

# Covenant Corner - November

## Monthly Spotlights



A Note  
from the  
Pastor:

*Praise God from Whom  
All Blessings Flow*

How easy is it to be thankful when everything in your life is going just the way you had planned? You have the perfect job. Your bank account is great. Your relationships are fantastic. You are on a high of high of life. I would venture to say it is easy to be thankful. It is easy to sing the Doxology. The famous verse great is your faithfulness is found in a book of laments. To lament is to express grief, to mourn; to weep; to cry. To lament is to feel sorrow very deeply. How can this famous verse be found in a book of laments? When time allows go and read Lamentations. Lamentations is like a eulogy at a funeral. There is sorrow at funerals and there should be sorrow at a funeral. At a Christian's funeral, we lament and rejoice. Our sorrows and our suffering should drive us to the faithfulness of our Lord.

Lamentations 3:22-24 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Friend, no matter the depth of your sorrow, and I do not desire to make light of your valley, the key to the kind of love the Lord has is found in the words, "steadfast love." There are some translations that render these words as 'covenantal.' In the Hebrew, the it is 'hesed.' Hesed is found 250 times in the Old Testament and expresses an essential part of God's character. Hesed describes a sense of love and loyalty that inspires merciful and compassionate behavior from our Lord. And this kind of love has nothing to do with us or our situation but has all to do with God Almighty Himself. We serve a covenant God who has a covenantal love for His people.



Ministry  
Meal



Join us for our Ministry Meal on November 19. It is a great time to gather with church family, friends, and visitors for Sunday meal following worship. We would love to have you!

Sunday  
School  
Spotlight:



The Younger Elementary class (1st & 2nd grade) starts each Sunday School class with singing time. Then we pray, each student thanking Jesus for something. This is followed by our Bible story and snack. Currently, we are learning about being members of God's family through the patriarchs in Genesis. Finally, we work on a craft, memory verse, or the Sunday school paper. Our goal is that our "graduates" will love Jesus and His Word, be thankful for His blessings every day, and be able to sing joyfully in the worship service.

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## Library News:

Your current church library was approved for renewal in February 2016. At that time, a few volunteers organized the collection, painted and rearranged the room, and began maintaining the books and encouraging use of the library. Since then, the volunteer library committee has hosted 24 book events, including Children's Book Time, Elders' Favorites, Guest Authors, a Book Swap, and more. The last event on October 14, 2023, was a panel discussion on the most famous, the best-selling, and the all-time great Christian fiction and non-fiction.

The committee encourages Covenant members and their families to enjoy our library, to check out books, to have coffee or hot chocolate and a snack, and even to donate books (or money for desired acquisitions). We are very pleased about our new Christian Biographies for Young Readers by Simonetta Carr, a 20 volume set that covers famous Christians such as Lady Jane Grey, John Bunyan, Patrick of Ireland, Phillis Wheatley, and more. These are well-illustrated and are informative for any age.

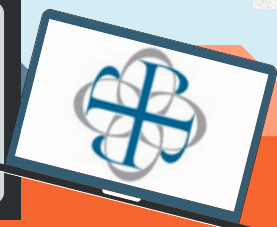


Youth & Children's Ministries

Children from our church and community enjoyed an amazing Reformation Festival the last week of October. There were tons of fun activities including a huge inflatable, pin the beard on Martin Luther, a craft station, hay rides, a skit put on by some of the CPC youth, a game of Reformation Bingo, and so much more! Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and left with lots of candy and souvenirs. Thank you to everyone that helped out or donated. We can't wait for our next Children's Ministry Activity. Remember, all are welcome for our weekly Wednesday Night gathering which includes a meal, a lesson, a craft, and of course- lots of fun!



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