



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

June 13, 2021, 10 am

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*"But whoever is joined with all the living has hope..." Ecc. 9:4a*

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*Goodness of God*

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

*Living Hope*

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Moment: *All I Really Need* \*

Sermon Scripture Reading

Sermon — "Life Under the Sun" - Ecc. 9:1-6, 11-12 — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Communion & Benevolence Offering

*In Christ Alone*

Benediction

Postlude

\* Children (ages 3 through 5th grade) are dismissed to children's church.

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Join us next week in person or online at 10:00 am at [facebook.com/elimchurchmpls/live](https://facebook.com/elimchurchmpls/live)  
Check out audio sermons from past weeks at [www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive/](http://www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive/)

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

10 am Worship Service (in person and on Facebook)  
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>

10:20 am Children's Church

1-5ish pm ECY Bubble Soccer Tournament

**Mon-Fri:** 12 noon Noon Online Prayer Meeting

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

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

**Tues:** 10-11:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study: intro to the Book of James  
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)

6:30-8 pm Women's Evening Bible Study: intro to the Book of James  
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)

**Wed:** 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study. Contact Sue Watlov Phillips  
([suewatlovp@aol.com](mailto:suewatlovp@aol.com)) for more information.

6:30-8 pm Youth Group: ECY at Como Park

**Thurs:** 9 am MerryMakers Pot Luck Brunch at the Nolbys

**Fri:** 8:00 am Men's Bible Study meets on Zoom. Email Stephen Murck ([smurck@gmail.com](mailto:smurck@gmail.com))  
for connection information.

### Save the date:

~~ Fri-Sat, June 18-19, 2021	Staff Retreat at Ham Lake
~~ 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

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:anissa@elimchurch.com) for more details.

**Volunteers are needed this Summer for the Elim Youth events.** We have some great activities planned and we need more adult volunteers to come help. Please contact Andy if you are interested.

## UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

### **Women's Bible Study: Spiritual Maturity? Where are you at and how do you get there?**

Your summers are busy...but don't push pause on growing in your spiritual maturity. Make the commitment to invest in yourself and join a new Bible study for **women**, using the book of James as the text. No homework -- all study will be done during class time with teaching, discussion, and worksheets.

**Weekly topics** will include:

Judging Others	Am I Really in Control?
Words Matter	Facing Temptation?
Help. I'm in Trouble!	Help Wanted - Wisdom Needed

**When:** Weekly beginning Tuesday, June 15, 10:00 am or 6:30 pm. You can join either class time.

**Where:** In the dining room at church OR online by clicking on the meeting URL to join in:

<https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk> Or you can join us by calling in on your telephone, 401-684-3085 -- and enter the pin 724 649 481#

**Please contact** Pastor Becky or Heather Olson for more information and to RSVP

**Ignite your walk with Christ as you learn and apply His Word to your life!**

**Mission Residency:** The Leadership Team is excited to announce we are launching a new chartered ministry, the 1-year mission residency at Elim Church beginning **June 1**. The Mission residents will reside at Elim's apartment and be predominantly focused on local missions. Please pray for our residents who will be living at Elim's apartment and using it as a home base for ministry throughout the city: **Brandon Martinez** and **Andy Johnson**. Please join us in praying for them regularly. Also, we are looking to add more female residents (at a separate location). If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Pastor [Paul@elimchurch.com](mailto:Paul@elimchurch.com).

**ECY** has two fun events planned for June.

- *Sunday, June 13th from 1-5 pm* they will be hosting a **Bubble Soccer Tournament** at Logan Park across the street from Elim. Youth are encouraged to invite their friends and sign up for teams on a sheet in the youth room. Contact Andy with questions.
- *Wednesday, June 16th, 6:30-8 pm* **ECY will be at Como Park**. Parents can drop off and pick up near the mini-golf across from Como Town, and youth can also meet at Elim's parking lot at 6 pm if they need a ride to the park (returning around 8:30 pm). Please bring any lawn games you'd like to play.

**The Kidz Klozet** is open to receive summer clothing donations for children 0-12yo. No toys or large items. Please help us get the word out that on July 8, the Kidz Klozet and Hope Avenue will bless those in need with a clothing giveaway on the Madison Street sidewalk. Please connect with Erin Hernick (603-326-9440) or Candy Gislason if you're available to help accomplish this.

**MerryMakers welcome back event!** Please join us... June 17th (Thursday) 2021

Pot Luck Breakfast at 9:00 at Doris and Clayton Nolby, 2800 105th Ave NE, Blaine MN

Egg Dishes and beverages are provided. A-L: Breads, Sweet Rolls, etc. M-Z: Fruits, Yogurts, etc

Contact the church office for further information: [Info@elimchurch.com](mailto:Info@elimchurch.com) or 612-789-3591.

**Randall and Rory Gwin family** will be in the Twin Cities area from Aug 6- Sept. 17 to bring their son, Sam, to college and to have some medical visits. They need lodging and/or a spare vehicle for 6 to use while they are here. Please connect with Carolyn Pinke if you're able to help.

Congratulations to **Sarita Venkatrathnam** who is a 2021 high school graduate!

**Household help needed in July or August:** Barbara Walker wants to continue living at home. She seeks someone to move in with her, clean, and cook the meals. If you are interested in more information, please call the church office.

**Kathy and Bob Huffman** have moved into the mother-in-law's apartment at his son's Blakes. Please call the church office for their new telephone and address: 612.789.3591.

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

### “Life Under the Sun: Part 13 - Time & Chance Happen To Them All”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

**Last Week:** Chapter 8 - The wise are rare, righteous, and respectful of others, even those in authority. They know that even for the kings of the earth, all human knowledge is incomplete and that life is fleeting. Ultimately, wise people will look to Jesus who was that rare, righteous, wise one, who obediently walked in submission to the King of heaven.

**Today's Scripture Passage:** Ecclesiastes Chapter 9:1-6, 11-12

#### **Telling the Truth About Ourselves, To Ourselves (v. 1)**

*“It is a world where goodness is pitted against evil, love against hate, order against chaos, in a great struggle where often it is hard to be sure who belongs to which side because appearances are endlessly deceptive.”* - Frederich Buechner

#### **What is Good (Tov), and what is Evil (Rah) and what does it produce? (v.2-3)**

*“There can be no Evil where there is no Good”* - Augustine, Enchiridion

#### **A world of dualities and contradictions and yes, “time and chance”. (vv. 11-12)**

What it does NOT mean... “Couldn't we just have come about by accident? Isn't that what the biologists tell us? Doesn't evolutionary theory say that our minds and morality are just part of our survival drive?” - Letters from a Skeptic (G. Boyd in conversation with his skeptic father)

What it DOES it mean...

#### **Our Response:** Join with the living and find hope... (vv. 4-5)

### **Prayerful Pause**

*“By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.” 1 John 2:5-6*

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