

In the Spirit

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

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March *In the Spirit* is Mon-
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Please send items to
marti@libcov.org

“CrossTraining”

by Pastor Steve Larson

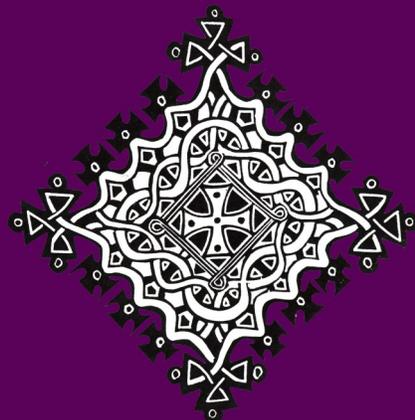
“Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.” – 1 Cor. 1:22-25

It is deeply important that we remember that as Christians, we are playing by a different set of rules than the world around us. This is perhaps most evident in terms of the goal of our life. While the world seeks pleasure, power, and prosperity, we are called, in the words of Paul, to “preach Christ crucified.” In every area of our life from work to school, from family to friends, in our vacations and our vocations, we are to be preaching Christ crucified through our words and our actions.

This is an odd phrase for us today. To preach

“Christ crucified”? Wasn’t the cross the lowest point of Jesus’ story, the necessary evil, the moment when all seemed lost? Isn’t it the resurrection we should be preaching, the victory, the promise of eternal life?

When the focus of our story, even our faith, is only the blessing and hope of heaven we miss an essential part of Jesus’ message: to get to Easter, you have to go through Good



Friday. The emptiness of the tomb is only significant because it wasn’t empty to begin with. Jesus’ willingness to die in our place, to be the sacrifice that

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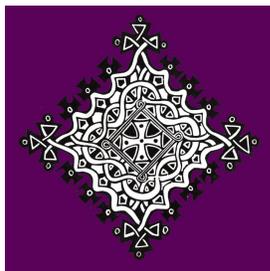
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atones for our sins is “the power and wisdom of God”. Jesus bore the cross so that we would not have to be separated from God for eternity, which is the end of the path of sin we all too often walk.

But there’s more. Jesus calls each of us to “bear our cross daily” as well. Unfortunately, we’ve usurped this phrase and twisted it to mean so much less than it should. We speak of aches and pains, of annoying co-workers, of bullies at school, and even of our own sins as “crosses we have to bear.” When Jesus said this, there was no other context for talk of a cross than that of death. Nobody thought of anything less than humiliating public execution when Jesus told His followers to “bear their cross daily.” Nobody thought of that annoying relative or the fact that the fishing wasn’t going so well. What they heard was the message of the cross, that we must die to our old self, our sinful self, our controlling self and be resurrected to new life in Christ.

The path of following Jesus will carry you to your cross and beyond to new life in Him. There are no detours around the cross, and there are no other paths that lead to new life. That is the theme of our Lenten preaching series, “CrossTraining”. How will you embrace your cross this Lent?

Worship during Lent. . .



This cross is based on an Ethiopian design pattern. The rhythmic interlocking movements of the lines symbolize our unity with Christ in his death and resurrection. The Greek cross in the middle has arms of equal length to remind us that Christ’s sacrifice reaches to the four corners of the earth. During the Lenten season we focus not

only on the darkness — the seeming absence of God because of our waywardness — but also on the presence of God and our unity with Christ, through God’s grace of reconciliation and renewal, indicated by the empty cross and the design’s entwined lines.

Sunday, February 7

*Tests and Quizzes:
Would God lead us into a
temptation?*

Matthew 6:13



**Ash Wednesday,
February 10
7:15 p.m. Worship
Service**

Crosstraining: A New Way to See
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sunday, February 14

*1st Sunday of Lent
Crosstraining: It’s All Relative
Matthew 10:1-39*

Sunday, February 21

2nd Sunday of Lent
*Crosstraining: WWJD
Philippians 2:1-11*

Sunday, February 28

*3rd Sunday in Lent
Crosstraining: “Take up your
cross daily”
Pastor Paul Preaching
Luke 9:18-27*

Sunday, March 6

*4th Sunday in Lent
Crosstraining: Who is the
Greatest?
Mark 10:35-45*

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.

FIRESIDE DINNER FELLOWSHIP

invites seniors and friends



to a
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
at *Elly's Pancake House*
435 Townline Road,
Mundelein

Thursday, February 11, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

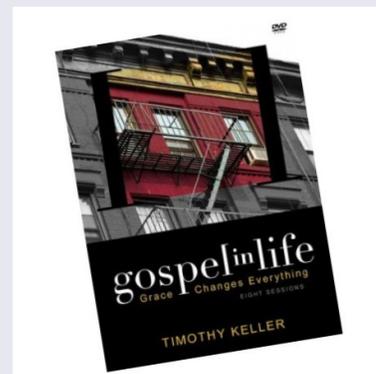
Note that this is a lunch meeting and we will order off the menu.

Also this meeting will be a fun afternoon of Valentine Bingo with "valued" prizes. Each person please bring one or two wrapped "useable" white elephant gifts or inexpensive gifts of your choosing for the prizes. Join us for this "Great Fun" afternoon.

**Invite a friend to join you and
SIGN UP
on the information desk to reserve
your spot at Elly's.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 a.m.

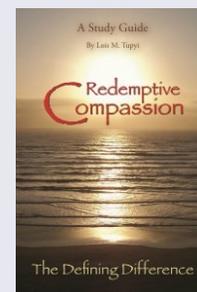
Through February, we'll be going through the Tim Keller video/discussion series, "The Gospel in Life" Facilitated by Larissa Greenfield.



"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.

IN MARCH:

We will be led by Spark Ball from Love INC in the 6-week course on "Redemptive Compassion."



Love INC Starter Kits

Good Morning and Happy New Year!

I'm writing to provide an update on the Love INC, Starter Kit Ministry. First off, I want to thank all of you who have helped in the past with this ministry. We wouldn't be where we are today if you hadn't given up your time and shared your treasure, so freely, to help those in need.

As of today, the back-log of Starter Kit requests has gone down tremendously. During the first couple of years, we saw outstanding requests close to 100 per month. As of this week, there are only 5 clients with requests outstanding—Amazing! This lower number is a result of tighter screening by Love INC, and also many more deliveries by other churches - a special thank you to Christ Church volunteers for their mass deliveries over the past few months.

In the past, we have needed your help with the packing and delivering. Packing and donation in-take is now handled by trained on-site volunteers in the Love INC warehouse. Currently, Love INC needs our support more on the scheduling side, and we go to Love INC, at least once a month, to schedule Starter Kit deliveries. Of course we still make deliveries at least once a month.

God has truly blessed this ministry and so have you! If you would like to participate in scheduling or delivering, please let me know. (Of course donations of Starter Kit items are always needed.)

Monday

2/8/16 : **Scheduling** for Starter Kit deliveries, 10 am @ Love INC office

Friday 2/12/16: **Starter Kit delivery** , 9 am - 12 pm., meet @ Love INC office.

Thank you,
Tricia Sorensen

ADOPT A FAMILY

Dear Donor,

By virtually every metric we use to evaluate this great work of heart, the 2015 Celebration of Giving/Christmas Gift Program was an unqualified success. Nearly 15,000 of Lake County's needy population were provided gifts by thousands of generous donors, facilitated by 473 volunteers who saw to the intake, matching and distribution process with warmth and compassion. You played an important role as we collaborated to show those in need that they are part of a community that cares.

What some would see as the beginnings of an economic recovery, has not yet trickled down to many of society's disenfranchised. Whether your donation was earmarked for a homeless person, a foster child, an HIV/AIDS client, a family struggling towards self-sufficiency or simply a child of the working poor, know that you made a difference in the life of people who needed your compassionate concern.

We generally include a touching vignette that may have unfolded as we distributed the gifts, and you should know that there were plenty from which to choose. In that vein, we decided to attach a letter that we received from the oldest child in one of the many grateful families we served. We chose it because she wasn't only thanking the donor for her gifts, but rather for the impact they had on her family's morale and the dignity of her parents. She seems to have the depth of character that will steer her out of her poverty and make her a solid citizen. As donors, it gives us hope.

Once again, thank you so much for your kindness. Be sure that we will be in contact in late September of next year to solicit your help with this collaborative and worthy enterprise.

Sincerely,

Jim Wogan & Barbara Campbell

Lake County Christmas Gift Program Coordinators
Lake County Administration
jwogan@catholiccharities.net





Feed My Starving Children

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." – Proverbs 11:25



On February 24, 2016, 6-7:30 p.m. Libertyville Covenant Church is inviting the entire congregation to serve together as part of the Wednesday Evening experience at Feed My Starving Children. Our hope is that by continuing our Wednesday Evening outside the walls of our church through service that we will develop a deeper understanding of worship and a stronger sense of community! Our goal is to have at least 100 people join us for this special event. Please use the link below to sign up to volunteer or to provide funds for the meals. Or call the church office to reserve a spot.

[FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN PACKING NIGHT](#)

FMSC
742 E. Park Avenue (Hwy 176)
Libertyville
(behind Life Storage, use same parking entrance)



Everyone from age 5 on up can help Pack—there are even some sit down jobs!

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.

I encourage you do join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm for a study of Paul's letter to the Phillipians. 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.

Financial Summary thru December 2015

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 464,621
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 432,729
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ 31,892

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 455,248
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 464,621
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (9,373)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 455,248
Expenses YTD	\$ 432,729
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (22,519)

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

COUNCIL UPDATE by Scott Dahlberg, Chair

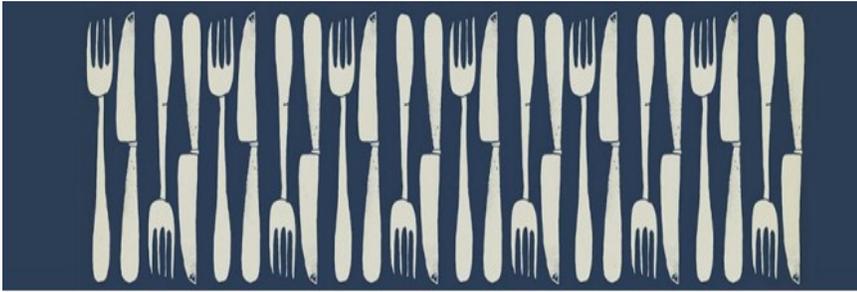
As we look back on 2015 it is easy to see God's Blessings on Libertyville Covenant Church. He has blessed us with committed and gifted new staff—Bobby, Paul and Tricia, along with new members and a newly revitalized vision and mission—thanks to Pastor Steve. We ended 2015 in a strong financial position, with giving outpacing spending. This puts us in the strong position necessary to go into 2016 fully staffed. This annual meeting is particularly important as we will be proposing a budget that has been carefully and prayerfully prepared, but will represent a significant increase over last year's budget and giving. As the Chair, I would like to know that the whole congregation is aware of and supportive of this, so please make plans to join us on the 31st.

If you have concerns, questions, or advice for your Church Chair, feel free to call [847-456-6086](tel:847-456-6086) or email scodah@gmail.com

Thank you to those who are completing their terms of service on the Church Council: Caren and Lee Vollrath, Elizabeth Christian, Paul Nauman, Neale Murray, and Ken Werner. We appreciate the many hours you have dedicated to your areas of responsibility here at LCC.

Thank you to the 2016 Nominating Committee: David A. Anderson, Twyla Becker, Kirk Johnson or Eric Sawyer who will present the slate of officers for the coming year at Our Annual Meeting scheduled for January 31, 2016 at noon.

Vice Chair (2 year term)	Ben Palmberg
Financial Secretary (2 year term)	John Bethancourt
Secretary (2 year term)	Colleen Sparks
Christian Formation (2 year term)	Larissa Greenfield & Heather Larson
Deacons (2 year term)	Claudia Nauman
Long Range Planning (2 year term)	Nancy McLinden
Outreach (2 year term)	Chris Becker & David Enquist
Stewardship (2 year term)	
Trustees (2 year term)	Dan Frost



Who is Coming to Dinner? SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016 at 6 p.m.

There is only one decision for you to make, would you like to host a dinner or bring something for it. If you decide to host, you would provide space for 4-10 dinner guests and the main meal, an Italian favorite of yours or you can ask for a recipe. If you choose to come as a guest, you would provide either a salad, bread or a dessert. After you have signed up, the fellowship committee will distribute the responsibilities. You will either find out where you are going or how many you are hosting!
Note this event is for adults.



Our October "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner" was great fun as over 40 people gathered in homes for a Mexican themed meal. The Progressive Dinner was better than ever in December so the fellowship committee is now inviting you to participate in our February event as we try our hand at an Italian themed meal. Join the fun. If you have questions, contact the church office or Marie Oppedahl. You may sign up at church or by following the link below:

[Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?](#)

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)

Pastor to Senior Adults:
Chuck Johnson (847/548-1316)

Int. 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:
Elizabeth Christian
(847/482-0854)

Financial Secretaries:
Lee & Caren Vollrath
(847/549-6906)

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, February 3, 10, 17, 24
6:30—7:45 p.m.

Sr. High Youth Group:

Sunday, February 7, 21, 28
5-7 p.m.



February 7

SH—Super Bowl will be on for those who wish . . . Or other FUN options for those

who don't wish. **Bring snacks!!!**



Our Youth groups will join up with the rest of Libertyville

Covenant Church to participate in a food packing event on February 24th. It starts at 6:00 at Feed My Starving Children which is located merely a few blocks away from the church building. Looking forward to seeing the church rally together for such a wonderful service project. Look forward to seeing all of you and thankful for what God is going do in and through our lives together.



Paul Couleur
Associate Pastor
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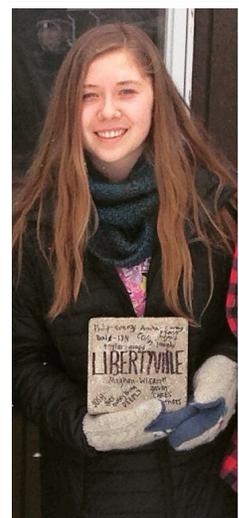
The Month of February will be filled with retreats and time to recharge the soul. Our middle school ministry will be heading up to Covenant Harbor Bible Camp the first week of February and surely will be a great time away. Students and leaders will enjoy all the great winter camp activities that they offer at Covenant Harbor. Those activities include the high ropes course, indoor rock climbing wall, the giant swing, broom-ball, snow tubing, ice skating and much more! Its time to be together furthering relationships, team building, and growing in ones relationship with God.

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

Meet at church for a 5:30 p.m. departure on Friday, February 5th. Please eat before you come as there will not be a meal on the way up or once we get there. Be sure to bring warm clothes, boots, gloves, etc.



Our Senior High ministry is looking forward to an exciting trip to Covenant Point Bible Camp for the One Life retreat February 12-15. "One Life strives to call students out of the ordinary to live "one life" of *extra-ordinary* devotion to Christ through shared experiences in solid programming, challenging speakers, and meaningful worship. To help students find strength and renewal of faith on a spiritual peak, and develop a rhythm of faith that sustains them when they are not in those high places. In every way One Life retreats strive to encourage students to live further into their calling to whom God has made them to be and go home affecting their communities for the cause of Christ."



Children's Ministries



Camp is Coming!

If you've had enough of winter, don't worry, it's time to start planning for summer!! 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 Fund.



A Practice of Noticing

This Lenten Season, we would like to encourage families to be on the lookout for where GOD is moving in their lives. There will be envelopes with slips of paper in the information board in the Narthex. We encourage you to take one home. Each day after Ash Wednesday, talk with your family about where you have noticed GOD that day and write that down on one of the slips. For younger kids, encourage them to describe something cool they saw in GOD's creation. For older kids, encourage them to search deeper to where they saw GOD in either creation or where they saw GOD working through other people. Then bring the envelope back to church on Good Friday. Bobby will put them together on display so that we can see where GOD has been moving in our church family and neighborhood!

It's never too cold for camp!

Here comes Winterfest!

What: Winter Fest is Covenant Harbor's retreat for 3rd through 5th graders! All of the fun of Summer Camp in one amazing weekend! The theme this year is Remade! We will be talking about what it means to be remade in GOD's image!

Where: Covenant Harbor Bible camp in Lake Geneva Wisconsin. Meet at the church to leave and return

When: Leaving Friday February 12 from church at 5:30pm and returning Sunday February 21st at 12:30pm. Please eat before you arrive

What to bring: Sleeping bag & pillow . . . Towel . . . Flashlight . . . Bible . . . Toiletries . . . Gym Shoes . . . Boots . . . Winter jacket . . . Gloves . . . Winter Hat . . . Clothing for 2 days/nights . . . Money for the snacks at the camp store is optional



Bobby Becker
Director of Children's
Ministries

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



Praying for our children and grandchildren

Numbers 6: 22-27

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Do you ever have trouble knowing how to pray for your children? I do. My prayers too often default into worn out requests that lack specifics. However, today's passage gives great help in putting some power into the prayers for our kids and grandkids.

The prayer was given to Moses for Aaron. It is called the "Priestly Blessing" or sometimes the "Aaronic Benediction." Notice that God's name, Yahweh (LORD), is repeated three times in this short prayer. This repetition emphasizes the person and work of God.

The Lord bless you... The word "bless" means to "provide favor or benefit." Father, we pray that you will bless our children. Please pour out your favor and benefit on them. Remind them that all good things come from you.

...and keep you... The Hebrew word "keep" means to "watch and defend." This is a prayer for protection. Father, my children are not perfect. They are going to make mistakes of youth that are unalterable. Please defend them against temptation.

...the LORD make his face shine upon you... This is a request for God's presence. Father, as a parent I know that I can't be with my children all the time, but you can. Just as the experience the warmth of the sun shining on them, allow them to experience the power of your presence. Thank you for being with them wherever they go. -Ron Moore



Tricia Leach
Nursery
Coordinator
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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.



February Birthdays

- | | |
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| <p>1 Ava Howard
Olivia Pas</p> <p>2 Dennis Dieball</p> <p>7 Charlie Howard</p> <p>8 Ruby Howard
Duane Westerberg</p> <p>9 Chris Becker</p> <p>13 Anthony Wyatt</p> | <p>15 Paul McMinimy</p> <p>16 Genevieve Couleur
Meghan DeJong
Jocelyn McMinimy</p> <p>18 Otto Glader</p> <p>20 Jake Anderson</p> <p>23 Arlene Werner</p> <p>24 Addie Leach</p> <p>25 Jeff Bark</p> |
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February Anniversaries



- 1 Rob & Sarah Gomez (1992)
- 10 Dave & Darilyn Anderson (1985)
- 16 John & Nancy McLinden (1985)

Love INC of Lake County

Physical Office & Warehouse
339 North Lakewood Ave.
 Waukegan, IL 60085
 [Our "no client walk-in" policy remains] **Mailing Address:**
 P.O. Box 7796, Gurnee, IL 60031

New Office Phone
 847.782.8630
New Fax Number
 847.782.8631

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

- ♥ Plastic storage containers
- ♥ Plastic Spoons
- ♥ Spatulas
- ♥ Pancake Turners
- ♥ Casserole Dishes
- ♥ Cookie Sheets
- ♥ Mixing Bowls
- ♥ Toasters
- ♥ Towels (bath, hand & wash cloths)
- ♥ Kitchen Towels & Dish Cloths
- ♥ Serving Spoons
- ♥ Can Openers
- ♥ Knives
- ♥ Measuring Cups

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!



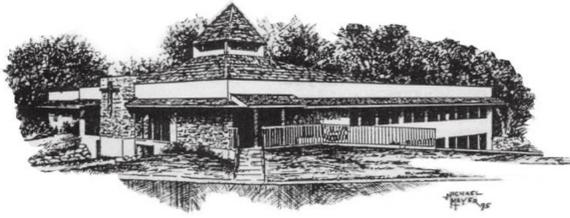
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J 847-921-1584

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Where are your College Students? We would love to get their addresses. Send address changes to Marti@libcov.org



Libertyville Covenant Church

250 S. St. Mary's Road, Libertyville, Illinois 60048
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Pastor: Steve Larson
Church phone: 847/362-3308 Fax : 847/362-3310
www.libcov.org

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



Libertyville Covenant Church
250 S. St. Mary's Road
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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.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 a.m. Food Pantry	3 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	4 9:15 a.m. Wom- en's Bible Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Worship Team	5 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. JH Leave for Deep Freeze JH Deep Freeze—Harbor	6 8 a.m. Fur- niture Min- istry
7 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. JH return 2:30 p.m. Winchester 5 p.m. SH Youth JH Deep Freeze—	8 Newslet- ter Deadline 10 a.m. Starter Kit Schedul- ing	9 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Church Council	10 ASH WEDNESDAY 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 7:30 Ash Wednesday Service	11 9:15 a.m. Wom- en's Bible Study 1 p.m. FDF Valentine Bingo @ Elly's 7 p.m. Worship Team	12 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM 9-12 Kit Deliver- ies 4:30 p.m. SH leave for Point 6 p.m. Redeemer Life SH One Life—Point	13
14 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship SH One Life—Point	15	16 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Deacons	17 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	18 9:15 a.m. Wom- en's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Ca- pernaum 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Worship Team	19 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Leaving for Winterfest Winterfest—3-5th—Harbor	20 6 p.m. Who is Coming to Dinner?
21 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth Winterfest	22	23 9 a.m. Food Pantry	24 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6-7:30 p.m. FMSC PACK NIGHT	25 9:15 a.m. Wom- en's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	26 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM Men's Retreat—Point	27
28 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth	29					

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**LAY READER
FEBRUARY**

7 Kirk Johnson
14 Maggie Johnson
21 Angela Kocinski
28 Caren Vollrath

MARCH

6 Valerie Makkai
13 Laura Nordgren
20 Mark Cederberg
27 Roger Clausen

**GREETERS
FEBRUARY**

7 Roch & Kat Tranel
14 Lee & Caren Vollrath
21 Ken & Arlene Werner
28 Duane & Bonita Westerberg

MARCH

6 Owen & Linda Youngman
13 Bill & Chris Anderson
20 Bill & Marti Anderson
27 Dave & Barb Anderson

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR
FEBRUARY**

7 Steve & Ellen Hall
14 Bob & Lori Hartnett
21 John & Bev Hawkins
28 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson

MARCH

7 Jill Heath & Vicki Herrick
13 Dieter & Karin Hildebrandt
20 John & Beth Hjelm
27 Fellowship Committee

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:15)
FEBRUARY**

7 Teresa Anderson & Lee Vollrath
14 Maggie Johnson & Judie Duba
21 Joan Groody & Tricia Leach
28 Linda Lee & Tricia Leach

MARCH

6 Nancy McLinden & Tricia Leach
13 Teresa Anderson & Tricia Leach
20 Lee Vollrath & Tricia Leach
27 Maggie Johnson & Rachel Couleur

**INFANT NURSERY (10:15 a.m.)
FEBRUARY**

7 Heather Larson & Debbie Kim
14 Bill & Marti Anderson
21 Arlene Werner & Donna Lindley
28 Kat Tranel & Caren Vollrath

MARCH

6 Kristen Bethancourt & Ann Frost
13 Ellen Hall & Bev Hawkins
20 Donna Lindley & Kirsten Peterson
27 Heather Larson & Caren Vollrath

**PRESCHOOL NURSERY (10:15)
FEBRUARY**

7 Bill & Jenna Glader
14 Ann Frost & Lori Hartnett
21 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson
28 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson

MARCH

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH
FEBRUARY**

7 Hawkinson Family
14 Vollrath Family
21 Niki Papak & Donna Clark
28 Pas Family

MARCH

6 Hawkins Family
13 Nauman Family
20 Hawkinson Family
27 Vollrath Family

USHERS

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

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

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

If you are not able to fulfill a date you are scheduled for, please find someone to switch dates with you.

Thank you!

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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!