

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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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM—3 PM



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To Know Christ and Make Him Known

February 4, 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	Ephesians 4:15-16
January 21	Light	Ephesians 5:8-10
January 28	Strength	Ephesians 6:10-17
February 4	Pray	Ephesians 6:18

Next Series—Listen: Learning to Pray Together

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 4th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship

MONDAY, February 5th

3:30 PM Middle Sc Girls Bib. St.

TUESDAY, February 6th

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

WEDNESDAY, February 7th

6:00 PM revival
6:15 PM Camp Evergreen

THURSDAY, February 8th

7:00 PM Worship & Music mtg.

FRIDAY, February 9th

SATURDAY, February 10th

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

SUNDAY, February 11th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Chance to check the **2018 Directory** on the parlor table to see if your contact info is correct — either make the corrections on it or contact the office (red checks mean that corrections have been made). Directories will be ready for pickup next Sunday, Feb. 11th.

Brent & Patty Thompson will be our special guests next Sunday to share about "Listen". "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. The outcome is then processed in community.

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wed., Feb. 14th, at 6:30 PM.

Potato Bar Our annual summer camp fundraiser will be held following worship on Sun., Feb. 25th. A sign-up sheet to bring a topping and to help that day are in the parlor. For questions, please contact Susie Carlson.

New ECC President nominated John Wenrich has been nominated to stand for election as president of the Evangelical Covenant Church when delegates gather for the 133rd Annual Meeting in June. Wenrich, 56, is executive minister of the Start and Strengthen Churches mission priority, a position he has held since 2016.

Eastridge Food Pantry Thanks to all who are placing food donations in the Eastridge Pantry boxes. Please note there are certain items which are *especially needed* and frequently in short supply: salt, sugar, and vegetable/cooking oil. Families readily use these items in food prep, and the Pantry often has to buy them themselves. Purchasing several and placing them in the pantry boxes would be much appreciated.

PRAYER FOCUS

God's plans are bigger than your mistakes.
Pray for wisdom and God's direction.

Prayers for Ourselves and Each Other

- Praise the Lord that we can give our cares to Him.
- 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.

We consider giving of tithes and offerings as an act of worship, whether it is done online or during the worship service.

Secure online giving is available through PayPal at the following address: firstcovenantlincoln.org/donate. So that online givers can participate in our corporate worship, they are welcome to use the reusable card in the pew as the offering plate is passed.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

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Songs of Worship

*Come Thou Fount Come Thou King
Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
Your Presence Is Heaven To Me*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 84 (page 922)
John 6:43-69 (page 1657)

Offering and *Doxology* (#48)

Greeting

Sermon

“Presence & Perseverance”
Ephesians 6:18

Invitation to Communion 1 Timothy Affirmation (#875) Communion

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