

# CONNECTION CARD

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## This Week at FirstCov

**SUNDAY 6/23** 10:00am **Summer Worship Service (gym)**  
 11:15am **Dinner for all! Esperanza Mission Fundraiser (fellowship hall)**  
 1:00pm Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)  
 5:30 - 7:30pm Young Marrieds Night Out  
 (Dennis home, 1128 Canyon Creek Court SW)

**MONDAY 6/24** 12:30 - 2:30pm Pantry (fellowship hall)

**TUESDAY 6/25** 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Mr. Burger)  
 12:30 - 2:30pm Pantry (fellowship hall)  
 5:30 - 9:30pm Jr. High Whitecaps Game (bus & van)  
 6:00 - 11:00pm Hillsong Concert Sr. High & Young Adults

**WEDS. 6/26** 2:30 - 5:00pm Open Gym (gym)  
 6:30 - 8:00pm Esperanza Bible Study (rm. 116)  
 7:00 - 8:30pm Making Life Disciples PRC (rm. 220)

**THURS. 6/27** Annual Meeting in Omaha Begins

**SUNDAY 6/30** 10:00am **Summer Worship Service (gym)**  
 11:15am Mission Trip Meeting (rm. 222)  
 1:00pm Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222)  
 6:30pm Young Adults at Hinkens

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

**- Pantry Needs -**  
 Hamburger Helper, Flour, Sugar, Jam & Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce,  
 Pasta, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Soup and Toothpaste.  
 No outdated or opened items can be accepted.

**Have a prayer request? Email Our Prayer Chain at**  
[firstcovprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:firstcovprayerchain@gmail.com)

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# **FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH** THE MESSENGER

## June 23, 2019

**10:00am**  
**Summer Worship Service**  
 (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



*Coffee and tea are available upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Join us today for the **Esperanza Mission Fundraiser** dinner in the Fellowship Hall after the service.*

### OUR STAFF

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth - 6th Grade)

**Children's Worship** is offered during the 10:00am 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES ( 7th - 12th Grade )

### JUNIOR HIGH (7th & 8th grade)

**JH THIS Tuesday** Whitecaps Game! Cost is \$5 plus food! It is 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)

**SUNDAY** (Today & June 30): Mission trip meeting at 11:15am in the youth room (rm. 222). For more information & registration: <http://bit.ly/CMMBCmissiontrip>.

**TUESDAY** (June 25) Hillsong United Worship Concert. Meet at FirstCov at 6:00pm. Cost: \$20 RSVP to Josh ASAP. We have 10 tickets, first come first serve. **Stay Connected:** Facebook (Firstcovgr Youth Group), Instagram (Firstcovgr\_sh), & Texting (txt "firstcovseniorhigh" to 31996)

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 29)

**TONIGHT** (June 23) Young Marrieds Cookout. You are invited to a COOKOUT at Scott & Jodye Dennis' house (1128 Canyon Creek Court SW) THIS SUNDAY at 5:30pm. Enjoy an evening of food, hanging out, games, and maybe a dip in the pool! We are inviting those connected with FirstCov, married/engaged (18-35 yr. olds). Marriage can have its challenges. What helps is to have a community who understands. Join us.... Find a sitter if you need to and come enjoy free food and fun!

**TUESDAY** (June 25) Hillsong United Worship Concert. Meet at FirstCov at 6:00pm, Cost: \$20, We have 10 tickets, first come first serve.

**NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT** (June 30) YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY & WORSHIP NIGHT at the Hinken's (6890 36th Ave. Hudsonville). YARD GAMES, MUSIC, FRIENDS, PIZZA, WORSHIP, FIRE, & S'MORES! We plan to start at the Hinkens for food & then join some young adult friends for worship and games at Covenant Church in Hudsonville. Time: 6:30pm. Who? YOU. Come, chill, & worship with us.

**Save the Date:** Passion 2020 December 30 - January 2, 2020. Stay Connected: Stay Connected: Facebook (Firstcovgr Young Adults) & Instagram (Firstcovgr\_ya)!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FirstCovgr Retreat

**A Family Camp Experience for Everyone**  
**August 16 - 18. Portage Lake Bible Camp**  
**See Brochures at Information Centers**

**Leadership Team Meetings** - Tuesday, July 2 at 6:30pm, Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30pm and Monday, August 19 at 6:30pm.

**A team from Esperanza, FirstCov and Open Gym will be working** in New Bern, NC the first week in July rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Florence. **TODAY the team will be serving Susana's chicken dinner** after the church service. A free-will offering will be received and all proceeds will go to help with construction costs.

**Steve Gabrielse** is joining us as our interim worship leader. Steve has led worship ministry in local churches for 30 years and brings a wealth of experience to this role. In particular, he was the pastor of worship arts at Hillcrest Covenant Church, serving under a former FirstCov pastor (Garth Bolinder) for 9 years. Welcome Steve & Patti & pray for them as they join us at FirstCov.

(**The longer-term question** of exact job description and nature of the worship arts position at FirstCov is a question that is still being considered. We have prioritized finding interim leadership for worship and are focusing on the search for the pastor of congregational and staff development.)

**CARE MINISTRY** - There are frozen meals in the upstairs kitchen lovingly prepared for use for those who are recovering from surgeries, accidents or long-term illness's or a new baby in the family. If you or you know of someone who could use a meal, please notify someone in the Care Ministry or the church office.

**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, contact Pastor Dale at 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 Center 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** ends for the Summer on Tuesday June 25. It will start up again on September 10.

**Prayer meeting** will not be meeting this summer on a regular basis. But if you have a desire to meet please notify Julie Strobridge, 550-4734.

June 23, 2019

### I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT

- Youth Ministry
- Kids Hope USA
- Children's Ministry
- Prayer Ministry
- Nursery
- Greeting/Ushering
- Baptism/Dedication
- Church Membership
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus

COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_