



*Welcome To*  
**ELIM CHURCH**

**2022 Fall Activities Booklet**



# OUR FALL SCHEDULE

## BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Sunday
  - 9:30am Gathering
  - 10:00am Worship Service
    - Join Us in person or online at [www.facebook.com/elimchurchmpls/live](http://www.facebook.com/elimchurchmpls/live)
  - 11:15am-Noon Connections Classes (Page 3)
- Monday
  - 10:00am Women's Bible Study (Page 9)
- Tuesday
  - 9:00am Merry Makers Breakfast ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the MONTH (Page 7)
- Wednesday
  - 6:00pm-8pm (Wednesday Night Live! Community Meal - \$5/person \$10/family WNL ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (page 13)
  - 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting (Page 5)
- Thursday
  - 9:00am-11:00am Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited OPEN ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the MONTH (page 11 and 14)
- Friday
  - 8:00am Men's Bible Study on Zoom Starting September 9<sup>th</sup> (Page 9)
  - 6:30pm Parent's Night Out ~ Friday EVERY OTHER MONTH (September 30<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>) (Page 6)
- Other Regular Events
  - Noon Prayer Online, Monday ~ Friday, 12:00-12:30pm (Page 8)
  - GriefShare ~ starting September 14<sup>th</sup> (for 13 weeks) 6:30pm-8:00pm (Page 10)
  - Building Maintenance Meetings ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays of the MONTH (Page 16)
  - Leadership Team Meetings ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the MONTH (Page 16)
- Special Events
  - September 16-18<sup>th</sup> Trout Lake Men's Retreat (Page 6)
  - September 23-25<sup>th</sup> Trout Lake Women's Retreat
  - October 8<sup>th</sup> Fall Clean-up Work Day at Elim
  - October 28-30<sup>th</sup> Trout Lake Youth Retreat (Page 5)
  - October 30<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Business Meeting
  - October 31<sup>st</sup> Trunk or Treat! (Elim Parking Lot 3:30-6:30pm)
  - Hanging of the Greens – Nov 25th
  - Christmas on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>!



## SUNDAY CONNECTION CLASS OFFERINGS

### (After the Worship Service 11:15am-12noon)

Sunday Connections sessions are designed for connection and learning. Traditional “Sunday schools” are knowledge based and are hierarchical in learning style. Sunday connections are still content rich, but do so in a horizontal and relational way, seeking to help one another to apply knowledge in practical and personal ways.

### Elim Kids

For More information on Kids Connections Classes see the Elim Kids on page 4.

### The Chosen: unplugged

Any time we read the Bible or create an artistic representation of it, we are interpreting it. The Chosen TV mini-series will soon be entering its third season and has been widely praised for its thought-provoking, biblically-grounded scripts, and excellent production values. Join us in the Elim Dining Room for Sunday Connections as we watch the series together with time for discussion of our own understanding of the Gospels and how they are portrayed in The Chosen. We will be using the companion book *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*. The Elim Youth will be joining us with their own leaders to facilitate discussion at their tables.

Tv Series: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

Ratings: 9.6 Rating (IMDB) 99% Rating (Rotten Tomatoes)

Teacher/Facilitator: Brian Turnquist and Kyle Marsh

### Practicing the King's Economy (8 Weeks)

Before we can faithfully serve alongside the poor, we need to understand why Jesus came to earth in the first place. All our strategies for helping the poor need to be anchored in understanding ourselves as citizens in God's kingdom. Through eye-opening true stories of economic discipleship in action, and solid exploration of six key biblical themes, we will offer practical ways for God's people to earn, invest, spend, compensate, save, share, and give in ways that embody God's love and provision for the world.

Video Intro: <https://vimeo.com/325299063>

Class Curriculum from Chalmers.org: <https://tinyurl.com/uce7wfrf>

Teacher/Facilitator: Pastor Paul

\*The Chalmers Center is a globally recognized resource that exists to “help shape the way churches and Christian nonprofits think about and respond to poverty.”



# ELIM KIDS

Kids Sunday Children's Church and Connections led by Kari Nelson

3-year-olds through 5th Grade

3rd-floor Atrium

Sundays: 10:00 am -10:20 am- Worship with parents in the Sanctuary

10:20 am -11:00 am - Children's Church

11:00 am -12:00 pm - Children's Connections

Children ages 3 to 5th grade will be released before the sermon to a special children's program run by Kari Nelson. Families can sign in and register children at the 3rd-floor lobby before the service or accompany their child to the 3rd-floor when they are released from the service to sign in.

3-year-olds - Kindergarten

Our preschool children are using Trueway Bible lessons designed for preschool kids to explore the Bible and enjoy God. Each week, they discover a new Bible story and get deeper into God's Word by incorporating play-based Bible learning and art activities.

1st Grade-5th Grade

This fall our Sunday Connections class for the Elementary will be a continuation of the lesson taught during Children's Church. We are sequentially walking through the Bible starting in the Old Testament as the lesson reveals the True Story of God's plan. Our Connections time also includes kid-friendly worship, games and awesome art projects integrating the theme of each week. Check out our decorations each week of our ministry space as we design the space to look like the Ancient Biblical narrative we are studying.

Nursery led by Colleen Knuth

Infant – 24 months

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Atrium

Sundays 10:00am-11:00am

(we have it staffed for sure until 11, and are looking for volunteers for the connection hour)

Safe, supervised, and loving care for our youngest Elim members. The nursery is staffed with two volunteers each Sunday morning from 10:00am-11:00. Contact Colleen Knuth at [colleentr@gmail.com](mailto:colleentr@gmail.com) for more information or for volunteer opportunities.



# ELIM YOUTH

Wednesday nights continue this fall with the addition of a few Friday night and Sunday afternoon events with other students from Northeast churches as well as a weekend retreat in October! We look forward to a great fall with our youth!

On Sundays the youth will *join "The Chosen" Connections* class and sit at their own table. The youth are providing childcare for the Friday Parents Night Out as a fundraiser for the youth retreat. Please plan to attend and help if you are coming to the retreat!

Schedule for Fall 2022 (Some dates subject to change!)

## September

- 14 – WNL Community Meal begins at 6pm, Youth Group from 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Dining Room)
- 21 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)
- 28 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)
- 30 – Parents Night Out! 5:30-8:30pm (Youth Provide Activities for Kids age 1-10)

## October

- 2 – Youth Group Lunch After Church (NE Students)
- 5 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)
- 12 – WNL Community Meal begins at 6pm, Youth Group from 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Dining Room)
- 19 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)
- 26 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)
- 28-30 – Trout Lake Fall Retreat (Elim Parking Lot to load vans)
- 31 – Trunk or Treat! (Elim Parking Lot, Gymnasium in case of bad weather)

## November

- 9 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)
- 11 – Youth Group Lunch After Church (NE Students)
- 16 – WNL Community Meal begins at 6pm, Youth Group from 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Dining Room)
- 18 – Parents Night Out! Followed by Night Games until 10:30 at Elim (NE Students)
- 23 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)
- 30 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)

## December

- 7 – Youth Group 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Gym, 13th Ave Entrance)
- 14 – WNL Community Meal and Christmas Party! Meal begins at 6pm,
- 21 – Youth Group from 6:30-8pm (Meet at Elim Dining Room)
- 28 – Open Gym and Games 6:30-9pm for Ages 10+31 – New Years Celebration

Questions? Contact Pastor Paul [paul@elimchurch.com](mailto:paul@elimchurch.com) c: 763-688-4242  
Adult Youth Workers: Brian Turnquist, Heather Carlson, Andy Johnson, Carolyn Pinke! Please let Pastor Paul know or call the office if you are interested in serving with the youth group!



# ELIM ADULTS

## Opportunities to Serve, Grow and Worship during Special Events

Wednesday Night Live! – Join us for a meal starting at 6pm, \$5/person or \$10/family. If you would like to serve along side Ming-Jinn from Hot Wok Academy, please contact the Elim Church Office.

September 16-18<sup>th</sup> Trout Lake Men's Retreat

September 23-25<sup>th</sup> Trout Lake Women's Retreat

Grab some friends (or fly solo) and join us in the north woods at Trout Lake Camps – "a meeting place with God" since 1945. Step outside of the norm for a chance to dig deeper into your faith, connect with other guys and have a lot of fun. Breathe in the fresh air and see what God can do in just 40 hours. That scent in the air? Rest, renewal, rejuvenation (and grilled meat). More than a change of scenery, it's a change of spirit.

September 30<sup>th</sup> Parents Night Out (see below)

October 8<sup>th</sup> Fall Clean-up Work Day at Elim

October 28-30<sup>th</sup> Trout Lake Youth Retreat

(adult male and female chaperones needed! See Pastor Paul for details)

October 30<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Business Meeting

October 31<sup>st</sup> Trunk or Treat! (Elim Parking Lot 3:30-6:30pm)

Hanging of the Christmas Greens – Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

November 27<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, December 25 - *Christmas Buddies Prayer Initiative*

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

September 30<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:30-8:30 pm

3<sup>rd</sup>-floor Atrium

Moms and Dads of 1-10 year old's, mark your calendars for these "date nights" and our older youth and ministry leaders will watch the kids at Elim. We are providing affordable childcare at \$10 a kid or \$30 for a family and helping the Youth raise money for camp registration. Children will need to be fed supper before they come and PJs are encouraged. Our Youth are ready to tire your kids out with lots of activities, snacks and games. Registration for this event will be at the door. See Kari Nelson for any questions. [kari@elimchurch.com](mailto:kari@elimchurch.com)



## ELIM SENIOR ADULTS

### Special events hosted by the Merry Makers!

Our Merry Makers planning team (Steve, Judy, Clayton, Doris, Rod and Ruth) is inviting you to some special events for us to enjoy together this fall season. We hope you will join us!

Breakfasts (Second Tuesday of the Month)  
the location to be announced monthly. Please RSVP by the Friday before to Barb Gabel at [barbara.gabel@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.gabel@gmail.com) so she can advise the restaurant regarding our headcount.

Friday, September 23, at 7:30pm - we will be attending a FREE organ concert at Bethel University in the Great Hall. Bradley Hunter Welch is hailed as a “world-class virtuoso” The concert is at 7:30. After the concert we will hang out together at Perkins on County Road D in New Brighton.

Thursday, October 20, at 10:30 a.m. Bonita Johnson will lead the Merry Makers on a walk in Locke County Park. Lunch together at Panges Mediterranean Market and Grill will follow. Directions to the park and restaurant will be sent in a timely manner via a future email.

In November we will be volunteering again at Feed My Starving Children. Date and time to be announced.

In December the Merry Makers will be hosted by Clayton and Doris Nolby for our annual Christmas Potluck at noon on Wednesday, December 14.

Again, details for each event will be forthcoming. Please put these special events on your calendar and look forward to times together!

### Christmas Buddies Prayer Initiative

November 27-January 1

Similar to “*Easter Buddies*” this past spring, Children and Youth at Elim are paired with a prayer buddy adult who will pray for them continuously through the holiday season and be revealed in the new year.



## OTHER MINISTRIES

### ELIM NOON PRAYER TIME

Monday – Friday  
12:00pm – 12:30pm  
Online

Join us for Prayer and Scripture with our Pastors. The Meeting URL is:  
<https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk> or by phone at 1-401-684-3085, PIN: 724 649 481#.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday ~ Every other month  
September 30 and November 18, 2022

We love our pre-school and grade school parents! This will be a time for the parents of 1-10 year old's to have a “date night” while we watch the children.

### MERRY MAKERS (see page 7 for more Merry Makers info)

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
9:00am Breakfast

Leaders: Steve and Judy Moseman, Clayton and Doris Nolby, Rod and Ruth Tyberg

Merry Makers are continuing the tradition of breakfasts once a month that the Seniors and Adults have enjoyed for years. We will have breakfast at a local restaurant on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise specified in the church bulletin or via email. Please contact Barb Gabel at [Barbara.gabel@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.gabel@gmail.com) who makes the group reservation each month.



**6Friends** continues across the church as 80 people meet once a month to reconnect and get to know each other. A new 6Friends group has started in September. They will meet for a meal at a meeting place of their group's choosing. Would you like to join a group? It's as simple as calling the church office at 612.789.3591 or sending an email to [info@elimchurch.com](mailto:info@elimchurch.com)





## OTHER MINISTRIES

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday ~ weekly

10:00am-11:30am

Online

Leader: Pastor Becky Hanson

Join us each week in our in-depth study of Mark. We have been studying key words, themes and concepts—pericope by pericope. We begin on September 12 on chapter 7.

The Meeting URL is: <https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk> or by phone at 1-401-684-3085, PIN: 724 649 481#.

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday ~ weekly (starting September 27)

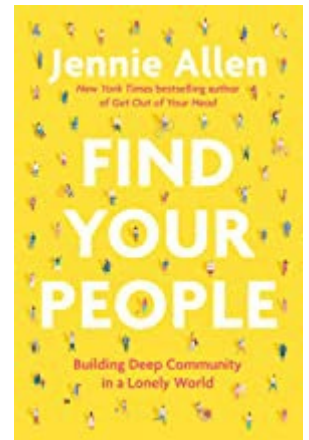
6:30-8 pm

In-person in the lounge and Online (see link below)

Leader: Pastor Becky Hanson

Join us each week as we work through Jennie Allen's "Find Your People: Building Deep Community in a Lonely World."

**You Aren't Alone in Feeling Alone:** Jennie looks at the original community in Genesis, the Trinity, and the creation of people to see what God had planned for us all along, Jennie offers practical solutions for creating true community in a world that's both more connected and more isolating than ever before. Because while the ache of loneliness is real, it doesn't have to be your reality.



The Meeting URL is: <https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk> or by phone at 1-401-684-3085, PIN: 724 649 481#.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday ~ weekly (starting September 9<sup>th</sup>)

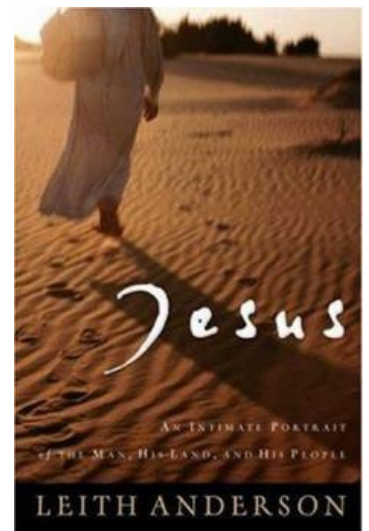
8:00am-9:30am

Online

Leader: Stephen Murck ([smurck@gmail.com](mailto:smurck@gmail.com))

We will be studying Leith Anderson's book "JESUS An Intimate Portrait of THE Man, His Land, and His People". Leith is the former pastor of Wooddale Church.

If you want to join us, please contact Stephen Murck at [smurck@gmail.com](mailto:smurck@gmail.com) to add your email to the list of participants. We look forward to a very good time together in the discussion, insight, and understanding of the time and area when Christ was on this earth.





## GRIEF and SUPPORT MINISTRIES

### RE-COVERING IN GOD DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Wednesday - weekly

6:00pm-7:00pm

In-person ~ Prayer Room

Leader: Sue Watlov Phillips

This devotional study is open to anyone who wants to get closer to God and receive support from their Christian brothers and sisters. We read a chapter from the “Purpose Driven Life”, and a devotional from “Jesus Calling”, “Recovering in God” and verses from the Bible. Our time concludes in sharing prayer requests and praying for each other and we conclude by praying the Lord’s prayer together.

Facilitated by Sue Watlov Phillips. Please email [suewatlovp@aol.com](mailto:suewatlovp@aol.com) if you have any questions.

Starting Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Weekly, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

In-person ~ Elim Lounge

Leaders: Jill and Dennis Jezierski



GriefShare is a Christ-centered, support group for those journeying through one of life’s most difficult experiences - grieving the loss of a loved one. GriefShare will meet weekly for thirteen weeks. Folks will gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help them deal with loss and look forward to rebuilding a life. How GriefShare Works:

1. Video seminar with experts Each week the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments, and on-location videos.
2. Group discussion with focus After viewing the video, group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week’s video seminar and what is going on in their lives.
3. Personal study and reflection During the week, group members will have the opportunity to use a workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out emotions through journaling. The group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study.

For more information contact Jill or Dennis Jezierski. Jill: [jander1550@gmail.com](mailto:jander1550@gmail.com) 612.860.6691 (cell) Dennis: [djprototech@gmail.com](mailto:djprototech@gmail.com) 763.753.3406 (cell)



## OTHER MINISTRIES

### THE BOOK CLUB

Third Monday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., and May  
7:00 pm  
Online

The Elim Book Club will meet online this year. Information will be sent out for each meeting giving the title of the book being discussed. For questions or to add your email address to the ZOOM email, call Barb Gabel (651.697.9613) or email ([barbara.gabel@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.gabel@gmail.com)).

### KIDZ KLOZET

First Thursday of every Month  
9:00am-11:00am

The Kidz Klozet is a free clothing closet offering slightly used clothes for children, ages newborn through teen. If you are interested in donating clothes or want to learn more about the Kidz Klozet and volunteer opportunities, please contact Janice Schreck ([hjschrecks@msn.com](mailto:hjschrecks@msn.com))

### THE UNLIMITED

First Thursday of every Month  
9:00am-11:00am

The Unlimited is a free store offering women's clothing that is slightly used but in excellent condition. We serve any woman in need (including women of Elim), in an environment of dignity and respect.

If you'd like to donate clothing to The Unlimited, please call the church office for drop-off procedures. If you're interested in learning more about The Unlimited and volunteer opportunities, please contact Jan Wilson ([doddyjwilson@aol.com](mailto:doddyjwilson@aol.com))

## PARTNER MINISTRIES



*A Day Shelter for Men and Women*  
Monday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm  
Saturdays 9:00am – 11:00am

Hope Avenue has had 16 great years of being blessed and used by the Lord through Elim Church in NE Minneapolis. The Father is blessing us even now as He merges us into our daughter ministry – Hope Avenue Twin Cities, the Citygate Network Shelter that launched out of our ministry this last winter to host a Christ centered year-round shelter in North Minneapolis.

We are now located at:

### HOPE AVENUE TWIN CITIES

1229 Logan Avenue North  
Minneapolis

Shelter Phone #: 612.709.0326

Bus route: the intersection of  
Plymouth and Logan



**At the little red brick church**

Depending on the day of the week, join us for:

- \* Breakfast at 9:00am
- \* Lunch at 12:30pm
- \* Clothing closet
- \* Craft time
- \* Haircuts
- \* Footcare
- \* Showers
- \* Advocacy
- \* Black American support group

Every Day:

- \* Freedom from the Streets join us daily.
- \* And, of course, we get to praise Jesus!

Coming this Fall:

- \* Programming for addiction recovery
- \* Bible classes (and possibly a men's overnight shelter if we raise the money).

Join Us:

If you're interested in learning more about Hope Avenue Twin Cities or volunteer opportunities, please contact Pastor Becky Hanson at [becky@elimchurch.com](mailto:becky@elimchurch.com)

## PARTNER MINISTRIES



### HOT WOK ACADEMY

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, starting September 14

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

In-person ~ Main Church Kitchen

Leader: Ming-Jin Tong

Local chef, Ming-Jin Tong, is a long time pastor who has a passion for food and community. He 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!





## OTHER MINISTRIES

### *Volunteering*

- **Elim Care Team** ♥
  - Work along side the pastors at Elim to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Provide compassionate and personal care, encouragement and support to individuals/families who are in need of someone to listen, to be present and to be prayed for. Receive the empowerment to provide tangible financial, transportation, and food needs.
  - Greeters
  - Ushers
  - Gathering
  - Kids Ministry
- **Community**
  - Kidz Klozet
  - The Unlimited
  - HATC
  - Church Office
    - Receptionist
    - Wedding Coordinator
    - Funeral Coordinator
    - Event Coordinator
    - Project Coordinator



# ELIM PRESCHOOL

## ELIM PRESCHOOL

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Elim Preschool's mission is to provide a high-quality, affordable early childhood program in a faith-based environment for children ages 3-5, which will prepare them socially and academically for Kindergarten. We also seek to educate and equip parents, that they may have the resources and skills to best nurture their children's growth and development. Our vision for the future is to remain rooted as a community preschool, flexible and responsive to meet changing community needs, and financially sustainable through diversified funding streams so families with limited income, time, and resources have access to equality education.

**What Do We Teach?** We provide a strong foundation academically and socially to prepare children for Kindergarten. We use the Core Knowledge® curriculum sequence to teach a "core" of competencies in five areas: Autonomy & Social Skills, Language Development, Work Habits, Movement & Coordination, and Knowledge & Cognitive Development (including math, science, music, and verbal arts). Since current research shows that early literacy skills are the best predictor of future school success, oral language, and pre-reading skills are a major focus.

**What Does It Mean To Be Faith-Based?** Core Knowledge is what we teach; the Christian faith is the basis for how we teach it. We value all students as gifts from God and honor the way they are created and how they learn best. Our teachers are kind and compassionate and will guide the children in respecting one another. We pray before snack time, use stories from the Bible and sing Jesus Loves Me at the close of each day. Children of any faith are welcome and are treated with respect.

**What Age Groups Do We Serve?** Children ages 3 to 5 years old.

**When Does Preschool Begin?** Classes begin the second week of September and end the last week in May. If you have questions as to Elim Preschool policies or procedures, or need more information, please contact the Preschool Director, Michelle Espelien at the above phone number or email address.

**How Can I Help?** The Preschool is always looking for subs in case of teacher absences. Contact the Preschool office for details!



## Our Pastors, Staff, & Leadership

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