9

Luke 19:28-48

Psalm 88:1-18

Proverbs 13:12-14

Day 20, April 20

Joshua 21:1-22:20

Luke 20:1-26

Psalm 89:1-13

Proverbs 13:15-16

Day 21, April 21

Joshua 22:21-23:16

Luke 20:27-47

Psalm 89:14-37

Proverbs 13:17-19

Day 22, April 22

Joshua 24:1-33

Luke 21:1-28

Psalm 89:38:52

Proverbs 13:20-23

Day 23, April 23

Judges 1:1-2:9

Luke 21:29-22:13

Psalm 90:1-91:16

Proverbs 13:24-25

Day 24, April 24

Judges 2:10-3:31

Luke 22:14-34

Psalm 92:1-93:5

Proverbs 14:1-2

Day 25, April 25

Judges 4:1-5:31

Luke 22:35-53

Psalm 94:1-23

Proverbs 14:3-4

Day 26, April 26

Judges 6:1-40

Luke 22:54-23:12

Psalm 95:1-96:13

Proverbs 14:5-6

Day 27, April 27

Judges 7:1-8:17

Luke 23:13-43

Psalm 97:1-98:9

Proverbs 14:7-8

Day 28, April 28

Judges 8:18-9:21

Luke 23:44-24:12

Psalm 99:1-9

Proverbs 14:9-10

Day 29, April 29

Judges 9:22-10:18

Luke 24:13-53

Psalm 100:1-5

Proverbs 14:11-12

Day 30, April 30

Judges 11:1-12:15

John 1:1-28

Psalm 101:1-8

Proverbs 14:13-14



Envision Community tiny home mock-up at Rapson Hall (U of Minn.) 3/15/19

THE ENVISION TINY HOUSE IS COMING TO ELIM! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The move of the Envision tiny house from the University of MN to our back parking lot has been postponed to April 13. The demonstration unit will remain at Elim for up to one year (uninhabited). It will be open for visitors to take tours and give feedback and make suggestions.

Please call Dr. WILLIAM Walsh at 651-230-2227 to volunteer!



Monday 4/1/19:

starting at 6pm, Envision is going to begin disassembling the unit at the University of Minnesota School of Architecture and store the pieces at the University (not moving them to Elim). Volunteers are needed to help with this effort!

Wednesday 4/3/19:

in the evening (exact time TBD), Envision is going to continue disassembling the unit at the University and store the pieces at the University (not move to Elim). Again, we could use volunteers to help with this effort!

Week of 4/8-4/12:

Will go out to Elim and plan the structure upon which the unit will rest and possibly build the rail system. This will not be major construction - just putting down blocks and beams.

Saturday 4/13/19 at 7am:

Move the parts from the University of Minnesota School of Architecture, Rapson Hall central courtyard (89 Church Street SE, Minneapolis 55455) to Elim AND assemble the entire unit. By the end of the day, the goal is to have the entire unit assembled and windows/doors boarded up so it can be considered a building and it is secure (no one could steal it). We are going to work all day until the unit gets assembled. Please, many volunteers are needed to run multiple crews-some loading at the University, some dropping off at Elim, and some assembling. We will have 2 trucks to move the parts.

The Hope Avenue ministry of Elim will serve snacks throughout the day and a lunch at 12 noon. If necessary, Hope Avenue will serve a dinner too. Please connect with Pastor Becky at 612.709.0326 to volunteer. We welcome your food donations!

Sunday 4/14/19:

If the weather was bad on Saturday, we will do the move and assembly on Sunday. Bad weather: If both Saturday and Sunday are poor weather, we would postpone to the weekend of 4/27 and 4/28. Most of the work is lifting large, heavy panels that make up the walls, roof and floor. Architect Jacob Mans, assistant professor at the University of Minnesota School of Architecture, will lead this project.

Please direct questions to Pastor Paul or Pastor Becky

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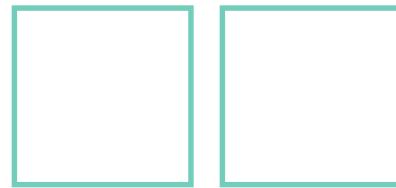
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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31 Sunday Activities	1 Women's Bible Study	2 50+ Seniors' Lunch	3 Elim Youth Jesus Calling Bible Study	4 Kidz Kloset The Unlimited	5 Men's Group	6 Simulcast: Priscilla Shirer Grief Share
7 Sunday Activities	8 Women's Bible Study	9 Mariners' Breakfast	10 Seniors' Bible Study Wednesday Night Live & Elim Youth (6-8pm)	11	12 Men's Group	13 Grief Share Envision Community Building (tentative)
14 Holy Week Palm Sunday Sum. Splash Meeting 	15 Holy Week B-fast/Prayer 7am Soup / Prayer - Noon	16 Holy Week B-fast/Prayer 7am Soup / Prayer - Noon	17 Holy Week B-fast/Prayer 7am Soup / Prayer - Noon	18 Holy Week B-fast/Prayer 7am Soup / Prayer - Noon	19 B-fast/Prayer 7am Soup / Prayer - Noon Good Fri. Service 7pm 	20 Easter Egg Hunt Setup: 9:30 Event: 10:30-1pm 
21 HE IS RISEN!  6:45am Baptism 8:30am Enhanced Coffee 10:30am Service	22 Women's Bible Study	23	24 Elim Youth Jesus Calling Bible Study Seniors' Bible Study	25	26 Men's Group	27 Grief Share
28 Sunday Activities Annual Meeting, Chili Feed, Camp Fundraiser 	29 Womens' Bible Study	30				

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