

## “Introduction to *Experiencing God*”

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*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:33-34*

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### *Living Waters*

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

*Teach Us Your Ways*

*All the Same*

Pastoral Prayer

*Come to Me* \*

Sermon: “Come and See” — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Benediction

Postlude

\* *Children, ages 3-5th grade, will be 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/)

### “Come and See” (Introduction to Experiencing God)

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson, MDiv

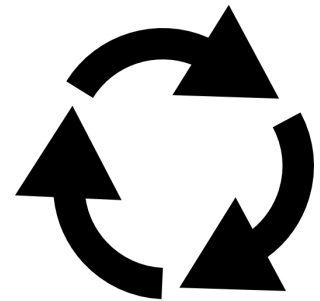
**Text:** John 1:35-42 (An experiencing God movement is formed)

The gospel of Jesus Christ, (Word made flesh, John 1:14) means that it's not enough to just 'know about' God but that we can do God's will and experience his presence in our lives.

Experiencing God in our lives begins as a self-replicating process of discovery, encounter and invitation.

1. Discovery - John 1:35-38a
  - a. Someone points the way (John the Baptist and the Holy Spirit)
  - b. We see for ourselves (they saw and followed him)
  - c. Our motives are exposed (What do you want? - Jesus asked)
2. Encounter - John 1:38a-40
  - a. Further Inquiry (where are you staying?)
  - b. They followed further (“come and see” - Jesus said)
  - c. They spent time together (until the tenth hour)
3. Invitation - John 1:41-42
  - a. Not personal but communal (he found his brother)
  - b. We bring others into discovery and encounter (he brought him to Jesus)
  - c. New name and identity (you shall be called Cephas)

- We don't discover God at work in the world because...
- We don't encounter Jesus because...
- We don't invite others because...
- We stop experiencing God in our lives because...



**Next Week:** “God’s Will and Your Life.” Join us on our summer journey to experience God together through this classic Bible study. So order a book and be ready to begin! Continuing discussions during the Connections Class will be our opportunity to work through this study together. A video version is also available.

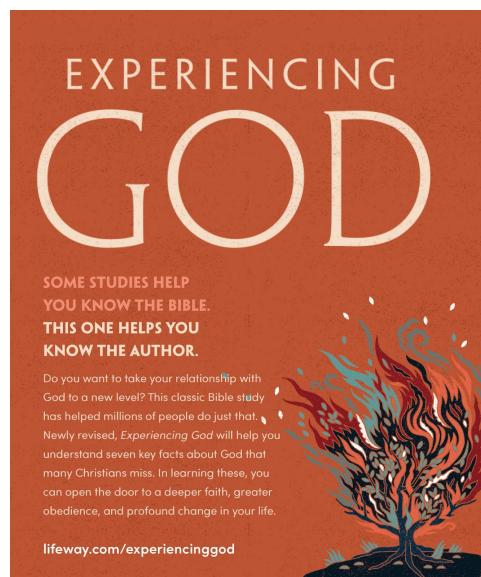
- ***Experiencing God Study Book*** (2021 with Video) [[Link](#)]
- Contact the office if you need assistance purchasing your own book!

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

- TODAY:** 9:30 am The Gathering with Bagels and Beverages (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 Sunday Connections, Adult, Youth and Children's Ministry Options

**6 FRIENDS ARE MEETING AROUND THE CONGREGATION.  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN A GROUP.**



**Experiencing God** this summer! A church-wide 12-week study that will aid us in knowing and following Jesus.

### **Purchase your own copy:**

Experiencing God (2021 with Video) [\[Link\]](#)

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### **Sunday Connections** (11a-Noon)

Join us for group discussion after service each week!

Introduction - Sunday, June 5th

Complete the First Unit by June 12th

Led by: Pastor Paul, Pastor Becky, and Others!

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- 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:** 6 pm Building Maint. Mtg. in Library
- Tues:** Postponed to 6/14 Women's Bible Study on Mark resumes 6/14  
6:30-8:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting in the Lounge
- Wed:** 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study  
6:30-8 pm Youth Group Meeting  
6:30-8 pm GriefShare in the Lounge
- Sat:** 8-10 am Hope Avenue Ministry  
Postponed to 6/25 Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited clothing giveaway
- Sun:** 10 am Honor the graduates in worship

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

- ~~ Tues, 6/14, 9 am MerryMakers' Potluck Breakfast (see upcoming news)
- ~~ Tues, 6/14, 10 am Women's Bible Study on Mark at the online link above
- ~~ Wed, 6/15, 6:30 Lloyd Goodman Memorial Service in the sanctuary
- ~~ Wed, 6/15, 6:30-8 pm GriefShare in the Lounge (The last meeting is 6/22)
- ~~ Sun, 6/19 Father's Day
- ~~ Sun, 6/19, 1 pm Funeral at Elim for John Tyberg
- ~~ Tues, 6/21, 6:30 pm Northeast Parade
- ~~ Fri, 6/24, TBD *FamJam*: Lupient Water Slide

**UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS**

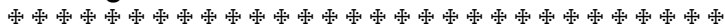
Introducing *Elim FamJam*, the Elim family summer events for all!

- **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 at \$5 each! Reservations are required. Please connect with Pastor Kari.
- **July 29-31** 2nd Annual kids and family weekend at Ham Lake Camp. You are welcome to bring your tent, camper, or sleep in the building. The teens will be there on Friday, children and family on Saturday, and all invited to worship and an Elim family meal on Sunday. Please bring a dish to share. The church will provide meat, buns, beans, and condiments. Bring your own beverage and chair.
- **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!

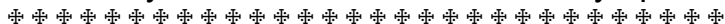


Ground Rules: Expect to have F.U.N. Bring your own lawn chair and beverage, come and go as you need.

Details will be highlighted through the bulletin and Forecaster.



**CALLING ALL ELIM GRADUATES!** If you, or someone you know, recently graduated or will be graduating this Spring, please contact the church office by June 1 with the graduate's name, school, degree (if applicable), and future plans (if known). Elim will recognize its graduates during morning worship on Sunday, June 12. Let us know of any open house dates.



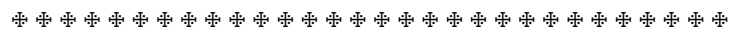
**John and Kathie Pederson** are missionaries with the Scattered To Gathered Initiative through Converge and have officed here at Elim. In October Converge International Ministry brings the global missionaries together for a time of refocusing, refreshment and renewal. The cost is \$2400/couple and is over and above their regular support payments. The Pedersons 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 place it in the offering. The offering counters will collect those checks or cash and give them directly to the Pedersons for deposit with Converge. Thank you!

**Hope Avenue Twin Cities** is open as a day shelter at 1229 Logan Avenue North as the Fire Inspector ordered building improvements before men can continue to sleep there. As such, it's been a while since we've given an update.

- HATC received its 501(c)(3) during Holy Week and is now an independent nonprofit ministry.
- Junail Freeman Anderson and Freedom from the Streets now operate alongside us there.
- We have applied for City Council approval for a zoning variance to host a 24/7 men's shelter there.
- And we await word on a large grant with Hennepin County that we've applied for. This would allow us to finish building improvements, and hire additional staff. The grant would not be applied to our programming which is Christ-based.

Please pray for us as we follow the Lord and love His people. Our desire is to help our Guests grow in their relationship with Christ and away from the addictions and idols of the world that distract them from becoming who God has called them to be.

Please connect with Pastor Becky with any questions or comments.



### **MerryMakers Pot Luck Breakfast, Tuesday, June 14, 9:00 am**

At Joyce and Ed DeHaan's: 2319 Olivia Court East, Maplewood MN 55119

A - M: bring Egg Dish

N - Z: bring Fruit or pastry

Plan on eating outdoors - Bring lawn chairs (Will eat inside depending on weather)

Call if you have questions call Doris' cell: 763-242-6107

#### **Prayerful Pause**

*"...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16*

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