

# *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  
Monday, December 14  
Please send items to  
[marti@libcov.org](mailto:marti@libcov.org)

## Hopefully Christmas

by Pastor Steve Larson

Our world needs hope desperately. In the last month, we have once again seen the hopelessness of our world in glaring detail. From the refugee crisis to the attacks in Paris to the continuing racism across our campuses to the violence in our cities to the hyper-polarization of our political dialogue, there is very little cause for hope coming from our world. Someone commented to me recently that watching the news, any news, was an exercise in battling hopelessness.

As we enter our Advent season, we are once again reminded that Christianity is a relationship of hope, both for the future and the present. It is fitting that in the Covenant hymnal, the Advent section comes immediately after the section titled, "Promise and Covenant". As a season of preparation for Jesus' coming, both at Christmas and again in the not-too-distant future,

Advent is a season of hope. What the idea of Covenant and Promise were to the People of God in the Old Testament, so Jesus is to us living in the New Testament, for Jesus is the fulfillment of the Covenant and Promise of Abraham, Moses, and the prophets.



To a world desperate for hope, we need to speak of change and transformation. Jesus brings restoration of the broken, redemption of sullied, and recuperation for the weary. Jesus brings life into death, grace into shame, and ultimately hope into hopelessness. How we talk about the terrorist attacks, about the refugee crisis and about racism in our soci-

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ety will reveal the reality of our faith to all who hear us. May our every word, spoken or typed, texted or posted, be filled with the hope of Jesus for which we expectantly wait this Advent season. And may our lives reveal our Savior who brings hope into every situation we face.

*"Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;*

*From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art.*

*Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart."*

### **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! Please contact the church office or Pastor Chuck Johnson if you want to worship with those who appreciate a warm and voluntary caring touch.

## **December Worship . . .**

*As we enter Advent this year, we're going to be looking at the Christmas story through the eyes of Mary, a teenager who surprisingly but willingly became the mother of Jesus. Join us for Mary's Christmas Journey this year.*



**1st Sunday of Advent  
November 29**

**Mary's Christmas Journey:  
The Angel**

Micah 5:2-5  
Luke 1:26-38

**2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 6**

**Mary's Christmas Journey:  
Joseph**

Isaiah 11:1-9  
Matthew 1:18-24

**3rd Sunday of Advent  
December 13**

**Mary's Christmas Journey:  
Elizabeth**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:39-45  
Children will be singing

**4th Sunday of Advent  
Mary's Christmas Journey:  
The Song**

1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Luke 1:46-55

*Libertyville Covenant Church  
Invites you to . . .*

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**  
***Mary's Christmas Journey: with Jesus***  
**Thursday, 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 Steve Larson*

## Bible in a Year — Deember Readings

Dec 01	2 CORINTHIANS 11:1-13:13 ACTS 20:7-12	Dec 16	2 TIMOTHY 2:1-4:18
Dec 02	ACTS 20:13-21:36	Dec 17	2 TIMOTHY 4:19-22 HEBREWS 1:1-4:13
Dec 03	ACTS 21:37-23:35	Dec 18	HEBREWS 4:14-7:28
Dec 04	ACTS 24:1-26:32	Dec 19	HEBREWS 8:1-10:39
Dec 05	ACTS 27:1-44	Dec 20	HEBREWS 11:1-12:29
Dec 06	ACTS 28:1-31 EPHESIANS 1:1-2:22	Dec 21	HEBREWS 13:1-25 1 PETER 1:1-2:3
Dec 07	EPHESIANS 3:1-5:14	Dec 22	1 PETER 2:4-5:11
Dec 08	EPHESIANS 5:15-6:23 COLOSSIANS 1:1-23	Dec 23	1 PETER 5:12-14 2 PETER 1:1-3:18
Dec 09	COLOSSIANS 1:24-4:18	Dec 24	1 JOHN 1:1-4:6
Dec 10	PHILEMON 1:1-25 PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2:11	Dec 25	1 JOHN 4:7-5:21 2 JOHN 1:1-13 3 JOHN 1:1-15
Dec 11	PHILIPPIANS 2:12-4:23	Dec 26	JUDE 1:1-25 REVELATION 1:1-2:29
Dec 12	JAMES 1:1-3:18	Dec 27	REVELATION 3:1-6:17
Dec 13	JAMES 4:1-5:20 1 TIMOTHY 1:1-2:15	Dec 28	REVELATION 7:1-10:11
Dec 14	1 TIMOTHY 3:1-6:10	Dec 29	REVELATION 11:1-14:20
Dec 15	1 TIMOTHY 6:11-21 TITUS 1:1-3:15 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-18	Dec 30	REVELATION 15:1-18:24
		Dec 31	REVELATION 19:1-22:21

This month marks the end of our 2015 Bible In A Year reading program. For those who made it through and on time, congratulations! For those who are still working on it, keep up the great work! For those who lost the thread, every word comes from God and is an opportunity to meet with Him, so thank you for every word read! As you approach the end of the Bible, I hope this has become a habit for you. Let me suggest that you, whether you finished or not, begin again in 2016, maybe with a different version of the Bible, or reading straight through (rather than chronologically), or reading some OT, some NT and a Psalm each day. However you read it, and for however long, remember that every time you sit down with scripture, you're meeting with the Almighty Creator of all things and Lover of your soul. May God bless your reading with life and excitement.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 a.m.

### ***“Advent: Christ is Coming”***

**November 29—Christ is Coming Into Our Lives—**we'll look at scripture passages that talk about the personal transformation that happens when one allows Christ into their lives. We'll break into small groups and reflect on the transformations we've seen in our own lives.

**December 6—Christ is Coming Into the World—**we'll look at scripture that deals with the transformation that Christ is making in the world and again break into small groups to discuss where we've seen this in our own experience and how we find hope in this “in-between” time.

**December 13—The Second Coming—**What does scripture say about the Second Coming? Why do we long for this? What are we most eager to see?

**December 20—Christmas, The First Coming—**In light of our previous studies, why is Christmas so special? How do they link together? Christmas is so much more than just the birth of Jesus.

***There will be no Sunday School on December 27th or January 3rd.***



An impromptu Sunday afternoon sledding event meant even the MOMS got to have fun!!!  
Next time join us!



## Also coming this WINTER



Too many people link the word “church” with words like “boring”, “old”, and “stuffy”. But what if we could show our community that church can be fun and funny, too?

Introducing...

## Bean & Bailey

Clean, inspirational comedy

On Saturday night, January 9th, we will host an evening of dinner and comedy at Libertyville Covenant Church. For \$25, we will serve a catered, buffet-style dinner with drinks and desserts provided by the church members. After the 5:30 p.m. dinner, we will be escorted upstairs for a 60-90 minute comedy show starring Bean and Bailey. Likened to a modern day Smothers brothers, Bean and Bailey use songs, parodies, and stories to bring laughter and meaning to their audiences. Tickets will soon be available for purchase:

**\$25 for Dinner & Show**  
**\$15 for Show only**

# FIRESIDE DINNER FELLOWSHIP

*Invites you to join them for a two-option*

## PRE-CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENING!

*Thursday Evening, December 3, 2015*

**OPTION 1:** The Annual Fireside Dinner Fellowship

**Christmas Smorgasbord at 6:00 p.m.**

*and*

**Concert by Christian singer/songwriter & guitarist,  
Will Kruger & mandolin player, Mark Fowler  
at 7:30 p.m.**

The Smorgasbord will feature good fellowship with the smorgasbord meal in addition to a very special program. *Sign up today on the Information Desk for bringing special Smorgasbord dishes to be shared.*

**OPTION 2:** An Inspirational Concert provided by

**Concert by Will Kruger & Mark Fowler  
at 7:30 p.m.**

We are happy to welcome to our Sanctuary Will Kruger and Mark Fowler for a wonderful Christmas Concert. Will's music is universally appealing, his sense of humor keeps the audience smiling throughout the evening. Two of his songs will be included in the Lazarus Film Works "God Where Are You."



*A free will offering will be taken.*

**Prepare for a wonderful evening and join us!**

*Please note there were scheduling difficulties with the original plan of having the Madrigals with us but look forward to next year.*

## Bible Studies

### **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. Bruce Thorson is facilitating using A LifeGuide Bible Study, *Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times*. For information contact Janis Carlson at 362-8245 or [swancar836@gmail.com](mailto:swancar836@gmail.com).

### **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)

### **Adult Study—Wednesday evenings—Come Grow With Us.**

Every Wednesday night during the school year, after dinner and while our kids are at Kids Club, we gather downstairs to talk about God's Word. Last year we walked through 1 Corinthians together, and there was enough enthusiasm that

this fall we're going to use the same format and look together at Ephesians. Based out of the Serendipity Bible Study series, our discussion will look at how the church is called to live and serve Together in Christ. Join us from 6:30 - 7:45pm in the Confirmation Room. For information contact Pastor Steve at 847-362-3308 or [steve@libcov.org](mailto:steve@libcov.org).



## Financial Summary thru October 2015

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 380,073
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 341,161
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ 38,912

### EXPENSES VS. BUDGET GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 328,242
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 380,073
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (51,831)

### INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 328,242
Expenses YTD	\$ 341,161
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (12,919)

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.

**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 Jeff Johnson at [jjjdc@netzero.net](mailto:jjjdc@netzero.net)

## COUNCIL UPDATE by Scott Dahlberg, Chair

As we head into the holiday season, I think it is important to take a moment to be thankful for God's blessings and provision for Libertyville Covenant Church. I am thankful that God has blessed us with three new staff members, Tricia, Bobby, and Paul to partner with us in showing God's love to our children from birth to college and beyond.

In the book *Church Refugees*, Packard and Hope write that many committed Christians are leaving their beloved churches, because the churches are "stifling people's ability to engage with each other and their communities." Some people feel their old church was actually inhibiting their faith with bureaucracy, rules, politics, and a lack of opportunities to put faith into action in their communities. I don't want that to happen to people in our church, so my hope is that we be responsive to each other's needs and passions. We come to the time of year where we need people to step into service on Council and our various committees like Outreach, Stewardship, Trustees, Fellowship, Long Range Planning, and the Diaconate. Our Constitution specifies that a 3<sup>rd</sup> of these positions turn over yearly, so we need many people to make our ministries run in the coming year. Let me, Pastor Steve, or Dave Anderson know if you are interested in serving on Council or on any of our Committees. Are we getting this right? Let us know if you think there is a ministry we need to start, stop, or join or if a need is on your heart that LCC could help fill. I think this church does a great job of supporting people in serving where they have a passion, and I want that to continue as it is one of the things that make us unique and strong.

Lastly, please give prayerfully to our Church at the end of the year, so that we can make up any budget shortfalls, and start the New Year, fully staffed and in a strong financial position.

Don't forget to put the annual meeting January 31<sup>st</sup> on your calendar. It's sure to be loads of fun! Thank you for the opportunity to serve this church and may you see and feel God's blessings upon you this Advent Season.

In Him, Scott

**2016 Nominating Committee:** David A. Anderson, Twyla Becker, Kirk Johnson or Eric Sawyer.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2016 at noon. In preparation for presenting a ballot of church officers a nominating committee has been formed. If you are interested in serving on council or on a committee please talk to a member of this committee.





## Christmas Progressive Dinner

December 12<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.

A highlight of the Christmas season is our annual progressive dinner. This year we will gather for appetizers at the home of Pat and Joan Groody, 2051 Laurel Valley Drive, Vernon Hills, followed by dinner groups of 8 to 10 people in various homes, and reunite for dessert at the end of the evening at the home of Paul and Karin Lundstedt, 424 W. Cook, Libertyville. All are welcome. If you are interested in hosting a group for the main course, please contact the church office, Darilyn Anderson or sign up on the link below:

**LCC PROGRESSIVE DINNER, Saturday, December 12, 2015**



### 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 will 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 3rd. If a gift request is expensive, please feel free to substitute another item.

## GivingTuesday!

Love INC of Lake County has a fundraising opportunity for you that requires nothing more than your usual year-end gift! Here's how it works...

1. Give your usual year-end gift to Love INC on **Tuesday, Dec. 1** by donating through their website ([www.loveinlakecounty.org](http://www.loveinlakecounty.org)).

2. A Fundraising group Love INC is using will match a portion of all gifts given that day!

That's it. Just give your gift a few weeks earlier than usual and your money grows! So stretch your dollars and give a bit more than you give! 3 minutes of attention can equal extra support for Love INC.



Save the Date for #GivingTuesday!

Donate through [www.loveinlakecounty.org](http://www.loveinlakecounty.org)  
on Tuesday December 1st  
and help us receive matching funds  
from Network for Good

## 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:** Steve Larson  
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### Pastor to Senior Adults:

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### Int. Associate Pastor to Youth:

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### Director of Children's Ministries:

Bobby Becker (224/688-3667)

### Nursery Coordinator:

Tricia Leach (847/920-8005)

### Office Coordinator:

Marti Anderson (847/362-3308)

### Custodian:

Dan Doherty (847/223-4971)

Ron Harper (847/309-1155)

### Church Council Chair:

Scott Dahlberg (947-528-7670)

### Church Council Vice Chair:

Ben Palmberg (773-339-2509)

### Church Council Secretary:

Elizabeth Christian  
(847/482-0854)

### Financial Secretaries:

Lee & Caren Vollrath  
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### Treasurer:

David Oppedahl (918-9225)

### Christian Formation Chair:

Paul Nauman (847-680-8635)

### Deacon Committee Chair:

Dennis Dieball (847/362-3669)

### Fellowship Committee Co-Chairs:

Darilyn Anderson (847/362-7871)

### Long-Range Planning Chair:

Nancy McLinden (847/322-5416)

### Outreach Committee Chair:

Neale Murray (262/697-1825)

### Stewardship Committee Chair:

Ken Werner (847/438-5586)

### Trustee Committee Chair:

Dan Frost (847/373-7432)

# LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

## Middle School Youth Group:

Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16  
6:30—7:45 p.m.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS  
PARTY—DECEMBER 13 @ noon**

## Sr. High Youth Group:

Sunday, December 6, 13, 20  
5-7 p.m.

**SR. HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY —  
DECEMBER 20 @ 5 p.m.**

## Winter Retreats:

February 5-7, 2016  
Middle School Deep Freeze  
@ Covenant Harbor

February 12-15, 2016  
Sr. High One Life @ Covenant Point

Winter Retreats are upon us!!! Deep Freeze (Feb. 5-7 for middle school) and One Life (Feb. 12-15 for the senior high) are vital to our life together as a group because, in addition to being really fun they are spiritually challenging and great week-ends away where we grow together as a group and share experience together. Scholarships are always available if needed. Get your registration in soon and reserve your spot!



Paul Couleur  
Interim Associate  
Pastor to Youth  
paul@libcov.org  
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## Finishing out 2015, a December to Remember!!!

We have had a great fall so far with great memories made running around the church playing commando, cookie face, cookie stack, and spending time really digging into the topics each Wednesday and Sunday night. The next few months are going to be great, so be sure you don't miss out in the winter months ahead.

## Well, what's coming up for the middle school ministry?

Each Wednesday in the month of December we will not just talk about Christmas and the meaning of the season, but go out and about, sharing this great news in community as well. Games will be played and fun had by all, so if you haven't been here in a while, come check it out you will surely have a ball.

On **December 13<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following worship (11:40 or so) there will be a **Progressive Christmas Dinner** for our middle school students. We ask each student to buy and wrap a silly Christmas gift \$5 or less for a Christmas gift exchange. We will end the evening at the Lichter household for dessert and swimming!! Don't forget to bring a suit and towel! Parents can pick up their students at 3:00p.m. at 1055 Sunrise Rd. Green Oaks, IL 60048.

**Our High School Ministry** will have Sunday evenings with themes such as: A Night at The Improv, Winter Wonderland, and Mystery Van! Our Christmas Party will be December 20<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to having everyone dress up in the most over the top Christmas outfit they can find. We ask that each student also bring a silly gift \$5 or less to be offered in our Christmas gift exchange.

Join us any night, as our community isn't complete without you. Hope to see you at the next gathering!!

Peace and Joy!!! Paul



Some of the Sr. High youth got in on a November community theatre performance of **Jesus Christ Super Star** directed by our own Jessica Sawyer.



# Children's Ministries



On Wednesday, November 18th, the Kid's Club packed 40 "Operation Christmas Child" boxes in 12 minutes full of toys, toothbrushes and goodies for children around the world. Great job everyone!!!

The children will be participating in Christmas Worship on December 13th.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

Invite your friends to join us in Sunday School on Sunday December 20th at 9:15 a.m. when we celebrate Jesus's Birthday! There will be cake and goodies passed around as we hear the story of how the greatest gift of all came into this world!

COVENANT HARBOR

REMADE

**Winterfest!** Registration is now open! Come join us for a weekend of winter fun! The theme this year is Re-made. We will be talking about what it means to be Re-made in GOD's image, register now at [Covenantharbor.org](http://Covenantharbor.org)!

**Where:** Covenant Harbor

**When:** Friday, February 19th through Sunday, February 21st

**Cost:** \$149 per student with LCC \$40 rebates and scholarships available

**Who:** Kids in 3rd - 5th grade and adult volunteers

## Advent Night

Sunday, November 29th at 5 p.m.

Pancakes, Advent Craft, Story & Songs.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church on Sunday December 27th or January 3rd. Classes will resume January 10th

There will be no Wednesday night kids clubs December 23rd or 30th

Bobby Becker  
Director of Children's Ministries  
[Bobby@libcov.org](mailto:Bobby@libcov.org)  
224/688-3667



Tues/Thurs: 10 am-4 pm  
Wednesday: 2-5:30 pm



## NURSERY NEWS



Thank you to everyone for the prayers and meals as we welcomed our daughter, Collins. We are all adjusting well.

Thank you to Donna Lindley for managing the nurseries while I was gone, and to all of you that have volunteered.

As we approach Christmas I thought I would share some of my favorite things to do with our little ones. As a family, we are always looking for fun, new traditions.

Make a gingerbread house, bake cookies, drink hot cocoa, go sledding, volunteer, build a snowman, take a special family photo, sing carols, make popcorn garland, go ice skating.

We will have two Christmas Eve Services and the infant nursery will be available at both. If you would like to serve, please contact me. We may have a lot of visitors, so extra hands would be nice.

I pray that you all have a blessed Christmas season!



Tricia Leach  
Nursery  
Coordinator  
tricia@libcov.org  
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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. 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. Child-care is provided. The facilitators for this group are Karin Lundstedt and Julie Dahlberg. ***We need many volunteers to cover the nursery & the children's program on these Friday mornings. If you are able to help on a regular basis or just occasionally, please call Tricia Leach at 847-920-8005 or tricia@libcov.org.***

**The Wednesday Evening MOMs group** meets each Wednesday, 6:30 –7:45 p.m. Childcare is provided during this time, as well as Kids Club for children age 3-5th grade and Jr. High Youth Group for 6-8th graders. Come for dinner with your family at 5:30 p.m. This group will be doing a topical Bible study with the teaching portion rotating between those in the group who wish to take a turn. Wednesday Facilitators: Christy James and Teresa Anderson. *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.*



### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Traditionally an opportunity has been given to our church family to place poinsettias and lilies in the sanctuary at Christmas and Easter. The Deacons invite those who would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on a given Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion to do so throughout the year. Please call the Church Office to schedule the Sunday you plan to bring in an arrangement. We will list the remembrance in the bulletin. Thank you.

# December Birthdays

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Sophia Wojcik   | 18 Kajsa Hawkinson   |
| 2 Maggie Johnson  | Chris Johnson        |
| 3 Cathy Anderson  | 19 Julie Wojcik      |
| 6 Anja Beckstrom  | 20 Carson Hawkinson  |
| Evelyn Boulton    | Earleen Johnson      |
| David Collins     | 22 Lee Vollrath      |
| 8 Griffin Johnson | 24 Aaron Hall        |
| 9 Wylie Douglass  | 26 Bethany Chang     |
| Barbara Hermann   | 28 Carol Dieball     |
| 12 Joshua Larson  | Vern Johnson         |
| 13 Carl Lundstedt | 29 Becky Edwards     |
| 15 Mark Cederberg | 30 Ken Werner        |
| 16 Karin Swanson  | 31 Gracie Greenfield |
| Alec Tranel       | Jim Pas              |

## December Anniversaries



- 8 Youngki & Debbie Kim (2001)
- 22 Courtney and Alicia Reese (2007)
- 23 Jim and Evelyn Boulton (2005)
- 28 Karl & Sue Peterson (1985)
- 31 Ben & Sarah Palmberg (2000)

### LCC Cookbook It is time for Holiday Shopping and Baking!

Our Libertyville Covenant Church Cookbooks make great hostess and teacher gifts. Over 450 of our best-loved and favorite recipes can be yours for a suggested donation of just \$5 each. You will find them at the Information Center in the Narthex.



If you don't see your family's 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

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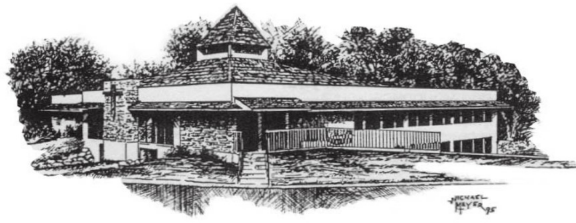
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## **Our Mission is...**

to grow disciples, to grow the church, and to grow the Kingdom of God.

## **Our Vision is...**

We grow disciples as we praise and learn together

We grow the church as we love and give together

We grow the Kingdom of God as we serve and share together

## **Our Core Values are...**

Relationships: with God, each other, and the world around us

Authenticity: being real people with real issues before our real God.

Engagement: all are gifted, all are called, all have a place in the ministry

Community: everyone is welcome to join us on the journey

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## *In the Spirit*



Libertyville Covenant Church

250 S. St. Mary's Road

Libertyville, IL 60048

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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# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 a.m. Food Pantry	2 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study	3 9:15 a.m. Women's study 6 p.m. FDF Christmas Smorgasbord	4 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	5 8 a.m. Furni- ture 11 a.m. Me- morial Service for Sheila Hagland
6 2ND ADVENT  9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester 5 p.m. SH Youth	7	8 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Church Council	9 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:30 p.m. Mom's	10 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. Ping Pong	11 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to	12  6 p.m. Pro- gressive Din- ner
13 3RD ADVENT  9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship (children will be singing) Noon Jr. High Christmas Party 2 p.m. Recital—Tan 5 p.m. SH Youth	14  Newsletter deadline	15 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Dea- cons	16 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:30 p.m. Mom's Group 6:45 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Outreach	17 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Ca- pernaum 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Worship Team	18 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	19 9 a.m. Wor- ship Comm.
20 4TH ADVENT  9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth Christmas Party	21	22 9 a.m. Food Pantry	23	24 4 & 10 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE- LIGHT SERVICES	25 CHRIST- MAS DAY	26
27  No Sunday School or Children's Church  10:30 a.m. Worship	28	29	30	31		

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## LAY READER DECEMBER

6 Laura Nordgren  
13 Mark Cederberg  
20 Roger Clausen  
27 Mary Palmer

## JANUARY

3 Vicki Herrick  
10 Jay Gustafson  
17 Paul Hawkinson  
24 John Hjelm  
31 Trevor James

## GREETERS DECEMBER

6 Mary Palmer & Niki Papak  
13 Jim & Michelle Pas  
20 Bob & Martha Peterson  
27 Court & Alicia Reese

## JANUARY

3 Kate & Kevin Reilly  
10 Bob & Tricia Sorensen  
17 Craig & Colleen Sparks  
24 Gene & Beverly Sparks  
31 Bruce & Merileen Thorson

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR DECEMBER

6 Dave & Beth Enquist  
13 Dan & Ann Frost  
20 Church Staff  
27 Mary Gianaras

## JANUARY

3 Bill & Jenna Glader  
10 Rob & Sarah Gomez  
17 Ken & Larissa Greenfield  
24 Pat & Joan Groody  
31 Jay & Jamie Gustafson

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:15) DECEMBER

6 Joan Groody & Judie Duba  
13 Linda Lee & Lee Vollrath  
20 Maggie Johnson & Nancy McLinden  
27 No Sunday School

## JANUARY

3 No Sunday School  
10 Rachel Couleur & Tricia Leach  
17 Joan Groody & Tricia Leach  
24 Judie Duba & Tricia Leach  
31 Linda Lee & Tricia Leach

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

6 Bev Hawkins & Kat Tranel  
13 Trevor & Christy James  
20 Debbie Kim & Caren Vollrath  
27 Heather Larson & Ellen Hall

## JANUARY

3 Arlene Werner & Donna Lindley  
10 Bev Hawkins & Caren Vollrath  
17 Kat Tranel & Kristen Peterson  
24 Trevor & Christy James  
31 Ellen Hall & Tricia Leach

## PRESCHOOL NURSERY (10:15) DECEMBER

6 Bill & Jenna Glader  
13 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson  
20 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson  
27 Bill & Chris Anderson

## JANUARY

3 Ann Frost & Lori Hartnett  
10 Bill & Jenna Glader  
17 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson  
24 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson  
31 Bill & Chris Anderson

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH DECEMBER

6 Pas Family  
13 Hawkins Family  
20 Hawkins Family  
27 No Children's Church

## JANUARY

3 No Children's Church  
10 Hawkinson Family  
17 Vollrath Family  
24 Papak & Clark  
31 Pas

## USHERS

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

**JANUARY:** Paul Lindley, John Hjelm, Jill Heath, Roger Clausen

**FEBRUARY:** Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty, Ken Werner, Lisa Kindstrom, Steve Leach



*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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