

CONNECTION CARD

We'd love to know you were here!

Change In Contact Information

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Attendee

Member

NAME _____

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This Week at FirstCov

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| SUNDAY 2/10 | 9:00am | Contemporary Worship Service (gym) & ABF's |
| | 10:30am | Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary), Sunday School, & ABF's |
| | 1:00pm 2:00pm | Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222) Sr. High Returns (Bus & Van) |
| MONDAY 2/11 | 8:40 - 10:40am | Mom's Bible Study (rm. 222) |
| | 12:00pm | Valentine Lunch (rm. 207) |
| | 12:30 - 2:30pm | Food Pantry (fellowship hall) |
| | 4:00 - 6:00pm | Open Gym Team Practice (gym) |
| | 6:00 - 10:00pm 7:00 - 9:00pm | Open Gym Basketball Game (Bus) BSF (family life center) |
| TUESDAY 2/12 | 6:30am | Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger) |
| | 12:30 - 2:30pm | Food Pantry (fellowship hall) |
| | 12:30 - 2:30pm | Sr. Adult Volleyball (gym) |
| | 2:30pm | Care Ministry Meal Making (kitchen) |
| | 6:00pm | Worship Arts Team (rm. 209) |
| | 3:00 - 6:00pm | Open Gym Bball Practice (gym) |
| | 6:30pm | Staff & Leadership Team Meeting (rm. 208) |
| | 6:30 - 8:00pm 7:00 - 11:00pm | Planning Meeting (rm. 207) Men's Basketball, (gym) |
| WEDS. 2/13 | 8:00 - 2:30pm | CBS (whole building) |
| | 2:30 - 5:30pm | Open Gym |
| | 5:45 - 6:30pm | Dinner/Pizza \$2 per person (fellowship hall) |
| | 6:00 - 8:00pm | Alpha #3 (rm. 207) |
| | 6:30 - 8:00pm | Crew34 & Club 56 |
| | 6:00 - 8:00pm | Jr HighBro Gal Night |
| | 6:30 - 8:00pm | The Grove |
| | 6:45 - 8:00pm | Prayer Meeting (rm. 102) |
| | 6:30 - 8:15pm | Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary) |
| | THURS. 2/14 | 6:30am |
| 9:00 - 12:00pm | | Clergy Cluster (rm. 207) |
| 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) |
| 7:00 - 8:15pm | | Hand Bell Choir (sanctuary) |
| FRIDAY 2/15 | 9:30 - 11:30am | MOTS (rm. 207) |
| | 10:00 - 1:00pm | God's Quilts (510 Cloveridge NW) |
| | 3:30 - 5:00pm | WCA Bball(gym) |
| | 6:30 - 8:15pm | BSF Leaders Meeting |
| SATURDAY 2/16 | 2:00 - 4:00pm | Esperanza Worship Team (rm. 222) |
| | 5:00 - 8:00pm | Gym Occupied |
| SUNDAY 2/17 | 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) |
| | 4:00pm | Sr. High Student Leadership Team (rm. 222) |
| | 5:30 - 8:00pm | Jr. High/Sr. High Glow Night (whole church) |

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

OFFICE PHONE (616) 453-6346

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FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

February 10, 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

Dianne Portfeet rm. 207
Dave Egner rm. 220

10:30 - 11:45am

Traditional Worship (sanctuary)

Sunday School for Kids/Youth

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| 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

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, February 13, 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, February 13 is our Valentine Party. God is LOVE! We are also collecting items for our Food Pantry starting this week!

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, March 2: Mother Son Bowling with PIZZA! 11:00 - 1:00pm
Cost: \$10.00 per person. All ages welcome! Sign up online or at the Information Center or Connection Corner.

-Friday, March 22: Daddy Daughter Dance FIESTA theme! 5:45pm - 8:30pm

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th - 12th Grade)

JUNIOR HIGH (7th & 8th grade)

Youth group THIS Wednesday night! 6:00 - 8:00pm. BRO/GAL night! Early start time! Bring \$3.00 for dinner! Meet at church for separate adventures....AND we will start ALPHA!!!

SAVE the date for GLOW Night!! Sunday Feb. 17th! See details below!

SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12th Grade)

SUNDAY (February 10) No BIG LIFE because of retreat.

SUNDAY (February 17) GLOW NIGHT JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH!

TIME: 5:30-8:00pm at FirstCov Party with us: black lights, dodgeball, glow-in-the-dark 9-square, food, games, Nintendo Switch, raffles, LASER TAG and so much more! Make sure to wear white and invite your friends! See you there... ONLY \$2! The person who brings the most friends will get \$50 cash!

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 Avenue) at 7:30pm starting on February 18.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers! Thank you for all you do! You are the back bone of FirstCov!

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 207 at 12:00pm. Today is the last day to sign up 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 **TODAY** 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.

Hand Bell Rehearsal – Tuesday, February 7, from 7:00 - 8:15pm - sanctuary.

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, February 13, from 6:30 - 8:15pm - sanctuary.

Coat Taken By Mistake - A women's long black wool coat with stand up collar and buttons has been taken and the wrong coat left. Call the church office if you discover you have the wrong coat. 616-453-6346.

Food Pantry Needs - Juice, canned chicken or tuna, pancake mix, syrup, TP, canned fruit, hamburger helper, pork-n-beans, cereal, toothbrushes, soaps. (No outdated, slightly used, or opened products can be received.)

Notes of Thanks -

We are so grateful for your prayers, messages and wishes following Howard's stroke, we have truly been blessed to have such a great and caring church family. A special thank you to Pastor Craig for the many visits and phone calls! God Bless You All! ~Howard and Donna Peterson

I want to thank the many First Cov members that have been so faithful in prayer and love throughout my year of many challenges. The cards that daily fill my mailbox make me feel loved and connected when I cannot be with you all.
~Colleen Stephens

ADULT MINISTRIES

Grace/Truth 1.0 is a six-week class that introduces Christians to LGBT+ people, the language to use and avoid, a theologically faithful view of marriage and sexuality, and practical guidance on how to embody the love of Christ toward sexual and gender minorities. Please join us on Sundays in Room 109, starting February 17, during the **10:30am** hour.

Join us for Alpha Wednesday evenings continuing 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?

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.

February 10, 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