

July 12, 2026

8:00 am - Traditional

9:30 & 11:00 am - Contemporary

Small Group & Bible Study Leader Training

Today | 11:00 am | Room S100

Are you interested in leading a small group study? Do you want to learn more about leading to see if that is your next step? This required one-time class will help you answer those questions. Sign up to help Holly plan for you! Questions? Holly Crowser, 715.577.8401

[Click to sign up!](#)

Bread to the Nations Fundraiser

Today | 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Common Ground Coffee House

Help us reach our \$3,500 goal to provide meals and retreat supplies for the men who will attend a Men's Retreat in August, when we will partner with a local church in the Dominican Republic to encourage, equip, and strengthen men in their faith.

Annual Meeting

Tonight | 6:00 pm

Come join us as we celebrate and hear ministry highlights of this past year and look ahead to future ministry objectives. We'll vote on new Leadership Team members, vote on the proposed budget for the new fiscal year, and hear about newly proposed staff positions. Afterwards, stick around for an ice cream social! Nursery (ages 0–5) and Kid Care (ages 6–10) will be provided.



Summer Fest

July 16 | 5:30-7:00 pm**Lawn outside Door #6**

Come out and enjoy hotdogs, ice cream, and yard games with us! There will be a concert on the lawn by the Red Letter Band. We'll have face painting, water tables, and a bouncy obstacle course for the little ones. Invite your family and friends and bring a lawn chair or blanket for additional seating. In case of rain we will move indoors.

Men's Summit

July 22 | 6:30-8:00 pm**Jeff Snyder's house****803 Cardinal Ln, Alexandria**

Join us for an evening of great food and fellowship as we gather outdoors around a campfire to discuss God's Word. Gentlemen, bring your own chair and Bible as we examine scripture, enjoy meaningful discussions, and relish some delicious grill food and snacks provided. Jeff Snyder, 320.219.1186

Leadership Development: How to Choose Resources

Sunday, July 26 | Room S100

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Are you leading a small group or want to lead a small group and would like to know how to choose solid resources?

This class will focus on how to appropriately choose resources that align with the values, mission and vision of the church and line up with the areas you feel called to lead in. Sign up to help Holly plan for you! Questions?

Holly Crowser, 715.577.8401



[Click to sign up!](#)

Women's Walk on the Trail

Monday, July 27 | 6:30-7:00 pm

1003 Ruby St NW, Alexandria

We will walk the trail together and then come back for a bonfire and s'mores.



[Click to sign up!](#)

Can't make it to Serving Saturday?

You can still help and make a huge impact! Check out the giving board in the lobby to donate a Visa gift card used to sponsor foster care bags to support foster kids in our area and purchase fleece fabric for tie blankets that will be donated to Love INC or consider donating items for the food shelf. Drop off located at tables next to all entrances.

Childcare available for those participating in Serving Saturday.

SERVING SATURDAY

B L E S S OUR COMMUNITY

**Save the date for
Saturday, August 1, 2026!**

Alexandria Covenant Church is going out to serve our community *for our fourth year!* We have over 50 volunteer opportunities planned and sign ups ready to fill out **at the lobby counter!**

SCHEDULE:

8:00 am

Short service/blessing

8:30 am

Departure

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Serve our community

(Water & snack break bundle provided for each project)



QUESTIONS?

Breanna Peper, 701.388.8921

All serving opportunities are from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm unless stated otherwise.

1. Scraping and Painting Shed at Lincoln Elementary
2. Yard Work at Lincoln Elementary
3. Singing at Autumn Cottages/Nelson Gables
4. Packing Bags for Teen Challenge Projects at Sharing Love & Hope
5. Organizing Food Pantry at Sharing Love & Hope
6. Sewing Projects at Sharing Love & Hope
7. Outdoor Window Washing at Lakes Area DAC
8. Meal Preparing for Safe Families/Life Connections at Alexandria Covenant Church
9. Writing Thank You Notes at Alexandria Covenant Church
10. Making Pinecone Bird Feeders/Playing Bingo with Residents at Nelson Care Center
11. Packing Foster Care Bags at Alexandria Covenant Church
12. Painting Hallways at Kalon Prep Academy
13. Making Tie Blankets at Alexandria Covenant Church
14. Working on Cars at Car Care Program
15. Detailing Cars at Car Care Program
16. Preparing for Large Event at Legacy of the Lakes Museum
17. Yard Work at Runestone Museum
18. Dusting and Cleaning at Runestone Museum
19. Scraping and Painting at Narlies
20. Landscaping/Playground Repair at Zion Lutheran Church
21. Preparing Breakfast for Celebration Sunday at Alexandria Covenant Church 7am-10am
22. Preparing Breakfast for Celebration Sunday at Alexandria Covenant Church 10am-1pm
23. Watering and Weeding Garden at Carlos Elementary School
24. Cleaning Indoors at Alexandria Community Christian School
25. Cleaning Storage Garage at Alexandria Community Christian School
26. Cleaning Bus at Alexandria Community Christian School
27. Painting Hopscotch on Pavement at Alexandria Community Christian School
28. Preparing Water/Snack Bundles at Alexandria Covenant Church
29. Trimming and Remove Shelving at Evergreen Cemetery
30. Picking Up Trash at Alexandria Area High School
31. Picking Up Trash at Discovery Middle School
32. Preparing and Serving Meal to Residents at Viking Towers
33. Outdoor Projects at Habitat ReStore
34. Building Picnic Tables at Lake Beauty
35. Assorted Indoor and Outdoor Projects at Teen Challenge
36. Indoor Cleaning at Alexandria Area Gymnastics
37. Indoor Cleaning at Shenanigans
38. Assorted Indoor and Outdoor Projects at Lake Geneva Bible Camp
39. Picking Up Trash at Central Lakes Trail
40. Cleaning Freezer at Outreach Food Shelf
41. Painting K9 Agility Equipment at Douglas County Sheriff's Office
42. Yard Work at Glenwood City Cemetery/Veterans Park
43. Quilting and Sewing Blankets at Scraps of Love
44. Scraping and Painting Shed at Lakes Area Humane Society
45. Yard Work and Tree Cutting at Glinda Stokes's House
46. Cleaning and Hanging Clothes at Someplace Safe
47. Carpet Cleaning at Life Connections
48. Yard Work at Miltona Elementary
49. Adding Woodchips to Trail at Woodland Elementary
50. Yard Work at Woodland Elementary

Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, July 5, 2026

**Total
In-person**
739

**Total
Online**
310

**Weekly Giving
(General Fund)**
\$51,471.30

**Weekly
Need**
\$43,601.00

**YTD
Giving**
\$51,471.30

**YTD
Need**
\$43,601.00

**Total Campaign
Contributions**
\$1,304,899.00

**Total Pledged
Outstanding**
\$67,898.09

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

Are you in financial need? There are resources available to regular attendees of Alexandria Covenant Church through the Benevolence Fund. Call Trinity Opp, 320.763.5659, with requests. Give to the Benevolence Fund through our app, website, or designated check.

Online Bulletin

Text ACCNEWS to 844.415.0031 to receive the digital version of the bulletin on Saturday nights.

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 each week. You can also submit requests online on our website or church app.



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MINISTRY REPORT 2026

Church Life Year in Review

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

New Believers: 19
New Members: 19
Births: 23
Infant Baptisms/Dedications: 17
Immersion Baptisms: 25
Funerals: 20
Weddings: 3

A Note from the Lead Pastor

Alexandria Covenant Church is a faith family that I am proud to be a part of, and feel blessed to be called to serve as the Lead Pastor. On June 1, 2026, I completed my 15th year of service at ACC. Ten of those years as the Executive Pastor and the last five years in the Lead Pastor role, in which I have enjoyed vision-casting and regularly preaching and teaching God's word to the congregation. The mission of the church being a people of God committed to loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus with the world is as relevant today as it was when it was adopted by the church many years ago. I continue to be committed to leading the church on mission as we focus on being a church that is Bible-based—looking to God's Word as being sufficient for our faith, doctrine, and conduct, Gospel Centered—in the message we proclaim and the life that we live, and Relationally Driven—as we grow in relationship with God and deepen our relationships with one another. Our church is tremendously blessed with a staff that is committed to the mission of the church and helping God's people to flourish in their walk with God and service to people inside and outside the church. I thank God for my wife, Gwen, who continues to be my greatest support and partner in ministry, and for my children who love Jesus and the church. I trust that you will find joy in reading through the annual ministry report as we celebrate what God is doing in and through Alexandria Covenant Church and as we strive to be a church who is committed to reaching more people in more places with the gospel to the glory of God and for our neighbors' good.

-Pastor Trinity

Associate Pastor Report

We've seen so much exciting growth and development in our various adult ministry groups: Adult Sunday School, Koffee & Kare, Sew to Share, Men's and Women's Ministries, as well as Membership, Prayer, College and Young Adult Ministries as well as several ministries that categorize as Care Ministry.

The Men's Ministry functions as an easy, accessible "on-ramp" for men in the community and the church at large to gather together and experience good fellowship, usually involving food. This year the Men's Ministry met every month and had a variety of gatherings, from bonfires to sporting events on the big screen, to golf outings, and even a trap shoot! Come get involved, men!

The Women's Ministry serves that same primary function of connecting women together for a common purpose, to foster fellowship, growth, encouragement, and fun! The Women's Ministry does an excellent job of generating awareness of what's available to the women in the area and we love seeing the growth (and depth) in their gatherings! This year the women gathered monthly, hosting events for all types of interests and personality types! Women, who have you invited lately?

The Prayer Ministry at ACC has undergone a fair amount of change in the last six months. We love receiving the yellow prayer request (and praise report) cards each



Sunday, and we are firmly committed to praying over each one! In fact, one of the changes that has occurred is that rather than praying for the cards on a monthly basis, they're now being prayed over every single week! We collect them each Sunday and several people pray over them throughout the week. We do that for about four to six weeks, which means that each individual prayer card might be prayed over anywhere from about 30-60 times.



Another big change is that we've implemented a Night of Prayer event every quarter, hopefully increasing to every other month. This is a prayer service that has prayer at its center, with a varying theme each time we gather. There could be music, guided prayer, opportunities to pray with one another, to have others pray over oneself, or guidance in specific prayer practices.



The Membership Ministry has been working on our membership materials—synchronizing our language in alignment with our church's vision, mission, and values. Our Membership Team thoroughly enjoys the time spent with membership applicants where we get to hear stories of how people came to faith in Christ. We welcomed 19 new members in the last year!



Senior Adult Ministry has enjoyed many months of Bible study on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm, along with several parties, events, and even field trips! Each week at Bible study, the group has been tracking along with the current sermon series and have enjoyed many great discussions, along with fellowship, coffee, and treats!



Our Benevolence ministry is designed to help people in crisis. We've all experienced crisis in our lives to some degree and so



we know what it can mean to be the body of Christ and to support one another. Some of these needs come from outside of the congregation, but the majority are our own people. We're so thankful for the generosity of ACC's congregation to foster and maintain such a wonderful expression of the love of Christ.



This past year, we held many GriefShare gatherings, which typically runs for 13 weeks at a time and is open to the public. Mary Glanzer has been a prominent figure leading our gatherings and we're so thankful that ACC can be a host site for this wonderful ministry. Thanks to Mary and to others for their commitment and service!



Dave Berg has been leading Celebrate Recovery on Monday nights for the past few years and it continues to welcome many people into the building who are seeking healing and freedom from addiction. They're finding it in JESUS! One beautiful aspect is that we are a hosting site for Celebrate Recovery in a searchable database, much like GriefShare, so that people who maybe don't call this their church home, are still able find hope and healing, along with a recovering community growing in Christ.



Stephen Ministry is our newest addition to our Care Ministries lineup! This ministry has existed for 50 years across the U.S. and seeks to train and equip lay people to carry out some of the ministry of the church, as it stands in the gap between formal pastoral counseling and an individual's involvement in small groups or Bible studies. Stephen Ministry is designed to be a caring relationship, where care-seekers meet one-on-one with a trained care-giver. Men meet with male Stephen Ministers, and women meet with female Stephen Ministers.





ACC has become an official Stephen Ministry church and we have trained our first four Stephen Leaders. We're currently in a season of selecting and recruiting people to be trained as Stephen Ministers this coming fall. We're incredibly excited to walk alongside individuals in their time of need. If you're interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister, please reach out!



This April, our Leadership Team approved the launch of a ministry to those connected to Adoption and Foster Care. Whether someone was adopted or in foster care themselves, is pursuing adoption or to become a foster care provider/parent, this ministry is for those who share a heart for the needs and connections of like-minded people. If this impacts you, consider reaching out!



Our Marriage Mentorship Ministry has also gotten its legs under it this spring, launching and connecting with its first four or five couples this summer! If your marriage is looking for a season of intentionality, please don't let time slip past you—God desires you to get your house in order! Let's show the love of Christ to others in how we care for our marriages—we're so excited for the direction that God is leading this Marriage Ministry.

-Pastor Mitch



Executive Pastor Report

I've enjoyed serving in the Executive Pastor role and serving Alexandria Covenant Church in a new and different way. This year one of my main focuses was leading the Search Committee as we worked to fill our Associate Pastor position. We were happy to fill that position by welcoming Mitch Haaby and family to our church in early January.





This next year I will be working with the Search Committee as we search for 2 new positions. These positions are; Pastor of Senior Adults and Visitation (part-time) and an additional Executive Pastor (full-time).

This past year Joyce and I attended the 2026 World Vision Pastors Gathering in Phoenix. We met lots of people and heard about the ministry of World Vision around the world. Following the conference Joyce returned home and I flew to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). I joined a team of 10 pastors and leaders from Covenant churches around the USA. We were able to see the work of Covenant Kids Congo in Gemena, DRC as well as schools, clinics, water projects, etc. I was able to meet our supported child and his father, which was extra special. I was impressed by World Vision and Covenant Kids Congo; they do great work!!

In June I led another trip to Alaska Christian College. Many needed projects were worked on including several centered around the new lobby area for the gym. Roads were also worked on as well as landscaping, tree cleanup, organizing storage areas, sewing, and being encouraged with "God stories" from the lives of the Student Ambassadors that we got to know. We had a great team, with all ages represented, from teens to older adults.

I was also involved in our Rural Impact Leadership Conference which continues to be an encouragement to rural pastors and leaders around Minnesota and beyond. We are again hosting next year's conference on March 12-13 and I'd encourage you to volunteer. You can be a greeter, serve in the kitchen, etc. to help encourage rural churches with your smiles and handshakes.



I continue to serve on the Global Missions Team, Regional Missions Team, Local Missions Team, Transportation Committee and the Property Team. Great things have been happening within those teams including new missions' support, a team going to South Africa in the fall, and the new door lock system that replaces our outdated locking system.



Thanks for your faithfulness to our church as we expand our Gospel reach in Alexandria and beyond.

-Pastor Brian

High School Ministry

This year, our High School ministry had the privilege to invest in over 75 high school students and their families as we continued to deepen our relationship with God and grew closer to one another. I am blessed to get to serve alongside 15 volunteers who consistently show up for our students to support and encourage them as they continue to develop their personal relationship with God.



Our weekly programming consists of Sunday School and Youth Group. On Sunday mornings this year, we dove into Scripture as we studied some of the parables that Jesus taught as well as what it looks like to live out our faith like the people we find in Hebrews 11. We wrapped up our year with exploring spiritual practices we can do on our own to enhance the time we spend with God.



Some highlights from youth group this year were: a relationship panel sharing about the importance of God-honoring relationships, a series on Bible verses often taken out of context, our seniors sharing advice to the underclassmen to grow closer with God, and my personal highlight was seeing the connections





made between students and also with their leaders.

In January, 33 students and leaders got in our church vans for our annual Districts Youth Conference in Green Bay, WI. This year's theme was The Journey. We were reminded to see Jesus for who He is, what it looks like to receive from Jesus, how to respond to Jesus and how to be sent by Jesus. This weekend away is consistently a highlight for many of the students who attend!

As I sit and reflect on the last year of High School ministry, how do you summarize all of the conversations and moments spent with students as they wrestle with real, tough questions and also witness as they have incredible encounters with God. But that is the joy of student ministry to be invited into both the good times and the difficult times. I am blessed to be able to get to know these amazing students and I am excited for what God is going to do in and through their lives in the next year!

-Pastor Greg

Middle School Ministry

This year in middle school ministry, we had the joy of walking alongside around 90 students and their families, with the help of an incredible team of more than 20 leaders who faithfully pour into our students on a regular basis, walking with them and pointing them to Jesus.

On Sunday mornings this year, our confirmation students explored the Gospels and the life of Christ, learning to faithfully follow Him along the way. Students spent a lot of time digging into scripture together and gaining tools for understanding it more deeply. Our youth group theme for the year was "Transformed" and through our various



series we focused on what it looks like for our lives to be truly transformed by the good news of the gospel and a relationship with Jesus.

We also had the opportunity to take part in incredible experiences beyond our weekly programs:



MUUUCE, a high-energy weekend created specifically for middle school students, centered on the theme "Enough", based on 2 Corinthians 12:9. Throughout the weekend, students explored what they need to say "enough" to in their lives, wrestled with areas where they feel like they aren't enough, and discovered the truth that God declares they are loved and valued. Most importantly, they were reminded that God's presence, grace, and love are always enough.



Fall Retreat at Trout Lake Camp is always an incredible weekend of connection, growth, and fun with our students. This year, we explored the theme "Being Built Together," based on Ephesians 2:22. Throughout the weekend, students participated in camp-wide games and challenges, joined together in worship, heard impactful messages, and enjoyed a variety of free-time activities, all while growing in their relationships with God and each other.



Our 8th Grade students also had the opportunity to participate in an 8th Grade Spring Retreat in Duluth. In addition to having a ton of fun together and enjoying the relationships they've built throughout their time in middle school ministry, we also had the chance to serve, spend intentional time reflecting on the ways that God has been at work in each of their lives, develop their testimonies for confirmation, and take part in worship together at a local church.





I am so grateful for the incredible ways God continues to work in and through our students. Amidst all the energy and chaos of middle school ministry, I am continually impressed with their willingness to engage deeply, ask good questions, create meaningful community, and serve one another and our church family with joy.

-Sarah Erickson



Covenant Kids Ministry

From the nursery to preschool to elementary ministry, kids are being connected to God and others. The faith journey of kids is growing through biblical teaching and deepened relationships with adults and peers. Nursery ministry, Kids Church, Preschool/Elementary Sunday School, and mid-week Awana programming were utilized to build a firm faith foundation for children.



At-home discipleship was enhanced through our Milestone 'grab and go' resources. These were distributed to 40 nursery and 50 preschool families. These resources equip parents to engage in spiritual conversations at home. Milestone classes were offered to 1st-5th-grade kids and their families, including topics such as the Bible, the Gospel, Sacraments, Big Questions, and spiritual disciplines.



Continued development of special-needs supports for kids included trauma-informed care and behavioral guidelines implemented across the Covenant Kids ministry areas. Plans for enhanced play, prayer, and application areas are being made in the preschool zone.



Vacation Bible School "Wonder Junction" ministered to 350+ children from our



church and the broader community. Kids were encouraged to wonder at Jesus and live for His glory! The VBS team is currently gearing up for "Emerald Crossing" VBS 2026.



The Bibles by the Bedside program, which encouraged students to spend time daily in God's Word, was used to promote Bible literacy and spiritual growth. Over 70 students in 1st-8th grade participated. T-shirts were presented to kids who completed the four-month reading incentive program in May.



Covenant Kids served outward by contributing to the VBS Bread to the Nations school tuition project, Awana Go! Mission for African school children, four Compassion International giving projects, Backpack Attack with the United Way, and 140 Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts through an Awana packing party! Covenant Kids participated in worship services, with Preschool kids singing at Christmas and Palm Sunday, and the CK Crew (5th grade leader team) singing at the Fall Fest and the May 19th worship service for Volunteer Recognition Sunday. Christmas and Easter Activity Bags were distributed to 300-350 children during holiday worship services. Families enjoyed an all-church movie night with crafts and popcorn!



What was new? Grief resources and Foster Care bags are being developed for families. A family Easter Week Activity pack was distributed to families. A summer Bike & Freeze event was held with Summer Activity Packs sent home with each family. Kristi and Chanda are participating in the kids' ministry-focused South Africa short-term mission trip, September 24 - October 4, 2026.



This summer, Kid's Church is providing



biblical teaching to 4-year-olds through 2nd graders, while the nursery implements a new curriculum for summer discipleship. Plans are underway to host a regional Awana Connect Conference and Fall Volunteer Training. We thank God for the opportunity to connect kids with God and others. We are grateful for the amazing volunteer team that God has provided. We ask God daily for His wisdom, guidance, and strength as we devote our lives to providing spiritual formation opportunities to our kids and their families.

-Pastor Chanda, Kristi Ferguson

Adult Formation

Adult formation at Alexandria Covenant seeks to grow the church to become more like Jesus, in community, to go out and share the good news in their everyday life. This journey looks different for everyone, and we want to have groups to reach you where you are at to grow to become like Jesus. The ministry areas I oversee are small groups, resourcing, leadership development, Mom's group, the library, Adult Sunday School and Young Adult ministry.

A look at Adult Formations by the numbers: There were 100 small group opportunities this last year—which doubled the opportunities from last year. Small group opportunities included anything from our C.O.R.E. Men's Groups, to Boxing & Bible study, women's Bible study groups, Classes & Community, and book clubs to name a few. This was able to happen because we increased our small group leaders by 15 bringing our total to 60 trained leaders, 40 of whom actively served this last year. These leaders have to go through training in order to lead a group so that we make sure you have a quality experience when



attending a study and our leaders feel supported. The hope was to add leaders so class sizes could be smaller, but instead we had class sizes increase with an average group size of 14 participants. The hope for next year is to add several more opportunities to continue to offer smaller class sizes for deeper connection.

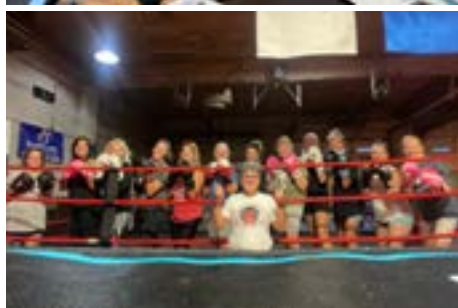


Our mom's group saw consistent times for connecting in intentional ways to walk alongside moms at this point in their journey with offering childcare, a time of encouragement and the use of study material. I am happy to share that we have added a ministry team for our young adults so we can work together to grow this much needed community in the next year. Table groups have grown as well! We had 6 more hosts sign up along with the others who repeated hosting this year. Several groups kept meeting the entire year and just kept going. We have 36 table groups with many different locations, times, activities, and dates bringing us to around 400+ participants this year. I am so grateful for the wonderful volunteers to host this opportunity for our congregation.



The Resource Wall continues to be used and we gave away another 12 books this year in our monthly drawing for those who visit the Resource Wall, bringing the total of books won since we started to 48. The Next Steps Quarterly is a publication I put out to pair with the Resource Wall to offer books, podcasts, websites, etc. to enhance the sermon series and help you and your family grow in your faith and biblical understanding. We are currently on volume 14 and it comes out 4 times a year in the bulletin so keep your eyes out for it. Another exciting change for our church is the





moving of the library. We carefully considered how we wanted to use church spaces and resources and realized that the current library space was not being used with our current needs. We wanted to accomplish two things with moving the library including more visibility and accessibility as well as going through the books to make sure they line up with the values, mission, and purpose of the church. Although it was a lot of work, it has been a great change and Gabbi Johnson has been wonderful in making it happen along with several volunteers. The new location is at the bottom of the stairs from the Great Room. This opens up another room for groups to meet throughout the week as we continue to grow in all areas of ministry, a win for all.

The Bible Literacy classes saw 80 people go through them this year and the scripture journals continue to be used by our congregation. We ordered 500 Advent devotionals to offer our congregation for free to be intentional during the holidays and we ran out. Although these numbers are encouraging it doesn't tell the whole story of people finding community, growing in their walk with Jesus, building confidence in their Bible reading, and growing in their leadership.

One of the joys of this role is to hear the personal stories of the Lord meeting them in the pages of scripture, in community with one another, and also watching leaders grow in their giftings. I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for the next year and pray you consider joining a group or leading one for a next step in your own life.

-Holly Crowser



First Impressions/ Hospitality and Assimilation

As I reflect on the past year, it is so evident to see God is on the move at Alexandria Covenant Church in so many ways. I love continuing to meet people who have been coming to church for one week to 50+ years and making connections. If we haven't met yet, I would love to get to know you!



Our First Impressions and Hospitality ministries continue to grow! We have added new volunteers to our greeters, ushers, Welcome Desk hosts, coffee team, and ACCERT team—over 300 people help serve! On a Sunday morning it takes around 50-60 individuals to make things run smoothly. During Easter and Christmas, it's around 100 between all the services! I am so grateful for our volunteers and the many ways they serve our church family from saying hello at a door, offering a bulletin and making sure kids get their own special bulletin, keeping the coffee, juice, cookies, and donuts flowing, answering questions, and keeping our campus safe.



Bringing our church family together is one of my favorite things! Summer Fest was a huge success last year! We served 840+ hot dogs—that is almost 200 more than the previous year! The weather was gorgeous, and we are praying it is just as nice this year. We hosted Fall Fest for the second year in a row and we are already planning year three for a night of food, games and worship. Wednesday Night Meals is such a blessing to watch. The interactions of multi-generations coming together around a meal at a table brings me joy. And the homemade cookies and bars are always a hit! Each month we were serving 250-300 people in an hour!





These are the main events but we also help assist with ministry events, such as the Rural Impact Leadership Conference, Classes & Community meals and more! Some weeks we have served over 1,000 meals between multiple events.

A fun highlight has been capturing pictures and videos of many of our activities to share on social media and on our screen in the lobby. The church is active! If you ever have pictures to share, send them my way. We love seeing church life in action. Engagement on our socials has grown significantly. So often, this is where people check out our church and what is going on before stepping foot into our doors. We have also started to add shorts from the sermons on our socials which is great to re-listen to after Sunday and apply to our life. But more importantly, to share God's word and truth in a highlighted form if people are wondering what is preached about at ACC but don't check out a full sermon.

New to my role this year was offering a class during Classes & Community. In the fall I taught on Spiritual Gifts, what they are, how to discover our personal gifts, and how to use our giftings from God. This spring I led a class called "Together" and we looked at the church in Acts 2, how they did life together and how we can make big church feel small. Both classes were filled with relationship-building with one another and the Lord. This also led me to do mini-versions with a Spiritual Gifts overview class and Connect at Covenant. I look forward to continue to lead all of these again in the upcoming year and hope many can join!

Connect Card follow-ups is something we don't take lightly. We genuinely want to get to know people who are new to our church or those who want to find



their place within the church. It is a blessing to hear people's stories, help them assimilate into church life, and when you see them making connections and serving alongside others it reminds me how important it is to take the time to slow down and get to know someone in a place where it could be easy to slip in and out without being plugged in. So often people tell me how welcoming our church is to them.



This is just a few of the many highlights over the last year. I feel so blessed and honored to be in the role I am in, to have an amazing staff to work alongside with, and a church family who is willing to serve, love, and encourage one another. I'm excited to see all God has planned for this upcoming year at Alexandria Covenant Church!



-Janel Zappe

Worship Ministry

We have much to celebrate in worship ministry! In addition to regular Sunday services, we enjoyed both a hymn sing and worship night, hosted two concerts, and led worship for the Rural Impact Leadership Conference. A big win in worship ministry continues to be our value of multigenerational leadership and participation in worship. Our preschool and kindergarten kids blessed us with their worship during Sunday services on two occasions. The CK Crew was able to lead worship at Fall Fest and also this past May. Our cantata had nearly 80 participants, including elementary students, teens, and adults. Our worship teams include volunteers ages 16-70+, and it's a joy to see the experienced leaders mentoring the next generation of leaders.



We are blessed with a team of 70+



volunteers in worship ministry who truly care about worship. They are passionate about worshiping God, and they are committed to our mission of fostering authentic worship at ACC. I am so grateful for our team! And I am grateful for your participation in worship as well! When we gather together, we get to declare truth about the God we love through the lyrics we sing. We get to offer our praise to Him. And we can encourage each other as we do it. Continue to sing out!

-Naomi Sands

Technical Ministry

This year, we continued to support Sunday services, special events, live-streaming, and the broader technology needs of the church. A major focus has been improving reliability and consistency across our audio, video, streaming, and presentation systems. Each week, many connected systems work together behind the scenes so that worship can be clearly heard, seen, and followed both in-person and online. We have also continued investing in volunteers, including younger volunteers, by giving them opportunities to learn, serve, and take on meaningful technical roles. In addition to Sunday mornings, we have supported church-wide events, ministry gatherings, and facility technology needs throughout the year.

-David LeVahn

Alexandria Covenant Church Staff



Trinity Opp
Lead Pastor



Brian Farka
Executive Pastor



Mitch Haaby
Associate Pastor



Greg Schanil
Pastor of
Student Ministry



Chanda Winkels
Pastor of Children
& Family Ministry



Sarah Erickson
Director of Middle
School Ministry



Kristi Ferguson
Director of
Preschool Ministry



Janel Zappe
Director of
Engagement



Holly Crowser
Small Groups
Coordinator



John Johnson
Director of Care
Ministry



Naomi Sands
Director of
Worship Ministry



David LeVahn
Director of
Technical Ministry



Linda LeVahn
Director of Design
& Communications



Ashley Eckhoff
Administrative
Assistant



Michelle Heem
Finance & HR
Administrator



David Englund
Facility Manager



Mike Fugleberg
Facility Setup
Coordinator



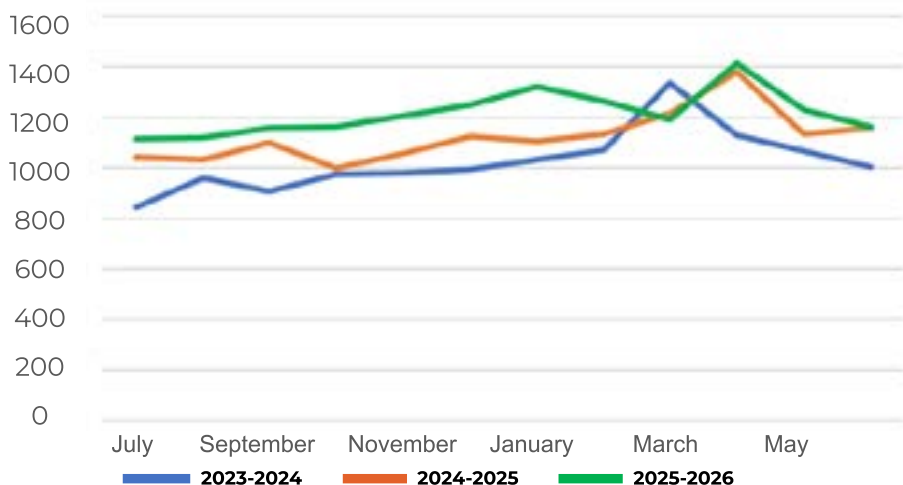
Angela Allex
Facility Cleaning
Coordinator



Craig Hornberger
Sound Technician



Average Weekly Attendance (In-person and Online)



Our Congregation

	<u>Regular Attendee</u>	<u>Limited Attendee</u>	<u>Total</u>
Age 80-97:	86	8	94
Age 61-79:	350	24	374
Age 45-60:	279	87	360
Age 29-44:	368	191	559
Age 13-28:	546	510	1,056
Age 1-12:	656	608	1,264
Age 0-1:	<u>90</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>104</u>
TOTAL	2,375	1,436	3,811



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