

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
March *In the Spirit* is Monday,
February 11.
Please send items to
MartiJA54@aol.com**

Reluctant *by Merileen Thorson*

When Bruce and I agreed to serve as co-chairs of the deacon committee three years ago, it was with some reservations as well as some reluctance. We agreed that Bruce could handle the meetings side; he's much better at that than I am, and I'd handle "details". That seemed workable. The same reluctance I felt at chairing deacons came when it was time for the first Prayer Retreat. Silence. Growing up on a farm, there was plenty of silence in the wide open spaces, but also plenty of noise--- animals, machinery, siblings...so, a prayer retreat...spending eight hours in silence and prayer? These days, I am more used to a classroom full of chatty children and active grandchildren. How could I spend a day in quiet? Besides, there is so much to DO on the weekends. How could I give up the time to spend a day in prayer? And, how could I keep my mind focused and OFF the things I needed to do before Monday? So,

yes, I had some reservations... was hesitant...reluctant. I was also pleasantly surprised.

The first retreat at St Mary's Seminary was not spent just in silence. There was music, and sharing, and time for reflection, and food, and wandering the beautiful snow-covered grounds, and fellowship, and food, and getting to know other members of LCC and... time for prayer. Yes, there was some silence, but it was good! It was refreshing... it was renewing.

Mother Teresa has observed,

*"God rarely is found
in the midst of noise and
restlessness; instead, He
is the friend of silence."*

As our next Winter Retreat approaches in a few weeks, I want to encourage everyone to think about spending all or part of the day with us. You will be

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challenged to grow in your faith, and have time to reflect and relax (as I recall, someone even dozed off for a few minutes last year). The time will benefit your spiritual life in wonderful ways. Take it from one who is not a fan of silence or "idle time". ...it will be worth it to participate in the Winter Retreat (formerly called Prayer Retreat) in any way you can.

About Prayer

by Bruce Thorson

Prayer can be described as spending time with God. It might involve asking for things. It might involve thanking God for things. It might be simply being still and listening. Mother Teresa has observed, *"God rarely is found in the midst of noise and restlessness; instead, He is the friend of silence."*

The Psalmist in the Bible tells us (Ps 37:7), *"Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him."* And elsewhere, (Ps 46:10), *"Be still, and know that I am God."*



Thanks, Bruce and Merileen, for serving as our Deacon Co-Chairs !

Adult Sunday School

For 4 weeks in February (3, 10, 17 and 24) we will explore Leadership. We will look at some inspiring examples of Leadership, examine the Christian call to Leadership, and discuss Leadership challenges in our own lives. These sessions will be exciting and fun so don't miss any! The adult class meets in the Sanctuary at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Paul Nauman is the coordinator this year.

Years ago we prepared a booklet of prayers submitted by our congregation for use during Prayer Week. This prayer seemed appropriate as we begin the new year and new council:

Eternal God and Heavenly Father, you who are from everlasting to everlasting, without beginning or end of days, we stand at the threshold of another year to seek your blessing and guidance. Replenish us with heavenly grace at the beginning of the year that we may be enabled to accept all its duties, perform all its labors, welcome all its mercies, meet all its trials, and advance through all it holds for us with cheerful courage.

William L. Peterson, Sr. (1900-1990)

Talking to God/Speaking to Man (Commend Books, 1978)
Covenant Minister, Step Grandfather to Kristin Hawkinson

Winter Retreat – February 9th – St Mary's Conference Center, Mundelein

We invite you to attend our Annual Winter Retreat, a day of learning, rest, prayer, scripture, coffee and a great lunch. This event is called "Streams and Pathways". We move

through a series of interesting spiritual practices such as Bible Reading, taking a Prayer Walk on the grounds, writing in a Journal, and thinking together about what encourages and inspires us. The time is fun, restful, eye opening, healing and nurturing. We conclude with Communion together. By the end of the day you feel you have been given a precious gift. Most of all you find you love God in a deeper and truer way. There is no set charge for the day, but we do take an offering to help with the cost of lunch, coffee and the use of the facility. We encourage you to sign up to attend our Winter Retreat.



Worship in February

In February we will continue to read the Gospel of Luke. After Jesus announces the beginning of his ministry in Nazareth, he travels throughout Galilee preaching in the synagogues and healing people. He calls a group of fishermen to be his disciples, and later adds the Tax Collector Levi, with the invitation "Follow me." The healing ministry of Jesus includes forgiving sin, which he does with a paralyzed man lowered through the roof to reach him. We will spend several weeks with the teachings of Jesus called "The Sermon on the Plain." This sermon of Jesus will be our focus during Lent this year.

Lent is a season of renewal in the church, a time to draw close to Christ and the cross, a time to listen intently to the Savior, to be honest about our lives, and even about our death. When we are honest in our relationships to God and to the people of our lives, then we experience times of renewal in our souls and in our relationships. The word "Lent" means "lengthening of days." As the sunlight grows during this season, so Christ, who is the light, grows in influence in our hearts. During a time of the year when the natural landscape is often grey and brown, or perhaps covered with snow, our inner lives can express the colors of new life given by Christ. Lent is not simply a time to endure, but it is a time to grow, to find forgiveness and healing, to experience in a deeper way the life in Christ.

February 3 "Our Response to Christ"

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Luke 4:21-30
Celebration of the Lord's
Supper
Installation of Council Members
for 2013

February 10th Transfiguration Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-13
Luke 5:1-11

This is also our Sunday to present a service in the chapel at Advocate Condell Hospital at 9 am. Our choir will sing and Paul Nauman will give the sermon. You are invited to attend.

February 13 – 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

At the end of the day, we join for a service beginning the season of Lent. Ashes are imposed as both a sign of our mortal nature and also as a sign of cleansing. The service concludes with the Lord's Supper.

February 17th First Sunday in Lent – "Forgiveness"

Romans 10:8-13
Luke 5:17-26

February 24th "The Beatitudes"

Genesis 15:1-18
Luke 6:17-26



In October, our church participated in a "Hope Sunday" where the sponsorship program of Covenant Kids Congo, done in partnership with World Vision, was presented. So far, 250 churches have held a Hope Sunday, with the result that 3,500 children have been sponsored. The current goal is to enlist 200 more churches to have a Hope Sunday this spring. This will make a difference in many lives in the villages of the Democratic Republic of Congo to bring clean water, improved schools and medical care to children and families.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

A congregational meeting will be held on March 17, at 12:30 p.m. at which time we will be electing our Pastoral Search Committee. If you would like to submit your name or to nominate someone to consider serving on the committee, ballot submission forms are available in the church office. They should be returned to the office by March 3rd. If you have any questions about this process please contact Trevor James by email at tjames@northpark.edu.

We hope to get a good cross section of our Congregation from which we can select the 9 person committee.

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

Financial Summary thru December 2012

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 472,095
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 480,703
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ (8,608)

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 492,447
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 472,095
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ 20,352

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

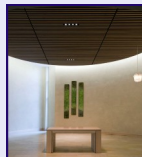
Income YTD	\$ 492,447
Expenses YTD	\$ 480,703
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 11,743

The Stewardship Committee gives thanks and praise for the generosity of our congregation. Thanks to the generosity the LLC family, we are happy to report that once again contributions have met and exceeded our annual operating budget!

Condell Hospital Chapel Service

On February

10th, LCC will provide the Sunday Worship Service at 9 a.m. in the hospital chapel. Our choir will sing. The service is broadcast on the hospital television channel, and is available to patients throughout the week. You are welcome to attend the service.



Libertyville Covenant Church Endowment Fund

The LCC Endowment Fund has now been initially funded and established with Covenant Trust Company. The newly-chartered Endowment Fund is on its way to providing our congregation with a perpetual source of income to complement and support the church's ministries and missions, as well as providing our membership a vehicle through which to make legacy gifts to the church.

Gifts to the LLC Endowment Fund can be made in many ways: Through estate gifts ... Through wills & bequests ... Direct contribution to the Fund ... Honorariums and memorial gifts ... Gifts of property ... Stock gifts ... Other options.

More information about Covenant Trust Company and the services they provide can be found at their website: <http://www.covenanttrust.com/> or you can contact Peter Heintzelman at pjheintzelman@covenanttrust.com

PULSE Survey

Dave Anderson reported on our PULSE Survey at the Annual Meeting. The survey was taken by 83 of our members and friends, and has now been scored and interpreted and returned to us in a final report. The survey gives each of ten marks of a healthy church a score. The congregation then has a series of "Town Meetings" to discuss the findings and to work towards a strategy of vitality in the church. This process will be guided by our consultant, Peter Sjoblom and our Vitality Team. The team members are: Dave Anderson, Trevor James, Ben Palmberg, Eric Sawyer, Nancy Borkman, Paul Nauman, Pastor Dwight and Pastor Brian.

HEALTHY MISSIONAL MARKERS

- Centrality of the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Life transforming walk with Jesus (John 3:3,30; Phil. 1:6)
- Intentional evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Transforming communities through active compassion, mercy and justice ministries (Micah 6:8)
- Global perspective and engagement (Acts 1:8)
- Compelling Christian community (Acts 2:42-47)
- Heartfelt worship (Psalm 138:1a; John 4:23)
- Sacrificial and generous living and giving (Romans 12:1-8)
- Culture of godly leadership (Hebrews 13:7)
- Fruitful organizational structures (Exodus 18:13-26, Acts 6:1-7)

For all Seniors and Friends!

Fireside Dinner Fellowship
SOME LOVE STORIES & VALENTINE 'S DAY FUN!

on
THURSDAY, February 14th
1:00 p.m.

Elly's
435 Townline Road,
Mundelein, IL

Love Stories?
By
FDF
Couples!

Fun with famous-lovers, love songs, etc.

We will order from the menu. Please sign up at the Information Desk. Thanks!

Men's Lumunos Retreat
March 15-17, 2013
 Covenant Harbor,
 Lake Geneva, WI

Using a variety of Psalms to help you reconnect with God, friends, and yourself.

On this Men's Retreat, you can expect:

- relaxing time with no pressures in a beautiful setting;
- to meet a great group of guys from around the Chicago area;
- an opportunity to talk about what you want to talk about;
- a dynamic interaction between our lives and a Biblical story;
- a chance to grow and deepen your spiritual life;
- a lot of laughter

See Paul Hawkinson for more details!
 Register online at www.lumunos.org

Take a time out . . . Hang with the guys . . . Get some perspective

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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 Dan Doherty (847/223-4971)

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 Trevor James (847/548-1820)

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

Church Council Secretary:
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Treasurer:
 David Oppedahl (918-9225)

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

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 Bruce & Merileen Thorson
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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)



NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and ship the meals to nearly 70 countries around the world.

For three years, Libertyville Covenant Church participated in a large group effort to pack as many meals as possible in a two hour shift for the FMSC. We had awe-inspiring numbers from LCC show up for these efforts which were held at the Lake County Fairgrounds each year in December.

Now, however, the FMSC organization has opened a large facility in Libertyville. This gives LCC the fabulous opportunity to work many different shifts for this wonderful organization on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 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.

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

We have been recruited by the Outreach Committee to be coordinators for this program within our church body. If you have any questions; would like to join us for one of the packing sessions; or would like to contribute monetarily, please contact either Maggie or Vern Johnson in person or at 847 740-1343.

Let's play "Get to Know Brad Better"

We are happy to welcome Brad (& Becca) to LCC. Brad will be serving as our Youth Ministry Intern 10 hours/week. He will be working mostly with our Sr. High Youth through Sunday School, Youth Group, and Special Events.

Is there a story behind your name? Why were you named Brad? Family Name? I was actually named after Brad Augustson who has worked at Covenant Harbor for a long time. He went to our church when he was younger and my mom thought he was such a cute kid. Funny now due to his beard and ox-like strength.

Where did you grow up? What church? I grew up in Orland Park (southwest suburbs of Chicago), my family attended Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church in Oak Lawn.

What were significant faith building events in your life? Having a plethora of adult role models that genuinely embodied the life of Christ had a profound impact on my developing years. Witnessing God's love in person, being able to experience his presence, that was a constant in my life which I am very thankful for. A more distinct event was my decision to work at Covenant Harbor throughout my college summers. Realizing the joy that comes through sharing the gospel message and developing quality relationships with staff (and future wife) was truly life changing.

Why did you go to Seminary? Three years ago I never would have thought I would be in seminary. I thought seminary was for people who loved rules and always answered God when he called. I have slowly come to know God's grace, and his willingness to work with broken people. It wasn't until I was working at a church in Oregon where the senior pastor strongly (and persistently) encouraged me to think about seminary if I was planning to work in ministry long term. Now that I'm here I am grateful for the opportunity and very much feel as though I am in the right place.

Who are you married to? What does she do? I am married to Becca, the neatest girl in the whole wide world. Becca is a high school science teacher at Perspectives Charter on the south side of Chicago. We have so much fun together, and I can honestly say I would not be here today if it wasn't for Becca and her constant encouragement and challenges to know Christ more fully.

What areas do you see as a potential call to ministry (youth, camp, etc) I love working with Jr. high and high school students. Getting to know them, hearing their stories, and hopefully pushing them in their faith is a passion of mine. I also really appreciate the business side of non-profits (which is why I'm pursuing a dual-degree which incorporates a masters in non-profit business administration).

Why did you say yes to LCC when we called to invite you to consider being the intern? I'm somewhat familiar with LCC through family, especially with the youth group. I know how much the church supports their youth programs, and I'm excited to be a part of that. I'm also really looking forward to working with Brian, hopefully becoming a sponge and learning as much as possible.

What have you noticed so far working with our students? I would say they are... awesome, fun-loving, deep, welcoming... they bring great questions about the Christian faith. I'm excited about working with them, and getting to know them more!

Anything else you might want to share.... I love to experience new experiences.

Starter Kits Deliver!



Thanks to those who packed starter kits recently. Particularly the Women's Thursday morning Bible Study. Also thanks to Bob Sorensen & Mike Keller for getting the boxes & bringing the filled kits to storage! We are now ready to make more deliveries!

This year, because of your contributions, love and time, there have been 220 starter kits delivered throughout Lake County. Last year at this time 100 families received kits from Love Inc. Thank you! A resounding Praise to our Living God.

Starter Kit Team:

Claudia Nauman

847-680-8635

cnauman59@yahoo.com

Bob & Tricia Sorensen

847-207-6341

r4sorensen@yahoo.com

Love INC is requesting items needed for their starter kits:

- ♥ Pot Holders
- ♥ White towels (all sizes)
- ♥ Pots & Frying Pans
- ♥ Spatulas
- ♥ Serving Platters
- ♥ Bake ware
- ♥ Cookie Sheets
- ♥ Can Openers
- ♥ Casserole Dishes
- ♥ Drinking Glasses

A box for usable items you wish to donate, is at the end of the hall across from the nursery and Bob & Tricia Sorensen will see that they are delivered to the proper place. **Thank you!**

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.

“Tea Cups For Christ” Ladies Tea & Shopping Event has been scheduled for April 20, 2013.

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

Would you like to receive prayer requests and updates from LCC? Would you prefer to have your newsletter e-mailed to you? Please be sure the office has your current e-mail address and/or phone number. You can send your preferences to Marti-JA54@aol.com or call the church office at 847/362-3308

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior High Summer Trip: **SAVE THE DATE**



We are heading west this summer on an amazing adventure that you won't want to miss. We will be going back to South Dakota (but staying in different places doing different things from the trip two years ago). We are calling this trip, "**Going Deep**" and it is taking place from **July 13-21, 2013**. Our focus will be using the outdoors to help us understand our faith better. We will be using the parable of the sower as the key passage (Mark 4). Activities could include: spending a day on the Pine Ridge Reservation learning and listening, caving, hiking, serving and working to restore parts of Custer State Park, swimming in Sylvan Lake, and much more! More information is coming but we wanted to make sure you keep these dates clear! Questions please contact Brian @ 847-372-2403.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

February 10, 17 & 24
6-8 p.m..

Junior High "Take Two"

February 6, 13 (Ash Wednesday),
and 27th
6:30-7:45pm

**NO "Take Two" on February
20th (Sticky Faith Trip)**



We have our third FMSC service event on

March 1st 8-9:30 p.m.

This event is open to both junior and senior high students. Sign up will be coming shortly.

Who is

BRAD

Rosengren?

Find Answers: page 6



Senior High Small Group

February 7, 14, 21 & 28
7-8:15 p.m.

As a youth ministry we place a high value on the place of small group in our overall strategic plan for discipleship. These spaces are an opportunity for students to meet during the week, stay connected to peers, and grow deeper in their faith. This semester we have re-launched smaller group with slight variation.

We are journeying through a 10-week series called "Beautiful Disciplines". The purpose of this series is to teach and give students the opportunity to practice tried and proven spiritual practices for developing deep roots of faith. We are inviting all of our high school students into this dynamic learning experience as we acquire skills and tools that promote sticky faith in the lives of our students. Small group is meeting at the Greenfield residence from 7-8:15 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

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

Children's Ministries

WINTER FEST IS HERE!!!!

WHAT: Winter Fest is the fun of summer camp packed into one weekend. The weekend is designed to encourage spiritual growth in the midst of action-packed fun! We will play games, worship, and learn more about our faith.

WHEN: **February 22nd-February 24th.** Meet at Church at 5:30 p.m. on Friday the 22nd. We will return to church on Sunday around 12:15 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING:

sleeping bag & pillow	towel
Flashlight	Bible
Toiletries	Gym Shoes
Clothing for two days/two nights	
Warm outdoor clothing (boots, snow pants, hats, mittens)	
(optional) \$ for the snacks and camp store	

QUESTIONS?? If you have any questions please contact Maria Zahasky (847)-362-3308 or maria.zahasky@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday, February 13th following dinner we will have a "Family Activity" for the Kids Club and "Take Two" families in preparation for Lent. The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:30 p.m.

COVENANT CAMPING SUMMER 2012

www.covenantharbor.org
www.cpbc.com



Although it may be hard to believe, summer is coming!! In order to encourage all of our kids to experience Christian camping this summer, refunds are again being offered. 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.

Jonah Gabriel Zahasky has arrived. In anticipation of taking a 6-week maternity leave following his arrival, many preparations have been made to ensure the Children's Ministries will run smoothly. Thank you to those who have agreed to help during this time of Maria's absence.

If you have questions about your children's activities you may contact the church office, your child's Sunday School Teachers, Kids Club Leaders or for Children's Church, Niki Papak will be the point person. 847-951-8275.



Maria Zahasky,
Children's
Ministry Director



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



NURSERY NEWS

I am excited to announce the arrival of two baby boys born during January, doubling the size of our infant nursery.



Jonah Gabriel Zahasky, son of Brian and Maria, was born on January 10 at Lake Forest Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to Brian and Maria and big brothers Drew and Ben!

Eight days later on January 18, Jonah Andrew Dillon, son of Joel and Hannah was born at Highland Park Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. He is welcomed home by his parents and big sister Lucy who is two years old.

We have two birthdays to celebrate in our preschool nursery. Kellen Greenfield turned four on January 30 and Otto Glader will turn four on February 18.

The preschool nursery was used during the Annual Meeting on January 27.

Once again, I would like to thank the many dedicated volunteers. I would greatly appreciate anyone who would be willing to be added to the infant nursery care team for the 8:30 service.

Ann Frost, Director 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 dwightanelson@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:



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.*

February Birthdays

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Olivia Pas | 13 Anthony Wyatt |
| 2 Dennis Dieball | 15 Paul McMinimy |
| 7 Charlie Howard | 16 Jocelyn McMinimy |
| 8 Kiersten Oppedahl
Duane Westerberg | 18 Otto Glader |
| 9 Chris Becker | 20 Jake Anderson |
| 10 Owen Aaberg
Rob North | 23 Arlene Werner |

February Anniversaries



- 1 Rob & Sarah Gomez (1992)
Dave & Kari Reid (1992)
- 5 Mike & Debbie Ramas (2011)
- 10 Dave & Darilyn Anderson (1985)
- 16 John & Nancy McLinden (1985)

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!



All women are invited to a baby shower for Hannah and **Jonah Andrew Dillon** on **Sunday, September 17, at 2 p.m.** If you would like to help with the shower or participate in a group gift, please contact the church office. Thank you!

COMING EVENTS

- March 10 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 15-17 Men's Lumunos Retreat at Covenant Harbor
- March 24 Palm Sunday
- March 31 Easter Sunday
- April 20 Love INC "Tea Cups for Christ" Ladies tea & shopping
- May 15 Final Kids Club for the year
- May 18 Bridal Shower for Lisa Hjelm



HOST: Scott & Teresa Anderson 847-548-6125

WHEN: Sunday, February 3rd, 4—9 p.m.

WHERE: The Anderson's Grayslake, IL

Come enjoy the game (or the commercials, or the conversation, or the fire-place, or the food) as we hang out together. No agenda, just fellowship and fun, potluck-style.

We'll provide shredded beef sandwiches; please indicate what you will be bringing so that we do not have too many duplicates.

Can't wait to see you! All are invited to join the fun whether you regularly attend this young family small group the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month or just can make it this time.



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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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FEBRUARY 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8-9:30 P.M. Youth FMSC	2 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry 8-12 p.m. Redeemer
3 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester 4 p.m. Young Families at S&T Anderson's 5 p.m. SH Super Bowl Party	4	5 9 a.m. Food Pantry	6 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. MOMs Prayer 8 p.m. Worship Team	7 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. SH Small Group	8 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM	9 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Winter Retreat @ St. Mary's
10 8:30 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Condell Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Sr. High Youth	11 Newsletter deadline	12 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Church Council	13 ASH WEDNESDAY 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 7:30 p.m. Service	14 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 1 p.m. FDF at Elly's Pancake House 7 p.m. SH Small Group	15 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	16 9:30 a.m. Worship Committee PADS
17 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 2 p.m. Baby Shower for Hannah and Jonah Dillon 6 p.m. Sr. High Youth	18	19 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Outreach	20 5:30 p.m. Dinner NO TAKE TWO 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. MOMs Prayer 8 p.m. Worship Team	21 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. SH Small Group	22 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM	23
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LAY READERS

FEBRUARY

3 Susan Barg / John Hjelm
 10 John Couleur / Jay Gustafson
 17 Carol Dieball / Kirk Johnson
 24 Dennis Dieball / Maggie Johnson

MARCH

3 Dave Enquist / Ruth Keller
 10 Angela Kocinski / Michelle Pas
 17 Kerry Monson / Jim Pas
 24 Merileen Thorson / Mark Cederberg
 31 Caren Vollrath / Roger Clausen

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (setup)

FEBRUARY

3 Pat & Joan Groody (Monson)
 10 Brent & Sessy Gustafson (Vollrath)
 17 Jay & Jamie Gustafson (Bethancourt)
 24 Steve & Ellen Hall (Monson)

MARCH

3 Bob & Lori Hartnett (Marti)
 10 John & Bev Hawkins (Vollrath)
 17 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson (Bethancourt)
 24 Jill Heath & Lisa Kindstrom (Marti)
 31 Fellowship Committee

GREETERS

FEBRUARY

3 Niki Papak
 10 Jim & Michelle Pas
 17 Bob & Martha Peterson
 24 Dave & Kari Reid

MARCH

3 Kevin Reilly & Kate Anderson
 10 Bob & Tricia Sorensen
 17 Gene & Craig Sparks Families
 24 Benjamin & Armida Stephens
 31 Bruce & Merileen Thorson

INFANT NURSERY (8:30 a.m.)

FEBRUARY

3 Nancy & Rachel McLinden
 10 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson
 17 Ann Frost & Kat Tranel
 24 Arlene Werner & Caren Vollrath

MARCH

3 Kat Tranel & Arlene Werner
 10 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson
 17 Nancy & Rachel McLinden
 24 Caren Vollrath & Sarah Palmberg
 31 Ann Frost & Arlene Werner

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:45)

FEBRUARY

3 Ann Frost & Carol Dieball
 10 Lee Vollrath
 17 Ann Frost & Maggie Johnson
 24 Judie Duba & Joan Groody

MARCH

3 Donna Lindley & Joan Groody
 10 Donna Lindley & Carol Dieball
 17 Maggie Johnson & Lee Vollrath
 24 Judie Duba & Teresa Anderson
 31 Ann Frost

INFANT NURSERY (11:00 a.m.)

FEBRUARY

3 Ann Frost & Lori Hartnett
 10 Brad & Meghan DeJong
 17 Linda Youngman & Twyla Becker
 24 Kristen Bethancourt & Julie Wojcik

MARCH

3 Brad & Meghan DeJong
 10 Bill & Marti Anderson
 17 Linda Youngman & Karin Hildebrandt
 24 Ellen Hall & Twyla Becker
 31 Ann Frost & Girls

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FEBRUARY

3 Niki Papak & Donna Clark
 10 Jim & Michelle Pas
 17 Paul & Claudia Nauman
 24 Chris & Twyla Becker

MARCH

3 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson
 10 Dave & Barb Anderson
 17 John & Bev Hawkins
 24 Vollraths
 31 Bethancourts

PRESCHOOL NURSERY (11)

FEBRUARY

3 Mark & Christine Cederberg
 10 Angela Kocinski & Pauline Raia
 17 Bill & Chris Anderson
 24 Larissa Greenfield & Teresa Anderson

MARCH

3 Bill & Jenna Glader
 10 Trevor & Christy James
 17 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson
 24 Angela Kocinski & Pauline Raia
 31 Mark & Christine Cederberg

USHERS

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

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

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

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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