

The Kingdom
of God
FOR
DUMMIES



MAY 27 2018
LOVING JESUS. BECOMING LIKE JESUS. SHARING JESUS.



Tuesdays beginning June 5
5:30-7:30 pm, Room 113

This biblically based program for people grieving death of a significant loved one, brings hope to those experiencing grief. Sign up at the Information Center or through the church app.

Call Trina Poster, 320.491.9168



June 9

Men, come for a day of golf! The golf scramble begins at 8:30 am with tee times every 8 minutes. Cost is \$13. Sign up at the Information Center or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

Location: Nordic Trails Golf Course

Questions? Tom Johnson, 320.815.5945



June 21, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join us for an intergenerational, family-friendly service and learning experience for ages 5-105. Experience what God is doing in the Twin Cities area.

**Location: Sanctuary Covenant Church
 Minneapolis**

Register at northwestconference.org.

MEMORIAL DAY

Please remember the families of past & present military in your prayers this Memorial Day weekend. Also, remember to pray for Christians who sacrifice their lives for their faith.

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays beginning June 11, 8:30 am

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

HYMNS OF PRAISE (8:00 am)

- #730 God of the Ages
- #733 O God of Every Nation
- #772 We Wait for a Great and Glorious Day
- #768 Jesus Comes the Clouds Descending

VOCAL DUET (8:00 am)

- So Will I
- Carmen & Morgan Silbernack

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Details at alexandriacovenant.org

SUNDAY, MAY 27

- 8:00 am** Traditional Worship
- 8:00 am** Children's Church Video
- Room 108
- 9:15 am** Contemporary Worship
- 9:15 am** Children's Church Video
- Room 108
- 10:45 am** Contemporary Worship

Monday's beginning June 11, 8:30 pm Night Owl? Men, join us as we dig into the Biblical book of Galatians and find that true freedom is found in surrender, not self-dependence. Meal is provided. Sign up at the Information Center or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

Location: The Boat House
Questions? Simon DeBlieck,
612.916.6489 or Dave Englund,
320.815.4162

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS SEMINAR

October 27, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Grandparents play a unique and profoundly influential role in the lives of their grandchildren. Join us to find inspiration, ideas and tools to help you realize your potential as a grandparent. Space is limited! Register at alexandriacovenant.org.
Location: New Life Church of Woodbury

NEWBORN

Congratulations to Scott and Leona Hurlbut on the birth of their son, Henry Timothy, who was born May 12.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS CHILDREN'S CHURCH VIDEO

4 yrs-2nd grade
Room 108 (lower level)

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Kingdom of God for Dummies
Pastor John LeVahn

FEATURED ON THE WEBSITE

alexandriacovenant.org
Visit the **Resources** tab for encouragement on the life-long journey of following Christ.

ONLINE COMMUNITY

alexandriacovenant.ccbchurch.com
You can have access to our church database 24/7! Log in to Church Community Builder (CCB) from any computer or mobile device connected to the internet.

Questions? Call the church office,
320.763.5659

10:45 am Contemporary worship
10:45 am Children's Church Video
- Room 108

MONDAY, MAY 28
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.
HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery - Gym

TUESDAY, MAY 29
6:00 pm GriefShare - Room 113


WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
9:00 am Koffee & Kare - Room 114

THURSDAY, MAY 31
8:30 am Mighty Women of Prayer
- Room 116
7:00 pm Cru - Alexandria Technical & Community College

FRIDAY, JUNE 1
6:00 am Men's Bible Study
- Room 116

SATURDAY, JUNE 2
8:00 am Mighty Men of Prayer
- Room 116

WELCOME!

Find us on
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It's our sincere desire that you are welcome and at home here at Alexandria Covenant Church. Please stop by the Information Center and ask for a **Guest Guide** to help you become familiar with the life of our church.

- Nursery is available for infants - 3 years old.
- Assisted listening devices available at the Information Center

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Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Online giving available by texting *alexcov* to 77977
or by visiting alexandriacovenant.org/give.

Message & Data rates may apply

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carl & Laura (Friends of Tom & Jan Johnson)
- Jean Ferguson
- Adalind (Ryan & Ashley Radermacher's daughter)

Dominic Hlinksy's father, Steve, passed away May 13.

Lori Hornberger passed away May 20.

Please remember these families in your prayers.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD FOR DUMMIES

Luke 17:20-37 • Pastor John LeVahn

1. The Kingdom of God is already _____ in the world
vs. 20

2. The Kingdom of God is already present, but it's not present in all its _____.

vs. 22,25

3. Before the Kingdom of God comes in all its fullness, it's going to be preceded by a terrible judgment that comes _____ and _____.

vs. 26-30

4. _____ will be rescued from the wrath to come by the rapture of the church.
vs. 34-35

5. The Kingdom of God needs to be the _____ of our life.

STAFF

John LeVahn - Senior Pastor
Trinity Opp - Executive Pastor
Brian Farkis - Pastor of Student Ministry
Chad Melton - Director of Middle School Ministry
Nancy Holm - Director of Worship Ministry
Julie Barnes - Director of Children's Ministry
Chanda Winkels - Director of Woman and Family Ministry
Jessica Thompson - Nursery Coordinator
Dave Englund - Facility Specialist
Sue Davids - Facility Assistant
Cheri Timm - Administrative Secretary
Jeanette Meyers - Financial Secretary
Kelsey Langager - Graphic Design and Communications Director

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

The Importance of Encouragement
Pastor John LeVahn

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

for women

HOODWINKED

Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am

June 7 - July 26

Hoodwinked equips mothers of all ages and stages to stop believing the destructive and divisive lies that culture feeds them and start living the life-changing truths of Scripture. Book available at first class for \$10 suggested donation. Childcare available for infant - age 10. Sign up at the Information Center or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

Location: Ministry Center

Questions? Jessica Thompson, 320.760.2196
or Bobbi Jo Grouse, 320.766.2233

TEEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

June 7 - August 2

Tired of feeling as though you don't measure up? Worried you need to try harder? Relax in God's truth! Teen girls who have completed 8-12th grade are invited to the Proven study. Come learn you have nothing to prove because Jesus has already proven everything. DVD teaching will be combined with creative/artistic fun at each session. \$20 suggested donation. Sign up at the Information Center or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

Location: Room 130

Questions? Heather Netland, 320.815.1665

MOTHER & DAUGHTER BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

June 12 - July 24

Mothers of 8 - 12 year old girls are invited to spend an intentional and fun time with your daughter. Explore God's Word and participate in creative activities together. We will look at some amazing ladies of character found in the Bible. These ladies serve as models for us in *Becoming a Girl of Grace*. Book is available at first session for \$10 suggested donation. Childcare available for infant-age 5. Sign up at the Information Center or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

Location: Upper Addition

Questions? Kelsey Langager, 320.808.0581

CHURCH
community
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Recently
Given
New Look!

DID YOU KNOW?



- You can have access to an online church directory on your computer or mobile device.
- You can update your family's contact information and add photos of your family.
- You can view your giving history and print your end of year giving statement.

Church Community Builder (CCB) is a **FREE** online community designed to help attendees of Alexandria Covenant Church communicate with each other and connect into the life of our church. Information is secure and only available to attendees of Alexandria Covenant Church.

SIGN UP AT ALEXANDRIACOVENANT.CCBCHURCH.COM



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 25 - 29 • 9:00 - 11:45 am

3 1/2 years old - 5th grade graduates

Register at alexandriacovenant.org/vbs

Join our team of volunteers!

- Adult Crew Leaders for preschool & elementary
- Teenage Crew Leaders for preschool
- Craft Assistants for preschool & elementary
- Nursery Childcare • Substitutes
- Decorating Crew (week of June 18 or June 29 at 11:30 am)

Sign up at the table in the lobby.

LOCAL MISSIONS FEATURED MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

LIFE CONNECTIONS (formerly Birthright)



Mission Statement

Life Connections provides a confidential, compassionate setting for anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy or with parenting concerns. We offer a listening ear along with practical support, education, and community referrals...because Life matters.

How does this ministry help the community?

Life Connections offers educational classes on every aspect of pregnancy and parenting. We also supply basic need items such as maternity and baby clothes, diapers, etc... All services are confidential and free.

How can we pray for this ministry?

Please pray for wisdom as volunteers speak with clients, our financial needs and an end to abortion.

How can I get involved or support this ministry?

We are always looking for volunteers to work in the office, washing and sorting clothes, housekeeping, financial support and prayer warriors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
PATTI ECKHOFF, 320.808.0614

Put your faith into action by serving within our community.
Visit alexandriacovenant.org/missions for list of supported ministries.

Leadership Team MAY 2018
the updater

We have a pastoral candidate coming to town June 1-4, for the position of Pastor of Connection and Care. This position will bring leadership to the area of pastoral care, First Impressions, Assimilation, Next Steps (from connection to service), and Senior Adult Ministry.

The candidate, Dr. Chuck Conley and his wife Kelli are from Boaz, Alabama. We will be scheduling various opportunities for Pastor Chuck to meet and greet people that he would be working with as the Pastor of Connection and Care.

The congregation will meet Pastor Chuck during our Sunday morning services on June 3. We will also schedule a Q & A forum with Pastor Chuck that Sunday afternoon. We are excited about the possibility of Pastor Chuck joining our church staff and family.

Filling the Director of Elementary Children's Ministry position became a need when Julie Barnes accepted the part-time Director of Preschool Ministry position this past winter. We are grateful for the many years of full-time service that Julie gave to our Children's Ministry at ACC. Julie will begin her Director of Preschool Ministry role on July 1, 2018.

After much conversation, prayer, and consideration regarding the needs of our Children's Ministry, the Leadership Team has decided to move Chanda Winkels into the Director of Elementary Children's Ministry position beginning July 1, 2018.

CONTINUED ON BACK

Chanda will be finishing her Master's Degree in Children and Family Ministry from Bethel Seminary in the fall, and has committed to fulfill the requirements for licensure/ordination in the Evangelical Covenant Church Denomination. Because of Chanda's commitment to licensure/ordination in the ECC, we will be recognizing Chanda's role in children's ministry as a Pastor of Elementary Children's Ministry.

We are pursuing a candidate for the Pastor of Adult Formation ministry position that Chanda Winkels was planning to fill. The Pastor of Adult Formation ministry will be responsible to oversee the spiritual growth of adults and the ongoing development of lay leaders in the church. This involves the direct oversight of several significant discipleship and evangelism ministries: Christian formation, Sunday school, small groups, men's and women's ministry, and equipping and developing of adult leaders.

Please pray that we will proceed with wisdom, discernment, and understanding, as we work to fill the various pastoral positions that will help us as a church continue to grow up in Christ.

Exciting Side Note: The final inspection of the new facility was complete on Friday, May 25. We are anticipating occupancy by June 1, 2018. We are very blessed to be a church on the grow. May we continue to be a beacon of light and hope to our community as we share the gospel, make disciples, and become more like Jesus every day.

The Leadership Team
of Alexandria Covenant Church

