



NCPC **October** **2026** **Newsletter**



October Events

Sunday, October 4

Food Bank Collection Sunday

Tuesday, October 6

4:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Library

Thursday, October 8

7:00 pm, Session Meeting, Library

Sunday, October 11

11:45 am, Fellowship Potluck—Italian Food: *Delizioso!*
No sign-up—bring your favorite food—pasta, salad, dessert, etc.

Tuesday, October 13

1:30 pm, Lydia Circle, Library

Saturday, October 17

6:00 pm, Scripture Singles @ Beth Oliver's home

Tuesday, October 20

6:30 pm, Christian Movie Night—viewing "Average Joe"

Wednesday, October 28

1:30 pm, Knives & Hooks, Promise Room





A Word from the Pastor

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness." (Psalm 29:2)

It's always one of those monthly challenges that come up with every newsletter article I share with you – and that is what to write about. Well, I was once again pondering on that very subject following worship this past Sunday. And knowing I needed to come up with something quickly in order to avoid Julia's ire, something most fortunate happened. Someone came up to me following Sunday School and asked me a question. And with that question, thinking that perhaps others might have that question too, I found the topic for this month's newsletter.

The question: What is this thing called Ordinary Time that we see listed on the front of our bulletin every week (at least during this time of the year)? Maybe you've wondered it yourself; maybe you've never thought about it at all. But, listed there every week on the front of the bulletin during these summertime months you will see listed a particular Sunday of Ordinary Time. For example, last Sunday was the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time. This Sunday it's the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time. And so on, and so on. And so the question – What is Ordinary Time? As it was put to me from the person asking about it – 'I don't think any Sunday when we gather to worship the Lord should be 'ordinary.'

So this month, let me give you a brief class on Ordinary Time and the church calendar. The church calendar includes two central cycles that highlight the two major events in the life of Christ: the Christmas cycle of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany and the Easter cycle of Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The church year does not start on January 1st, but begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent, which will, generally, be either the last Sunday of November or the first Sunday of December, depending on what day of the week Christmas Day lands. This year, for example, the 1st Sunday of Advent will be November 29th. The Christmas season lasts from this 1st Sunday of Advent through the celebration of Epiphany, January 6th. This special season is also marked with the color purple preceding Christmas Day and then the color white up until the Day of Epiphany, 12 days following Christmas. This is where we get the 12 Days of Christmas – Christmas Day to the Day of Epiphany, December 25th to January 6th.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which occurs 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter and runs until the Day of Pentecost, which occurs 50 days following Easter. And, like with the Christmas season, the color purple is on display until Easter Sunday when we change the banners on the front of the pulpit and communion table, once more, to white.

Following each of these two special seasons we have this season known as Ordinary Time. And the color put on display during this season is the color green.

Here's where some may get confused. The word "ordinary" does not mean "routine" or "not special." The "Ordinary" of Ordinary Time refers to the "ordinal numbers" used to name and count the Sundays of each of these seasons. So, following the Christmas season we have the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and so on Sundays of Ordinary Time until we get to Ash Wednesday and the start of the season of Lent. And, following the Day of Pentecost those Sundays of Ordinary Time recommence. And so, we wind up in this time of the year with such Sundays as the 25th, 26th, 27th, and so on Sundays of Ordinary Time. The term comes from the Latin word, *ordinalis*, meaning "numbered" or "ordered." And, by the way, the number of Sundays during this season called Ordinary Time will always end with the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. So, once you see that listed on the front of our bulletin, you'll know that the season of Advent is about to begin.

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There are other special days on the church calendar that indicate the beginning and ending of these two seasons of Ordinary Time. The Sunday following the Christmas season and marking the beginning of the first season of Ordinary Time is called the Baptism of the Lord Sunday. This first season ends with the Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday occurring the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Following the Day of Pentecost, this second season of Ordinary Time begins with Trinity Sunday and comes to an end the Sunday before the 1st Sunday of Advent on the day known as Christ the King Sunday.

So, there you have it. Now you know more about the church calendar and the different Sundays of the church year than you, probably, ever wanted to know. But the one thing that we should never forget when it comes to gathering together on Sunday morning and worshiping our Lord is that whether it is Christmas Day, or Easter Sunday or the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, or any other Sunday is that the one thing our worship to Almighty God should never be is – ordinary. Instead, as we see written at the top of this article, let us always – *“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”*

As always, beloved, whether this Sunday, next Sunday or any Sunday –

See you in church!

Pastor Craig

♪ A Note From Janet ♪

Recently Shirley Power played a lively southern gospel song for the Preparation for Worship. Its catchy melody had many in the congregation “feeling” the beat with their minds and bodies. The lyrics for *“I Wouldn’t Take Nothing for My Journey Now”* were written by Vestal Goodman and first recorded by the Happy Goodman family. Later it was incorporated into the Bill Gaither TV show. In 1993 Maya Angelou used the song name as the title for her first book of essays about the power of God’s Word to move and shape a life.

*“Well, I wouldn’t take nothing for
my journey now.*

*Gonna make it to Heaven somehow;
Though the devil tempts me and he tries
to turn me around.*

*He’s offered everything that’s got a name;
All the wealth I could want and worldly fame.
If I could still, I wouldn’t take nothing
for my journey now.”*

Thank You...

Dear Church Family,

Craig and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to every one of you for your love and prayers during my mothers last days and her passing.

Thank you for the food and cards we received. It means so much not only to us but to my dad and brothers as well. We are most assuredly blessed with a loving church family.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Craig, Julie and the Brooks family



NEW COVENANT WOMEN'S NEWS



Lydia Circle
Tuesday, October 13
at 1:30 pm,
in the Church Library

MADE FOR HIM:

Rest in Christ for Restless Hearts

We will be covering Lesson 2.

Hostess: Lynette Peterman

Study Leader: Annie Gajewski

Christian Movie Night

Tuesday, October 27, at 6:30 pm

Please join us to watch this month's Christian movie:
"Average Joe." Inspired by the true story of a football
coach whose fight to kneel in private
prayer on the field went all the way to
the Supreme Court.



We hope to see you there!



Son-Rise Guys

Thursdays, from 7:00-8:00 am
In the Church Library

We are continuing our study of "The Gospel
of Jesus Christ," by Paul Washer.

The Gospel reveals that God has come and
won the victory for us in a hopeless world.

Are you ready to share the Gospel?
We're looking at God's character; Me as
a sinner; and Redemption
through Christ's blood.

Guys, join us for Bible
Study, Coffee, Snacks, and
Fellowship!



Kneedles & Hooks

Kneedles and Hooks will meet on
October 28, at 1:30 pm, in the
Promise Room. We meet on the
fourth Wednesday of each
month).

We'd love to have you join us in
making scarves and other warm
items for those in need.



Deacons Corner

Deacons—our next meeting will be on
Wednesday, November 4, 2026,
at 5:30 pm, in the Church Library.

October Greeters

Shirley Power

Jean Sidebottom

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalms 100:2a

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to...

Kevin & Carolyn Evenson, on the birth of
their granddaughter, Flora Grace, born Sep-
tember 10, 2026, daughter of Brad & Amy.

Condolences to...

Pam Knoche and family, on the passing of
her husband, Farrell Knoche, on Septem-
ber 22, 2026.

*If you know of any information that should be included
in the newsletter, please notify Julia in the church office.*



October 2026 Mission Prayer Notes



Murray and Kathy Trim – TEAM – (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) – Japan

PRAY for Murray and Kathy as they share the message of GOD's LOVE as they continue their labor in Japan; **Kathy** - teaches classes and has a ministry with women; **Murray** as he has contact with people, times for preaching and other activities. **PRAY** for us to have some more recent communication with them and updates on their work. Continue to **PRAY** for health and strength for each of their mothers, Murray's Mom celebrated her 100 birthday, in April in Nebraska. Kathy's mom is in her 90's and lives in Pretty Prairie.

Shelly Zadina – Medical Ambassadors – Albania

Shelly would very much like to come and visit New Covenant, let's pray that she will be able to do that soon, so that more of us have the opportunity to know her personally. She continues working for **Medical Ambassadors** as she helps her mom and her physical needs and visits her dad, as he remains in a nursing home in Salin. *It is imperative for her to **GO TO ALBANIA BEFORE THE END OCTOBER IF SHE IS TO KEEP HER PERMANENT RESIDENCY STATUS THERE.*** **PRAY** that she will be able to make this trip, if it is **GOD'S PLAN** for her to continue this mission activity.

PRAY for **Katelynn Robinson** – She has sensed a **calling from GOD** to go into full time Mission Work. She continues taking part in **Project Video's Immersion Program**, preparing her for working with **Project Video**. Her present plan is to starting working in Thailand in January with a 1-year commitment to **Project Video**. Feel free to talk to her and learn more about her plans as she leaves us here to follow the leading of GOD she is sensing for her life. Let's keep **praying** for her as she looks forward to this change in her life.

Fredy and Djana JAVIER – Macedonia

Pray for the Javier's – as they work with the mission project they set up in Macedonia and for their children, **JAVI (Shavi)**, and **SHARON**. We were happy to meet **Fredy** here in Hutchinson and hear from him personally concerning their work in **Macedonia**.

FOUNDATION HAITIAN CHILDREN OF HOPE - School in Haiti



Haiti continues to have many needs and certainly our prayers. Our communication with this school is minimal, but I think we will be able to get a little more information and updates very soon. **PRAY** that there will **soon be an end** to the **gang activity** which is so very dangerous, destructive and disruptive to many areas of Haiti, and includes the area where this school is located. **PRAY** for people there – students, faculty and others, as they continue to endure the dangerous activity by the gangs. **PRAY** for **VOLVICK**, one of the founders of this school and also the current principal. The school has classes for both elementary and secondary students. He continues to live and work in Port au Prince, some distance from the location of the school, supporting himself, so that all money sent goes to support the school. In the past, **Volvick** was able to get back and forth and in the summer, he went to the area of the school and supplied the students and their families with food. **PRAY** for **safety** for **VOLVICK**, the **teachers** and **students** and their **families**. **PRAY** that we will be able to safely send money to the school soon.

LOCAL MINISTRIES

FOOD BANK – THANK YOU for your generous giving to the **Food Bank**. Items may be put in the basket in the hall, (under the coat rack), designated for the **Food Bank**. Donations are distributed through the **Food Bank** to those in need in our community. Donations can be put in the basket any time, they are usually taken to the **Food Bank** early each month. **THANKS** to **CARL** and **Jean Sidebottom** for your faithful delivery to the **Food Bank** of items collected here.

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LOCAL MINISTRIES

YOUNG LIFE – Both junior and senior high students may be involved in the **YOUNG LIFE** program. The local **Young Life** program is presently focusing on students in the Buhler school district. The local leaders hope to start work in the Hutch-inson schools - starting with those in the 7th and 8th grade and going on to the high school. This will most likely be next school year. **PRAY** for the activities planned for the young people in the coming months, **PRAY** that the message of knowing JESUS CHRIST and having a personal with HIM will be made very clear. **Note from Grant (local director) – “WE are continuing to look for more adults to be PRAYER PARTNERS for the local program. PRAY for dedication and good stewardship of people’s time and talents as the leadership committee is being rebuilt.” PRAY** for the current need for more adults to work with Grant and the local **YOUNG LIFE** program.

STERLING COLLEGE - **PRAY** for the faculty, leadership and others who work at **STERLING** during this school year. **PRAY** for the faculty as they work with and teach the students, that GOD will be honored in all things. Classes started **August 19**. **PRAY** for the students as they return to campus and for the new students going there for the coming school year, including one from New Covenant. **PRAY** for ways for **New Covenant** to help and support **STERLING COLLEGE** and its activities. Some of us went to Sterling, **Saturday, August 15** and had the opportunity to meet some of the students and be involved in an activity for them. **STERLING** is giving New Covenant some great opportunities to be involved with the college and activities there. Hope many of us can be involved in some of the special activities coming up. **PRAY** for **Jose Carrillo**, campus pastor. **Pray** for the students who went on the summer mission trips, **PRAY** for them to know **GOD’S PLAN** and leading in their lives.

OTHER MISSION CONCERNS

Zach and Ellie - **PRAY** for wisdom for them as they continue to minister to people that **GOD** brings into their lives in the country where **GOD** has called them to serve and for them to be sensitive to the **LORD’S LEADING** in all of their activities, for ministry with people **GOD** puts into their lives, and activities in which they are involved and as parents. They are serving in a country that is not really friendly to Christianity. If you have more questions about them, you can ask Pastor Craig or Glenda Riley. **PRAY** for their young sons, **Roman** and **River** as they grow and develop, Zach is the grandson of Tom Robson, a member of New Covenant.

Our special family - **PRAY** for them as they continue their lives here. **Pray** for concerns for **family** (parents and other relatives) and **friends** who still live in their native country, pray for their safety and well-being. **PRAY** for their girls; the older daughter, is in 4th grade this school year – pray for her to have a good school year. **PRAY** for the younger daughter, as she develops and learns many new skills. **Pray** for **GOD’S leading** and for wisdom for the parents as they make decisions for their family and for their future. We are glad to have them here at this time.

Project Video – **PRAY** for **PROJECT VIDEO** and those who work with it. This is the mission that **Kevin Evenson** is involved with, he will be happy to talk to you, if you have more questions, or if you would like more information on this Mission and its activities, talk to Kevin. Also, this is the mission with which **Katelynn Robinson** is becoming involved.

Prayer Walks – **PRAY** for those from **New Covenant** who have developed a local mission, **walking and praying around the neighborhood of our church** each week. If you would like to join them at any time, you can check with Kevin Evenson or Pastor Craig for more information.

*A Quote
from
Corrie
ten Boom:*

“Satan wastes no ammunition on those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Christians are far more strategic targets for him. Traveling all over the world, I saw Satan, with his timely shots, attacking Christians more than ever before. What a joy that we have so many promises in the Bible. We are holy, chosen, beloved, hidden in the hollow of His hand. We have a living Saviour, legions of angels.

Count your many blessings!”

“...and having done all, to stand.” Ephesians 6:13

~ from “This Day Is the Lord’s,” by Corrie ten Boom, page 164

Fall Favorites

Make a list below of your favorite things about fall.

What Would YOU Choose?

Cozy socks OR Fuzzy slippers

Yellow foliage OR Red foliage

Hot tea OR Hot chocolate

Cardigan OR Hoodie

Roasting marshmallows OR Roasting hot dogs

Halloween OR Harvest party

Pumpkin spice OR Chai

Movie night OR Board game night

Turkey OR Ham

Campfire OR Outdoor movie

Carving pumpkins OR Picking apples

Sound of crunching leaves OR Sound of rain

Pumpkin pie OR Pecan pie

List found on: alovelyplacecalledhome.com

October Recipe

Pistachio Bread

Ingredients:

- 10 oz jar maraschino cherries, drained and chopped, set aside
- ½ c nuts, chopped, set aside
- 4 eggs
- ¼ c oil
- 1/8 c water
- 1 c sour cream
- 1 pkg yellow cake mix (if you can find cherry chip cake mix that's even better)
- 3 oz instant pistachio pudding mix
- ¼ c sugar/cinnamon mixture (amount of cinnamon is to your taste)

Directions:

- Grease two loaf pans. Sprinkle with half of the sugar/cinnamon mixture
- Preheat oven to 350°
- Whisk eggs
- Add oil and water, whisk to combine
- Add sour cream, whisk to combine
- Add cake mix and pudding mix, stir with a spoon to combine
- Add cherries and nuts, stir until all is incorporated
- Spoon into prepared loaf pans. Sprinkle with remaining sugar/cinnamon mixture
- Bake for 45 minutes until golden brown on top or until internal temperature is 200°

~ from Beth Oliver



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Fellowship Footnotes

October Fellowship Potluck:



"Cucina italiana—Buonissimo!"
(Italian Cooking—Super Yummy!)

Sunday, October 11, at 11:45 am



Our next Fellowship meal will be on Sunday, October 11, at 11:45 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Just for fun, let's have our tastebuds travel to Italy this time. Get your tummy ready for some delicious Italian pastas, salads, and desserts. There is no sign-up sheet for this meal. We will be happy with just about anything you choose to bring. We have some great cooks out there, and they always bring wonderful things to share. Cooks, we hope you know how appreciated you are every month! We'll see you all around the table. *Ciao!*

Looking Ahead...

November is the beginning of "eating season." So this year we are going to start off November with a Thanksgiving-themed meal on Sunday, November 8. *(If you have a new Thanksgiving recipe you've been dying to try, now's your chance—we are willing guinea pigs!)* What is your favorite Thanksgiving food? Do you have any unusual traditions in your family?

