

## 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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## LISTEN: LEARNING TO PRAY TOGETHER

Listen is a prayer initiative that provides an opportunity for participants to hear from God. People gather in groups of 3 or 4 weekly for an hour to engage Scripture, pray, listen and share what the Holy Spirit is saying to them, personally, and to the church. The approach to this sacred experience is contemplative, a slowing down in order to hear God speak.

## DATES AND TOPICS

February 11	Listen <i>Patty Thompson</i>	1 Samuel 3:1-13
February 18	Kingdom Prayer <i>Mark Schwarting</i>	Mark 9:17-29
February 25	Recollect	Psalms 19:14

## 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, February 11th**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship

**MONDAY, February 12th**

3:30 PM Middle Sc Girls Bib. St.

**TUESDAY, February 13th**

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  
 6:45 PM Men's BSF

**WEDNESDAY, February 14th**

VALENTINE'S DAY  
 ASH WEDNESDAY  
 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Svc.

**THURSDAY, February 15th**

7:00 PM Leadership & Ministry  
 Chairs meeting

**FRIDAY, February 16th**

6:00 PM JHAMS

**SATURDAY, February 17th**

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study &  
 Breakfast @ Stauffer's

**SUNDAY, February 18th**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship

***PRAYER FOCUS***

Lord, help me to always see the good in other people;  
 to see people through your eyes and to lift up and encourage others.

**Prayers for Ourselves and Each Other**

- Help us to have words that are uplifting and encouraging.
- Pray for Brent & Patty Thompson as they lead us in our Prayer Initiative starting Feb. 11, 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 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.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**We welcome Brent & Patty Thompson** as our special guests today as they share about the prayer initiative, "Listen".

**2018 Directories** are available out in the parlor. Feel free to take an extra one or two—for your car, office, etc.

**Ash Wednesday Service** will be held this coming Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

**Missionaries Next Sunday** The daughter of our congregation and her family, who have been serving in Central Asia, will update us on their plans during the Sunday School hour next Sunday. Adults and youth classes invited.

**Potato Bar** Our annual summer camp fundraiser will be held following worship on Feb. 25th (two weeks from today). A sign-up sheet for toppings and to help that day are in the parlor. Please contact Susie Carlson if there are questions.

**Just A Few Left** Thank you to all who have signed up to bring meals for our Sr. High youth on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. We have four dates left that need to be filled: Feb. 21; Mar. 28; April 18; May 2. If anyone would like to bring a meal on one/more of those dates, please contact Stephanie Westburg.

**Inspiration Art Gallery** The 125 Anniversary gallery display has now been replaced by works from our members and friends. Take time to appreciate and enjoy: wreath and paper art work by Arlyss Felt; ribbon flowers by Judith Welch; paintings by Sophia Westburg, Myrna Baade and Carol Schroer; and photographs by Curt Blum and Stuart Westburg.

**Ecuador Mission Trip** Ceresco Covenant has asked First Covenant to partner with them on a mission trip to Quito, Ecuador, May 26-June 2. Adults and older youth with parent are invited to help with reconstruction, some health care, and outreach to community groups. Cost is approximately \$1500 per person. Please contact Mike Bingeman or Dick Nelson with questions.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 2/9/18)**

<i>General Fund</i>		<i>Building Maintenance Fund</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,689.71	Beginning Balance	\$ 60,394.98
Receipts	19,805.28	Receipts	2,024.92
Expenses	- 18,171.21	Expenses	- 0.00
Ending Balance	+ \$ 20,323.78	Ending Balance	+ \$ 62,419.90

## WORSHIP TOGETHER

February 11, 2018

### Songs of Worship

*The Lord Is My Salvation  
How Great Is Our God  
Great Are You Lord*

### Scripture Reading

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (page 974)  
John 1:43-51 (page 1647)

### Offering

### Special Music

*I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art (#66)*

### Greeting

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### Sermon

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