

Alexandria Covenant Church

September 10, 2023

Text **ACCNEWS** to **77222** to receive the bulletin Saturdays



Alpha

Starts Sept. 14 | 6:00 pm | Hall

Foundations matter. Deepen your understanding of Christianity and build community with others. You'll experience a catered meal, video teaching, and great discussion.

Sunday Evening Prayer

Tonight | 6:30 pm | Great Room

Begin your week refreshed with prayer! Submit a prayer request by filling out a yellow prayer card and dropping it into the offering plate, or submit one online and we will pray over your requests.

Men's Golf Event

September 16 | 9:30 am

Hardwood Hills | \$30

Do you love golf? Interested in connecting with men from our church? Come get to know others through a round of golf and lunch. Bring a friend or be paired with a group. Cost \$30. Includes lunch. Questions? Jeff Snyder, 320.759.3133.



[Click to sign up!](#)

GriefShare

Sundays, starting Sept 17

Widows & Widowers

3:00 - 5:00 pm | H101

Loss of a Significant Loved One

5:30 - 7:30 pm | H102

Are you grieving the death of a spouse or a loved one? Find hope and healing in a weekly grief support group. Contact Mary Glanzer at 320.760.0258 to register. For more information pick up a brochure at the Welcome Desk.

Women's Badminton & Bonfire S'mores Night

September 18 | 6:30 pm

104 7th Street West, Carlos MN

Come out for a bonfire and badminton night! Even if you don't want to play, join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food. Bring a lawn chair. Questions? Kaylee Emter, 320.815.6092.

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LOVING JESUS. BECOMING LIKE JESUS. SHARING JESUS.

Hymn Sing

September 24 | 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of worship as we sing hymns and choruses of praise! Childcare will be provided. Stay for coffee and desserts afterwards!

Nursery Staff Needed

We are seeking someone who loves God and kids to join our nursery team. The position is part-time (5-10 hours/week). Shifts include some Sundays, weeknights, and potential for weekdays, depending on availability. Interested? Contact Paula Pallas at 218.301.4597 or stop by the church office to pick up an application.

Vehicle Need

LifeRight Outreach

LifeRight Outreach is in need of a reliable passenger van for transferring residents when there are group projects or events. If you, or anyone you know, is able to help meet this need, please contact Kim at 320.759.3930.

Greece Tour Fall 2024

October 15-26, 2024

Info packet at the Welcome Desk

Exploring the land of the Bible can help bring the Bible to life. Join Pastor Trinity Opp on a 12-day tour of Greece to "Walk in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul" October 15-26, 2024. This experience includes a 4-night Greek Isles Cruise with an optional 3-day Rome extension. For more information check out the brochure at the Welcome Desk, or call Pastor Trinity at 320.763.5659.

Volunteers Needed

Life Connections

Life Connections is looking for cooks and child caregivers to assist with the Mom Talk program. Could you provide a hot or cold meal for 15 people one Tuesday each month during the school year? Could you help to care for children from 11:30 to 2:30 on Tuesdays starting September 12? Contact Susan Rook at 320.219.8891 if interested or with any questions.

"I see Christ wrestling there."

- Margaret Wilson (Fair Sunshine)

Check out this book and many others downstairs in our church library!

Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Total In-person	Total Online	Weekly Giving (General Fund)	Weekly Need	Campaign Giving YTD
733	250	\$61,673.09	\$38,000.00	\$176,318.14

Choir

Practice begins September 13

Do you like to sing? Come join the Alexandria Covenant Church Choir! Practices are on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, and we sing regularly at the 8:00 am worship service. Ages 13+, no audition required. Questions? Contact Naomi Sands, 320.763.5659.

Staff

Trinity Opp

Senior Pastor

Dave Mergens

Pastor of
Adult Formation

Gregg Donnelly

Pastor of
Connection & Care

Brian Farka

Pastor of
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Sarah Erickson

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School Ministry

Naomi Sands

Director of
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David LeVahn

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Linda LeVahn

Director of Design
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Chanda Winkels

Pastor of Children
& Family Ministry

Kristi Ferguson

Director of Preschool
Ministry

Paula Pallas

Director of Nursery
Ministry

David Englund

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Groups & Bible Studies

Sunday, Sept. 10

Adult Sunday School

9:30 am | S100

High School Guys

Sunday School

9:30 am | H101

Young Adult Bible Study

11:00 am | S100

Monday, Sept. 11

Men's Inductive Bible Study

Noon | GR200

Celebrate Recovery

6:00 pm | Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Men's Bible Study Fellowship

7:00 pm | Great Room

Thursday, Sept. 14

Women's Bible Study Fellowship

9:30 am | Great Room

Seniors Bible Study

1:30 pm | Patio

Friday, Sept. 15

Men's Friday Bible Study

6:15 am | GR200

Veterans Bible Study

6:30 am | GR204

Saturday, Sept. 16

Men of Mighty Prayer

8:00 am | GR200

ENGAGE

CLASSES & GROUPS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS



YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study Sundays | 11:00 am | \$100

Join in on an inductive Bible study currently going through 1 John! Open to ages 18-29. Whether you are single, married or somewhere inbetween – this is a space for you to meet other young adults at Alexandria Covenant and connect with God. Stay afterwards for a home-cooked meal and hangout!

**Questions? David Englund,
320.763.5659**

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Thursdays | 7:00 pm Alexandria College

Area young adults - including current students, recent graduates, and individuals launching a career - gather to deepen our faith in the Lord and grow in community.

**Questions? Andrew Peabody,
320.491.1249**

ADULTS

Alpha

Thursdays | 6:00-8:00 pm | Hall Beginning September 14

What is the meaning of life? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? Why and how should I read the Bible? If you'd like to explore questions like these, then Alpha is for you. This course is geared especially for people interested in investigating Christianity or Christians who want to brush up on the basics or deepen their faith. Alpha's relaxed, relational sessions revolve a weekly dinner, video series, and small group discussion. Anyone is encouraged to come and any question is welcome.

**Questions? Kevin Jones,
507.206.7584**

SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Adult Bible Study Thursdays | 1:30 pm | Patio

Adults 65+ are invited to explore various biblical themes and topics. This is also a time for great fellowship and community!

**Questions? Pastor Gregg,
763.516.1914**

MEN

Men's Bible Study Fellowship®

Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30 pm

Great Room | Starts Sept. 12

Bible Study Fellowship is an in-depth bible study for men. This year we are studying the gospel of John. Come join us for large group teaching time and small group discussion.

**Questions? Eric Nelson,
320.808.6564 or Jeff Snyder,
320.219.1186**

Men's Inductive Bible Study

Mondays | Noon-1:00 pm

Great Room 200

Men, join us as we study God's Word and encourage each other in our faith journey. Each meeting will involve teaching, discussion, and application.

**Questions? David Englund,
320.763.5659**

Wednesday Morning Breakfast

Wednesdays | 6:30 am

Northwoods Cafe

Come for breakfast, brotherhood, and time in the Bible. This group is open to any man looking to connect with other men around a meal and God's Word.

**Facilitator: Ryan Rooney,
320.760.0260**

Thursday Morning Breakfast

Thursdays | 6:30 am

Common Grounds Cafe

Come for breakfast, brotherhood, and time in the Bible. This group is open to any man looking to connect with other men around God's Word and coffee.

**Facilitator: Pastor Dave,
320.763.5659**

Men's Friday Bible Study

Fridays | 6:15 am

Great Room 200

Be "sharpened" by God's Word and fellowship. Meetings feature teaching time, discussion, and a challenge to apply the Bible to life.

**Questions? Craig Bjerke,
320.219.8159**

Men's Saturday Prayer Group

Saturdays | 8:00 am | Hall 102

God calls all men to pray. Join this movement of men committed to praying for families, community, our nation and the world.

**Questions? Gerry Hoelscher,
320.763.6766**

WOMEN

Women's Bible study Fellowship®

Thursdays | 9:30-11:00 am

Great Room | Starts Sept. 14

Bible Study Fellowship is an in-depth Bible study for women. This year we are studying the gospel of John. Come join us for large group teaching time and small group discussion.

Questions? Mary Lisa Cochran

Sew to Share

1st & 3rd Tuesdays/month

9:00 am-Noon | Hall 102

Starts September 5

Do you have an interest in sewing? Join this group of ladies and use your talents to bless others in our church and community.

**Questions? Anita Ferguson,
320.808.6269**

God of Deliverance (Exodus 1-18) by Jen Wilken Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm Study 100

September 13 - December 13
In this 10-session verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1–18, Jen Wilkin shows us that Israel's story is our story: the same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from slavery to sin and from service to the pharaohs of this world. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with I AM and worship Him as the one true God.

**Questions? Holly Crowser,
715.577.8401**

Koffee & Kare Wednesdays | 9:00 am Family Room

Koffee & Kare is a unique and casual gathering of women who meet weekly to share joys and concerns as well as pray for each other. All women are welcome as we fellowship together.

**Questions? Barb Schons,
712.299.0809 or Betty Bjurlin,
320.762.1651**

MOMS Group 1st & 3rd Wednesdays/month 9:15-11:00 am | Patio Starts September 20

Moms is for all mothers looking for connection & encouragement. Childcare is available for children during meetings. Text "moms" to 320-441-0842 to be added to our communication list.

**Questions? Bethany Solum,
651.332.1957**

PRESCHOOL

Nursery

Infant - age 3

Sundays | 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Next to Worship Center

Children will experience the love of Jesus through a Bible story, snack, and play. Infants and toddlers experience a Christ centered, playful, and prayerful environment. Nursery is provided by trained staff and assisted by volunteers.

Covenant Kids Church

Ages 4 - 2nd Grade

Sundays | 8:00 & 11:00 am
Check in at Nursery | CK107

Kids are excused after worshipping with the church family to learn more about God's love for them through a lesson, crafts, and play.

Covenant Kids Sunday School

3 years by Sept. 1-Kindergarten

Sundays | 9:30-10:40 am
Covenant Kids Zone

Your child will actively experience the love of Jesus through Bible stories, play, crafts, songs, and small group experiences.

Awana Cubbies

3 1/2 - 5 years

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm
Covenant Kids Zone

Our mid-week program will gather kids for an awesome evening of Bible lessons, Bible application, games, and fun. Kids in Awana learn that God and His Word can be trusted.

ELEMENTARY

Covenant Kids Sunday School

1st-5th Grade

Sundays | 9:30-10:40 am

Covenant Kids Zone

Gospel truths come to life as kids travel chronologically through the Bible, Genesis to Revelation. Kids experience worship, friendship, and life application in small groups.

Awana Sparks and T&T

Sparks: Kindergarten-2nd grade

T&T: 3rd-5th grade

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm

Covenant Kids Zone

Our mid-week program will gather kids for an awesome evening of Bible lessons and application, worship, games, and fun. Kids in Awana learn the truth of God's Word and what it means to live for Him.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Journey/Confirmation

6th-8th Grade

Sundays | 9:30-10:40 am

Great Room

Journey is designed to help middle school students develop a solid foundation for their faith in Jesus Christ, rooted in biblical teaching. Truths are learned as we Journey through the Old Testament, New Testament and history of the early church.

Youth Group

6th-8th Grade

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm

Great Room

Join us to build authentic friendships, and grow in our relationship with Jesus through large group teaching and small group discussion. Bring your friends; we have a great time together!

**Questions? Sarah Erickson,
320.334.1734**

HIGH SCHOOL

Guys Sunday School

9th-12th Grade

Sundays | 9:30-10:40 am

Hall 101

Join other high school students to explore biblical truths and how to apply them to everyday life.

Girls Sunday School

9th-12th Grade

Sundays | 9:30-10:40 am

The Boat House

Join other high school girls to explore how to apply biblical truths to life.

Youth Group

9th-12th Grade

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm

Patio

Bring your friends for a great time of teaching, small groups, food and fun.

**Questions? Pastor Brian,
320.808.4357**

Connect with Us

We have many areas for you and your family to get plugged in! Between Sunday school classes, Wednesday night youth activities, small groups, care groups, and prayer nights, there is something for everyone no matter who you are.

Listen to past sermons, check out upcoming events, sign up for small groups and studies, and look at what all our ministries have to offer on our website at alexandriacovenant.org or on our church app available for free on both the Google Play Store and App Store.

Get connected into the life of the church and join us in our walk with God. Life is better together.



Give

Support the ongoing ministry of Alexandria Covenant Church by giving at the end of the service or through our website or app.

Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request or something you would like prayer over? After the service our Prayer Team will come up and be there to pray with you over any requests.




We also have prayer request cards in the pew that you can fill out and drop in the offering plate to be prayed over on our Sunday Evening Prayer services. You can also submit requests online on our website or church app.

New to Alexandria Covenant Church?

Welcome! It's our sincere desire that you are welcome and at home here at Alexandria Covenant Church. Stop by the Welcome Center for a **Visitor Bag** to help you become familiar with our church family.

Let us know who you are! Fill out a Connect Card in the pew or online and drop it in the offering plate.



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