



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!*

September 5, 2021, 10 am

*Praise the LORD, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD! Psa. 117:1-2*

Yes, I Will

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

Lord, Speak To Me

Pastoral Prayer

*Teach Us Your Ways
Build My Life **

Sermon Scripture Reading:

Sermon — “Where Are We? Who Are We? and, What Are We Doing?” Part 3

— Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

You Said

Benediction

Postlude

*Due to the holiday weekend and staffing availability, there will not be in-person Children's Church this Sunday during the service. Children will stay with their families for the full service if they attend.

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 No Children's Church

11:00 am Join us in the Dining Room for refreshments and conversation as we discuss our response to this morning's 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#
- Mon:** **Office is closed for Labor Day**
No Noon Online Prayer
- Tues:** No Women's Morning or Evening Bible Study
7 pm **Prayer walk through Elim in preparation for Fall ministry**
- 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
- Thurs:** 5-9 pm Young Adults Fall Kick-Off in Logan Park
6:30-8 pm Elim Staff Meeting
- Fri:** 8:00 am Men's Bible Study meets on Zoom. Email Stephen Murck (smurck@gmail.com) for connection information.
- Sat:** 8-11 am Hope Avenue Ministry begins to meet only on Saturdays

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

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| ~~ Sun, Sept 12 | Fall Kick-Off with New Sunday Schedule |
| ~~ Sun, Sept 19 | Young Adults to Renaissance Fair (12:30-4:30 pm) |
| ~~ Thurs, Sept 23 | Merry Makers Walk @ 10:30 am in Anoka, then Lunch in a nearby restaurant (contact Doris) |
| ~~ Fri, Sept 24 | Young Adults Bonfire (TBD) |
| ~~ Sun, Sept 26 | Outdoor worship followed by a picnic in the park |
| ~~ Tues, Sept 28 | Young Adults Progressive Dinner (5:30-9 pm) |
| ~~ Fri-Sat, Oct 1-2 | New Church Directory Photo Shoot |
| ~~ Fri-Sun, Oct 15-17 | ECY Trout Lake Fall Retreat |

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

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

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| 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.

Opportunities for Volunteering

Greeters and Ushers: As we prepare to welcome old and new friends to Elim, we are building our **coffee hour ministry**. Your help is also needed to show hospitality and welcome in the **greeters and ushers** ministries. Training is provided. Please call the church office to respond 'yes.'

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 photo for the directory, they will accept those photos as well. Schedule your appointment today!

Prayerful Pause

What does it look like for you to set aside an extended period of uninterrupted silence to be with God?

SERMON NOTES

3 Week Series: “Where Are We, Who Are We and, What Are We Doing?” Part 3

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Today’s Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-9, Matt 28:16-20, Matt 7:13-20, 24-28

What are we doing? A question of Purpose and Function. [our mission]

“Write your purpose in pen, your path in pencil.” - Unknown

“I wanted to know (not how, but) why [God] started the universe...” - Einstein

What are the barriers to fulfilling our God-given purpose?

What does Jesus say our purpose is? What does Jesus want me to “DO”?

Matt 28 - The only imperative: “make disciples”

Matt 5-7 - Jesus’ “Do Nots”, & ‘function’ as a metaphor: “bearing good fruit”

1 Peter 2:9, the great disciple claims our purpose: “proclamation”!

Once we have discovered our purpose what should we do?

‘Proclamation’ (the impossible possibility) within spaces and places

Walking in holiness & *making* in holiness, not just talking in holiness.

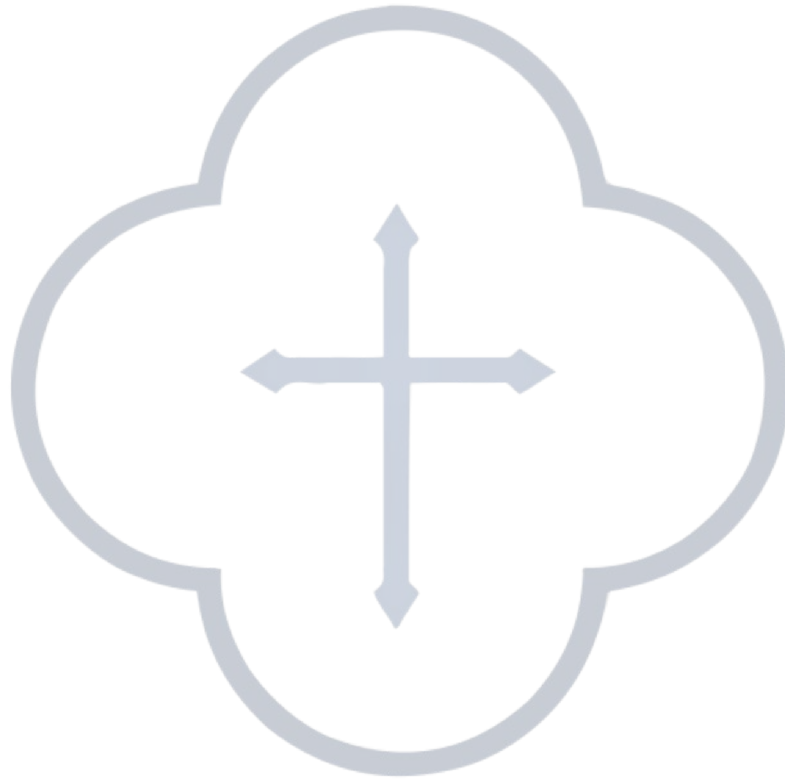
Recognize and respond to the mysterious rhythms of grace in our lives

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “But the righteous one will live by faith.” Romans 1:16-17

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

1. What does “success” look like for you personally? ...for our church community?
2. What is at stake if our church community is not strong in fulfilling our purpose?

Next Week: Join us for the Fall Kick-Off! New sermon series and Fall Sunday Connection classes for the whole family.



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