



ELIM CHURCH

An Oasis in the City

Where are we? Who are we? and, What are we doing?
*A three-week series on
the place, identity, and function of Elim Church!*

August 22, 2021, 10 am

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:6-7

Holy Spirit

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Pastoral Prayer

Way Maker

Sermon Scripture Reading:

Sermon — *"Where Are We? Who Are We? and, What Are We Doing?"* Part 1
— Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

This Is Amazing Grace

Benediction

Postlude

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

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

EVENTS TODAY

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

11:00 am Join us after the service in the dining room for a time of refreshments and to share your thoughts and give your feedback on the sermon!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- 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 on James: Can Anger Ever Be a Virtue?
 (You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)
- 6:30-8 pm Women's Evening Bible Study on James: Can Anger Ever Be a Virtue?
 (You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above or in person.)
- Wed:** 5-7 pm Kidz Klozet clothing giveaway on sidewalk @ Madison St. entrance
- 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
- Thurs:** 9-11 am Kidz Klozet clothing giveaway on sidewalk @ Madison St. entrance
- Fri:** 8:00 am Men's Bible Study meets on Zoom. Email Stephen Murck
 (smurck@gmail.com)
 for connection information.
- Sat:** 8a-4 pm "Going Beyond Live" with Priscilla Shirer @ Grace Church in Eden Prairie

Save the date (check the events page for information that may be available):

- ~~ Tuesday, Sept 7, 7 pm Prayer walk through Elim in preparation for Fall ministry
- ~~ Sat, Sept 11 Hope Avenue Ministry moves to Saturday
- ~~ Sun, Sept 12 Fall Kick-Off with New Sunday Schedule
- ~~ Thurs, Sept 23, 10:30 am Merry Makers Walk in Anoka, then Lunch
- ~~ Fri-Sat, Oct 1-2, 2021 **New Church Directory Photo Shoot**

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

New Sunday Schedule Beginning at Fall-Kick-Off on September 12

- 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 Worship Service (with Children's Church at 10:20 am)
- 11 am-Noon Sunday Connections, Youth and Children's Ministry Options

Elim's Power House Prayer Meeting: As Elim prepares to begin a new season of ministry this fall, our church has never been at this particular season and place before. Empowered by God's leading, we arrive in September 2021 with a renewed purpose and hope. Please join others from the church as we meet in prayer for the Lord's power, provision, and direction. All things are possible when we pray (Mark 9:23; Luke 18:7-8)! Tuesday, September 7, 7 pm in Sanctuary.

Two colanders are missing from the kitchen. They are quite large and one is footed. If you have any knowledge of where these have landed. Please let the church office know. Thank you.

Opportunities for Volunteering

Have you signed up to be part of the **Greeter Team** on Sundays to welcome people to Elim? We'd love to have you join us! Sign-up outside of the sanctuary. Training is provided.

?? Coffee Hour Lead & servers? Head Usher Lead opening?

Hope Avenue is moving its ministry from Sunday mornings to **Saturdays from 8-11 am** beginning **September 11**. We have many needs for volunteers -- from donation processing, teaching Bible class, welcomers and greeters, cooks and cleaners, to security and safety. Please connect with Pastor Becky about how you'd like to join us...for a single time or ongoing. Training is provided.

Church Photo Directory Update: It is time for us to update our 2018 church directory. The schedule for appointments is **October 1-2, 2021**. Everyone photographed received a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory. Additional portraits are available for purchase on the day of the photoshoot.

For online scheduling, go to www.ucdir.com

1. Our church code: **mn145**
2. Password: **photos**
3. Click on the Enter button.
4. Click on the desired photography date.
5. Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired appointment time.
6. Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk).
7. Enter your email address, if a confirmation email is desired.
8. Click on the Scheduled Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the appointment time in your family's name.
9. If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively.
10. Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your appointment.

You can contact the church office to change or cancel your photography appointment. Also, contact us if you cannot make it on these dates, and other arrangements can be made. If you wish to submit your own personal photo for the directory, they will accept those photos as well. Schedule your appointment today!

Backpack Giveaway: Fill a backpack with school supplies for a child in need and drop it off in the church office by Friday, September 3. Contact the church office for more information.

Mission Apartment Items for Give-Away: After over 30 years of blessing many Missionary families, the Missionary apartment has collected quite a bit of extra items! There will be 4 tables on the 4th-floor Atrium with things from the apartment to be given away: books, toys, kitchenware, baby items, etc. They will be available on Sundays after church through Sept. 5th. After that, the rest will go to a thrift store. Come take a look! Contact Beth Dischinger at 612-597-0591 for more details.

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KIDZ KLOZET

BACK TO
school

Free Clothing Giveaway

Clothing sizes: NEWBORN to TEENS

August 25 (Wed), 5-7 PM

August 26 (Thur), 9-11 AM

Location: Sidewalk in front of the
Madison Street Entrance



On Saturday, August 28, from 8-4p 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, 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.

Prayerful Pause

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him." Colossians 2:6

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SERMON NOTES

“Where Are We? Who Are We? and, What Are We Doing?” Part 1

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 5:10-14 (we will focus on verses 13 and 14)

1 Peter addresses the real issues faced by the people on a day to day basis such as slander, misunderstanding from neighbors, divided households, tensions at work, and conflicts with civil authorities, and encourages them (with comforting words) to “do good” in every circumstance as a reflection of the “true grace of God”.

“slander and hostility”: chs. 2:18, 20-23; 3:9, 14-16

“doing good”: chs. 2:12, 15, 20; 3:16; 4:19

Where are we?

Intro to Peter's first letter

1 Peter 1:1 To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, **2** who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Ending of Peter's first letter

1 Peter 5:13-14 “She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.” Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

“Babylon” - a code for exile/diaspora. (‘Babylon’ did not exist)

“Chosen/Elect” - New Covenant family of God, sprinkled in the blood of Christ

“Greetings” - a warm greeting heard when entering someone's home.

“Kiss of Love” - a cultural practice used during early Christian gatherings

“Grace and Peace” - an early Christian greeting and salutation

Challenge: Where are we in relation to... The World, Our Church Family, Our Neighbors, God?

Space versus Place

What makes a great ‘place’?

What ‘spaces’ do we need to engage?

Join us After the Service for a Discussion Time in the Dining Room:

1. Name a thing (or multiple things) that you desire to have that you can't get anywhere else but at church. How about your neighbors?
2. What is a way we can better guide others to connect with God and others at our church?

Next Week: *Where are we? Who are we? and, What are we doing?* Part 2 of our Three-Week Series on the place, identity, and function of Elim Church!