

TODAY'S WORSHIP

May 16, 2021, 10am

"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and **their religion is worthless**." James 1:26

Come As You Are All Who Are Thirsty

Welcome & Announcements

Offering

Children's Message: "My Sheep Know My Voice and Follow Me!"

Commissioning of Elisabeth Lee

Prayer

A Living Prayer *

Sermon — "Wisdom: The Tongue is a Fire" — Pastor Becky Hanson

May the Words of My Mouth

Benediction

Postlude

* Children (ages 3 - 5th grade) are released to Children's Church.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY: 7:15-9:45 am Hope Avenue (in front of the church)

10 am Sunday Worship Service (in person and on Facebook)

https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live

10:20 am Children's Church

4 pm Sunday Discipleship Class: This is a study on the book of Mark

URL: https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk
Phone: +1 401-684-3085 PIN: 724 649 481#

(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)

Mon: 10 am Ladies' Monday Bible Study is on the NT using *The Story* by Randy Frazee.

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Tues: 7-8 pm Freedom in Christ recovery event with Jay Cope

Wed: 6-7 pm Re-Covering in God Bible Study. Contact Sue Watlov Phillips

(suewatlovp@aol.com) for more information.

6:30-8 pm Youth Group

Fri: 8:00 am Men's Bible Study meets on Zoom. Email Stephen Murck (smurck@gmail.com)

for connection information.

Sat: 2-5 pm ECY "Leader Hide & Seek" at Rosedale Mall

Save the date:

~~ Sunday, May 30, 2021 Praise and Worship night with young adults leading

~~ Fri-Sat, June 4-5, 2021 ECY: Game Overnight Lock-In (7 pm-10 am)

~~ Sunday, June 6, 2021 Graduation Sunday

~~ Friday, June 11-12, 2021 Staff retreat

~~ Fri-Sun, July 9-11, 2021 ECY Ham Lake Retreat ~~ Fri-Sun, Aug 13-15, 2021 Family Camp at Ham Lake

~~ Saturday, Aug 28, 2021 "Going Beyond Live" with Priscilla Shirer

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

"Thank you people of Elim for the beautiful memory book and kind and loving words of encouragement and flowers. Melanie Eslinger has made it possible for me to give a lasting gift back to each of you. She has put all of the Children's Messages on YouTube. To access just go to YouTube and type in 'Deb Somody' and you can watch them with your children or grandchildren. Thank you, Melanie!" ~~Deb

WEEKLY after church (weather permitting), **Chris and Leslie Smith** invite everyone from the Elim congregation to gather for laughter, conversation, and refreshments in their backyard at 1535 Jefferson Street NE. Stop by for a moment, or stay and linger for a while.

CALLING ALL ELIM GRADUATES! If you, or someone you know, recently graduated or will be graduating this Spring, please contact the church office by June 1 with the graduate's name, school, and degree (if applicable). Elim will recognize its graduates during morning worship on Sunday, June 6.

Elisabeth Lee to travel to Kyrgyzstan June 2 - 28th Elisabeth has been attending Elim and has been very active with Elim Youth, the Young Adult group as well as Hope Avenue. She writes: - "As I am planning and

preparing to go to nursing school, I am really interested in[...] Kyrgyzstan as it lines up with many of my goals for the future in starting my own clinic and working in community development." Elisabeth will be visiting the Rory and Randall Gwyn family who operate a clinic and teach in a school there full time. Please pray for safety during her travels. Elisabeth is collecting Children's Vitamin Gummies as well as encouragement cards for the Gwin family. Please drop them in the office by May 28th.

TUESDAY: *FREEDOM IN CHRIST -- Tuesday night, May 18*, 7-8 pm (Third Tuesday of the month) 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 12 Steps of AA to be "Doers of the Word" (James 1:22).

This recovery event is led by Jay Cope, a recovery coach, and intervention specialist. Please contact Pastor Becky for more information. See the events for this week for how to connect on Zoom.

SATURDAY: ECY will be having a "Leader Hide and Seek" event **Saturday, May 22nd, 2-5 pm** at Rosedale Mall. The youth will meet and end at the Caribou next to Von Maur on the lower level East Court. If you have questions please contact Andy.

Hope Avenue welcomes your **seasonal donations** of men's and women's clothing and underwear, especially in large and small sizes,

We wanted to bring to your attention a GoFundMe campaign for the Alvord's:

Recently, the family learned that the owners of the house they've been renting since 2012 need to sell the property due to pandemic-related financial issues. Jeff and MeiQi have looked at other properties that would be accessible for Anja's wheelchair, but in the end, they decided they would like to buy the house they're currently in. They're happy where they are, and with Anja's continued medical needs, moving would be a major upheaval in the family's life.

The Alvord's are applying for a state grant to cover part of their down payment and need to raise the rest. If you would like to give towards this need, please follow the link: https://gofund.me/7d503de4
Your contribution will make a real difference to the Alvord family! Thank you!

Children's Program: Children ages 3 to 5th grade will be released before the sermon to a special program run by Heather Olson, on our 3rd Floor. Families can register their children in person before the service begins or pre-register through the Church Center app on their phones (go to churchcenter.com on your mobile device to download the app, but you will still need to complete the check-in in person each week). If you don't have the app, we can help you get registered. If you have attended Elim Kids in the past two years, you are likely already in the system; please sign in to the app using your existing email address. If you aren't able to sign in before the service begins, please accompany your child to the 3rd floor to register them when they are released from the service.

Volunteers are needed for Elim Kids for our Sunday morning ministries. We need people to assist Heather in the lesson and craft time; and also people to help with the checking in and out before and after the service ends. If you are interested please email anissa@elimchurch.com for more details.

Volunteer Needed to Answer Office Phones. Until a person is hired, we need help answering the office phones. Please connect with Gloria Metz for further information.

Help Wanted: Elim is hiring for a front-office position for 15 hours per week. We would like to hire a Receptionist, OR have an Office Assistant, who must have strong computer skills and be detail-oriented. Both positions have a job description. You may stop by, call the office, or email info@elimchurch.com for the job description and application.

Prayerful Pause

What do the words of your mouth reveal to others about you? Don't merely listen to the word, but do what it says.

"Wisdom: The Tongue is a Fire" from James 3:1-12 Pastor Becky Hanson **Carefully Choose Your Words** The Beneficial Power of Your Words The Destructive Power of Your Words Living out the Scripture

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