

Happening This Week

Sunday, August 11

Kids Zone: 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Parents who are leading activities or participating in Roundtables may sign in their children ages four years through fifth grade in Room 107/109. You may bring an activity for your child. Direct any questions to [Sarah Misleh](#).

Blessing Bags for Covenant Kids: Please join a group in Room 204 at 9:00 a.m. as we fill bags to bless our children and youth as they go back to school. We will fill bags with simple school supplies and treats as a way to show the kids love and support from their Covenant family.

Learning Communities, 9:00 a.m.

• **Middle and High School:** Room 208/209.

• **Roundtables:** Family Room. Glenn Paauw will begin a six-week series, *Betwixt & Between: Crossing the Bridge from the First to the New Testament*. There will be no class Labor Day weekend, September 1.

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

Children's Service: 10:15 a.m. Kindergarten through second grade, Room 105. Third through fifth grade, Room 101. Nursery for birth through four years, Room 104.

Children's and Student Ministries Volunteer Trainings: Noon. The student ministries volunteers will meet in Room 208/209 and the children's ministries volunteers (nursery through fifth grade) will meet in the back of the Sanctuary. Snacks will be available in the Family Room after the worship service and before the meetings.

Worship Team Gathering: Come meet our new worship leader, Ed Melendez after the worship service in the Family Room. We will have snacks and visit. All are welcome.

Tuesday, August 13

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

Wednesday, August 14

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

Looking Ahead

Special Meeting of the Congregation: Please see the letter from Pastor Steve Nofel on page two about the worship service and special meeting on Sunday, August 18, 10:15 a.m.

Awana Volunteer Training: All those volunteering with Awana this year are asked to attend one of the following trainings: August 18, 9:00 a.m., Room 204 or August 25, noon., Room 204.

Divine Desserts: Sign-ups begin August 18 in the Atrium.

Book Club: Sunday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. Find more information online: <http://www.covenant-pres.org/get-involved/book-club>

Thursday Morning Bible Study: All women are invited to join this study that begins Thursday, August 22, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Room 204. We will be reading through *Immerse Messiah*. Visit the Immerse website for more information: immersebible.com/messiah/

Meet Our New Worship Leader, Ed Melendez

The Worship Arts and Prayer Commission has called Ed Melendez to be our new Covenant music worship leader. Ed is an impassioned follower of Jesus Christ, a worship leader, musician, and composer. Originally from California by way of Montana, Ed's wealth of experience in music and worship-related ministries has helped him to contribute to a variety of contemporary and alternative musical situations.



Infusing many of his eclectic tastes with a keen ear for melody is where Ed has showcased his diverse writing and arranging styles. But it is the leading of worship that has been Ed's passion. Helping to cultivate and build up teams, and to train others to find and use their gifts, is where Ed often finds great reward.

The Lord found and called Ed to salvation in the summer of 1990. It was in a little church in southern California where Ed made his confession of faith and turned his life completely over to Christ. Going forward, Ed would use his God-Given gifts as a leader, musician, composer, and arranger. Through God's providence, Ed has found himself involved in several opportunities that would involve the ministry of music and worship.

Ed believes the central aim of worship is to glorify and lift up our sovereign God with scripturally informed praise. He believes in the power of worship and in the beauty of bringing God's people to the foot of the cross.

Ed is the father of two and shares his life's journey and ministry with his two children and beautiful wife, Sharon.



Covenant's 2019-2020 Awana program begins Wednesday, September 4. Find out more about Awana and register your kids today at: <http://www.covenant-pres.org/get-involved/awana-clubs>. Stop by the Awana table on Sundays to find out about volunteer opportunities.

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The Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, August 18, 2019, directly following the worship service.

There will be two items of business:

1. Elect Sarah Boatright as Elder as she begins the education phase of being commissioned as a Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church USA.
2. Act on a motion from the Pastor Nominating Committee to elect an Installed Pastor.

On Sunday, August 18, we will be voting on accepting a candidate as our next Installed Pastor.

On the morning of August 18, the Pastor Candidate will preach and lead Communion at our 10:15 a.m. worship service.

We will then convene the meeting of the congregation.

After electing Sarah as Elder, the congregation will:

- Hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).
- The PNC will make a motion to elect their choice as Installed Pastor and accept their compensation package, which is officially called the "Terms of Call."
- The Pastor Candidate will speak about their faith life, experience, and their call to Covenant Church.
- The congregation will examine the Pastor Candidate.
- The Candidate and family will leave the Sanctuary and the congregation will continue discussion of the motion to elect and the terms of call.
- Paper ballots and pencils will be passed out.
- Vote.
- Designated counters will leave the Sanctuary and count ballots.
- The counters will inform the moderator and then the results will be announced.
- If it be God's will, we will welcome our new Pastor.

This Sunday, August 11, our Pastor Nominating Committee will announce the Pastor Candidate's name during worship. They will pass out a biography and announce the terms of call.

For the purposes of the congregational meeting, only those in attendance on August 18 may vote. There is no voting by proxy. Only "**Active Members**" of the congregation may vote. This is not a commentary on anyone's level of participation, but enrollment on the active roll of the church. If you are unsure of your status, please contact me.

Monday, August 12, the office will send a hard copy note, the Candidate's biography, and report of the compensation package to our entire Covenant Church Family.

Please pray for our congregation in our discernment, pray in thanksgiving for the PNC and all their great work, and pray for our Pastor Candidate and family.

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,

Rev. Steve Nofel

Moderator of Session

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Pray Now

August 8

John Bystroff: Pray for hip replacement surgery on September 4. Continue to pray for his mother Sally, who is in hospice care.

Karla Coughlin: Pray for minimally invasive surgery on August 8 and for a quick recovery.

Hope LaRue: Pray for health and healing. Hope comes to Awana.

Rochelle Fralick: Pray for her dad Roger's health.

Donna Arndt: Pray for Zachary who has a staph infection in his foot.

Kay Stanley: Pray for continued recovery from a fall.

Stephanie Wilcox: Pray for her father, David's health and for transitioning to the best care facility for his needs.

The Hough Family: Pray for the entire family.

Patrick and Bev Carrigan: Pray for their daughter-in-law Cassie and the health of the baby she is carrying.

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

Diane Wisdom: Pray for her mother who is in hospice care and her father who is recovering from a hospital stay.

Springstons: Pray for easy pregnancy for daughter Rachelle.

Gayle Sjoerdsma: Prayer 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 our Pastor Candidate.

Pray for marriages at Covenant.

Pray for safe travels during the summer.

Pray for our nation, especially those affected by recent violence.

Praise Now

Praise God for:

- the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- the fun and fellowship at the Taco and Scavenger Hunt event.
- bringing Ed Melendez to our Covenant church family.

Giving Update

August 4: \$8,215 Current Weekly Need: \$10,328

You may [donate online](#).

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Thank you Covenant Family

You did it again, showing such generosity to the Mercy's Gate Backpack Bash. You donated 18 backpacks and many supplies to help children in El Paso County begin the school year.

May God bless those who receive these items and greatly enrich those who donated.

With gratitude,

The Covenant's Friends of Mercy's Gate Team

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