

In the Spirit

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

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Monday, September 11 2017
Please send items to
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Well Rounded Workout

by Pastor Steve Larson

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." – 1 Cor. 9:24-27

H ave you heard one of the stories of a young mom lifting a car to save her child? Or a middle aged man outrunning a speeding wild animal? When I do, I think, "I'd like to have that kind of power all the time!" It's a variation on the common desire to have super powers, but more practical, at least a little. However, the level of adrenaline and stress needed to shut down our life-saving "limiter systems" like pain and fear would kill us in the long term, but nonetheless, we love the idea of quick solutions to our problem of wanting more strength, more speed, more ability.

Sadly, we all know (or soon find out) that the only path to "more strength, more speed, more ability" is a regular fitness regimen. Eating smart and eating less, work-

ing out and challenging yourself, these are the keys to physical fitness. Growth requires self-discipline, not quick fixes, and that is hard news.



The Apostle Paul understood this well, and applied it to our spiritual growth, for this truth applies to all growth, not just physical. Again and again, Paul likens our spiritual training to physical training, and urges us to keep our priorities straight when it comes to eternity – spiritual training is worth infinitely more! And many of us are very strong in

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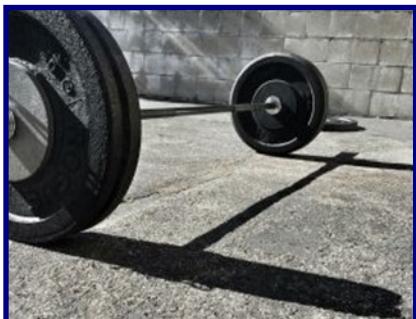
one or two areas of our spiritual training. Unfortunately, we all tend toward this philosophy of idolizing one particular exercise of our faith while neglecting the others. Let me explain.

Many of us train one particular spiritual muscle a lot while neglecting the rest. We are deeply versed in scripture and have much of it memorized, but haven't spent time in service to our community in years. Or we work at community transformation regularly but haven't been in worship in months. We worship weekly, but haven't tithed in a long, long time. Like someone who only works their biceps, we may grow strong in one muscle while the others atrophy. God calls us to a well-rounded work out, not just a regular one. We need to be working on all of our spiritual practices like prayer, serving in mission, building our LCC community, attending worship, and giving generously.

As we talk through 10 good exercises for our spiritual growth, join me in a commitment to grow a little in every area rather than a lot in your favorite one. And as we grow together a little in many ways, we'll see our church grow to reflect the Kingdom of God a lot!

Worship in September . . .

Getting In Shape



Last year, we spent \$3.7 trillion in an effort to be more physically fit. Obviously fitness is a core value in our culture. This fall in worship, we're going to talk about our spiritual fitness. The Evangelical Covenant Church has suggested 10 specific areas that we as a church can strengthen to become stronger, healthier, and more missional. Each week we will focus on another set of exercises to help us grow in these 10 areas as disciples and as a congregation.

Sunday, August 27 (9:30)– Transformers (Romans 12:1-2)

Sunday, September 3 (10:30)

Heartfelt Worship

Isaiah 1:10-20
John 4:23

Sunday, September 17

Community Transformation

Micah 6:6-8
Matthew 6:9-15

Kickoff Sunday, September 10

Compelling Christian Community

Psalm 138:1
Acts 2:42-47

Sunday, September 24

Intentional Evangelism

Genesis 12:1-3
Matthew 28:18-20

Sunday, September 3—Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 10—Kickoff Sunday: Sunday School (9:15 a.m.), Worship (10:30 a.m.), Picnic following service



On September 10, join us for our
Fall Kickoff

9:30am

Everyone meets in the sanctuary for music, "Love in a Lunchbag", and an introduction to our teachers.

10:30am

We worship together, continuing our fall sermon series called "Getting in Shape", and celebrating our 40th Anniversary with music, video, and testimony. Nursery and Children's Church are available.

12:00pm

After worship, we gather on the Hill for a Kickoff picnic! Food (bring a side dish, salad or dessert (to share), games, and fun for all ages!



Sr. Day at Covenant Harbor

Wednesday, August 30th

10 a.m.—3 p.m.

\$25 includes lunch and Lake Geneva boat ride.

See Barb Lansky or Bruce Thorson for details. Let them know if you want a seat on the church van which will leave from church at 8:30 a.m. Registration Forms are available at the Information Desk.

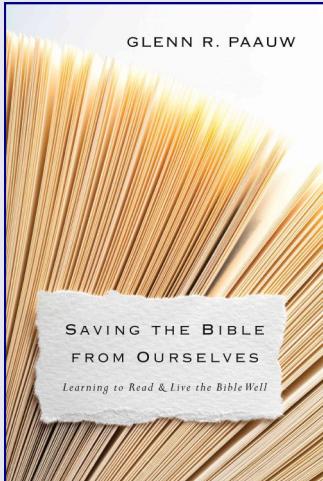
WELCOME TO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 10—Kickoff—All gather in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m.

September 17 - Listening - There's a lot of talking past each other going on these days. Larissa Greenfield will lead us in a discussion based loosely around James 1:19 and recent scientific findings about the importance of listening well.

September 24, October 1, 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!



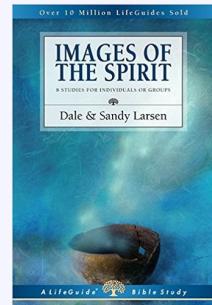
You are cordially invited . . . To sing with the choir
We are looking for people to join with us for a special anthem to celebrate LCC's 40th anniversary on September 10th. We will rehearse after worship on August 27th (10:45) and September 3rd (11:45). Regular choir rehearsals begin September 6th at 6:45 p.m. for everyone who would like to sing with us throughout the year. We would love to have you join us for music, fun and fellowship.

Contact Kris Nikkel for more information 847-543-8861 or kjnikkel@aol.com.

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

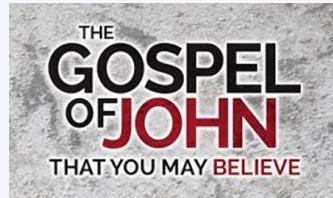


Men's Bible Study – Friday mornings

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

Adult Study—Wednesday evenings

On September 13, as we kick off



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).



Rest.
Peace.
Hope. With
a simple
meal, an
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and a listen-
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ry one of us can give a family the
gifts of rest, peace, and hope. That

is what Jill's House is all about, and this spring we will join them in bringing these gifts to the families of special needs kids in the Chicagoland area. By partnering with Jill's House and Covenant Harbor Bible Camp, we can supply a weekend of respite care for 8 – 12 families of special needs kids.

On a Friday afternoon around 3:30pm, 8 – 12 special needs families from all over Chicagoland will come to LCC and find us welcoming, caring, and providing a meal for them. While some eat and share their stories and lives with our volunteers, staff from Jill's House will meet with each family to register their son or daughter for the weekend away from home. When everyone is registered, probably around 5:30pm, the staff will take the kids by van up to Covenant Harbor for a weekend retreat created especially for kids with special needs. The parents will head out for their weekend together, and we will clean up. On Sunday afternoon, we'll have the church open again, Jill's House staff will reunite the kids and their parents, and all will head home rested, peaceful, and full of hope for the hard days to come.

Our first weekend is in May, so we will be forming a Jill's House leadership team in January. Many have already voiced their excitement and desire to join this ministry, but there is always room for more. On October 8, we'll hear more about this from Joel Dillon, a Jill's House staff member and former member of LCC. Please pray for this ministry and our part in it.

Love in a Lunchbag!

I met Tony at the entrance to a "T" stop in Boston a number of years ago. Tony was homeless, and his story was heartbreaking. He helped us find our way home, and received a small gift from us in return, enough for dinner that night. Most of us meet Tonys as we visit Chicago or even simply drive through Lake County. Seldom do we stop to help, and even more seldom do we stop to share stories and pray. On September 10, our Kickoff Sunday, we'll take a first step at helping us serve our Tonys we meet along our way. During our opening Sunday school, we will be decorating lunchbags. After worship, we will fill these lunchbags with snacks, water, hygiene products, and bibles. We'll add a card with a verse, a note, or a prayer. These "**Love in a Lunchbag**" gifts (special thanks to Grace James for the idea and name!) can be used each time we meet a Tony in our wanderings. We can hand them to the person at the intersection asking for help. We can give them to the person begging on the street. And with something ready to give, we can decide if we simply say "God bless you," or stop and hear their story, or offer a prayer with them. So come and make a bag with us on September 10. And then after worship, take one or 5 or 10 to give to the Tonys in your path this fall.

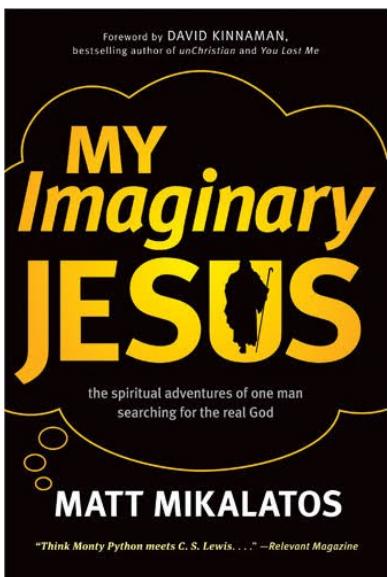
Offerings will be taken following our services to purchase items to place in the bags

"My son is there now. It was his first time away from me with strangers in 16 years. I don't have to tell you how I felt. Yes, I cried when I got there, but the love I felt there gave me peace. The joy on their faces said it all. [My son] is having a blast! The staff had nothing but wonderful news to tell me about his experience. Thank you all for providing such an amazing experience for our children."

- a mom of a Jill's House participant

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.

BOOK REVIEW by Pastor Steve



My Imaginary Jesus by Matt Mikalatos.

With descriptions like, “Think Monty Python meets C.S. Lewis” from Relevant Magazine and “mixing questions of suffering and free will with a nexus of weirdness...” from Publishers Weekly, how could I turn down an invitation to read My Imaginary Jesus? And I wasn’t disappointed.

In his balance of wit and weirdness, Matt Mikalatos addresses one of the strategic problems of the church today; the worship of a Jesus of our own making.

In the process of unmasking scores of “Imaginary Jesuses”, from the King James Jesus to the Harley Jesus, from the Conservative Jesus to the Liberal Jesus, from Peacenik Jesus to Political Jesus, Mikalatos moves from the absurd caricatures we all laugh at easily to the frighteningly familiar imaginary Jesuses we have created for ourselves, and shows that all fall short of the real Jesus we all seek.

Though there are some deeply poignant moments of pain and reality, they tend to come suddenly, catching you off guard and “unprotected”. Robin Williams once said, “comedy allows people to lower their shields, and then you can slip some truth in.” Matt Mikalatos does this well, if a bit ham-handedly; the truth is not so much slipped in under the shields as smacked in your face. Yet still the balance between suicide tobogganing with Free-Will Jesus and Meticulous Jesus and the early death of his child works in this setting and teaches us about the Real Jesus even as it keeps us laughing and crying, sometimes simultaneously.

It takes courage to share a book this autobiographically accurate to his own life, and a very warped sense of humor to have a time-traveling companion named Daisy who just happens to be a donkey. But it takes an honest man of God to help us think through our own tendency to make imaginary Jesuses and urge us on to clarify our own views of the Real Jesus through scripture and prayer.

Discipleship/Confirmation

6th—8th grade students are invited into a journey of learning and growing together starting up again on Kick Off Sunday, September 10th. By now most of you have received an email regarding confirmation and more will be surely coming your way. Each Sunday morning through the school year students will meet in this intentional teaching and learning environment to learn and grow in their faith. This will be a time that you can ask questions, wrestle in faith, and seek a closer walk with God. Come check it out, much has already been planned for the year ahead. For more information speak with Pastor Steve or Pastor Paul.

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 JULY 2017

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 298,191
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 303,318
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ (5,127)

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 246,555
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 298,191
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (51,636)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 246,555
Expenses YTD	\$ 303,318
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (56,763)

NOTE FROM TREASURER:

Through June, regular giving is nearly \$56K behind budget but only \$7500 less than last year at this time. Summer is always a slow time where we end up paying out more than we take in. During this time, we rely on our cash reserves built up last year end to pay the staff and "keep the lights on". Any additional giving at this time would be a blessing and allow us to retain rather than deplete our reserves.

Thank you all!

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



Teresa's message was about being able to tune out the static and filter what we as Christians let into our lives. The retreat has been a great starting point for me to be much more aware of all the negative messages and influences that we are all faced with on a daily basis. I love the retreat and the unity that is created during our time together!

Jay Gustafson

It was great to grow closer as a church family through all of the events and games that we played while still being able to have a quiet retreat from normal daily life.

Sarah Larson

The retreat was so much fun and I loved playing with my friends. I felt like God was there.

Thor Papak

It was fun when we all came together to play games.

Kajsa Palmberg

START GEARING UP FOR PADS!! The dates are not yet selected, but we are committing to set up beds, provide and serve dinner and the next day's lunch for three different dates during the winter season. More information to come very soon!



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The All Church Retreat is something I look forward to just before the school year starts. It helps me stay grounded and focused as I enter the secular world of teaching. This year's theme of Re-Tuning was exactly what I needed during this transition. With a whole weekend with wonderful people from church, I was able to take the time to really connect with friends; and I don't just meet new people, I get to know them as well. The retreat offers deeper connections with people because we have the long weekend to do just that.

Jamie Gustafson

The retreat was a great way to unwind and connect with our church family at the end of the summer. The focus on retuning to God was perfect at the start of a new year. We are so glad we finally made the decision to attend.

Niki Papak

WINCHESTER HOUSE: We continue to provide residents of Winchester House with a worship experience. Our next speaker will be Pastor Steve who will deliver the message at our September 3rd service. He will provide communion for those in attendance and his family will also supply the special music! If you have the time, please join us at 2:30 p.m. and help lead the singing of hymns.

WANTED: A speaker for the October 1st service. Do you have a topic on your heart that you have always wanted to share with others? Are you a budding public speaker who is looking for an opportunity to try out your skills? This is the perfect venue for you! Please contact Maggie Johnson 847 772-8564 for more information. You will be supported in every way needed and will be much appreciated by our low-key audience.

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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Bobby Becker (224/688-3667)

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Church Council Vice Chair:

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Church Council Secretary:

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Financial Secretary:

John Bethancourt (847/837-1690)

Treasurer:

Mark Cederberg (847/599-9444)

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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:

Trustee Committee Chair:

Dave Hinz (262/745-7020)

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

CHIC

CHIC
2018!!
UNITE!!

CHIC began as a dream to gather Covenant people together to praise God, share in a rich time of fellowship, and encourage each other in faith. CHIC is an incredible experience that comes but once every three years. For five jam-packed days, we are privileged to hear from speakers, sing praises to God (six thousand voice strong!), engage with the Word of God, and interact with others from around the world.

Our Dream for CHIC is that God would make himself known to each of us and bring people together to UNITE in his Spirit! We invite you to join us July 15-20, 2018, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As you walk through the campus you will discover the many wonders of God from the landscape to the generosity of his people. Tennessee is the perfect place to see God's handiwork through the lush vegetation, mountains, and streams. This is a place where you can meet God, relax in the sun, whitewater raft, hike trails, explore caves, swim, play tennis, soccer, meet new friends, and deepen old friendships. It is the place to Be.

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father to all, who is over all and in all" (Eph 4:1-6)

Party at the Pool! All youth ministry students 6th-12th grades are invited to our end of the summer
Pool Party @ Hawkinson's

Saturday, August 26, from 5:00-8:00p.m.

Bring a suit, towel, ready for fun attitude, and all the energy you can muster for an amazing pool party. We will be eating together, meeting friends and youth leaders as we have fun in sun.

Kick OFF SUNDAY!!

We are ready to launch into another year of youth ministry and **September 10, 2017** is the date to be at church to hear all about it. The day will be packed full of opportunities to reconnect to familiar faces, worship together, laugh together and later in the evening the senior high will meet together for a taste of what the year has in store. **Senior high parents and students will meet from 5-7 p.m.** where we will talk about LCC Youth ministry and time sensitive important information you will need to know of CHIC 2018. It is crucial that all parents attend. Rest easy parents, NO MESSY Games will be played this year. Please be sure to clear the calendar for September 10th!! Hope to see you there!

Mid-Week- BREAKING THROUGH!!

September 13th will be our first Middle School Youth group gathering. Dinner is served at 5:30 and youth group kicks off right at 6:30pm and raps up around 7:45p.m. Be sure to be here as we welcome you to re-connect for an awesome year in youth group. This Wednesday night we hope to give you a glimpse of what is to come and get excited about what God has in store for the year ahead. If you are in 6-8th grade this is a night you're not going to want to miss. God is hoping to Break Through in your life, and I hope you are open to seeing just how awesome that can be!!



JR. HIGH FALL RETREAT: OCT 6-9, 2017
FOR GRADES 6/7/8

Get your retreat registration in to the church office by Sunday, September 17th. See Pastor Paul if you need extra forms.

REMEMBER YOUR LCC DATA SHEETS!!!



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

Children's Ministries



This year we are excited to start using a new curriculum called the Gospel Project! This fall, we will be going through the old testament from creation to Joseph with each lesson intentionally relating back to Jesus! Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:15a.m. in the choir room for Sunday School or Wednesday nights at 5:30 for dinner and Kid's Club!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEACHERS & COUNSELORS 2017-2018 CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School

Preschool (age 2-4): Angela Kocinski & Jenna Glader

K-2nd Grade: Paul & Kristin Hawkinson (September—February)
Sarah Palmberg & Trevor James (February—May)

3rd—5th Grade: Colleen Sparks & Christy Beckstrom (Fall)
Colleen, Merileen Thorson & Nancy Borkman (Winter & Spring)

Kids Club

Preschool (3-4 years old): Mary Lutter & Nancy McLinden

K-5th Grade: Larissa Greenfield & John Hjelm

Music: Maggie Johnson

Games: Kirsten Peterson

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle School (6th-8th grade)

Sunday School/Confirmation: Pastor Steve Larson, Pastor Paul Couleur,
Steve Leach, Teresa Anderson

Youth Group Counselors: Pastor Paul Couleur, Dave Anderson,
Claudia Nauman, Melissa & Nate Schau, Caitlin Bethancourt

Senior High (9th-12th grade)

Sunday School: Ken Greenfield, Pastor Paul Couleur, Eric Sawyer

Youth Group Counselors: Pastor Paul Couleur, Dave & Darilyn Anderson, Eric &
Jessica Sawyer, Angela Kocinski, Rachel McLinden

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Coordinator: Paul Nauman

Thank you to all of our volunteers who generously give of their time for our Families!

Important Start of the school year Announcements:

Join us September 10th at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary for our first Sunday School of the year! We will be talking about what we will be learning, meeting our teachers, getting to know the kids in our class, and decorating bags for the Love In a Lunchbag activity!

Sunday School starts at 9:15 a.m. in the Choir room for all ages this year starting on September 17th. We will be starting our Sunday School sessions all together to sing some songs before dismissing to our different, age specific, classes. See you there!

Wednesday night gatherings and Kid's club will be starting on September 13th! Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall! Then join us at 6:15 p.m. for our first fun filled Kid's Club of the year!

GOD Bless,
Bobby



Bobby Becker,
Director of Children's
Ministries
Bobby@libcov.org
224/688-3667

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



NURSERY NEWS

I hope you all have enjoyed your summer! I am excited to get back into the swing of things, here at church.

Thank you to Heather Larson for opening her home on Friday mornings to host our preschool play-dates. Fun was had by all!!

As we get back into the swing of things, I want to remind you that we need all your updated data sheets turned in as soon as possible. You can give them directly to me or bring them to the office. This helps us keep all of the kids information updated.

We are always looking for extra volunteers. This does not mean that you have to be put on the regular schedule. Please pray about offering a Sunday once every few months, or even once or twice a year. The preschool class is specifically in need of a few more volunteers.

Also, we have changed the ages for the nurseries. The infant nursery upstairs will serve infant through potty trained (unless otherwise discussed). And the preschool class will serve potty trained up to kindergarten. If you have any questions, please let me know.



Tricia Leach,
Nursery
Coordinator
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847-858-2430

September Birthdays

- 1 Sarah McMinimy
- 2 John Bethancourt
Larry Cholewin
Annika Hawkinson
- 3 David Hinz
- 4 Lisa Kindstrom
- 7 Hannah Barg
Nancy McLinden
- 8 Lilian Johnson
Sarah Palmberg
- 9 Brian McLinden
- 11 Dana Hartnett
- 13 Jerome Johnson
- 12 Matthew Enquist
Bob Sorensen
- 14 Kristin Hawkinson
- 16 Eileen Fehlberg
- 17 Drew Zahasky
- 18 Lukas Beckstrom
Kevin Reilly
- 20 Jinwoo Kim
Gene Sparks
- 22 Darilyn Anderson
Mariah Lee
Linda Youngman
- 23 Lars Dahlberg
- 24 Judie Duba
Laura Nordgren
- 25 Lexie Schultz
- 26 Grace Glader
- 27 Linda Lee

September Anniversaries

- 5 Paul & Beth McMinimy (1987)
- 6 Lars & Kyra Anderson (2014)
- 12 Kerry & Brenda Monson (1981)
- 14 Ken & Arlene Werner (1974)
- 15 Bill & Chris Anderson (1979)
- 18 Jeff & Earleen Johnson (1976)
- 19 Craig & Colleen Sparks (1998)
- 26 Chris & Lilian Johnson (2008)
- 27 Dave & Beth Enquist (1980)
Jim & Michelle Pas (1997)
- 28 Bob & Lori Hartnett (1985)

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!

Join us (and invite a friend!) for a **Women's Retreat on October 18!** 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. Look for more details and registration information soon!



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Join us for Wednesday night dinners this Fall!

\$3/person or \$8/family
September 14th - Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

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

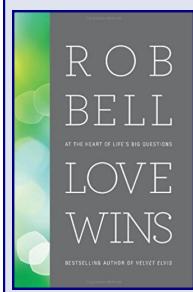
Are you wondering what is for dinner & how your family can help??? Check out the link below.

[**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET**](#)

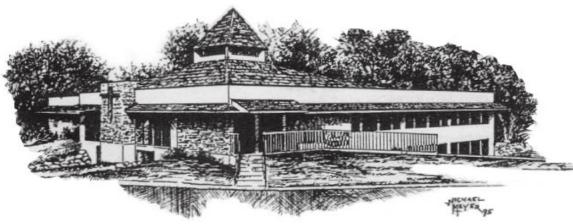
Sensible Ladies Book Club

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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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!

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry
LOOKING AHEAD: October 6-9 Middle School Retreat @ Point October 14: Women's Retreat @ LCC October 21: Sr. High Youth to NPU for CHIC Preview Day (9 a.m.—9 p.m.) October 28: "Who is Coming to Dinner?"						
3 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Choir 2:30 p.m. Winchester	4 Labor Day	5 9 a.m. Food Pan- try 7 p.m. Outreach	6 6:45 p.m. Choir	7 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. Ping Pong	8	9 Marie & Andy Wed- ding in Wis- consin
10 Kick off 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon Picnic 5-7 p.m. Sr. High Youth w/ parents (CHIC info)	11 Golf for Kids Newsletter Deadline	12 9 a.m. Food Pan- try 7 p.m. Church Council	13 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	14 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	15 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	16
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LAY READER AUGUST 27 Darilyn Anderson SEPTEMBER 3 Sarah Larson 10 Roger Clausen 17 David Enquist 24 Jay Gustafson OCTOBER 1 Paul Hawkinson 8 Vicki Herrick 15 John Hjelm 22 Trevor James 29 Kirk Johnson	GREETERS AUGUST 27 Scott & Teresa Anderson SEPTEMBER 3 Karin Anderson 10 Dave & Darilyn Anderson 17 Jeff & Lorie Bark 24 Bill & Marti Anderson OCTOBER 1 Chris & Twyla Becker 8 Ben & Christy Beckstrom 15 John & Kristen Bethancourt 22 Tom & Nancy Borkman 29 Evelyn Boulton & Janis Carlson	FELLOWSHIP HOUR AUGUST 27 John & Bev Hawkins SEPTEMBER 3 Jill Heath & Vicki Herrick 10 Joan & Pat Groody & Fellowship 17 Dieter & Karin Hildebrandt 24 Dave & Karen Hinz OCTOBER 1 John & Beth Hjelm 8 Trevor & Christy James 15 Jeff & Earleen Johnson 22 Kirk Johnson 29 Vern & Maggie Johnson
SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY SEPTEMBER 10 Tricia Leach & Teresa Anderson 17 Tricia Leach & Joan Groody 24 Tricia Leach & Lee Vollrath 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	INFANT NURSERY AUGUST 27 Bev Hawkins & Caren Vollrath SEPTEMBER 3 Trevor & Christy James 10 Kristen Bethancourt & Donna Lindley 17 Karin Hildebrandt & Kirsten Peterson 24 Linda Lee & Heather Larson OCTOBER 1 Ellen Hall & Arlene Werner 8 Bev Hawkins & Tricia Leach 15 Caren Vollrath & Kat Tranel 22 Donna Lindley & Kirsten Peterson 29 Trevor & Christy James	PRESCHOOL NURSERY AUGUST 27 Jenna Glader & Lori Hartnett SEPTEMBER 3 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson 10 Bill & Chris Anderson 17 Jenna Glader & Julie Wojcik 24 Nate & Melissa Schau OCTOBER 1 Heather Larson & Lori Hartnett 8 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson 15 Bill & Chris Anderson 22 Jenna Glader & Linda Lee 29 Nate & Melissa Schau
Children's Church Coordinator: Niki Papak (951-8275) npapak80@gmail.com Nursery Coordinator: Tricia Leach (920-8005) tricia@libcov.org	CHILDREN'S CHURCH AUGUST 27 Hawkins SEPTEMBER 3 Naumans 10 Hawkinsons 17 Vollraths 24 Papak / Clark OCTOBER: 1 Hawkins 8 Vollraths 15 Papak / Clark 22 Hawkins 29 Naumans	USHERS AUGUST: Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty, Ken Werner, Nate Schau SEPTEMBER: Jim Krueger, Dave Enquist, Bob Hartnett, Bill Anderson, Bob Peterson OCTOBER: Paul Lindley, John Hjelm, Jill Heath, Roger Clausen

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.