

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
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To Know Christ and Make Him Known

March 11, 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, March 11th

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
 9:00 AM Prayer Focus
 10:30 AM Worship
 Noon Comp. & Conn. mtg.

MONDAY, March 12th

LPS Spring Break—thru 3/16
 6:30 PM F, N & C mtg.

TUESDAY, March 13th

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

WEDNESDAY, March 14th

6:30 PM choir

THURSDAY, March 15th

6:00 PM Team 3 Refugee mtg.
 7:00 PM Leadership Team mtg.

FRIDAY, March 16th

6:00 PM JHAMS

SATURDAY, March 17th

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
 9:00 AM Craft Fair

SUNDAY, March 18th

9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compassion & Connections Ministry Team is meeting after worship today in the chapel - anyone interested is invited to attend. Topics of discussion will include our current efforts with the refugees, plus planning out our next rendition of "Coffee Talk with Mike and Stu" which is a summer education series geared towards evangelism.

Fellowship, Nurture & Care Ministry Team is holding their next meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM in the chapel. They will begin the evening with sandwiches, salad and dessert and then discuss numerous topics, i.e. nursery, greeters, coffee ministry, potlucks, etc. Anyone interested, or just curious, is welcome!

One More Week Summer camp early bird registrations are due in one week! Please get your registration forms and deposits turned in to the church office **by next Sun., Mar. 18th.** *Please make your checks payable to First Covenant Church—we gather all the registrations together and send them in with one check from the church.*

Mark your calendar for these March events:

- **Craft Fair** this coming Sat., Mar. 17th, from 9:00—2:00PM
- **Road to Resurrection (Easter Event for Families)** on Sat., Mar. 24th from 10:00AM—12:30PM. *NOTE: A few more volunteers are needed. If you can help on the 24th, please check the box on back of today's Connection Card.*
- **Good Friday Service** on Fri., Mar. 30th @ 6:30 PM

Immerse: Beginnings On Sunday, April 8th, we will begin using *Immerse: Beginnings* as our focus for preaching and small groups as we read through the books of Genesis and Deuteronomy. For those who previously participated in the Community Bible Experience in 2015, this will have the same feel at a slower pace. This fall, we will continue reading through the books of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Books will cost about \$10, and are New Living Translation. The church office will need to order books soon, so *please check the box on the back of today's Connection Card if you are interested.*

PRAYER FOCUS

*"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
 and His ears are open to their prayers."
 1 Peter 3:12*

When we have God's presence, we also have His ear.
 David Jeremiah

Prayers for Ourselves and Each Other

- Be thankful that we can talk to the Lord with assurance and confidence.
- Pray for the journeys of the 2 Karen (Burmese) **refugee families** being cared for by our church and the Waverly Covenant Church, giving thanks for all the items/provisions made so far, and for wisdom and energy for the refugee teams as they work with Lutheran Family Services to help the families become adjusted to a new country and new circumstances.
- Pray for the **Easter Event for Families** on Mar. 24—for sufficient leaders and volunteers, that it may be an effective outreach as it helps parents explain the significance of Christ's death and resurrection, and that each person might give thanks for Christ's love and sacrifice for them.
- Pray for **Covenant Cedars Bible Camp** as they prepare for the new camping season, for those who will be counselors and staff workers, for the campers desiring to attend, and that all will seek to please the Lord and learn how God can guide them in their lives.
- Pray for Derek Laffoon and Jessica Drogowski as they help re-establish the **Resonate Discipleship Experience** at Covenant Cedars, that they might be led to interested students desiring this one year instruction of Bible study, worship, and fellowship together.

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 3/9/18)

<i>General Fund</i>		<i>Building Maintenance Fund</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,689.71	Beginning Balance	\$ 60,394.98
Receipts	37,404.53	Receipts	3,193.13
Expenses	- 38,603.89	Expenses	- 0.00
Ending Balance	+ \$ 17,490.35	Ending Balance	+ \$ 63,588.11

WORSHIP TOGETHER

March 11, 2018

Call to Worship

(see other side)

Worship Song

Come Thou Fount

Responsive Reading

(see other side)

Worship Songs

Lord I Need You

What Wondrous Love Is This

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (page 1799)

Offering

Greeting

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

Sermon

"Demolishing Strongholds"

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Worship Song

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Call to Worship

- Lord, open our eyes,
that we may see the beauty of goodness.
- Lord, open our ears,
that we may hear the truth.
- Lord, open our lips,
that we may show forth your praise.

Responsive Reading

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;

He Heard my cry for mercy.

Because He turned his ear to me,

I will call on Him as long as I live.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to Him and call on
the name of the Lord,

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the
presence of all His people,**

In the courts of the house of the Lord—in your
midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

From Psalm 116: 1–2, 17–19

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