



Happening this Week

Thursday, October 17

Thursday Morning Bible Study: 9:00-10:30 a.m., Room 204.

Grilled Cheese Lunch: Family Room. First lunch is from 10:00–11:30 a.m. and second lunch is from 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

The Well Women's Group: 6:30 p.m., Room 204.

Saturday, October 19

Nuts and Bolts Monthly Men's Breakfast: 7:00 a.m., Family Room. Chris Nelson will be leading the lesson and serving breakfast. Find more information [online](#).

Sunday, October 20

Learning Communities, 9:00 a.m.

Parent and Small Group Leader Breakfast

9:00–10:00 a.m., Room 208/209.

Parents, leaders, and kids are invited to attend the breakfast.

A nursery will be available for children under four years in Room 104.

• **Roundtables:** Family Room.

• **Adult Class:** Room 204. The class **will not** be meeting this week.

Worship Service: 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10:15 a.m.

THE GREAT ESCAPE

Preschool – Room 107
Kindergarten–Second grade – Room 105
Third–Fifth grade – Room 106
Nursery – Room 104

Women's Ministry Team Meeting: Following the worship service in Room 204. All women are welcome to attend.

High School Youth Group: 5:00 p.m. Room 208/209.

Tuesday, October 22

Old Guys Breakfast: 7:00 a.m., IHOP, 8065 N. Academy Blvd.

Wednesday, October 23

Awana: 6:00 p.m., Family Room. Register [here](#). We still have openings for a couple of volunteers. Contact [Sarah Misleh](#).

Middle School Youth Group: 6:00 p.m., Room 208/209

A Final Note from Steve Nofel

Give thanks to the Lord; for God is Good. God's love endures forever. Chronicles 16:34

My family and I can't help but give thanks for you good people who are Covenant Presbyterian Church.

All at the same time, it has been my great honor, pleasure, struggle, challenge, and terrific-ness to serve God in this place with this wonderful church family.

I cannot thank you enough for your trust and support these last two- plus years. I am "sinfully" proud of the session, deacons, and my staff. We have come a long way together as the *People of God* in this place. It has been such a great thing for me to see this church thrive, and I believe that it is, you are, abundantly gifted.

I also cannot thank you enough for one of the greatest send-offs of all time. Since Sunday, Kim has repeatedly reminded me it was one of the best potluck lunches we have ever enjoyed.

The program was super-duper. From the Batman cake and slides to the wonderful speakers, and our mistress of ceremonies. I want to give a shoutout to our youth group! It was all just perfect! I will cherish the good cheer, wonderful sentiments, and generous gifts for a long, long time. Thank you does not seem to say nearly enough, but I don't know any better words. **THANK YOU!!!**

I don't know if you realize we have done two baby dedications and fourteen baptisms since I came to Covenant Church. In each one of those ceremonies, we as a congregation make an all-important promise. We promise on behalf of the church universal to care for, nurture, grow, and carry that dedicated or baptized person in our hearts for the rest of our lives. We promise by proxy, for the whole Church of Jesus Christ, to care for the baptized.

I now promise to carry you, this church, and my love and devotion to Jesus Christ, to the Algona and Irvington, Iowa branch offices of the Church Universal.

Just as the Father is in the Son, and the Son is in the Father, and the Son is in us—you are in me. Like it or not, I will always be a part of this congregation, and will always love this church family. You are in my prayers. Every Sunday at Communion, you will remember and I will remember. We are in this Christian thing together, even if we are 803 miles apart.

I commend Kim, Marilyn, and Chuck to your care, at least until January, and maybe into the future.

May God bless you and keep you.

May God make His face to shine upon you.

May the Lord lift up His face upon you and give you Grace and Peace.

Amen.

Steve

Pray Now

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Cathy Gurganus: Pray for recovery from hand surgery.

Bruce Hanson: Pray for his father Earl who has stage four cancer. Pray for Bruce and his family as they navigate hospice care for his father and care for his mother.

Linda Brown: Pray for her family and sister Marsha as Marsha's cancer has spread and is terminal.

Wilcox Family: Pray for Tyler who is in basic training. Also, pray for Stephanie's father David who is back in skilled nursing and needs his sodium levels to stabilize.

Karla Coughlin: Pray for health issues.

John Bystroff: Pray for his mother Sally who is in hospice care.

Hope LaRue: Pray for health and healing.

The Hough Family: Pray for the entire family.

Kate Gosling: Pray for Kate, her father, and her entire family.

Diane Wisdom: Pray for her mother who is in hospice care.

Gayle Sjoerdsma: Pray for a full-time job with benefits.

Steve Skiba: Continue to pray as he battles cancer.

Pray for those grieving the passing of loved ones.

Pray for those caring for family members.

Pray for Pastor Jeff Kintner and family.

Pray for Steve and Kim Nofel and family.

Pray for marriages at Covenant.

Praise Now


Praise God for:

- Nick (Sarah Misleh's nephew) who is recovering well and returning to school.
- Maggie Warren's recovery and return to work.
- the sale of the Kintners' house in Rapid City, South Dakota.
- our wonderful office volunteers.
- our fabulous children's and youth volunteers
- dreams.



THANK YOU, DEACONS

The Session of Covenant would like to extend a big **Thank You** from the bottom of our hearts for all the hard work our Deacons did to make our two family celebrations a huge success. You are truly a picture of servant leaders, and we love you and appreciate all you do!



Thursday, October 31
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

We are still in need of several more trunks!
Please sign up in the Atrium on Sunday.

NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS: We ask that you bring candy and arrive at 4:00 p.m. No need for elaborate decorations.



Murder Mystery and Dinner

Saturday, November 2
6:00 p.m.

You may buy tickets in the Atrium on Sundays or [online](#) anytime. If you are on Facebook, please share the [event](#) on your newsfeed.

In This Together Support Group

Stephanie Wilcox will be facilitating a group for caregivers of children with disabilities. This group will offer emotional, spiritual, and mental support through their journey together. The first meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, 6:00–7:30 p.m. You can contact Stephanie at stephrwilcox@gmail.com or 719.648.4230.

Giving Update

October 6: \$12,035 October 13: \$9,527

Current Weekly Need: \$10,328 You may [donate online](#).

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