

# CONNECTION CARD

We'd love to know you were here!

Contemporary Worship     Traditional Worship     Change In Contact Information  
 1st Time Guest    NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Time Guest    EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regular Attendee    ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member    CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  Landline  Cell

**SUNDAY 11/12** 12:00pm Hospitality Team Meeting  
 3:00 - 5:30pm Senior High Big Life/Serve

**MONDAY 11/13** 9:00 - 11:15am MOPS

**TUESDAY 11/14** 9:00 - 11:00am Beth Moore Bible Study (rm. 207)  
 11:30 - 12:30pm Women Ministries Team Mtg. (library)  
 7:00 - 8:15pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

**WED. 11/15** 2:30 - 5:30pm Open Gym  
 5:45 - 6:30pm Dinner (Pizza)  
 6:00 - 7:30pm Crew 34 (rm. 110)  
 6:30 - 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)  
 6:30 - 8:00pm The Grove  
 6:30 - 8:00pm Pastor Craig's Bible Study  
 6:30 - 8:00pm Junior High (rm. 222)  
 6:30 - 8:00pm Club 56 (rm. 112)  
 8:15 - 9:00pm Prayer Meeting (rm. 107)

**THURSDAY 11/16** 6:30 - 8:00pm Worship Dance (rm. 110/112)

**FRIDAY 11/17** 10:00am Quilt Ministry @ Cheri Maytjaszek's House  
 Junior High Retreat PLCBC

**SUNDAY 11/19** 6:00 - 8:00pm **Global Outreach Sunday**  
 Senior High Life Groups

\*The church's full calendar can be found on our website or on the app.

## Acknowledgements & Needs

**PARKING** - FirstCovGR – we are inviting an increasing number of us to park our cars on Tremont Boulevard on Sunday mornings – or even in the parking lot at Union high School. Our own parking space gets maxed out in the mornings, and it is very difficult for individuals who physically need to park close to the building to find space – especially at 10:30. This past week we had a number of people intending to come to church who gave up and drove away. Drop your family off at the door, and park out front. Thanks for helping us care for each other and for our guests.

**The pantry is in need of** canned pears & pineapple, ketchup, mustard, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, jam (every flavor), butter, coffee, canned corn, sugar, salt & pepper, refried beans, pork n' beans, and toothbrushes.

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## This Week @ First Cov

# FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

## THE MESSENGER

November 12, 2017

## WELCOME

### Sunday Mornings @ First Cov

**9:00 - 10:15am**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
 (Kids' Christmas Program practice )

**Adult Bible Fellowship Classes**

- Jonah rm. 207
- Romans 12-16 rm. 220

**10:30 - 11:45am**  
**Traditional Worship** (sanctuary)  
**Sunday School for Kids/Youth**

- 3 yrs. to 6th grade lower level
- Jr. High Sunday School rm. 220
- Sr. High Sunday School rm. 222

**Adult Bible Fellowship Classes**

- Young Adult Class rm. 224
- Romans Office Conf. Room
- Evidence-Based Faith rm. 109
- Parents of Youth rm. 116
- Crossing Cultures rm. 107
- Friendship Ministry rm. 207

*(Adults with special needs)*

**1:00 pm**  
**Esperanza Covenant Church**  
 (rm. 222)

**MESSAGE** Pastor Craig  
 Gifted for Action **SCRIPTURE**  
 Romans 12: 1-13

**OUR STAFF**

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth- 6th Grade)



**Club 56 this Wednesday** at First Cov 6:30 - 8:00pm. This weekly ministry is for 5th & 6th graders! This week is HAT night! Wear a hat!

**CREW34** Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30. 3rd & 4th graders, join us for a mid-week gathering. Dinner is included. Contact Karin with questions.

**Christmas program** rehearsal continues today in the Club 56 Room. Kids are dismissed during the greeting after the first song. They will be dismissed back to parents during the last song. Please return the commitment card today if you still haven't returned it.

**Family Advent Festival** is November 26 right after Sunday School. Lunch and activities included. Sign up today at the Information Center. RSVP deadline is November 19. \$2 per person or \$8 per family.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th to 12th Grade)



### Junior High:

- **Wednesday nights** 6:30—8:00 pm! Be here!
- **CLIFFHANGER 2018** registrations and \$25 deposit are due TODAY! Contact Michelle Ludge for details!
- **TURKEY BOWL** Wednesday, November 22nd, 4:00 - 8:00pm @ First Cov.

### Senior High (Notice schedule change on Nov. 19th & 26th) :

- **TONIGHT.** Nov. 12th **Big Life Rake n' Run** 3:00 - 5:30pm. Bring a rake & get pumped to serve people by raking their leaves. Dress warm!
- **NEXT SUNDAY** - Nov. 19th, **Life Groups** 6:00 - 8:00pm in Host Homes. See Facebook for locations.
- **TURKEY BOWL** Wednesday, November 22nd, 4:00 - 8:00pm @ First Cov.
- **SUNDAY, Nov. 26th, Big Life**, 6:00 - 8:00pm @ First Cov.
- **Winter Retreat**, February 16 - 18, 2018; **CHIC**, July 15 - 21, 2018.
- Stay Connected: Facebook (Firstcovgr Youth Group), Instagram (Firstcovgr\_sh), & Texting (txt "firstcovseniorhigh" to 31996)!



## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

### Songs:

Here I am to Worship - Tim Hughes  
Lay Me Down - Chris Tomlin  
I Will Follow - Chris Tomlin  
Lord I Need You - Matt Maher  
Go in His Peace - Jeremy Hoekstra

### Worship Team:

Worship Leader/Bass: Geoff Schalow  
Vocals: Shara Meredith, Jessica Barger  
Guitars: Brent Wenz, Joel Beltman

Keys: Jan Dudley  
Drums: Greg George



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mailboxes** . . . please check your church mailbox—especially look on top of the mailboxes to see if there are items of yours' there.

**Hospitality Team** We are committed to giving guests and those new at FirstCov the best welcome possible! Those interested in being a part of a ministry of hospitality are invited to come together for a planning meeting (with lunch) following church TODAY!

**FIRST COV'S Christmas Drama** will be performed on Christmas Music Sunday, December 17th at both services (held in the FLC).

**FUNERAL LUNCHESES.** If you would be interested in assisting in this ministry, check the box on the Connection Card & drop it in the offering basket.

**Save the Date - Christmas by Candlelight.** Women's night out on Tuesday December 5 at 6:30pm. Reservations for table hosts begins today.

**Voices of Freedom Christmas Concert**, Friday, December 8th @7:00pm. Sponsored by JOY Ministries, but open to all to attend!



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 25+)

Join us for **Improv Comedy with the Pop Scholars** on Friday, Dec. 1. More details to come!

**Passion 2018** Jan.1 - 3 | Currently all three locations are sold out, therefore we are heading up north for the online experience. See FB for more information!

Stay Connected: Facebook (Firstcovgr Young Adults) & Instagram (Firstcovgr\_ya)!



## ADULT MINISTRIES

**Would you be interested in getting together with others to discuss *The Covenant Companion*** (our denomination's monthly magazine). If you would like to discover the abundance of the Evangelical Church with friends, contact Terry & Lois Almquist (791-7821 or taalquist@att.net)

**Men's Bible Study.** The group meets at Mr. Burger on Lake Michigan Drive, Friday mornings @ 6:30am. Contact Mike Poggi with questions, 446-7161.

**Care Ministry.** If you would be interested in preparing a meal for new moms or others in our congregation in need, please contact Pat Peterson (490-9207 or walrus1933@gmail.com)

**The Quilt Ministry** will be meeting @ Cheri's on Friday, November 17th at 10:00am. There are also kits available for people to take and work on at home. If you are interested or have questions, contact Cheri Matyjaszek at 231.884.6547.

November 12, 2017

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN

- Prayer Ministry
- Nursery
- Greeting/Ushering
- Music/Worship
- Assisting w/ Funeral Lunches
- Youth Ministry
- Kids Hope USA
- Children's Ministry
- Hospitality Team

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

- Baptism/Dedication
- Church Membership
- Joining a Small Group
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Hosting a Refugee Family

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS