

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

Church Email: office@firstcovenantlincoln.org
Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM—3 PM



6024 L St | Lincoln, NE 68510 | 402.489.8869
www.firstcovenantlincoln.org



To Know Christ and Make Him Known

February 25, 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 25th

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

MONDAY, February 26th

3:30 PM Middle Sc Girls Bib. St.

TUESDAY, February 27th

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

WEDNESDAY, February 28th

6:00 PM Pizza Reach
 6:00 PM reviiival
 6:15 PM Camp Evergreen
 6:30 PM choir

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

6:00 PM JHAMS

SATURDAY, March 3rd

6:00 PM First @ First

SUNDAY, March 4th

9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship
 Greeters Ministry Refresher

PRAYER FOCUS

"Analyze your prayers. Are they generous with praise to God for His goodness to others? Do you pray for the needs of others? Practice doing so, and the joy of intercession will be yours."

John MacArthur

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 several small groups now meeting, for meaningful studies and prayer times, enjoyable fellowship, and a sense of awareness of and caring for each others needs.
- Pray for all involved in our outreach activities, and specifically for those preparing for the needs of a future refugee family.
- 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.

Potato Bar today The church family is invited to stay for the yummy Potato Bar following today's worship service. Come enjoy a delicious lunch of hot baked potatoes with many choices of toppings. A freewill offering will be taken, with all proceeds going towards registration fees for summer camp.

Pizza Reach This coming Wed., Feb. 28th, Covenant Cedars staff will be here for a Camp "Pizza Reach". All students who are camp ages (entering 1st gd thru entering 12th gd) are invited to come for dinner, games, and fun. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to church to have fun and to hear about camp. Think about friends that need an opportunity to know Jesus.

Fellowship, Nurture & Care news:

- **Greeters Ministry Refresher** will be held next Sunday following the worship service—everyone is welcome.
- **FNC meeting** on Mon., Mar. 12th at 6:30 PM; everyone welcome.

Out of the office Sandy will be out of the office this coming week.

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 2/23/18)

<i>General Fund</i>		<i>Building Maintenance Fund</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,689.71	Beginning Balance	\$ 60,394.98
Receipts	30,229.47	Receipts	2,324.18
Expenses	- 30,029.83	Expenses	- 0.00
Ending Balance	+ \$ 18,889.35	Ending Balance	+ \$ 62,719.16

WORSHIP TOGETHER

February 25, 2018

Songs of Worship

*Down At The Cross
The Lord Is My Salvation
Here I Am To Worship*

Resonate Update

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19 (page 858)
Philippians 4:4-9 (page 1830)

Offering

Greeting

Sermon

“Transformational Prayer”
Psalm 19:14

Worship Song

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

WORSHIP TOGETHER

February 25, 2018

Songs of Worship

*Down At The Cross
The Lord Is My Salvation
Here I Am To Worship*

Resonate Update

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19 (page 858)
Philippians 4:4-9 (page 1830)

Offering

Greeting

Sermon

“Transformational Prayer”
Psalm 19:14

Worship Song

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Please stick around after the service and enjoy some coffee,
tea, and our ever-changing buffet of snacks.

If you are here for the first time, please visit our welcome center
and pick up a book. It is our gift to you.

Please stick around after the service and enjoy some coffee,
tea, and our ever-changing buffet of snacks.

If you are here for the first time, please visit our welcome center
and pick up a book. It is our gift to you.

February 25, 2018

“Transformational Prayer”
Psalm 19:14

February 25, 2018

“Transformational Prayer”
Psalm 19:14