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This Week at FirstCov

SUNDAY 1/27	9:00am	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) & ABF's
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary), Sunday School, & ABF's
	12:00pm	Lunch Followed by Annual Meeting Part 1 (gym)
	1:00pm	Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)
	5:00 - 8:00pm	Praise Band Big Life Sr. High
MONDAY 1/28	8:40 - 10:40am	Mom's Bible Study
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	4:00 - 6:00pm	Open Gym Team Practice (gym)
	6:00 - 10:00pm	Open Gym Basketball Game (Bus)
	7:00 - 9:00pm	BSF (family life center)
TUESDAY 1/29	6:30am	Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger)
	9:00am	Beth Moore Bible Study (rm. 207)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym)
	2:30pm	Care Ministry Meal Making (kitchen)
	3:00 - 6:00pm	Open Gym Bball Practice (gym)
	7:00 - 11:00pm	Men's Basketball, (gym)
WEDS. 1/30	8:00 - 2:30pm	CBS (whole building)
	2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym
	5:45 - 6:30pm	Dinner/The Best Breakfast Ever \$2 per person Put on by Open Gym (fellowship hall)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Alpha #3 (rm. 207)
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Crew34 & Club 56
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Jr High
	6:45 - 8:00pm	The Grove
6:30 - 8:15pm	Prayer Meeting (rm. 102) Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)	
THURS. 1/31	6:30am	UHS FCA Breakfast fellowship hall)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym)
	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)
FRIDAY 2/01	9:30 - 11:30am	MOTS (207)
	10:00am	God's Quilts (510 Cloveridge)
	3:30 - 5:00pm	WCA Bball(gym)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	BSF Leaders Meeting
SATURDAY 2/02	10:30 - 12:00pm	Estate Planning Series (rm. 207)
	2:00 - 4:00pm	Esperanza Worship Team (rm. 222)
SUNDAY 2/03	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)

**Remember the Food Pantry Needs Your Donations
No Opened or Outdated Food.**

OFFICE PHONE (616) 453-6346

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FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

January 27, 2019

JUST A REMINDER, The Annual Meeting Part I is TODAY following the Traditional Worship Service. Lunch will be served at noon with the meeting following in the Family Life Center gym.

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

Dianne Portfeet rm. #207
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 st /2 nd Grade	rm. 102
3 rd /4 th Grade	rm. 110
girls start in rm. 118, pickup in rm. 110	
5th/6th Grade	rm. 112
Jr. High 7th/8th	rm. 220
Sr. High 9th - 12th	rm. 222

Adult Classes

Young Adult Class rm. #224
The Watering Hole rm. #208
Friendship Ministry rm. #207
The Whole Sex Talk rm. #109
Church Between Borders rm. 107

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth- 6th Grade)

CREW34 (3rd & 4th grade) 6:30 - 8:00pm Wednesday January 30. Summer party! Wear your favorite summer clothes (no bathing suits please.) We'll play summer games and have summer snacks!

CLUB 56 (5th & 6th grade) 6:30 - 8:00pm Wednesday January 30. Super Bowl Party! 6:30 - 8:00pm. Stadium snacks, fun games, and a lesson about God's playbook. *Football knowledge not required.

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

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

SAVE THE DATES: (watch for more details)

Saturday, February 9: Father Son Sledding with PIZZA! 4:00 - 6:00pm

Saturday, March 2: Mother Son Bowling with PIZZA! 11:00 - 1:00pm

Friday, March 22nd: Daddy Daughter Dance 5:45pm - 8:30pm

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th - 12th Grade)

JUNIOR HIGH (7th & 8th grade)

Youth group THIS Wednesday night! 6:30 - 8:00pm. ALPHA kick off! 6:30 - 8:00pm. We will start exploring the Alpha topics in youth group! Questions will be asked and answered!

SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12th Grade)

SUNDAY (TODAY) BIG LIFE 6:00 - 8:00pm at FirstCov. There will be FREE food, games, fun and convos about our faith!! (Youth praise band practice at 5pm)

SUNDAY (February 3) NO BIG LIFE. Enjoy your night with your family, friends, and/or life group!

SAVE THE DATE: Sr. High Retreat at Portage Lake, February 8 -10, 2019. Get pumped for an awesome experience up north at PLCBC! It will be a weekend you will not want to miss! Cost: \$95* (deposit of \$40 & registration form due by 1/27/19). Full payment due by February 8. Meet at FirstCov at 5:15pm (We will leave at 5:30pm) on Friday. Return around 2:00pm on Sunday. RSVP Here: http://bit.ly/FirstCov_WinterRetreat (or RSVP via the "Paper Form")

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 25+)

YA Missional Community meets on every other Monday evening at Hinken's place (6890 36th Ave.) at 7:30p starting on February 18.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Degage Ministry is seeking to add volunteers. If you are interested in helping to transform lives and restore hope to those in need in a very simple tangible way we'd love to have you join us. We are looking for persons to assist in shopping or cooking and /or serving the meal. We also need a person to schedule the volunteers. We serve the 3rd Sunday evening every other month. Our next scheduled time to serve is March 17. Contact Cheryl Schut (617-7488) if this is something you might be interested.

February 10 - Infant Baptisms - Are you interested in having your child baptized? We are going to be having infant baptisms on Sunday, February 10. Contact the church office if you are interested.

Valentines Luncheon- Attention widow and single ladies, you are cordially invited to a Valentines luncheon. You are special to us and we want to honor you! Monday, February 11 in room 207at 12:00pm. Please RSVP at the desk in the lobby. Call Kim Theeuwes with questions at 723-1976.

The **Giving Tree for February** will focus on items for the **Pregnancy Resource Center Family Support Services.** Some of the needs at this time of year include outdoor winter clothing for children ages Newborn to 3T. Starting February 3 pick a leaf from the Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall, purchase the item, and return it to the bin by the main office labeled PRC. Donations go through Sunday, March 6.

ARE YOU PREPARED? Estate Planning Seminar will be Saturday February 2 at 10:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this informational series. Our speakers will be Kathleen Aguilar and Susan Meier from the Miller Johnson Law Firm. All are welcome and we encourage you to bring a guest. Sign up at the information desk. If you have questions Contact Mike Poggie, 616-458-8990

Ron Ziegelbaur, Covenant Missionary to Cameroon, is looking for someone with Microsoft Access Database experience to help him create an inventory database for use at Rain Forest Intl School. Contact him at 616-350-2097 or rfis-dts@rfis.org.

Join us for the second half of The Grove: Old Testament Survey. We meet 6:30-7:00pm in small groups, then 7:00-8:00pm as a large group. In this second semester we'll be looking at the Old Testament prophets and the later historical books. If you have never taken this class before, the cost is \$15 to help cover the cost of materials. If you took semester 1 last year and want to jump in for semester 2, we would love to have you. Childcare is available for \$3 per session (suggested donation), if you let us know ahead of time. Contact Neal Herr at nherr@firstcovgr.org or (616) 453-6346 for more information or to register.

Join us for Alpha Wednesday evenings beginning January 16 and will continue through April 10. Each talk looks at a different question and is designed to create an open conversation. Our time together each week begins with a shared meal at 6:00pm and we end our conversation by 8:00pm. The dinner and the ALPHA sessions are completely free of charge. Why not bring a friend? We believe everyone should have the opportunity to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view.

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

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting meets from 6:45 - 7:45pm in room 107.

January 27, 2019

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN

- Prayer Ministry Youth Ministry
 Nursery Kids Hope USA
 Greeting/Ushering Children's Ministry

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

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

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS