

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, October 19, 2008- 11 AM

Welcome

Pastor John Benson

*The Doxology

Hymnal #48

Families with children are welcome in worship.
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers
Downstairs throughout the service

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Prelude

Sandra Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

*Hymn #441

A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord

The Solid Rock – arr. Page

*Call to Worship

Hymnal No. 829

Sermon

Matthew 22:15-22

Responsive Reading of Psalm 99 with Sung Response

NOT A POLITICAL SERMON

*Hymn # 19

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymn – Insert

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

By Ileana Garcia Soto

Bread of the World's 2008 Evangelical Covenant Church Intern

*Benediction

First Lesson

Exodus 33: 12-23

Sandy Benson, Reader

*Postlude

(The children's bulletin and the 2nd hymn are based on this passage)

*Those who are able please stand.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

Children age 3 through 3rd grade are dismissed to go downstairs
For Jr. JAMBoree (on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays of the month)

Welcome! Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something you do every Sunday, we're happy that you're here. Please fill out the homepage insert in this bulletin, including your address and prayer requests, and make it part of the offering today. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of our congregation. If you're a visitor or a newcomer, please feel no obligation about this.

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 36th year of Ministry

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SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Youth Group
 Ushers: Bud Clark & Rob Ericson
 Reader: Sandy Benson
 Nursery: Mary Hamilton
 Snack: The Reitmans
 Sound Technician: Robert Hamilton
 Candle Lighter: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: October 26

Greeters: Carl & Rosalie Rodgers
 Ushers: Jared Connelie & Gordon Sloat
 Reader: Mark Enstrom
 Nursery: Martha Reitman
 Snack: None Scheduled
 Sound Technician: David Reitman
 Candle Lighter: Jenny Connelie

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today Jen Seguin
 Thursday John Benson
 Friday Betty Sloat

Our mission as a congregation is calling people from this community and around the world into communion with Christ. Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.

Our Life Together This Week

Today 9:30 AM 1st Intergenerational Sunday school Day
 11:00 AM Worship Service

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study
Encounters with God- Matthew

Wednesday 7:30 AM Church Council Meeting

Saturday 3:00 PM Covenant Crafters (see notice)
 6:00 PM Dinnertime open to all
 (hobo Soup – see notice)

Sunday
Oct. 26 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Sendoff of Peter & Ruth Dutton

When you come to Church on Sunday, remember to . . .

- Bring *canned goods* for outreach to those in need in our area
 Through ECHO and Rising Hope
- Bring *change* for the change box to fund capital improvements

Parents! Families with children are always welcome in worship at Community Covenant Church, including the 1st Sunday of the month when we celebrate Communion. We provide nursery care for infants and toddlers throughout the service every Sunday morning. We also have Jr. JAMboree for children ages 3 through 3rd grade during the 2nd half of the service on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month. On the 5th Sundays in the year we plan an intergenerational worship experience. Children's worship bulletins with age-appropriate activities based on the scripture for the day, coloring books and crayons, are available on the table by the door. Our family ministries also include Sunday School at 9:30 AM with nursery care and classes for preschoolers, children, young people, and adults.

How will you vote in the coming election? "For the Health of the Nation: An Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility"- a document prepared by the National Association of Evangelicals and endorsed by Pastor Benson- is available on the table by the door of the sanctuary. You will find it helpful as you think about the issue and pray for God's guidance.

The Veggie Tales Are Coming! The Veggie Tales Live at the Hylton Memorial Chapel on November 8 at 3 and 7 PM. Tickets are on sale now at 1-800-861-0850 or on-line at www.eventtickets.net. If you enjoyed the Veggie Tales Movie, "The Pirates That Don't Do Anything" last night at our Fish Fry, coupons for purchasing it are available on the credenza. Special thanks to Shelley Connellie and Kristin Karlson for making our Veggie Tales fall festival yesterday such a wonderful event for our church family and guests!

Get Your Recipes In! Last call for contributions to the church Cookbook. Please give your recipes to Kathy or email them to the church email address – communitycovenant@verizon.net.

Ruth and Peter Dutton are returning to Southeast Asia this fall with a new approach to their mission in Laos. Read all about their summer travels and their plans in the newsletter posted on the bulletin board by the lower entrance. **On Reformation Sunday**, October 26, we will hear from the Duttons in our morning worship service at 11 AM and pray for them and their family on the final weekend before they leave.

Rising Hope Mission Church extends a warm thank you to everyone who provided a casserole last week. The lunch is often a boring sandwich, so a hot casserole is a treat for the clients and staff. They were also very pleased to receive your donations to their food pantry. There was a lot of empty space on the food pantry shelves last month. Rising Hope appreciates any food donations we can give them, but especially appreciates containers that can be opened without a can opener.

Come to the "Balcony Session" on Saturday November 8! The Church Council and the "Veritas 13" want you to help them get a broader perspective on the revitalization of our congregation. Join them from 9 to 11:30 AM as we pray together and discuss what will help us to become a healthier and more missional congregation. All adults and young people, both church members and those who are not, are invited to participate.

The Apple Tree on the Wall or Why Does My Homepage say HI? The **H** is there to give you a place to list the volunteer hours (or partial hours) you have donated to children's ministries – our goal is 1,000 hours, and they show up as *leaves* on the apple tree on the sanctuary wall. The **I** is for listing the number of invitations you have extended to a child or a family to participate in one of our children's ministries. Our goal is 100 invitations, and they show up as the smiling *flowers* underneath the tree. Each *apple* on the tree represents \$50 in contributions for our children's ministries and outreach to families. Our goal is \$5,000, and you can use the special envelopes on the credenza to make a contribution.

Directory Time! Please take a look at the large print directory on the table outside the sanctuary to make sure your information is correct. If you have corrections for any of the "Friends" listed, please make them

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY – We will have a vacancy on the Church Council this Fall in the area of our fellowship ministries. If you are interested in joining the team that helps people make connections and build relationships in our congregation through fellowship activities, then tell Pastor Benson or make a note of it on your homepage today.

Volunteers Needed! Community Covenant Church relies on its volunteers to run smoothly. If you would like to be one of our vital volunteers, please sign up at the table outside the sanctuary. Thank you to all of our current volunteers for your selfless and much needed service!

Lessons to Read for October 26- Reformation Sunday

Deut. 34:1-12	The view from Mount Nebo
Psalms 90	God is our dwelling place
1 Thess. 2:1-8	Paul's motivation
Matthew 22: 34-46	The greatest commandment

The Books and Culture Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, November 16 at 7 PM in the church kitchen. You are invited to read Simon's Night by Jon Hassler and join in the informal and friendly conversation which includes both men and women, church members and non-members. Suggestions for books to read and discuss are always welcome. Call Becky Ericson for details.

Did you miss last week's sermon? Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at www.covenantchurchva.org.

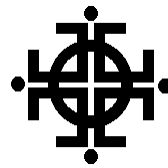
In the Covenant Companion – “Abandoning the Bondage of Busy”- Ellen Kogstad, Director of Spiritual Formations at new Moms Inc. Chicago, asks: “Do we let the weight of our calendars define our worth?” You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310 or online at www.Covchurch.org/communication. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.

Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY

Get Connected with Covenant Newswire – this free service delivers the latest news from Covenant Churches around the world to your home or office in a single daily email. It's a great way to keep informed about what's happening among the mission friends. To sign up, visit the Covenant Web Page (www.covchurch.org) and click on the Newswire button.

Covenant Crafters is Back! Saturday, October 25 beginning at 3:00 PM. Bring your unfinished crafts, homework, music, and join us. There's a jigsaw puzzle for those of you who don't want to craft. Dinner begins at 6:00. As Hobo Soup is a favorite, we'll do that. Bring something to put in a chicken stock based soup and sign up at the table to bring something extra, if you like.

Remember that this building is regularly used by other groups. If you are planning an activity, remember to check the complete calendar in the church office. Please speak to Kathy Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.



The character of the Evangelical Covenant Church is expressed by our logo: at the center is the cross. Next is a circle – the symbol of being united in Christ. Then four different people, joined to one another, reach out to the world in love. The Covenant Web Page: www.covchurch.org

A Covenant Affirmation: We affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit. The Covenant Church affirms the Trinitarian understanding of God the Father Almighty, son, and the Holy Spirit. The New Testament tells us that the Holy Spirit works both within individuals and among them. We believe it is the Holy Spirit who instills in our hearts a desire to turn to Christ, and who assures that Christ dwells within us. It is the Holy Spirit who enables our obedience, conforms us to the image of Christ, and allows us to carry out his mission in the world.