

# Alexandria Covenant Church

**July 6, 2025** | 8:00 am - Traditional, 9:30 & 11:00 am - Contemporary

## Bible Recap Monthly Discussion Group

**Today | 4:00 pm | Great Room**

Fellowship with Bible Recap readers! Digest the monthly reading, bring any questions, and let's discuss! Questions? Maggie Wood, 320.808.1424 or Alicia Bertram, 320.808.5451



## Men's Summit

**July 9 | 6:30 pm | Dan Miller's 7020 CR 8 NW, Alexandria**

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

## Annual Meeting

**July 13 | 6:00 pm**

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

## Summer Fest

**July 17 | 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.

## Vacation Bible School

**July 14-17 | 9:00-11:30 am | Visit the table in the lobby!**

All aboard! Jump on the train and serve with VBS this summer! Wonder Junction is a western-themed VBS, where kids will learn all about Jesus through crafts, games, songs, Bible teaching, and snacks! Don't be late! Skedaddle over to the VBS display table in the lobby to sign up today!



[Click to sign up!](#)

**LOVING JESUS. BECOMING LIKE JESUS. SHARING JESUS.**

# Jonah on a Boat

Starting July 20 | 6:00-7:30 pm  
9280 County Road 34 NW

Bring your Bible and join a small men's group for 5 Sundays on an actual boat to take a "deep dive" into the book of Jonah. Five "crew" needed. Captain is Keith Olson, 320.226.7915.



[Click to sign up!](#)



# Men's Boundary Waters Canoe Trip

August 6-10 | \$350

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area features pristine wilderness and water to explore, camp, and fish. This trip is for any man looking for a wilderness adventure. No camping gear? No problem. Rent anything needed from our outfitter or borrow it from a friend. Food and transportation (including the canoe rental) are included in the price. What's not included: your food on the road there and back, camping gear (you can rent/borrow this), and fishing gear. Space is limited, so sign up soon! Questions? Aaron Johnson, 218.205.4953



[Click to sign up!](#)



# Purple Hulls Concert

July 29 | 6:30 pm

The Purple Hulls are coming back to Alexandria Covenant Church for a concert! Come enjoy an evening of bluegrass, country, and gospel music! Freewill donations will be accepted.



**Roger Rosengren**  
TW Anderson Outstanding  
Layperson of the Year Award  
Evangelical Covenant Church

Roger Rosengren has received the 2025 Theodore W. Anderson Award for outstanding lay ministry from the Evangelical Covenant Church denomination. We are so grateful for Roger & Caryn and recognize their impact of over 50 years of ministry in our own church family and in the broader community!



[Click to Watch](#)



# 2025-2026 LEADERSHIP TEAM CANDIDATES

We will be voting on our new Leadership Team candidates  
at our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 13 at 6:00 pm.**

Please thank Scott Stumpf and Andrew Langager as they  
complete their terms where they served faithfully on our  
Leadership Team.



## Laura Nelson

### **How long have you been involved at Alexandria Covenant Church?**

16 Years

### **Tell us a little about your family**

Meet the Nelsons—Aaron, Laura, and their daughters: Jayne (13), Lucy (12), and Kate (10). Our girls keep us busy with activities. Aaron works at Douglas Machine, and I work at Lincoln Elementary—it's been a joy being at the girls' school! When not at the girls' events, we enjoy the lake, playing games, and late night bonfires creating new s'more ideas.

### **What is your favorite Bible verse or passage, and why?**

One of my favorite verses is 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."

This verse is a daily reminder of who I am in Christ—chosen, set apart, and

deeply loved. It speaks to identity and purpose. On hard days, it grounds me in truth. On good days, it reminds me to give God the glory. I love how it shifts the focus from striving to simply belonging to God and living in His light.

### **What made you want to join the leadership team?**

My love for our church community is what led me to say yes. I also believe the age and stage of life I'm in allows me to bring a unique perspective to the leadership team. I'm actively involved in children's ministry, help with Wednesday night meals, and my kids participate in many of the church's programs. Being so connected through the lens of young families, I hope to represent that voice and offer insight into how our church can continue to grow and support the next generation.

### **What do you see God doing in our church family that you're excited about?**

Every week I notice new families walking through our doors—what a gift that is! It's also a reminder that I don't have babies anymore and might need to start volunteering in the nursery again just to meet them! I see God growing our church not just in numbers but spiritually. I'm encouraged by how many ways people can get connected and how our church creates space for real community. I love serving and watching others live out their faith beyond Sunday mornings. It's exciting to be part of a church that shapes hearts inside the walls and serves others well outside of them.



## Ben Nesbitt

### **How long have you been involved at Alexandria Covenant Church?**

Since we moved to Alexandria in 2014

### **Tell us a little about your family**

My wife, Janina, and I have been married since 2003, and our daughter, Maya, is 16, and our son, Micah, is 13.

### **What is your favorite Bible verse or passage, and why?**

Ever since grade school, I have been drawn to James 1:27- "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." I have always been impressed with God's servant nature, and this verse is one of the reasons that I chose my career path of social work. It provides clear and practical guidance that has continued to impact me greatly throughout my life.

### **What made you want to join the leadership team?**

I am very grateful for the impact of Alexandria Covenant Church on my life, and I feel honored to be considered for the leadership team. This provides a wonderful way to continue to give back to our church. We have a great team already and I hope that my experience and background can supplement the work already being done.

### **What do you see God doing in our church family that you're excited about?**

I have always been impressed with how devoted our church has been to being relationally driven and teaching the Bible. I also like how multi-generational our church is. We have active and involved members from each generation, which provides wonderful variety of experiences and knowledge.



## Bruce Evink

### **How long have you been involved at Alexandria Covenant Church?**

21 years

### **Tell us a little about your family**

Donna and I just celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary! Donna is wonderfully supportive and teaches first grade at the Miltons magnet school. I am a family physician at Sanford Health in Alexandria, and am physician chair/medical director there. We have two married children, and three grandchildren.

### **What is your favorite Bible verse or passage, and why?**

Romans 8. It starts by indicating there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ, and that the power of the Holy Spirit has freed me from the power of sin that leads to death. It continues with wonderful assurance through Christ's atoning grace, and ends with further assurance that absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God.

In addition to Romans 8, the theme of humility that permeates all of scripture is a very meaningful challenge. It has always amazed me that one of the greatest leaders in the Bible, Moses, was described in Numbers 12:3 as more humble than any other person on earth. I pray that through wisdom and humility, my life can be a sweet aroma to my heavenly Father.

### **What made you want to join the leadership team?**

I feel led to the Leadership Team as I believe I am equipped to help in the governance of our local congregation, by maintaining the unwavering obedience and direction to honor God. Our church should represent passionately our mission of loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus. The devil is both subtle and bold and targets the church, and we need leadership in the church to navigate this. I feel I can help the LT in discerning God's direction for our church.

### **What do you see God doing in our church family that you're excited about?**

All of our ministries do intentionally focus on our mission. Our church continues to be committed to the basics of faith, holding true to the ultimate authority of scripture. As we maintain this focus, God will be honored and pleased by the ministries and programming that we put in place.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & GET READY!

# SERVING SATURDAY

B L E S S OUR COMMUNITY

**Save the date for  
Saturday, August 2, 2025!**

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

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:**

**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)



*Check out all of our volunteer opportunities inside!*

## **QUESTIONS?**

Sara Peterson, 320.491.7215

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

**1. Make tie blankets**

Alexandria Covenant Church

**2. Vacuum blue foam carpet and disinfect mats at Alexandria Area Gymnastics**

Discovery Middle School (Door #28)

**3. Paint over graffiti inside pedestrian tunnel**

526 Willow Dr, Alexandria

**4. Paint tan shed walls at Lincoln Elementary**

1120 Lark Street, Alexandria

**5. Clean pads, equipment, and windows at Shenanigans Indoor Playground**

1410 S McKay Ave (Door #3)

**6. Paint K9 agility equipment at Sheriff's Office**

Douglas County Fair Grounds (meet at training field, go-kart track)

**7. Paint, remove carpet, and scrape glue at Kalon Prep Academy** (Middle school age & older)

1877 Aga Drive, Alexandria

**8. Fix cars (misc. repairs) at Car Care Program**

Some mechanical skills needed • Ages 16+

4353 County Road 82 SE, Alexandria



**9. Detail cars at Car Care Program**

4353 County Road 82 SE, Alexandria

**10. Stain both sides of backyard fence at Joy Ranstrom's House**

1602 Cedar Street, Alexandria

**11. Remove closet walls, sheetrock, and clean basement at Joy Ranstrom's House**

Know how to use sledgehammer and sawzall

Bring: Work gloves, tools provided

1602 Cedar Street, Alexandria

**12. Weed and pressure wash exterior, move shelving, paint, and clean interior at Habitat Restore**

Bring: Work gloves, safety glasses

1211 N Nokomis NE, Alexandria

**13. Build treated picnic tables at Lake Beauty Bible Camp**

Minimal carpentry skills needed

Bring: Safety glasses, ear protection, (if have: circular saw, cordless drill, socket/wrench set)

25766 Hummingbird Trail, Long Prairie



**14. Weed and clean flower gardens at Legacy of the Lakes Museum**

Bring: Gardening tools and supplies, gloves, etc.

205 3rd Ave W, Alexandria

**15. Empty, clean, and repack large freezer at Outreach Food Shelf**

Heavy lifting • Bring: Work gloves, tools provided

1205 Lake Street, Alexandria

**16. Dust, clean, and maintain floors in 4-5 outbuildings at Runestone Museum**

206 Broadway Street, Alexandria • Ages 8+

**17. Cook freezer meals and deliver to supported families at Safe Families**

Alexandria Covenant Church Kitchen

**18. Dismantle butterfly garden, remove weeds, rocks, dead tree at Voyager Elementary School**

Bring: Shovel, saw, wheel barrow, truck or trailer

203 Voyager Drive, Alexandria

**19. Weed or help with garden class at Woodland Garden**

Bring: Own garden gloves if preferred

Woodland Elementary Schools

**20. Paint and pick rocks at Viking Speedway**

**21. Serve donuts, juice, and coffee in outreach event at 6th Ave Community Center**

1615 6th Ave E, Alexandria

**22. Shop for school supplies and assemble bags for kids at Alexandria Covenant Church**

**23. Trim hedge and shrubs at cemetery and memorial at Glenwood City Cemetery**

Operate electric hedge trimmers.

Bring: Electric hedge trimmers, electric generators, extension cords, tall ladders, rakes, gloves, (long sleeves possibly), a yard bag or two  
South Hwy 104 & Memorial Drive, Glenwood

**24. Pray over serving locations and write thank-you cards at Alexandria Covenant Church**

**25. Quilt, sew, cut, iron, sort fabric, and pray over blankets at Scraps of Love**

903 Oak Street, Alexandria

**26. Sort and fold clothes at Fostering Love**

1804 Broadway Street, Alexandria



**27. Scrape and paint north side of fence at Lakes Area Humane Society**

Bring: Work gloves

3811 Nevada St SW, Alexandria

**28. Replace old plastic shelves with wooden shelves at Life Connections**

Minimal carpentry skills • Bring: Battery powered screw gun or drill, tape measure

1309 Highway 29, Alexandria

**29. Paint fellowship hall at Zion Lutheran School**

Bring: Brushes and rollers if you'd like. They'll have some supplies

300 Lake St, Alexandria • Ages 13+

**30. Set up and serve Celebration Sunday breakfast at Alexandria Covenant Church**

Sunday, August 3, 7:00 am - 10:00 am



**31. Serve and clean up after breakfast at Alexandria Covenant Church**

Sunday, August 3, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**32. Paint sheds/dugouts and assess hillside erosion at Discovery Middle School**

Bring: Paintbrushes/rollers, wheelbarrows

510 McKay Ave N, Alexandria

**33. Deadhead and trim flowers near Door 2 at Discovery Middle School**

Bring: Gloves, buckets, wheel barrow if possible

510 McKay Ave N, Alexandria

**34. Repaint art room at Carlos Elementary**

Bring: Your own brushes/rollers if you'd like

20 N Douglas Ave, Carlos

**35. Weed community garden and haul wood; weed memorial garden at Carlos Elementary**

Bring: Gardening gloves, tools, buckets. They have some gardening tools. Trailer to haul wood away  
20 N Douglas Ave, Carlos

**36. Clean lockers, bathrooms, classrooms; pull weeds and plant grass at Alexandria Community Christian School**

Bring: Work gloves

2505 MN 29, Alexandria

**37. Pre-arrange snack and water containers for project teams at Alexandria Covenant Church**

Thursday, July 31 at 10:00 am



**38. Do yard work and paint outbuilding at Glinda Stokes's House**

Bring: Gloves, paint brushes  
8145 Sugar Sand Lane, Alexandria

**39. Provide childcare (ages 0–4) at Alexandria Covenant Church** (Ages 14+)

After Saturday's service until 12:30 pm

**40. Trim bushes at Grand Arbor**

Bring: Work gloves, tools provided  
4403 Pioneer Road SE, Alexandria



**41. Offer a Free Car Wash at Alexandria Covenant Church**

**42. Clean yard or paint exterior at Emerald Pines Trailer Park**

Bring: Work gloves  
1611 6th Ave E, Alexandria • Ages 16+



**43. Prep and serve a free meal for tenants at Viking Towers**

805 Fillmore Street, Alexandria • Ages 16+

**44. Install mailbox/lights/faucet, clean kitchen/ carpet, pull weeds, tar pavement at The Regeneration Center**

1615 6th Ave E, Alexandria

**45. Make cards, garden, clean, and wash windows at Teen Challenge**

525 Willow Dr, Alexandria

**46. Wash outside windows at Sue Odell's House**  
110 Sumac Drive, Alexandria

**47. Dust shelves at Douglas County Library**  
720 Fillmore St, Alexandria

**48. Sing for residents at both care facilities at Nelson Care Center / Autumn Cottages**

Guitar or piano player would be helpful  
420 12th Ave E, Alexandria

**49. Clean and sort clothes at Someplace Safe**  
607 Voyager Dr, Alexandria

**50. Empty lot clean up and pickup garbage**



**Check back at the signup tables for more opportunities being added!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SERVING SATURDAY TEAM**

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**David Englund**  
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# Live Sermon Translation

Live sermon translation is now available! Join us at the 11:00 am service and listen in your preferred language through your phone. Stop by the Welcome Desk to learn more!



Scan to listen

# Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, June 29, 2025

**Total  
In-person**  
791

**Total  
Online**  
374

**Weekly Giving  
(General Fund)**  
\$24,953.67

**Weekly  
Need**  
\$43,624.00

**YTD  
Giving**  
\$2,212,552.17

**YTD  
Need**  
\$2,268,425.00

# Growing God's Kingdom

Goal: \$1,750,000.00

**Outstanding Need: \$422,723.48**



**Campaign  
Contributions YTD**  
\$1,211,597.43

**Total Pledged  
Outstanding**  
\$115,679.09

# How to Give Online to the Capital Campaign:

1. Scan the QR code and click "Give" or go to our giving page on our app and website.
2. Select "Growing God's Kingdom Capital Campaign" from the fund dropdown and enter amount.



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## 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](http://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.

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## 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 Desk 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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