



THE FORECASTER

ELIM CHURCH | NE MPLS
OCTOBER 2019



Events

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Every Sunday

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday • 10:00AM • Lounge

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Every Friday • 6:30AM

BETTER TOGETHER LUNCH

Tuesday, 1ST • 12:00PM

YOUTH GROUP

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th, 30th • 6:30PM
Youth Rooms

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

4th • 5:00PM • Service Project in Blaine
7:00PM Football Game in Spring Lake Park

STEP WITH SOUL

6th, 20th • 10:45AM • Children's Church

MARINERS BREAKFAST

8th • 9am • 1495 County Rd B W, Roseville
Perkins

SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY

9th • 23rd • 1pm • Library

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Wednesday, 9th • 6PM

MERRY MAKERS

11th • 6pm • Marilyn Johnson's residence •
7735 Silver Lake Road in New Brighton

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Saturday, 12th • 5-7pm • Dining Room

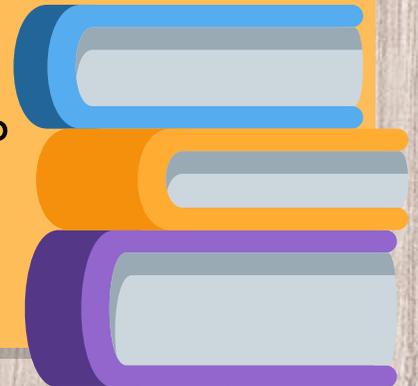
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, 27th • 11:45am
Lunch will be served and Childcare is provided.

Hot off the press, a book by our Caroline Pinke; **Miracles in West Africa.**

Stop as you walk by the library to see Caroline's book and others written by and recommended by Elim people. When you are at Elim on Sunday, add a visit to your church library.

There are many up to date books to serve nearly any interest.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10-01 Ethel Peterson
10-03 Mary Barnes
10-14 Carleen Howell
10-14 Greg Lindberg
10-15 Leslie Smith
10-16 Dwight Newport
10-17 Stephen Halverson
10-19 Bonita Johnson
10-20 Marion Brundell
10-20 Alvin Ingalls
10-21 Dennis Jezierski
10-22 Karen Hodgman
10-26 Kim Beck
10-28 Katherine Young

Equally Called, Part 3:

Christ is the kephale (source / head) of our life together

For Elim, the practice of women preaching, teaching and ministering in all the same ways as men has been a long standing value. Our summer preaching series, "Living Our Values", was a reminder to all of us that holding a value of any kind means that we continue to find ways in which that value is expressed in our lives. I am passionate that we keep talking about our values and be vigilant to ways in which we do and do not live up to them. "Hypocrisy is the complement vice pays to virtue", French writer La Rochefoucauld said. "I am about to spit you out of my mouth," Jesus said to the churches about their hypocrisy "because you are lukewarm-- neither hot nor cold--" (Rev. 3:16) The Apostle Paul hated the hypocrisy he saw at work in the Church at Corinth. He was upset that they had subverted Jesus' teachings and divided the church up into factions who will follow only certain teachers based on fleshly criteria (1 Cor 1:12-17). Paul saw that the way the assemblies were run did not reflect the moving of the Holy Spirit, but rather was chaotic and more the product of fleshly human desires. (3:4)

I am thankful and happy that...

- Elim's Leadership Team is in the process of recommending three women candidates for ordination through Converge this year.
- Men and women share teaching roles and Pastor Becky continues to preach from time to time.
- Men and women are leading committees, charting new pathways in ministry at Elim and play critical roles in spiritual leadership and guidance.

In the previous two Forecaster articles I've attempted to show how simplistic readings of 'occasional' letters (1 and 2 Timothy) fail us and lead us to believe that Paul restricts women differently than men when it comes to speaking in assemblies – or even more egregiously – that women are spiritually (and ontologically) inferior to men. In this last segment (Part 3) we will briefly look at two verses in 1 Corinthians, one in chapter 11 and the other in chapter 14.

"But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the husband is the head of his wife, and God is the head of Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:3

The verse above is typically used to assert male dominance in the home and to give the man preeminence over all spiritual matters (i.e. the woman submits to the man, while the man submits to Christ).

The first problem with this interpretation is that the word "head" in 1 Corinthians 11 is often interpreted apart from its scriptural referent (Genesis 2). It rarely ever means 'to have authority or rule over' (archon, exousia). Rather the word 'kephale' means 'source' and has little to do with positional authority. In the example in chapter 11, Paul reiterates the created order in Genesis chapter 2 namely, man (Adam) was the 'source' (Adams rib) of the woman. This 'sourcing' was God's doing! God is the source of all life!

4 Any man who prays or prophesies with something on his head disgraces his head, 5 but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head—it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved.

11:10 For this reason a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man or man independent of woman. 12 For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman; but all things come from God.

In Paul's day head coverings were a sign and a reminder to Jews of this sacred story which promotes the mutuality and dependence of women upon men and men upon women. It promotes and reinforces the idea that only God is the source of life and sustenance.

Secondly, the human 'head' (kephale) was not considered the place of command or the intellect in ancient times. The analogy often used is that the man makes all final decisions and the woman agrees with and carries out those decisions. Instead the word kephale means 'source' or 'place from which sustenance flows'. The analogy is not authority but sustenance. The 'head' is the place where food comes in and nourishes the body. The main concern here about the headship of Christ was a concern about who and what the 'source' "for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation" (1 Corinthians 14:3) was. Paul's admonition to men and women elsewhere to "submit mutually to one another" should stop us from thinking that either man or woman play a superior role as ruler or domineering agent. We are reminded over and over again that the root of the source (kephale, head) of our new life comes from Christ alone. (Eph 4:15, Col 2:10) Only Christ is 'the head' and the 'source' of life to all in the church.

Col. 1:18 *He [Christ] is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.*

Thirdly, Not only did the Greeks find these church women speaking in public offensive, they found women without head coverings even more offensive! Here Paul makes a scriptural argument for the culturally sensitive way of doing head coverings because it relates well to the culture, it reminds them of the real 'source' of their life (who is Christ) and at the same time does not impede the Gospel message from reaching outsiders.

"If the wrong headcovering was worn, it conveyed dishonor (kataischyno), shame or disgrace (aischron), and degradation (atimia). If the right head-covering was worn, it conveyed authority (exousia) and glory (doxa)." (Robinson)

Later on in chapter 14 verse 34, Paul exhorts the 'wives' (gunaikē, sometimes translated 'women') not to speak informally (lalein) to their husbands while in the assembly. This kind of speech is prohibited by Paul because it detracted from the building up of the body. Rather, one can imagine that women and men were incorrectly using the assembly as a venue to settle private matters. Taken in this context, it should be evident that Paul is not prohibiting the prophesy, proclamation, teaching, or speaking of women. Just the opposite! While women speaking in public was offensive to the Greek culture around them, women and men speaking according to the Holy Spirit was not. In fact here Paul deems it necessary for the spread of the Gospel!

"Now, I want all of you to speak in tongues but even more prophesy."

1 Cor 14:5

"For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged."

14:31

In my view and in the view of many scholars, these scriptures communicate an equality of the sexes before God and before the assembly -- but most churches have interpreted just the opposite! What we see in Paul's instruction is a belief that men and women display the image of God together as prompted by the Holy Spirit. We see a plea to unity and harmony in the assembly that honors God and brings glory to the creator. We also see in the letter a cultural and rhetorical strategy for the sharing of the Gospel particular to a time and place.

After careful consideration of this evidence presented the church ought to repent of reading these letters as a missive on the inferiority of women for all times and all places. It takes my breath away to think about the negative effect this has had on the Church's witness around the world. Not attending a church gathering just because a woman is speaking is a grievance not only to the faithful women who prepare a word, but also to the Body of Christ, to the Holy Spirit and to Jesus himself who disciplined and cared for women – the first preachers of his resurrection.

Our culture is changing and we could soon see a woman as the President of the United States and 'leader of the free world'. Not only is a limited view of women's personhood scripturally and theologically inept, it's also (quite ironically) culturally offensive and detrimental to the Gospel. Yet, these ideas continue to be taught and practiced in the American church and elsewhere and will continue to be a hindrance to the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May it never be so!



—
Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

THE CULTURE OF INVITATION

Deborah Somody
Director of Childrens Ministry at Elim
Where Kids Matter

Recently I had opportunity to give a Children's Ministry Report at the Quarterly Business Meeting. I shared that we have many ducks in a row here at Elim but there is one last duck we need to get in a row. It is the Culture of Invitation.

It looks like this:

- Anticipating and welcoming friends into our church.
- Being ready for guests, no matter where they are in their faith journey.
- Developing and building relationships with people who don't know Jesus.
- Looking for ways to share the truth about Jesus and how He has changed your life when it fits into a conversation.

- Listening and asking questions.
- Invite them to come to church with you.
- Pray for the kids who have already visited our church and those who will in the future.
- Summer Splash and WNL are designed to "bring a friend."

A Culture of Invitation is crucial to our Children's Ministry now and in the future. It is the very heart of Jesus. It begins and ends with every person who is a Christ follower. This year be prepared and available to begin a relationship with someone who needs to know Jesus and invite them to come to Elim with you. I can hear that last duck quacking. Can you?

October 9th, 2019

WEDNESDAY

NIGHT

LIVE

Start Time: 6pm

Dinner: 6 - 6:30pm

After Dinner Activities: 6:30 - 7pm

Want to meet new people at Elim and get involved?

Wednesday Night live is a great place to introduce yourself to the community of Elim in a relaxed and Christ-centered way. Come and join the fun!

Thank You

In recent days and weeks, I have found myself saying 'thank you' over and over to so many of you in the Elim Church community for the myriad of ways you give of yourselves to do the Lord's work.

You know who you are...

You are the ones that study the scriptures, pray and live life in ways that honor God, then act in faith by sharing your time, your gifts and your skills with all of us.

Thank you for sharing from "the overflow" of God's love in your lives by:

- telling others about Jesus
- encouraging the discouraged
- serving one another
- comforting those who grieve
- praying for each other
- fixing what's broken in our beautiful building
- expressing appreciation to our pastors and staff

Thank you for agreeing with the words of Paul in Philippians 4:8...

"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

Jill Jezerski

Chair of Leadership Team

Freedom in Christ

Are you struggling with sin? No? The words in 1 John 1:10 state, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Sin comes in many forms: idolatry (placing anything before God whether it's work, relationships, family, drugs, alcohol, sex, food, etc.), anger, unforgiveness, gossip, complaining, dishonesty, seeing the speck in your brother's eye while missing the log in your own. Sin is our universal problem and at Freedom in Christ we're living in the Solution! At Freedom in Christ we learn through the Word of God and the 12 Steps of AA to be "Doers of the Word" (James 1:22).

We will meet the second Saturday of every month for food, fun and fellowship! Come worship the Lord through song, praise, thanksgiving, and a desire to grow more into his image!

This monthly recovery event is led by Jay Cope, a recovery coach and intervention specialist, and Pastor Kim Stephens who the Lord completely healed in 1983 from alcohol and drug addiction.

Saturday, 12th • 5-7pm in the Dining Room

For more info, please connect with Pastor Becky.

Elim Preschool

Our first month of Preschool was fantastic! We welcomed many new friends and families as well as new staff to our preschool. It was a fabulous month of getting to know each!

The month of October brings our first Family Dinner as well as a few other fun activities.

We have a group from CIP coming in the end of the month to volunteer who will be doing a tour called Fall Harvest Parties where there will be games and other fun activities. We also have our picture days, where all the children will smile for our photographer Dan. He has been doing our photos for 3 years now, and loves being a part of Elim.

We have a total of 84 children enrolled and run 3 classrooms all day. The majority of our friends are here for full days-usually 9-5:00. We keep them busy with outdoor play, activities, games, music and lots of fun art and learning. There is rarely a dull moment in preschool! We continue to get calls daily-(there is a big need for 3 year old programs in the area)-and have a long waiting list.

We are truly blessed here at Elim. With a fantastic staff and wonderful families, it creates a daily environment of laughter, happiness and, of course, love.

Michelle Espelien
Elim Preschool Director

Merry Makers Event

Friday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Marilyn Johnson's residence in the community room at
7735 Silver Lake Road in New Brighton

Potluck and game night

Are you an older adult and a current member/newcomer to Elim? You are invited out for a time of fellowship, laughter, and food and a place to meet new people. Our Merry Makers event will be held at Marilyn Johnson's residence in the community room at 7735 Silver Lake Road in New Brighton. Beverage and dessert will be provided for all. Please bring a dish to share with our community.

If your last name starts with A-M bring main dish; N-Z bring salads and/or side dishes.

Questions? Call Steve and Judy Moseman at sljamose@msn.com or 651-633-6140; or Marilyn Johnson at rojohns1947@comcast.net or 612-715-9402.

We hope you will come and join the fun!

Better Together Luncheon

Scandinavian Pot Luck Tuesday, October 1st, 2019
12:00PM

All those over 50 years old are invited! Come one come all! Please bring your favorite Scandinavian dish to share. Beverage and dessert will be provided. All are welcome, as we share the Love of Christ together.

Questions?
Contact Kathy Huffman at 612-406-8907

Elim Church now has online giving!

Visit: elimchurch.com/give

Giving at a Glance

Invest in Elim!

As of the end of August 2019 we've received \$191k in gifts and offering. Praise the Lord! Each gift is an eternal investment into the kingdom of God. However, Summer time giving was down this year leaving us 13% below what we'd hoped to receive. This shortfall amounts to around \$27,000 dollars. Regular giving via ACH or Automatic withdrawals are a way to curb this shortage we regularly experience each summer.

Secure Online Giving

If you missed opportunities to give this summer please do so at www.elimchurch.com/give or during the next Sunday worship service!

Building Maintenance and Expenses

Thank you to all those who regularly give of yourself to help do maintenance on the building. Some of you have also graciously volunteered to freshen up spaces and make needed improvements to our facility! We are thankful that our building expenses for the year are so far below our budgeted expectations!

Staff and Salary Expenses

Our Staff, Program and Salary expenses are right on budget. However due to a 2018 payroll adjustment we paid out an extra amount to some staff in the beginning of the fiscal year causing a deficit in this expense category.

To hear more details on the budget please come to the quarterly business meeting on October 27th . If you have suggestions or comments please direct them to leadership@elimchurch.com

Read the Bible in One Year

Many at Elim have decided to read the Bible through in a year. You can get on pace by following the schedule as laid out each month in the Forecaster. Start today and don't worry about catching up. We will re-start the reading on January 1.

Day 1, October 1
Isaiah 62:6-65:25
Phillippians 2:19-3:3
Psalm 73
Proverbs 24:13-14
Day 2, October 2
Isaiah 66:1-24
Phillippians 3:4-21
Psalm 74
Proverbs 24:15-16
Day 3, October 3
Jeremiah 1:1-2:30
Phillippians 4
Psalm 75
Proverbs 24:17-20
Day 4, October 4
Jeremiah 2:31-4:18
Colossians 1:1-17
Psalm 76
Proverbs 24:21-22
Day 5, October 5
Jeremiah 4:19-6:15
Colossians 1:18-2:7
Psalm 77
Proverbs 24:23-25
Day 6, October 6
Jeremiah 6:16-8:7
Colossians 2:8-23
Psalm 78:1-31
Proverbs 24:26
Day 7, October 7
Jeremiah 8:8-9:26
Colossians 3:1-17
Psalm 78:32-55
Proverbs 24:27

Day 8, October 8
Jeremiah 10:1-11:23
Colossians 3:18-4:18
Psalm 78:56-72
Proverbs 24:28-29
Day 9, October 9
Jeremiah 12:1-14:10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:8
Psalm 79
Proverbs 24:30-34
Day 10, October 10
Jeremiah 14:11-16:15
1 Thessalonians 2:9-3:13
Psalm 80
Proverbs 25:1-5
Day 11, October 11
Jeremiah 16:16-18:23
1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:3
Psalm 81
Proverbs 25:6-8
Day 12, October 12
Jeremiah 19:1-21:14
1 Thessalonians 5:4-28
Psalm 82
Proverbs 25:9-10
Day 13, October 13
Jeremiah 22:1-23:20
2 Thessalonians 1
Psalm 83
Proverbs 25:11-14
Day 14, October 14
Jeremiah 23:21-25:38
2 Thessalonians 2
Psalm 84
Proverbs 25:15

Day 15, October 15
Jeremiah 26-27
2 Thessalonians 3
Psalm 85
Proverbs 25:16
Day 16, October 16
Jeremiah 28-29
1 Timothy 1
Psalm 86
Proverbs 25:17
Day 17, October 17
Jeremiah 30-31:26
1 Timothy 2
Psalm 87
Proverbs 25:18-19
Day 18, October 18
Jeremiah 31:27-32:44
1 Timothy 3
Psalm 88
Proverbs 25:20-22
Day 19, October 19
Jeremiah 33-34
1 Timothy 4
Psalm 89:1-13
Proverbs 25:23-24
Day 20, October 20
Jeremiah 35-36
1 Timothy 5
Psalm 89:14-37
Proverbs 25:25-27
Day 21, October 21
Jeremiah 37-38
1 Timothy 6
Psalm 89:38-52
Proverbs 25:28

Day 22, October 22
Jeremiah 39-41
2 Timothy 1
Psalm 90-91
Proverbs 26:1-2
Day 23, October 23
Jeremiah 42:1-44:23
2 Timothy 2:1-21
Psalm 92-93
Proverbs 26:3-5
Day 24, October 24
Jeremiah 44:24-47:7
2 Timothy 2:22-3:17
Psalm 94
Proverbs 26:6-8
Day 25, October 25
Jeremiah 48:1-49:22
2 Timothy 4
Psalm 95-96
Proverbs 26:9-12
Day 26, October 26
Jeremiah 49:23-50:46
Titus 1
Psalm 97-98
Proverbs 26:13-16
Day 27, October 27
Jeremiah 51:1-53
Titus 2
Psalm 99
Proverbs 26:17
Day 28, October 28
Jeremiah 51:54-52:34
Titus 3
Psalm 100
Proverbs 26:18-19

Day 29, October 29
Lamentations 1-2
Philemon
Psalm 101
Proverbs 26:20
Day 30, October 30
Lamentations 3
Hebrews 1
Psalm 102
Proverbs 26:21-22
Day 31, October 31
Lamentations 4-5
Hebrews 2
Psalm 103
Proverbs 26:23

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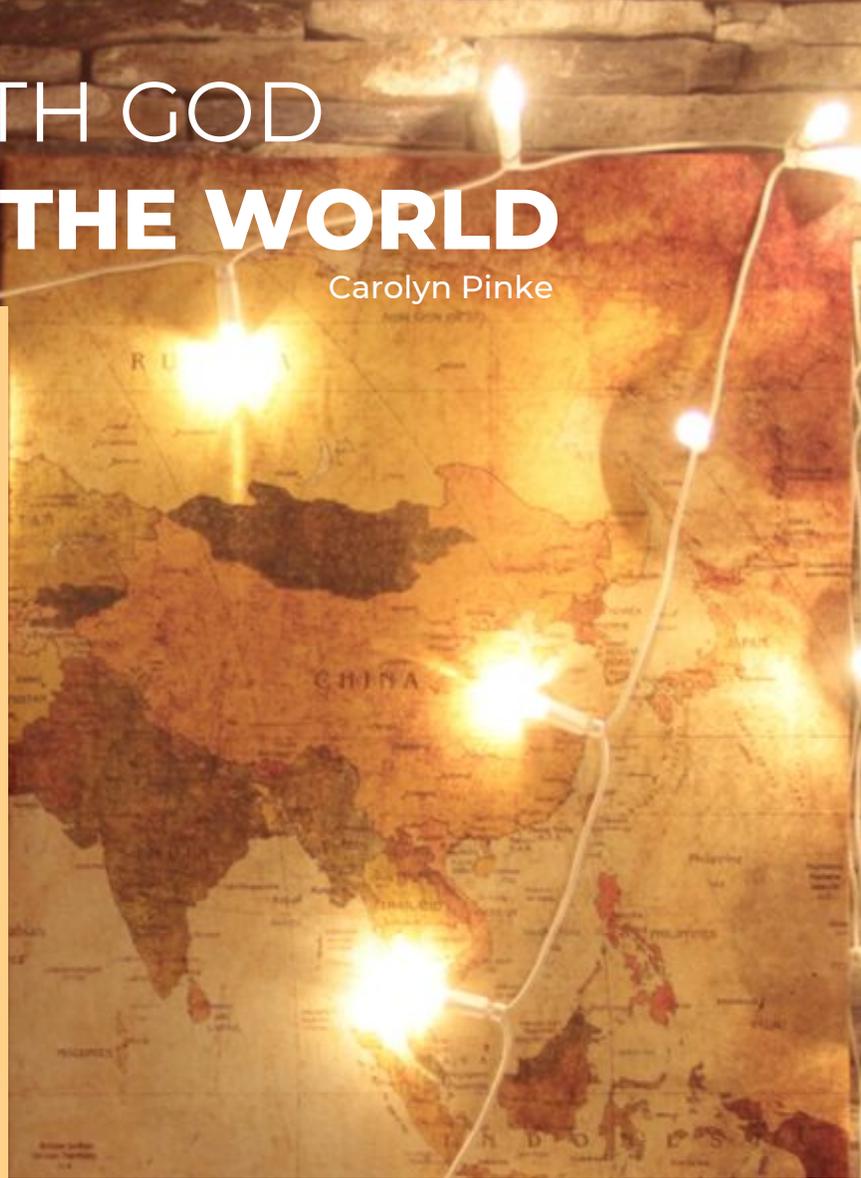
ON MISSION WITH GOD AROUND THE WORLD

Carolyn Pinke

One of the missions that we care a lot about and give support to as a church family is in India. It is called **ANURAG**. Our pew-mate, Harley Schreck, visits them often and has written an update to focus our prayers. Let's pray for God's glory to shine in India! Here are Harley's words:

"Anurag is faithfully serving children and families in the L.ado S.arai neighborhood in New Delhi, India. Over five hundred children attend its K through eighth grade school where they receive a high quality education, health screening, a nutritious lunch and exposure to committed Christian teachers and staff. In addition, Anurag offers professional training programs through its teacher preparation, seamstress school, cosmetology program, and basic computer skills classes. For over thirty years Anurag has offered hope to the residents of L.ado S.arai.

A current and vital challenge is the need to receive government approval for Anurag to receive donations from foreign supporters of the work. Prem Gideon, the founder and director of Anurag, and her staff



have been working hard with the government to achieve this goal, but current governmental policies have presented numerous obstacles that have stood in the way of success."

(Dr. Harley Schreck, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology Emeritus, Bethel University)

Please join together and ask God to open those doors so **ANURAG** can receive the funds. We can also praise Father because he is amazingly providing for their needs in his usual miraculous way!

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Our staff here at Elim Church encourage meaningful, Christ-centered relationships and communication with all people.

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October 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

29 Sunday Activities	30 10am Bible Study	1 Better Together Lunch	2 Elim Youth Jesus Calling Bible Study	3 Kidz Klozet The Unlimited	4 Men's Group Men's Night Out	5
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