



# THE FORECASTER

ELIM CHURCH | NE MPLS  
AUGUST 2021

*Elim Young Adults on their Colorado retreat.*

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# *Changes in the Fall*

*"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along." (Galatians 2:10)*

The Hope Avenue Shelter and Housing Board was formed 3 years ago to explore further the work of Hope Avenue, the ministry of Elim Church that sprung up by the move of the Holy Spirit 14 years ago. This specialized group was formed to begin a shelter in Northeast Minneapolis. They have asked and have been approved with a blessing from the Leadership Team to form a separate non-profit entity called "Hope Avenue" to carry out this task.

Additionally, I have been working with the staff and leadership at Elim to adjust how we minister to those experiencing homelessness. I want to say upfront that I am fully committed to fulfilling my calling as a pastor here at Elim to both serve the poor, and to grow our church body spiritually and relationally. I see those as integral to one another--service and worship, mission and exaltation go hand-in-hand.

Change is hard and change can feel like a big loss. I grieve as some of you have related to me your feelings of loss over this past 15 months. We grieve the losses but the ministry also must continue. In Galatians, the Apostle Paul says, *"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along."* (2:10) The poor include those, not just financially poor but those who are spiritually suffering, the downtrodden--those in a lowly state.

## **What this means...**

- The name "Hope Avenue", if incorporated and trademarked would belong to a separate entity from Elim Church and no longer be under the auspices of the Elim Leadership Team or pastoral staff.
- For several reasons, I, the staff, and the Leadership Team have decided to move the ministry of feeding and clothing to Saturdays beginning this fall.

## **What this DOES NOT mean...**

- Elim is stopping outreach to the poor or those experiencing homelessness.
- Pastor Becky is leaving Elim to run a shelter.

3 years ago I preached through the Book of Acts and in several sermons I outlined the activities of the early church which we model ourselves after:

- A Unified Community (2:42-27)--worshipping God, taking sabbath rest, prayer and learning. That's UP-reach.
- A Sharing Community (4:32-35)--caring for others in our congregation, meeting the needs of the church. That's IN-reach.
- A Caring Community (5:12-16)--evangelism, caring for the poor, loving our neighbors outside the church. That's OUT-reach.

Ignoring any of these three aspects leads to an imbalance that puts the others at risk. Without worship, we have no reason to serve and no Spirit to carry us along in loving others. Without serving others, we become self-absorbed. Without caring for one another as a community, our relationships suffer and the church is weakened. After 16 months of pandemic changes, more change will feel like a shock and may be devastating for some. But we are in a moment where I believe we need to make some changes that will help us in the long term.

#### **Starting This Fall:**

- **Saturday** Outreach to those experiencing homelessness (Hope Avenue)
- **Sunday** schedule:
  - 9:30 am The Gathering with Bagels / Ice Water and Coffee (Dining Room)
  - 9:45 am Prayer room for anyone needing prayer w/ Pastors Becky & Paul
  - 10-11 am Service with Children's Church (children stay during Connections)
  - 11:00-Noon Sunday Connections, Youth and Children's Ministry Options

I believe these changes will help our UP-reach, IN-reach, and OUT-reach! Saturdays will be a day of outreach and service, Sundays will be a day of learning and community-building where we will welcome visitors and newcomers.

More details about these changes are going to be shared in future communications. Thank you for your help, prayers, and support as we lead God's church into 2021 and beyond. It is an honor and privilege to serve.

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#

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES

Every Tuesday • 10 am or 6:30 pm. We are studying the book of James. 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

Every Wednesday • 6:30 pm  
Youth Rooms  
Enter the building on 13th Ave.

## YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER AND PRAISE

Sundays, one time per month • 7:00pm  
Elim Sanctuary  
(watch the bulletin for dates)

## MENS' BIBLE STUDY

Every Friday • 8-9:30 am  
Email Stephen Murck ([smurck@gmail.com](mailto:smurck@gmail.com)) If you would like to join, you can email Stephen Murck at [SMurck@gmail.com](mailto: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 with Steve Moseman and Rod Tyberg are taking turns leading the discussion.

## FREEDOM IN CHRIST RECOVERY EVENT WITH JAY COPE

August 17th • 7-8:00pm  
Every Third Tuesday of the month  
<https://zoom.us/j/98924511537?pwd=U3R2RHlwK3BoWHhpaTNXVk94eDE0QT09>  
**Meeting ID:** 989 2451 1537 **Passcode:** 112233  
**Phone:** +1 312-626-6799 **Passcode:** 112233#

*We wish to thank the ladies that brought us food after Mary's rehab treatment. We enjoyed the food and it was so helpful.*  
Mary and Shirley Barnes

## FAMILY CAMP AT HAM LAKE FOR ALL OF ELIM

August 13-15  
Details later in this Forecaster

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08-01 Suzanne Dahl	08-18 Sawyer Johnson
08-02 Jeff Thomsen	08-19 Alice Bremer
08-04 Jeff Wilson	08-19 Anissa Lubbers
08-09 Brenda Anderson	08-19 Liam St. Hilaire
08-11 Janet Page	08-29 Doris Nolby
08-12 Paul Pennoyer	08-29 Kristin Wilson
08-14 Glen Bruins	08-29 Naudeanne St. Hilaire
08-15 Dawn Marsh	08-30 Anna Bremer
08-15 Mary Wolter	08-30 Jacqueline Hanson

## MONTHLY GIVING UPDATE

June Giving

Needed \$35,833

Actual \$26,061

Fiscal Year-to-Date (4/1/18 - 6/30/21)

Needed \$107,500

Actual \$87,948

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEW PHOTO CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

October 1-2  
Details will be forthcoming

# God Uses the Unexpected!

We live in an uncertain world. No doubt about it! Everything is moving, changing, and revealing itself to be something different from what we expected it to be. Life is like that... and it becomes easy to get discouraged.

But God's got this! We are not in a place of despair and hopelessness. God is with us! He isn't leaving! Rather, He calls us to step up, in faith, and follow Him! He has a plan and is working it out.

Let's continue to study the Word, pray unceasingly, live for the Lord and place our confidence in Him. He alone knows the next chapter in our lives and just might prepare us by using the "unexpected" to accomplish His purposes.

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."*

Ephesians 3:20. (NIV)

*Jill Jezierski*  
*Chair of Leadership Team*

# A Benediction for the Brundell Family and for Elim Church

A collection of benedictory Scriptures was read for the family during the graveside service for Marion Brundell on July 8th, 2021. Scriptures are footnoted below.

“Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him,  
for he shields him all day long,  
and the one the LORD loves  
rests between his shoulders. (1)

“The eternal God is your refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms. (2)  
May all who love you LORD  
be like the sun when it rises in its strength. (3)

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,  
who find great delight in his commands.  
Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed. (4)

May the favor of the LORD our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.” (5)

Amen.



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- (1) Deuteronomy 33:12
  - (2) Deuteronomy 33:27a
  - (3) Judges 5:31b
  - (4) Psalm 112:1b-2
  - (5) Psalm 90:17

## Marion Brundell's Pie Crust

2 c flour                      3/4 c Crisco (Level)  
1 tsp salt                      1/3 c ice water

Mix with a pastry blender

Melt butter and put it on the crust. Then put it in the refrigerator while you make the filling.

Makes two 9" crusts

# A Retreat to Remember

In July the Elim youth had a retreat to Ham Lake Baptist Camp. Every time I spend time with this group I feel blessed to work with these youth. I am blessed by how well-behaved, inclusive, and joyful these youth are.

We arrived at Ham Lake on Friday afternoon. I got to the camp around 1:00 to make sure everything was set up how I wanted it, and to go through my lesson prep for the final time. The youth started showing up at 4:00. We had a pretty balanced group with 6 boys and 5 girls from 6th grade, through those entering their Junior year of high school.

The favorite activity this year was carpet ball, which surprised me but the youth loved creating a sort of ladder tournament and trying to be the best at sinking the pool balls on the opposing side from them. After they were settled we had a cookout and some free time followed by a lesson.



My teaching goal for the weekend was simple but not easy: Make sure that the youth KNOW who Jesus is. Something I and the youth leaders have been talking about for a while, is to go back to the foundation of what it means to follow Jesus. Talking about what Jesus stood for, and what salvation through Him looks like.

Friday we started this conversation about Jesus being the calm voice in the storms of life. Saturday we continued with a lesson on Jesus being there with open arms when we decide to turn away from our sin and repent, running back to our heavenly Father asking for forgiveness with tears of joy, and a changed heart. We went through the Book of Romans' road to salvation. Finally, we talked about our testimonies--how our story can glorify God no matter what we've been through.



Some of our weekend activities included canoeing down the St. Croix river, playing water games at Ham Lake, round-robin ping pong, and a trip to Valleyfair. Thank you for praying for us and for your support of the Elim Youth programming.

God bless,

*Andy Johnson*  
*Youth Ministry*



# Young Adult Retreat

Hi there Elim! So far the trip has been a total success. Right before we left, Becky joined us outside and blessed our travels and the van. We've made it safely to Colorado and have been thriving despite any challenge that was thrown at us. We've realized just how important it is to have a Christ-like mentality while working together. God has blessed our teamwork and has led us.

We've shared deep things and dove headfirst into who we truly are. We've brought to the forefront voices and labels stamped onto our hearts. Both the good and the bad. We've dissected them and are using Scripture to prune out any we know are of the enemy. In myself, I can already feel the way that God is shaping and molding.

Being separated from the world has not only shown us the beauty of what God intended but also has stripped us away from the distractions we've had before. Now we live in a way that I feel our Father has intended for His children. It's simple but beautiful. It is a life with a deep connection to our fellow humans, a perspective with the reminder of His divine hand on everything in creation, and the joy that we have together, knowing His love abides in and with us.



Your prayers have certainly been heard and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your sincere petitioning on our behalf. We ask you to also continue to hold us in your hearts as you pray with fellow believers in Christ and even during those moments in the evening or at supper where you may remember that your brothers and sisters in Christ are far away hoping to lean ever closer to God. Pray for the missions of Elim. Pray for those overseas who have made it their life's work to spread the gospel of our King. Thank you, for everything.



Carlos Martinez Luhmann

# WORLD MISSIONS

## *Japan: Listen to God*

### **Remember:**

“Prayer isn’t about twisting God’s arm to get Him to do what you think He should. Prayer is about spending enough time with God that you see HIS vision...”

### **Think:**

The Olympics finishes August 8th in Japan, and Jim and Barbara Chapman, with their Japanese team (and John and Elaine Mehn joining them in prayer), are following up on contacts with people and interacting (maybe mostly online), with youth who are no doubt depressed over COVID’s control during the Olympics, so it couldn’t be a normal Olympics as they had dreamed. Jesus desires that they find peace in Him!

Let’s pray.

Let’s spend time with OUR neighbors.  
We know the Word, the God-man!  
Let’s overflow HIM!

*Carolyn Pinke and  
the World Missions Team*

From: David Watson and Paul Watson,  
*Contagious Disciple Making.*



# Summer Splash Weekend

Aug 13th-15th

- People are welcome to stay on-site in campers/tents or limited inside slots.
- Inside slots are by pre-reservation and on a first-come basis. Sign up at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/6ew5dxb7>
- Everyone will have 24 hr. access to indoor bathrooms and showers.
- Breakfast will be provided each day.
- If you are interested in volunteering or have other questions please email [anissa@elimchurch.com](mailto:anissa@elimchurch.com)

## Friday

### Kids' Compassion Camp

8:00 am Van Leaves Elim  
 9:00 am Drop off at Ham Lake  
 9:30 am Breakfast  
 10:00 am Morning Session  
 12:00 pm Lunch  
 12:30 pm Afternoon Session  
 2:30 pm Snack  
 3:00 pm Scavenger Hunt & Games  
 6:00 pm Pizza Dinner/  
 Parent Pick-up  
 7:00 pm Bonfire/fellowship

#### What to Bring?

- Your neighbor or a friend!
- Shoes, Sunscreen, Swimsuit, Water Bottle, and a Towel

Register by Aug 1st at  
<https://tinyurl.com/pfy5urnd>

## Saturday

### All ages Fellowship & Activities

8:00 am Breakfast &  
 Devotions w/Pastor Becky  
 9:30 am -12:00 pm:  
 Morning Stations (Opts. include):  
 - Swimming  
 - Family Art Projects  
 - Canoeing  
 - Science Nature Hike  
 - Yard Games & More  
 12:00 pm *Bring Your Own*  
 Picnic Lunch  
*Drinks & Dessert are Provided*  
 1-5 pm Afternoon Stations  
 5:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner  
 6:30 pm Family Bible Study  
 w/Pastor Paul  
 7:30 pm Concert or Movie

## Sunday

### All ages Service & Lunch

8:30 am Breakfast  
 10:00 am Worship Service  
 (BYO Chair)  
 11:00 am Baptisms (contact a  
 pastor if interested)  
 12:00 pm Lunch  
 (Burgers and Brats)  
 2:00 pm Clean up  
 (lock up buildings)\*

\* You may stay and enjoy the property but bathrooms and inside rooms will be closed at 2:00 pm.

*Going*  
**BEYOND**  
**SIMULCAST**  
with PRISCILLA SHIRER



On Saturday, August 28, from 8 am-4 pm, join Priscilla Shirer at Grace Church Eden Prairie for a live conference where you'll hear practical, biblical teaching from a teacher you can trust. You'll learn to study God's Word for yourself, and worship with Anthony Evans. The tickets are \$85 and you can register at:

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/events/going-beyond-live/going-beyond-live-minneapolis>

We will carpool from Elim, so please let Pastor Becky know to count you in.

Grace Church  
9301 Eden Prairie Road  
Minneapolis, MN 55347

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**Kidz Klozet Clothing giveaway  
before school starts**

**Wed, Aug 25, 5-7p and  
Thursday, Aug 26, 9-12noon**

# 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.

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

## AUGUST 2021

Luke	Colossians	Psalms	1 Chronicles
1. • 7:11-17	• 1:1-14	• 123-124	• 1-2
2. • 7:18-35	• 1:15-29	• 125	• 3-4
3. • 7:36-50	• 2:1-7	• 126	• 5-6
4. • 8:1-15	• 2:8-15	• 127	• 7-9
5. • 8:16-25	• 2:16-23	• 128	• 10-11
6. • 8:26-39	• 3:1-14	• 129	• 12-14
7. • 8:40-56	• 3:15-25	• 130-131	• 15-16
8. • 9:1-17	• 4:1-9	• 132	• 17-19
9. • 9:18-27	• 4:10-18	• 133-134	• 20-22
	<b>1 Thessalonians</b>		
10. • 9:28-36	• 1	• 135	• 23-25
11. • 9:37-50	• 2:1-9	• 136	• 26-28
12. • 9:51-62	• 2:10-20	• 137	• 29
			<b>2 Chronicles</b>
13. • 10:1-16	• 3:1-6	• 138	• 1-2
14. • 10:17-24	• 3:7-13	• 139	• 3-5
15. • 10:25-37	• 4:1-10	• 140	• 6-7
16. • 10:38-42	• 4:11-18	• 141	• 8-9
17. • 11:1-13	• 5:1-11	• 142	• 10-12
18. • 11:14-28	• 5:12-28	• 143	• 13-16
	<b>2 Thessalonians</b>		
19. • 11:29-36	• 1:1-7	• 144	• 17-19
20. • 11:37-54	• 1:8-12	• 145	• 20-21
21. • 12:1-12	• 2:1-12	• 146	• 22-24
22. • 12:13-21	• 2:13-17	• 147	• 25-27
23. • 12:22-34	• 3:1-5	• 148	• 28-29
24. • 12:35-48	• 3:6-13	• 149	• 30-33
25. • 12:49-59	• 3:14-18	• 150	• 34-36

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

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# AUGUST 2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 Sunday Activities Eve. Worship	2 Noon Prayer Time	3 Noon Prayer Time	4 Noon Prayer Time <i>Re-Covering In God</i> Elim Youth	5 Noon Prayer Time	6 Men's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	7
8 Sunday Activities	9 Noon Prayer Time	10 Women's Bible Studies Noon Prayer Time	11 Noon Prayer Time <i>Re-Covering In God</i> Elim Youth	12 Noon Prayer Time Staff Meeting	13 Men's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time Summer Splash	14 Summer Splash at Ham Lake
15 Sunday Service at Ham Lake Summer Splash	16 Noon Prayer Time	17 Women's Bible Studies Noon Prayer Time Bldg.Main.Team Mtg. Freedom in Christ	18 Noon Prayer Time <i>Re-Covering In God</i> Elim Youth	19 Noon Prayer Time	20 Men's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	21
22 Sunday Activities	23 Noon Prayer Time	24 Women's Bible Studies Noon Prayer Time Leadership Team Mtg.	25 Noon Prayer Time <i>Re-Covering In God</i> Elim Youth	26 Noon Prayer Time	27 Men's Bible Study Noon Prayer Time	28
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