

Order of Worship
November 13, 2022
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Elim Reformed Church — Kings, IL

***Please stand, if possible**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes:

First to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed-

A righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith!"

*Hymn #524 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Prayer of Confession

Lord, your love is amazing! Despite our sin, You have graciously pursued us and saved us from sin and death. We are so grateful to be part of Your family, and yet we confess how slow and fearful we are to extend that invitation to others. You encourage us to go to them, but we would prefer to have them come to us. Lord, forgive us for turning the great commission into our great

omission. Help us to see that the very best gift we can give anyone, is to share the good news of Jesus Christ. It's in His name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives!

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Prayer

*Hymn #525 "Make Me a Blessing"

Sermon "They're Grrreat!: Go"

*Hymn #538 "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the month of November, we will be collecting food and taking monetary donations to go to the **Rochelle Christian Food Pantry**. Some specific needs are: refried beans, cereal, dried potato packages, paper goods, and hygiene products. For every \$1.00 donation they can purchase about \$8.00 in food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

We will have cake following the service today to celebrate **November birthdays & anniversaries**. Everyone is welcome to join!!

We're having a **Thanksgiving Potluck** next Sunday, November 20 after our worship service. The turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy will be furnished. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex so we can have approximate head count. Then afterwards, everyone is invited to stay and help **decorate** our church for Christmas. It should be a lot of fun and many hands make light work!

End of Year Reports from church committees are due Thursday, December 1 to the church office. Reports can be emailed to fhayenga@aol.com. Any questions or problems, let Faith know.

Just a reminder.... We will be doing the **Mitten Tree** during the Christmas season again. So, if you're seeing any good deals on hats, mittens, any winter apparel, pick them up and we'll be collecting them soon!

There is invitation to attend the *100th birthday celebration* for **Ida Frey** on the bulletin board. More details are posted. If you would like to send her a card, please send it to:

1807 Linden Ave., Cedar Falls, IA 5013

Elim was the late John & Ida Frey's first church call and they served from 1951-1957.



Brittany and Nick Somers welcomed their daughter, Charli Nicole, on 11/7/22. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to the family!!

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Consistory HIGHLIGHTS from November 6

- ~ TREASURER'S REPORTS Balances (10/31/22):
 - General Fund - \$529.26
 - Building & Grounds - \$18,110.79
 - Investment Fund - \$338,491.09
 - Benevolent Fund - \$5256.01
- ~ The 2023 Budget was discussed
- ~ Approved additional \$100 gift to Rockford Rescue Mission from 2022 surplus Benevolent Fund
- ~ Discussed
 - trial purchase of a new headset microphone
 - confirmed use of candles for Christmas Eve service
 - continuing the Mitten tree
 - relocating the piano upstairs and disposition of the Clavinova
 - Classis of Illinois will meet at Elim on March 21, 2023
 - scheduled a consistory appreciation dinner
 - following the Thanksgiving Potluck on Nov. 20 we will decorate the church for Christmas

Prayer Concerns

(please remember these and others in your prayers!)

- ✝ *John Swanson*- being treated for kidney & prostate cancer
- ✝ *Jamie Bee's mother*- facing serious complications from glaucoma
- ✝ *Blanche Houston*- suffering from back/leg pain
- ✝ *Peggy Howe*- being treated for breast cancer
- ✝ *Marla Rozeboom, Jan Maas, and Diane Terviel*- dealing with chronic health issues
- ✝ *Amber*- being treated for stage 4 metastasized cancer