

# *In the Spirit*

A newsletter for the Libertyville Covenant church family about local happenings and Christian issues.

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The Deadline for the  
October *In the Spirit* is  
Monday, September 10th.  
Please send items to  
MartiJA54@aol.com

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**September 2nd** 9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Intro to Sunday School  
11:30 a.m. Picnic on the Hill

**September 9th to 30th** One Service at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 p.m.

**We will begin our year together in one unified service.  
Our 8:30 service starts on October 7th.**

## “Are We a Generous Church?”

By Ken Werner, Stewardship Chair

**E**arlier this year I attended a “Generous Church” seminar hosted by our Central

Conference which had the stated purpose of “exploring how to unleash generosity in our churches”. I tend to be a bit analytical so one of my first thoughts on this topic was to find out what is the methodology used to determine when a church is considered to be a “generous church” and whether or not LCC would be classified as one. That question was never directly answered but we were challenged to think about what is the

“right” amount to give. Some people might say that if you faithfully tithe 10% that is sufficient. It was pointed out giving

**“Generosity is freely sharing what you have with others. It is being willing to offer money, help or time when it is needed. To be generous means giving something that is valuable to you without expectation of reward or return.”**

is the only thing we seem to assign a numerical value to say when it is enough. We never ask when have we prayed enough or worshiped enough so why set a quota on giving?

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In 2011 a survey about church giving was conducted among 1,078 churches. These churches included small churches, large churches, rural churches, urban churches, etc. What they found was that 14% of churches exceed budget, 39% meet budget and 47% are under budget. For the last two years we have not only met, but exceeded our operating budget. In addition we have contributed to ministries outside of our budget such as Food Pantry, Covenant World Relief, and Alaska Christian College. I think a strong case can be made that we are both a blessed and a generous church.

We need, however, to go beyond looking at the entire church and we each should consider if we are generous givers. Sociologists Christian Smith, Michael Emerson, and Patricia Snell published a study on Christian stewardship, *Passing the Plate*. Their findings are a call to action. More than one out of four American Protestants give away no money to their churches. Thirty-six percent of the Evangelicals report that they give away less than two percent of their income. The median annual giving for an American

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## **“Deeper in Christ . . . Further in Mission”**

Our theme for fall will be **“Deeper in Christ... Further in Mission.”** This is also the theme for our wider Covenant Church family, and well describes our hearts as we move into a time of building new vitality in our church and as we seek to be a more Missional presence in our community.

**Deeper in Christ** – We seek to grow closer to Christ in prayer and bible study. In worship this fall, we will be reading through the letters of Paul, searching for major themes that will encourage us in our walk with Christ. We will also begin a Wednesday evening Group focused on prayer and the development of Spiritual growth practices. We will put into practice on a weekly basis what we have been learning and experiencing in our winter Prayer Retreats. Come join us each Wednesday at 6:45. Adult Sunday School will also be a place to grow deeper in Christ. Last year many shared their life stories. Now we will move ahead to share what the Lord is doing in our hearts today! We will also offer classes to deepen our Bible study, strengthen our marriages and grow our witness. You will be hearing about “Sticky Faith” as we learn to become a church that passes on faith in Christ from generation to generation.

**Further in Mission** – This year we celebrate 35 years as a church. As we look back at the vision of those who founded the church, we hear the call to stretch forward in mission in our neighborhoods and around the world. We will respond to the cries of the people of the world by sponsoring children through a program of World Vision and our denomination called “Covenant Kids Congo. We will help to establish a year round packing facility for Feed My Starving Children just down the street from us on Rt. 176, and we will continue our support of Covenant World Relief. We will also be responding to needs in our own community as our vitality Team leads us in a series of small group meetings where we listen to each other about how we can more effectively serve Christ in our community.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### . . . In September

**Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** – One service at 9:30, followed by an introduction to Sunday School and an all church picnic on the Hilltop.

*The theme for this week is “Generosity” as we look at Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians. The scripture lessons are II Corinthians 8:1-15 and Exodus 16:9-18. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper*

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** – We worship together at 11:00 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. We grow Deeper in Christ by receiving the Promises of Faith. The scripture lessons are Galatians 3:15-29 and John 3:1-21.

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** – We continue in Paul’s letter to the Galatians, focusing on “Life by the Spirit.” The scriptures are Galatians 5:13-26 and John 4:1-14.

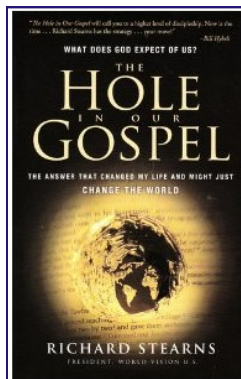
**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – We read the letter of Ephesians and notice the importance of “Prayer in the Church.” The lessons are Ephesians 3:14-21 and John 6:1-15.

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – The last half of Ephesians focuses on developing our Life in Christ. We read Ephesians 5:8-20 and John 6:25-40.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**September 9<sup>th</sup>**—All adults will meet with the Senior High Youth in the Sanctuary to share where we have seen God working this summer.

**September 16-October 14 & 28**—The Adult Sunday School will be doing a 6-week series on the book, **“The Hole in Our Gospel”**. Richard Stearns was a very successful corporate leader, serving as C.E.O. of companies such as Gillette, Parker Brothers and Lenox. But the call of God on his life led him to become president of World Vision in 1998. In this book, **“The Hole in Our Gospel”** he shares a vision of Christians following the gospel in the world, a vision of God’s people doing small things with great love. He asks, “What if we demonstrated God’s love for the world?” “What if we embraced the whole gospel of loving God and loving our neighbors?” This class of 6 sessions includes video segments and a discussion guide. Paul Nauman is coordinating Adult Sunday School this year.



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Christian is about \$200, just over half a percent of after-tax income. “A small group of truly generous Christian givers,” say Passing the Plate’s authors, “are essentially ‘covering’ for the vast majority of Christians who give nothing or quite little.”

Generous Christian givers contribute freely with no ulterior motives and are compelled by the love of God to give quietly and knowing that their true reward and treasure is not experienced in this earthly life.

At Libertyville Covenant Church we do not set a budget based upon pledges or headcounts. Rather we rely on our members to generously provide the support needed for the ministries of the church. As we are entering into the final quarter of this year, the Stewardship Committee thanks you for your faithful support and in anticipation of again ending the year with thanksgiving for your generous giving.



*Thank you, Ken, for serving on our Church Council as Stewardship Chair!*

## Financial Summary thru July 2012

### EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 274,618
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 285,875
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ (11,257)

### GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 241,492
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 274,618
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (33,126)

### INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 241,492
Expenses YTD	\$ 285,875
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (44,383)



As part of our Anniversary Celebration plans are being made to put together a video presentation that shows our church and its community. If you have any photos or videos from cookouts, services, special programs (Christmas, etc.) that represent our church and life of the church over the past 35 years we would love to have them. Please write your name on the back of anything you submit so that we can return them. It would be VERY HELPFUL to have your contributions in the church office by October 1st. Your submissions can be in any format or emailed to Marti-JA54@aol.com

**THANK YOU!**

## The Celebration of 35 Years

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – The Celebration of 35 years of life as Libertyville Covenant Church.** In October of 1977, a charter was signed establishing our church. We want to remember the faith and vision of our founding members, rejoice with all who have joined us since, and celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness. We invite all who have been part of our church family to come for this special observance.

**9:45** – During Adult Sunday School we will remember the stories of our founding members and their vision for a church in Libertyville.

**11:00** - Worship with recognition of special guests and a time to honor the charter members who are currently members of our church: Bev and Gene Sparks, Robert and Karen North and Dolores Sessler.

Lunch will be served downstairs for all after the service. This will be a time to visit with friends new and old and view displays of our church history.

### Libertyville Covenant Church Legacy Fund



Have you ever considered including Libertyville Covenant Church in your legacy planning? People who have been regular contributors during their life may want to make provision in their legacy plan for the causes they care about. The Stewardship Committee and Council are looking at the possibility of working with Covenant Trust Company to establish an LCC Legacy Fund. The purpose of this designated fund would be to provide our church with an annual supplemental stream of income from the investment earnings in the fund.

Arrangements have been made for representatives from Covenant Trust to make a presentation at our church on Tuesday October 2 at 7 PM on how long term gift planning can benefit your family while supporting LCC. This will be an informational meeting only and will help us measure the level of interest. Your attendance in no way will obligate or commit you to future participation.

More information about Covenant Trust Company and the services they provide can be found at their website: <http://www.covenanttrust.com/>

***"Just as we can continue giving to the people we love after we're gone, we can keep giving to the work of Christ. We too often overlook this aspect of stewardship, but it's that simple—and that important."***

Glenn R. Palmberg, President [1998-2008]  
Evangelical Covenant Church



# LCC Family Retreat

There were some tough assignments our family retreat groups . . .  
 . . . Don't you wish you had been there!!!



Everyone  
on a  
Rock



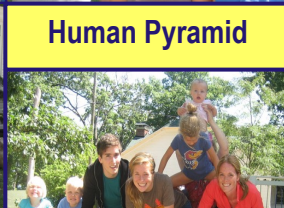
Everyone with a T in their name



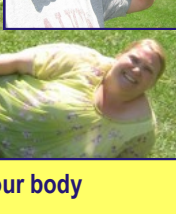
Smallest foot &  
largest foot



Human Pyramid



ages = 100



Spell LCC with your body

## COUNCIL & STAFF

*Please pray for the church council and staff. Contact them if you have questions, ideas or would like to get involved in a particular ministry.*

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Bill Glader (847/838-0071)



## Hope Sunday – October 14<sup>th</sup> COVENANT KIDS CONGO



The Evangelical Covenant church has been actively involved in what is now called The Democratic Republic of Congo for 75 years. The work was begun by a remarkable man of faith, Dr. Titus Johnson, who began what has become a co-operative work between the Evangelical Free Church and the Evangelical Covenant Church in the Ubangi Mongala region of the Congo, working in the areas of evangelism, church planting, education, medicine and agriculture. Much has been accomplished in the years in all of those areas.

Now, World Vision, the largest Christian Relief organization in the world, is partnering with the Covenant church in a program of child sponsorship called "Covenant Kids Congo." Money that is received through this program will go to provide clean water in the villages; healthcare such as prenatal care, vaccinations and medicine for local clinics; provision of seeds, tools and training in agriculture for local farmers; literacy training for children and adults and building local schools; and micro loans to start small businesses. *"This proven community development model for sustainable long-term solutions is built on World Vision's 60 years of experience building a better world for children."*

## Fireside Dinner Fellowship

for All Seniors and Friends!

Friday, September 14

6:00 p.m.

Potluck & Game Night!

at

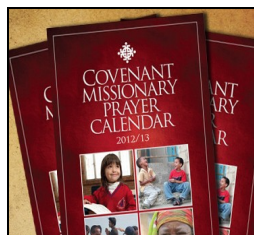
Saddlebrook Farms  
Lake House



We look forward to enjoying a great evening of tasting, sampling, and then eating the many "culinary creations", also called potluck or is it "The Taste of LCC"! The highlight of the evening will be opportunity to enjoy some favorite table games and maybe learn a new game!

Do you want to play Bocce ball? Sign up and join us at 5:00 p.m.!

Watch for the sign up sheet to indicate your plans to be with us and for the potluck food you wish to provide. While some games will be provided, please bring any easy-to-learn games that you would like others to share and enjoy. Come to be enriched, encouraged, and to have an enjoyable evening!!



The Department of World Mission prepares a **prayer calendar** each year as a tool for us to partner in God's mission in this world. Our faithful prayers give us the opportunity to encourage and support the many Covenant Missionaries serving throughout the world. Copies of this prayer calendar are available at the information center in the narthex and we invite you to take one for your family to use as you pray for Missions.

## Love INC of Lake County Annual Dinner Gala & Auction

We invite you to join us for an evening of Christian love and fellowship as we honor God, our faithful volunteers and the lives our Lord has transformed ...

Save the Date  
Friday, October 12, 2012

Love In the Name of Christ  
P.O. Box 7796  
Gurnee, Illinois 60031  
(847) 731-0526  
[www.loveinlakecounty.net](http://www.loveinlakecounty.net)



## Wednesday Family Night

Beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup>, dinner is provided each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30. These dinners are helpful for people who have youth or adult commitments at church, but are also open to all members and friends of the church. Some people just come for dinner, and they are very welcome. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. There are always two options on the menu, plus a vegetarian choice. We always have peanut butter sandwiches. We invite you to try a Wednesday dinner this year! We appreciate Kathy Nelson for being our chief meal planner, shopper & chef each week. However, if you would like to help with meal prep (either at church on Tuesdays or at home) or would help on the cleanup crew please contact the church office for details.

## PADS

The kids are getting ready to go back to school which means it is time to start planning for the PADS winter season! Every year on the third weekend of the month, October – April, LCC provides breakfast, lunch and dinner for 40-60 homeless people at the United Methodist Church. In addition to providing the meals, we have committed to setting up the beds and converting the space from a fellowship hall into a shelter. Many of you have been helping with this ministry for years, and we appreciate your support! I am working on the 2012-2013 schedule, if you can help out with cooking a dinner, shopping for breakfast or lunch items, or setting up, please let me know! It is not a large commitment and many hands are needed to make it run smoothly!

I can be reached at:

**847-548-1960** or  
[Twyla@BeckerCrew.com](mailto:Twyla@BeckerCrew.com)

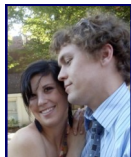
Thank you in advance for your help and your donations! I have been so grateful for the gracious and generous support from the church in the past and look forward to another good year.

*The Fellowship Committee  
invites all women to come  
celebrate*



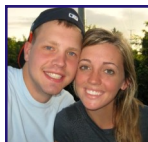
**Thursday, September 6th, 7:00 p.m.** Bridal Shower for **Britta Lundstedt**, daughter of Paul & Karin, who will be married to Cody Hundert-

mark in October. Cody and Britta plan to stay in the Chicago area.



**Saturday, September 22nd, 10:00 a.m.** Bridal Shower for **Kristin Service**, fiancé of Matt En-

quist. Matt & Kristin plan to be married at North Park Covenant Church in October and to establish their first home in the Chicago area.



**Saturday, October 27th, 10:00 a.m.** Bridal Shower for **Beth Clausen**, daughter of Roger & Julie, and Rob

Anderson will be married in our church this December. A shower date will be set for later this fall.

*If you would like to help host a shower or participate in a group gift, please contact Susan Barg or the church office (847.362.3308).*



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**Check out**  
[www.libcov.org](http://www.libcov.org) for cop-  
ies of the sermons  
and to get details of what  
is happening around LCC.

# LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

## LCC Youth Ministries "REVEAL"

Sunday, September 9th  
junior high and senior high students (along with their family) are invited to our red carpet opening event for the 2012-13 school year. This evening's events will include a nice dinner, worship, general overview of ministry and an unveiling of our new website and youth room! The doors open at 6pm and will conclude by 7:30pm.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sundays  
September 16, 23, 30  
6-8 p.m.

## JR. HIGH "TAKE TWO"

Wednesdays  
September 5, 12, 19, 26  
6:30-7:45 p.m.

## JR. HIGH "TAKE TWO"

Saturday, September 22  
6-8:30 p.m.

## POOL PARTY & BONFIRE

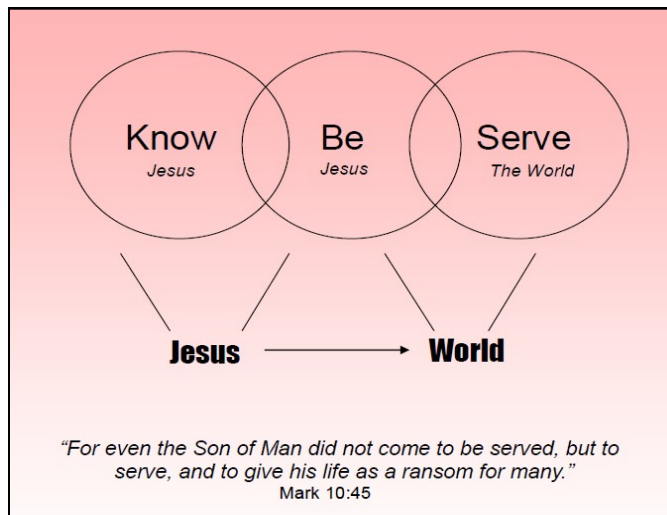
at Hawkinson's  
31110 N. Reigate Lane  
Green Oaks

## FALL RETREATS

Jr. High—October 12-14

Sr. High—October 26-28

**Save the dates!!!!**



While running this summer I was praying and thinking about ministry at LCC and wondering what direction we needed to go this year. I kept coming back to these three words as the foundational elements for youth min-

istry....Knowing, Being and serving. These three verbs in many ways lay out the call of the Christ follower. Out of that came this missional impulse for this year....Know Jesus, Be Jesus and Serve the World. We have used this statement as a guide and framework for our youth ministry line up. As you will come to find out we are making some changes this year as we help students develop mature faith in Christ.

**Junior High:** Confirmation is the core piece our junior high/middle school line up. This will continue to take place on Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour. Our focus this year will be on the building blocks of faith ("Know"). Wednesday evenings will look a bit different this year. "Take Two" is designed to be a dynamic re-engagement with the topic or theme from the previous Sunday's confirmation class. This will have a small group feel to it as we help students think about the implications ("Be") of the building blocks. Then on two weekends a month there will be an outreach or service event for students to invite friends and develop relationships within the group. ("Serve")

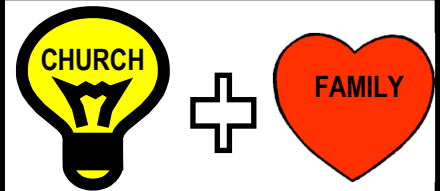
**Senior High:** Small group ("Know") is moving back to Thursday night and this year we are going to try it co-ed. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. This should be a great time of learning and growing in our knowledge of scripture. Sunday night youth group will continue from 6:00-8:00pm. Youth group ("Be") will be a place for students to engage in themes that help them develop skills in living out faith daily. Then Sunday morning will be a combination of service ("Serve"), sharing, and learning. We are excited by the revamping of Sunday school and believe students will find the change refreshing!

Pastor Brian Zahasky (brian@libcov.org) 847/372-2403  
Tim Betar, Youth Intern (tim\_betar@hotmail.com) 315/420-2715



# Children's Ministries

By combining the critical influences of the light of the **CHURCH** and the love of the **FAMILY** the **Orange Strategy** shows a generation who God is more effectively than either could alone. No one has more potential to influence a child's relationship with God than parents. We want to **partner** with you by providing resources that help you make the most of every day opportunities.



This year we will be using the same Themes and Bible Stories each week for both Sunday School and Kids Club. While each of the lessons will be filled with different games and activities both programs will be teaching the same basic Biblical truth each week. In addition each program will focus on helping kids developing two specific faith skills throughout the year:

## Sunday School:

- Prayer
- God Sightings (Learning to recognize how God is at work in our everyday lives)

## Kids Club:

- Using and Understanding the Bible
- Scripture Memorization

## Flight Plan: Think a little Higher

Our God spoke into the darkness and created the entire universe. He is big enough to control the wind and the rain, yet able to meet the needs of the smallest sparrow. God knows all things and still desires to hear each of our prayers. As we learn more about who God is and what He does, respect becomes a natural response to God's character. But not only does God have all authority, according to the Bible, He also sets up governing authorities on earth. So showing respect to those in authority over us is an extension of showing respect to God.

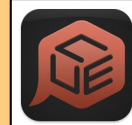


## First Class Tickets:

We will be sending a set of tickets home with each child. When you catch your child showing respect you can upgrade them to a first class ticket by writing what they did to show respect on the ticket and hanging it on the wall or refrigerator. You can also set up a rewards system where kids can redeem for a prize/reward of the parent's choosing.

## Preschool: Go Team!

This month pre-school kids will be learning that *"Nothing can separate us from God's love."* Stories include creation, The parable of the lost sheep, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace, and Jesus calming the storm.



The new **Parent CUE** app is now available! This newly updated smartphone app

now includes CUES for parents of elementary age kids AND parents of preschoolers.

**What's a CUE?** A "CUE" is simply an acronym to help a parent lead his/her child spiritually. CUE stands for:

Connect to God's Story  
Uncover something about life  
Experience something together

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Pre-School:

**2-3** Jenna Glader, Angela Kocinski

**4-5** Kathy Nelson

**SUB** Sarah Palmberg

**K-5th grade:** TBD

## KIDS CLUB

**Pre-School:** Maggie Johnson,  
Darilyn Anderson, Ellen Hall

**K-5th Grade:** Niki Clark, Larissa  
Greenfield

**Music:** Kathy Nelson

Maria Zahasky,  
Children's Ministry Director  
Phone: 847/362-3308  
maria.zahasky@gmail.com





## NURSERY NEWS

We will end our summer worship schedule on September 2 with an All Church Picnic following the 9:30 service. Sunday School will resume on September 9 as we return to two services. I have prepared a schedule through the end of 2012. Please feel free to check with me for your dates. I have moved most of the 11:00 volunteers to the Preschool Nursery as that is where our needs are for the upcoming year.

The infant nursery will again be available on Wednesday evenings for Mom's group. The first one is scheduled for September 12. Rachel McLinden and Caitlin Bethancourt will be helping me on Wednesday evenings. Both nurseries will be available for the Friday morning Mom's group which will begin on September 28.

We will be celebrating two birthdays this month. Drew Zahasky on the 17th and Grace Glader on the 27th - both turning 5.

If you would like to be added to our volunteer pool for this year, please let me know. It is a great opportunity to spend some quality time with our delightful children!

Ann Frost  
Director of Early  
Childhood Ministries  
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847-945-9435



Libertyville Covenant Church

WE GIVE  
WE WORSHIP  
WE PRAY  
WE STUDY  
WE SHARE OUR FAITH

### **Adult Study—Wednesday evenings**

**"Deeper in Christ"** – We invite you to join with others each Wednesday evening from 6:45 to 7:45 for a time of growth in Christ. As a group we will learn spiritual practices, read scripture and pray for our church. We will draw from the experiences in our winter Prayer retreats at St. Mary's by the lake, as well as the "Experiencing God" course by Henry Blackaby. There will be time to write, draw, sing, pray, be quiet and read God's Word together. We invite you to view this year as a Season to Grow deeper in Christ.

### **Women's Bible Study—Thursday mornings**

All women are invited to a Bible study Thursday mornings from 9:15 until 11:00. The time includes coffee, singing and worship, structured Bible study using a study guide, and prayer. This fall we will begin by using the book *"Discovering the Treasures of a Godly Woman: Proverbs 31"* by Elizabeth George.

### **Men's Bible Study – Friday mornings**

Join us at 7 a.m. for a Bible Study on each week's sermon text, along with donuts and coffee. *For information contact Pastor Dwight 847/362-3308 or [dwrightanelson@aol.com](mailto:dwrightanelson@aol.com).*

MOMs with children of all ages are invited to gather twice a month for **"MOM to MOM"** a practical ministry where moms can share the joys and frustrations of motherhood & explore the purposes and promises God gives to parents. Books are \$20. There are 2 options:

  
*inside out parenting*

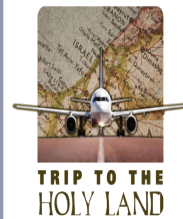
**The Friday Morning Session** meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month during the school year beginning on September 28th. 9-11 a.m. Childcare is provided. ***We need many volunteers to cover both nurseries & the children's program on these Friday mornings. If you are able to help on a regular basis or just occasionally, please call Karin Anderson at 548-9441.***

**The Wednesday Evening Session** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month beginning September 12th. Childcare is provided during this time, as well as dinner and the regular Kids Club for children.

Caren Vollrath and Karin Lundstedt facilitate the Friday session and Carol Dieball and Twyla Becker the Wednesday session. Kathy Nelson coordinates the structured kids program on Fridays. *Call the church office 847-362-3308 if you have questions or to let us know you will be a part of the group. Friends and Neighbors are welcome.*

# September Birthdays

- |   |   |
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| 1 Sarah McMinimy  | 16 Eileen Fehlberg                                  |
| 2 Stefan Anderson<br>John Bethancourt<br>Larry Cholewin<br>Annika Hawkinson | 17 Drew Zahasky                                     |
| 7 Hannah Barg   | 20 Gene Sparks                                      |
| 8 Sarah Palmberg  | 22 Darilyn Anderson<br>Mariah Lee<br>Linda Youngman |
| 9 Brian McLinden  | 24 Judie Duba                                       |
| 11 Dana Hartnett  | 25 Lexie Schultz                                    |
| 12 Matthew Enquist<br>Bob Sorensen  | 26 Grace Glader<br>Tyler Johnson                    |
| 14 Kristin Hawkinson  | 27 Linda Baumann                                    |
| 15 Eric Bretzman  | 28 Alex Gutierrez<br>Karen North                    |
|   | 29 Timothy Bodine                                   |



## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The congregation of Libertyville Covenant Church has been invited by our brothers and sisters to the south at Hinsdale Covenant Church to join them in a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land March 4-14th 2013. Destination spots include: Caesarea, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, King David's tomb, pool of Bethesda, walk the Via Dolorosa, Dead sea, and much more! The cost estimate is \$2600 and they are hoping to have firm commitments this month. Please contact Pastor Brian as soon as possible if you are considering joining the group for this trip.



## September Anniversaries

- 2 Bob & Adrienne Gullberg (1949)
- 5 Paul & Beth McMinimy (1987)
- 7 Blake & Alison Etherton (2010)
- 9 Rick & Lynn Anderer (1972)
- 12 Kerry & Brenda Monson (1981)
- 14 Ken & Arlene Werner (1974)
- 15 Bill & Chris Anderson (1979)
- 18 Jeff & Earleen Johnson (1976)
- 19 Craig & Colleen Sparks (1998)
- 27 Dave & Beth Enquist (1980)  
Jim & Michelle Pas (1997)
- 28 Bob & Lori Hartnett (1985)

**PING PONG:** Men of the church (and friends) are invited to play ping pong on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Play begins in the church basement at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for friendly competition and informal fellowship. It also provides a non-threatening means of inviting friends to church activities. If you have questions, contact John Hjelm at [jhjelm313@gmail.com](mailto:jhjelm313@gmail.com)