

Wednesday Night Meals

October 21 | 5:00-6:00 pm | Hall

Come for a meal together before Wednesday night activities! We will be serving pizza hotdish. Please RSVP!



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The Theological Umbrella of the Covenant Church

Sunday, October 25 | Room S100

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Do you wonder what the Evangelical Covenant Church believes and why? Often I will say "it needs to fit under the theological umbrella of the Covenant Church" what does that even mean? Come to this one time leadership class to grow in your understanding of what theology is and how the Covenant Church puts theology into practice. Holly Crowser, 715.577.8401



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Hope for the Journey: Simulcast Training

**Friday, October 30 | 8:30-5:00 pm
Great Room | Costs \$25**

Designed to equip parents, caregivers, church communities, and professionals caring for children, particularly those impacted by adoption and/or foster

care. This is a simulcast training opportunity teaching on topics including an introduction to TBRI® (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) and how to think about correction. Lunch will be provided. Certificate of training will be given to all attendees.



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Guarding Hearts of Grandchildren

Sundays starting November 1

9:30-10:30 am | Room H103

Grandparents have a unique role and biblical calling to spiritually influence their grandchildren. This is a 3-session course that equips grandparents to help guide their grandchildren in understanding God's good design and plan for sex, marriage, children, and identity. Culture will tell your grandchildren what to believe; they must hear biblical truth from people they can trust, that includes their grandparents! Rooted in Proverbs 4:23 (Guard your heart) and Proverbs 13:22 (Leave an inheritance to your children's children), the course encourages grandparents to share biblical truths about sexual integrity and God's protective design. This course is to encourage and support you in the biblical calling of being an intentional Christian grandparent. Connie Ferris, 320.219.1454



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Fall Fest

November 1 | 5:00-7:30 pm

Get ready for an evening of food, flannels, and fellowship at Fall Fest! From 5:00 to 6:15, enjoy a hearty meal with pulled pork, chips, cole slaw, fruit, bars and cookies, and apple cider punch downstairs in the fellowship hall. There will be games and activities for all ages to enjoy. Then, from 6:30 to 7:30, come upstairs join us for a special blended worship time featuring hymns, contemporary worship songs, and kids' worship favorites. Be sure to dress in your favorite flannel! Invite your friends and family for a cozy and fun fall celebration.

The Lord's Prayer: Women's Bible Study

**Wednesdays starting November 4
Noon - 1:00 pm | Room H103**

Prayer is more than a simple conversation; it is a sacred privilege and communion with God. While we are commanded to pray, we often struggle to know how to approach Him. The

Lord's Prayer provides a foundational model given by Jesus Himself to teach, correct, and guide our hearts toward meaningful communion with the Father. In this study, we dive into the context of the Lord's Prayer, the Sermon on the Mount, to understand how Jesus transformed our perspective on righteousness. By moving away from ritualistic or habit-based prayer, we learn to cultivate a relationship with God that flows from a heart of faith. Explore this rich theology of prayer and learn to worship God as He intended. Kerri Mattson, 320.815.0982



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Barnabas Book Club

November 10 | Noon | GR204

The Barnabas Book Club focuses on spiritual formation and meets every other month at noon on Tuesdays. The book up for discussion on November 10th is *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith. Purchase it on your own or pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk for a suggested donation. Questions? Kelsey Langager, 320.808.9581



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October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we invite our congregation to join us in thanking our pastors for their faithful leadership, care, and service to our church family.

New Hire: Pastor of Senior Adults and Visitation

We're excited to share some great news! Starting Sunday, November 1st, Jenn Tjepkes will be joining our staff as the Pastor of Senior Adults and Visitation. This part-time role will focus on shepherding and caring for our senior adults and providing support and encouragement through visitation. Jenn comes from Church of the Open Door in Maple Grove. She was the Associate Pastor of Formational Life. She is married to Chad, and has a daughter Maya, son Hunter and daughter-in-law Liz. She loves monster cookies, painting, and being outdoors! She is so excited to be here and meet you all! We're grateful to welcome Jenn to our team and look forward to the ways this ministry will continue to serve and care for our church family.

Election Season: A Guide for Faithful Engagement

Available at the Welcome Desk

Pick up a copy of this guide created by church staff to help you prayerfully discern during this voting season.

Church Staff

- Trinity Opp**
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- Mitch Haaby**
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Middle School Fall Retreat

Last weekend, we took 54 students and 11 leaders up to Trout Lake Camps for our annual Middle School Fall Retreat. The theme for the weekend was "Treasure Hunter," and our theme verse was Matthew 6:21: "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

Our speaker, Joelle Hassler, did a great job of walking students through why what we seek matters and what it looks like to seek Jesus above all else and to choose His way over our own. Hearing our students thoughtfully engage with the messages as they considered what it looks like in their lives to truly seek after God with their whole hearts was a highlight of the weekend, and I'm excited to share that 24 students made a commitment to go "all in" in their relationship with Jesus! For two of these students, this was a first-time commitment to follow Jesus and their decisions are represented by the two white roses on stage this morning. It's always a joy to celebrate what God is doing in the lives of our students!

In addition to our chapel times, students had the opportunity to participate in a volleyball tournament, camp-wide games, high ropes, mountain biking, zip lines, laser tag, rock climbing, wiffle ball, and more. The weather and the fall colors were beautiful; we couldn't have asked for a better weekend to be up at camp!

We have an amazing group of students and leaders, and it was so much fun getting to spend the weekend together, growing in our relationship with God and with each other. We're grateful for the ways God is working in the lives of our students and thankful for our church family's continued support and prayers as we walk alongside them in their faith journeys!

Blessings,
Sarah Erickson
Director of Middle School Ministry



Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, October 11, 2026

**Total
In-person**
713

**Total
Online**
314

**Weekly Giving
(General Fund)**
\$40,620.50

**Weekly
Need**
\$48,857.00

**YTD
Giving**
\$611,369.12

**YTD
Need**
\$732,870.00

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.



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