

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
May *In the Spirit* is Monday,
April 8.
Please send items to
MartiJA54@aol.com**

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“How is church?” *by David A. Anderson*

When we're asked by a friend who knows we belong to Libertyville Covenant Church: “how is the church doing”? How do we respond? Do we provide a one word response, do we elaborate....how do you think we're doing?

Last fall, LCC took part in a congregational survey called PULSE. Before getting into the survey and a discussion on what we've discovered, let me put this survey effort into some context. Over the last two years, LCC has been involved in a Covenant denomination program for church re-vitalization program called “Congregational Vitality”. Vitality is the wind of the Spirit. Our role is to raise our sails and catch this wind. Vitality is nothing less than a spiritual awakening in Christ. It is not about sustaining and maintaining; it's about thriving, growing, and depending on God to lead us deeper in Christ and further in mission.

Past efforts along this vitality journey includes the development

of our “Covenant for Community Life”, which contain 5 “pledges” for leadership and congregational life (see page 2); and a workshop called “Veritas”. *Veritas* is a discussion to discover the marks of a healthy, missional church and the four types of established churches in the Covenant. The four types are: Health/Missional, Stable, Critical Moment, and At-Risk. At Veritas, the consensus was



that LCC was generally stable, but trending towards “Critical Moment” status. Our goal of course is for LCC to become a

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healthy missional church and by “healthy” we mean pursuing Christ; by “missional” we mean pursuing Christ’s priorities in the world.

PULSE

PULSE is a survey which diagnoses the vitality of a church using Ten Healthy Missional markers (or constructs), and a number of other factors. One of the goals of PULSE is to stimulate conversation, not to solve every problem confronting our church. The answers are not in the data, the answers are in the conversations that the leadership and the congregation have regarding this information.

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing key elements of the PULSE survey, with the main “kick-off” being the adult Sunday school session on April 14th. In late April and during the first weeks in May, there will be a number of home based discussions about our church life and specifically to reflect upon what the PULSE survey scores indicate. Writing on behalf of the vitality team, we look forward to the opportunity to dialogue with you more fully as together we seek God’s Kingdom here in Lake County!



Thanks, Dave, for serving on Council as our Long Range Planning Chair as well as leading the Vitality Team.

Adult Sunday School

Paul Nauman, Coordinator

The Adult Sunday School Class meets in the Sanctuary at 9:45 each Sunday morning. We are happy to have Jay Phelan, Professor of New Testament and North Park Theological Seminary leading a series later this month.

April 7 - *“The Divine Conspiracy”* video series with John Ortberg and Dallas Willard - *Living as a Disciple of Jesus*

April 14 - Veritas **PULSE** survey readout and discussion.

April 21 - Jay Phelan—Immortal Soul or Resurrected Body

April 28 - Jay Phelan Heaven or the New Heavens and the New Earth.

Covenant for Loving Relationships

We love one another, recognize our brokenness, practice forgiveness and seek reconciliation

We communicate clearly and completely with compassion and kindness

We recognize that God’s Spirit works through relationships in community, and pursue what builds up the whole body of Christ.

We commit to being inconvenienced for the sake of the Gospel.

We trust our Pastors and leaders to serve with wisdom and integrity.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Pastoral Search Committee is Tuesday, April 2nd. The committee includes: Ben Palmberg, Merileen Thorson, Janis Carlson, Dan Frost, Larissa Greenfield, Beth Hjelm (Chair), Kirk Johnson (ViceChair), and Owen Youngman. If you have any questions about the process please contact Trevor James by email at tjames@northpark.edu.



Worship in April . . . The Season of Easter

*During the season of Easter, we
celebrate the triumph and
continuing ministry of the risen
Lord Jesus Christ.*

April 7

The Vitality Team will share some results of the recent PULSE survey we took as a congregation. Our new members will be welcomed into the church. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Luke 24:13-335

Revelation 5:6-14

April 14

Some disciples meet Jesus after a long night of fishing. Peter is called to follow Jesus and to feed his sheep. The risen Lord meets us in our work, and even in our empty times. We celebrate the power of the resurrection.

Acts 9:1-20

John 21:1-19

April 21

When Jesus healed people they responded by saying "God has come to help his people." So it is today. The risen Lord is our help.

Luke 7:7-17

Acts 9:36-43

April 28

Dr. Jay Phelan, Professor of New Testament at North Park Seminary will be our guest preacher. Jay will also be teaching the Adult Sunday School class that morning.

May 5

The North Park Womens Chorus, under the direction of Thomas Trout, will be our guests. This group of 20 women is an outstanding choir, and will inspire our worship. We will also be serving them breakfast between the two services, so you might like to help with that!

Luke 7:18-23

Acts 11:1-18

May 12

This is Ascension Sunday, when we remember the exaltation of Jesus to the right hand of God. He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and one day he will return to establish his kingdom on earth. This Sunday is also Mothers' Day, and our Children will be taking leadership roles in the service.

Luke 8:4-21

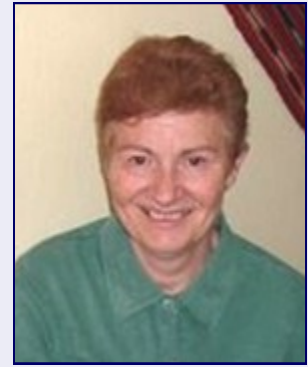
Ephesians 1:1-15

May 19

Pentecost Sunday is a time to remember the gift of the Holy Spirit coming upon the early believers. This will be Confirmation Sunday for us. Corbin Chang will be confirmed.

Luke 9:18-26

Romans 8:14-17



Dear friends at Libertyville,

Thank you for the gift you sent to the Department of World Mission for my support. I appreciate your support both in prayer and financially.

This has been a busy time of the year. We have hosted 3 mission teams in six weeks. This week we have a group of North Park University students in Oaxaca. We are doing health screenings for women and children near the city of Oaxaca.

I have also been involved in several workshops hosted by Wycliffe on Biblical multi-cultural teams and have learned much to apply to the ministries I am involved in here in Mexico.

Again, thank you so much for your generosity.

Blessings,

JoEllen Reaves

Check out www.libcov.org for copies of the sermons and to get details of what is happening around LCC.

SPRING

Work Day

Saturday, May 11th
8 a.m.— noon

Financial Summary thru February 2013

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 84,625
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 77,004
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ 7,621

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 60,463
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 84,625
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (24,163)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 60,463
Expenses YTD	\$ 77,004
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (16,541)

LCC Edible Garden

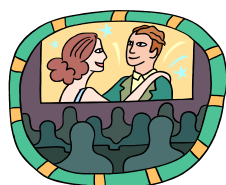
It is time to start thinking about this coming gardening season. The Garden Keepers are planning to have a meeting soon & would like you to come learn about the opportunities to help.

Some of the Agenda items are:

- vertical wood structures
- Organizational roll (Nancy Borkman)
- Transplanting raspberry plants
- Repairing boxes & arrangement
- Truck for more soil
- Seed/seedlings selection
- Coordinator for harvesting & transporting to food pantry

To learn more about the project, to share ideas, or to participate please contact Mayumi Aaberg at 847-548-4299 or mnaaberg@sbcglobal.net OR Nancy Borkman at 847-367-0935 or nancy.newsongs@sbcglobal.net

We would greatly appreciate your help! The Garden Group



Fireside Dinner Fellowship

Invites all seniors
and friends



For a night of pictures that move, pizza, pop, popcorn, and pfriends.— a priceless evening!

We will view "UNCONDITIONAL" a just released dvd that has been highly acclaimed by Christianity Today. The film, inspired by true events, tells the story of a woman overcoming the tragic experience of her husband being murdered. She is plunged into despair, and loses her faith. It is through an unexpected meeting of a childhood friend, that she begins to have a glimmer of hope. She is then tested as she later is pulled back into her husband's murder case. "It is not a dead end if it takes you somewhere you needed to go"



**Thursday, April 11, 6:00
p.m.**

LCC Projection Room #1
Cost: Approximately \$9.00



Please sign up at Information
Desk—thanks!



CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT August 9-11, 2013 Conference Point Center Williams Bay, WI

Costs Include: room w/ private bath, meals, activities, program, swimming, campfires,

Adults	\$115
14-21	\$87
10-13	\$73
5-9	\$57
Under 4	Free

**Family Discounts available so
everyone can come!**

**Join together as a church family for a weekend of worship,
fun and reconnecting with one another.**

**The School of Music at North Park University
Presents**



The North Park University Choir, Chamber Singers, University Orchestra (Tom Zelle, director) and numerous student soloists perform Handel's beloved masterpiece alongside resident artists Baroque chamber ensemble the Callipygian Players (Martin Davids, director/violinists), and acclaimed harpsichordist David Schrader.

Saturday, April 27, 2013

**Pre-concert lecture by Gregory Athnos
6 p.m. Brorson Lounge, Old Main Building**

**Messiah
7:30 p.m. Anderson Chapel**

\$8 general admission
\$5 seniors (65 & over), faculty, and staff
Free admissions for NPU students

Purchase tickets online at **www.northpark.edu/oratorio**
or call (773) 244-5625

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.

Pastor: Dwight Nelson
(847/362-3308)

Associate Pastor: Brian Zahasky
(847/362-3308)

Director of Children's Ministries:
Maria Zahasky (847/362-3308)

Dir of Early Childhood Ministries:
Ann Frost (847/945-9435)

Pastor to Senior Adults:
Chuck Johnson (847/548-1316)

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Marti Anderson (847/362-3308)

Custodian:
Dan Doherty (847/223-4971)

Church Council Chair:
Trevor James (847/548-1820)

Church Council Vice Chair:
Twyla Becker (847/548-1960)

Church Council Secretary:
Donna Clark (847/625-8275)

Financial Secretaries:
Lee & Caren Vollrath
(847/549-6906)

Treasurer:
David Oppedahl (918-9225)

Christian Formation Chair:
Ben Palmberg (773-339-2509)

Deacon Committee Chair:
Bruce & Merileen Thorson
(847/546-1696)

Fellowship Committee Co-Chairs:
Darilyn Anderson (847/362-7871)
Brenda Monson (847/918-6828)

**Long-Range Planning Committee
Chair:** Dave A. Anderson
(847/362-7871)

Outreach Committee Chair:
Neale Murray (262/697-1825)

Stewardship Committee Chair:
Ken Werner (847/438-5586)

Trustee Committee Chair:
Bill Glader (847/838-0071)

DATES TO REMEMBER — UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS

May 19 - CONFIRMATION Sunday

May 18 - Rummage Sale Drop-Off Day 9-noon

May 18 - Bridal Shower for Lisa Hjelm 10 a.m.

May 24 & 25 - RUMMAGE SALE

June 2 - Last Day of Sunday School & Picnic

June 10-14 - Pre-School Vacation Bible School

July 13-21 - Sr. High "Going Deep" to South Dakota

August 9-11 - All Church Retreat

RUMMAGE SALE

Drop off Day **May 18**
9 a.m.—noon

Sale Days **May 24 & 25**

Spring is here!!! Which means our annual church rummage sale is quickly approaching. The rummage sale is a great fundraiser for our church and always includes hours of fellowship and fun. Your help is greatly needed & appreciated!

Please start saving your treasures to donate now. **WE NEED YOUR THINGS!** If you are unable to store your things until the drop off day, please let us know & we will do our best to find space until the sale. Nancy McLinden (our sale coordinator) has been working with "Life Storage" and they are graciously willing to help us with space. Call or email the church office if you have questions. 847-362-3308 or Marti-JA54@aol.com.



... **THANK YOU!**

Please plan to help as much as possible during drop off day, the week of pricing, and on the sale days!



The **FMSC** organization has now opened a large facility just down the street from us in Libertyville which gives LCC the fabulous opportunity to work many different shifts throughout the year. There will be opportunities to pack meals

at the facility, but also opportunities to contribute financially even if you cannot join us for one of our packing days.

Each volunteer packs approximately 216 meals during one session which costs FMSC \$50 in food products. As a church, we would like to contribute that amount for each person working.

We now have some time slots reserved for our group, and sign up sheets are available in the narthex, through a link on our website, or by calling the church office. All ages (including school aged children) can participate so mark your calendars:

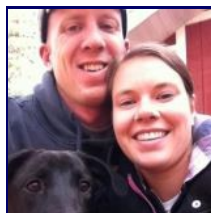
Friday, May 10th 6-7:30 p.m.
(31 slots available)

Saturday, May 11 4:30-6:30 p.m.
(25 slots available)

If you have any questions, contact our FMSC Coordinators:
Maggie or Vern Johnson at 847 740-1343

*The Fellowship Committee
invites all women to come celebrate*

**Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m. Baby Shower to
celebrate Makayla Ramas and her mom, Debby.**



**Saturday, May, 18th, 10:00 a.m. Bridal Shower
Brunch to celebrate Lisa Hjelm** who will be married to Paul Cousineau in our church this summer. Paul and Lisa will make their home in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

*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).*

LCC STARTER KIT MINISTRY

Perhaps you are spring cleaning or white-sale shopping? Please consider donating household items to our Starter Kit Ministry. To date our church alone has built 25 household kits and 90 personal kits, which has brought love and His hope to 72 needy of Lake County! THANK YOU, THANK YOU. YOU are the hands and feet of Christ meeting His beloved. any questions?, please contact our Starter Kit Team:

Tricia or Bob Sorensen
847-207-6341
r4sorensen@yahoo.com

Claudia Nauman
847-680-8635
cnauman59@yahoo.com

Dear Love Inc.,
03/07/13
Just wanted to thank you for our starter kit!! We were so happy to receive it & start using our pots & pans as well as glass cooking ware!! & the towels help us keep dry from our baths!!
Thanks again,
GOD BLESS You all,



Join us for an afternoon of tea and shopping...

Teacups for Christ

Ladies Afternoon Tea & Vendor Fair



WHEN

Saturday, April 20th, 10am – 3pm
Tea served at 11:30am with scones, petite sandwiches and desserts and sharing of Love INC stories

WHERE

Gurnee Community Church
4555 Old Grand Avenue
Gurnee, IL 60031

RESERVATIONS & ENTRANCE FEE

Reservations are required for this event and include a chance to win one of our fabulous door prizes!

Entrance fee is \$15.00 plus a complete place setting (plate, silverware, bowl, cup and saucer) that will be donated to Love INC for use in home "starter kits."

Make your reservations today!

On-line: www.loveinlakecounty.org/register-for-teacups-for-christ/

Contact Linda Dlabay: lindadlabay@comcast.net or (847) 648-8308

WHAT IS A "STARTER KIT"?

A starter kit contains basic kitchen and bath items, such as dishes, pots & pans, and bath towels. Starter kits are delivered to families in need throughout the Lake County area by Love INC partner churches.



Love in the Name of Christ
P.O. Box 7796, Gurnee, IL 60031
(o) 847.731.0526
www.loveinlakecounty.org

Love INC – The furniture Ministry is growing and thriving. See Dave Enquist (847-543-0309) if you would like to join the team. Love INC continues to take household items, bedding materials, personal care items and lamps.

Community Christian Food Pantry – a group goes to help distribute food every Tuesday morning. If you would like to help, contact Kathy Nelson at 847-367-0712 or dankrn@aol.com.

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

Mark your calendars for this Love INC event. The coordinators are also looking for donations of:

1. petite sandwiches, scones and desserts.
2. Help with setup and teardown
3. Help with decorations

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

April 7, 14, 21 and 28
6 p.m.

Senior High Small Group at Greenfield's

April 4, 11, 18, and 25
7-8:15 p.m.

Registration for Senior High Summer Trip is now open

Start signing up for the best trip you will take all summer! July 13-21st. Check out our website for more information http://youth.libcov.org/wp/?page_id=208

To register for this tremendous experience, please visit our website and complete the online registration form.

JR. & SR. HIGH SERVICE:

PADS April 20th 5:30-7 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Check email for link to online registration for food donations.

Junior High "Take Two"

April 3, 10, 17 and 24
6:30-7:45pm

Pastor Brian Zahasky
(brian@libcov.org) 847/372-2403

The Perfect White Easter Eggs *by Sarah Anderson*

My husband often tells me "the happiest and healthiest people are those whose expectations meet reality." I frequently *need* reminding of this. I live in expectation—anticipation—playing things out in my head of how I would like them to unfold. The problem is, as you might imagine, the more expectations I have, the more likely I am to be disappointed when they aren't met. Thinking through how I would like things to be is far from a guarantee of how they will *actually* happen.

There may be no other realm in life where expectation and reality land in such vastly different places than raising children. Anyone who thought they knew how to parent before having kids will quickly retract every adamantly vocalized expectation once they actually become a parent.

Still, imagining the future is a hard habit to break. Last Easter, I had expectations which seemed harmless enough. My husband had come across an egg dying method involving silk ties and twine.

Though craftiness deficient, even this seemed simple enough. I imagined our experiment unfolding like the pictures online promised. We included my two-year-old in the process, hyping it up, promising beautiful eggs when we were finished and he waited patiently for the great unveiling.

But when we unwrapped the first egg we were—disappointed. It was not some psychedelic paisley print. It looked exactly like it did when we first put it in the vinegar. Considering my son came from my gene pool and was in the throes of the terrible twos, I did not expect this rather anti-climactic reveal to go well.

But when we took a deep breath and turned to Asher to navigate his unmet expectations he simply stared wide-eyed at the egg. "Look!" he whispered in unabashed astonishment, "It's a white one!"

The clash between expectations and reality start to get to me, until I take a cue from a toddler who offers more wisdom than I give him credit for. Unwrapping a perfectly white egg, I observe my little boy and his effortless expression of wonder. It was an Easter weekend miracle—at least to an innocent toddler. To me, these white eggs were a failure.

To him, they were perfection.

Parenting provides an abundance of moments where things look so much better, smoother, and easier in our heads than how they actually transpire.

It starts with the day you bring your baby home from the hospital. But the assault of "this isn't really how I imagined it going" doesn't end there. Nearly every moment that follows potentially involves a lot more frustration and a lot less ease than we might prefer.

Which leads me to believe—by way of a two-year old's astuteness—that **maybe disappointment isn't inevitable when expectations fall flat.** Maybe discontentment doesn't have to be the end when the means are fumbled.

Maybe, if we can take our eyes off the "should haves" and "if onlys", we just might be left with a sense of wonder—even if, and especially when, things are nothing like we thought they would be. Or, in these wise words I recently read, maybe what we consider the detour is actually the road.

My kids are teaching me—whether I like it or not—that **when I let go of my tightly held plans, I am more free to see the world as they do.**

Magical.
Enchanting.

(Here is the link to the original article...<http://www.orangeparents.org/the-perfect-white-easter-eggs/>)

Children's Ministries



COVENANT CAMPING SUMMER 2013

www.covenantharbor.org

www.cpbcc.com

Although it may be hard to believe, summer is coming!! Each LCC child attending camp this summer is eligible for a refund: \$150/week, \$100/5-day, \$100/3-day, \$25/day camp, \$100/child for family camp. This will be refunded to each family by mid-summer as funds become available. As always, full scholarships are available for those who may need additional assistance with the cost. Registration materials for camp are now available in the Church narthex. LCC would like to extend the same discount to your friend/guest who attends camp with you!

We would like to know who is attending camp and for which weeks, so please complete the Rebate Form (found on the board at the Information Center in the narthex) and turn it in to the office. **You must check the refund or scholarship line if interested in either option.** If neither is checked, we will leave your refund in the Youth Camping Fund. **IS YOUR NAME HERE? Let us know when you will be at camp!**



Kishwauketo Pathfinder ~ July 28-31

Olivia Pas, Jinwoo Kim

Pier 30 Explorer ~ July 28-August 3

Audrey Hawkins, Jinju Kim

Harbor Staff: Bobby Becker, Hanna Monson (volunteer)

Point Staff: Hannah Barg, Tim Becker



Island ~ June 16-22

Katy LaPradd, Holly LaPradd

Explorers ~ June 16-22

Thomas LaPradd

Sojourners ~ June 30—July 6

Kirsten Reid, Annika Hawkinson

Trip ~ July 7-13

Gavin Johnson

Mainland ~ July 14-20

Griffin Johnson, Landon Johnson, Noah James

Wilderness ~ July 14-20

Owen Aaberg, Peyton Gomez

Island ~ July 28—August 3

Colin Hawkinson, Jared Wojcik

**Kids' Club
End of Year
Party**

**Wednesday
May 8th**

**Last Day of Sunday
School and picnic**



**Sunday,
June 2nd**

**Summer
2013 DATES:**

**Rummage Sale
(May 24 & 25)**

**Preschool VBS
(June 10-14)**

**Family Retreat
(August 9-11)**

**Adventures
(TBD)**

Maria Zahasky,
Children's
Ministry Director



Phone: 847/362-3308
maria.zahasky@gmail.com



NURSERY NEWS

Congratulations to Mike and Debby Ramas on the birth of their daughter



Makayla. Makayla was born February 15 at Lake Forest Hospital; she weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. She was also welcomed home by her brother Andy.

A baby shower will be held for Debby and Makayla on Thursday evening April 18 at 7:00. All women are invited and encouraged to attend to meet Makayla and become better acquainted with Debby.

Our nurseries were full of infants and preschoolers for the Good Friday Service on March 29. Many children from Redeemer Life joined those of LCC. A special thank you to Donna Lindley, Twyla Becker, Bev Hawkins and Debbie Kim for supervising the nurseries.

I would like to thank Donna Lindley for doing a terrific job of overseeing the nurseries on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during my absence.

Happy Birthday to Gina Kim who will turn 3 on April 13!

With three newborns in the last 3 months and another due in July, I would like to once again encourage new volunteers for the nursery. We could particularly use additional help during the 8:30 a.m. service. Please contact me if you would be willing to help even a couple of times a year.

Ann Frost, Dir. of Early Childhood
anncfrost@aol.com
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” – On Wednesday evenings at 6:45 a group meets in the Children’s Sunday School Classroom for an experience called “Deeper in Christ.” We are learning to pray together by using the scriptures as our example—guide. We also use the Hymnal to find phrases that enrich our prayer vocabulary. Sometimes we read a scripture passage several times to let it sink in. We pray for one another and for needs in the church. We all find this to be a good experience. You are welcome to join us.

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. The group is 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 [dwightnelson@aol.com](mailto:dwrightnelson@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:

mom to mom
inside out parenting

The Friday Morning Session meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month during the school. 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. 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.*

April Birthdays



- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Bob Groody | 19 Kathy Nelson |
| 2 Karin Hildebrandt
John Nelson | 20 Julie Frost |
| 3 Timothy Becker | 21 Dick Fehlberg |
| 4 Joan Groody
Beth McMinimy | 23 Jill Heath
Makynlie Popiolek |
| 8 Rob Gomez | 24 Kristen Bethancourt
Owen Youngman |
| 9 Ann Frost | 25 Dave L. Anderson |
| 15 Jinju Kim
Craig Sparks | 27 Katy LaPradd
Kari Johnson
Al Nielson |
| 17 Grace James
John McLinden
Tessa Peterson | 28 Maddie Anderson
Beth Anderson
Brenda Monson |
| 18 Caitlin Bethancourt
Matt Wojcik | |



April Anniversaries

- 5 Stephen & Ellen Hall (1980)
- 14 Dennis & Carol Dieball (2007)
- 23 Anthony & Susan Wyatt (1983)
- 28 Chris & Twyla Becker (1990)

If you don't see your families special days listed, please let the office know so we can keep our records up to date and also celebrate your special occasions with you. Thank you!

SMALL GROUP OPORTUNITY

LCC families (with children from birth through 5th grade) are invited to participate in small group fellowship at the Anderson's (34 Jamestown Ct. in Grayslake) the first and third Sundays of the month. The fellowship format is subject to revision based on the needs and wishes of the group, but initially will begin with approximately 20 minutes of active family devotions, then move to a time of adult sharing, discussion, and prayer while the kids play (40 minutes). We will continue our fellowship with a potluck and lots of laughter! In order to maintain bedtimes, we will start promptly at 4pm and begin eating at 5pm. Stay until you feel like you need to leave or 7pm arrives. **The group will not meet on April 7th.**



For more information, contact
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Libertyville Covenant Church

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The Evangelical Covenant Church affirms the centrality of the scriptures, with emphasis upon the grace of God. Covenanters also have a tradition of freedom that accepts a diversity of backgrounds and doctrinal positions, while maintaining a common unity in Christ. The Covenant has often been called a Family of Faith. Our congregational life indicates that this is an apt description.

In the Spirit



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APRIL 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. Vitality Team	2 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Search	3 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. JH "Take Two" 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:45 p.m. MOMs Prayer 6:45 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Worship Team	4 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. SH Small Group	5 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	6 8 a.m. Furni- ture Ministry
7 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester 6 p.m. SH Youth	8 Newslet- ter Dead- line	9 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Church Council	10 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. JH "Take Two" 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. MOM to MOM 8 p.m. Worship Team	11 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 6 p.m. FDF Pizza and Movie at LCC 7 p.m. SH Small Group 7 p.m. Vitality Team at Anderson's	12 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM	13
14 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Jay Phelan 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. SH Youth	15	16 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Outreach	17 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. JH "Take Two" 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:45 p.m. MOMs Prayer 6:45 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Worship Team	18 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. SH Small Group 7 p.m. Shower for Makayla & Debby Ramas	19 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	20 9 a.m. Wor- ship 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Tea- cups for Christ (11:30 a.m. Tea)
21 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Jay Phelan 11 a.m. Worship 1:30 p.m. Recital— Sasman 4 p.m. Family Small Group 6 p.m. SH Youth	22	23 9 a.m. Food Pantry	24 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. JH "Take Two" 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. MOM to MOM 8 p.m. Worship Team	25 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Deacons 7 p.m. SH Small Group	26 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM	27 7:30 p.m. NPU School of Music pre- sents Mes- siah
					Conference Annual Meeting in Dolton, IL	
28 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Jay Phelan 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. SH Youth	29	30 9 a.m. Food Pantry				

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LAY READERS

APRIL

7 Merileen Thorson / Mary Gianaras
14 Darilyn Anderson / Jay Gustafson
21 Caren Vollrath / Paul Hawkinson
28 John Couleur / John Hjelm

MAY

5 Carol Dieball / Trevor James
12 Dennis Dieball / Kirk Johnson
19 Dave Enquist / Maggie Johnson
26 Angela Kocinski / Ruth Keller

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (setup)

APRIL

7 Dieter & Karin Hildebrandt (Monson)
14 John & Beth Hjelm (Vollrath)
21 Trevor & Christy James (Bethancourt)
28 Chuck & Vonnie Johnson (Marti)

MAY

5 Kirk & Carolyn Johnson (Monson)
12 Vern & Maggie Johnson (Vollrath)
19 Fellowship (Bethancourt)
26 Jerry & Marcia Junas (Marti)

GREETERS

APRIL

7 Roch & Kat Tranel
14 Lee & Caren Vollrath
21 Ken & Arlene Werner
28 Duane & Bonita Westerberg

MAY

5 Matt & Julie Wojcik
12 Anthony Wyatt
19 Owen & Linda Youngman
26 Carl & Barb Zienty

INFANT NURSERY (8:30 a.m.)

APRIL

7 Kat Tranel & Caren Vollrath
14 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson
21 Ann Frost & Arlene Werner
28 Nancy & Rachel McLinden

MAY

5 Ann Frost & Ellen Hall
12 Ann Frost & Caren Vollrath
19 Ann Frost & Merileen Thorson
26 Ann Frost & Kat Tranel

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:45)

APRIL

7 Ann Frost & Judie Duba
14 Ann Frost & Maggie Johnson
21 Ann Frost & Carol Dieball
28 Ann Frost & Lee Vollrath

MAY

5 Ann Frost & Joan Groody
12 Maggie Johnson & Teresa Anderson
19 Ann Frost & Judie Duba
26 Ann Frost & Maggie Johnson

INFANT NURSERY (11:00 a.m.)

APRIL

7 Ann Frost & Kirsten Peterson
14 Ann Frost & Ellen Hall
21 John & Bev Hawkins
28 Ann Frost & Lori Hartnett

MAY

5 Julie Wojcik & Twyla Becker
12 Ann Frost & Kirsten Peterson
19 Ann Frost & Linda Youngman
26 Brad & Meghan DeJong

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

APRIL

7 Niki Papak & Donna Clark
14 Pas Family
21 Nauman Family
28 Becker Family

MAY

5 Hawkinsons
12 Dave & Barb Anderson
19 Hawkins
26 Vollraths

PRESCHOOL NURSERY (11)

APRIL

7 Bill & Marti Anderson
14 Bill & Chris Anderson
21 Bill & Jenna Glader
28 Paul & Kristen Hawkinson

MAY

5 Trevor & Christie James
12 Angela Kocinski and Pauline Raia
19 Mark & Christine Cederberg
26 Bill & Jenna Glader

USHERS

APRIL Brent Gustafson, John Hjelm, Jill Heath, Roger Clausen

MAY Bob Anderson, Marcia Junas, Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty, Ken Werner, Chuck Johnson

JUNE Jim Krueger, Dave Enquist, Bob Hartnett, Bill Anderson

If you are not able to fulfill a date you are scheduled for, please find someone to switch dates with you. Thank you.

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