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This Week at FirstCov

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)
MONDAY 2/04	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 2/05	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)
	6:00pm	Worship Arts Team (rm. 209)
	3:00 - 6:00pm	Open Gym Bball Practice (gym)
7:00 - 11:00pm	Men's Basketball, (gym)	
WEDS. 2/06	8:00 - 2:30pm	CBS (whole building)
	2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym
	5:45 - 6:30pm	Dinner/Spaghetti \$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
	6:30 - 8:00pm	The Grove
	6:45 - 8:00pm	Prayer Meeting (rm. 102)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	THURS. 2/07	12:30 - 2:30pm
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 2/08	5:15pm	Sr. High Retreat Portage Lake (Bus & Van)
	3:30 - 5:00pm	WCA Bball(gym)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	BSF Leaders Meeting
SATURDAY 2/09	2:00 - 4:00pm	Sr. High Retreat Portage Lake (Bus & Van)
	4:00 - 6:00pm	Esperanza Worship Team (rm. 222)
		Father Son Sledding (fellowship hall)
SUNDAY 2/10	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)
	2:00pm	Sr. High Returns (Bus & Van)

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

Food Pantry Needs - Juice (all kinds), pancake mix, syrup, TP, canned fruit, hamburger helper, toothbrushes, laundry & dish soap.

OFFICE PHONE (616) 453-6346

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FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

February 3, 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

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

Dianne Portfeet rm. 207
Dave Egner rm. 220

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

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

SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12th Grade)

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

THIS FRIDAY Sr. High Retreat at Portage Lake, February 8 -10. 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 ASAP). 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")

No Youth Group on Sunday 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, 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

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 207 at 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 **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.

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.

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

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

ADULT MINISTRIES

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.

February 3 , 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