

Covenant Compass

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Monthly Newsletter

July 2026

Celebration of the Arts is Here!

Kevin Boesiger, Director of Music & Outreach

The *Celebration of the Arts* is this month and we would love to have your artwork for the art gallery. This year's theme is based on Philippians 4:8.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. (NIV)

The deadline to submit is Thursday, July 9. You can click on the link below or find forms on the table by the ministry wall in the Fellowship Area.

Don't forget the Covenant Choral Festival is also fast approaching. If you would like to come and sing with us, contact [Kevin](#). **Registration is open until Monday, July 20.** You can also register online at the link below. We will present a concert on Saturday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Esprit de corps will be joining us again this year on Saturday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. If you have missed them in the past, mark your calendar for this concert. Esprit de corps is a youth choir made up of 50 singers from Southeast Nebraska. Their concert will include contemporary Christian music and drama.

Celebration of the Arts

[Online Art Submission Form](#)

[Online Individual Choral Registration Form](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Saturday, July 11 at 7:00 pm – Esprit de Corps (50-voice youth choir, contemporary music and drama)

Sunday, July 26 through Sunday, August 2 – *Celebration of the Arts* Art Gallery

Saturday, August 1 at 7:00pm – Covenant Choral Festival Concert



Volunteer Ministry *Marilyn Meyer, Volunteer Coordinator*

The summer is upon us and the need for volunteers continues!

Two things that come immediately to mind are Greeters – either at the door or the Welcome Desk. Don't you love to have someone inside the church welcoming you with a smile and outstretched hand? Do you like to smile and make a little “small talk”? This would be a perfect place for you to spend some time before church on Sunday mornings!

This characteristic could also be shared at the Welcome Desk. We like to have two people there to greet new people and be ready to talk a little bit about our wonderful church community! We have welcome bags available break the ice. Guests can be directed to the coffee service for a nice cup of coffee and a little sweet treat. You can also mention the ministry wall with volunteer opportunities – this is a great way for a new person to see that we try to involve our members in ways that use their talents and gifts.



Speaking of coffee – there is always a need for people to set up, serve and then clean up the coffee area. What a great way to meet members or visitors of our church family! If any of these areas sound interesting, please call the church office, 402-498-9000 to be connected with the person who can help you get involved.



We are also actively seeking people to serve on the Meal Team. The church has six all church dinners throughout the year which are prepared and served by our members. The dinners are planned and prepared by Tom and Zach Kennedy, assisted by one of the teams. That team also does the set-up of the tables and the food service. Another team does the clean-up for the meal. Each team does the set-up for one meal and clean-up for another. This is a perfect time to get to know some members as you work together toward an event! Please let the office know if you would like to participate in one of these Meal Teams! You won't regret it!

The office is still in need of a volunteer to help out with greeting visitors and answering the phone weekly during staff meetings. It is usually only an hour or two, at the most that you would be asked to assist.

For questions on any of these opportunities, or to volunteer, call the church office. Thank you!



Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Covenant family:

Eldrin Bhanat	Geoff Sewell
Rinku Bhanat	Angela Sewell
Carter Hewitt	Azaria Stevens
Mitch Quick	Tobias Stevens
Katie Quick	Glenn Stevens



News & Covenant Notes



**Wed. July 8
12:00 PM
Dining Room**

If you are 55+ (Just Older Youth) plan to join us for faith, fellowship and food.

**Our guest speaker will be Covenant member,
Jon Driscoll from our mission partner,
One Child Inc.**



The meal will be smoked chicken, parmesan potatoes, and broccoli supreme salad.

RSVP for the meal in either the fellowship area or eblast by Monday, July 6 .



July 5 -	Pastor Andrew Myers <i>Communion</i>
July 12 -	Pastor Andrew Myers
July 19 -	Pastor Andrew Myers
June 26 -	Pastor Andrew Myers



COMING AUGUST 15 & 16

**Mark your calendars for Covenant's
Neighborhood Festival!**

On Saturday, enjoy food trucks (with food available for purchase) and activities which include Foamaha, a dunk tank, outdoor & indoor games and raffle baskets. Music will be provided by the Covenant Praise Team, and Omaha Street Percussion.

Join us for one worship service on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. An all church meal will be provided in the gym following worship.

This is an annual outreach event, so be sure to invite family, friends and your neighbors.



**The church office will be closed
Friday, July 3
in observance of
Independence Day.**



**The next All Church Work Day will
be Saturday, July 11.
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to lend a hand.

Staff Celebrations

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY~

Pat Carr, Evening Custodian, July 28

Light always conquers darkness, not the other way around.
When the Holy Spirit lives in us, we take Him everywhere we go!

Giving

Thank you for your faithful generosity to Covenant!

*Your gifts help support our mission:
To Know Christ & To Make Him Known.*

WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON OR BY MAIL

Drop your gift in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.



ONLINE GIVING

Give securely through Realm or PayPal.



TEXT TO GIVE

Text **CVNTPAY** to **73256**.



STOCK OR QCD GIFTS

Contact the church office for transfer instructions.



Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church!



Finance



**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

	May 2026	May 2026	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenues	\$97,387	\$79,944	\$415,236	\$400,922
Operating Expenses	\$69,838	\$85,363	\$397,889	\$433,316
Net Change to Operating Activities	\$27,548	(\$5,419)	\$17,347	(\$32,394)

Children's Ministry *Angela Sewell, Children's Ministry Leader*



What a blessing it was to serve our neighborhood with our 2026 Kingdom Quest VBS! We would love to extend a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who volunteered, contributed to the snack donation, helped with 2026 VBS set up or tear down! Well over 50 people assisted to make VBS possible and the kids had a BLAST! Covenant has many VBS professionals and we could not have been successful without your talents, gifts, and positive energy! I am extremely thankful and proud to add to Covenant's VBS legacy and look forward to serving next year!

I want to give a special shout out to the 20 youth helpers who lead the children groups and showed the love of Jesus to the children. I enjoyed getting to work alongside you all that week and see your gifts and personalities shine in the service and work of Christ!

I received many positive pieces of feedback from members, parents, and volunteers which was all possible due to God's provision and all your help! My kids are still singing the VBS songs and some parents said they came home and told them about the Bible stories! Hooray, the kids are excited to learn about Jesus and share His word with others! What a brilliant way to support Covenant's mission to make Christ known! If you have any comments, want to share any photos, or other thoughts about VBS, please email children@covenantmaha.church.





OPEN DOOR MISSION

**HUNGER HEROES
FOOD DRIVE**



Help Covenant collect donations for URGENT food needs:

- cereal
- boxed meals
- canned fruit
- pasta/noodles & sauce
- macaroni & cheese



JUNE 21 - JULY 12

**PLACE ALL ITEMS IN TUBS LOCATED
IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA**

Youth Ministry *Tyler Bullie, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Leader*

YOUTH GROUP (6–12 grade)

Events & details are shown on the church calendar

Join us for Faith, Fellowship, and Fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL (6-12 grade)

Sundays during the summer from 10:00-11:00 a.m. students are encouraged to volunteer with our Children's Ministry or join in our church's Adult Sunday School in the dining room. For help getting plugged in, please contact Tyler Bullie, tyler@covenantmaha.church.

Monthly Update

We have had a great start to our summer! Our students were very helpful during the week of VBS and have had great times of fellowship at our youth pool party and movie night. It is always encouraging to see our students looking for ways to be engaged and active in happenings around the church.

As we move into this next month, I ask that you would join our leadership team in prayer for our students. We have two big trips planned, with the first one being summer camp. Camp has always been a week where we see our students connect closely with God and learn to take their next steps in faith. This can be a challenging task for some students, but we pray that they will overcome any obstacles they might face that week.

The next big trip is our mission trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. Our students will be helping in the inner city with several projects throughout the week. It will be physically and mentally fatiguing, as they push through

tough jobs and try to reach people with the love of Jesus. We pray that God will give them the energy and joy needed to do this mission well.

Next Events

All our summer events are currently planned. For more information, please check the church calendar on our website or contact Tyler Bullie. Thank you!



COVENANT YOUTH
2026 Summer Calendar

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
SMTWTFs	SMTWTFs	SMTWTFs
1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4	1
7 8 9 10 11 12 13	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
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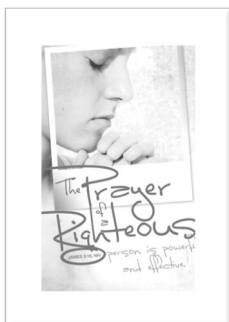
6/1-6/5 9-12PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "VBS"
6/10 6-9PM POOL PARTY*
6/24 6-8:30PM MOVIE NIGHT AT THE BULLIES*
7/6-7/10 SUMMER CAMP*
7/15 6-9PM MOVIE NIGHT #2 AT COVENANT
7/25-7/31 CINCINNATI MISSION TRIP^
8/12 6:30-8PM BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

* Event not at Covenant Church ^ Age or other restrictions apply
Event details are on the Covenant Calendar or contact tyler@covenantmaha.church

Pray For Our Mission Partners

We at Covenant believe in the power of prayer!

Join us each month in intercessory prayer for three of our mission partners.



**For the month of July
please pray for:**

Local - Christ for the City
National - Trail Life for Boys
Global - Healing Kadi

I Want to Hear the Voice

Chuck Tomek, Member

Recently I worshipped at one of the four churches of which I am a member. The night before the service I received an email stating the son of the associate pastor had suddenly died.

At service the next day the congregation joined the choir in songs. The senior pastor then stood in the pulpit and struggled as he told of the eighteen-year old's death. He stated he didn't have it in him to preach that day. He asked the congregation to simply form small groups throughout the sanctuary. We could pray, sit quietly, or do whatever came to mind. If we felt uncomfortable doing so, there would be no shame in leaving.

No one left. The dozens of small groups all did the same thing. We held hands, we prayed, we sang, we cried, we hugged, and we asked the Lord to lift up, support, and comfort the family involved. During this time the choir softly sang, praising our God with every verse.

After thirty minutes the pastor asked us to continue to trust God, love God, not give up on God, and to hold onto God, our church family, and our faith like never before. The hour passed and church was over. The pastor thanked everyone for coming.

No one left. The crying, hugging, praying, and worshipping of our most amazing God continued. The choir lifted their voices even more. If you had been there, you would easily understand why the church pews remained full. Our God was present, pouring out His mercy and compassion on each and every small group. The Holy Spirit enveloped us all. I don't have the words to describe the feeling of knowing He was there amongst us, but it was a feeling I can't forget and so much want to experience over and over.

That day I realized how important it is to seek out the Holy Spirit. I need to set aside time every day for quiet, undistracted communication, listening to His promptings. I must start asking the Holy Spirit to come. It's not good enough to just read the Bible, I must ask for comfort, conviction, and guidance. I need to recognize the Holy Spirit is with me every minute, and not just during church services. I must be more committed to making it to at least one Bible study weekly. I must acknowledge my sins to the Lord, attempting to be more sensitive to His influence.

John 10:27 says, *My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me.* I so badly want to hear and recognize that voice. Most others and I were an emotional wreck when leaving church that day, but I have tried to use the experience for good. I've found that playing fewer Yahtzee and Solitaire games, checking emails much less frequently, and sincerely being committed to studying the word, praying, and spending more time with mature Christians has made a dramatic, positive impact on my life. I'm sorry it took a crisis in my church family to figure this out.

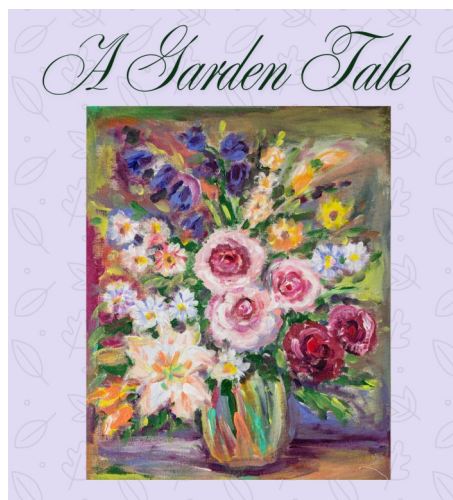
I realize I'm still an infant when it comes to hearing and interpreting the voice of the Holy Spirit, but every morning I awaken and seek Him before any other activities. I want this to be a life changing and inspiring endeavor. I strongly encourage you to give it a try!

John 14:26 – *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.* I so badly desire to be taught!



Stephen Ministry

From the Heart of a Stephen Minister Christine Lind, Member



There's nothing like a fresh bouquet of flowers to remind you that time stands still for no one.

How alluring the aroma as you arrange them, just so, in the vase after you've plucked and gathered the stems from the garden. Then, while in the midst of arranging, the hourglass tips over, and the sands of time begin their insipid trickle. They don't expire overnight; the blooms, without acute detection, slowly lose their color, vibrancy and strength. Eventually, the leaves shrivel and dry, whilst the weakest bloom withers first and leans its weary neck over the vase.

There is an old Swedish saying: *Some women would rather have a vase of flowers on their table than diamonds around their neck.* I'm in that camp. And since their enjoyment is fleeting, I've learned to appreciate them even more.

Flowers are many of the perfect examples of God's creations for us to enjoy; and the perfect reminder that even though God has given us these exquisite gifts while on earth, this is not our home. Not for the flower; nor for us.

Covenant is participating in a new program to help raise funds for the church. Check out the information below and sign up today!



- ◆ Use RaiseRight where you Shop.
- ◆ Buy gift cards, shop online, dine at local restaurants, and book travel.
- ◆ Up to 20% of every purchase goes back to Covenant!
- ◆ Turn everyday spending into something meaningful.

Choose from physical or eGift cards for hundreds of brands.
Swipe in store, pay from your phone, or use them as you shop online.
You're already buying groceries, gas, and meals.
Now a portion of these purchases can support Covenant!



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No Man Left Behind Men's Ministry Roy Phillips, Member

Proverbs 27:17 ESV *Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*



Being a Man of Your Word

Men's Ministry Model: Building Godly Men – Our struggles shape us into the men we need to be.

Once thoughts transform into words, they naturally progress into actions. Here's how this process aligns with a biblical teaching:

In the **Book of James** (1:22-25), it calls for action by urging believers to not only listen to the Word but to do what it says. This reinforces the progression from hearing to doing, highlighting an active application. Benjamin Franklin said, *Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing*. If I were a writer, I'd be broke! To make up for it, I try to do, and help as much as I can. It's easy to fool myself into thinking I'm doing a good job. Our words really do matter. Being perfect is the dream, but being someone of worth in God's eyes is what we should be aiming for. Sometimes it's as simple as a smile that can make someone's day!

Celebrating America's milestone birthday!



CLASSES:

- **Men's Wednesday Night Class:** Taking a summer break - returns **Wednesday, September 2.**
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study –The Gospel of Luke** – 7:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room/Zoom, followed by breakfast at Hy-Vee.

Thanks to everyone who helped with and attended the Men's Breakfast on June 6.



SAVE THE DATE: Next Men's Breakfast is **Saturday, September 12 – 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room:** David Mike will speak on *Dishonor: One Soldier's Journey from Desertion to Redemption*. Stay tuned for more details!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

Women's Ministry



Building a caring community of women strengthening our church through support and discipleship, and bearing witness to the promises of God's Kingdom.

Twenty-one ladies attended the June 18, Women's Circle. It was a beautiful day! The dining room was set with white tablecloths and each of five tables were decorated with June-themed items. One was a lovely wedding table, another was a USA Patriotic table celebrating Flag Day and D'Day, another was Father's Day, and another was a baseball decorated table. Lunch of baked ham, hashbrown potato casserole and buttered corn, with croissant was catered by Hy-Vee.

Our hostesses, Carol D. and Judy I. provided the desserts of lemon bundt cake and lime bundt cake with whipped cream topping. We sang two hymns: *Love Divine* and *Glorify Thy Name*. We celebrated a June birthday girl, and our Bible study in the book of ACTS was presented by Peg B. We prayed for Jane M. and Rick and those that were absent from our Circle.



Our next Women's Circle will be on **Thursday, July 16**, the theme will be **250 Years**. Our lunch will be of an all-American flavor. Please wear your **Red, White, & Blue**. More

information to come in the Friday e-blasts. Join us at CIRCLE on July 16! Call the office or Renee B. if you have any questions. Blessings, to all!



Annually, in the month of **July**, the ladies of the **Women's Circle** collect Personal Care Items for the ladies of the Lydia House.

Items needed include shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, wash cloths, deodorant, lotion, razors, etc. of any size. If you would like to help in this annual drive, please place your donation in the box in the fellowship area.

Women's Circle

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

- **Wednesday night Women's Bible study will begin a five week summer study on July 15.** It will be based on the book by Laura Story entitled What If Your Blessings Come Through Raindrops?. We will look at what the Bible says about blessings both obvious and *disguised*. Two of the biblical characters discussed will be Abraham and Solomon. It will not be necessary to buy a book, and no homework will be assigned.
- **The Women's Fall Weekend Retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 11 through Sunday September 13.** It will be held at the St. Benedict's Retreat Center, just north of Schuyler, Nebraska (about an hour from Omaha). The center is a beautiful facility located in a peaceful setting by a lake, a labyrinth, and a large sheltered outdoor area. If you are looking for a place to reconnect with God, this is it. All rooms are private and have a bathroom with a shower. This is not a silent retreat unless you want it to be. We encourage fellowship time especially at meals. Sign-ups will begin at the end of July.
- **Chat, Knit, Sew** is on summer break, but will resume in August.



Thank you to all the women who gathered for the Women's Pause Brunch. Nearly 80 women of all ages chose to be refreshed and encouraged by guest speaker, Anna Lind Thomas.

Many thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to create a wonderful, inspired morning.



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	2 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Watchmen On The Wall 6:30pm Deacons' Meeting	3 Office Closed 6:00pm AA - Primary Purpose 	4 Independence Day 
5 Communion Sunday 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service 9:30am Adult Small Group (Spiritual Warfare Boot Camp) 10:00am Sunday School-Adult, Youth & Children 11:00am Blended Worship Service	6 Youth Summer Camp 7/6-10 7:00pm AA - Women to Women 7:00pm Session Meeting 	7 6:30pm Axtell Small Group	8 12:00pm JOY Group 2:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir 	9 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Watchmen On The Wall 1:00pm Missions Committee Meeting 6:30pm Gideon's Meeting	10 6:00pm AA - Primary Purpose	11 9:00am All Church Workday 7:00pm Esprit de Corps Concert 
12 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service 9:30am Adult Small Group (Spiritual Warfare Boot Camp) 10:00am Sunday School-Adult, Youth & Children 11:00am Blended Worship Service 1:30pm Heritage Pointe Service (Offsite) 1:30pm Remington Heights Service (Offsite)	13 7:00pm AA - Women to Women	14 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	15 2:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Youth Movie Night 	16 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Watchmen On The Wall 10:30am Covenant Connections 11:45am Women's Circle 	17 6:00pm AA - Primary Purpose	18
19 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service 9:30am Adult Small Group (Spiritual Warfare Boot Camp) 10:00am Sunday School-Adult, Youth & Children 11:00am Blended Worship Service 12:15pm Youth Membership Banquet 3:30pm Parsons House Service (Offsite)	20 11:00am P&P Committee Meeting 2:00pm Missy's Small Group Meeting 3:00pm Volunteer Teams Committee Meeting 6:30pm Children's Ministry Committee Meeting 7:00pm AA - Women to Women 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	21 3:00pm Outreach & Communication Meeting 6:00pm Volleyball (Women) 6:30pm ADC Meeting (Zoom) 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	22 2:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Leadership Cohort 5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm Volleyball (All Ages)	23 7:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00am Life Line Screening 9:00am Watchmen On The Wall	24 6:00pm AA - Primary Purpose	25 Celebration of the Arts-Gallery Open 7/25-8/2/26 Youth Mission Trip 
26 Celebration of the Arts-Gallery 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service 9:30am Adult Small Group (Spiritual Warfare Boot Camp) 10:00am Sunday School-Adult, Youth & Children 11:00am Blended Worship Service 3:30pm Sunridge Village Service	27 Celebration of the Arts-Gallery 7:00pm AA - Women to Women	28 Celebration of the Arts-Gallery	29 Celebration of the Arts-Gallery 2:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 Celebration of the Arts-Gallery 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Watchmen On The Wall	31 Celebration of the Arts-Gallery 6:00pm AA - Primary Purpose	

Calendar is updated throughout the month online. Please refer to covenantmaha.church for the latest changes & additions.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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9:00 AM Worship

Contemporary Service | In the sanctuary

10:00 AM Sunday school

On site for **children**, youth & adults

11:00 AM Worship

Blended Service | In the sanctuary

Both services LIVE on [YouTube](#)

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The next Compass deadline is July 15.