

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
February *In the Spirit* is Mon-
day, January 13.
Please send items to
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Is Prayer too complicated?

by Pastor Brian Zahasky

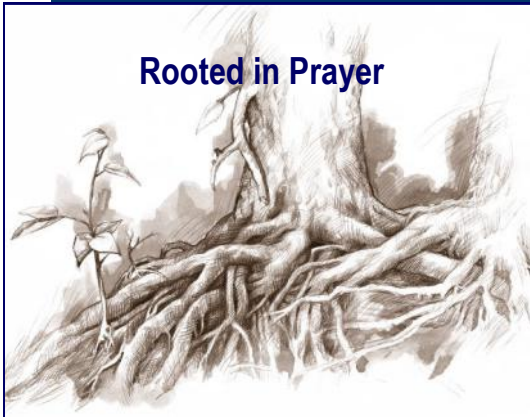
This year which has been a year of change and transition has given us as a church the chance to look closely and dwell deeply in the rich soil that we are rooted in. As we turn the calendar over and start 2014 we as a church are focused on rooting ourselves in prayer. As with a lot of language we use, words like prayer conjure up a lot of different connotations, feelings and reactions. For some prayer is seen as an essential life line and a source of comfort during difficult times. For others, prayer is something we do as Christians, but we don’t always know why we do it or what its really for.

And for some, prayer conjures up feelings of boredom, frustration and even pain when prayer “didn’t work” in the past. There are countless books written on the subject of prayer so it is hardly reasonable to expect this article will radically redefine how we see or think about

prayer. What I would like to offer is a simple and compelling reason for prayer and a daily practice that helps us live into the simple and profound power of prayer.

It’s a lazy Monday morning and my sons are spending the early hours of this post Christmas day playing with their new toys. The

Rooted in Prayer



hours past have been filled with the sound of dinosaur transformers, trains on their tracks and an infant causing chaos and commotion for his older brothers. Eventually it dawns on my oldest that all this fun and excitement has only temporarily numbed his hunger sensation and he comes to me

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(while reading for this article) to receive some sustenance from the cabinet. I set out to meet their needs, offering them a couple of choices from a select menu of appropriate breakfast items. After some initial negotiations we settle on Apple Jacks and the consumption ensues much to the delight of my sons. So what does this have to do with prayer? I think there is something in the simplicity in our relationship with our children (or with our parents) that teaches us something about prayer. Prayer is the divine gift of communication for the creation to engage with the creator and as such prayer reminds us of our basic needs and the confidence that we can ask for those needs to be met by capable hands. My son when he realized he was hungry came and asked his father to meet that need. The question I wrestle with as an adult is how often I ignore basic needs or try to meet them under my own power. Prayer allows us to express our needs, to release ourselves of the burden to handle the weight of life on our own power and to enter into a God given relationship with one who can handle that weight better than we can. The truth is my son asked me to meet his need for food because he believed and was confident that I was able to

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"Rooted in Prayer"



Please pray for our Christian Formation Team and Ben Palmberg, Chair of the committee as they focus on the ministry of our Adult Sunday School Classes during the coming year.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 a.m.



During the month of January, our theme is "**Rooted in Prayer.**" To help us explore this focus, Pastor Bob will be leading the adult Sunday school class in looking at a prayer practice called "**The Compass**" which takes the 4 major compass points as directional markers regarding our faith journey so we can move forward with greater sense of clarity. This class will meet in the Sanctuary.

Please pray for Pastor Bob, Pastor Brian and John Bethancourt as they work together with the Worship Committee to provide meaningful worship for us. Also, pray with thanks for the many who share their musical talents with us each week.

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 a.m.

To follow this theme of "**Rooted in Prayer**" during our worship time, we will be using the acronym **ACTS**. Each Sunday we will look at one of these aspects of prayer:

A - Adoration

C - Confession

T - Thanksgiving *and*

S - Supplication.

Sunday, January 26, 2014 12:00 noon Annual Meeting of Libertyville Covenant Church

We invite all members and friends of LCC to attend our Annual Meeting. We begin with lunch downstairs immediately following the morning service. Sandwiches will be provided but we would appreciate if you bring a salad or dessert to supplement the meal. We will then meet together in the sanctuary to approve a budget for 2014 and elect new leaders, hear a report from the Search Committee and talk about plans for 2014. Childcare will be available.



Pray for our families, our friends and those in our community as they face uncertainty and stress in their lives. Particularly as we try to find tools to meet our emotional needs and of those around us.

Meet the Author

Libertyville Covenant Church

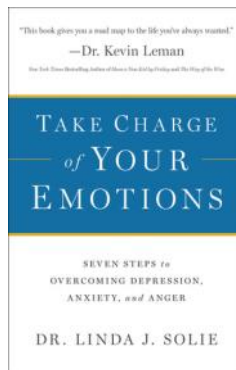
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Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 7 p.m.

"Taking Charge of Anxiety" Dr. Solie will explain causes of anxiety and present practical strategies people can independently use to find relief from stress and worry.

Sunday, February 2, 2014 – 10:30 a.m. Worship

"Finding Joy" considers how to find joy, regardless of your circumstances in life.



Psychologist Dr. Linda Solie will speak on

Take Charge of Your Emotions:

Seven Steps to Overcoming Depression, Anxiety, and Anger,
recently released by Bethany House Publishers.

"Dr. Solie merges solid psychological tools with the Christian faith, teaching readers practical skills for finding relief from emotional pain."

Harold G. Koenig, MD, Director, Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Associate Professor of Medicine, Duke University

"This book gives you a road map to the life you've always wanted."

Dr. Kevin Leman, *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *Have a New Kid by Friday* and *The Way of the Wise*

You can listen to Nancy Turner interview Dr. Solie on her new book on "This is the Day!" on WMBI-FM at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21st.

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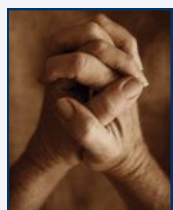
meet that need and prepare a yummy albeit simple meal. Prayer reminds us that we are the creation not the creator, but it's also a practice that develops our confidence that the creator is abundantly capable to meet the needs of the creation.

Here is something to try this month as we develop our understanding and practice of prayer. It's a prayer that is ancient in origin but profoundly simply. It is called the "Jesus prayer" and it was written as an attempt to fulfill the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:17... "Pray unceasingly". The prayer goes like this.... "Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy of me, a sinner". Why pray this? Frederica Mathewest-Green says, "The problem is not in God's willingness to have mercy, but in our forgetting that we need it. We keep lapsing into ideas of self-sufficiency, or get impressed with our niceness, and so we lose our humility. Asking for mercy reminds us that we are still poor and needy, and fall short of the glory of God." Praying this prayer often (up to 100 times per day or more) reminds us that God pours out his mercy and that we can be confident enough to ask for it!

Pray for our Sticky Buddy Relationships

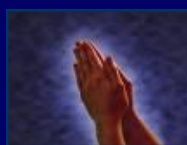


If you have any questions about the program and how you or your child can participate, please contact Maria at 847-362-3308 (maria.zahasky@gmail.com)



Pray for our Nomi- nating Commit- tee as they fill the 2014 Council Ballot.

The Nominating Committee (Dave Anderson, Eric Sawyer & Linda Youngman) has been working to determine which positions are open and to find those willing to serve on Council for 2014. Open positions are vice-chair, secretary, deacon chair, trustee chair, and long range planning chair. If you would like to volunteer or have someone in mind that you would like to see on council, please talk to any member of the committee.



Pray for our Bible Studies as we begin the new year

Adult Study—Wednesday evenings

On Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m. Pastor Bob leads 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. After each video presentation, we will have the opportunity to discuss its significance for the people of God then and now.

Faith Lessons
THAT
THE
WORLD
MAY
KNOW

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. For information contact: Judie Duba i.m.wright@sbcglobal.net or Marilyn Murray mjmurray@copper.net.

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*



Inquirers Class February 23, 2014

(lunch & childcare provided)

If you are interested in learning more about our church, or if you are considering becoming a member of LCC, we invite you to an Inquirers

Class on our Mission, History and beliefs. If you would like more information please contact Pastor Bob, Bruce Thorson, or the church office. **Welcome!**



**Pray for our Senior Adults
and Pastor Chuck and Vonnie
Johnson as they lead**



**All Seniors and Friends Are
Invited to Enjoy**

"A Visit from Ruth"

January 9, 2014, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
1136 West Maple Avenue in Mundelein

Come to enjoy an afternoon lunch/dinner at the Chinese restaurant, China Court! Enjoy also the very reasonable price for your food!

Again this year, the owner has given us this special time in the restaurant so that we may order from the menu and hear from our special guest, **Barb Shafer**. This year, she will give us a first-person portrayal of Ruth, the Moabite woman who tagged along with her mother-in-law to a new land and became included in the genealogy of Christ. The donations we give to Barb will be given to help support her friends in missions.

Please sign up for this time at the Information Desk-thanks!

Winchester House Worship Services

You are invited to join with others to participate in a worship service at Winchester House on the first Sunday of each month, at 2:30 p.m. We welcome song leaders, scripture readers, vocal or instrumental numbers and those who never have had an opportunity to preach! We have found the staff and residents there to be very gracious and welcoming. This has been a very uplifting experience for those who have participated. Please contact Pastor Chuck Johnson if you want to worship with those who appreciate a warm and voluntary caring touch.

Prayer Retreat - February 8th (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) – St Mary's Conference Center



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 "Journeying Together: An Introduction to Spiritual Companionship" and will be led by Diana Shiflett, Pastor of Spiritual Formation and Youth Pastor at Naperville Covenant. You may remember Diana from previous retreats - she's an engaging facilitator and guide. Journeying Together is in keeping with the strong traditions of our denomination through the question, "How goes your walk with Christ?" The retreat will be inter-generational and is designed to facilitate interaction, making it easier and more natural to converse with and listen to each other as we share our stories. The time is fun, restful, eye opening, healing and nurturing. By the end of the day you'll feel you have been given a precious gift, one that will continue to blossom in the year ahead.

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. Save the date & watch for details to come.

Financial Summary thru November 2013

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 451,989
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 428,348
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ 23,641

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 365,546
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 451,989
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (86,443)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 365,546
Expenses YTD	\$ 428,348
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (62,802)



Pray for guidance as we prepare the 2014 budget and give thanks for the generosity that allows us to serve God here at LCC.



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.



Pray regularly for our Search Committee

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

As a search committee, we are excited for the new year and all the possibilities that brings! We are meeting every two weeks and have reviewed about 40 candidate profiles. In late December, we will receive another dozen. You may ask two questions:

1) Why review so many profiles? 2) Why are you still getting more? To answer both questions, we want to be sure we have reviewed the profiles of all the candidates who meet the criteria set forth in the job description as well as those candidates recommended to us by conference superintendents and members and friends of LCC. This part of the process takes time!

I recently had a conversation with conference superintendent Jerome Nelson and asked him if he thought we were behind schedule. I've read books about the search process and they give you timelines, but these timelines range from 6-24 months. His response was one I brought back to the committee. He said, "Not at all. It's better to do things right."

In my report at the last congregational meeting, I told you that this is not easy work. Each candidate profile represents a person who has spent countless hours answering questions and writing their thoughts on ministry, worship and more. Because of the investment each candidate has made in the process, we are committed to praying for each person whose profile comes to us. We are also committed to making sure we give each candidate the time in review that they deserve.

Informal conversations have occurred with a few candidates thus far. It is our hope to have similar conversations with pastors attending the Mid Winter Conference in late January. Following these informal conversations, we hope to narrow our search and begin more formal conversations.

How can you pray for us? Pray for clarity. Ask God to show us which person He has called to be our next pastor. Pray for patience. Ask God to grant the committee an extra dose of humility and patience. Pray for good health. Ask God to watch over us and keep us from getting tired, sick and overwhelmed. Pray for the candidates. Ask God to grant peace to these men and women as they seek His wisdom for their next pastoral call. Pray with gratitude for the person who has been selected for us and will join us when the time is right.

Please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the search committee with questions, suggestions and/or concerns you might have about the process. We will be happy to share as much information as we can. We just ask that you honor the level of confidentiality that must take precedence over the search. In return, you have our promise that we are working diligently to complete a successful search.

For the committee, Beth Hjelm, Co-chair, Kirk Johnson, Co-chair, Owen Youngman, Secretary, Janis Carlson, Dan Frost, Larissa Greenfield, Paul Nauman, Ben Palmberg, Merileen Thorson



Pray for our Outreach Ministries

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!**

Our Starter Kit Ministry could use your extra Jewel Reward Stamps to purchase dishware for our kits. Please bring any extras to the church office.

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.

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.

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



PRAY for our youth

SR. HIGH YOUTH

NOTE THE NEW TIME 5-7 P.M.

January 12th

One Life Preview Youth Group
*Come find how best to get ready for
an amazing weekend.*

One Life

January 17-20

@ Covenant Point

*Plan to leave LCC around noon
on the 17th and return
on Monday by 5 p.m.*

January 26th

Youth Group

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Youth Group: 6:30—7:45 p.m.

Wednesdays

January 8, 15, 22, 29

Middle School Retreat

Deep Freeze

February 7-9

@ Covenant Harbor

Get your forms in by
January 12th

CONFIRMATION

Sunday 9:15-10:15 a.m.

January 5, 12, 19 & 26

Contact Pastor Brian & Peter Chang
if you have questions.

Pastor Brian Zahasky

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Brad Rosengren (bradrosen-
gren@gmail.com) 708-305-4524

So time is moving. And it's moving faster than you think. *By Kristen Ivy*

What does that mean for you as a parent? How can you make the most of the limited amount of time that you have with your kids? How can you make sure that time isn't getting away from you?

I certainly don't know the answer to all those questions. But here are three pretty practical ideas that might be helpful:

COUNT IT DOWN

You don't have to count down the seconds, or the minutes, or even the days. But maybe there is a value in counting your weeks. Because **when you see how much time you have left, you tend to get serious about the time you have now.** So create a visual reminder. Have a countdown clock. In my family, we have two jars of marbles—one for each child. Inside each jar are enough marbles to represent the number of weeks that we will have with them before their high school graduation (we hope – fingers crossed for passing every grade). Every Sunday, I remove a marble from each jar as a reminder that our time is limited. Removing the marble doesn't do anything special for my kids. But it does something for me mentally. It reminds me that time is moving. And **because I know my weeks are numbered, I tend to make what matters matter more.**

MARK IT UP

Some parents are naturally wired to schedule things. Some (like me) are not. But regardless of how scheduled or unscheduled you are, you probably have a calendar or a notebook or a napkin somewhere that helps you remember what you need to do.

As a working mom, I am constantly filling my days with meetings, and deadlines, and tasks that feel really urgent. But if I'm not intentional, that's ALL that will get space on my calendar. So, once every month or so, I look at my calendar and schedule the things that no one is asking me to schedule. I mark up the calendar with things like: go on a date with Sawyer . . . take the kids to the park. . . . have a movie night.

That may sound silly. But by "marking it up," it reserves the time. Because I know the weeks are limited. I need a reminder to make the weeks count.

MEASURE IT OUT

Every day isn't a special day. In fact, most days are pretty typical. But one of the best ways to make the most of every week is to create some habits. There are just some things that are inherently part of the rhythm of our world. And by creating some intentional rhythms, we can make the days and the weeks count a little more. So if you want to make your time count, don't undervalue the simple things:

What do you do every morning at breakfast? What if part of your breakfast routine just became looking for ways to encourage?

When do you eat together? You don't have to make a home-cooked meal to have a conversation. What if one meal a day was media-free time when you were intentional about having a conversation with your child?

What's the last thing you do before they go to bed at night? Every day ends the same way. We go to bed. So what's your bedtime routine? How do you make the most of the moments right before your son or daughter drifts off to sleep?

I know there are people reading this blog who are smarter than me and parents who are just better at this TIME thing than I am. So what are your habits? How do you make the most of your TIME? How do you Count it Down, Mark it Up, and Measure it out. I'd love to learn from you!

Children's Ministries

Our 43 shoe boxes were shipped to India!



Twenty-nine percent of India's 1.2 billion people are 14-years-old or younger. In the 2013-2014 season, 417,312 shoebox gifts from the United States will be delivered to children in India. Operation Christmas Child offers a voluntary follow-up discipleship program to children who receive a shoebox gift. This year in India, these Bible lessons will be offered to 75,000 children who receive a shoebox gift. These 12 lessons guide children through a study of who Jesus Christ is, what it means to follow Him, and how to share this exciting message with others.

Prayer Requests:

- ✝ Pray that all of the kids who walk through our doors each week experience the love of Christ through relationship with caring adults.
- ✝ Pray for our Sunday School, Kids Club and Children's Church leaders as they care for children each week.
- ✝ Pray for our 3rd-5th grade Winter Fest retreat February 21-23. Pray that kids would be challenged to the next step in their faith, develop relationships with other students and the adult leaders attending and have a fun and safe weekend.



WINTER FEST IS HERE!!!!

WHAT: Winter Fest for 3rd—5th graders 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 21-23. Leave from church at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and return to church around 12 noon on Sunday.

WHERE: Covenant Harbor Bible Camp in Lake Geneva, WI

COST: \$144 per student or \$104 if you would like to take advantage of our \$40 retreat discount which comes from the funds raised through the silent auction and rummage sale. **As with all of our youth camps and retreats cost should never be a reason a child doesn't attend. We have scholarships available for these retreats. Please let us know if a scholarship could be of assistance.*

SIGN UP: Return your forms and a check made out to LCC to the office by **Wednesday, January 15th.**

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 **Note to Parents:** If you are interested in attending as a chaperone please let me know ASAP!



Maria Zahasky, Children's Ministry Director
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NURSERY NEWS

Happy New Year to the children in our nurseries and our many dedicated volunteers! December was a busy month for the children in the preschool nursery as they participated in



Family Advent Night on December 8, the Children's Program

during the worship service on December 15, the Kid's Club Christmas Party on December 18 and the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

Happy 1st Birthday to Jonah Zahasky on January 10 and Jonah Dillon on January 18. Happy 5th Birthday to Kellen Greenfield on January 30.



The Preschool Nursery will be available following the service on January 26 during the Annual Meeting.



**Pray for our
Infants & Toddlers
and the many
Caregivers**

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.) Dinner will be provided. Feel free to bring your kids. We'll keep them occupied somehow.

When: Friday, January 17th @ Dillons
Friday, January 31st, place TBD
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.



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| 4 <i>Jerry Junas</i> | 20 <i>Matthew Anderson</i> |
| 6 <i>Julie Peterson</i> | <i>Greta Gustafson</i> |
| 7 <i>Jim Boulton</i> | 21 <i>Chris Anderson</i> |
| 9 <i>Heide Bain</i> | 24 <i>Beth Enquist</i> |
| 10 <i>Jonah Zahasky</i> | <i>Marion Smith</i> |
| 11 <i>Daniel Baumann</i> | 25 <i>Donna Clark</i> |
| <i>Lauren Groody</i> | <i>Cindy LaPradd</i> |
| <i>Britta Cochran</i> | <i>Bob Gullberg</i> |
| <i>Kyla Swanson</i> | 27 <i>Dan Doherty</i> |
| <i>Jenna Tranel</i> | <i>Deb Lindahl</i> |
| 12 <i>Bobby Becker</i> | 29 <i>Marilyn Murray</i> |
| 18 <i>Jonah Dillon</i> | |
| <i>Beth Hjelm</i> | |
| <i>Hanna Monson</i> | 30 <i>Kellen Greenfield</i> |
| 19 <i>Kirsten Groody</i> | <i>David Reid</i> |
| <i>John Hawkins</i> | |

January Anniversaries

- 7 *Art & Kris Nikkel (1984)*
- 23 *Pete & Anne Anderson (2010)*



Pray for our families as we celebrate
special milestones together



ADDRESS UPDATES

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Hermitage, TN 37076
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labaum51@gmail.com

*Please pray with
thanks for all Linda has meant
to us here at LCC. We ask for
God's blessings as she estab-
lishes a new home near her
sister.*

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

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



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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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JANUARY 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 7 p.m. Ping Pong	3 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	4 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry & Starter Kit
5 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester House	6	7 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Search @ Hjelms 8 p.m. Christian Formation	8 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. JH Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. MOM to MOM 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 8 p.m. Worship Team	9 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 1-3:30 p.m. FDF at China Court	10 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM 7 p.m. Redeemer Life	11
12 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Sr. High Youth	13 Newsletter deadline	14 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Church Council	15 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. JH Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 8 p.m. Worship Team	16 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Worship	17 7 a.m. Men's Study Noon Youth Leave 5:30 p.m. Where is it Written @ Dil-lons	18 PADS
19 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4-7 p.m. Faith & Fellowship @ Anderson's ONE LIFE RETREAT	20 5 p.m. Youth Return	21 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Outreach	22 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. JH Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. MOM to MOM 8 p.m. Worship Team	23 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Deacons	24 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM	25
26 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon Lunch 12:45 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING 5-7 p.m. Sr. High Youth	27	28 9 a.m. Food Pantry	29 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. JH Youth 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Worship Team	30 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong	31 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LAY READER JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

2 Trevor James
9 Ruth Keller
16 Caren Vollrath
23 Maggie Johnson

FELLOWSHIP HOUR JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

2 Karin Anderson
9 Scott & Teresa Anderson
16 Chris & Twyla Becker
23 John & Kristen Bethancourt

GREETERS JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

2 Jill Heath
9 Barb Hermann
16 Karin & Dieter Hildebrandt
a John & Beth Hjelm

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:00) JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

2 Ann Frost & Maggie Johnson
9 Ann Frost & Carol Dieball
16 Ann Frost & Joan Groody
23 Donna Lindley & Mayumi Aaberg

INFANT NURSERY (10:15 a.m.) JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

2 Ann Frost & Kristen Bethancourt
9 Ann Frost & Twyla Becker
16 Karin Hildebrandt & Linda Youngman
23 Arlene Werner & Caren Vollrath

PRESCHOOL NURSERY (10:15) JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

2 Mark & Christine Cederberg
9 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson
16 Trevor & Christie James
23 John & Bev Hawkins

CHILDREN'S CHURCH JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

2 Nauman Family
9 Becker Family
16 Hawkinson Family
23 Dave & Barb Anderson

USHERS

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

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

MARCH 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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WEDNESDAY DINNER VOLUNTEERS

FOOD PREP & ASSIST JOHN

1/8 Albers
1/15 Jerry & Marcia Junas
1/22 Priscilla Schick

SETUP & SERVE

1/8 Claudia
1/15
1/22 Hjelm

KITCHEN CLEANUP

1/8 Cederberg
1/15 Cederberg
1/22 Cederberg

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

TREASURER: John Bethancourt