

# *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  
January *In the Spirit* is Mon-  
day, December 9.  
Please send items to  
marti@libcov.org**

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## Happy New Year!

*by Pastor Bob Tenglin*

Happy New Year! As you read this greeting you may be wondering if I just skipped over December, Advent and Christmas and have gone right to January 1, 2014. Happy New Year is not a greeting we hear as we enter the month of December. Yet, it is appropriate as Advent is the beginning of the Church Year with its seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and long season of Pentecost. They are seasons that mark the rhythm of our faith journey throughout the year, beginning in Advent with our preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Advent is the season of 24 days, including 4 Sundays of preparation and anticipation prior to Christmas, which this year begins December 1<sup>st</sup>. The word "advent" means "coming" or "appearing" and for the Church it means the "coming or appearing of Jesus." Or, another way of saying it is—Advent is the season in which we anticipate a fresh, new appearing of Jesus whose birth is the "good news of great joy." And, this

great joy is that Immanuel, "God with us" has come to us. Advent not only affirms this great truth, it is also a season that asks the question: Do we take time to notice God's coming especially in these days that get filled with all kinds of activities of the season?

When we stop to think about where Jesus first came, where he was born...in a stable



and placed in a manger...isn't that such an ordinary place for God to make an appearance? When I reflect on this, I am glad that God comes to the ordinary, everyday places of life because that is where I live. As you may have wondered if I jumped over December right to January in the opening greeting, I

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wonder if we may jump over Advent right to Christmas thinking that Christmas is really what this time of the year is all about. Some of our hurried activity can push us that way as we move through the rushing crowds and the demands of all the preparations in which we are involved. Perhaps what we need, in the midst of all that, is a daily advent, a daily awareness of Jesus so that when Christmas arrives we are not just looking with anticipation but celebrating what we have already experienced-- that God is with us because God has been with us and we have already experienced that in the ordinary, everyday places preceding Christmas.

One of my favorite books to read during the Advent season is a book of poetry by Ann Weems entitled "Kneeling in Bethlehem." One of her poems is "The Coming of God." Here are a few lines...

Our God is the One who comes to  
us in a burning bush, in an angel's song, in a newborn child.  
Our God is the One who cannot  
be found locked in the church,  
not even in the sanctuary.  
Our God will be where God will be  
with no constraints,  
no predictability.  
Our God will be born where God  
will be born. When God is ready  
God will come.  
Watch...for you know not when  
God comes.  
Watch that you might be found  
whenever, wherever God comes.

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## Fireside Dinner Fellowship Invites all Seniors and Friends To the Annual

# S M O R G A S B O A R D

*When Aristotle said, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts," little did he know that he was defining a Scandinavian meal!*

*Whatever your philosophy you will enjoy the special food preparations brought to be shared with others. See the food sign up sheet for details. Nor will you want to miss "The Drama of God's Christmas" a power-point/musical program "by us" as we celebrate Christ's birth!*

*Thursday, December 5th, 6:00 p.m.  
LCC Lower Level Unique Dining Café  
(Remember-no white elephants)*

*Plan now to attend and sign up at the  
Information Desk!*

## Adult Sunday School

**Sanctuary Class**—Steve Pointer leads a "People of Faith" video series. This series examines the spiritual visionaries, leaders and entrepreneurs who shaped Christianity in America. You'll also learn about key events, movements, and controversies that continue to affect us and will influence the future of the church in America.

**Fellowship Hall Class**—views and discusses the "Parenting A New Generation" video series. This series examines the challenges that parents and youth pastors face in trying to raise and lead teens in today's world. In this series Chap Clark (Ph.d.) fresh insight, and gives practical ways for adults to relate to this generation. In keeping with our focus on intergenerational "sticky faith" this track will be appropriate both for parents and non-parents alike.



**Join us to Worship during  
Advent and Christmas  
“Rooted to Respond”  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.**

December 1st  
**First Sunday in Advent**  
*Zechariah learned to WAIT*

December 8th  
**Second Sunday in Advent**  
*Herod responds in FEAR*  
Choir Concert

December 15th  
**Third Sunday in Advent**  
*Mary & Joseph respond in JOY*  
Children's Program  
December 22nd

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
*The Shepherds Respond by*  
*BELIEVING*

No Sunday School— the  
*Church Staff invites you to*  
*come for Christmas Coffee*  
*and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.*

Sunday, December 29th  
*The Magi go home a different way*  
No Sunday School

**Happy New Year!** *Continued from page 2*

What are some places,  
even common places where  
God might encounter us in a  
burning bush or an angel's  
song in our daily living in this  
season of Advent? Might it be  
in the smile of a child, a song  
on the radio, a quiet moment  
of prayer, a phone call from a  
friend, joy in finding that per-  
fect gift for someone, the  
warm glow of a candle re-  
minding us of God's light and  
love,

a peaceful moment in the  
midst of a hectic day? Last  
Advent I saw a bird at the  
feeder I did not recognize. As  
I turned to get my camera, the  
bird flew away. So I stood at  
the window, camera in hand,  
waiting and hoping for the  
bird to return. It did not. How-  
ever, I said to myself that I  
would keep waiting and  
watching. Tomorrow the bird  
may return. For me this was a  
spiritual epiphany, a reminder  
that, like the bird, God will  
show up. That night in my  
journal I wrote "The Advent  
season are days of waiting,  
not passively but with antici-  
pation to see where Jesus will  
appear in my daily living." In  
an email to a friend that day, I  
ended with these word "May  
your Advent season be filled  
with Christ-sightings."  
May the greeting of "Happy  
New Year" set in place a  
spiritual rhythm for this Ad-  
vent season of watching with  
fresh anticipation for new  
ways in which God will be  
found "whenever and wher-  
ever."

**Libertyville Covenant Church  
Invites you to . . .**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
WORSHIP**

Tuesday, December 24th

**4:00 p.m.**

**Family Service**

*A joyful celebration planned with  
children and families in mind.  
carol singing, children's story, and special  
Christmas music.*

**10:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight Christmas Service**

*Carols and Christmas Anthems mixed with  
Scripture Lessons, with a Christmas Message  
by Pastor Bob Tenglin*

## Are you a Sticky Buddy?

We have had a great response to our Sticky Buddies program. Thank you!

If you have any questions about the program and how you or your child can participate, please contact Maria at 847-362-3308 ([maria.zahasky@gmail.com](mailto:maria.zahasky@gmail.com))



### **2014 COUNCIL**

**POSITIONS:** The Nominating Committee has been working to determine which positions are open and to find those willing to serve on Council for 2014. If you would like to volunteer or have someone in mind that you would like to see on council, please talk to Linda Youngman

## Bible Studies

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

On Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m. Pastor Bob will be leading us as we explore the Bible through a video series entitled ***"That The World May Know"*** with biblical teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan who is an ordained minister with the Christian Reformed Church and has completed graduate studies in Jewish Studies in the U.S. Israel, Turkey and Egypt. His teaching focuses on understanding the Bible by guiding people through the land, culture and historical context of Scripture. Filmed on location in the Middle East, we will see and hear the significance of biblical stories in the life of God's people then and now and how they call us to faith. The first 5 weeks will help us discover why God guided his people to the particular land known as the Promised Land as we go to 4 Tells (the word for archeological city sites) and the Jordan River. After each video presentation, we will have the opportunity to discuss its significance for the people of God then and now.



### ***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 studying the life and teaching of Paul. *If you need a book see or call Linda Baumann at 847-543-4955.*

### ***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 Chris Becker [chris@beckercrew.com](mailto:chris@beckercrew.com)*

**Search committee update:** The committee has been busy as they continue to talk with Supt. Jerome Nelson and are prayerfully reviewing the profiles of more than 30 Covenant pastors for evaluation. These names came to the committee from a variety of sources, including recommendations from several conference superintendents, ideas from members of the congregation, and profiles that were suggested by a software program that matches our church profile against the entire database of ordained Covenant pastors. Committee members have proceeded to begin learning both about these pastors and about the churches they have recently served, and several additional meetings will be held in November. Please keep the committee, its work, and all of these pastors in your prayers this month.



# Love INC Opportunities

## 1. Layette ministry

**Donations:** go to Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee. Contact Parish organizer at [847 244-9647](tel:8472449647). Dave Ross is the CMC representative for Love Inc. at that church

**Collect:** layette items for mom's 6 months prior to delivery and then up to 8 months post baby. (items could include, diapers, formula, bath products for baby, blankets, hats, clothing, new car seats, pack and plays (instead of cribs), changing pads, tables, wipes, and linens).

**Packing :** Bethel LC has plenty of storage for these donations

**Distributes:** all donations

## 2. Auto Repair

**Ernies and Moberg's** (Libertyville) Qualified clients don't pay for labor. They do however, pay for the parts. This year alone, 20 clients have been served through this outreach.

## 3. Home Services/Repair

**Weekend Warrior:** 1-1-1: one day, one project, once a month. Minor home repair for the verified clients that cannot afford to do it themselves. Client provides materials, churches supply labor.

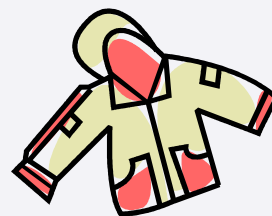
Help is always needed with our Starter Kit Program. Have you been saving the Jewel Stamps for Dishes? Our Starter Kit Team could use them! See Claudia or Tricia.

Items needed for **Love INC** starter kits:

- ♥ Pot Holders
- ♥ White towels all sizes (ALWAYS NEEDED)
- ♥ 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!**

## DRIVE FOR KIDS CLOTHING



*Sharing God's Warmth  
clothing distribution  
December 10-14 at  
Grace Missionary  
Church, led by Village  
Church of Gurnee*

Our winter clothing distribution is fast approaching and we are in need of children's clothing to restock the bins. Remember how quickly *your* kids outgrew their clothes?! Let's help clothe those in need in our community, together. Please consider a drive for the following:

- Boys & girls, size 2T through teen
- Coats, all sizes (kid through adult)
- Warm hats, gloves, scarves (kid through adult)

Clean, good condition (or new!) items can be delivered to our office by Monday December 9th. More info on how to serve at this event will be sent at a later date.

Contact Tricia Sorensen or David Enquist for details.

## Financial Summary thru October 2013

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 408,237
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 394,451
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ 13,786

### EXPENSES VS. BUDGET GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 326,013
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 408,237
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (82,223)

### INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 326,013
Expenses YTD	\$ 394,451
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (68,438)

The Council has approved an **online giving** option that many Covenant Churches are using. You can access it through our website at [www.libcov.org](http://www.libcov.org)

If you have any questions, contact our Financial Secretaries,  
Lee & Caren Vollrath  
847-549-6906

If you are interested in receiving information or giving a gift to the **LCC Endowment Fund** please speak to our Financial Secretaries or a member of the Stewardship Committee.

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

## From Stewardship Committee:



We are fortunate that in challenging economic times, with uncertainty on many fronts, we have a community of faith that binds us together. Our

blessings as a congregation are great, however, we are approaching year-end with a significant shortfall in our budget giving. As of the end of November \$82,468 is needed to meet budget. In these economic times it would be easy to feel like we will not be able to meet our budget. Isn't it good that God's blessings are not dependent on our feelings! We have been in a similar position in recent years yet budget was met. Please pray and reflect on the abundance in your life as you consider the monetary contribution you can make to provide the resources to carry out our ministry work. Simply...give what you are able. Your support is invaluable and appreciated. Ultimately, our success as a church in any endeavor will be traced to God's provisions and blessing.

***"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."***  
**2 Corinthians 9:8**

## 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](mailto:pjheintzelman@covenanttrust.com)

## ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS



This Christmas we are providing gifts for 15 families, as part of the Love INC / Catholic Charities "Adopt-a-Family" program. Names with gift suggestions are be hanging on a tree in the Narthex. You may take one or more tags from the tree. Be sure to sign for the ones you take. Please return the gifts, wrapped, to the church by December 11th. We are also receiving an offering so we can give each family a Food Gift Card. If a gift request is expensive, please feel free to substitute another item.

The Outreach Committee would like to welcome the families to come to LCC for cookies and coffee and to pick up their gifts during the afternoon of December 17th. As you make Christmas Cookies this year please consider sharing them with our Adopt-a-Families and bring them to church on the 8th or 11th. Thank you!

## PADS

It is PADS 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! For more information about this ministry contact Twyla at **847-548-1960** or [Twyla@BeckerCrew.com](mailto:Twyla@BeckerCrew.com).

## FURNITURE MINISTRY

**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.

## FOOD PANTRY

**Community Christian Food Pantry** – a group goes to help distribute food every Tuesday morning. If you would like to help, contact Ann Frost at 847-945-9435 or [anncfrost@aol.com](mailto:anncfrost@aol.com).

## 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.*

**Interim Pastor:** Bob Tenglin  
(954-670-6877)

**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)

**Church Secretary:**  
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:**  
Ruth Keller (778-6076)

**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 (847/913-6828)

**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)

# LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

**December 8, 5-7 p.m.:** Sr. High joins Family Advent night for dinner & craft

**December 15, 6-8 p.m.:** Christmas Dinner & White Elephant Gift exchange (bring a white elephant gift)

**December 22, 6-8 p.m.:** Youth Ministry Christmas Movie Night and Game Night (for Sr. High & Middle School)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

**Youth Group:** 6:30—7:45 p.m.

**December 4th**

**December 11th**

**December 18th:** Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange. (Bring a white elephant gift)

## Middle School Christmas Party—Friday, December 6th 5-9 pm

Begins with dinner and big game together at church. Girls will travel offsite to a "Make your own Christmas presents" and guys will stay behind for a evening of games and fellowship.  
Cost \$ 10.

## CONFIRMATION

Sunday 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
December 1, 8 & 15

Contact Pastor Brian & Peter Chang if you have questions.

Pastor Brian Zahasky  
(brian@libcov.org) 847/372-2403  
Brad Rosengren (bradrosengren@gmail.com) 708-305-4524

## News and Notes:

**Christmas Movie night Dec 22nd from 6-8pm.** This event is for both middle school and high school students. We will celebrate Christmas break with a movie and games. All we ask is student bring a snack to share!

**New Start time for Senior high come 2014:** We are looking at adjusting our start time for senior high youth group in 2014. Our goal is by adjusting the start time from 6 to 5pm, students will have more time in the evening on Sunday night to get Homework done and rest before the new week. Our proposal would be senior high youth group from 5-7pm on Sunday evening. If you have any feedback please pass it along to Pastor Brian [brian@libcov.org](mailto:brian@libcov.org)

## New Sunday School format for Senior High come 2014:

We are looking at adjusting how we do senior high Sunday School in 2014. In an effort to engage students within the larger church we are considering a plan that offers students a month long "track" to invest in. These tracks could include engagement with adult Sunday School, investment in children ministry, or a service track. We will have more information on these tracks in the coming week. Our hope is that this format would allow students to be involved more in the life of the church by offering a distinct experience from Sunday evening youth group. If you have any feedback please pass it along to Pastor Brian [brian@libcov.org](mailto:brian@libcov.org).

**REMEMBER TO COME TO FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT ON  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 5:00 P.M.  
PANCAKES (& CRAFTS) FOR ALL!**



Winter is coming . . . Put the  
Retreats on your CALENDARS now -  
You won't want to miss them!



Senior High

**One Life**

January 17-20  
@ Covenant Point

Junior High

**Deep Freeze**

February 7-9  
@ Covenant Harbor

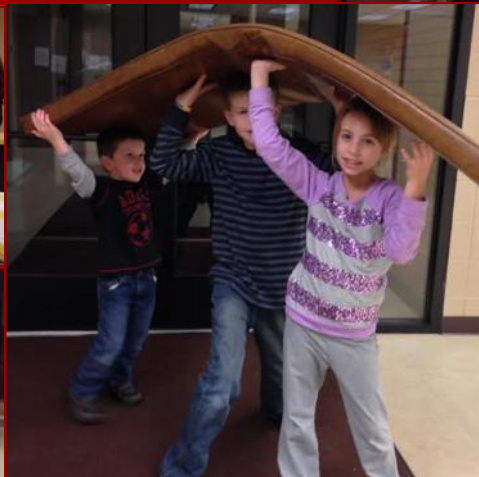


# Children's Ministries

## Operation Christmas Child



Our Sunday School Children THANK YOU for supporting their recent bake sale. They were able to reach their goal and sent over 40 shoeboxes to Children around the world with Christmas wishes.



Young Families "NIGHT OF SERVICE" was enjoyed by all as we witnessed a lot of team work and enjoyed pizza with our families after setting up for PADS and before packing our "Christmas Child" Boxes. Thank you everyone!



## Family Advent Night Sunday December 8th 5 p.m.

pancake supper, ornament craft, and activities for the whole family to enjoy! Sign up on the Children's Ministry Board

## Christmas Program 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 15

## KIDS CLUB PARTY Wednesday December 18 6:15 p.m.

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





## NURSERY NEWS

Several of the children from our preschool nursery were able to join in the Call to Worship on November 17 as they dedicated prayers for the Christmas Shoe-boxes to be sent to needy children around the world. They also did a wonderful job of singing Shine, Jesus, Shine.

The infant nursery will be available during Family Advent Night on December 8, as well as the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. The children from the preschool nursery will join in the Children's Christmas Program during the 10:30 service on December 15.

I am excited to announce that Linda Lee will be volunteering in the infant nursery during the Sunday School hour. The schedule has been completed for January through April so please feel free to check with me for your dates.

Happy Birthday to Carson Hawkinson who will turn four on December 20.

Ann Frost, Dir. of  
Early Childhood  
anncfrost@aol.com  
847-945-9435



## SMALL GROUPS



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 year. 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 Kids Club for children.

Caren Vollrath and Karin Lundstedt facilitate the Friday session and Twyla Becker the Wednesday session. Ann Frost will coordinate 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.*

### Where Is It Written? A Small Group for All Ages

Come as you can to discuss what the Bible says about relevant questions (arising from personal life, culture, current events, etc.) Burgers, hot dogs, and beverages (and probably more) will be provided. Feel free to bring your kids. We'll keep them occupied somehow.

**When:** 1st & 3rd Fridays in November  
at 5:30 p.m. We'll try to start discussion by 6:30.

**Where:** The Greenfields': 337 Dalton Avenue, Mundelein or  
The Dillon's: 317 2nd Street, Apt. 1, Libertyville

**Please RSVP** so Food & Childcare can be planned to:  
(call or text) 847-373-4482 kennethgreenfield@sbcglobal.net OR  
jdillon@tiu.edu or 630-386-1507.





- 1 Randy Bretzman
- 2 Maggie Johnson
- 3 Cathy Anderson
- 6 Evelyn Boulton  
David Collins
- 8 Griffin Johnson
- 9 Wylie Douglass  
Barbara Hermann
- 11 Naya Aaberg
- 13 Carl Lundstedt
- 15 Mark Cederberg
- 16 Armida Stephens  
Karin Swanson  
Alec Tranel
- 18 Kajsa Hawkinson  
Barbara Zienty
- 19 Julie Wojcik
- 20 Carson Hawkinson  
Earleen Johnson
- 22 Lee Vollrath
- 24 Aaron Hall (1986)
- 26 Bethany Chang  
Brent Keller
- 28 Carol Dieball  
Vern Johnson
- 29 Becky Edwards
- 30 Ken Werner
- 31 Gracie Greenfield  
Jim Pas

## December Anniversaries

- 15 Charlie & Jan Howard (1969)
- 23 Jim and Evelyn Boulton (2005)
- 28 Karl & Sue Peterson (1985)
- 31 Ben & Sarah Palmberg (2000)

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!



### ADDRESS UPDATES

We are always interested in getting address updates & new phone numbers or email addresses. We also would like current photos for the directory. If you need someone to take your family picture, let us know in the church office.

Send address changes to  
[Marti@libcov.org](mailto:Marti@libcov.org)

**PING PONG:** Men of the church (and friends) are invited to play ping pong on the first and third and fifth 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)



## Christmas Progressive Dinner

**December 14<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.**



A highlight of the Christmas season we will gather for appetizers at the home of Scott and Teresa Anderson, 34 Jamestown Court, Grayslake, followed by dinner groups of 8 to 10 people in various homes, and a dessert together at a home yet to be determined. All are welcome. Please sign up at the church office. You will be contacted about which home to attend and what to bring.





## **Libertyville Covenant Church**

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Libertyville, Illinois 60048  
(Corner of Route 176 and St. Mary's Road)  
Interim Pastor: Robert Tenglin

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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.

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## *In the Spirit*



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250 S. St. Mary's Road  
Libertyville, IL 60048

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# DECEMBER 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 1st Advent</b> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester 4-7 p.m. Young Families Faith & Fellowship	<b>2</b>  7 p.m. Stewardship	<b>3</b> 9 a.m. Food Pan-try  8 p.m. Christian Formation	<b>4</b> 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. JH Youth 6:15 p.m. Check Point 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Worship Team	<b>5</b> 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 6 p.m. FDF Annual Christ- mas Smorgas- bord and pro- gram	<b>6</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Where is it written? 5-9 p.m. Mid- dle School Christmas	<b>7</b> 8 a.m. Furniture Team  3-6:30 p.m. Re- cital—Babcock
<b>8 2nd Advent</b> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship—Choir 1 p.m. Recital—Tan 5 p.m. Family Advent Night	<b>9</b> Newsletter deadline  7 p.m. Search	<b>10</b> 9 a.m. Food Pan-try 7 p.m. Church Council	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. JH Youth 6:15 p.m. Check Point 6:30 p.m. MOM to MOM 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Worship Team	<b>12</b> 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Wor- ship	<b>13</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM 7 p.m. Re- deemer Life	<b>14</b> 6 p.m. Progres- sive dinner
Brian gone						
<b>15 3rd Advent</b> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship—Kids 4-7 p.m. Young Families Faith & Fellowship 6-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth Christmas Party	<b>16</b>  Staff Dinner	<b>17</b> 9 a.m. Food Pan-try Noon—7 p.m. Adopt a Family 7 p.m. Outreach	<b>18</b> 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club Christ- mas 6:15 p.m. JH Youth Christ- mas 6:15 p.m. Check Point 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Worship Team	<b>19</b> 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong	<b>20</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Where is it written?	<b>21</b>   PADS
<b>22 4th Advent</b> No Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Special Christmas Coffee provided by the staff 10:30 a.m. Worship 6-8 p.m. JH & SH Movie & Game Night	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4p.m. & 10 p.m. Can- dlelight services	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> No Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	The LCC Staff invites you to join them for a special Christmas Coffee time at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday the 22nd as we want to say THANKS to all of you during this Christmas Season. We appreciate you!			

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## LAY READER DECEMBER

1 Darilyn Anderson  
8 Jay Gustafson  
15 Paul Hawkinson  
22 Kirk Johnson  
29 Dennis Dieball

## JANUARY

5 Dave Enquist  
12 Angela Kocinski  
19 Mark Cederberg  
27 John Hjelm

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR DECEMBER

1 Ken & Arlene Werner  
8 Matt & Julie Wojcik  
15 Linda & Owen Youngman  
22 Staff  
29 Nathan & Mayumi Aaberg

## JANUARY

5 Tim & Christy Albers  
12 Bill & Chris Anderson  
19 Dave & Barb Anderson  
27 Dave & Darilyn Anderson

## GREETERS DECEMBER

1 Bill & Jenna Glader  
8 Ken & Larissa Greenfield  
15 Joan & Pat Groody  
22 Brent & Sessy Gustafson  
29 Jay & Jamie Gustafson

## JANUARY

5 Steve & Ellen Hall  
12 Bob & Lori Hartnett  
19 John & Bev Hawkins  
27 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:00) DECEMBER

1 Ann Frost & Donna Lindley  
8 Ann Frost & Judie Duba  
15 Ann Frost & Carol Dieball  
22 Ann Frost & Mayumi Aaberg  
29 No Sunday School

## JANUARY

5 Ann Frost & Linda Lee  
12 Ann Frost & Lee Vollrath  
19 Donna Lindley & Teresa Anderson  
26 Ann Frost & Judie Duba

## INFANT NURSERY (10:15 a.m.) DECEMBER

1 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson  
8 Caren Vollrath & Linda Youngman  
15 Ann Frost & Kirsten Peterson  
22 Arlene Werner & Karin Hildebrandt  
29 Bill & Marti Anderson

## JANUARY

5 Ann Frost & Ellen Hall  
12 Brad & Meghan DeJong  
19 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson  
26 Ann Frost & Kirsten Peterson

## PRESCHOOL NURSERY (10:15) DECEMBER

1 Trevor & Christy James  
8 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson  
15 John & Bev Hawkins  
22 Ann Frost & Lori Hartnett  
29 Joel & Hannah Dillon

## JANUARY

5 Bill & Jenna Glader  
12 Ann Frost & Angela Kocinski  
19 Bill & Chris Anderson  
26 Joel & Hannah Dillon

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH DECEMBER

1 Jim & Michelle Pas  
8 Paul & Claudia Nauman  
15 Chris & Twyla Becker  
22 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson  
29 Dave & Barb Anderson

## JANUARY

5 John & Bev Hawkins  
12 Lee & Caren Vollrath  
19 Niki Papak & Donna Clark  
27 Jim & Michelle Pas

## USHERS

**DECEMBER** Jim Krueger, Dave Enquist, Bob Hartnett, Bill Anderson

**JANUARY** Brent Gustafson, John Hjelm, Jill Heath, Roger Clausen

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

*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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## WEDNESDAY DINNER VOLUNTEERS

### FOOD PREP & ASSIST JOHN

12/4 Marcia & Jerry Junas  
12/11 Maggie Johnson  
12/18 Caren Vollrath  
1/8 Maggie Johnson & Albers

### SETUP & SERVE

12/4 Hjelm  
12/11 Pointers, Maggie  
12/18 Albers  
1/8 Claudia

### KITCHEN CLEANUP

12/4 Cederberg  
12/11 Cederberg, Dieball  
12/18 Cederberg, Albers  
1/8 Cederberg

**SHOPPERS:** Kat Tranel, Maria Zahasky, Jerry & Marcia Junas, Larissa Greenfield  
**FLOATERS:** Darilyn Anderson, Brenda Monson

**TREASURER:** John Bethancourt