

In the Spirit

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

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October *In the Spirit* is
Monday, September 11 2017
Please send items to
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Come and See *by Pastor Steve Larson*

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick... For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." - Matt. 9:12-13

For centuries, both churches and The Church have ebbed and flowed in attendance. And while every church, conference, diocese and denomination wants to grow, the total population of the church in America has held relatively steady at around 40% of the population ("give or take 10%") since 1900.

This means that for over a century, there has been no significant growth in the church in America. Most statisticians agree that the main reason for this is that the church spends most of its energy on "sheep swapping", growing not by calling non-believers to faith but by attracting Christians who are swapping churches due to relocation or dissatisfaction with their previous church.

But one mark of a healthy church is that we regularly see people commit

to a relationship with Jesus Christ. What would it mean for our church to take this calling seriously? First, it would mean that we have a passionate love for non-Christian people. It would matter deeply to us that our family members, co-workers, neighbors, and classmates do



not know Jesus nor do they care to. It would be a source of sorrow for us to think of them dying without Jesus, so much so that we would be compelled to act. If you don't find this compassion in your life, PRAY for it – God will give it to you.

Second, it would mean that we set aside our comfort, our fears, and our reputations

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and go build relationship with them. Almost every person who joins a church body does so because of a relationship with another person from that church. We cannot truly believe that there are non-Christians sitting around thinking, "if that church would just change that one thing, then I'd come running." Evangelism requires relationship, and relationship requires trust. If you don't think you have the courage for this in your life, PRAY for it – God will give it to you.

Third, it would mean inviting every non-Christian we know to the church in one way or another. Whether a bible study, a church event, a Wednesday night dinner, or a worship service, we have man open doors into our fellowship. If you don't think you know how to invite someone to church, PRAY about it – God will give you an opportunity.

Finally, it would mean telling them about Jesus in lots of different ways. We need to show them Jesus in our actions, behaviors, and care for them, but we also need to tell them about Him, what He has done for us in our lives, the struggles we still have, and the reality of our life with Jesus. Having Jesus doesn't solve all of our problems, but it does give us a relationship with our Creator and Sustainer. If you don't think you have the words, courage, or opportunity to show and tell someone about Jesus – yup, you guessed it.

I want to see our church worship service attendance at 200 people, but not just as a gathering of believers, not just to make us feel good. I want to see us fill our church with new believers and those just curious about Jesus. I want to break the trend of churches "sheep swapping" and intentionally introduce people to Jesus. You have access to people nobody else at LCC knows, and those people are your mission field. So pray about it, care about it, and do something about it. You will be blessed if you do!

Worship in October. . . **BLESS**

This month, we take a step away from our Getting in Shape series to really focus in on one



of our exercises, Intentional Evangelism. The Covenant has put together an Evangelism program called BLESS and we will be talking about how to be a BLESSing as we share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world around us.

Sunday, October 1

Begin with Prayer

Luke 10:1-12

Jesse & Emily Ciccotti

Sunday, October 8

Listen with Care

Luke 10:38-42

Jill's House

Sunday, October 15

Eat Together

Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, October 22

Serve with Love

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, October 29

Share Your Story

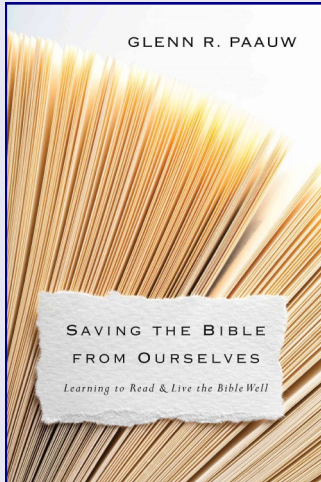
Luke 15:11-32

"Who shared the Story with you?"

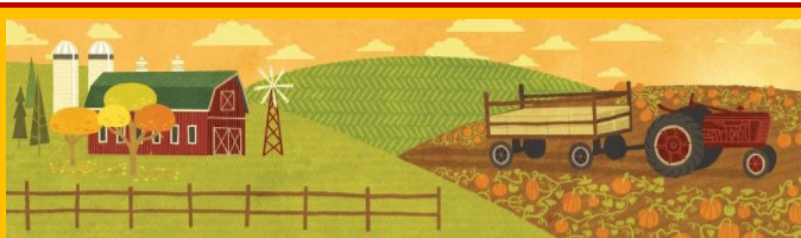
As we talk this month about sharing Jesus with others, and in preparation for All Saints Day, we want your help celebrating those who have shared Jesus with you. Throughout October, you will find a bulletin board in the narthex labeled, "Who shared the Story with you?" Please bring in copies of pictures of those who were instrumental in your coming to faith and put them on the board. These can be parents, pastors, friends, mentors, thinkers from ages past, or anyone who had a part in bringing you to Jesus. On November 5, we will share an All Saint's Day slideshow of these pictures and celebrate God's work in us.

WELCOME TO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 1—Jesse & Emily Ciccotti will share their adventure with us before heading back to Hong Kong



October 8, 15, 22, 29 - The Bible - Paul Nauman will lead a discussion of the Bible based on the book, "Saving the Bible From Ourselves" by Glen Paauw. We'll look at what the Bible is and what are appropriate ways to use it. Then we'll try the author's suggestion of reading big chunks of the Bible out loud in a group, starting with the book of John. This should be an inspiring new way to understand and experience God's Word!



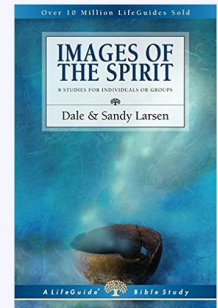
Who is Coming to Dinner? **SATURDAY,**
October 28, 2017 at 6 p.m.

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, a fall harvest 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. Sign up online at: [LCC](#)
"WHO IS COMING TO DINNER?" October 28, 2017
or contact the church office (847-362-3308) or Marie Oppedahl (847-431-7624).

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study—Thursday mornings

Join us at 9:15 a.m. as we begin the fall using the book "Images of the Spirit" by Dale and Sandy Larsen. On September 14th you are invited to bring a treat to share as we catch up with each other following the summer break. If you have questions, contact Pastor Bruce. bruce@libcov.org

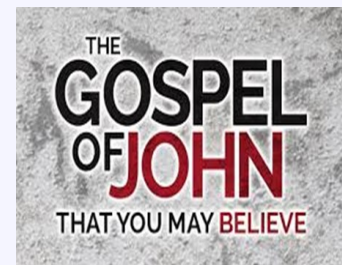


Men's Bible Study – Friday mornings

Join us at 7 a.m. for a Bible Study on each week's sermon text, along with donuts and coffee. Beginning Friday, September 15th. For information contact [Chris Becker chris@beckercrew.com](mailto:Chris.Becker@beckercrew.com)

Adult Study—Wednesday evenings

On September 13, as we kick off our Wednesday Night Ministry,



we'll begin our Fall Bible Study of the book of John. While the other three gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, are organized chronologically, John is organized theologically, making it a great book to study together. Using Gary Burge's commentary as our outline, we'll take a chapter by chapter journey through this book written by one of Jesus' closest friends. Everyone is welcome, so join us every Wednesday night at 6:45pm (right after our community dinner).



On October 8, we will hear from Joel Dillon about his work with Jill's

House, a respite ministry for families with special needs kids. As we prepare to be a part of this ministry here at LCC this coming spring, it is good for us to hear from the families we will be serving. Here are two excerpts from families served by Jill's House.

"For the first time, I had the nerve to travel out of town with my family to watch my daughter in her performance of a Shakespeare play after attending 3 weeks of Shakespeare camp. The ability to do that without having to divide our family into two (one stays home with [our son with disabilities] and the other one does the activity is usually how it goes) was incredibly relaxing and so very appreciated."

"Thank you for taking [our son with disabilities] and working him through his anxiety/ambivalences about being at Jill's House on the weekend. I had the most challenging week of my year: solo parenting and losing a lot of sleep with both [our son with disabilities] and our 9 month old, and was so grateful for the weekend respite."

Joel says, "Most of us with kids take experiences like this for granted. But for the families we are privileged to serve, these times of respite are anything but typical."

We look forward to joining God in how He is serving families with special needs here in Chicagoland, Covenant Harbor, and at LCC.

"LOVE IN A LUNCH BAG" "Thank you so much for participating in our first Love in a lunch bag packing event, we still have extra bags for anyone who needs them. We were delighted that we were able to pack over 70 lunch bags to help spread Christ's love and some LCC joy to people in the Chicagoland area that need it most! But our ministry is not over, we



need to continue to pray for the people who have received the lunch bags and for the many others who did not and need so much more than that. We also would love to hear your stories, let us know of your interactions with people

as you shared in this ministry. Feel free to email your comments to Marti marti@libcov.org and she will collect them. If there is a powerful story perhaps you would be willing to share with us all in an upcoming service. Thanks again to all that helped put this together and for allowing a little girl's dream become a reality!"



"Love in a Bag has allowed me to reach out to several people on the streets of Chicago. As I walk to work, there are usually a few that ask for help, so it's been handy to have a prepared bag to provide along with a greeting in love. The men have been grateful, wanting to shake hands and thanking us for the bag. I pray that the Lord will generate good returns through His word and the love exhibited in a few bags prepared by LCC."

"Near Foster and Pulaski by North Park there tends to be people in need. I recently met a man named Greg who was a disabled Vietnam vet. He loved the "Love in a Lunch Bag" and asked if we would pray for him as he doesn't know if he will have any shelter this winter. He said many of the local places are filled and he hopes to find a place for the colder months ahead. I said we would, and we have, and ended by saying "God Bless you and your church."

"Another day near Foster and Pulaski, going the opposite direction I met a man, he didn't share his name, but he was very grateful for the "Love in a Lunch Bag" from our church. We didn't have much time together, but I told him "God loves you", he thanked us and smiled as he peaked at some of the goodies. On my way home, I saw him sitting on the bench with the love in a lunch bag close to him with his other belongings."

May God Bless y'all always and forever for the kindness that you all have shown. We'd like to thank the entire church as well. With love, Sandra B. & Sandra B. (as they were anticipating a long bus ride home to Georgia with

Libertyville Covenant Church

LIVING LOVED

Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 14, 10:00am - 2:15pm

at Libertyville Covenant Church

for Women & Girls 6th Grade and Older

\$10 per Person, Lunch Included

Register at <http://wp.libcov.org/content/>

Join us (and invite a friend!)

for a Women's Retreat on October 14th! We will be focusing on "Living Loved"- knowing that we are loved by God not because of what we do but solely because God created us and loves us. We will be exploring what the Bible says about God's love for us, what our reactions to pain/hurt/upset should be so that they are God-honoring, and we will study women in the Bible and their roles in furthering God's kingdom. All women are invited along with our middle school and high school girls.

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.

PADS Update

On October 7th, our youth group is setting up beds for PADS and several people are providing and serving dinner.

LCC is responsible for two additional dates during this season. We will be setting up beds, providing and serving dinner on Saturday, January 27th and Saturday, February 24th. Lunches will be needed for the February date as well. More information to come!

Prayer Partners Needed!

Do you feel a burden for the next generation? Do you long to see more and more families living for Christ? Do you worry about the future of the Church? Do you wish you could somehow get involved with our kids or students? Do you regularly intercede for others?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please consider becoming a Prayer Partner for the youth of this church. The CF committee is looking for people who are willing to make a commitment to regularly pray for a child or student. If you are interested, please let Bobby, Tricia, Paul, Heather or Larissa know. More details will be forthcoming as we assemble our team of Prayer Partners. No experience is required; just a willingness to sincerely lift the next generation up to God in prayer!

Financial Summary thru AUGUST 2017

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 346,109
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 335,946
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ 10,163

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 271,995
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 346,109
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (74,114)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 271,995
Expenses YTD	\$ 335,946
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (63,951)

NOTE FROM TREASURER:

"Thank you for your continued generosity! In the first two Sundays of September we collected over \$3500 that has been forwarded to the Evangelical Covenant Church to help with hurricane relief efforts!"

Thank you all!

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Please pray for our college students and drop them a note of encouragement now and then.

BOOK REVIEW by Pastor Steve

Love Wins by Rob Bell

Last year when I read N.T. Wright's *Surprised by Hope*, it revolutionized the way I view heaven and the afterlife. This year when I read Rob Bell's *Love Wins*, nothing changed for me. That was disappointing since I generally like Rob Bell. I respect his knowledge of first century culture, but in reading this book, I didn't learn anything new or change my thinking about heaven, hell or the afterlife. Some of it was intriguing, but overall I didn't buy many of his basic premises.

Bell begins his book with controversy. From his preface on, he makes it clear that this was intentional and expected. He begins Chapter 1 with a flurry of questions (Bell's writing style throughout the book) meant to shake us up, from "do you know Gandhi is in hell" to "are bible-quoting wife abusers following Jesus". While some of this book is basic biblical truth held my most (Jesus calls us to do God's will here and now, heaven is a real place where God's will reigns, etc.), the controversial in it overshadows the rest and has become the focal point as it so often does.

One of these controversies is Bell's question of Ch. 4, "Does God get what God wants," or in other words, "do most people, the 'mass of men', go to heaven?" Bell's critics have labeled him a Universalist, one who believes that everyone is saved and heaven-bound, and he dances that line close enough to bring that question to mind in any honest reader. From p. 106 on, he argues that this idea of "most people" going to heaven is historical and has been held by many great theologians through history. Chapter 6 is basically an argument that while Jesus is the only Way to God, many, including "Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Baptists from Cleveland" may find God through Jesus without realizing that it is Jesus. This is way too close to an "every road up the mountain leads to God" theology, one with which I cannot agree, and one which was not proposed by Jesus. According to Matt. 7:13-14, we don't accidentally enter heaven. Yet, Bell adamantly refuses the title Universalist, and I agree that he is not in the technical sense because he spells out that people can choose to turn away from God, can choose hell (see p. 114). However, he then goes on to a second related controversial point.

Bell raises the possibility of a post-death repentance. This theme has been toyed with by C.S. Lewis in his book *The Great Divorce*, but Bell takes it from story to truth. Bell speaks of the temporary nature of Hell and that nobody can resist God's love forever. Key to this argument is his question on p.108, "could God say to someone... desperate for reconciliation (after they have died), sorry, too late'?" Implied in the rest of the argument is a resounding NO. However, this ignores three of Jesus' parables (Matt 25:1-13, Luke 13:24-28, Luke 16:19-31) that say just that, not because God is cruel but because we didn't take the opportunity given us.

Though Bell is wrong about these things and some others, it is unfortunate that they overshadow the good aspects of the book. He rightly emphasizes God's broad and expansive love, a love we are called to emulate. In our world that seems to continuously shrink the number of people we are supposed to love, we need this call to show God's love to all people, whatever their race, creed, gender, or political persuasion. We also need to recognize how we are perceived by non-Christians and though Bell often uses extreme examples, they are ones with which many non-Christians agree. As followers of Jesus, we examine everything we read, see, and hear through the lens of God's Word. "Where is it written," has been the response of any Covenanter to anything since our inception. As we reach out to fulfill God's mission to make disciples of everyone and be His witnesses everywhere, we will face questions like Rob Bell brings up in this book and many others. So we will continue to study the Word in Sunday school, small groups, and on our own so that we can know the truth and speak that truth in love (Eph. 4:14-16) into the world that is our mission field.

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.

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LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Throughout the year, Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. students grades 9-12 gather for games, dinner, reflection on faith and small group activities. Students will experience something new each week as we take excursions together, serve together, and dive into our community. All are welcome, no prior experience needed, be sure to come check it out.

CHIC Preview Day Saturday, October 21, 2017 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Come join us for a taste of CHIC on North Park University's campus! Day kicks off with a light breakfast, worship and base camps, a taste of Chicago lunch, free time activities such as NPU football game, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, serving dinner to the homeless, chillin on the front lawn, and enjoying dodge ball in a huge inflatable!! The cost for the day is \$20 and should include an awesome CHIC Tee shirt. Be sure to sign up ASAP. Registration closes on October 14. Be sure to come check it out. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-day-of-chic-at-npu-tickets-37739021429>



CHIC Registration Deposit-- We are needing to have a \$100 dollar deposit in by October 29th if your intending to go to CHIC. To get the early bird rates we need to get our registration in by late October. With this in mind please be sure to bring in a registration form and a check with CHIC deposit written in the memo. Pass the word along to any and all that would love to join in on this great adventure to CHIC 2018!! <http://chicconference.org/for-leaders-parents/parent-info/>

No Sr. High Youth Group on Sunday, October 22nd.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Middle School students gather Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. to build community through learning, growing, and sharing a life of faith together. What does that practically look each week? There is time for games, a reflection on faith, small group activities, scavenger hunts, local service projects, and all sorts of faith building opportunities. Come check it out, as we learn about God and as we seek to follow Jesus together.



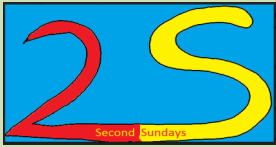
We are happy to announce a group of 20 students and leaders will head up to Covenant Point Bible Camp October 6-9, for the Junior High Fall Retreat. We will start the fall off strong with the wonders of camp in the fall and space for students to grow in relationship with God and peers. Please pray for us as we prepare for a weekend of fun and adventure, worship, high ropes, big games, and great messages. Come at 4 p.m. so we can be on the road at 4:30 p.m on Friday and hope to return mid afternoon on Monday.

November 11, 2017- Believe.Love.Serve Each year our students and families journey up to Covenant Harbor to help serve one of the camping ministries our church supports. This year, we want to invite students of our middle school and high school to join in on a day giving back.

During **Believe.Love.Serve**, we partner with people from various Covenant Churches to help get the camp ready for the winter season. Pick up a paint brush, prep buildings, and improve the grounds through service. Bring your family, friends, small group, and join our youth group for a great day at camp. Work begins around 9:00a.m. and we will serve for the better part of the day hoping to return to church late afternoon. Meals are provided for all volunteers.

Please be sure to register online. <http://covenantharbor.org/volunteer-work-day/>

Children's Ministries



Bring a friend and pick up or pack a lunch to October's Second Sunday! We will meet at Kroll's Fall Harvest Farm at 1 for lunch! There's lots of fun stuff to do, including an educational corn maze, petting zoo, educational hay rides, and pumpkin store! Hope to see you there!

Where: Kroll's Fall Harvest Farm [13236 W. Town Line Rd. Waukegan IL 60087](#), about a 20 minute drive from Church

When: 1:00pm after church on October 8th

What: Bring a lunch or pick up one on the way to enjoy a corn maze (\$7 for age 13 and over, \$5 for 12 and under, 3 and under is free), Hay Ride (\$3 a person), Animal meeting (free!) and Pumpkin shopping!



Saturday, October 21 Parenting Workshop!

Join us at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a workshop taught by our own Steve and Heather Larson. Together they will be talking about children's brain physiology, psychology, and development, opening up a discussion on what our children are thinking, how, and why.

Children will be welcome to join us downstairs for a discussion and veggie tales movie of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Four friends who were pulled from their home and dealt with a different way of thinking in a new land.



Around 6:00 pm, we will be going downstairs for a pizza dinner and Q&A discussion time! Dinner is \$5 per family.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child is coming up soon! Be sure to sign up to donate materials online or sign up on the sign up sheet on the Children's Ministry board downstairs! Keep these dates in mind:

October 29th: 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 5th: Operation Christmas Child Packing day! This year, we will be packing the boxes during Children's Church and after church to coincide with the Covenant's Global Perspective Sunday!



Bobby Becker,
Director of Children's
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Tues/Thurs: 10 am-4 pm
Wednesday: 2-5:30 pm

DO WE HAVE YOUR LCC DATA SHEETS?



NURSERY NEWS

Things are in full swing in both the infant and preschool nurseries. I am so thankful for every volunteer that helps out in either one of the nurseries at any given time. From a parents perspective, I am so thankful for the opportunity to drop off my kids in a nursery where I know that they are safe, loved and cared for. I'm thankful for the relationships that are formed with their peers and also with the volunteers themselves.

Please remember that as we approach cold and flu season, that we need to do our best to keep our little ones healthy. If they have had a fever or vomiting or have a runny nose and cough, please keep them home.



Tricia Leach,
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October Birthdays

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| 1 Elias Chang | 16 Luke Dahlberg |
| 3 Carolyn Johnson | Youngki Kim |
| 4 Steve Hall | Sarah Nikkel |
| 5 Jesse Lee | Mary Palmer |
| 7 Sarah Gomez | |
| 9 Kerry Monson | 17 Brian Swanson |
| 11 Jim Krueger | 24 Scott Christian |
| 12 Lorie Bark | 25 Bill E. Anderson |
| Kyle Gustafson | Bill K. Anderson |
| 13 Audrey Hawkins | John McLinden |
| Landon Johnson | 29 Paul Hawkinson |
| 15 Christy James | |
| Collins Leach | 30 Brent Gustafson |

October Anniversaries

- 3 Dave & Barb Anderson (1992)
- 5 Kevin & Kate Reilly (2013)
- 10 Lee & Judie Duba (1969)
- 13 Steve & Susan Barg (1984)
- 15 Paul & Claudia Nauman (1983)
- Matt & Julie Wojcik (2011)
- 16 Bruce & Merileen Thorson (1971)



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!

Hand out FMSC M&M's tubes and make a difference in the lives of kids everywhere.



These treats are filled with hope!



1 filled tube = 63 kids fed!

Purchase a tube of M&M's - enjoy the chocolate - and then fill the tube up with quarters and bring your donation back to LCC and you will have raised enough money to feed 63 children for a day! A little bit goes a long way! This is a great idea for your Halloween Treats this year or to give as a birthday favor for your party!

You can purchase and return your tubes here at LCC.

Order online: [FMSC Halloween M&M Order Form 2017](#) & send a check (payable to LCC) and we will have your Halloween M&M Tubes available to be picked up. The \$\$ returned to LCC in filled tubes will be used to fund an all church packing event that we hope to schedule in the spring.

WINCHESTER HOUSE

Several special services are being prepared for our monthly attendance at Winchester House.

On **October 1st**, Alicia Reese will be the guest speaker and Court will provide the special music. Sarah Larson will provide special assistance to entertain Julia and James while their parents are speaking and/or singing!

On **November 5th**, our youth group will be taking over the service, providing the message and music.

On **December 3rd**, Ken Greenfield will deliver the homily and we are hoping to have a number of children in attendance to sing Christmas Carols.

If you would like to participate in our Winchester House Ministry, please contact Maggie Johnson. All help is welcome!

PING PONG: Men of the church (and friends) are invited to play ping pong on Thursdays October 5 & 19 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 jjgjd@netzero.net

Join us for Wednesday night dinners this Fall!

\$3/person or \$8/family

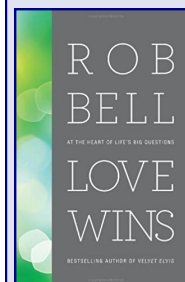
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Followed by all our regular programs: Kids Club, Jr. High Youth Group, Adult Study, Choir Rehearsal

Sensible Ladies Book Club

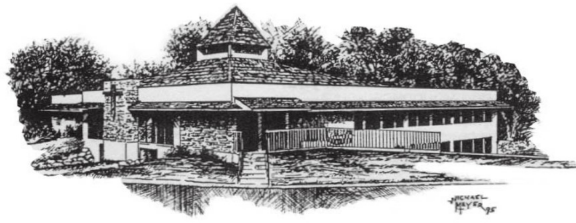
Mark your calendar now to reserve the evening of **Friday, October 13th**, to attend the "Sensible Ladies" Book Club at the home of Caren Vollrath, 33017 N. Ashley Drive, Grayslake at 7:00 p.m. Our next Book Club selection will be **Love Wins** by Rob Bell.

Love Wins challenges accepted orthodox views of Heaven and Hell and raises many questions about reconciling God's love and God's judgement. Because Rob Bell has been influential among Christians and seekers in recent years, it would be good to read his book and consider his opinion. As Covenanters, we ask "Where is it written?" to examine everything we read through the lens of scripture. We will do no less when reading **Love Wins**. Please join us!



Pick up a copy of the book now, and begin reading. It will be helpful if you rsvp to Caren at

carenvollrath@gmail.com to let her know you plan to attend.



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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



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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THRIFT BOUTIQUE

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.

Please be sure that we have your current information & family picture. All info may be sent to marti@libcov.org or left in the church office. If you would like us to take a new picture for you we are happy to do so on any Sunday just let us know. Thank you!

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth	2 <div>Central Conference Pastors Retreat</div>	3 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Outreach	4 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. JH Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Choir	5 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. Ping Pong 7 p.m. YL Ca-	6 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 4 p.m. JH meet at church	7 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry
8 Murrays Last Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon 2nd Sunday to Corn Maze 5 p.m. SH Youth <div>JH—Point</div>	9 Newsletter deadline	10 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Church Council	11 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. JH Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Choir	12 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	13 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Redeemer Life	14 10 a.m.—2:15 p.m. Women's Retreat
15 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth	16	17 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Deacons	18 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. JH Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Choir	19 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. Ping Pong	20 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Love INC Dinner & Auction	21 9 a.m.—9 p.m. CHIC Preview @ NPU 5-7 p.m. Fall Parenting Workshop
22 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship NO SH Youth	23	24 9 a.m. Food Pantry	25 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. JH Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Choir	26 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	27 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	28 6 p.m. Who is Coming to Dinner?
29 OCC Bake Sale 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 12-3 p.m. Inquirer's Class 5 p.m. SH Youth	30	31 9 a.m. Food Pantry				

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LAY READER OCTOBER

1 Paul Hawkinson
8 Vicki Herrick
15 John Hjelm
22 Trevor James
29 Kirk Johnson

NOVEMBER

5 Jay Gustafson
12 Maggie Johnson
19 Angela Kocinski
26 Valerie Makkai

GREETERS OCTOBER

1 Chris & Twyla Becker
8 Ben & Christy Beckstrom
15 John & Kristen Bethancourt
22 Tom & Nancy Borkman
29 Evelyn Boulton & Janis Carlson

NOVEMBER

5 Mark & Christine Cederberg
12 Larry & Marilyn Cholewin
19 John & Elizabeth Christian
26 Donna Clark

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OCTOBER

1 John & Beth Hjelm
8 Dieter & Karin Hildebrandt
15 Jeff & Earleen Johnson
22 Kirk Johnson
29 Vern & Maggie Johnson

NOVEMBER

5 Lisa Kindstrom & Angela Kocinski
12 Barb Lansky & Linda Lee
19 John & Carlene Lichter
26 Deb & Wes Lindahl

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY OCTOBER

1 Tricia Leach & Judie Duba
8 Tricia Leach & Maggie Johnson
15 Tricia Leach & Rachel Couleur
22 Jim & Michelle Pas
29 Tricia Leach & Teresa Anderson

NOVEMBER

5 Tricia Leach & Joan Groody
12 Tricia Leach & Lee Vollrath
19 Tricia Leach & Judie Duba
26 Tricia Leach & Maggie Johnson

INFANT NURSERY OCTOBER

1 Ellen Hall & Donna Lindley
8 Bev Hawkins & Tricia Leach
15 Caren Vollrath & Kat Tranel
22 Donna Lindley & Kirsten Peterson
29 Trevor & Christy James

NOVEMBER

5 Tricia Leach & Kat Tranel
12 Tricia Leach & Ellen Hall
19 Tricia Leach & Caren Vollrath
26 Karin Hildebrandt & Kirsten Peterson

PRESCHOOL NURSERY OCTOBER

1 Heather Larson & Lori Hartnett
8 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson
15 Bill & Chris Anderson
22 Jenna Glader & Linda Lee
29 Nate & Melissa Schau

NOVEMBER

5 Courtney & Alicia Reese
12 Heather Larson & Steve Leach
19 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson
26 Bill & Chris Anderson

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Tricia Leach (920-8005)
tricia@libcov.org

CHILDREN'S CHURCH OCTOBER:

1 Hawkinsons
8 Vollraths
15 Papak / Clark
22 Hawkins
29 Naumans

NOVEMBER

5 Hawkinsons
12 Vollrath
19 Papak / Clark
26 Hawkins

USHERS

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

NOVEMBER: Lee Vollrath, Carl
Zienty, Ken Werner, Nate Schau

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

If you would like to volunteer in any of our Children's Ministries please contact Bobby or Christian Formation Chairs, Larissa Greenfield 847-566-2254 or Heather Larson 815-901-3294.

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