



# THE FORECASTER

ELIM CHURCH | NE MPLS  
MAY 2021

## A N O A S I S I N T H E C I T Y





# He Lives! From Easter to Pentecost

Every Spring season in Minnesota a dramatic transformation takes place. The transformation of spring is a joy to behold, one leaf, one flower, one blade of grass at a time.

I am glad that it all happens relatively slowly. I don't know about you, but it takes time for my mind to catch up with my sensory experiences. The gradual shift of spring is all I can handle.

From Easter to Pentecost is 50 days. This is 50 days for us to wrestle with the grit and gristle of the cross and the resurrection and to hear again the good news. *(In case you don't remember, the day of Pentecost is the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in Acts chapter 2).*

Did you hear? The blood and bone of the savior walks and lives and talks again and even eats a fish dinner on the shore of the Sea of Galilee! What???

A shocking Renaissance era painting depicts Thomas literally putting his finger inside of Jesus' wound. It is a reminder of the grit and gristle of the torturous cross and the unbelievable physical and sensory realities of the resurrection.

Ephesians 1:13 says *"you who heard the message of the truth, the Good News offering you deliverance, and put your trust in the Messiah (Christ) were sealed by him with the promised Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit)"* (CJB)



I wonder how many times I've simply moved on from the wonder of Easter back to my ordinary life? I wonder how many times I have misunderstood the role of the Holy Spirit, hoping for a magical zap to suddenly wake me up out of my unbelief?

That's not how this works. This scripture clearly states.. *"YOU who heard the message of the truth and believed.. and were sealed.. with the Holy Spirit."* (Eph. 1:13)

So, I have to ask... Have you heard? Have you seen? Have you touched? Have you believed?

Have **YOU** experienced the dramatic transformation to life knowing that Jesus lives?

He Lives!

**Pastor Paul Stephen Olson**





# Events

## DAILY PRAYER & SCRIPTURE TIME WITH OUR PASTORS

@ 12 noon Monday - Friday  
Join us for Scripture and prayer time at GoogleHangout

(no software is needed) Meeting URL:

<https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk>

Phone: +1 401-684-3085 PIN: 724 649 481#

## SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Every Sunday • 4:00 pm  
We are doing a study in the book of Mark. You can join the class by using the link or phone number above.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday • 10 am  
You can join the class by using the link or phone number above.

## JESUS CALLING BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday • 6:30 pm  
Contact Sue Watlov Philips for more details. Enter the building on Madison Ave.

## YOUTH GROUP

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th • 6:30pm  
Youth Rooms  
Enter the building on 13th Ave.

## YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER AND PRAISE

Last Sunday of the Month • 7:00pm  
Elim Sanctuary

## FREEDOM IN CHRIST RECOVERY EVENT WITH JAY COPE

May 18th • 7-8:00pm  
<https://zoom.us/j/98924511537?pwd=U3R2RHIwK3BoWHhpaTNXVk94eDEOQT09>  
Meeting ID: 989 2451 1537 Passcode: 112233  
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## MENS' BIBLE STUDY

Every Friday • 8-9:30 am  
Email Stephen Murck (smurck@gmail.com)  
If you would like to join, you can email Stephen Murck at SMurck@gmail.com and he would add your email address that he sends out with the ZOOM link.

We are now studying the book of James. Steve Moseman and Rod Tyberg are taking turns leading the discussion. We will not be "meeting" May 28th.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

05-01 Cindy Jahnke	05-19 Jeff Alvord
05-02 Molly Carlin	05-20 Dubravka Hadziefendic
05-04 Kyle Marsh	05-20 Ophelia Klein
05-06 Nancy Fleming	05-22 Janice Schreck
05-07 Barbara Kosiak	05-23 Randy Somody
05-07 Simeon Hernick	05-25 Janice Berg
05-10 Bob Huffman	05-27 Jane Bremer
05-10 Linus Turnquist	05-28 John Olson
05-11 Lisa Minnema	05-29 Franklin Nelson
05-14 Lori Bailey	05-30 Deloris Isenhower
05-15 Riley Lewellyn	05-30 Randy Swanson
05-16 Leroy Erickson	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GRADUATION SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 6th • 10:00am

### STAFF RETREAT

June 11th  
Details will be forthcoming

### SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY CAMP AT HAM LAKE FOR ALL OF ELIM

August 13th-15th  
Details will be forthcoming

# Whatever you have learned...



## or received from us

### *Elim Kids' Families*

**L**inda Bonasara and I have counted it all joy to have had the privilege to lead the Children's Ministry for the past five years. We clearly heard the Lord tell us that He had put this door before us and that we were to walk through it. We responded with a hearty YES but only if He would go with us. He did and we did.

Five years of leading and feeding and directing and loving and teaching has been our joy. The Lord blessed us with an INCREDIBLE, gifted, and passionate staff who faithfully have given their best to Christ and His Church. The faces of the children will ever be in our hearts and minds and prayers daily.

As we retire from our roles, we commit to God each child, parent, volunteer and new staff member to *"the word of His grace... which will build you up"* (Acts 20:32). *"Though we are absent with you in body we will be present with you in spirit and will delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is."* ( Colossians 2:5)



In the past weeks we welcomed two new ElimKids to the children's ministry... Lev Hernick and Nico Padilla. They represent Elim's heritage and legacy for the future. We are confident that Kid's Ministry will always matter at Elim and that whatever you have learned or received or heard from us will be used for God's glory.



Gratefully,

Deb Somody,  
Director

Linda Bonasara,  
Administrator





# Kristin Pidella Baby Shower!





# Changes to the Elim Staff

**W**e are so thankful for all the wonderful staff who serve and give and love Elim each and every day! Elim Family Ministries aims to meet the spiritual needs of kids newborn to high school and their parents.

Please remember to pray for the transitions for these Elim staff and their families!

- Deb Somody and Linda Bonasera will be retiring from Elim Kids in mid-May.
- Heather Olson is the new Interim Children's Minister.
- Andy Johnson continues as Youth Minister.
- Anissa Lubbers will provide administrative support as Family Ministries Coordinator for both Children's and Youth programs.
- Gloria Metz is maintaining her hours and is now titled, Office Manager.
- Carlos Luhmann-Martinez will be stepping down as office assistant and moving on to a new opportunity with Tasks Unlimited.

***Pray that a hundred years from now the staff at Elim will believe, love and teach "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).***

## A Message from Our Children's Ministry Leaders



We are so excited to welcome our children back to Elim Kids! Now that we've had a few Sundays under our belt, we have come up with check-in and pick-up procedure going forward.

Please make sure your kids are checked in before Sunday Service starts at 10 am. Use the Church Center app (visit [churchcenter.com](http://churchcenter.com) on your mobile device to download the app) to pre-register or using our in-person check-in system on the 2nd Floor, before the service starts.

We require one parent/guardian to physically come to the 3rd Floor Lobby to confirm the registration (before or during the service, even if using the app), so if you cannot register before the service, you will need to accompany your child to do so, when they are released in the service.

After the service ends, parents/guardians can come to the 3rd Floor Lobby Check them out using the sticker code you are given or use the app on your phone. Please wait in the lobby, a children's ministry worker will bring your child to you. We do this for safety reasons and an efficient check-out. If you have any questions or concerns please email [anissa@elimchurch.com](mailto:anissa@elimchurch.com)

Thank you and we are so happy to hear their excited voices filling our atrium once again.



# WORLD MISSIONS

## God's Plans will be Accomplished



*I want to be a part of what God is doing! Do you? So first, let's pray! This month pray for all our workers overseas and for the unreached in our cities. Here's one focus for you.*

We are supporting a new missionary family in Japan: Jeff and Barbara Chapman.

Jeff and Barbara were recommended to us by John and Elaine Mehn, remember, who said they needed less support now and asked us if we could move that money to Jeff and Barbara.

Jeff and Barb are working with the Japanese church leaders to reach out to the younger generation through Discipleship Bible Studies. One of their focus cities is Osaka.

Pray for Father to give wisdom to these leaders, to give a heart overflowing with the Master's love for the youth, and to help them put their feet on the ground where the youth move. Pray that the Lord will draw hundreds and thousands of Japanese youth to fall in love with Jesus! May Jesus show himself to them and quench the thirst of their hearts.

*"Those who seek the Lord will praise him!"*

Psalm 22:26

Carolyn Pinke and the World Missions Team



# Helping Our Neighbor: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

When I heard that a church in NE Minneapolis had caught fire on Monday evening just 24 hours before the verdict of Derek Chauvin was to be announced my heart sank. As if Minneapolis needed one more thing to worry about! Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, located at 5th and 22nd Ave. in NE Minneapolis is a National Polish Catholic Church and has stood for more than 100 years.

I drove by the day after the fire to survey the damage and a crew of neighbors and some church members were there, hauling valuable items out of the church across the street to the fellowship hall. Being moved by the whole scene, I introduced myself to Father John, who has been the parish leader since 1993, and told him I'd be back the next day.



So Davon (one of our Elim Youth off of school for the day) and I went that Wednesday morning. We hauled boards, stripped nails from deconstructed pew benches, and loaded some large items out of the church and into the dumpster. The feeling of heaviness and grief was definitely in the air alongside the smell of ash and cinders.

We took a lunch break and they generously invited us to eat with them. It was a special time of reflection and thinking about what had just happened. We were blessed to have met some new friends, who already felt like old friends. Please pray for Father John Kutek and his wife Renata as they deal with these tragic circumstances. John and Renata have been leading church since 1993 and their daughter attended Elim Preschool. Pray for the congregation as they rebuild and cope with the loss.

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Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

## Elim Preschool

It is with great joy that I let you all know that we made it through another school year at the preschool! After a much-needed break, we all returned refreshed and energized and ready to finish the school year. The children have been a joy and comfort during these trying times, and I am so happy that we were able to make another school year happen.

I taught a class this year of Minneapolis children who were not yet in school due to distance learning. The kids were from grades Kindergarten-2nd grade and they were a delight. Seeing their faces daily is truly what kept me moving forward, and having 35 of them helped us survive. (Our numbers were very low when we started in the Fall, but doing this kept us moving forward and made it possible for all the teachers to continue to work.) While most went back

when the schools opened last month, I continued with a daily class. It is what motivates me and reminds me of all the good in the world.

I am so thankful for this staff. They have also stepped up and done what needs to be done to help the preschool continue the mission it was intended to so many years ago. Elim is blessed.

We are moving into our summer session starting in June, and have more kids registered than during the school year! A fantastic feeling. We are open for registration for the School Year 2021-2022. Pass the word.

With much gratitude to you all for your support and love,

*Michelle Preschool Director*



# The Bible Reading Plan

Regular Bible reading is one of the most important spiritual disciplines that you are encouraged to develop.

- It anchors you in God's wisdom and hope,
- strengthens your faith,
- and reminds you of the Lord's instructions and promises.

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Join us at this point in the reading plan. Knowing the Word of God promises to change a life... yours!

## May 2021

### Mark

1. • 1:1-8
2. • 1:9-20
3. • 1:21-34
4. • 1:35-45
5. • 2:1-12
6. • 2:13-17
7. • 2:18-28
8. • 3:1-19
9. • 3:20-35
10. • 4:1-20
11. • 4:21-41

### 1 Corinthians

1. • 1:1-17
2. • 1:18-31
3. • 2
4. • 3
5. • 4
6. • 5
7. • 6:1-11
8. • 6:12-20
9. • 7:1-16
10. • 7:17-40
11. • 8

### Psalms

1. • 72
2. • 73
3. • 74
4. • 75
5. • 76
6. • 77
7. • 78:1-39
8. • 78:40-72
9. • 79
10. • 80
11. • 81

### Joshua

1. • 1-2
2. • 3-5
3. • 6-7
4. • 8-9
5. • 10-12
6. • 13-14
7. • 15-17
8. • 18-19
9. • 20-21
10. • 22-23
11. • 24

### Judges

12. • 1-3
13. • 4-5
14. • 6-7
15. • 8
16. • 9
17. • 10-12
18. • 13-15
19. • 16
20. • 17-18
21. • 19
22. • 20-21

### Ruth

23. • 1
24. • 2-3
25. • 4



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# MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 Sunday Activities Recovery Class Class on Mark	3 Women's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	4 Noon Prayer Time	5 Noon Prayer Time Wed. Wave with Mrs S <i>Re-Covering In God</i> Elim Youth	6 Noon Prayer Time	7 Men's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	8
9 Sunday Activities Recovery Class Class on Mark	10 Women's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	11 Noon Prayer Time	12 Noon Prayer Time Wed. Wave with Mrs S <i>Re-Covering In God</i> Elim Youth	13 Noon Prayer Time Staff Meeting	14 Men's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	15
16 Sunday Activities Recovery Class Class on Mark	17 Women's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	18 Noon Prayer Time <i>Freedom in Christ</i>	19 Noon Prayer Time <i>Re-Covering In God</i> Elim Youth	20 Noon Prayer Time	21 Men's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	22
23 Sunday Activities Recovery Class Class on Mark	24 Women's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	25 Noon Prayer Time Leadership Team Mtg.	26 Noon Prayer Time <i>Re-Covering In God</i> Elim Youth	27 Noon Prayer Time	28 Men's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	29
30 Sunday Activities Recovery Class Class on Mark Worship/Testimony	31 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED	1	2	3	4	5

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