

CONNECTION CARD

We'd love to know you were here!

Change In Contact Information

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Attendee

Member

9am 10:30am

NAME _____

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Landline Cell

This Week at FirstCov

SUNDAY 6/02	9:00am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm 6:00pm	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary) Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting (rm. 222) Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222) Search Team Meeting
MONDAY 6/03	9:30am 12:30 - 2:30pm	Care Ministry Meal Making (kitchen) Pantry (fellowship hall)
TUESDAY 6/04	6:30am 12:30 - 2:30pm 7:00 - 11:00pm	Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger) Pantry (fellowship hall) Men's Basketball (gym)
WEDS. 6/05	Gym/sound under construction 2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym (gym)
THURS. 6/06	Gym/sound under construction 6:00 - 9:00pm 6:00 - 7:30pm	Worship Team (gym) YA: MISSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVE
FRIDAY 6/07	10:00 - 1:00pm	Gods Quilts
SUNDAY 6/09	9:00am 10:30am 10:30am 10:30 - 12:30pm 1:00pm	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary) Sr. High Leadership Appreciation Brunch (rm. 222) Reception for Hoekstra's & Herr's (fellowship hall & rm. 207) Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)

**The church's full calendar can be found on our website.*

Pantry Helpers Needed

We need 2 more volunteers for a once-a-month commitment for serving in the pantry. It would be for 2 hours at a time on a Monday or a Tuesday from 12:30 - 2:30pm. If you are interested or have questions please call Monique VanderWerp, 616-791-1989.

Pantry Needs - Soup, crackers (saltines), Hamburger Helper, juice, canned chicken, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, syrup, pancake mix, cereal, rice, shampoo with conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Clorox, laundry soap, cleaning supplies. (no black beans or mac & cheese, we have plenty)
No outdated or opened items can be accepted.

Have a prayer request? Email Our Prayer Chain at firstcovprayerchain@gmail.com

OFFICE PHONE (616) 453-6346

www.firstcovgr.org

FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

June 2, 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.

10:30 - 11:45am

Traditional Worship (sanctuary)

Nursery Provided
During Both Morning Services

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

OUR STAFF

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth - 6th Grade)

Children's Worship is offered during the 9:00am worship hour. Kids in Kindergarten - 2nd grade are invited to participate. Children will be dismissed at the offering and return during the closing song.

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

Register for VBS online! VBS is June 17-20 for kids entering K - 5th grade. The theme is "In the Wild - Amazing Encounters with Jesus." Register your students online at: www.firstcovgr.org. Volunteers are also needed. Contact Karin or Michelle if you're interested. Childcare is provided for younger volunteer kids.

CLUB 56 Save the date: June 13, 6:00 - 8pm. Creation Hike & Ice Cream. Meet at church and we will head to Aman Park for a hike and finish with ice cream at Double Dip Depot!

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th - 12th Grade)

JUNIOR HIGH (7th & 8th grade)

JH Save the date: Tuesday, 6/25 Whitecaps Game! Cost is \$5 plus food! Dime Dog night! That means hot dogs are only a DIME!! Meet at church at 5:30pm! We will return after the game. (approx. 9:30pm)

SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12th Grade)

TODAY: MISSION TRIP MEETING at 10:30am IN THE YOUTH ROOM. For more information & registration: <http://bit.ly/CMMBCmissiontrip>.

Mission Trip to Covenant Mountain Mission Bible Camp is July 6 - 12, 2019 (Registration due by ASAP)! For more information & registration: <http://bit.ly/CMMBCmissiontrip>. First meeting: Today at 10:30 in the youth room.

Save the Date: Senior High Leadership Appreciation Brunch is June 9 at 10:30-11:15am in the youth room. Thank you for serving this year! Bring your family to brunch & then stop by the open house to say goodbye to Jeremy & Pastor Neal. RSVP by Wednesday, June 5: <http://bit.ly/volunteerbrunchRSVP>

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 29)

THIS THURSDAY (June 6) YA: MISSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVE at Dégagé from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Txt Josh (616.295.0772) to "RSVP" by Wednesday, June 5. Plan to meet at Dégagé (144 Division Ave. GR) by 5:30pm.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE SPECIAL INSERT FROM THE PASTORIAL SEARCH TEAM IN TODAY'S MESSENGER

GIVING TREE is full of leaves to support VBS. Please stop by the tree, grab a leaf or two, and return the items by June 13, to the office labeled for VBS.

Praying for the Process - The Search Committee would like to invite you to be involved, by being part of a "prayer team" that will support the work of searching for a new pastor and partner in ministry. If you would like to be part of a prayer team, check the box on the Messenger tear off and fill out the information.

Upcoming Search Team Meetings. Today, June 2 at 6:00pm.

NURSERY - Summer is approaching and with that comes opportunities to serve the children of the church! Did you know that 85% of Christians become Christians between the ages of 4-14 years old? That means you play a HUGE part in these children's lives, and as a church we are grateful for YOU. Contact Katelynn Wenz at kwenz@firstcovgr.org to serve in our nursery.

UNITE , WALK & PRAY! The 1stcov PRC Ministry team invites everyone-- singles, teens, families, small groups to **UNITE** with other believers @ **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 6/15** to **WALK** and **PRAY for the Sanctity of Human Life**. Pledge forms available at the Information Desk and Connection Corner. Walk begins @ the PRC offices @ 415 Cherry SE, where Registration starts at 8:30 on 6/15. The walk course is in the downtown area of GR and is only about two miles. Parking available at the Mercy Health building across from the Mercy Hauenstein Center at Cherry and Lafayette. Questions: Call Bill & Gwen Petroski (453-6423).

Save The Dates! Annual Indoor **Garage Sale** At Covenant Village, 2510 Lake Michigan Drive. Thursday, June 6, 9:00am - 6:00pm and Friday, June 7, 9:00am - 2:00pm. Furniture/Household/Books/Clothing. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO COVENANT VILLAGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Open Gym Bible study group continues throughout the year. If you would like to bless and fellowship with 10 - 15 teens by preparing them a meal on Wednesdays at 5:30pm please contact Pastor Dale at 616-589-3925.

Come to the Table this Summer!

You will have the opportunity to gather for a relaxed evening of conversation, forging relationships, and sharing a meal together. Go to the Information Desk to see the available dates this summer and sign up. See you at the table. Questions, contact Ginger Mastaw at 616-784-5888 or Penny Gutierrez at (847) 370-9001.

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

June 2, 2019

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

Baptism/Dedication
 Church Membership
 Becoming a Follower of Jesus

Prayer Ministry
 Nursery
 Greeting/Ushering

Youth Ministry
 Kids Hope USA
 Children's Ministry

I would Like to be on the **Prayer Team** for searching for a new pastor & partner in ministry.

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS