

## 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

February 18, 2018

## 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	1 Samuel 3:1-13
February 18	Kingdom Prayer	Mark 9:17-29
February 25	Recollect	Psalms 19:14
March 4	Contemplate	1 Corinthians 14:15
March 11	Focus	2 Corinthians 10:5
March 18	Fruit	Galatians 6:8
March 25	Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11
April 1	Resurrection Sunday	Acts 10:42-43

## 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 18th**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship

**MONDAY, February 19th**

PRESIDENTS DAY  
 3:30 PM Middle Sc Girls Bib. St.

**TUESDAY, February 20th**

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

**WEDNESDAY, February 21st**

6:00 PM revival  
 6:15 PM Camp Evergreen

**THURSDAY, February 22nd****FRIDAY, February 23rd****SATURDAY, February 24th**

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

**SUNDAY, February 25th**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship  
 Potato Bar

**PRAYER FOCUS**

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor..."

George Washington, 1789

**Prayers for Ourselves and Each Other**

- Pray that we may be an example of love to others.
- 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.
- 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.
- Pray for Stephan Laboy 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**

**The Altar Decorations** call attention to the season of Lent, a 40-day journey toward Jesus' death and resurrection. The color black reminds us of Jesus' death and purple represents both royalty and repentance. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness facing temptation, which is why you see rocks, sticks and flame representing the dryness of the desert.

The banner hanging to the left has torn fabric representing the death wounds of Jesus. This was a darker piece for artist, Joyce Bingeman, but you'll notice it is not without hope. The painting has an open white circle which is a hint of what is to come on Resurrection Sunday when Christ emerges from the tomb.

It is our hope that the altar decorations will help you to savor what Jesus did for us. When we enter into Jesus' life and all that He dealt with on earth, then we can better deal with everything in our own lives because we've connected with Christ.

**Happening Next Sunday** The Potato Bar, our annual fundraiser for summer camp, will be held next Sunday following worship. *If your child is planning on attending summer camp and would like to earn some money towards their registration fee, please sign up TODAY*—the sign-up sheet for toppings and to help that day are in the parlor.

**SAVE THE DATE! Family Camp 2018** will be held Fri., June 1—Sun., June 3rd. Mark your calendars now for a week-end of fun and worship at Covenant Cedars near Hordville, NE. If you have an interest in inspirational speakers, awesome music, good food, comfortable and affordable lodging, fishing, swimming, boating, climbing walls or zip lines, you will want to be at Family Camp 2018! Questions? Contact Sherri Erickson, Susie/Larry Carlson, or Nancy/Dennis Carlson.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 2/16/18)**

<i>General Fund</i>		<i>Building Maintenance Fund</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,689.71	Beginning Balance	\$ 60,394.98
Receipts	25,166.28	Receipts	2,184.42
Expenses	- 24,003.63	Expenses	- 0.00
Ending Balance	+ \$ 19,852.36	Ending Balance	+ \$ 62,579.40

## WORSHIP TOGETHER

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### Songs of Worship

*O Praise Him*  
*Only King Forever*  
*Before The Throne of God Above*

### Scripture Reading

Genesis 17:1-16 (page 22)  
Mark 9:14-29 (page 1568)

### Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#### Offering

#### Greeting

(children ages 3½ through grade 2 are excused for Children's Worship)

#### Sermon

"Kingdom Prayer"  
Mark 9:14-29

#### Worship Song

*In Christ Alone*

#### Lord's Prayer:

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