

In the Spirit

A newsletter for the Libertyville Covenant church family about local happenings and Christian issues.

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May *In the Spirit* is Monday,
April 11th
Please send items to
marti@libcov.org

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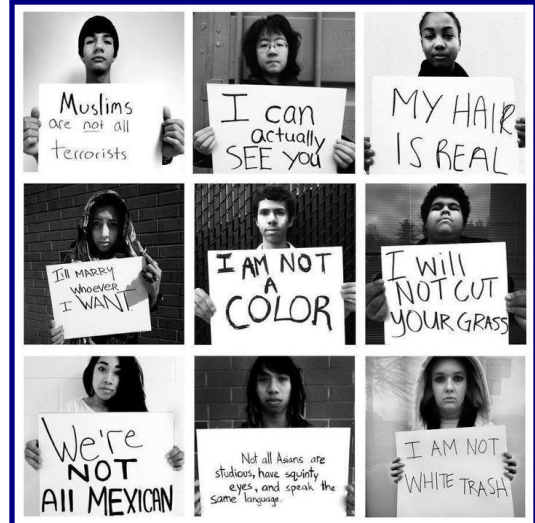
“Others” *by Pastor Steve Larson*

I grew up in Livonia, MI in the 70's and 80's. A suburb of Detroit, Livonia was a lily white community and so I grew up thinking that the two black students in my 2500 student high school meant we were diverse. And while we had plenty of "service projects" in the city throughout my youth group years, these often did more to emphasize the racial differences than to address them. It wasn't until college in downtown Chicago that I really was faced with the reality of my own racist upbringing.

When a friend of mine let me know that she had never been comfortable in her own body, believing that she was actually male and that she would be starting a new life as a guy, I wasn't sure what to think about it. I'd had gay friends before, but never met anyone who was transgendered. And then, when he began

asking whether God could still love him after this, things got really interesting.

Growing up in the theater world, many of my close friends were Mormons. All I knew about Mormons was that they had huge families, didn't drink caffeine, and were the nicest, most moral people I'd ever met. When we started talking about their faith and how it differed from mine, I was faced with the reality that



my experience of life was just different from that of others. In fact, I began to realize that in many ways, I was the "other" in

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these discussions, not them.

How do we deal with people that are different than us? What is our reaction to those who we might label "other"? And how do we feel when we realize that we are as much "other" as they are? Do we react with violence, attacking those who are different with fists, insults, or gossip? Do we react with fear, avoiding them and all talk of them, enclosing ourselves in our own little bubbles of similarity? Do we react with intrigue, seeking to learn about them, study them, and grow our own knowledge base?

Each of these reactions ignores the reality that God has created us all and loves us all equally. 1 Sam. 16:7 says, "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." What if instead our reaction to those different than us was to build community with them? To get to know them not as subjects of study but as relationships to be grown? What if our disagreements were opportunities to learn about each other rather than to convince each other of our superiority or rightness? Phil. 2:3 says, "In humility, value others above yourselves." That means ALL others, not just the Others we happen to agree with, look like, or enjoy.

Worship in April. . .

This April, we will be concluding our Easter season with a look at the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and then take up a month-long series titled "Other". Our world is torn when it comes to how we

deal with those who are different than us. Some want to dismiss and ignore people of other races, cultures, beliefs, or genders. Some want to idolize and mirror them. And still others want to go to battle against them. But what does the Word say about how I should interact with those who are "other" than I am? Come each Sunday this April and find out!

The Others

Sunday, April 3

Sight

Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 17

Meeting at the Well

John 4:1-42

Sunday, April 10

Tearing Down the Wall

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sunday, April 24

Matters of the Will

Matthew 5:23-24

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 if you want to worship with those who appreciate a warm and voluntary caring touch.

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
jgjdnc@netzero.net

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 a.m.



Adult Sunday School Class will be led by Spark Ball from Love INC in the 6-week course on *"Redemptive Compassion."*



What makes Love INC different?

We seek to build relationships between those in need and those who serve that are deeper, more meaningful, and lead others to see the power of God's love in their lives.

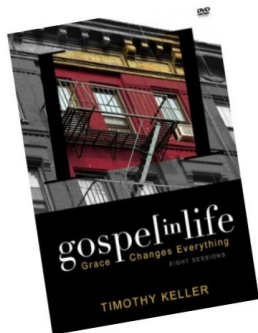
Join Spark to learn more about this biblical philosophy on how we can offer holistic help to those we serve.

The Defining Difference: Redemptive Compassion

Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m.

March 6 - April 17

(excluding Easter Sunday)



On April 24th, we'll resume the class using the Tim Keller video/discussion series, *"The Gospel in Life"*:

"The Gospel in Life" is a video-based study of the gospel and how to live it out in your everyday life. In week one we will study the

city, your home now, the world that is. The last week closes with the theme of the eternal city, your heavenly home, the world that is to come. In between we'll learn how the gospel can change your heart, your community, and how you live in this world. Larissa Greenfield will facilitate this class.

FIRESIDE DINNER FELLOWSHIP



The Fireside Dinner Fellowship Group is looking forward to welcoming Pastor Paul & Rachel Couleur to the April gathering on Thursday, April 14, 2016 1:00 p.m.

at

A place to be determined. Please sign up at the Information Desk to let us know you will join us as Paul & Rachel share their faith journeys with us. Did you know that Rachel has actually lived in Ethiopia and don't you wonder how Paul journeyed from the Baseball Field to LCC.

The Fireside Dinner Fellowship Steering Committee is working on plans for the year. If you have any suggestions or questions please contact one of the steering committee: Vonnice Johnson, Barb Lansky, Dick & Eileen Fehlberg, Gene & Bev Sparks.

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.

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

Adult Study—Wednesday evenings—

With all that's going on in our world today, it is easy to either want to leave this world behind for heaven or to cling tightly to our world. It is very difficult to live in this world while remembering our citizenship in heaven. In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he teaches us all about that very thing, encouraging us to endure in the face of hardships, and even to find joy in them.

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm for a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. No homework, but great discussion facilitated by Pastor Steve. Come and grow as a follower of Jesus as we learn together. For information contact Pastor Steve at 847-362-3308 or steve@libcov.org.

Seder

We're having a SEDER!

What do an Egyptian Pharaoh, nine awful plagues, painted doorposts and lintels, and communion have to do with one another? Find out on April 23 beginning at 5:00 p.m. when the LCC family will be celebrating a Jewish SEDER.



What's a Seder? It is a joyous, festive meal that celebrates the Jewish Passover filled with scripture readings, questioning, singing, and prayers. It recounts the story of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt. Every Jewish household is commanded to celebrate the Passover in accordance with scripture (Exodus 12:5-19).

Jesus instructed Peter and John to prepare the Passover so that he could eat it with his disciples (Mark 14:13, Matt 26:17, Luke 22:8). As observant Jews, Peter and John knew what was involved. What they did not know was the new significance the meal would bring. Let's discover together how the components of the ritual point to why Jesus chose the Passover Seder to institute a new covenant with God's people.

Join us on April 23 at 5-8 p.m. for a whole evening of feasting and rituals! Food will be served about an hour or so into the celebration. There will be so much more than "matzah" the eye! Reservations are required as there is a tremendous amount of preparation to do for this celebration. This is a family event! Childcare will be available for infants — everyone is welcome!

Reservations are due by April 10, two weeks before the event. There is no cost for the meal but we ask that you bring a couple items for the Passover Potluck Meal. See links below to register and for recipes & food suggestions:

SEDER RESERVATION FORM

Seder Meal Potluck Food Signup

If you have questions contact a member of the Seder Team: Alicia Reese, Nancy Borkman, Linda Lee, Marie McCutcheon, Janis Carlson, Karen Hinz, Earleen Johnson

LCC AUCTION DONATION FORM

Please complete and return to church office
By May 1st

TO BENEFIT LCC
CAMP FUND &
YOUTH MINISTRIES

Name of donor (individual or organization): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ email: _____

Type of Item: Service Food Product

Brief description/title for item: _____

How many donated? ____ How many bidders can win it? ____

Who might you recommend we contact for another item for our auction? _____

Phone: () _____ email: _____

What might this person donate? _____

Bidding will begin on May 8th and run through May 22nd.

EXAMPLES OF ITEMS TO BE DONATED

Use of a cabin/condo (weekend, week long; Sitting (house, child, pet); Pet walking; Lessons (music, golf, tennis, swimming, ballroom dance, Internet); House work (yard, car waxing, gutter cleaning, dusting, vacuuming); Original art/craftsmanship (ceramics, painting, woodwork, sculpture); Children's outings (zoo, b-ball game, birthday parties); Food (dinner party, baked goods, dinner brought to house); Other professional services (pro painting, computer services, decorating, lawn service, bicycle tune-up automotive services); Tickets (Cubs, Bulls, orchestra, opera, theater) Misc. (Be creative!)



**Last Day of Sunday School and the
all church picnic
is Sunday, May 22nd.**

Bring a salad and/or dessert to share and
your lawn chair or blanket.

"Every Kid a Camper"

LCC has always been committed to supporting the camping ministry of our conference at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point Bible Camps. Initially the Christian Formation Committee instituted the "Every Kid a Camper" Fund to allow us to help families send their children to camp. Through the years many of our children have indicated that the camp experience has had a great impact on their decisions as they first committed their lives to Christ and began the journey to follow Him.

LCC continues to make camping ministries a priority for our children and we are grateful to be able to provide over \$5000 each year in scholarships and rebates for summer camps, retreats, mission trips and CHIC. A week at camp is now around \$600/student increasing the need for financial support.

We join with the Christian Formation Committee in sustaining the camp fund in making sure these needs are met. Please consider helping in this effort as this year once again, in addition to the Rumage Sale we will be holding an auction of goods and services to be offered for bid. We ask that each family (whether you have campers or not) start thinking of what you can offer & submit your items as soon as possible. The bidding will begin on May 8th and conclude at the All Church Picnic on May 22nd following the morning service.

Please contact the Church office or a member of the Christian Formation Committee if you have questions.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!!!**

Financial Summary thru February 2016

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 87,249
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 75,350
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ 11,899

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 69,372
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 87,249
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (17,877)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 69,372
Expenses YTD	\$ 75,350
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (5,978)

Our Faith Pledge

Name _____

Annual Pledge* of _____

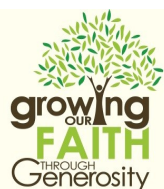
OR One-time Gift of _____

Pledge Duration _____ 1 year
_____ 2 years _____ 3 years

Your pledge details will remain confidential to the Financial Secretary

*Please contact John Bethancourt if you need information regarding automatic funds transfer

**HELP US CONTINUE TO
GROW AND
BE A LIGHT IN THE
COMMUNITY**



LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT CHURCH CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Have you noticed that things are changing at LCC? There are fewer empty seats during morning worship. There are more cars in the parking lot. There is activity going on in our building almost every day of the week. LCC is having a fresh experience of God's mission and is growing! And with that growth comes an opportunity to tackle some projects that we have needed to address. **In Faith** the Stewardship Committee and Church Council have historically put together our church budget with a "necessity only" mindset, funding our immediate needs but not a reserve for major projects, instead relying on special congregational giving for these projects. **In Faith** we continued the mission of the church, praying that you would continue to be an integral part of our church family while reaching out to invite others looking for a church - those both close to and far from God - in essence, those who would also desire to be a part of the LCC family. We are of the conviction that the church is for the lost, the last, the least and the littlest, and the most important concern of the church is the human soul. During these most recent years the Church building was secondary. We know our physical church building could have looked a little better - inside and out! We appreciate your faith in us as you overlooked some blemishes that are long overdue to be replaced or repaired. **In Faith** we are putting this "**Growing In Faith**" Campaign together to restore and repair our church to an order where it can function best as we reach out to the community and meet the growing needs of our church family. We have faithfully prayed that your lives would be financially stable and growing. Now we are excited to reach out to you and "In Faith" ask that you help us get caught up. Our "**In Faith**" campaign is designed to bring awareness of the need, and challenge you, the congregation, to give "In Faith" to that need in order that we can continue to be a light in the community. *2nd Corinthians 9:8, "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."* We trust that as you give "**In Faith**" out of God's provision you will see His hand move in your life and the life of the Church.

Our Faith Plan: In faith we plan to perform necessary and timely repairs of the church building and parking lot as well as to replace the existing church van. Anticipated items include:

replacing the original 3 furnaces and the current van . . . parking lot re-surfacing and improvement . . . new carpeting in the narthex and offices . . . roof repairs, sound system repairs and upgrades, and replacement of kitchen appliances as they break. (This plan does not include the cost of acquiring a portion of the neighboring property)

Our Faith Budget: As we have not previously set aside funds for this plan, we need to raise \$200,000 over the next 3 years. The immediate priority is to raise approximately \$55,000 in the first half of 2016 for the parking lot project. Please prayerfully consider a contribution of a one-time contribution or a pledged amount lasting up to the three years of the plan. We encourage the fulfillment of pledges by automatic funds transfer*. If you have further questions or require additional information please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee: John Christian, Wes Lindahl, Roch Tranel, Caren Vollrath, and Ken Werner.

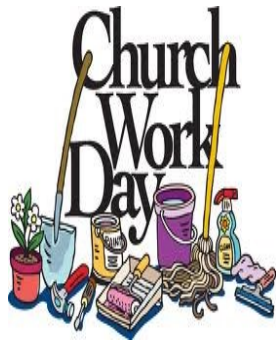
Our Faith Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for the many provisions and blessings you have bestowed upon Libertyville Covenant Church. In faith we ask for your guidance as we seek wisdom to use and maintain the tools you have provided to carry out your Kingdom work and mission in our community. Enable each of us to be good and faithful stewards of all your gifts you have entrusted to us.

"Surrounded by Hunger"

Annual Food Bank Drive April 17 & 24



The Outreach Committee is planning to have a Food Pantry Drive with this year's goal being to raise \$6,000. Please consider how you may help with this important ministry. Volunteers from LCC staff the Food Pantry every Tuesday.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY
EVERYONE CAN COME HELP US
GET READY FOR SUMMER!
Saturday, April 30th
8 a.m. to noon

BAGS OF BLESSINGS

RUMMAGE SALE

THURS 9-4
FRIDAY 1-8
SATURDAY 9-2



APRIL 7TH-9TH

339 North Lakewood Waukegan, IL

adult clothing - shoes
housewares & furniture
Furniture only on sale Thursday and Friday.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Lake County

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
(815/901-3294)

Associate Pastor to Youth:

Paul Couleur (847/331-3640)

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:

Colleen Sparks (847/837-8114)

Financial Secretary:

John Bethancourt (847/837-1690)

Treasurer:

David Oppedahl (918-9225)

Christian Formation CoChairs:

Heather Larson (815/901-3294)

Larissa Greenfield (847/566-2254)

Deacon Committee Chair:

Claudia Nauman (847/680-8635)

Fellowship Committee Co-Chairs:

Darilyn Anderson (847/362-7871)

Long-Range Planning Chair:

Nancy McLinden (847/322-5416)

Outreach Committee CoChairs:

Chris Becker (847/951-6992)

David Enquist (847/543-0309)

Stewardship Committee Chair:

Trustee Committee Chair:

Dan Frost (847/373-7432)

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

Sr. High Youth Group:

Sunday, April 3, 17, 24
5-7 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group:

Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30—7:45 p.m.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

is May 1st

Come support our 4 Confirmands:

Elias Chang, Peyton Gomez, Audrey
Hawkins, Cali Lichter

Youth Opportunities

throughout April

Each Sunday through the month of April there will be meaningful Bible Studies taking place before our worship services. The Senior High ministry will start a new topic, Discipleship, led by Ken Greenfield in the youth room at 9:15a.m. The Senior High will gather Sunday evenings for youth group at 5:00-7:00 for food, fellowship, and a variety of ways to grow deeper in relationship with God and one another.

SPRING

Work Day

April 30th 8 a.m.—noon



Paul Couleur
Associate Pastor
to Youth
paul@libcov.org
847-331-3640

□ **Senior High Lock-In**— Saturday, April 9th at 5:30 p.m. We will kick off the evening by cooking a meal together, followed by big games, a time of worship, and some other surprises along the way. Be sure to come prepared with a sleeping bag and a snack to share. Come enjoy some time with your friends as this surely will be a fun night to be had by all. For this event we will need every one to RSVP (paul@libcov.org) by April 6th to make sure we know how many people to account for. Look forward to seeing you there!

Junior and Senior High- April 23rd Seder Meal. This is what is actually a festival!! It is an elaborate teaching experience, especially for youth, intended to call people to their identity as the People of God. By using all of the senses, the Passover Seder tells the story of God's grace in history and calls the participants to experience and share in the story as their own story. Passover becomes more than simply a service or a time; it becomes a way to confess faith in the One who has acted in history. If you haven't attend something like this before you surely are not going to want to miss out. There will be a table specifically for youth so join your friends at the table!



What exactly do they do at youth group???? Have you ever heard of "Messy Games"???



Jr. High

Yikes!!!



Sr. High

The "Make Your Own" Pizzas that the Sr. High enjoyed recently look pretty great!



Children's Ministries

Our Sunday School Teachers this spring are:

Preschool: Angela Kocinski, Heather Larson, Marilyn Murray

K-2nd grade: Debbie Kim & Sarah Palmberg

3rd—5th grade: Bev Hawkins & Vicki Herrick

Kids Club Teachers:

Preschool: Nancy McLinden & Darilyn Anderson

K-5th Grade: Steve Leach, Larissa Greenfield, Josh Larson

Music: Maggie Johnson

Games: Kirsten Peterson

"What is your favorite thing about teaching Sunday School?"

- ...that I get reminded every week that God's word, stories, and love is simple. I love that I get to worship him by teaching his story.
- ...getting to know the kids on a deeper level, experiencing their child-like faith, and being surprised by some of their thought-provoking questions.
- ...hearing the beautiful perspective and insight of children
- ...watching every hand go up to volunteer to be Moses!!!
- ...witnessing the kids understand the broader meaning of a specific Bible verse
- ...seeing the depth of the students' faith along with their enthusiasm and love for Jesus
- ...getting to connect with children and their parents.

Upcoming Dates to be aware of:

- May 15** Last formal day of Sunday School
- May 18** Last Kids Club before the summer schedule
- May 22** Year end Party for everyone who has participated in SS this past year (including Fall & Winter teachers)
- May 29** Summer Schedule Begins—Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Camp is Coming!

Spring is here! Summer is just around the corner! In order to encourage all of our kids to experience Christian camping this summer, refunds are again being offered. Each LCC child attending camp this summer is eligible for a refund: \$150/week, \$100/5-day, \$100/3-day, \$25/day camp, \$100/child for family camp. This will be refunded to each family by mid-summer as funds become available. As always, full scholarships are available for those who may need additional assistance with the cost. Registration materials for Covenant Point are now available in the Church narthex. Covenant Harbor has switched to an entirely online system, so feel free to register at Covenantharbor.org anytime. LCC would like to extend the same discount to your friend/guest who attends camp with you! We would like to know who is attending camp and for which weeks, so please complete the Rebate Form (found on the board at the Information Center in the narthex) and turn it in to the office. You must check the refund or scholarship line if interested in either option. If neither is checked, we will leave your refund in the Youth Camping



Bobby Becker
Director of Children's
Ministries

Bobby@libcov.org
224/688-3667

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



RUMMAGE SALE

Drop off Day **May 28**

9 a.m.—noon

Sale Days **June 3 & 4**

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

Please start saving your treasures to donate now.

WE NEED YOUR THINGS!

If you are unable to store your things until the drop off day, please let us know & we will do our best to find space until the sale. Nancy McLinden has again agreed to be our sale coordinator. We are working on storage options. If you have a space you would be willing to let us use til the end of May, please let us know. Call or email the church office if you have questions. 847-362-3308 or Marti@libcov.org.

... THANK YOU!

Please plan to help as much as possible during drop off day, the week of pricing, and on the sale days! AND when you visit a garage sale invite them to give us things that are left.

Consider finding a buddy and committing to coordinate a room of our sale—sign up sheets will be available soon so think of the area(s) you would like to focus on & recruit some friends to join you in a worthy short term project.

... THANK YOU!



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.*

It is Spring! Easter . . Showers . .
Mother's Day . . Graduations . . Wed-
dings . . Birthdays House warmings . .

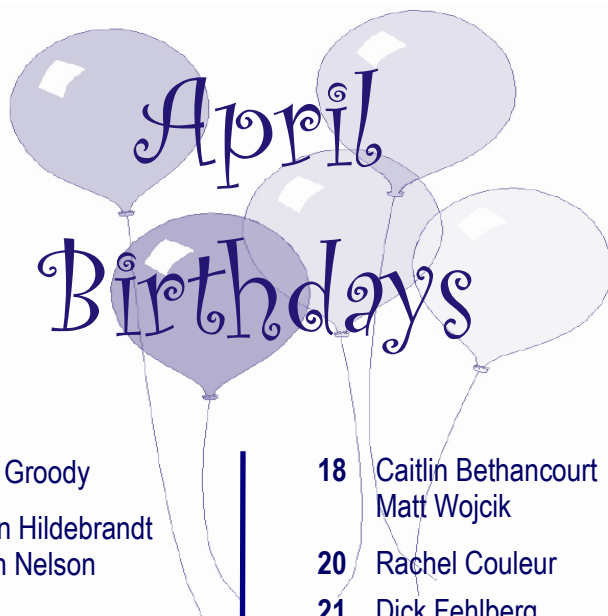


Our Libertyville Covenant Church Cookbooks make great hostess and teacher gifts. Over 450 of our family-favorite recipes can be yours for a suggested donation of just \$5 each. You will find them at the Information Center in the Narthex.



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.



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| 1 Bob Groody | 18 Caitlin Bethancourt
Matt Wojcik |
| 2 Karin Hildebrandt
John Nelson | 20 Rachel Couleur |
| 3 Timothy Becker | 21 Dick Fehlberg
James Leach |
| 4 Joan Groody | 23 Jill Heath
Debbie Kim |
| 7 Ben Beckstrom | 24 Kristen Bethancourt
Owen Youngman |
| 8 Rob Gomez | 25 Dave L. Anderson
Christy Beckstrom |
| 9 Ann Frost | 27 Al Nielson |
| 13 Gina Kim | 28 Maddie Anderson
Brenda Monson |
| 15 Jinju Kim
Craig Sparks | |
| 17 Grace James
John McLinden | |

April Anniversaries



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

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!**



NURSERY NEWS

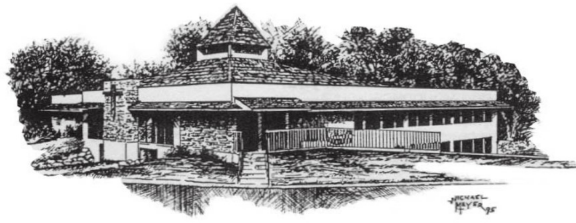
Working in the nursery has been such a blessing and a joy. Each one of the kids that walks through those doors is such a blessing. It is also so awesome to work alongside so many neat volunteers. I typically serve during the Sunday school hour in the infant nursery. During that time, I have the opportunity to catch up and get to know our volunteers. These people are so awesome and I have come to look forward to that time with these adults. Serving in the nursery is a great opportunity to not only spend time with and love the littles of the church, but also form and deepen relationships with other youth/adults from the church.

Please consider volunteering in one of our nurseries. You can be put on a regular rotation or fill in every once in awhile or maybe help out on special occasions. Our nursery is growing and this is an opportunity to get involved. Thank you to all of our volunteers. It is a sacrifice for you to be there and from a parent that has four little kids, it is such a blessing to spend time in church and know that my little ones are being cared for.

Please pray about how you might be able to help. Please email me at tricia@libcov.org or call me at 847-858-2430



Tricia Leach,
Nursery Coordinator
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Libertyville Covenant Church

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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

In the Spirit



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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.

APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAY 1 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MAY 18 FINAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & PROGRAMMING MAY 22 SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCLUSION, PICNIC & AUCTION MAY 28 RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF DAY					1 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	2 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry 9 a.m. Worship Comm
3 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester House 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Maple Fest at Harbor	4	5 9 a.m. Food Pantry	6 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	7 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Worship Team	8 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM 6 p.m. Redeemer Life	9 5:30 p.m. Sr. High LOCKIN—thru A.M. 5:30 p.m. PADS dinner
10 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 12 noon Outreach 12 noon CF Committee	11 Newslet-ter dead-line	12 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Church Council	13 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	14 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 1 p.m. FDF 7 p.m. Worship Team	15 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	16
17 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 12 noon YM Team 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth	18	19 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Deacons	20 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	21 9:15 a.m. Women's Study 6:30 p.m. Capernaum 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Worship Team	22 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM	23 5 p.m. Seder meal
24 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth	25	26 9 a.m. Food Pantry	27 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	28 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	29 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	30 8 a.m.—noon All Church Workday Central Conference Annual Meeting

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LAY READER

APRIL

3 Vicki Herrick
10 Mary Palmer
17 Jay Gustafson
24 Paul Hawkinson

MAY

1 Confirmands
8 John Hjelm
15 Trevor James
22 Kirk Johnson
29 Maggie Johnson

GREETERS

APRIL

3 Dave & Darilyn Anderson
10 Karin Anderson
17 Scott & Teresa Anderson
24 Jeff & Lori Bark

MAY

1 Chris & Twyla Becker
8 Ben & Christy Beckstrom
15 John & Kristen Bethancourt
22 Janis Carlson
29 Mark & Christine Cederberg

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

APRIL

3 John & Beth Hjelm
10 Charlie & Jan Howard
17 Trevor & Christy James
24 Chris & Lilian Johnson

MAY

1 Fellowship
8 Jeff & Earleen Johnson
15 Kirk Johnson
22 Vern & Maggie Johnson
29 Jerry & Marcia Junas

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:15)

APRIL

3 Tricia Leach & Linda Lee
10 Tricia Leach & Judie Duba
17 Tricia Leach & Joan Groody
24 Tricia Leach & Teresa Anderson

MAY

1 Tricia Leach & Nancy McLinden
8 Tricia Leach & Lee Vollrath
15 Tricia Leach & Linda Lee
22 Tricia Leach & Joan Groody
29 Tricia Leach & Judie Duba

INFANT NURSERY (10:15 a.m.)

APRIL

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

MAY

1 Kristen Bethancourt & Heather Larson
8 Bill & Marti Anderson
15 Kirsten Peterson & Donna Lindley
22 Arlene Werner & Kat Tranel
29 Caren Vollrath & Bev Hawkins

PRESCHOOL NURSERY (10:15)

APRIL

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

MAY

1 Ann Frost & Lori Hartnett
8 Bill & Chris Anderson
15 Bill & Jenna Glader
22 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson
29 Angela Kocinski & Tricia Leach

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

APRIL

3 Papak/Clark
10 Pas Family
17 Hawkins Family
24 Nauman Family

MAY

1 Hawkinson Family
8 Vollrath Family
15 Papak / Clark
22 Pas Family
29 Hawkins Family

USHERS

APRIL: Paul Lindley, John Hjelm, Jill Heath, Roger Clausen

MAY: Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty, Ken Werner, Lisa Kindstrom, Steve Leach, Chris Johnson

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

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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Coffee Hour Rotation

Directions for the coffee machine are posted on the wall next to the machine in the office kitchen. Coffee and filters are in the cabinet above the sink. The rotation for Coffee hour includes most families in our congregation. The responsibilities include providing a simple treat of some kind (coffee cake, cookies, donuts holes, fruit, etc.) and setting it up on the buffet table. It would be nice to have some treats (don't put everything out) available at 10:00 am so they are ready when Sunday School dismisses and then replenish the table for fellowship hour after the 10:30 service. It will also be necessary to check the coffee pots to see if they need replenishing. After the service when things slow down, please empty the pots and rinse them out in the office sink. Please leave the lids on the pots open so they dry out. Please bring (or ask a willing person) to bring the tubs of dirty cups down to the kitchen and load them in the dishwasher and start the dishwasher. Thank you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED: Contact Maggie Johnson 847/772-8564