



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

SYMPATHY TO:

Margo Hartjes on the loss of her husband, Roger Hartjes.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Are you a guest visiting with us today, or did you meet a guest this morning? We encourage all our guests to stop by our Guest Kiosks in any of our lobbies after worship. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet you! We also have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at christcovenant.org/online-guest-card.



RECOGNIZING 2021 GRADUATES

We want to publish the names, schools and plans for the immediate future (i.e., college, military, career, post-grad) of our high school, college, and post-grad members of the Class of 2021 so our church family can celebrate these milestones with you. Please send your graduate's information (name, graduating from, going to, degree, military) to communications@christcovenant.org. We will publish all grads and their future plans in the Courier on May 30. We will also recognize our graduates during morning worship on May 30. Deadline to receive graduation information for the Courier is Tuesday, May 25.



This Sunday is our Pledge Card Sunday for the Envision Capital Campaign! You can pick up either a booklet or a brochure and a pledge card to learn more about the many upgrades and changes we hope to accomplish through Envision! Both the booklet and the brochure have pledge cards that can be used and submitted. We will have a designated time during morning worship to give you and your family an opportunity to bring your pledges forward. Pledge cards can also be turned in at any time in the offering boxes located inside the sanctuary by the main exits on the south, north and main parts of the sanctuary. You can also make a pledge online at christcovenant.org/envision.

PICK UP YOUR ENVISION BANK THIS SUNDAY!



Calling all families with elementary-aged children and younger! We want to give our children an opportunity to participate in the Envision Campaign. This Sunday, May 2, pick up a bank for your family in any of our lobbies! Once you get the bank home, decorate it together and then brainstorm ways that your child/children can earn some coins this summer! Bring your full bank back on August 29 as we kick off the new year!

MEN'S RETREAT DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 7, 2021



What gives you heartburn? For most men it's stress over work, paying bills, chasing success, their marriage, or how their favorite sports team is performing. Luke tells us that when two followers were with Jesus on the Emmaus road their hearts burned. There are many things that may cause us heartburn, but there's only one person our hearts should burn for. Join us on the Men's Retreat on May 14-16, 2021 to learn how to free our hearts to burn for Jesus with Pastor Tom Groelsema as the speaker and Gavin Billings as the worship leader.

Two nights is \$144 and a one-night stay is \$100. Rates include a shared room, four meals (3 meals for a one-night stay), planned group activity, and a bonfire. Hotel-style accommodations. Registration is open! Register and learn more at christcovenant.org/mensretreat2021. Registration deadline is May 7.

SAVE THE DATE- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JUNE 6

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on officer candidates and returning sabbatical officers. It will be held on Sunday, June 6, immediately following morning worship services. Please note that those who attend morning worship in-person on Sunday, June 6, will be voting on these nominees. We will not have online or advance voting available. We look forward to your participation in electing new officers. Candidate biographies will be available to review by mid-May.

COME JOIN OUR GREETER MINISTRY!

Would you like to join our Greeting Ministry? We need more smiling faces to hold the door open for people to enter our church. If this is an area where you would like to serve please contact Michelle Gustavson at MGustavson@christcovenant.org.

Large Print Worship Folders

For your convenience, large print worship folders are available at the Information Desk.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Pastor of Evangelism & Mobilization
- Pastor/Director of Youth Ministry
- Human Resources Generalist

Details: [christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment](https://www.christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

Covenant Day School is hiring for various positions. Details can be found at <https://www.covenantday.org/about-us/employment>.

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE BERNIE LAWRENCE ON JUNE 27, 2021



We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating Pastor Bernie Lawrence on Sunday, June 27, during the evening worship service and having a reception for him immediately following worship in the Community Life Center (CLC). We hope you will save the date and make plans to celebrate Pastor Bernie Lawrence, who was our Senior Associate Pastor and who served Christ Covenant Church for thirty years.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

MORNING SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

God called Samuel as prophet to bring His people out of the dark, chaotic time of the judges to establish a monarchy. Although an earthly king to rule under Him was part of God's plan, the rebellious people demanded a king for the wrong reasons, rejecting God as their King. Samuel was used to prepare the Israelites to receive the anointed king, the throne and dynasty of King David. Through the line of David came the ultimate king, King Jesus.

As we study passages from 1&2 Samuel, we can be encouraged as we see God was still at work during a dark time in history to bring about His plan of salvation fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We can evaluate our own lives - our loyalty and devotion to King Jesus. Does my life reflect that He is supreme ruler as my King, or have I placed other things on the throne in my life?

Join this Bible study on Tuesday mornings, meeting June 8 - July 6, from 10:00-11:30am in the Community Life Center Chapel. This Bible study is free.

EVENING SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for a 6-week study of the communicable attributes of God...those attributes that the Lord shares with human beings to at least some degree. For the months of June, July and August we will be sending out a 5-day devotional looking at a different attribute each week. Our Bible study teaching will center around the attribute that is being studied that week.

This study will be taught by a team of teachers. We look forward to a time of fellowship, delicious summer snacks, great teaching, and round table discussions. Please plan to join us and invite your friends!!

Dates for the classes are Tuesday evenings June 8, 15, 29 and July 6, 13, & 20 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Community Life Center Rooms 1-4. The cost is free.

You can register now for these Bible studies by going to christcovenant.org/womens-ministry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares notable events for this week. See our website at christcovenant.org. Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at christcovenant.org/prayer.

THIS WEEK (MAY 2-8, 2021)

- May 2 • Envision Capital Campaign Pledge card Sunday
- May 2 • In-person morning worship at 9:00 am*
- May 2 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am*
- May 2 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm*
- May 5 • Link/Epic at 7:00 pm*
- May 5 • In-person Sunday School at 7:00 pm*
- May 6 • Senior adults Thursday school at 4:00 pm*
- May 7-8 • New Member class

* Those with asterisks require signups prior to event/worship.

WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision throughout 2021.

<i>Inflow 1/1/21 – 4/25/21</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	1,971,501	1,863,000	108,501	5.8%
Faith Promise Budget	181,808	116,100	65,708	56.6%