

Hymnology

Sundays starting September 13

9:30-10:30 am | Room S100

A hymnal is more than a song book. It is a look into the church's past, present, and future. By studying the theology written within them, along with the poetry of music, we can gain a deeper admiration for Christ and His church. David Englund, 320.815.4162

God's Holy Days

Sundays starting September 13

9:30-10:30 am | Room H103

Learn about God's Holy Days and the blessings that come with celebrating and remembering them. Bring your Bibles. A Messianic Rabbi will come talk about the fall Feasts celebrated in the Old Testament on Sept. 20th. Gerry Hoelscher, 320.763.6766



[Click to sign up!](#)

Parenting Together

Sundays starting September 13

9:30-10:30 am | Fireside Room

Designed to help couples strengthen their marriages while also leading their families. Whether you're just starting your parenting journey or about to be empty nesters, this study offers insight and encouragement for staying united as you parent together. Questions? Joey & Bobbi Jo Crouse, 320.766.2233



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Barnabas Book Club

September 15 | Noon | GR207

The Barnabas Book Club focuses on spiritual formation and meets every other month at noon on Tuesdays. The book up for discussion on September 15th is *The Good and Beautiful Life* by James Bryan Smith. Purchase it on your own or pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk for a suggested donation. Kelsey Langager, 320.808.9581



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The Names of God (Women's study)

Tuesdays starting September 15

6:30-8:00 pm | Room S100

In this 8-session Bible study for women, teachers Kristi McLelland, Caroline Saunders, Blair Linne, Jennifer Rothschild, Kelly Minter, and Elizabeth Woodson will walk you through the pages of Scripture. Together, you'll examine names for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and you'll discover the impact each of God's names has on your relationship with Him. Each name you encounter will inspire you to worship God for who He is and challenge you to consider how your life can be transformed in light of His character. Childcare available. Questions? Kelly Hein, 507.313.1659



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The Patio: Young Adult Ministry

**Tuesdays starting September 15
7:00-9:00 pm | Patio**

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18-29 looking for community, worship, relevant teaching, and great conversation? *The Patio*, a young adult ministry, will meet each Tuesday night for the year.

Jesus & Women

**Wednesdays starting September 16
9:30-11:00 am | Room H103**

Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland on the dusty roads as she transports you back to Jesus' world, stepping into the footsteps of the women who came face to face with the living God. Examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today. Raydell Kleve, 763.458.3570



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Pilgrim's Progress Part 2

**Thursdays starting September 17
6:30-8:00 pm | H102**

Follow the adventures of Christian's wife, Christiana, as she must now examine her own beliefs while grieving her husband's death. She's torn between following Christian on a hazardous pilgrimage with their four sons along a narrow way or staying in the place she knows best. Questions? Kevin Jones, 507.206.7584



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Men's Annual Golf Event

**Saturday, September 19 | 8:30 am
Osakis Country Club | Costs \$33**

Golf may be serious business to some and while this event is serious, it's serious about connecting with each other and having a good time. Bring a friend, create a foursome, or be paired with a group. Includes 9 holes, golf cart, and lunch. Limited to the first 36 golfers who register so don't delay! Questions? Jeff Snyder, 320.219.1186



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Exploring Membership

**September 20 | 12:15-2:30 pm
Great Room**

Enjoy lunch and hear Pastor Mitch share the mission, vision and values of our church. This is a requirement for membership. Childcare available for infant – age 10.



[Click to sign up!](#)

Moms at the Well study

**2nd & 4th Tues. starting Sept 22
9:00-11:00 am | Fireside Room**

Moms at the Well offers a modern-day "well" for mothers- a gathering place to encourage one another, take an honest look at the challenges we face as moms, and experience the God who invites us into a process of spiritual transformation. Through studying women in Scripture, this 7-session Bible study walks through challenges that moms face. Childcare provided. Gabby Strandlien, 701.552.1516



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Bread to the Nations Women's Fundraiser

September 24 | 6:00 pm | Patio

Join us for an evening of fellowship and encouragement as we support a Bread to the Nations team traveling to the Dominican Republic to come alongside Haitian women at a special retreat filled with hope, rest, encouragement, and the love of Christ.



[Click to sign up!](#)

Finding I Am (Women's)

Sundays starting September 27

5:00-6:30 pm | Fireside Room

Join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I Am statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Questions? Gretchen Jeseritz, 320.491.8418



[Click to sign up!](#)

The Good and Beautiful Life: Book Club

Thursdays: October 1, November

12, December 3, January 7,

February 11, March 4

7:00-8:30 pm | Fireside Room

The Good and Beautiful Life by James Bryan Smith argues that we've bought into false ideas of happiness and success, pushing us toward self-centered decisions that fuel destructive vices like anger, lying, and judging. Building from Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, this compelling follow-up to *The Good and Beautiful God* invites us to replace these false beliefs with the transformative teachings of Jesus about life in God's

kingdom. This book discussion is for men and women and meets to discuss 2 chapters at a time. Pick up your book at the Welcome Desk ahead of time to be ready for the first gathering! You do not need to read the first book to participate in the second. Questions? Eric & Kirsten Nelson, 320.760.5434



[Click to sign up!](#)

C.O.R.E. Groups: Men's Bible Studies

New groups starting in September!

Are you looking for a men's Bible study that is 6 weeks long, has a start and stop date and focuses on a set of scriptures for an hour? C.O.R.E. Men's Bible Study is your opportunity to do just that and designed for any guy at any stage in their understanding of the scriptures. These 6 weeks will be focused on the 7 "I Am" statements of Jesus in the book of John.



[Click to sign up!](#)

Group Opportunities starting soon:

Chad Ferguson:

Thursdays, September 17-October 22
6:30-7:30 am | Common Ground (upstairs)

Scott Hurlbut:

Wednesdays, September 16-October 21
Noon-1:00 pm | GR200

Dustin Thornburg:

Wednesdays, September 16-October 21
6:45-7:45 am | 710 Broadway St

Jim Emter:

Tuesdays, September 15-October 20
6:15-7:15 am | 690 Voyager Dr. Ste 100

Jay Steffensmeier:

Sundays, September 13-October 18
6:30-7:30 pm | H100

Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, August 30, 2026

**Total
In-person**
868

**Total
Online**
356

**Weekly Giving
(General Fund)**
\$34,759.07

**Weekly
Need**
\$48,857.00

**YTD
Giving**
\$360,711.78

**YTD
Need**
\$439,728.00

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

Financial Assistance

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.



320.763.5659 | alexandriacovenant.org | 4005 Dakota Street
Office open Mon-Thu 8:00 am - 4:30 pm & Fri 8:00 am - Noon
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FALL

ENGAGE

2026

CLASSES & GROUPS & SERVING FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS



Why Engage? The scriptures call us to gather together in His name, and more than that, it is an opportunity to grow to be more like Christ in community. As you look at busy schedules and full calendars, consider the possibility of adding one (or more) of these opportunities to not only feel more connected here, but grow in your walk with the Lord.

Blessings, Holly Crowser

Don't forget to check out the weekly bulletin for studies and groups that are starting up soon!

SAVE THE DATE

Classes and Community is coming back in October!

Thursdays starting October 15 till November 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm (we do understand that we start on MEA break). Share a meal, take a class. Childcare available.

Classes for everyone! More details coming soon!

NURSERY & 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, prayerful environment. Nursery is provided by trained staff and assisted by volunteers.

Covenant Kids Church

Ages 4 - 2nd Grade

Sundays

Check in at Nursery

Available at 9:30 am service whenever Sunday School is not offered. 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, small groups, activities and application.

Awana Cubbies

3 1/2 by Sept. 1 - 5 years

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm

Covenant Kids Zone

Our mid-week program gathers 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. Area opens at 9:15 am.



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 gathers kids for an amazing time of Bible lessons, worship, games, and friendship. Kids in Awana learn the truth of God's Word and what it means to belong to God's family. Doors open at 6:15 pm.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Journey/Confirmation

6th-8th Grade

Sundays | 9:30-10:40 am
Great Room

Journey is a discipleship class that helps middle school students deepen their faith and make it their own. Together they'll explore the Old Testament, New Testament, the early church, and what it means to be part of the church today. Along the way, students will gain a clearer understanding of who Jesus is and what it looks like to follow Him. At the end of 8th grade, they'll have the opportunity to confirm their faith in a special service, though the class is meaningful for every student, whether or not they choose to be confirmed.



[Click to sign up!](#)

Middle School Youth Group

6th-8th Grade

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm
Great Room

Come build meaningful friendships, grow in your faith, and connect with caring adults who will walk alongside you. Through biblical teaching, small groups, and shared experiences, you'll be encouraged to follow Jesus in your everyday life.

Questions? Sarah Erickson,
320.334.1734



[Click to sign up!](#)

High School Sunday School

9th-12th Grade

Sundays | 9:30-10:40 am
The Boat House

High School Sunday School is a place to connect, grow, and discover more about who God is and who He's created you to be. Each week we'll explore God's Word and have real conversations that encourage and challenge us.

Questions? Pastor Greg,
701.403.0924



[Click to sign up!](#)

High School Youth Group

9th-12th Grade

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm
Patio

Come hang out with us each week as we grow closer to Jesus and each other through engaging teaching, meaningful small group conversations, and plenty of laughs along the way! Bring a friend and be part of the fun!

Questions? Pastor Greg,
701.403.0924



[Click to sign up!](#)

Student Ministry Open Gym

6th-12th Grade

1st Wednesday of every month
(starting in October)

8:15-9:15 pm | Gym

Check out our student information wall by the mailboxes!

YOUNG ADULTS



The Patio: Young Adult Ministry Tuesdays starting September 15 7:00-9:00 pm | Patio

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18-29 looking for community, worship, relevant teaching, and great conversation? The Patio, a young adult ministry, will meet each Tuesday night for the year. Bring a friend!

Cru 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**

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hymnology Sundays starting September 13 | 9:30-10:30 am | Room S100

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Questions? David Englund, 320.815.4162

MEN

Men's Bible Study Fellowship®

Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30 pm

Great Room | Starts Sept. 15

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

**Questions? 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**

Men's Friday Bible Study

Fridays | 6:15 am | GR200

Be "sharpened" by God's Word and fellowship. Meetings feature teaching time, discussion, and a challenge to apply the Bible to life. Become a watchman on the wall. The Bible: Study, Understand, Do!

**Questions? Craig Bjerke,
320.219.8159**

Mighty Men of Prayer

Saturdays | 8:00 am | GR200

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. 17

An in-depth Bible study for women. This year we are studying the exile and return of the Israelites. Come join us for large group teaching time and small group discussion. We are also looking for childcare workers if interested!

**Questions? Kaylee Emter,
320.815.6092**

Sew to Share

1st & 3rd Tuesdays/month

9:00 am-Noon | Hall

Starts September 2

Join this group of ladies and use your talents to bless others in our church and community.

**Questions? Anita Ferguson,
320.808.6269**

Koffee & Kare

Wednesdays | 9:00 am | Patio

A 65+ fellowship of women of faith who delight in the Word of God, meet weekly to support each other, and pray diligently for their needs as well as the needs of others.

**Questions? Betty Bjurlin,
320.762.1651**

MOMS Group

1st & 3rd Tuesdays/month

9:15-11:00 am | Patio

Starts September 15

Connection, encouragement, fun, and faith formation for moms! Childcare for 0-5 years opens at 9:00 am.

**Questions? Kirsten Vaagenes,
320.360.5750**

Serve With Us This Fall!

We believe that every follower of Jesus is invited to use their gifts to build up the church and serve one another in love. As we step into a new ministry year, we're excited about the opportunities ahead—and we'd love for you to be a part of it!

No matter your age, season of life, or background, there's a place for you to jump in and make a difference. Whether it's snuggling babies, welcoming people, providing hospitality, leading students, or helping people connect with Jesus through worship—**there's a fit for everyone!** Check out the opportunities below and prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to jump in.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Ushers

Be a welcoming presence as you hand out bulletins, assist people in finding a seat, and collect offerings.

Hospitality Team

Serve coffee, offer a warm welcome, and help create a space for conversations that's comfortable and inviting.

Greeters & Welcome Desk Hosts

Be a friendly face, make people feel welcomed and seen, and help them get where they need to go.

Wednesday Night Meals Team

By helping prep and serve meals, you're creating a space where families can come, eat, and connect. Or if you like to bake, we love to serve treats on these nights too!

Special Events

If you like to help prep, serve in the kitchen, or clean up, we could use your help for events throughout the year.

ACCERT (Emergency Response Team)
Help keep our church family safe and supported in case of emergencies.

Interested? Contact Janel Zappe at janelz@alexandriacovenant.org

COVENANT KIDS

Nursery (Infant–3)

Serve during Sunday services or throughout the week by helping create a safe, loving space for our littlest ones.

Nursery & Kid Care (0-10 years)

Serve with us for small group studies and events throughout the week.

Behind the Scenes Volunteer

Assist our team to prep and prepare for kids's ministry.

Sunday School (Pre-K–5th Grade)

9:30 am

We're all about connecting kids with God and others. Come help us create a place where kids can engage in meaningful worship and Biblical faith formation.

AWANA (Pre-K-05th Grade)

Wednesdays 6:30pm

Join the fun as we help kids understand Scripture, build friendships, and grow in faith.

**Interested? Contact Pastor Chanda Winkels at chandaw@alexandriacovenant.org
Kristi Ferguson at kristif@alexandriacovenant.org**





STUDENT MINISTRY

Small Group Leaders

Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Help create a space where students feel seen, known, and valued—where they can ask honest questions, grow in their faith, and be encouraged to live for Jesus every day. We're looking for leaders who will walk alongside students, build lasting relationships, and point them to Jesus.



**For High School contact Pastor Greg Schanil at gregs@alexandriacovenant.org
For Middle School contact Sarah Erickson at sarahe@alexandriacovenant.org**

WORSHIP & PRODUCTION

Worship Team

If you play guitar (electric or acoustic) or drums, we'd love to talk about worship team with you. Not musical but still want to help out? We are also looking for people to help us run slides during our services.

Interested? Contact Naomi Sands at
naomis@alexandriacovenant.org

Production Team

Help with sound, cameras, or our livestream so everyone—whether they're in the Worship Center, the Patio, or tuning in online—can be part of what God is doing here at Alexandria Covenant Church. Training provided.

Interested? Contact David LeVahn at
davidl@alexandriacovenant.org



Want to Learn More? Ready to Jump In?

You can reach out directly to the listed ministry leader or fill out this form to let us know where you're interested in serving and they will reach out to you! Serving together is one of the best ways to grow in faith, build community, and be part of what God is doing in and through our church—we can't wait to serve with you!

MEN'S EVENTS



Our Men's Ministry hosts monthly events designed to help you have a great time together while building connections with men from our church. From golf outings and trap shooting to NFL and NHL watch parties with plenty of good food, there's something for everyone. Keep an eye on the bulletin to join in on the fun!

WOMEN'S EVENTS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS 2026-2027

Alexandria Covenant Church
4005 Dakota St | alexandriacovenant.org

Thursday, September 24

'In His Image' Event
Bread to the Nations
6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

Monday, October 12

Women's Worship Night
6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

Friday, November 20

Prepare Him Room
6:30-9:00 pm | Patio

Monday, December 21

Christmas Party
6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

Monday, January 11

Puzzle Night
6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

Monday, February 1

Women's Wellness Panel
6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

Monday, March 8

Bingo Night
6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

Saturday, April 3

Brunch & Speaker
9:00 am | Patio

Monday, May 10

Minnesota's Birthday Party
6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

Monday, June 7

Make Your Own Bouquet
6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

More details on our FB Page
[@Alexandria Covenant Church Women's Ministry](https://www.facebook.com/AlexandriaCovenantChurchWomenMinistry)

Women's Ministry is a multi-generational group open to teen girls through 110! Our goal is to provide community and connection with Christ at the center. We host monthly events for you to engage and meet other women within our church and community. We hope you can join us throughout the year for a variety of events we have planned. Follow our Facebook page [@Alexandria Covenant Church Women's Ministry](https://www.facebook.com/AlexandriaCovenantChurchWomenMinistry) to stay up to date. You can also stop by the Welcome Desk to grab a magnet of our upcoming events for the 2026-2027 year. Here's a peek of what the magnet looks like!

CARE MINISTRY

GriefShare

A 13-week support group that is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. You'll learn helpful ways of coping with solid support each step of the way. Offered 1-2 times annually.

John Johnson

johnj@alexandriacovenant.org

Celebrate Recovery

**Mondays | 6:00-9:30 pm
Hall**

A place to gather and find God's healing power. Through solid teaching rooted in the Bible and recovery practices we accept God's grace to solve our life's habits, hurts and hang-ups.

Dave Berg

dbergmn@gmail.com

Infant Loss Ministry

(Anchored Hope)

A Christ-centered place of comfort, prayer and. Hope for those walking through the pain of infertility, miscarriage, and pregnancy loss. We are here to pray, grieve, encourage, and love you through this difficult season.

Megan Lenz

mfnutmeg@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry

Our congregations' Stephen Ministry equips lay-people to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remain private.

John Johnson

johnj@alexandriacovenant.org

Marriage Mentoring

Marriage Mentoring is a confidential relationship in which an invested, experienced, married couple guides, supports, and encourages another couple in their marriage journey. It involves listening, sharing scripture, wisdom and providing a safe place for honest conversations about challenges, growth, and strengthening the marital relationship. The aim of mentoring is to increase joy in the marriage relationship allowing each of you to bear more fruit in your service to Christ.

John Johnson

johnj@alexandriacovenant.org

Adoption/Foster Ministry

Adoption/Foster Care ministry exists to minister to anyone in our church and community who has been directly impacted by adoption or foster care.

Ben Nesbitt

nesbittb@hotmail.com

TABLE GROUPS

Check out these ongoing table groups open to new people!



Hiking Table Group

Once a month pack a picnic and pull on your hiking boots to join others from our church in hiking and great conversation around a meal and the sermon series.

Chanda Winkels, 320.766.8010

Rhonda Bjurlin, 612.781.7721



Youth Table Group

Join us for supper, games, hanging out, and being in God's Word together. Open to high school students. Meets once a month at Janel's house from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Janel Zappe, 701.219.3290

Linda LeVahn, 320.808.3776

rightnow MEDIA

RightNow Media is a huge, streaming, online Bible study library for the whole family.

This is a **FREE** gift and resource for attendees at Alexandria Covenant.



**FREE
ACCESS LINK!**

