

# *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  
December *In the Spirit* is  
Monday, November 14,  
2016 Please send items to  
[marti@libcov.org](mailto:marti@libcov.org)

## "A Thanksgiving Prayer"

by Pastor Steve Larson

**L**ord, we give You thanks for those You put in our lives to strengthen, guide, and help us as we serve You. We don't take enough time to thank You for this staff, so today we do.

Thank You for Pastor Paul, who brings such a wonderful mix of energy and thoughtful teaching, who is always ready for a conversation, a caring word, and a listening ear, and who cares for our youth and our adults alike.

Thank You for Bobby, whose youthful exuberance draws every child within a mile into his orbit, and then introduces them to You, who is so humble and yet so capable, and who is always up for any challenge.

Thank You for Pastor Bruce, whose caring manner and listening ear bring peace to every room he enters, and who can deepen every study

or conversation with just a few words.

Thank You for Tricia, for her love for our little-littles as well as their parents, for her creative ideas and caring looks, and for her organization that keeps everyone running smoothly and peacefully.

*"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*1 Thess. 1:2-3*

Thank You for Marti, who is always working so hard to make our ministry better, and who brings such a wealth of experience and history to our work.

Thank You for Kris, who never stops seeking both old and new ways for us to worship You better, whose knowledge of hymnody and church music is second to none, and

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who loves Your congregation so deeply.

Thank You for Eric, for his leadership of the Praise Team, his willingness to try new things, his knowledge of systems whether interpersonal or electrical, and his readiness to serve You in any capacity You choose from music to youth to technical work to committees to friendships.

Thank You for Linda, who can make our organ sing, who is always up for last minute changes and new ideas, and whose constant expertise leads us into deeper worship of You.

Thank You for Dan and Ron, who keep our ministry tool, Your church, clean and running well, who are always as ready with a quick smile as they are with a vacuum, and who love this church as only one who cares for it daily can.

God thank You for the hours devoted by these people to Your work. Thank You for their teaching, leading, caring, and love that they give to each one of us, often without our knowing it at all. And thank You for gifting them that they might lead us in praising You. In the name of Your Son Jesus we pray, Amen.

## Worship in November . . .

WHEN WE HAVE  
NOTHING LEFT  
BUT GOD,  
WE DISCOVER  
THAT GOD IS  
ENOUGH.



Have you ever felt like you just didn't have enough? Not enough time to finish the to-do list? Not enough money to live without financial worries? Not enough energy to play or exercise or enjoy the "great outdoors"? This November we're going to be exploring the difference between this world's belief that we just don't have enough and God's promise that we have more than we could ever need. Join us as we look at Abundant Living through faith in Jesus.

### Sunday, November 6 – The Cloud of Witnesses

(All Saints Sunday)

Mark 1:4-11

Luke 22:7-20

### Sunday, November 13 – Abundant Living

(Alicia Reese preaching)

### Sunday, November 20 – Full Storehouses

John 6:1-13

Luke 12:13-21



### Thanksgiving Eve Service

and Potluck Dessert Buffet

Wednesday, November 23rd 7 p.m.

Each year we are inspired by this time of gathering to give thanks to the Lord. In music, sharing and scripture. After the service, there will be a potluck fall dessert buffet in the Fellowship Hall. We will receive our offering for **Covenant World Relief** at this service and throughout Thanksgiving week.

### Advent 2016 - God's Gifts

1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th *The Gift of Mercy*

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4th *The Gift of Grace*

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11th *The Gift of Hope*

4th Sunday of Advent, December 18th *The Gift of Love*

Christmas Eve Worship 4 & 10 p.m. *The Gift of Jesus*

Christmas Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. *Reflections on God's Gifts*

## Garden News by Nancy Borkman

**"As you sow, so will you reap."** Galatians 6:7

**"Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes."** Author unknown

**"Weed it and reap."** Anonymous

**"To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves."** Mahatma Gandhi

You've read many garden quotes over the years. Some are famous analogies. Some are folksy, some punny, and some profound. Most are true. Enjoy some thought that a few quotes generated about the garden in my mind.

**"Tickle the earth with a hoe, it will laugh a harvest."** - Mary Cantell

Did you see the garden in its glory last (2015) summer? Harvests of green beans, beets, bok choy, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, peppers, broccoli, tomatoes, eggplant, napa cabbage, and raspberries were bountiful. This 2016 growing season wasn't so prolific. Job demands interfered with my tending to the garden in the spring and travel interrupted early summer garden chores. There was no time to start seeds in March and April. No time to turn the beds then either. It was wonderful to have help from Nancy McLinden, the Petersons, and Jerry Junas who contributed materials, time, and sweat at different times in the growing season. Five beds were planted with tomatoes and zucchini plants on June 3 before going out of town for 10 days. Later beans, swiss chard, beets, and kale got planted. Harvests were inconsistent and sporadic and most were not big enough to deliver to Trinity, so produce was distributed among church members on Sunday mornings.

**"I guess a good gardener always starts as a good weeder."** - Amos Pettingill, clergyman

**"A weed is a plant that is not only in the wrong place, but intends to stay."** - Sara Stein, author

**"When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant."** - Anon

The landscapers weeded the paths and beds twice to eliminate the eyesore of a weeds brought in with the unfinished/uncomposted horse manure (I didn't realize!). Unfortunately, the vicious roots (and yes, I mean vicious) were not addressed, and the good intentions were only cosmetic. Untouched roots were left to spread more thickly than before. The surrounding flowerbeds have become overgrown with bindweed (wild morning glories), grasses, and dandelions. It looks like Roundup will need to be applied as that bindweed and those thistles aren't going to give up their comfy home easily.

**"Gardening is a way of showing that you believe in tomorrow."** - Anon

I tend our LCC garden with love and care because it is a place of rejuvenation and refuge. This garden is a nicer garden than I can have at my own house and with better sun, too. Sitting listening to birds, seeing the sun rise or set as I work there brings me to closer to wholeness. When I'm there alone, it's a place I talk things over with God and listen to his response. When I'm there with others, it's a place of fellowship and good conversation. I don't work in the garden just for my gain. It's place of rejuvenation and refuge for others. The LCC garden is dedicated to the memory of Martha and Bob Peterson's son, and Kirsten Peterson's brother, Erik. They hang flowers and wreaths on the gate every season.

**If you want to enjoy these things we've found there, come to the garden, to sit or to work. I'll be planning next year's layout and planning the seed order one afternoon in early January next to narthex fireplace. You come, too.**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School meets in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m.

**October 30- December 18** A book of the Bible Study - 1 Kings (facilitated by Heather Larson)



## ADDRESS UPDATE

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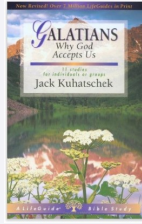
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## Bible Studies

### 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. The group is studying Galatians. 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—Come Grow With Us.

The Antichrist. 666, the Number of the Beast. The final defeat of Satan. The End of the world. Which book of the bible has all of these and more? None of them! To find out what this means, join us on Wednesday nights for our Adult Bible Study. We'll be looking at the book of Revelation, the final book of the bible. We meet right after supper at 6:45 p.m. in the Confirmation Room every Wednesday. Come and grow with us! For information contact Pastor Steve at 847-362-3308 or steve@libcov.org.

## Book Club

### The Sensible Ladies' 4 Easy Steps Book Club



**Step #1:** Buy, beg, or borrow (please do not steal) the book, *Sensible Shoes*, by Sharon Garlough Brown (available thru Intervarsity Press, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and, possibly, your local library).

**Step #2:** Let Beth Hjelm (bhjelm118@gmail.com) know that you are reading the book and plan to take part in the book club discussion. Beth will email you a reminder, with location details and requesting a firm RSVP, prior to the event. **Step #3:** Read the book. You are encouraged to invite friends to read it and join us, too.

**Step #4:** Show up on Friday, **November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at Beth's house to discuss the book, eat a little lot of chocolate and spend time in fellowship.

**About the book...** "Follow the stories of four women as they are drawn into a spiritual formation journey: **Hannah**, a pastor who doesn't realize how exhausted she is; **Meg**, a widow and recent empty-nester who is haunted by her past; **Mara**, a woman who has bounced from relationship to relationship, trying to navigate a difficult marriage; and **Charissa**, a hard-working graduate student who wants to get things right."

**About the author...** Sharon Garlough Brown holds a M.Div. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and, until January, co-pastored Redeemer Covenant Church in Caledonia, Michigan. An interview with Sharon is featured on the *Covenant Companion's* web site.

**Praise for this book...** "Filled with spiritual insight, truth, beauty and discovery-not to mention deft and beautiful prose. A story to open eyes, to comfort and remind us of the importance of relationship." Tosca Lee, author of *Havah: The Story of Eve* "If you're...in need of a fresh cup of mercy...I highly recommend it." Kathy Lee Gifford, NBC's Today Show



### ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS

This Christmas we are providing gifts for 40 children, 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 November 30th. If a gift request is expensive, please feel free to substitute another item.



## "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!"

Mark your calendars for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!"

The Christmas play will be Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm here at LCC. There will be shepherds and baby angels, laughter and carols, and a really wonderful story. The play features many of our youth and some of our adult members as well. We hope that you will join us for a wonderful night of theatre and the power of the Christ child who came to us that first Christmas night. We will end the night with a dessert social after the play (and a chance for you to greet the cast!).

The play is open to the community, so please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. There is no cost to attend the play.

If there are any children who are still interested in being a part of the ensemble and singing in the children's choir, or if you would like any information on the play, you can email Alicia Reese at [alicia@libcov.org](mailto:alicia@libcov.org).



LINK: [lumunos.org/bocce](http://lumunos.org/bocce)



# 4TH ANNUAL BOCCE FUNDRAISER

**Pinstripes of Northbrook**  
Sunday Nov. 6th 4:30 - 7:30  
Register at [Lumunos.org/bocce](http://Lumunos.org/bocce)

*On the 7th day... God played bocce*

Join us for our annual evening of

• Bocce • Hardy appetizers • Silent auction

Sign up at [Lumunos.org/bocce](http://Lumunos.org/bocce)

Tickets \$40/each or  
6-pack of tickets \$210

## Love INC of Lake County

Physical Office & Warehouse

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Waukegan, IL 60085

[Our "no client walk-in" policy remains]

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## Sharing God's Warmth Coat Distribution, November 13-17

Fall has arrived, meaning winter is soon to follow. First Presbyterian of Waukegan and New Song Ministries in Zion are partnering to 'Share God's Warmth' through winter coats, snow pants, and warm gloves. Won't you join us? Last year, our churches were blessed to serve 225 individuals in 65 families in our area--warm coats, hugs, and lots of prayers!

- **COLLECT:** very good condition or \*new\* coats, snow pants, warm gloves, and winter boots. Drop off to our office by Wed Nov 9.
- **SHOP:** Are you or someone you know good at asking for deals? A partner church blessed the event with fund to purchase \*new\* items, so we need someone to talk to local businesses to get us the best deals around. (Last year we ended up with some 2-for-1 deals on snowpants- quite the blessing!)
- **SERVE:** Be a personal shopper & help a mom pick out coats for her kids, assist in the office with making appointment phone calls, and much more!
- **Call to make appointments-** weeks of 10/31, and 11/7, 10a-1pm at our Waukegan office
- **Move team-** Sun 11/13, 2-5pm at Love INC warehouse
- **Set up team-** Mon 11/14, 10a-noon at First Pres. Waukegan
- **Personal shoppers-** Tues 11/15 & Wed 11/16, morning, afternoon & evening shifts at First Pres. Waukegan

Contact: Kathleen Eikenberry  
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## Financial Summary thru September 2016

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 382,670
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 368,337
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ 14,333

### EXPENSES VS. BUDGET GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 299,484
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 382,670
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ ( 83,186)

### INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 299,484
Expenses YTD	\$ 368,337
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (68,853)



The Mission Trip Committee is working to put together a team for

the **July 2017 LCC Mission Trip to Medellin, Colombia**. At this time, we are collecting information from those who are interested in either traveling to Colombia, or actively supporting the team without traveling (fundraising, travel planning, etc).

Once the team members have been determined, more information will be available.

Please contact Kirk Johnson [kirkjohnson@ameritech.net](mailto:kirkjohnson@ameritech.net), Kate Reilly [kate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kate@sbcglobal.net), or Pastor Paul Couleur [paul@libcov.org](mailto:paul@libcov.org) with any questions or concerns.

## Fireside Dinner Fellowship



Thursday, November 10, 2016, 6:00 p.m. "Light Soup Supper" prepared by John Hawkins and Company and planned in order that the money we would normally spend on a full meal would be given to the ministry of Bjorklund House, one of the Covenant's Enabling Residence. Julie



Smith, Administrator of Bjorklund House will share the ministry with us. <http://cerofillinois.org/>



## 3rd Annual LCC Turkey Bowl



Do you like playing football? Help us continue the tradition at LCC and get some exercise after the stuffing and festivities of thanksgiving. This is a multigenerational experience so anyone from "8 to 80" are welcome, if you can catch a football and run you can play! Invite your friends, cousins and family to play too. This will be a great time of fellowship and flag football. For more information or to RSVP contact Trevor James, [tjames@northpark.edu](mailto:tjames@northpark.edu)

**Who:** Anyone who likes to play flag football

**When:** 9:00-11:00am, Friday after Thanksgiving, November 25th

**Where:** Adler Park, 1500 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville 60048

Hope to see you there! Donuts and ibuprofen will be available.





Cooking Fresh Today - With a professional food background, Lori Hartnett has recently launched an instructional cooking website featuring

recipes, how-to videos, and opportunities for coaching. The emphasis is to inform cooks of all ages on how easy, affordable, and fun it can be to cook at home. Two of the recipe categories include *Cooking for 1 or 2* and *Meatless Mondays*. Check it out: [www.cookingfreshtoday.com](http://www.cookingfreshtoday.com)



Here is a website recipe perfect for your Thanksgiving table...



## Pear & Beet Salad with Goat Cheese

Makes: 4 servings

Vegetarian, Wheat Free, Gluten Free, Soy Free

- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. brown sugar
- 1/8 tsp. each salt and ground black pepper
- 8 cups mixed salad greens
- 1 firm, ripe pear, halved lengthwise, cored, cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch thick slices
- 1 medium beet, steamed, peeled, cut (See Tip)
- 1 pkg. (4 oz.) goat cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 cup toasted pecans or walnuts, coarsely chopped

**MIX** juice, vinegar, oil, mustard, brown sugar and seasoning in bowl or shaker container.

**ARRANGE** remaining ingredients on 4 salad plates; drizzle with dressing.

**SERVE** immediately.

**Fresh Tips:** **EXTRA** Sprinkle with raisins.

### HOW TO

To steam beets: Trim and scrub beets, keeping the skin on. Cut into quarters lengthwise, which shortens the cook time. Place a pot on the stove and bring 1/2-inch of water to a boil. Add the beets (use a steamer basket inside the pot, if you have one). Reduce heat and cover. Cook 10 to 15 minutes or until beets are tender. Allow to cool; peel beets gently with a paring knife or rub skins off with a paper towel. Cut crosswise into slices.

To toast nuts: Spread nuts into even layer on baking sheet. Place in 350°F oven for 5 to 10 minutes, or until lightly browned, stirring half way. Transfer to a plate to cool down.

### 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 (815/508-4450)

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Ben Palmberg (773-339-2509)

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**Stewardship Committee Chair:**

Jeff Bark (847/247-8136)

**Trustee Committee Chair:**

Dan Frost (847/373-7432)

# LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

## Jr. High Youth Group:

Wednesdays  
6:30—7:45 p.m.  
November 2, 9, 16, 30

## Sr. High Youth Group:

Sundays, 5-7 p.m.  
November 6, 13, 20  
No YG on November 27

Our middle school ministry will partner with Pads on November 12th from 5:00-6:00 at the Methodist Church in downtown Libertyville. Parents and students are invited to help prepare some beds for the evening guests that will come to the church that evening. Following our time of service we intend to grab a bite to eat close by.

This will be a great way for students to find an opportunity to serve God and Neighbor.



## Save the Dates for the Winter Retreats:

### February 3-5, 2017

Middle School Deep Freeze  
@ Covenant Harbor  
**Register online at:**  
[covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org)

### February 17-20, 2017

Senior High One Life Retreat  
@ Covenant Point



Paul Couleur,  
Associate  
Pastor to Youth  
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**Columbus Day Weekend**—15 Jr. High students and counselors loaded into the church van and enjoyed a great fall weekend at Covenant Point. They even got to explore some caves on the way. **Ask them about it!**



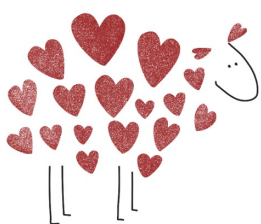
During the fall retreat at Covenant Point we enjoyed the strong proclamation by our speaker Joel Brand regarding God's love Conquers all. God's love can help us overcome struggles with envy, distractions, and fear. Ultimately, God's Love is that which conquers all. Joel challenged the students to recommit their lives to God each and every day. As you can see evidenced in the photos posted our students had a great time singing, dancing, praising God, walking in nature, play games, and most importantly Growing in faith. Take some time to ask our students about the road trip, times of worship, big games that were played, the explosive bond fire, and how they met God in their time away. To God be the Glory.



The Senior High attended the Believe.Love.Serve event where we were able to help contribute to the improvement of Covenant Harbor's grounds and facilities. While there we had a wide range of options to serve. We helped to dig holes and plant a lot of trees. . . THANKS EVERYONE!



# Children's Ministries



## Advent-ure night at LCC!

Wednesday, November 16th

This is an activity for the  
WHOLE CHURCH to prepare  
ourselves for advent!

Join us at 5:30pm for dinner in the fellowship hall. We will then head upstairs for some singing and a Christmas story before ending the night back downstairs with an Advent craft and box packing party for Operation Christmas Child! We will also be taking orders for this year's devotional book, *Seeking the Christmas Lamb* by Tamara Buchan for your family to use during advent.



### Operation Christmas Child

Time to start thinking about Operation Christmas child! November 13th-19th is Operation Christmas Child week for LCC! Be sure to get the following dates onto your calendar!

**November 13th:** Operation Christmas Child bake sale! During the fellowship hour, our kids will be selling baked goods to raise money to pay for the gifts and shipment! Families, please bring individually wrapped goods ready to be sold and enjoyed!

**November 16th:** Operations Christmas Child Packing day!

Join us at 6:15 pm after dinner for a time to pack the boxes.

**Now:** We need supplies! Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet for specific needs. In the meantime, if you have extra school supplies, bring them to Bobby's office in the infant nursery!

[Link to Operation Christmas Child Item Sign-up List](#)

**If you have any extra Halloween candy, we can always include it in the Christmas Boxes.**

**Thanksgiving Eve, November 25th — NO DINNER or KIDS CLUB**  
Join us for a Thanksgiving Service & Fall Dessert Buffet 7 p.m.

We will not have scheduled programming on the following dates:

**Sunday School:** December 25th, January 1st

**Kids Club:** December 21st & 28th **Children's Church:** December 25th

**3rd-5th grade  
Winter Camp  
@ Covenant  
Harbor**



**February 17-19, 2017**

Registration for 3-5th grade  
Winter Camp is open now!  
Go to the website at

[www.Covenantharbor.org](http://www.Covenantharbor.org)

and click the blue registration  
button in the top left to register.  
Make sure you register  
for Libertyville Covenant  
Church winter camp February  
17th-19th!

Students will receive a  
mailing from LCC with details  
and a payment form (checks  
should be made payable to  
LCC and returned to the  
church office). It is \$149 per  
student. Rebates and scholarships  
are available.



**We need at least two female leaders and a male leader. If you're interested, please talk to Bobby!**

**If you would like to volunteer in  
any of our Children's Ministries**  
please contact Bobby or Christian  
Formation Chairs, Larissa Greenfield  
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Tues/Thurs: 10 am-4 pm  
Wednesday: 2-5:30 pm



## NURSERY NEWS

### Give what you have

*On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

When the wise men saw Jesus, they instantly worshipped Him and offered their treasures to Him. Think about that for a minute... Jesus was a baby, born to a woman of no real significance in life. Yet the wise men recognized instantly the Jesus was different; He wasn't a normal baby. So they worshipped Him, offering their gifts.

What gifts do you have to offer Jesus? Many moms seem to think they have nothing to give. That's not true. You have many treasures to offer Jesus. You can offer to feed His sheep (see John 21:17) - your children, your neighbors, anyone you meet. You can give the treasure of your time: serving others, volunteering in your church, stopping your busy schedule to sit down and read a book with your child.

Remember, it's not what you give; it's the heart with which you give.

-Karen Stubbs 365 moments with God for moms



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## Fireside Dinner Fellowship

Fireside Friends Annual Christmas Smorgasbord  
Thursday, December 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Watch for the sign up sheet on the Information Desk for bringing special Smorgasbord dishes to be shared.

Following dinner we all are invited to join the FDF for a special inspirational concert at 7:30 p.m.



## LAKELAND MADRIGALS

7:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

THE CONCERT IS FOR ALL AGES! ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Lakeland Madrigals have been performing together for the past ten years. Churches, coffeehouses, bookstores and private parties are regular venues for these festive traveling minstrels. Though most popular in the Christmas season, the Lakeland Madrigals sing throughout the year dressed in Madrigal attire. They bring hope and light wherever they go!



## COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

This month we hope you will consider the needs of the world and how we each can support people in need through Covenant World Relief. We will be receiving our offering at the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday November 27th. Please use the Gratitude and Giving Calendar, the soup can bank, or the offering envelopes and plan now to give generously to Covenant World Relief. More information can be found on their website: [CovChurch.org/cwr](http://CovChurch.org/cwr)

### Gratitude and Giving Calendar Week One

Oct 30th

\*Refugees often have no way to keep warm. Give 5 cents for every blanket, quilt, or comforter in your house.

Oct 31st

\*Water is our most important natural resource, yet many people don't have access to clean water. Give 5 cents for every time you turn on the water faucet today.

\*When homes are destroyed by floods and mudslides, CWR partners with the community



*Mark your calendars now to participate in the  
Christmas Progressive Dinner  
scheduled for Saturday, December 17th.*





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. **The Friday Morning group** meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month during the school year 9-11 a.m. Childcare 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](mailto:tricia@libcov.org).**

### The Wednesday Evening MOMs group

Wednesdays 6:45 –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. Wednesday Facilitator: 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 as we gather to support one another.*

### Join us for Wednesday night dinners! \$3/person or \$8/family Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Followed by all our regular programs: Kids Club, Jr. High Youth Group, Adult Study, Moms Group, Choir Rehearsal Are you wondering what is for dinner & how your family can help? Check out the link below.

[WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU AND VOLUNTEER SIGNUP SHEET](#)

**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 [jgjd@netzero.net](mailto:jgjd@netzero.net)

## November Anniversaries

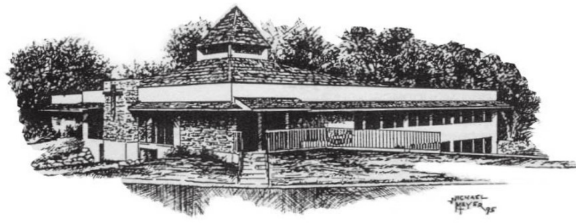
- 8 Bill & Jenna Glader (2003)
- 14 Paul & Rachel Couleur (2009)
- 16 Wylie & Ardyth Douglass (1975)
- 28 Roger & Julie Clausen (1981)



## November Birthdays

- 1 Paul Lundstedt
- 4 Mary Ann Bodine
- 5 Adrienne Gullberg  
Caren Vollrath
- 6 Kate Reilly  
Jeff Johnson
- 7 Ellen Hall  
Andrew Werner  
Jared Wojcik
- 8 Kent Carlson
- 10 Neale Murray
- 13 Twyla Becker
- 18 Marti Anderson  
Dave Enquist  
Mirielle Nauman
- 19 Peyton Gomez
- 21 Christine Cederberg
- 23 Loren Lindholm
- 25 Titus Couleur  
Tobin Junas  
Philip Nauman
- 28 Janis Carlson  
Miranda Gomez  
Rhys Junas
- 29 Riley Gomez  
Beverly Schmidt

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!**



## **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

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## *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.

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# November 2016

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 6:30 p.m. Mom's Group 6:45 p.m. Choir	3 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Wor- ship Team	4 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM	5 8 a.m. Furni- ture Ministry
6 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester 4:30-7:30 Lumunos Bocce 5-7 p.m. SH Youth 7-8:30 p.m. Play Practice	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 Group 6:45 p.m. Choir	10 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6 p.m. FDF Soup Supper 7 p.m. Wor- ship Team	11 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Book Club @ Hjelm's	12 1-3 p.m. Play Practice 5-6 p.m. JH & Families PADS Setup @ Methodist Church
13 <b>Bake Sale</b> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4-6 p.m. Worship Comm. 5-7 p.m. SH Youth 7-8:30 p.m. Play Practice	14 Newsletter Deadline  6:30-7:30 Play Prac- tice	15 9 a.m. Food Pantry  7 p.m. Dea- cons	16 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Advent Adventure & Operation Christmas Child 6:45 p.m. Choir	17 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. Wor- ship Team	18 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. MOM to MOM	19 1-3 p.m. Play Practice 5 p.m. Con- firmation Worship Trip
20 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5-7 SH Youth	21	22 9 a.m. Food Pantry	23 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service & Social	24 Thanksgiv- ing Day	25  9-11 a.m. TURKEY BOWL @ Adler Park	26  1-3 p.m. Play Practice
27 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship  No Youth Group	28  6:30-7:30 Play Prac- tice	29  9 a.m. Food Pantry	30 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	Please return Adopt-a-Family Gifts to church by Wednesday, November 30th. Thank you!		

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### LAY READER

#### NOVEMBER

6 Mark Cederberg  
13 Kirk Johnson  
20 Angela Kocinski  
27 Valerie Makkai

#### DECEMBER

4 Vicki Herrick  
11 Laura Nordgren  
18 Mary Palmer  
18 Sarah Larson

### GREETERS

#### NOVEMBER

6 Dieter & Karin Hildebrandt  
13 Dave & Karen Hinz  
20 John & Beth Hjelm  
27 Trevor & Christy James

#### DECEMBER

4 Chris & Lilian Johnson  
11 Jeff & Earleen Johnson  
18 Kirk Johnson Family  
25 Vern & Maggie Johnson

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

#### NOVEMBER

6 Bob & Martha Peterson  
13 Kate & Kevin Reilly  
20 Bob & Tricia Sorensen  
27 Craig & Colleen Sparks

#### DECEMBER

4 Mallory & Ryan Steinhof & Albers  
11 Church Staff  
18 Roch & Kat Tranel  
25 Lee & Caren Vollrath

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:15 a.m.)

#### NOVEMBER

6 Jim & Michelle Pas  
13 Tricia Leach & Joan Groody  
20 Tricia Leach & Nancy McLinden  
27 Tricia Leach & Judie Duba

#### DECEMBER

4 Tricia Leach & Maggie Johnson  
11 Tricia Leach & Lee Vollrath  
18 Tricia Leach & Teresa Anderson  
25 No Sunday School

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

#### NOVEMBER

6 Trevor & Christy James  
13 Lilian Johnson & Julie Wojcik  
20 Rachel McLinden & Karin Hildebrandt  
27 Donna Lindley & Kirsten Peterson

#### DECEMBER

4 Ellen Hall & Donna Lindley  
11 Kat Tranel & Bev Hawkins  
18 Caren Vollrath & Arlene Werner  
25

### PRESCHOOL NURSERY (9:15)

#### NOVEMBER

6 Ann Frost & Lori Hartnett  
13 Bill & Chris Anderson  
20 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson  
27 Jenna Glader & Angela Kocinski

#### DECEMBER

4 Heather Larson & Jenna Glader  
11 Bill & Chris Anderson  
18 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson  
25

*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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Niki Papak (951-8275)  
npapak80@gmail.com

Nursery Coordinator:  
Tricia Leach (920-8005)  
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### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

#### NOVEMBER

6 Pas  
13 Hawkins  
20 Nauman  
27 Hawkinson

#### DECEMBER

4 Vollraths  
11 Papak/Clark  
18 Pas  
25 Hawkins

### USHERS

**NOVEMBER:** Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty,  
Ken Werner, Steve Leach, Chris Johnson

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

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

Wednesday night dinners each week means we always need volunteers to help with food prep, serving, and cleanup. Please check out the signup link below and consider helping out with this important ministry.

[WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU AND VOLUNTEER SIGNUP SHEET](#)