

# *In the Spirit*

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

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March *In the Spirit* is  
Monday, February 11, 2019  
Please send items to  
[marti@libcov.org](mailto:marti@libcov.org)

## Invitation By Stampede

by Pastor Steve Larson

**I** was 18, a suburban boy, and stranded alone in Chicago. My first experience at North Park was one of deep loneliness, with my expected roommate and best friend an exchange student in Mexico, my home-based friends off without me, my family leaning on me for strength, my confidence shattered, and my stress level through the roof. I felt lost, and had no hope for the future. Until the stampede.

Sitting in my room after a few weeks of this pain, I heard a stampede in the hallway. Peeking out of my door, I witnessed a group of about 15 people I had met at Orientation laughing and grabbing people left and right to join them on their

march. They saw me before I could duck back inside and their leaders Mike and Arwen shouted, "Steve, come on!" I had no choice but to join the throng and follow as they walked the last hall of Sohlberg and then down Foster Avenue to Immanuel Covenant Church to begin a college-age bible study that would become my home for the next 4 years.



Because of that simple invitation, I quickly found a group of friends who would become my soulmates for life, three of whom I will we camp-

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ing with next week, 30 years after the invitation. I found a church that would be my training ground for ministry, where Heather and I would be married 7 years after the invitation. That simple invitation changed my life and made me the man, the Christian, and the pastor that I am today. And I can say that without exaggeration.

What if we at LCC could share an invitation like that? What if you, today, right where you are, could share an invitation that would shape someone's life in God's image forever? What if we weren't too afraid, too distracted, too busy, or too complacent to change, or even have a part in saving, someone else's life today? What if LCC had a Culture of Invitation and saw new people experiencing Jesus every week? How big would God's smile be?

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## WORSHIP this WINTER . . .

### Show and Tell: Jesus on Evangelism Winter Sermon Series

*As a kid, there was no better day than Show and Tell day, the day when you got to show and tell the whole class something that was really important to you and really cool. As adults, we*

*lose this excitement as we worry more and more about what others think. But this is the same enthusiasm that Christ desires for us when it comes to sharing His good news with the world around us. So this winter, we're going to talk about what Jesus had to say about Evangelism, and how He liked to motivate His disciples to be excited about any opportunity to Show and Tell.*



**Sunday, February 3**

**Show and Tell: Listen to the Story**

Special Guest: Superintendent Danny Martinez preaching  
Acts 8:26-39



**Sunday, February 10**

**Show and Tell: 72**

Luke 10:1-12

**Sunday, February 17**

**Show and Tell: When Justice and Mercy Collide**

Matthew 20:1-16

**Sunday, February 24**

**Show and Tell: You Had One Job**

Matthew 4:18-20,

### WINCHESTER HOUSE

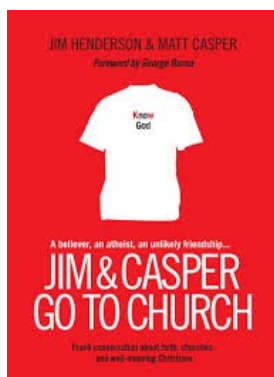
We are so fortunate to have speakers and scripture readers scheduled for the February and March services, but would really like to have some special music in those services also. If you have a talent - vocal or instrumental that you would be willing to share, please contact Maggie Johnson at 847 772-8564.

On Sunday, February 3rd, Pastor Bruce Thorson will be bringing the message.

You can sign up on the link: [WINCHESTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE](#)

## Book Review: Jim and Caspar Go to Church

Jim Henderson made national news by “buying” an atheist on Ebay for \$504. What began as a search for a “secret shopper” for his church, an atheist who would share their unvarnished opinion of his church’s evangelism efforts, became a headline story. And this caused Jim to ponder what it would be like to visit other churches with an atheist to get their unvarnished opinion of Christianity as a whole. Matt Caspar took the challenge and the end result was a book that I have mentioned in sermons and that our pastoral leadership team has read and discussed together.



For a year, Jim and Caspar visited one church a month, attending famous mega-churches like Willow and Saddleback, hearing famous preachers like Osteen and T.D. Jakes, but also experiencing emergent congregations, house churches, and even a regular, small, Presbyterian church with little claim to fame. Each chapter of this book is their story of their visit, and the ensuing conversation between a pastor and an atheist about what was attractive about the church and what was a big turn off.

It is easy as Christians to become defensive in reading this book, blaming opinions on upbringing, assumptions, or a lack of Spirit-filled grace. But one cannot avoid the hard conclusions. Whether Caspar’s disdain of smoke machines and lights shows, Jim’s chagrin at the sheer volume of “churchy language”, or their shared confusion over the use of church funds, the lessons are there for every church with a bit of contextualization.

But there are plenty of good encouragements as well. Caspar, a rock musician by hobby, was deeply drawn to the traditional, organ-led and unassuming Presbyterian church, sharing that it reminded him so much of the church in which he grew up. He was also intrigued by every church that put their message into action. One urban church was extremely hard for them to find, yet they noted that they passed a number of community aid organizations with the church’s name on it as they searched.

Yet I believe it was the final conclusion that sticks with me. “Is this really what you guys think Jesus asked you to do?” When did Jesus call us to slick, professional worship sets, gaudy buildings and even “campuses”, and gem-encrusted jets? And where is the self-sacrifice, the love and open welcome, the authenticity that we see in the bible? Together, Jim and Caspar fairly critique the face of Christendom in our culture and find it lacking. Yet they also give hope for a relevant, Godly, Spirit-led community to which Jesus called us.

## Adult Sunday School

**9:15 a.m.**

**Coffee/social time**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday school start**

The adult class meets in the Sanctuary. On Sunday February 3 we'll start a new 6-part video series called Poverty Cure.



Poverty Cure challenges conventional thinking and re-frames the poverty debate around the creative capacity of the human person, made in the image of God. Listen to the voices of entrepreneurs, economists, political and religious leaders, missionaries, NGO workers, and everyday people as host Michael Miller travels around the world to discover the foundations that allow human beings to thrive.

## Financial Summary thru DECEMBER 2018

### EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 524,955
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 500,214
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ 24,741

### GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 504,407
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 524,955
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (20,548)

### INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 504,407
Expenses YTD	\$ 500,214
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (4,193)

Extra Copies of the Annual Report for 2018 are available at the Information Desk in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Council Members or Pastors.

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

*Scott Dahlberg  
Heather Larson  
Carol Nielson*

*We appreciate the  
many hours you have  
dedicated to your  
areas of responsibility  
here at LCC.*



At the recent Annual Meeting we elected new officers for LCC. Thank you to Paul Hawkinson for being willing to serve as our new Church Chair. If you have any questions or concerns please contact him. 312-307-8774 or [paulhawk@comcast.net](mailto:paulhawk@comcast.net)

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church narthex or you can see it by checking this link:

[LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT CHURCH 2018 ANNUAL REPORT](#)

The Leadership Team is looking for someone to serve as Chair of the Education and Discipleship Team. If you are interested in this area of ministry please see Paul or one of the pastors.

**Fellowship Task Force:** With the change in structure of our council/leadership, the leadership team is in the process of forming a task force to evaluate and develop a vision for providing for fellowship here at LCC going forward. If you are willing to share your experience and/or talents in an initial brainstorming session, please contact Scott Dahlberg. [scodah@gmail.com](mailto:scodah@gmail.com) or 847-528-7670. Thank you.

**Our online giving portal is now live!** This means you can give your tithe online from anywhere in the world or set up automatic payments like you do with other e-bills or your bank. There are different options based on how you would like to give, but the most efficient is the "general giving fund" which is where your tithe on Sunday is typically designated. We will be discussing more details in January after the busyness of the holidays, but we wanted to provide the link for those who may be traveling in December or wanted to start giving online immediately. To give online, simply go to the LCC website and click "online giving" on the menu on the right hand side. Thank you for your ongoing support!

### Connect

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## PADS:

Our next PADS date is coming up fast! On Saturday, February 2nd our Middle School students and their families will be setting up beds and serving the dinner to our guests. Meet at the Methodist Church in Libertyville at 5:00 p.m.



Thanks to those who have generously signed up to contribute food items, but there are two items still left on the list. To remind you what you signed up for or to fill in the gaps see this link: [PADS FEBRUARY SIGN UP](#) ALSO, kitchen help for that evening is still needed!! Please either contact Maggie Johnson at 847 772-8564 or sign up on the Google Doc available online if you can help out in this area.



We are so thankful for all that God has done throughout the first year at Jill's House Windy City. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!

We have an awesome year planned for Weekend Adventures in 2019 and I would love for you to be a part of it! Attached to this e-mail you will find a document outlining the dates for our camp weekends in 2019. **I am currently looking for individuals to serve at camp during the March 22-24 weekend.** If you are interested and available to serve that weekend or at one of the other weekends, please let me know!

If you would like to sign up or learn more about volunteering please send an e-mail to [Rebecca.Little@Jillshouse.org](mailto:Rebecca.Little@Jillshouse.org). We are so grateful for your partnership and cannot wait to see how God continues to grow this program!

## LCC LEADERSHIP

*Please pray for the church **LEADERSHIP TEAM, COUNCIL & STAFF.***

*Contact them if you have questions, ideas or would like to get involved in a particular ministry.*

### STAFF

**Pastor:** Steve Larson (815/508-4450)

**Associate Pastor to Youth:**

Paul Couleur (847/331-3640)

**Pastor to Senior Adults:**

Bruce Thorson (847/421-2732)

**Nursery Coordinator:**

Tricia Leach (847/920-8005)

**Office Coordinator:**

Marti Anderson (847/362-3308)

**Custodian:**

Dan Doherty (847/223-4971)

### LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Pastors**

**Church Council Chair:**

Paul Hawkinson (847/816-3721)

**Church Council Vice Chair:**

Niki Papak (847-951-8275)

**Church Council Secretary:**

Colleen Sparks (847/837-8114)

**Treasurer:**

Mark Cederberg (847/599-9444)

**LT Members at Large:**

Jill Heath (847/898-7089)

Kirk Johnson (847/5731-8010)

### OTHER COUNCIL POSITIONS

**Financial Secretary:**

John Bethancourt (847/837-1690)

**Education & Discipleship Team:**

**Deacon Team:**

Claudia Nauman (847/680-8635)

**Evangelism & Service Team:**

Trevor James (847/986-6677)

**Worship Ministry Team:**

Sarah Palmberg (847/404-8165)

**Finance & Properties Team:**

Dave Hinz (262/745-7020)

## Spiritual Direction . . . .

is a ministry of holy listening, prayer and discernment in a confidential setting of encouragement for persons

- who are seeking to grow in their relationship with God
- who are wanting an opportunity to focus on God's presence and working in his or her life
- who would like the companionship of another person with whom to reflect on what they are hearing from and experiencing with God.

Through this ministry a person, known as a directee, has a spiritual companion, known as a spiritual director, who listens to the stories of your life and help to discern the present working of the Spirit of God

- in a prayerful environment
- believing that God is acting in every area of one's life
- trusting in the transforming power of God's love.

Spiritual direction is not

- counseling
- advice giving
- problem solving.

Spiritual direction is a 50 minutes conversation in which a person is helped to hear his or her own story and come to a clearer understanding of how God is working in his or her life. In one book written about spiritual direction, the authors define spiritual direction "as help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God's personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship."

The purpose of spiritual direction is that those who enter into it will grow closer to God and become more the person God created them to be in Jesus Christ.

One directee wrote of spiritual direction....

*I've met God countless times in spiritual direction. I first began meeting with a spiritual director during a particularly confusing and difficult season of my life. The clarifying awareness of Christ's peace and presence in me was immensely comforting and served as a guiding light. Since then I have found regular times of direction to be an indispensable part of my spiritual life. It has been extremely helpful to have a director – a fellow traveler on the journey – offering another set of ears to help me listen to what God is doing in my life.*

Several spiritual directors will be available at the February 16th "Unhurried Retreat". Sign up is required and limited, and needs to be completed by February 6th. Call the church office if you want a spot.

# An Unhurried Retreat

rest. relax. renew.

**Libertyville Covenant Church**

**February 16, 2019 9:00a-1:00p**

Children are invited to their own unique retreat.  
Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children (\$20 max per family)  
Bring a friend or spouse for only \$5!

Lunch Included

Optional walk, please bring winter attire.

Register online at [UNHURRIED Registration form](https://www.libcove.org/retreat)

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

- \* There is a daily blog post on our website with reflections on the day's bible reading.
- \* As part of LCC, you have access to free Spiritual Direction. See Pastor Steve for more information.
- \* We have regular 3-person Discipleship Encounters groups meeting which you can be a part of. See Pastor Steve for details.

**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](mailto:anncfrost@aol.com).

## Bible Studies

### **Women's Bible Study—Thursday mornings**

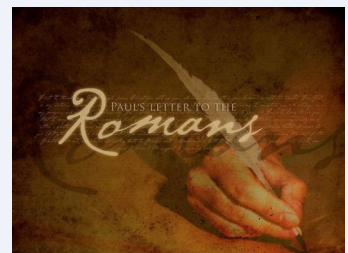
Join us at 9:15 a.m. as we begin the fall. We are currently using the Life Guide Bible Study of **Listening to God**. If you have questions, contact Pastor Bruce.

[bruce@libcov.org](mailto:bruce@libcov.org).

### **Men's Bible Study – Friday mornings**

Join us at 7 a.m. for a Bible Study as they "walk through the New Testament", along with donuts and coffee. For information contact Chris at [chris@beckercrew.com](mailto:chris@beckercrew.com)

### **Adult Study—Wednesday Nights**



Every Wednesday night this fall, we will be exploring together the book of Romans. With such famous passages and themes as "Offer your bodies as living sacrifices," and submission to authorities, Romans is theology for everyday life. Join us as we explore this amazing book together from 6:30-7:30pm. We are looking to grow, so if you've never joined us for a Wed. night before, consider this your invitation to come grow with us! Pastor Steve leads this group.



# LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sr. High Youth Group**  
**Sunday 5-7 p.m.**  
**February 10, 24**  
**February 3 @ 5:30 p.m.**  
**SH Super bowl Party at**  
**Scott & Teresa**  
**Anderson's**

**Jr. High Youth Group**  
**Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**February 6, 13, 20, 27**

## **PADS SETUP:**

On March 2, 2019 our Senior High group will be setting up beds and serving the dinner. Mark your calendars and plan to help.

## **SENIOR HIGH BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP**



**w/ ADVENTUROUS**  
**CHRISTIANS**

**July 29-August 3, 2019**

**Registration and \$100 Deposits need to be submitted to Pastor Paul NOW so it is time to COMMIT!**



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

## **PADS service event for Middle School Families** **Saturday, February 2nd - 5 p.m**

This February we will partner with PADS at the United Methodist Church. We will prepare accommodations for persons in Lake County that need shelter from the cold, and serve the dinner meal. Please mark plan to attend this time of serving together. Following our time of serving we will go out to eat at someplace close. Please RSVP with Pastor Paul to make sure all are accounted for. His email address is [paul@libcov.org](mailto:paul@libcov.org). Looking forward to having our families gather for a wonderful night together.



## **Senior High ONE LIFE RETREAT at** **Covenant Point** **February 15-18, 2019**

We plan to leave from church around 4 p.m. on Friday & return around 4 p.m. on Monday.

Bring \$\$ for fast food on the way up and back.



## **Middle School Winter Camp @** **Covenant Harbor.** **February 8-10, 2019**

Meet at Church at 5:00 p.m. on Friday—to head North. Please eat before you come. We will return on Sunday around 1 p.m.

### **What to Bring**

The winter weather provides lots of opportunities for outdoor activities. Please be prepared for the weather. All winter housing units are heated and linens are NOT provided. Students may want to bring \$10-\$30 for snacks and camp merchandise at the camp store as well as to purchase tickets for the Giant Swing, Indoor Climbing Wall and Zip line (\$5 per person/per activity). Please leave personal electronic equipment (i.e. cell phones, iPods, game systems, etc.), knives/weapons, and fireworks at home. Here's a suggested packing list: sleeping bag, pillow, towel, flashlight, Bible, toiletries, warm outdoor clothes (hat, gloves, jacket, boots)- we will be outside a lot.





# Children's Ministries

Another year as begun. Join us as we continue to grow by memorizing Bible verses. See me for a copy of these verses. The challenge goes from Jan. 8th to May 12th. In addition, one of our goals is for our kids to know the Books of the Bible by heart. They will be learning this through the following video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4KEWLNnmCQ>), as well as other activities.

In addition, the new year has brought a few changes. As I have accepted a full time teaching job at Big Hollow Middle School, Niki Papak has graciously agreed to over see Kids Club for now. And Noah James has stepped up to help with games on Wednesday nights (when he can). Thank you to both for helping during this time :-). I will also be stepping down as the CED chair after February.

As for the Children's Ministry Director position, a hiring team will be formed. More details of that will be given in the weeks to come. Both Niki & I will be done volunteering as the interims in May.

**Upcoming events....** Wednesday, February 13th - all church Valentines for Jesus event; supper & fun will be provided! More details to come in the upcoming weeks.



[www.covenantharbor.org](http://www.covenantharbor.org) [www.cpbc.com](http://www.cpbc.com)  
SUMMER is coming!! In order to encourage all of our kids to experience Christian camping this summer, refunds are again being offered. Each LCC child attending camp this summer is eligible for a refund:

\$150/week, \$100/5-day, \$100/3-day, \$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](#)

## 2019 WINTER CAMP

February 22-24  
3rd-5th Grade at  
Covenant Harbor



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

This year winter camp will be February 22-24th with the theme EXPEDITION based on Matthew 28:19-20. Scott & Teresa Anderson, Jenna Glader, & Mark Cederberg will be the chaperones taking 20 of our kids & their friends to camp that weekend. Please be in prayer for them all that they will experience God in a REAL way & GROW closer to Him.



It's time to register for Summer Camp . . . Check out the websites or the brochures at the Information Desk:

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

[Cpbc.com](http://Cpbc.com)

**If you would like to volunteer in any of our Children's Ministries** please contact our Christian Formation Chair, Heather Larson 815-901-3294 or [halelu@comcast.net](mailto:halelu@comcast.net)



- 1 Olivia Pas
- 2 Dennis Dieball  
Melissa Schau
- 3 Evan Dallas
- 5 Steve Keller  
Carlene Lichter
- 8 Ruby Howard  
Duane Westenberg
- 9 Chris Becker
- 12 Chris Dallas
- 13 Anthony Wyatt
- 15 Paul McMinimy
- 16 Genevieve Couleur  
Jocelyn McMinimy
- 18 Otto Glader
- 23 Arlene Werner
- 24 Addie Leach
- 25 Jeff Bark
- 26 Anastasia Bretzman

### February Anniversaries

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



## 2019 Chicago Area Men's Retreat: Male in a Whale, the Sequel

**March 15-17, 2019**

Thirteen years ago our Men's Retreat used the story of Jonah and the Whale to spark our spiritual growth, make us laugh, and gain insight into the kind of men we want to be in the world. It is time for a return to this simple and complicated story. In 2019, the themes from Jonah are even more relevant. This story invites us to think about the importance of:

- What is good and what is bad about our anger;
- How to find prayer and renewal time in our busy and sometimes stormy lives;
- Actions and decisions that move us toward God rather than away from God;
- How to relate positively with people who have different views or perspectives than us

All this and more is embedded in this short story from the Old Testament. As with all Lumunos men's retreats, you can also expect good food, lots of laughter, and the magic that happens when you jump off the hamster wheel for a few days. Join us at the Men's Retreat, where you can expect:

- a relaxing time with no pressures in a beautiful setting;
- meeting a great group of guys from around the Chicago area;
- an opportunity to talk about what matters most to you;
- a dynamic interaction between our lives and a Biblical story;
- a chance to grow and deepen your spiritual life;
- great food and a lot of laughter.

If you attended the retreat 13 years ago, 1) You have forgotten everything about it, and 2) This will be an all new design. Timeless story, relevant issues, and clarity about next steps. Hope you can join us!

**Co Facilitators:** Brian Madvig, Director of Clinical Services at Arbor Associates and Doug Wysockey-Johnson, Executive Director of Lumunos. Music will be provided by Joel Brand and Friends.

***Take a time out. Hang with the guys.  
Get some perspective.***

Please consider registering soon! There are a limited number of rooms and early registration is enormously helpful in our planning.

[LUMUNOS retreat registration link](#)



See Pastor Steve if you have questions

Join us!

Men's Retreat at CPBC: March 1-3, 2019

The men of LCC will be heading up to Covenant Point Bible Camp once again for the annual Central Conference Men's Retreat. All men are welcome and encouraged to invite a friend for a weekend of worship and games, of skiing and skeet, of broom-ball and ping-pong. If you go, you'll remember this weekend for a very long time. If you don't, you won't.

Please [register online here](#) and call or email the church office to let us know you're going by February 15 (the early bird deadline). Once we know who's attending, we'll arrange transportation (church van in the early afternoon, carpool later in the day if you just can't get off of work). Scholarships are available upon request.



**PING PONG:** Men of the church (and friends) are invited to play ping pong on Thursdays, February 7 & 21. Play begins in the church basement at 7:00 p.m. This is an

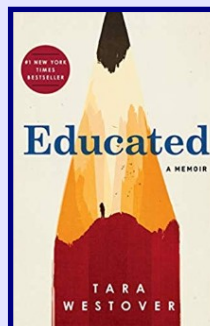
opportunity for friendly competition and informal fellowship. It also provides a non-threatening means of inviting friends to church activities. If you have questions, contact Jeff Johnson at [jjdc@netzero.net](mailto:jjdc@netzero.net)

## NORTH TO ALASKA

The intergenerational trip is for those in Jr. High and above June 13-20, 2019. If you are interested in participating, talk with Trevor ([tjames@npu.edu](mailto:tjames@npu.edu)) or Pastor Paul ([paul@libcov.org](mailto:paul@libcov.org)) as soon as possible.

Continue to pray for the ongoing ministry to the people of Alaska and that it will become clear how we can participate in the ministries there. Thus far the team includes: Michelle, Jim, Olivia & Sophia Pas, Pauline Raia, Chris & Twyla Becker, John, Kirsten & Caitlin Bethancourt, Audrey Hawkins, Steve, Rachel & Sarah Larson, Ben Palmberg, Scott, Teresa, Max & Luke Anderson, possibly the James Family and the Gillettes.

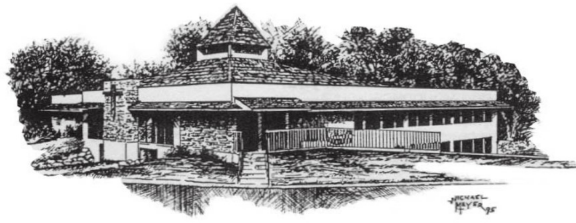
## Sensible Ladies Book Club



Our next book will be Educated by Tara Westover and will meet at Caren Vollrath's on April 5th at 7 p.m.

"Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag." As a way out, Tara began to educate herself, learning enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University. With acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Tara Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it..





## **Libertyville Covenant Church**

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Pastor: Steve Larson

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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...**

Community: everyone is welcome to join us on the journey

Authenticity: being real people with real issues before our real God.

Relationships: with God, each other, and the world around us

Engagement: all are gifted, all are called, all have a place in the ministry



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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# FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Steve gone February 1-6 Marti will be out of the office January 31—February 7					1 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	2 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry 5 p.m. PADS (JH & Families-Setup & Serve)
3 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 11:05 a.m. Prayer in Pew 0:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. CF 2:30 p.m. Winchester 5:30 p.m. SH Youth Super Bowl Party at Scott & Teresa Anderson's	4	5 9 a.m. Food Pantry	6 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	7 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. ping pong 7 p.m. Capernaum	8 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5 p.m. JH leave for Harbor 6 p.m. Redeemer Life JH Harbor	9
10 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. JH return 5 p.m. SH Youth JH Harbor	11	12 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Leadership Team	13 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Multi-generational Valentines for Jesus Celebration 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 4 p.m. SH leave SH One Life—Point	16 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Unhurried Retreat
17 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship SH One Life—Point	18 4 p.m. SH Return	19 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Deacons	20 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	21 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. ping pong	22 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 3rd-5th Grade Harbor	23
24 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth 3rd-5th Grade Har-	25	26 9 a.m. Food Pantry	27 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	28 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team		

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

<b>GREETERS</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 3 Dave & Barb Anderson 10 Dave & Darilyn Anderson 17 Karin Anderson 24 Scott & Teresa Anderson  <b>MARCH</b> 3 Chris & Twyla Becker 10 Ben & Christy Beckstrom 17 John & Kristen Bethancourt 24 Tom & Nancy Borkman 31 Janis Carlson	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 3 John & Beth Hjelm 10 Trevor & Christy James 17 Jeff & Earleen Johnson 24 Kirk & Carolyn Johnson  <b>MARCH</b> 3 Jerry & Marcia Junas 10 Vern & Maggie Johnson 17 Steve & Amy Keller 24 Lisa Kindstrom 31 Angela Kocinski	<b>LAY READER</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 3 Kerry Monson 10 Michelle Pas 17 Darilyn Anderson 24 Roger Clausen  <b>MARCH</b> 3 David Enquist 10 Jay Gustafson 17 Paul Hawkinson 24 Vicki Herrick 31 John Hjelm
<b>INFANT NURSERY</b>  W/ preschool nursery	<b>PRESCHOOL NURSERY</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 3 Trevor & Christy James 10 Kat Tranel & Tricia Leach 17 Bill & Chris Anderson 24 Caren Vollrath & Ellen Hall  <b>MARCH</b> 3 Lori Hartnett & Jenna Glader 10 Nate & Melissa Schau 17 Karin Hildebrandt & Kirsten Peterson 24 Kat Tranel & Bev Hawkins 31 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 3 Tricia Leach & Lee Vollrath 10 Tricia & Steve Leach 17 Maggie Johnson & Joan Groody 24 Jim & Michelle Pas  <b>MARCH</b> 3 Tricia Leach & Rachel Couleur 10 Tricia Leach & Steve Leach 17 Tricia Leach & Judie Duba 24 Tricia Leach & Teresa Anderson 31 Tricia Leach & Joan Groody
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 3 Chris & Carolyn Dallas & Lily D. 10 Heather L., Laura Hinz, Jim Gillette 17 Paul & Karin Lundstedt 24 Angela Kocinski & Naumans	<b>USHERS</b>  <b>FEBRUARY:</b> Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty, Ken Werner, Nate Schau  <b>MARCH:</b> Jim Krueger, Bill Anderson, David Enquist, Bob Hartnett, Bob Peterson  <b>APRIL:</b> Scott Anderson, John Hjelm, Roger Clausen, Jill Heath, Paul Lindley	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b><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></b></p> </div>

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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.