

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
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To Know Christ and Make Him Known

March 4, 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 4th

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

MONDAY, March 5th

3:30 PM Middle Sc Girls Bib. St.

TUESDAY, March 6th

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

WEDNESDAY, March 7th

6:00 PM revival
 6:15 PM Camp Evergreen
 6:30 PM choir

THURSDAY, March 8th

6:30 PM Stewardship meeting
 7:00 PM Worship & Music mtg.

FRIDAY, March 9th**SATURDAY, March 10th****SUNDAY, March 11th**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
 [no Sunday School]
 10:30 AM Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Fellowship, Nurture & Care news:**

- **Greeters Ministry Refresher** following today's worship service—everyone is welcome.
- **FNC meeting** on Mon., Mar. 12th at 6:30 PM; everyone welcome.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday morning, so remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Summer Camp registrations Early bird registration time is just around the corner! If you are planning on sending your child(ren) to Covenant Cedars summer camp this summer, please get the registration forms and deposits turned in to the church office **by 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.

First Covenant events:

- **Prayer** on Sun. Mar. 11th 9:00 AM
- **Craft Fair** on Sat., Mar. 17th, from 9:00—2:00PM
- **Easter Event for Families** on Sat., Mar. 24th from 10:00AM—12:30PM
- **Good Friday Service** on Fri., Mar. 30th @ 6:30 PM

PRAYER: Brent and Patty will be here next Sunday, March 11 at 9:00 AM to finish our prayer focus for Lent.

Small Groups: We will be participating in *Immerse: Beginnings* beginning in April. This will take us through Genesis and Exodus (at a reasonable pace) over two months using a reader's edition. Books will cost \$10. (FYI, we will use the same books this fall to read Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy).

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.

PRAYER FOCUS

Have you counted your blessings recently? The list would be long.
 Why not pause a moment to simply say "Thank you, God"
 for your faithfulness and goodness?

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 2/28/18)

<i>General Fund</i>		<i>Building Maintenance Fund</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,689.71	Beginning Balance	\$ 60,394.98
Receipts	32,351.96	Receipts	2,384.77
Expenses	- 35,635.75	Expenses	- 0.00
Ending Balance	+ \$ 15,405.92	Ending Balance	+ \$ 62,779.75

WORSHIP TOGETHER

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Songs of Worship

Blessed Be Your Name
Unashamed Love
Once Again

Scripture Reading

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I Corinthians 14:1-20 (page 1788)

Offering and *Doxology* (#48)

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I Corinthians 14:14-15

Invitation to Communion **Apostles’ Creed (#878)** **Communion**

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