

CONNECTION CARD

We'd love to know you were here!

Change In Contact Information

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Attendee

Member

9am 10:30am

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This Week at FirstCov

SUNDAY 9/15	9:00am 10:30am 10:15 - 11:15am 10:30 - 11am 1:00pm 6:00 - 8:00pm	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary) Sunday School Parent Open House Middle School Parent/Student Mtg (rm. 109) Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222) High School Big Life Kick Off
MONDAY 9/16	12:30 - 2:30pm 7:00 - 9:00pm	Pantry (fellowship hall) BSF (whole building)
TUESDAY 9/17	9:00 - 11:30am 12:30 - 2:30pm 6:00 - 7:00pm 7:00 - 8:15pm	Women's Bible Study (rm. 207) Pantry (fellowship hall) Zumba Class-all invited (gym) Hand Bell Choir (sanctuary)
WEDS. 9/18	8:00am - 2:30pm 2:30 - 5:00pm 5:30 - 8:00pm 6:30 - 8:15pm 6:45-7:45	CBS (whole building) Open Gym Middle School 7-8th grade Kick-off (Craig's Cruiser's) Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary) Prayer Meeting (rm. 216)
THURS. 9/19	10:30 - 12:00pm 2:00 - 4:00pm 2:00 - 5:00pm 7:00 - 9:00pm	Sanctuary in Use JOY FIKA/Doug Mealey (fellowship hall) Union Youth for Christ (rm. 222 & gym) Worship Team(gym)
FRIDAY 9/20	6:30 - 8:30pm 6:00 - 10:00pm	BSF Leadership Meeting Family Game Night (FH)
SUNDAY 9/22	9:00am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm 6:30- 8:00pm 6:00 - 8:00pm	Contemporary Worship Service (gym) Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary) Sunday School classes Esperanza Covenant Church (rm. 222) Kids Hope Meeting (FH Ext.) High School Radiate (rm.222)

PANTRY NEEDS - Bring NEW canned veggies, fruit, chicken, tuna, beans, tomato sauce, noodles, rice, peanut butter, jam, flour, sugar, coffee, juice, protein drinks, hamburger/tuna helper, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, children snacks, bath products, laundry products, and hygiene products to the fellowship hall shopping cart. (bring shopping plastic bags)

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

OFFICE PHONE (616) 453-6346

www.firstcovgr.org

FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

September 15, 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.

10:30 - 11:45am

Traditional Worship
(sanctuary)

Nursery Provided in Lower Level For All Services

Infant	rm. 101
Toddlers	rm. 103
Preschool	rm. 108



Coffee and tea are available upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR STAFF

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (birth - 6th Grade)

Children's Worship for kids entering PreK-2nd grade. Kids will be dismissed during the offering and will return to parents during last song.

Activity Sheets for kids in worship are available at the Connection Corner and Information Center. Return completed sheet for the answers and a candy prize.

Sunday School classes kick off on September 22 at 10:30am. Exciting changes are coming! **Parents and kids are invited to attend the Open House TODAY anytime between 10:15 - 11:15am to meet your child's teacher, have a snack, and learn about the year ahead.**

YOUTH MINISTRIES (7th - 12th Grade)

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th grade)

Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting: TODAY Sunday, September 15, 10:30 - 11:00am in the new Confirmation room downstairs room #109.

Save the Dates: Sunday mornings start September 22. Wednesday nights start September 18. Craig's Cruiser Kick-off!! 5:30-8:30 Cost: \$10

HIGH SCHOOL (9th - 12th Grade)

TODAY September 15: Youth Group Kick-Off! - Time: 6-8pm. Where's Waldo? Grab your friends for a night of adventure in our neighborhood. Meet at FirstCov in youth room (rm. 222) at 6pm, eat food, grab details, and let the search begin!

September 21: High School and Middle School Adult Leadership Training. Time: 9-12pm at Thornapple Covenant Church. Youth Ministry legends from around the country are going to be coming together to give their best training pieces to train up volunteers.

September 22: Radiate Night. Time: 6-8pm at FirstCov. There will be FREE food, games, fun and convos about our faith!! (Youth praise band practice at 4:45pm).

September 29: Paintball! \$20 Time: 5-8:30pm. Meet at FirstCov. We will eat dinner together then head out to Stew's Paintball in Coopersville. \$20 includes food, gun, mask, unlimited air fills, and 500 paintballs . RSVP <http://bit.ly/firstcovpaintball> by Friday, September 27 and bring this waiver (<http://bit.ly/stewswaiver>) filled out on Sunday. Cost: \$20.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (18 - 29)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership Team Meetings - Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm, Monday September 30 at 5:30pm (training) and Monday October 14 at 6:30pm.

Worship Leader Search Team Meeting - September 17 at 7pm in room 200.

JOY MINISTRIES - FIKA Time is THIS Thursday, September 19, 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee/tea/snacks, fellowship and a continuation of our "Are You Prepared?" series. This session will cover end of life decisions and planning. Doug Mealey will share information and insight on a tough subject but in a light way. Come for a chance to ask questions.

Hand Bell Rehearsal - Tuesday, September 17, 7 - 8:15pm in the sanctuary.

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 - 8:15pm in the sanctuary. If you would like to sing in the choir please come.

CARE MINISTRY- Homemade meals are in the upstairs kitchen freezer prepared for use for those recovering from surgeries, accidents or long-term illness's, a new baby or loss of a loved one. If you or you know of someone who could use a meal, notify the church office. Cooking instructions are included.

KID'S HOPE Kick Off Event is Sunday September 22 from 6:30 to 8:00pm, in the fellowship hall extension. Mentors, prayer partners and anyone interested in learning about Kid's Hope are welcome!

WORSHIP DANCE- Sign up sheets for the Workshop on September 21 from 9am-12pm are here and will be located at both connection corners or you can email Kayla Wenz or Katelynn Wenz at (kwenz@firstcovgr.org) to sign up.

CAN HELP SERVE IN THE NURSERY!!! *I have made a few ways on where you can sign up to help serve :* 1) Sign up on the volunteer board in the hall way between the nursery rooms. 2) Sign up on the clipboards that are in each nursery room or information corners. 3) Call, text, or email Katelynn Wenz at 989-878-2121 or kwenz@firstcovgr.org

ADULT MINISTRIES

GriefShare - begins Tuesday October 1 at 9:30am at church. Contact Linda Patten at 616-551-9525 if you are interested in this class. The class is open to the community. Bring a friend to join you. If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, now might be the time to connect with GriefShare. For more information, go to www.griefshare.org.

Men's Bible Study begins - Tuesday September 3 at 6:30am at Mr. Burger on Lake Michigan Drive. All men are welcome and bring a friend too.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins September 17, continues for 10 weeks. We will be reading the book, "Calm My Anxious Heart" and searching scripture for God's answer to contentment. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:00am. The study begins at 9:20am with Jan Dudley leading. The book is \$10. Sign up at the information center or connection corner. If you need childcare, note it on the sign up sheet.

Prayer Meeting begins Wednesday September 18 at 6:45 - 7:45pm in room 216.

September 15, 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/PRAAYER REQUESTS _____