

# CONNECTION CARD

We'd love to know you were here!

Change In Contact Information

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Attendee

Member

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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## This Week at FirstCov

<b>SUNDAY 3/24</b>	9:00am	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) & ABF's
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary) Sunday School, & ABF's
	1:00pm	Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)
	3:00 - 5pm	Intervarsity (fellowship hall)
	4:00pm	Adult Leadership Team Sr. High
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Life Groups
<b>MONDAY 3/25</b>	8:40 - 10:40am	Mom's Bible Study (rm. 222)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	6:30- 9:00pm	BSF (whole building)
	6:30pm	Leadership Team Meeting (rm. 208)
	8:00pm	YA Bible Study (Hinken's home)
<b>TUESDAY 3/26</b>	6:30am	Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	7:00 - 8:15pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal (sanctuary)
<b>WEDS. 3/27</b>	8:00 - 2:30pm	CBS (whole building)
	2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym (gym)
	5:45 - 6:30pm	Dinner/\$2, Esperanza (fellowship hall)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Alpha (rm. 207)
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Crew34 & Club 56
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Jr High
	6:30 - 8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	6:30 - 8:00pm	The Grove (rm. 220)
	6:45 - 7:45pm	Prayer Meeting (rm. 102)
8:15pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (sanctuary)	
<b>THURS. 3/28</b>	2:30 - 5:00pm	Youth for Christ (rm. 222, gym)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Worship Dance (rm. 110)
	6:00 - 9:00pm	Worship Team Practice (gym)
<b>FRIDAY 3/29</b>	9:30 - 11:30am	MOTS (rm. 217)
	10:00 - 1:00pm	God's Quilts (510 Clover Ridge NW)
<b>SUNDAY 3/231</b>	9:00am	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) & ABF's
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary) Sunday School, & ABF's
	1:00pm	Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)

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

**Pantry Needs** - Cooking oil, sugar, flour, coffee, juice, and pork-n-beans.

**Have a prayer request? Email Our Prayer Chain at [firstcovprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:firstcovprayerchain@gmail.com)**

OFFICE PHONE (616) 453-6346

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# FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

## THE MESSENGER

### March 24, 2019

**9:00 - 10:15am**

**Contemporary Worship**  
(Family Life Center/gym)

(Kids grades young 5's - 2nd will be dismissed for Children's Church during the offering to rm. 110) They will be brought back to the service before the service ends.

**Nursery Provided**

Infant rm. 101  
Toddlers rm. 103  
Preschool rm. 108

**Adult Classes**

Dave Egner rm. 220

**10:30 - 11:45am**

**Traditional Worship** (sanctuary)

**Sunday School for Kids/Youth**

3yo pre-school	rm. 106
4yo pre-school	rm. 108
PreK/Kindergarten	rm. 104
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	rm. 102
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	rm. 110
<b>girls start in rm. 118, pickup in rm. 110</b>	
5th/6th Grade	rm. 112
Jr. High 7th/8th	rm. 220
Sr. High 9th - 12th	rm. 222

**Adult Classes**

The Watering Hole	rm. 208
Friendship Ministry	rm. 207
Journey to the Nations	rm. 116

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

**CREW34** (3rd & 4th grade) 6:30 - 8:00pm Wednesday night!

**CLUB 56** (5th & 6th grade) 6:30 - 8:00pm THIS Wednesday night is our PHOTO Scavenger Hunt! WE need parents to drive for this special event! Contact Michelle if you can help us out! (616) 485-7392

**Children's Worship** is during the 9:00am worship service. Children will be dismissed at the offering and return during the closing song.

**Activity Sheets** for kids staying in worship are available at the Connection Corner and Information Center. Show Karin your completed sheet for the answers and a prize.

**Sunday School** available for children in preschool - 6th grade. 10:30 - 11:45am. All rooms are on lower level. Please drop your kids off between 10:25 and 10:30am, when the teachers arrive. Pick up your kids promptly at 11:45am.

**Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, April 20 at 9:30. This is an event for toddlers - 4th grade. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

**Save the Date** for a special mother daughter event. Saturday, April 27 from 10-12. Watch for more details.

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

### JUNIOR HIGH (7th & 8th grade)

Wednesday night 6:30 - 8:00pm. Special worship night with Josh Hinken! Join us for an awesome night of worship, the Word, snacks and fun!

**SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12th Grade)** TONIGHT (March 24) 6:00 - 8:00pm LIFE GROUPS - We believe LIFE is BETTER TOGETHER! Join your life group for an awesome night & free food! Freshman at the Alferinks, Sophomores & Juniors at the Hansmas, & Seniors at the VanderWerps.

**Adult Leadership Meeting TODAY** at 4:00pm at FirstCov.

**SUNDAY** (March 31) | No Big Life: Spring Break

**Save the Date:** Mission Trip to Covenant Mountain Mission Bible Camp, July 6 - 12, 2019.

**Stay Connected:** Facebook (Firstcovgr Youth Group), Instagram (Firstcovgr\_sh), & Texting (txt "firstcovseniorhigh" to 31996)!

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 29)

**TOMORROW** (March 25) | YA:BIBLE STUDY at the Hinken's place (6890 36th Ave.) at 8:00pm. The STRUGGLE is REAL. It's time to get smart in the struggle. We will have the food, you bring your Bible, and let's get at it. Don't do this journey alone, be apart of a community!

**Save the Date:** Passion 2020 // December 30 - January 2, 2020.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A New Members Class** is being offered on Sunday April 28th, from 4:00 - 8:20pm with Pastor Craig in room 220. A light dinner will be served. Please sign up by using the tab in this Messenger or call the church office at 453-6346. If you need childcare please list name and age of children. Childcare is free but you must request it. If you have any questions please call the office.

**Leadership Team Meeting** is this Monday March 25 at 6:30pm in room 208.

**Wednesday Night Dinner** is at 5:45pm in the fellowship hall. It is only \$2 per person for a wonderful Esperanza chicken, vegetable and potato dinner.

**JOY/Bus Trip to Cornwell's Turkeyville**, Thursday, April 25. Sign up in lobby.

**"I AM"** is a triennial gathering for women by women in Minneapolis, MN on July 18 - 21, 2019. Worship, instructional workshops, fun and educational excursions are some of the inspirational activities you will share with women from around the world at Triennial. Early bird registration is extended to March 31. Check out the website at [IAM.covchurch.org](http://IAM.covchurch.org).

**SAVE THE DATE:** Ladies Spring Tea – Thursday, May 2 at 2:00pm.

**6K Opportunity:** The ECC has a partnership with World Vision/Covenant Kids Congo. We have partnered with Covenant Kids through Team World Vision the last two years. This year we have an opportunity to team up in a new way. On Saturday, May 4 at 5:00pm FirstCov will host a Global 6k walk/run to help people in communities we're already connected with get clean water. 844 million people lack access to safe drinking water. The average distance people walk for water in developing countries is 6 kilometers, which can take hours. By participating in the 6k, we can join a movement bringing clean water to thousands of people in need. The \$50 registration fee, \$25 for kids, provides clean water for an individual. What a great opportunity to have fun, join with FirstCov friends, invite others to join us, and make a difference. For more info contact Karin Alferink (443-6419) or Kendra Bylsma (446-0257).

## ADULT MINISTRIES

**Starting March 31**, please join us for **Grace/Truth 2.0**, a five-week learning experience that dives deeper into LGBT+ questions. It discusses why some Christians are changing their view toward affirming same-sex relations, addresses some of the strongest affirming arguments, explores a biblical and theological view of transgender and intersex persons, and offers practical advice on how to embody the grace/truth way of Jesus in the context of ministry. We will meet in Room 109, March 31-May 5. Please contact Pastor Neal with any questions.

**Men's Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at Mr. Burger on Lake Michigan Drive at 6:30am. Men, come and bring a friend.

**Hand Bell Rehearsal** – Tuesday, March 26, from 7:00 - 8:15pm, in the sanctuary.

**Alpha** - Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00pm in room 207.

**Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesday, March 27, from 6:30 - 8:15pm, in the sanctuary.

**Orchestra Rehearsal** - Wednesday, March 27, 8:15pm, in the sanctuary.

**Prayer Meeting** - Wednesdays, 6:45 - 7:45pm in room 102.

**The Grove** - Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in room 220.

March 24, 2019

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN

- Prayer Ministry  
 Youth Ministry  
 Nursery  
 Kids Hope USA  
 Greeting/Ushering  
 Children's Ministry  
 **NEW MEMBERS CLASS April 28.** If you need childcare, write their names and their ages below.

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

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

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS