



**Elim Church**

August 21, 2022, 10:00 am

# “Becoming Kingdom People”

*“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7*

## **Welcome to Worship!**

*Open Up The Heavens*

## **Introduction & Interviews**

Mel and Cherie Jones w/Athletes in Action (UofM)  
John and Kathy Pederson w/Hospitality Center & FS2G

## **Prayer and Offering for Elim and Local Missions**

*Oceans  
All The Same \**

## **Guided Reflection: Experiencing Koinonia “Becoming Kingdom People”**

*By Our Love*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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

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



## SERMON NOTES

### “Becoming Kingdom People”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson, MDiv

Koinonia with God is an experience of God’s own presence. The four essentials of Koinonia living are dynamic aspects of human flourishing that include love, submission, experience, and trust. Koinonia with God results in a close fellowship with others who are also regularly experiencing God’s presence.

#### Group silent reflection time:

**Wheat and Weeds** (Matt. 13:24-30) It can be difficult to discern between wheat and weeds.

Acknowledge: we are living side by side with evil and uncertainty in the world.

**The Mustard Seed** (Matt. 13:31-32) Small beginnings are the birthplace for great growth.

Listen: sit in God’s presence, wait and perceive small things taking root in you.

**Yeast** (Matt. 13:33) the kingdom grows slowly/steadily and thoroughly in us.

Grow: ask God to show you the God moments and godly influences.

**Hidden Treasure / Pearl** (Matt. 13:44-46) Belonging to God’s kingdom is worth everything.

Seek: What is the cost? What is the reward?

**Gift of Minas / Talents** (Matt. 25:14-30) Those faithful with little will be made rulers over much.

Stand: come before the master and present what has been produced.

**Next Week (08/28)**: “Experiencing God in Your Daily Life” unit 12, the last unit in *Experiencing God*.

## EVENTS Today

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 Light Breakfast/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-12 pm Sunday Connections, Adult, Youth, and Children's Ministry Options.

**Adult Sunday Connections** will continue studying *Experiencing God* that will aid us in knowing and following Jesus. Join us for a discussion of today's unit after our worship service. Led by: Pastor Paul, Pastor Becky, and Others! Complete the next unit by Sunday next.

**Purchase your own copy:** *Experiencing God* (2021 with Video) [[Link](#)]  
\*contact the office if you need assistance purchasing your own book!

## This Week (August 22-28)

- 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:** 10 am Women's Bible Study on Mark at the online link above
- Tue:** 9 am MerryMakers Picnic at Silverwood Park (see upcoming events)
- Wed:** 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study  
6:30-8 pm Elim Youth Group
- Sat:** 1 pm Elim *FamJam* at Logan and Twins Game
- Sun:** 11 am Youth to the State Fair

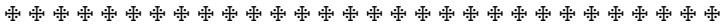
## Save The date (check the events page for information that may be available):

**Monday, 8/29-9/4** Sabbath Rest across the church: all ministries and leaders will experience God's blessing and renewal as we experience a ministry sabbath together as a church.

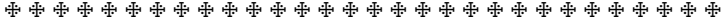
- ~~ Thurs, 9/1, 9-11 am Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited clothing giveaway
- ~~ Mon, 9/5 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- ~~ Tues, 9/6 Building Maintenance Meeting
- ~~ Tues, 9/9 Men's Bible Study begins again
- ~~ Sun, 9/11 Back to Church Sunday
- ~~ Tues, 9/13 MerryMakers Breakfast, location TBD
- ~~ Tues, 9/13 Leadership Team Meeting
- ~~ Wed, 9/14 Wednesday Nite Live
- ~~ 9/16-9/18 Men's Retreat Trout Lake Camp
- ~~ 9/23-9/25 Women's Retreat Trout Lake Camp
- ~~ Fri, 9/30 Parents' Night Out

## UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

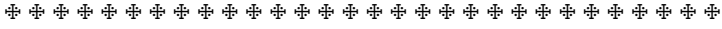
**Help Needed!** Help is needed to spruce up the Mission Residence Apartment. Cleaning, painting, and light maintenance are needed to prepare it for whoever God has for us next as the Mission Resident! August 24th, 25, and 26th from 4 pm to 8 pm are set aside for work days. Come one day or come all 3, your help will be welcome. Please email Beth Dischinger at [bdischinger@comcast.net](mailto:bdischinger@comcast.net) with questions and let me know what day you are available.



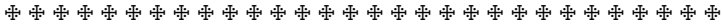
**Church Directory:** After reviewing and correcting multiple errors in the proofs, we (hopefully) will have the print-off of the directory by “Back to Church” Sunday, 9/11.



**6Friends** continues across the church as 80 people meet once a month to get to know each other better. Are you part of a group? Please meet with your current group in August. Everyone will be assigned to a new *6Friends* group the first week in August to begin in September. Meet for a meal with your *6Friends* at a meeting place of your group's choosing. Would you like to join a group? It's as simple as calling the church office at 612.789.3591 or emailing [info@elimchurch.com](mailto:info@elimchurch.com).



**Quarterly Business Meeting:** This quarter's Business Meeting will is in "video" format. A link to it was sent out this week. Included were the Ministry Outlook reports and a financial report. <https://youtu.be/eGSJaUceMlc>



*“So then, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to everyone and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)*

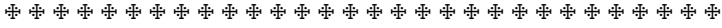
Over the last two months I have diligently updated you on God’s ongoing work with Hope Avenue and Hope Avenue Twin Cities. Today I’ll address the ministry of congregational care at Elim called **ElimCare**.

Here at Elim, many volunteers work alongside the pastors to empower the ElimCare team to be the hands and feet of Jesus and provide compassionate and personal care, encouragement, and support to individuals and families in need of someone to listen; to be present; to provide tangible financial, transportation, food needs; and pray as needed.

How do we do that? ElimCare is a personal touch ministry that finds its roots through the benevolence offering; funerals, weddings, and meal trains; prayer shawl ministry and transportation; GriefShare classes and widow support; online prayer groups; the connection ministry through phone calls, letters and handwritten notes, visitation ministry when appropriate, and prayer; 6Friends and small groups.

If you’d like to try on the ElimCare team and see if this is a way you’d like to be used at Elim, please call Pastor Becky at 612.789.3591 or email her at [becky@elimchurch.com](mailto:becky@elimchurch.com). We’d welcome your help and will work alongside you to train you. There are volunteer spots that fit everyone’s needs. God bless you!

Warmly, Pastor Becky Hanson



## MerryMakers

Summer is fleeting, but we want to enjoy at least one more time outdoors together while we can. Please join us for a Pastry and Coffee time on **Tuesday, August 23**. We will gather again at Silverwood Park on County Road E and Silver Lake Road at 9 a.m. You do NOT need to bring anything unless you wish to bring your own breakfast and eat it among your Elim friends. We will be providing, as the title suggests, pastry and coffee. Bring a lawn chair, join the conversations, and enjoy the lake view.

We plan to be at the same location where we were in July, so enter the park and turn left at the first intersection, drive down to the picnic area on the right. We hope to be at the tables at the top of the hill or just over the footpath to the tables right by the lake, depending on what is available. For ease of walking, park and walk just a few feet to the east to the asphalt path on the right. That way is not as steep as climbing up the grassy hill and brings you right to the point in the path where the tables will be waiting for you. If you need help, some of us will be available to carry your chairs and offer an arm for balance. We will be where there is shade and hopefully a cool breeze.

We look forward to having many of you join us at Silverwood. If you have questions, please call or text Steve or Judy Moseman at 651-402-4267 or 651-245-8151. Or you can email us at [slijamose@msn.com](mailto:slijamose@msn.com). See you Tuesday!

Your MM Planning Team, Nolbys, Tybergs, and Mosemans

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## Wednesday Night Live begins on September 14th. Did you know...

Local chef, Ming-Jin Tong, has already cooked for our first "6 Friends" meal and is scheduled to cook for some of our Wednesday Night Live meals this Fall. He has also just launched his cooking school, Hot Wok Academy, which will be meeting in the Main Elim Kitchen. You can find out more about his classes at [HotWokAcademy.com](http://HotWokAcademy.com), Facebook, Instagram, or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). You might even want to register for a class, a shopping trip, or a "pin" program. It is exciting to see how God has woven together Ming-Jin's passions for cooking, community, and ministry. The Leadership Team is excited to let you know that Elim is happy to be a part of it!



## Wednesday Night Live Will Continue to Meet the 2nd Wed. of the Month

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GriefShare starts up again Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Elim Lounge. (The class runs for 13 weeks.)

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**Seasonal Clothing Donations are needed for Hope Avenue Twin Cities:** underwear, sox, hoodies and jeans, T-shirts, and long-sleeved items. Think ahead to the colder weather too: coats, boots, gloves. Donations may continue to be left in the drop-off box at Elim. Thank you!

### **Prayerful Pause**

Our greatest single contribution to God's kingdom is teaching our children to watch to see where God is at work around them and then join Him.

### **Giving at a Glance**

#### July Glving:

Needed – \$ 39,500  
Received – \$ 36,901

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Needed – \$ 158,000  
Received – \$ 127,882

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