

CONNECTION CARD

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Change In Contact Information

1st Time Guest

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Regular Attendee

Member

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This Week at FirstCov

SUNDAY 3/17	9:00am	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) & ABF's
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary) Sunday School, & ABF's
	12:15am	YA Lunch with Tim (Arnies on Leonard)
	1:00pm	Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)
	5:30 - 8:15pm	Jr. & Sr. High Base Camp 360 Worship
	6:00pm	Tim Ciccone Workshop for Adults
MONDAY 3/18	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	6:30- 9:00pm	BSF (whole building)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	YA Kids Food Basket (meet there)
	8:15pm	YA Bible Study (Bajema's home)
TUESDAY 3/19	6:30am	Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger)
	12:30 - 2:30pm	Food Pantry (fellowship hall)
	7:00 - 8:15pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal (sanctuary)
WEDS. 3/20	8:00 - 2:30pm	CBS (whole building)
	2:30 - 5:30pm	Open Gym (gym)
	5:45 - 6:30pm	Dinner/\$2 Meatballs (fellowship hall)
	6:00 - 8:00pm	Alpha (rm. 207)
	6:30 - 8:00pm	Crew34 & Club 56
	6:15 - 8:00pm	Jr High Talent Show (going to Cov Village)
	6:30 - 8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	6:30 - 8:00	The Grove (rm. 220)
	6:45 - 7:45pm	Prayer Meeting (rm. 102)
THURS. 3/21	11:30 - 1:00pm	GRAP (fellowship hall)
	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 3/22	5:45 - 8:30pm	Daddy Daughter Dance (gym)
SUNDAY 3/24	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
	5:30 - 8:15pm	Life Groups

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

Pantry Needs - butter, sugar, flour, small containers of juice, and pork-n-beans. **Thank you to Crew34 for all their donations to the pantry!**

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

OFFICE PHONE (616) 453-6346

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FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

March 17, 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 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
Grace/Truth 101	rm. 109
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 Wednesday night! Games, snack, Bible lesson, and friendship building FUN!

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 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.

Daddy Daughter Dance is THIS Friday, March 22 at 5:45pm. Buy your tickets TODAY at the Connection Corner and Information Center. \$20 a couple, \$5 each additional girl. Or contact Karin to RSVP (kalferink@firstcovgr.org or (443-6419) An authentic mariachi band, Son de Mexico will perform during dinner followed by our DJ!

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

Congratulations to Club 56 and CREW34 for donating 578 items to the food pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th - 12th Grade)

JUNIOR HIGH (7th & 8th grade) 6:15 - 8:00pm THIS Wednesday is our TALENT SHOW at Covenant Village! We would like to meet at 6:15pm so we can leave early for Covenant Village and have a little time to practice!

TONIGHT we head to an awesome night of worship at Base Camp 360 at Immanuel Reformed Church. Meet for pizza at church at 5:30pm.

SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12th Grade)

TONIGHT (March 17) BIG LIFE: WORSHIP NIGHT 5:30-8:20pm. Meet & Pick up at FirstCov LOBBY (Includes FREE food). Come for a night of worship, hanging out, and testimonies! We are joining other youth groups off-site.

NEXT SUNDAY (March 24) 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 at 4:00pm at FirstCov.

SUNDAY (March 31) No Big Life: Because it is 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)!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Church Directories have been placed in your church mailbox!

Thank you from the PRC Ministry team to all who donated items for the Pregnancy Resource Center. The generosity of our church family in responding to the needs of moms who have experienced a crisis pregnancy is a blessing!

Wednesday Night Dinner will be served this week at 5:45pm in the fellowship hall. \$2 per person for amazing meatballs and mac-n-cheese dinner.

JOY Bus Trip to Cornwell's Turkeyville in Marshall will be Thursday, April 25. Trip includes turkey dinner and the show "Old Time Religion". Tickets are \$44.00 each. Sign up and pay in the Lobby. Bus leaves at 9:30am, returns 6pm.

"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.

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

ADULT MINISTRIES

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 19, from 7:00 - 8:15pm, in the sanctuary.

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

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, March 20, from 6:30 - 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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 29)

TODAY (March 17) **LUNCH WITH TIM.** Join us for a FREE LUNCH at 12:15pm at Arnies on Leonard! We would love to hear about the challenges of being a young adult, following Jesus, and how the church (FirstCov) can support you in this season of life. We will be joined by Tim Ciccone (a leader of young adults in the ECC).

THIS MONDAY (March 18) YA: MISSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVE at Kids Food Basket from 6:00-8:00pm. Txt Josh (616-295-0772) to "RSVP" by Sunday, March 17 and then sign in at Kidsfoodbasket.volunteerhub.com. Plan to meet at KFB (2055 Oak Industrial Dr NE) by 6:00pm.

ALSO THIS MONDAY (March 18) YA: BIBLE STUDY at the Bajema's place (2202 Pheasant Ave. NW) at 8:15pm. 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)!

March 17, 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