

## VISION STATEMENT

We exist for God's glory.  
Guided by God's Word, through worship and prayer, we will share joyfully the good news of Jesus Christ to make more disciples and bring the light of Christ to Lincoln and beyond.

## WELCOME

If you are a guest today, we extend a special welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Here is some helpful information for your time with us:

- Sunday School (preschool—adult) meets during the school year from 9:00—10:10AM.
- Childcare is provided year-round for children up to the age of three.
- Children's Worship (ages 3½ through Grade 2) is offered on various Sundays in Room 118; children can be picked up there after the service.
- Restrooms are located on the east side on the main level, tucked in behind our parlor kitchen.
- Hearing Loop technology is available; switch hearing aides to T-coil mode.
- YouVersion: Follow and share today's sermon using the YouVersion Bible App (available free for Android and iOS). Look for the "events" tab and find First Covenant Church. #firstcovlincoln
- All-church texting is available by texting the word FirstCovLincoln to 84576, or go to website—click on "Get Involved" and scroll down to just underneath the calendar.

## STAFF

Senior Pastor—A. Evan Westburg  
Associate Pastor of Connections—Jodi Moore  
Director of Worship—Garrett Hope  
Office Manager—Sandy Blum

Leadership Team Chair—Bruce Rowe  
Pastor/Staff Relations Committee—Mark Schwarting

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To Know Christ and Make Him Known

January 28, 2018

## CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE: BECOMING GOD'S MULTITUDE: part 2

The Church is the hope of the world. Do you believe it?

In Revelation 7:9 we see a picture of who the church is: People of every nation, tribe, people, and tongue singing praise to God. If this is the church God has created and values – we should be on the lookout to live as this church right now – to value what God values. We are to be God's multitude in this world, singing praises and visibly living out our hope.

## DATES & TOPICS

January 14	Maturity	<b>Ephesians 4:15-16</b>
January 21	Light	<b>Ephesians 5:8-10</b>
January 28	Strength	<b>Ephesians 6:10-17</b>
January 28	Pray	<b>Ephesians 6:18</b>

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

**FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH** is a church family committed to the simple mission of knowing, growing in, and sharing Jesus Christ. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, that new life is found in Jesus Christ, that everyone needs this new life, and that God is doing some amazing things in this world.

We are a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church, a rapidly growing multi-ethnic denomination in the United States and Canada with ministries on five continents of the world.

We encourage you to follow the Sermon using a Bible or your Bible App. If you use YouVersion, you can find us in the "events" section. Social media users, feel free to tag your posts with #firstcovlincoln and #kingdomlives.

**SUNDAY, January 28th**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship

**MONDAY, January 29th**

3:30 PM Middle Sc Girls Bib. St.

**TUESDAY, January 30th**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  
 [LPS Early Out]  
 6:45 PM Men's BSF

**WEDNESDAY, January 31st**

6:00 PM revival  
 6:15 PM Camp Evergreen

**THURSDAY, February 1st****FRIDAY, February 2nd**

6:00 PM JHAMS

**SATURDAY, February 3rd**

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study &  
 Breakfast @ Stauffer's  
 6:00 PM First @ First

**SUNDAY, February 4th**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2018 Directory** There is a draft copy of the 2018 Directory on the parlor table; please take a few moments to make sure your contact info is correct. You can make the corrections on it or contact the office with the changes. This draft will be available today and next Sunday, with the final 'edition' ready for pickup on Sun., Feb. 11th.

**First @ First** We hope many of you are planning on coming to the next First @ First this coming Saturday evening, Feb. 3rd, beginning at 6:00PM. Enjoy a great time of worship, fellowship and coffee!

**Covenant World Relief** is an integral arm of Serve Globally, one of our denomination's mission priorities. In partnership with other Christian and humanitarian organizations, CWR is actively aiding Syrian refugees living in overcrowded camps in and around Syria. Some of those refugees have lived there for years.

**Marriage Getaway** Covenant Cedars is holding a marriage retreat for couples who want a weekend away to relate, refresh and reminisce. Dates are Feb. 9-11 out at camp—a great idea for Valentine's Day!. More details are on the community bulletin board, or grab a brochure available on the parlor table.

**Eastridge Opportunities:**

- The Eastridge Pantry is still seeking **volunteers** to help families obtain their food. Another training session for working in the pantry will take place Tuesday, January 30, at 6pm in the lower Fellowship Hall at Eastridge Presbyterian Church. Several in our church have taken that training, and more volunteers would be helpful. Following the training, you can sign up on the schedule for specific times to volunteer.
- Thanks to all who are placing **food donations** in the Eastridge Pantry boxes in the parlor and by the Kid's First desk downstairs. A list of needed items is on the boxes and on the table in the parlor. However, there are certain items which are *especially needed* and which are frequently in short supply: salt, sugar, and vegetable/cooking oil. These the items which families can readily use in food preparation, and which would otherwise have to be purchased by the Pantry. Purchasing several of these items and putting them in the pantry boxes would be much appreciated.

**Looking Ahead:**

- Small Groups will resume the week of Feb. 4th.
- Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wed., Feb. 14th, at 6:30 PM.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

"Lord, when our struggles feel bigger than what we can handle,  
 help us to find comfort and strength in how You've carried us before."  
 Our Daily Bread

**Prayers for Ourselves and Each Other**

- Thank the Lord that he helps us in our struggles and doubts.
- Pray for Brent & Patty Thompson as they lead us in our Prayer Initiative starting Feb. 4, and for the Prayer Groups and Small Groups which will be meeting in the subsequent weeks.
- Pray that the strength of the Lord and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit might be felt in our lives and the ministry of our church.
- Thank the Lord for the time and effort put in by the Leadership Team and Ministry Chairs and members this past year.
- Pray for the Ministry Chairs elected at the Annual Meeting as they seek members for their ministries and evaluate their and possibilities of service.
- Pray for Jodi Moore, our Associate Pastor of Connections, and for Garrett Hope, our Director of Worship, as they begin their ministries in our church and work with Pastor Evan and the Leadership Team.
- Praise the Lord for the ministry of Pastor Bob Call, and the talents and service of Stephan Laboy; pray for Stephan as he begins his training and service for the Peace Corps.

There is a Prayer Corner in the chapel for any of the First Covenant family to use at anytime. This can be a quiet place to meditate on God's goodness, and to pray for your walk with Christ, your family, our church, and our nation.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 1/26/18)**

<i>General Fund</i>		<i>Building Maintenance Fund</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,689.71	Beginning Balance	\$ 60,394.98
Receipts	11,065.40	Receipts	1,018.81
Expenses	- 12,063.80	Expenses	- 0.00
Ending Balance	+ \$ 17,691.31	Ending Balance	+ \$ 61,413.79

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### **Songs of Worship**

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*The Everlasting*  
*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

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#### **Offering**

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#### **Sermon**

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