



“Windows of Heaven and the Painting of the Cross”

*How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Psalm 84:1-2*

*All Creatures of Our God and King
Revelation Song*

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

*How Far Love Goes **

Pastoral Prayer

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon: “Windows of Heaven and The Painting of the Cross” — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Join us for the conclusion of service at the courtyard on Madison Ave.

Responsive Reading

Doxology

Benediction

* *Children, ages 3-5th grade, will be dismissed to Children’s Church.*

EVENTS THIS WEEK **

TODAY: 9-9:45 am The Gathering in the Dining Room,
9:15 am Prayer Room for anyone needing prayer with the pastors
10 am **Worship Service** (in person and on Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>

11:15 am-Noon **No Sunday Connections across the ages until June 5**

11-1 pm **OPEN HOUSE AT ELIM DURING ART-A-WHIRL.** God strategically placed Elim on this corner 134 years ago. Today we open our church to brief tours, specifically inviting the new neighbors from the apartments surrounding the church. Join us for this time of hospitality and stay for the free ice cream from Fletcher's and coffee from Diamonds, or purchase your lunch from the Heavenly Burritos food truck (where all proceeds directly support the men's shelter through Hope Avenue Twin Cities).

**Masks are not required for attendees at Elim. As always, please take any precautions to protect your health and the health of others.

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 am Women's Bible Study on Mark at the online link above

Wed: 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study

6:30-8 pm **FamJam** Event for all of Elim (youth group too). Andy is hosting an Open House at his new home to celebrate and thank everyone from Elim for walking alongside him and to celebrate and pray over the space together. Feel free to stop by for snacks, games, and open times. 6315 Pierce Street NE, Fridley.

6:30-8 pm GriefShare in the Lounge

Thurs: 6:30-8:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting in the Library

Sat: 8-10 am Hope Avenue Ministry

The logo for 'Elim FamJam' features the word 'Elim' in a purple, cursive font above the words 'FamJam' in a green, cursive font. The text is set against a light, glowing rectangular background.

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

~~ Wed, 6/1, 6:30-8 pm GriefShare in the Lounge
~~ Sat, 6/4, 9:30-11 am Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited clothing giveaway
~~ Sat, 6/4, 3-4:30 pm Wedding Shower for Kristen Stucker and Carlos Martinez-Luhmann
~~ Tues, 6/7, 6 pm Building Maint. Mtg. in Library
~~ Wed, 6/8, 6:30-8 pm GriefShare in the Lounge
~~ Sun, 6/12 Honor the graduates in worship

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

Introducing *FamJam*, the Elim family summer events for all ages!



- **May 25, 6:30-8 pm** –For all of Elim (youth group too). Andy is hosting an Open House at his new home to celebrate and thank everyone from Elim for walking alongside him and to celebrate and pray over the space together. Feel free to stop by for snacks, games, and open times. 6315 Pierce Street NE, Fridley.
- **June 24, 4-7 pm** - Lupient Water Slide with three large water slides, a tube slide, and a spray pool. Bag lunches will be served. June 25 is a backup date for the weather. This event is free to all from Elim as we celebrate your presence at our church. Invite your friends to join us! Reservations are required.
- **July 29-31** 2nd Annual kids and family weekend at Ham Lake Camp. The teens will be there on Friday, children, and family on Saturdays, and worship on Sunday. You may bring your tent, camper, or sleep in the building.
- **August 26, 27, or 28** begins with an Elim softball game and fun for kids at Logan Park, a tailgate party in Elim’s parking lot, followed by a Twins Game with free Byron Buxton bobbleheads. Spectator participation is welcome!

Ground Rules: Expect to have F.U.N. Bring your own lawn chair, come and go as you need. Details will be highlighted through the bulletin and Forecaster.



We celebrate a **Wedding Shower** for Kristen Stucker and Carlos Martinez-Luhmann on Saturday, June 4, 3-4:30 pm in the dining room. (Note the time change). This is a great way to extend our welcome to this young couple. Please plan to join us in person or online. Their Wedding Registry is at <https://withjoy.com/carlos-and-kristen/registry> Target; Bed, Bath, & Beyond; Amazon.



John and Kathie Pederson are missionaries with the Scattered To Gathered Initiative through Converge and have officed here at Elim. In October Converge International Ministry brings the global missionaries together for a time of refocusing, refreshment and renewal. The cost is \$2400/couple and is over and above their regular support payments. Pederson's are trusting God to raise the funds necessary for them to attend. Would you help with a tax-deductible financial gift? Your check can be made payable to Converge, with the ID number 217722 in the memo line, and put it in the offering. The offering counters will collect those checks or cash and give them directly to the Pederson's for deposit with Converge. Thank you

Prayerful Pause

“Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.”

Psalm 119:37

SERMON NOTES

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Pastor Paul Stephen Olson, MDiv

Art-A-Whirl 2022, Painting of the Cross and Open House

Artistry and craft that represents the blessing, beauty, and righteousness of God

Malachi 3:10 *“Try Me, and see if I will not open for you the windows of heaven”*

Psalms 84:1-2 *“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!”*

Ezekiel 40:2 *“In the visions of God He took me into the land of Israel...something like the structure of a city”*

The art depicted in the windows at Elim speaks to the hopes and longings of immigrant people.

Scriptures and words inspired by former Pastor Jim Smith preaching series (1985)

- **Sanctuary** (Ps 84:1-2) *A holy place, a sanctuary for balladeers and birds.*
- **Jesus in Gethsemane** (Mark 14:26-42) *The body and soul of prayer, everything in his presence.*
- **Harp** (Eph 5:18-21, Col. 3:16-20, Lk. 15:25) *I hear a symphony, harmony of heaven and earth.*
- **Bible** (2 Tim. 3:14-17/ps. 119) *Your word is truth on which we may stand secure.*
- **Anchor** (Heb. 6:9-20) *Waves cannot sink us, anchor and rope secure our hope.*
- **Rock** (Luke 6:39-49) *we build carefully upon Jesus the bedrock of our faith.*
- **Cross & Crown** (Phil 4:1) *The crown of thorns and reward of lives of faith.*
- **Dove** (Mt. 3:16) *The symbol of God’s dynamic acts, empowerment, and mission.*
- **Calvary Road** (Lk. 9:51-62) *Jesus walked the rugged path toward the cross.*
- **Elim Oasis** (Ex. 15:27) *Gospel for the immigrant (refuge and refreshment) and finding community.*
- **Sheave** (John 4:35, 12:24) *Our lives were sown like seeds, awaiting the harvest, being fellow laborers.*

Painting the Cross

- *The depths of sin and the depths of God’s love in a single sign.*
- *Ernst Kasemann: The cross is “the signature of the one who is risen.”*
- *What does the cross you bear today look like?*

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Responsive Reading

Leader: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. – Hebrews 12:2

...I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ – Philippians 3:8

People: When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Leader: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. – Galatians 6:14

People: Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Leader: Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. – John 15:13

People: See, from his head, his hands, his feet; Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Leader: Then he said to them all: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. – Luke 9:23

People: Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Leader: As Christ loved us, let us love one another. **Amen.**