

# "Bear Good Fruit, Watch Out for False Prophets!"

"Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Matthew 7:15b

# Welcome to Worship!

O God, Our Help In Ages Past Your Love, O Lord

**Announcements and Offering** 

**Update from Dr. Pat of News Service 2000** 

Draw Me Nearer Come As You Are

Children's Moment \*

"Bear Good Fruit, Watch Out for False Prophets!" (SOTM, Part 16)

Pastor Becky Hanson

**Prayer of Dedication for the New Year** 

Speak, O Lord

Benediction

**Postlude** 



# SERMON

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\* Children will remain in the service.

Join us next week in-person or online at 10 am at facebook.com/elimchurchmple/live

Check out audio sermons from past weeks at www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive

SERMON SERIES

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

#### **WELCOME TO ELIM THIS MORNING!**

**TODAY:** 9:30 am The Gathering with Bagels and Beverages (Dining Room)

9:45 am Prayer Room for anyone needing prayer with a pastor

10 am **New Year's Worship Service** (in person and on Facebook)

https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live

11 am Dr. Pat of News Service 2000 will be here during the Sunday

Connections Time to give an update on the global church

movement that is experiencing persecution.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS**

Noon Prayer Time begins afresh on January 3.

#### January 3rd Event for the ladies - high school and up!

For the last few years, I have hosted an evening event with my friend Jo Saxton for women from Mill City and their friends. We call this event "Hello Goodbye" - it is a process we designed that helps us look back on 2022 and prepare for 2023. We invite the Lord into this process and ask for God's leadership in the New Year!

It is a time of short teaching, silent reflection and table discussion. We also have some tasty hors d'oeuvres and desserts. We would love for you to join us! Here are the details...

When: Tuesday, January 3rd, 6:30-8:30 pm Where: Elim Dining Room

Who: Women from Mill City, Elim and any friends they'd like to invite!

RSVP: <a href="https://buytickets.at/josaxton/819903">https://buytickets.at/josaxton/819903</a> - there is a \$10 suggested donation (optional)

I hope you had a great Christmas! Peace, Pastor Steph

January 7th Elim Memories Gathering: You are invited to join others from Elim on Saturday, January 7, at 9 am in the sanctuary for a time of sharing memories of Elim. Roger Dahl is facilitating the event as we draw together to write/read and talk/listen to our and each other's favorite memories, images and even feelings regarding Elim Church. This process emphasizes the value of individual thought; it provides a grieving process and some catharsis; it enhances a sense of community; and will leave a written and video record of our memories and values. And it may, at times, be fun, provocative and endearing.

The office can give you a question sheet to help form your thoughts. Roger seeks a volunteer to collect the memories into a book of some form of permanent record and JD has plans for the video part.

Memories shared are important and in many ways we will be "lifting up" current and past friends and family, the work of God in and by Elim and aspects of our collective and personal past.

#### January 8th CHRISTMAS BUDDIES REVEAL!

The envelopes revealing the identities of the Christmas Buddies will be available in the dining room after the service on January 8. Take a moment to connect with your buddy as we join for fellowship. Thank you for praying!

**January 10th MerryMakers January Breakfast**: 9 am at Fat Nat's Eggs, 2700 39th Ave NE. RSVP by Jan 6 ruthtyberg@icloud.com or 612-718-8949

**Youth:** Weekly: Sundays 9:30-10 am - Devo and Donuts

Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm - Youth Group

Other Events (more to come in January):

Winter Getaway - January 27-29 - This is an all-church retreat but that includes programming for the youth who are able to come. Registration

Winter Splash - February 17-20th - details and registration

Please help the Kidz Klozet serve with excellence:

- We are accepting all clothing now for any season
- We particularly need girls' clothing: 9 and 12-month and sizes 4, 5, and 6
- Volunteers are needed to process donations
- We need workers on Thursday, January 2, when the Klozet is open for the giveaway.

Please connect with Janice about your availability or any questions at hjschrecks@msn.com

### **Change of Address:**

Stephen Murck 73850 362nd St. Kimball, MN 55353

## **Prayerful Pause**

Continue to pray for Elim and Mill City as the Lord knits us together as one church, called to a future and a hope centered in Him.

#### **SERMON NOTES**

"Bear Good Fruit, Watch Out for False Prophets!" (SOTM, Part 16)

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Matthew 7:15-23 TLV:

15 "Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. 16 You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. 18 A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. 19 So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. 20 Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

How do you discern a true or a false prophet?

How can you tell if a teaching is false? What kind of fruit would a false prophet produce?

The Lord sets the standards for true and false disciples.

What kind of fruit are you producing?

Prayer of dedication as we enter the New Year

Next Week: SOTM, Part 17

### This Week (January 1-8, 2023)

Mon: Church Office is Closed

Tues-Fri: 12 noon Noon Online Prayer Meeting

URL: <a href="https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk">https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk</a>
Phone: +1 401-684-3085 PIN: 724 649 481#

Begins again on January 3

**Tues:** 6:30-8:30 pm "Hello Goodbye" Gathering for women of Elim/Mill City

(see Upcoming Events)

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

6:30-8 pm Youth Group meeting

**Thurs** 9-11 am Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited open to those in need

Fri: 8-9:30 am Men's Bible Study online resumes

**Sat**: 9 am Elim Memories Gathering in the Sanctuary

Sun: 9:30 am-Noon Last 'Elim only' Sunday Worship Service

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

~~ Mon, 1/9, 10 am Women's Online Bible Study on Mark resumes

~~ Tues, 1/10, 9 am MerryMakers Breakfast at Fat Nat's Eggs

~~ Tues, 1/10, 6:30 pm Leadership Team meeting

~~ Wed, 1/11, 6 pm Building Maintenance meeting

~~ Sun, 1/15, 9:30-10 am Devo & Donuts for Youth at Las Estrellas (weekly)

~~ Sun, 1/15, 10 am Worship Service at Mill City at Las Estrellas

School, 1201 University Ave NE

w/children's church and care for 5th grade & under.

~~ Sun, 1/18, 6:30-8 pm Youth Group at Las Estrellas

~~ Mon, 1/23, 2 pm Memorial service for Adam Newton, Kathy Huffman's 39yo

son in Elim's Chapel



#### Giving at a Glance

**November Giving:** 

Needed - \$ 39,500 Received - \$ 27,429 Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Needed - \$ 316,000 Received - \$ 304,788

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