

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
March *In the Spirit* is Mon-
day, February 13, 2017
Please send items to
marti@libcov.org

“Free to Ask the Right Questions” *by Pastor Steve Larson*

Christianity is not a spectator sport. The very idea of a spiritual life defined by going to church a few hours every week would have been completely foreign to any bible character who followed God. From the Old Testament to the New, the bible is the story of women and men who followed God, however imperfectly, with all their hearts.

In the Old Testament, we find every daily routine set by their faith. From the day's activities to their interactions with one another, God's people relied on Him for their every answer. What should I do with my life? How should I interact with my spouse? How should I raise my children? How much work should I do today? Every question was

answered not by friends on Facebook, or by asking your social group, or by reading the latest self-help book, but by going to God through His Word and through prayer.

In the New Testament, things shifted. From a more

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.”
James 1:5-8

passive approach in the Old Testament of waiting on God's promises to be fulfilled, things shifted to a more active approach in the New Testament of seeking to accomplish God's plan. Yet still, though the questions changed, the answers were still sought from God. How can we best accomplish the mission Jesus set us? What

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is my role in that mission personally? How should my interactions with my neighbors change in light of Jesus' call? Different questions, but the same source for answers: God's Word and prayer.

Today, many have stopped asking the questions altogether. The stresses and worries of this society overwhelm our thought-space and leave little room for the idea of Mission. How can we afford all that is expected of us? How do I keep my family safe in an ever-more-dangerous world? What might the future hold and how will we survive it? And the worst part is we're seeking our answers in the wrong places.

God offers us His eternal answer to our overwhelming questions: "I've got this. Your finances? They're mine really. Your safety? I've got you protected. Your survival? I've already taken care of that and more through Jesus." But we need to hear these answers from each other on a regular basis. We need to gather together all the time to remind each other that God's got this. This is one part of our mission – to remind each other of the hope we have in Jesus.

And then, with those questions covered, we are free to begin asking the right questions. How do we fulfill God's call to Grow Disciples, Grow the Church, and Grow the Kingdom of God? What is my part in that? What is the SHAPE of my personal ministry?

Worship in February . . .

We often talk about our collective Mission and Ministry, but not as much about our personal ministry. What has God called you personally to do to accomplish His call to grow disciples, grow the church, and grow the Kingdom of God? This February, we begin a 5 week sermon series that will help you discern the SHAPE of your personal ministry. As we examine the various ways God has formed you throughout your life, you will begin to discover your own SHAPE for ministry.



Sunday January 29

The SHAPE of My Ministry: Spiritual Gifts

Alicia Reese Preaching
1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Sunday, February 5

The SHAPE of My Ministry: Heart
1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Sunday, February 12

The SHAPE of My Ministry: Abilities
Ephesians 2:1-10

Sunday, February 19

The SHAPE of My Ministry: Personality
Matthew 26:31-35

Sunday, February 26

The SHAPE of My Ministry: Experiences
Acts 22:2-16

Wednesday, March 1

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
7:15 p.m.

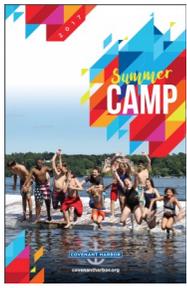
FIRESIDE DINNER FELLOWSHIP



Thursday, February 9, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at Elly's Pancake House

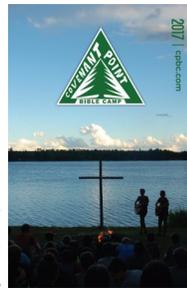
We will join together for a time of fellowship and food at Elly's Pancake House, 435 Townline Road, Mundelein.

We will each order from their menu and join together in a Family Feud challenge. Sign up at the Information Desk or contact Barb Lansky.



COVENANT CAMPING SUMMER 2017

www.covenantharbor.org
www.cpbpc.com



Although it may be hard to believe, summer is coming!! In order to encourage all of our kids to experience Christian camping this summer, re-

funds are again being offered. Each LCC child attending camp this summer is eligible for a refund: \$150/week, \$100/5-day, \$100/3-day, \$50/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 camp are now available on line and in the Church narthex. 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 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. [LINK to Camp Rebate Form](#)

Christian Formation Updates for 2017

With a new year, we have updated the LCC Safety Policy & documents. The changes made were related to updating terms (i.e. youth pastor to Associate to Youth), addressing food allergies, & re-structuring the document to meet our current needs. Some new items added are related to...

- the Nursery Guidelines (14-15 yr. old volunteering opportunities)
- Pre-K to 5th Grade Guidelines (release instructions)
- Jr. & Sr. High Guidelines (mentoring & dress code)

So, for those of you who do work with our children & youth, please take the time to look over these changes, especially the new additions as they apply to you. To see the revised policy & documents please talk to Heather Larson or contact the church office. At a later date this year we will be discussing these changes in more depth during our required annual volunteer training. Until then feel free to contact Heather Larson with any questions, concerns, or comments you may have regarding these revisions.

Link: [LCC Safety Policy Documents 2017](#)

What would it look like to offer a low-income family a chance to live in a beautiful home with a no-interest mortgage and a loving Christian landlord who wants to care for them not only financially but spiritually too? **Welcome to Bezalel!**

Last summer at the ECC Annual Meeting, our own Paul Hawkinson presented a model for exactly this sort of ministry. With temporary donation from a few individuals, a simple LLC formed outside the church purchases and then rehabs a home in a low-income area using local help (creating jobs and local ownership). The home is then rented to a family known and chosen by a local service organization (Love INC, Food Pantry, etc.) This money comes from Section 8 housing vouchers, and the rest of the voucher is used for “wrap around” services like food provision, training, counseling, or whatever other needs they may have. The congregation members bring their expertise to help this family (financial managers, interior decorators, counselors, ministers, etc.) and we have a formula for real-need ministry.

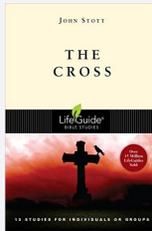
The ultimate hope is to connect these families to a church in their community who can continue care, use the remainder of the housing voucher to begin paying off the house, find them a reasonable mortgage lender, and sell them the property. The family has a caring community, a new home, and a fresh start. Those who donated the upfront money have their giving returned, and we can do it again with another house and another family.

We’re in the process of putting a team together to lead this ministry, and soon will have the groundwork laid. If you’d like more information, talk with Paul Hawkinson, Pastor Steve, or anyone on the Bezalel Team once it’s formed.

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 will begin a new study soon using *The Cross* by John Stott. 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.



Love INC Thrift Shoppe

To support the ministries of our partner churches

3621 W. Grand Ave.
Gurnee, IL



Our dream of a Love INC thrift shoppe is closer to becoming a reality! [As we shared](#) at last fall's Dinner/Auction, we have plans in 2017 to open a volunteer-run store to help provide financial support for the ministry, to promote Love INC to the broader community, and to provide incentives for our upcoming [community classes](#).

In the past, we have said 'no' to certain donations that just are not a fit with the ministry. Either the furniture item is too delicate or household items are just not core needs. Now, we'll be able to use these great items to support our families in new ways!

We look forward to opening a shoppe that will be a place for community to shop with Christ-centered volunteers and LOVE!

Interested in volunteering? Contact Store Manager Lynn at lynnt@loveinlakecounty.org to find your role. Serve once or twice a week as a cashier or floor volunteer, help promote the shoppe through social media & other methods, work in the warehouse preparing items for sale, and more.

Have something to donate? Email donations@loveinlakecounty.org to share your items and schedule a drop-off or pick up.

Love INC Resale Store

Exciting things are happening at Love INC as we enter 2017. Classes with our Neighbors in Waukegan, North Chicago & Zion are being scheduled as a part of Transformational Ministry. Furniture, starter kits, school uniforms, layette and other ministries continue to grow. To help fund these ministries, Love INC will be opening a Resale Store at 3621 W. Grand Ave. in Gurnee in late January. The cleaning and painting and preparing is actively going on. Many volunteers continue to be needed in all existing ministry areas and now even more so with the Resale Store.

If you would like more information or to sign-up, please contact David Enquist or Tricia Sorensen.



Feed My Starving Children

On February 8, 2017, 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 global need and a stronger sense of community! Our goal is to have at least 100 people join us for this special event. Please use the form below to sign up to volunteer or to provide funds for the meals.

Feed My Starving Children ask that all volunteers be ages 5 and older. Childcare will be provided at church for children ages 4 and under.

Our goal is to provide funding for and pack 25,000 meals. Each meal we pack costs 22 cents. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or in the offering. Please clearly mark them with FMSC.

Sign Up: [LCC Feed My Starving Children Packing Sign up Sheet 2-6-17](#)

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

Office Phone 847.782.8630
Fax Number 847.782.8631

Community Christian Food Pantry

– a group goes to help distribute food every Tuesday morning. If you would like to help, contact Ann Frost at 847-945-9435 or anncfrost@aol.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jan 15 – Feb 19 (led by Paul Nauman) – Using some of the Confirmation materials call "Rock Solid", Paul will be leading our Adult Sunday School through some of the elements of our faith.

Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary each Sunday.

March 12th Karl Peterson, our missionary to Mexico will be sharing with us during the Sunday School Hour.

Our denomination has a number of resources available to us. You can find them by checking out the website: www.covchurch.org. Or, you may look at our Information Center. Please help yourself to a copy of the Covenant Home Altar which is published quarterly for your use. You will also find our Missionary Prayer Calendar which reminds us to pray for those serving around the world.

Financial Summary thru December 2016

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 508,042
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 501,744
Cost Savings/ (Overrun)	\$ 6,298

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 487,779
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 508,042
Budget (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (20,263)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 487,779
Expenses YTD	\$ 501,744
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (13,965)



The July 2017 LCC Mission Trip Team to Medellin, Colombia has been formed.

formed.

Please continue to pray for our team members as they prepare for this trip:

Kirk, Gavin, Landon, Griffin Johnson, Heather, Rachel, Sarah Larson, Paul & Karin Lundstedt, Angela Kocinski, Caitlin Bethancourt, and Pastor Paul.

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

Thanks!

Thank you to those who are completing their terms of service on the Church Council:

David Oppedahl, Dan Frost, Darifyn Anderson, Nancy McLinden. We appreciate the many hours you have dedicated to your areas of responsibility here at LCC.

If you have concerns, questions, or advice for your Church Chair, Scott Dahlberg, feel free to call 847-456-6086 or email. scodah@gmail.com Or, perhaps you want to offer to serve on one of our committees or teams. Volunteers are always appreciated!

RUMMAGE SALE

Drop off Day **May 20th**
9 a.m.—noon

Sale Days **June 2 & 3**

Spring is coming!!! (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.

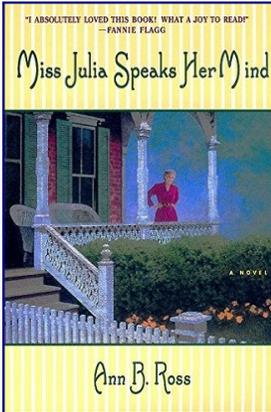
... THANK YOU!

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!

Sensible Ladies Book Club



Many of our women were able to enjoy the evening "Book Club" at Beth Hjelm's in November. In fact, it was such a positive event that they have chosen to try it again.

Our LCC women are invited to mark those 2017 calendars now to reserve the evening of Friday, February 3rd, to attend the "Sensible Ladies" Book Club. The group will gather at the home of Deb Lindahl, 430 E. Austin, Libertyville at 7:00 p.m.

The book that has been chosen is the first in a series by Ann B. Ross entitled "**Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind**".

Miss Julia is church woman, recently widowed, who has strong opinions on how things in church - and life - should go. But, inside her crustiness is a heart for helping.

Pick up a copy of the book now, and begin reading. It will be helpful if you rsvp to Deb at dooby127@gmail.com to let her know you plan to attend.

Winchester House Worship

Our monthly services continue at the Winchester House Nursing Home in Libertyville. LCC has several dedicated regular attenders who help by reading scripture, leading hymn singing, and interacting with the residents. This month Bobby Becker will be doing the homily and some of our children will be providing special music.

We encourage all to join the worship of God with our grateful audience, attending the 2:30 p.m. service on the first Sunday of every month. If any of you would be interested in taking a turn at delivering a homily or would like to offer special music for any of these services, please contact Maggie 847/772-8564 or maggiejohnson122@gmail.com.



In partnership with the [Hindustani Covenant Church](#), Covenant World Relief is able to provide gluten free communion wafers produced at the [Home of Hope](#) in Pune, India. Women who escape the commercial sex industry come to the Home of Hope to receive counseling, rest, and learn new jobs including making communion wafers. Our Deacons are happy to be able to support this important ministry by using these wafers each month as they serve communion at LCC.

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)

Associate Pastor to Youth:

Paul Couleur (847/331-3640)

Pastor to Senior Adults:

Bruce Thorson (847-421-2732)

Pastoral Intern:

Alicia Reese (734-637-5979)

Director of Children's Ministries:

Bobby Becker (224/688-3667)

Nursery Coordinator:

Tricia Leach (847/920-8005)

Office Coordinator:

Marti Anderson (847/362-3308)

Custodians:

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:

Mark Cederberg (847/599-9444)

Christian Formation CoChairs:

Heather Larson (815/901-3294)

Larissa Greenfield (847/566-2254)

Deacon Committee Chair:

Claudia Nauman (847/680-8635)

Fellowship Committee Chair:

Carol Nielson (847/566-5346)

Long-Range Planning Chair:

John Christian (847/482-0854)

Outreach Committee CoChairs:

Chris Becker (847/951-6992)

David Enquist (847/543-0309)

Stewardship Committee Chair:

Jeff Bark (847/247-8136)

Trustee Committee Chair:

Dave Hinz (262/745-7020)

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY



Junior High Deep Freeze "Live" at Covenant Harbor February 3-5

Meet at church at 5:15 p.m. please eat before you come.

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The Senior High One Life Retreat @ Covenant Point February 17-20

Meet at church ready to go at 4 p.m. Please bring \$\$ for fast food on the way up and the way back. We will return around 4 p.m. on Monday.



Wednesday, February 8th 6-7:30 p.m. ALL CHURCH PACKING EVENT. SIGN UP NOW!!!

On the Horizon: Sunday Feb 26th 5:00-7:00p.m. High school students, incoming freshman, parents are invited to an dinner and opportunity to hear more about what is coming up for youth ministry. We strongly urge all parents and students to attend because at this meeting we will be discussing events for this summer as well as CHIC 2018 that is the following summer.

On your mark, get set, go!! Familiar words utter at the start of a race we have all heard before. The Apostle Paul delivers instruction regarding running the Christian race of life in 1 Cor 9:24-25. Paul tells us to run the Christian race in a particular way with the intent to win the prize



at the end of the race. Paul's audience knew that in any race there can only be one winner. Fortunately, Paul uses plural verbs and exhortation is not "you" singular but "you" plural. Paul is saying "You all run in such a way that you all may win." Unlike a foot race, we're not competing against each other. Every Christian can win the prize. That's good news because there will always be someone faster, stronger, or smarter than us. But that's okay, because you are running against opportunities God gives us, not what He gives other Christians. We are competing against our selves.

The race begins by "finding your mark", pointing ourselves towards Christ. Run the race with purpose, "to win the prize"! Don't walk, Don't stop, Don't sit down. This is the amazing race of God. Keep growing, Keep serving, Keep showing up, Keep loving, and continue the race that you have set out. You might be thinking "I'm not running well. In fact, I'm barely in the race at all. What should I do?" The answer is: recommit to win God's race. How might we do that? Here are just a few opportunities in the coming months to continue to run the race and win the prize.

The Senior High is looking forward to doing a **PADS service project** on March 11th from 5-10 p.m. covering the setup, dinner preparation and serving as well as packing the lunches. Mark your calendars Sr. High Students because this will take many hands!

High School Youth Group:
Sundays, 5-7 p.m.
February 5, 12, 26 (w/parents)

Middle School Youth Group:
Wednesdays
6:30—7:45 p.m.
February 1, 15, 22



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

Children's Ministries

LENT FAMILY NIGHT

On Saturday, February 25th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, we will be hosting a Lent family night. The goal of the night is to prepare ourselves for lent and answer any questions before Ash Wednesday. We will be making candles out of crayons with colors symbolizing different concepts to think and ponder through the season of lent. A delicious soup dinner will be provided for \$3 per person and \$8 per family. The crafts themselves are free! Sign up sheets are on the Children's Ministry board at the bottom of the stairs. We're looking forward to you joining us in preparation for this new season.



3rd-5th grade
Winter Camp
@ Covenant
Harbor
February 17-19



Here we go! Winter camp is almost here! are you excited? We will be leaving on Friday February 17th from church at 5:30pm and returning to church Sunday February 19th 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.



SECOND SUNDAYS

This coming March we will be starting a new program called Second Sundays! On the second Sunday of each month, you and your family are invited to join us for a group outing. What this group outing will be will change from month to month. Some months, we'll just be going out to lunch, sometimes we'll go to a park, it will be something a bit different each month! The goal is to develop relationships through fellowship, to be seen as a church in the community, and to be an easy way to invite people to church before the Second Sunday event! If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to talk to Bobby about them!

To kick off this program, we will be going to Jump America! Jump America is a trampoline playground! They have areas for trampoline dodgeball, jumping into a giant foam pit, and just plain jumping around! We will be getting a group rate, so the price is just \$9 for 1 hour or \$14 for 2 hours! Sign up online Through the Facebook Page or LCC website or on the sign up sheet on the Children's Ministry Board in the hallway downstairs! Hope to see you there!



When: March 12th at 1:00pm

Where: Jump America
880 Lakeside Dr.
Gurnee, IL. 60031

It is time to register
for Summer Camp 2017.

<http://covenantharbor.org/>

<http://www.cpbc.com/>

Rebates & Scholarships
Available!



Bobby Becker, Director of
Children's Ministries
Bobby@libcov.org
224/688-3667
Tues/Thurs: 10 am-4 pm
Wednesday: 2-5:30 pm

Thank you to everyone who joined us in setting up beds for PADS! We look forward to being able to do this again in the near future! Keep an eye out!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Easter Sunday: April 16

Confirmation: May 7

Last Wed. Night: May 17

Rummage Drop Off: May 20

Last SS & Picnic: May 21

Rummage Sale: June 2 & 3

Libertyville Days: June 16 & 17

Mission Trip: July 8-15

LCC Retreat: August 11-13



NURSERY NEWS

Things continue to go well in both the infant and preschool nurseries. Some of our newly two year olds have moved downstairs to the preschool class and we continue to grow with new babies! I'm so thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside so many wonderful people! I love serving during Sunday school and enjoy getting to know different people in the church. Please pray about and consider serving in one of the nurseries.



Tricia Leach,
Nursery
Coordinator
tricia@libcov.org
847-858-2430

Covenant Point Men's Retreat March 3-5, 2017

Men of LCC! It's that time of year again: time to get to know each other better as we spend 12 hours in a car, time to ski and snowshoe and broomball and trapshoot, time to play games and sing songs, and time to worship together. Yes, it's time for the Covenant Point Men's Retreat!

We need to know how many vans we need for the trip, so please sign up asap, but definitely no later than Feb. 17th. You can register using the form below, but please let us know you're going so we can arrange housing and transportation together. While all who can make it early will leave at 1pm, there is usually a group who leaves later as well.

Remember the fun we had last year? Jay's stories around the fire? Larry showing off his shooting skills? Youngki on cross country skis? Our amazing victory in broomball (a victory that nobody got hurt!)? Sign up today and let's grow together!

<http://www.cpbcc.com/mensretreat/>

Men's Retreat 2017

7pm Friday, March 3 - 10am Sunday, March 5th

Invite some friends out for a weekend of fun, fellowship, excellent food, meaningful conversations, and life-giving worship. Recreation opportunities include a broomball tournament, afternoon jam session (bring your own instrument), snowshoeing, cross country skiing on our groomed ski trails, sauna and polar bear dip, or just card games and conversations in the dining hall. This year's speaker is Donn Engebretson, Director of Global Advancement and Project Leader of Covenant Kids Congo. Donn's message for the weekend will come from the letter of James, themed "Smart Enough? Living out of the Abundance of God's Provision and Promise." This retreat will fill so if you plan on attending register soon. We're excited for you to join us!

Full Retreat: \$140 (\$120 Earlybird)

Fri Night - Sat Dinner: \$120 (\$100 Earlybird)

Sat Only (No Lodging): \$80 (\$70 Earlybird)

Full Retreat, Commuter (No Lodging): \$100 (\$90 Earlybird)

Pastor Rate, Full Retreat: \$70

Pastor Rate, Saturday Evening Departure: \$60

*Earlybird Discount applies if registered or postmarked by February 17, 2017.



HOST:
The Larson Family

LARSON OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 FROM 2:00 PM
TO 5:00 PM

1906 Friars Lane
Mundelein, IL 60060



ADDRESS UPDATES

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erffelberg@aol.com

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G 847-946-3476



Chicago Men's Retreat

Save the Date: **March 10-12,**
2017

Generally speaking, the Prophet Jeremiah wouldn't have been much fun on a Men's retreat. You certainly wouldn't want to get stuck with him as your roommate. That said, he was passionate, focused and faithful. His life story has much to teach about hope, overcoming fear, and following God in complicated times. So take a time out with a great group of men to learn, grow, and (in spite of Jeremiah) laugh a lot.

Registration Opens in Mid-January at Lumunos.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 Thursdays February 2 & 16 this 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

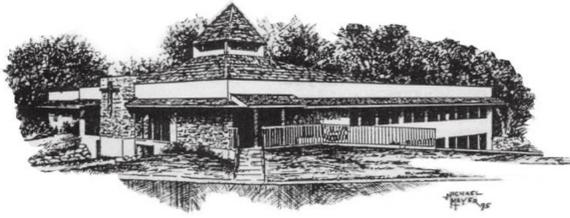


- 1 Ava Howard
Olivia Pas
- 2 Dennis Dieball
Melissa Schau
- 5 Carlene Lichter
- 8 Ruby Howard
Duane Westerberg
- 9 Chris Becker
- 13 Anthony Wyatt
- 15 Paul McMinimy
- 16 Genevieve Couleur
Jocelyn McMinimy
- 18 Otto Glader
- 20 Jake Anderson
- 23 Arlene Werner
- 24 Addie Leach
- 25 Jeff Bark

February Anniversaries

- 1 Rob & Sarah Gomez
- 10 Dave & Darilyn Anderson
- 16 John & Nancy McLinden

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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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.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:45 p.m. Mom's Group 6:45 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:15 p.m. JH leave for Harbor 7 p.m. Sensible Ladies Book Club @ Lindahls</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;">JH Deep Freeze—Harbor</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 a.m. Furniture Ministry</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester 5 p.m. SH Youth</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;">JH Deep Freeze—</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m. FMSC Packing Day Meet at site at 5:45</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 1 p.m. FDF @ Elly's 7 p.m. Worship Team</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Redeemer Life</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2-5 p.m. Larson Open House 5 p.m. SH Youth</p>	<p>13</p> <p>News-letter Deadline</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 a.m. Food Pantry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Mom's Group 6:45 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 4 p.m. SH leave for Point 5:30 p.m. 3-5th leave for Harbor</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;">SH One Life—Point</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;">Winterfest 3-5th graders</p>	<p>18</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth w/ parents</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 a.m. Food Pantry</p>	<p>Feb 27—March 3 (Marti gone)</p>			

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

<p>LAY READER FEBRUARY 5 Paul Hawkinson 12 Vicki Herrick 19 John Hjelm 26 Trevor James</p> <p>MARCH 5 Kirk Johnson 12 Sarah Larson 19 Angela Kocinski 26 Valerie Makkai</p>	<p>GREETERS FEBRUARY 5 John & Carlene Lichter 12 Paul & Donna Lindley 19 Paul & Karin Lundstedt 26 Valerie Makkai</p> <p>MARCH 5 Marie McCutcheon 12 John & Nancy McLinden 19 Kerry & Brenda Monson 26 Paul & Claudia Nauman</p>	<p>FELLOWSHIP HOUR FEBRUARY 5 Bill & Marti Anderson 12 Dave & Barb Anderson 19 Dave & Darilyn Anderson 26 Karin Anderson</p> <p>MARCH 5 Scott and Teresa Anderson 12 Jeff & Lori Bark 19 Chris & Twyla Becker 26 Ben & Christy Beckstrom</p>
<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY (9:15 a.m.) FEBRUARY 5 Tricia and Maggie Johnson 12 Tricia and Teresa Anderson 19 Jim & Michelle Pas 26 Donna Lindley & Judie Duba</p> <p>MARCH 5 Tricia Leach & Lee Vollrath 12 Tricia Leach & Joan Groody 19 Tricia Leach & Nancy McLinden 26 Tricia Leach & Linda Lee</p>	<p>INFANT NURSERY (10:15 a.m.) FEBRUARY 5 Kirsten Peterson & Kat Tranel 12 Kristen Bethancort & Heather Larson 19 Linda Lee & Bev Hawkins 25 Arlene Warner & Caren Vollrath</p> <p>MARCH 5 Ellen Hall & Rachel McLinden 12 Karen Hildebrandt & Kirsten Peterson 19 Trevor & Christy James 26 Kat Tranel & Arlene Werner</p>	<p>PRESCHOOL NURSERY (10:15) FEBRUARY 5 Nate & Melissa Schau 12 Jenna Glader & Lori Hartnett 19 Bill & Chris Anderson 25 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson</p> <p>MARCH 5 Heather Larson & Lilian Johnson 12 Jenna Glader & Angela Kocinski 19 Nate & Melissa Schau 26 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson</p>
<p><i>If you are not able to fulfill a date you are scheduled for, please find someone to switch dates with you. Thank you!</i></p> <p>Children's Church Coordinator: Niki Papak (951-8275) npapak80@gmail.com</p> <p>Nursery Coordinator: Tricia Leach (920-8005) tricia@libcov.org</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S CHURCH FEBRUARY 5 Naumans 12 Hawkinsons 19 Vollraths 26 Papak / Clark</p> <p>MARCH 5 Hawkins 12 Nauman 19 Vollrath 26 Papak / Clark</p>	<p>USHERS</p> <p>FEBRUARY: Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty, Ken Werner, Chris Johnson, Nate Schau</p> <p>MARCH: Jim Krueger, Dave Enquist, Bob Hartnett, Bill Anderson, Bob Peterson</p> <p>APRIL: Paul Lindley, John Hjelm, Jill Heath, Roger Clausen</p>

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.

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