

In the Spirit

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

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The Deadline for the
May *In the Spirit* is
Monday, April 8, 2019
Please send items to
marti@libcov.org

Where is your **Sting?**

by Pastor Steve Larson

It was hard to raise a nature-loving son who was allergic to bee stings. North Dakota boasted the highest bee population in the country, and in the summer months they were everywhere. Wouldn't you know that Adam would be a high-energy outdoorsman, even at the ripe old age of 7. Joshua's work kept them from moving, so he kept a close eye on his son and an EpiPen in every room in the house.

Adam should have been afraid of bees, given his condition, but he wasn't. In fact, it was not uncommon for Joseph to find him intently studying and even sometimes taunting bees in the back yard. And all the scolding in the world couldn't keep him away from them for long. That is, until the day he de-

cidied to cover a bee hole with a large, flat rock. He dropped it well and sealed the hole with the bees inside. What he didn't see was the other end of the bee hole 5 feet behind him. With a menacing hum, bees poured out of the hole and straight at Adam. He was only stung 7 or 8 times, but it was a terrifying day of ambulances, doctors, and hospital stays. From that point on, Adam was truly terrified of bees.



It was a sunny day in June when Joshua was driving Adam to the local pool. In only his Superman swim trunks, Adam was literally hopping up and down in excitement as they drove. Joshua was watching the oncom-

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ing, sun-blind traffic when Adam let out a bloodcurdling scream. A bee had gotten in to the car and was crawling around the window right next to Adam's head. Panic would anger the insect, Joshua knew, so he spoke to keep Adam calm.

"It's going to be just fine," Joshua said calmly as he leaned back toward the window. "I've got this and you are going to be ok." Slowly Joshua put his hand over the bee, trapping it between his hand and the window. He soon removed his hand, but to Adam's dismay, the bee was still there. "Dad, kill it!" he screamed. "Adam, it's ok now. He can't hurt you anymore," Joshua reassured him. "Look closer."

Wiping away his tears, Adam saw that the bee, though still free and clinging to the window, had no stinger. And suddenly his father's grimace told the whole story. He had allowed the bee to sting him so that it could not sting Adam. The bee was scary, but ultimately harmless, all because his father had taken the stinger, the pain, and the poison for him.

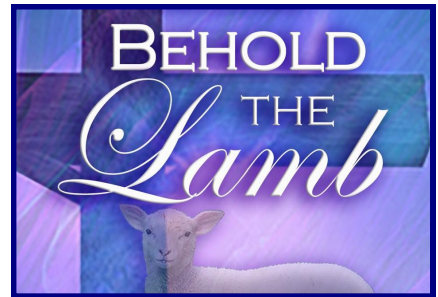
"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? For sin is the sting that results in death... but thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ."

- 1 Cor. 15:55-57

WORSHIP during Lent . . .

The Lamb: Lenten Sermon Series

Throughout Lent, we will be looking at John the Baptist's proclamation, "**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!**" With



looks at the Old Testament stories that foreshadowed this statement as well as what it really means to take away the sins of the world, we'll worship and explore Jesus' saving work for us on the Cross of Calvary and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Join us every week at 10:30am.

Sunday, April 7
The Scapegoat
Leviticus 16:20-22

Easter Sunday, April 21
The Lamb Victorious
Revelation 4:2-5:14

Palm Sunday, April 14
The Lamb Selected
Luke 19:28-46

Sunday, April 28
Pastor Paul preaching
John 20:19-31

Easter Breakfast



Join us for breakfast!

At 9:15am on Easter Morning, we join together as a church family for a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Served by our Alaska Mission Team, we'll be collecting donations for the Mission Trip to Alaska now being planned for Summer 2020. Due to many scheduling conflicts the team decided the extra year to prepare will be helpful. If you are interested in more information about this trip and would like to consider going in 2020, please see Trevor James or Pastor Paul.

I AM

A Triennial Gathering For Women By Women

July 18–21, 2019
Mariott City Center
Minneapolis, MN

We invite you to I AM, a triennial gathering for women by women!

In the Evangelical Covenant Church, we believe that women are called to be disciples and disciple makers.

JOIN US TO:

- (Re)Discover who we are—uniquely made in God's image
- Draw near to God as his deeply loved daughters
- Listen to each other's voices and advocate for women
- Build a community of women of the Covenant, because we are stronger together

Visit iam.covchurch.org to learn more about the tracks that will be available and more!

The youth and men of LCC have had some great retreat opportunities this winter. Now it is time for the women to consider a conference just for them. The Covenant Triennial will be held July 18-21, 2019 at the Mariott City Center in Minneapolis. Twyla Becker is coordinating a group from LCC to attend and our van has been reserved for a group to go. Check out the website: <https://iam.covchurch.org/>



Point bound for good father/son/male bonding time & smiles all around at the Harbor Lumunos Retreat

Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Coffee/social time
9:30 a.m. Sunday school starts
This class meets in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 7 Charles and Elaine Sanger will be back to give a presentation on **Israel: What the Press Doesn't Tell You**. Are you confused by what the media says about Israel and your Biblical beliefs? You will learn about the land, the people and the culture during this informative, eye-opening presentation. The content is based on extensive research, interviews and a recent extended tour of Israel from the Golan Heights to the West Bank to near the Gaza Strip plus the major historical cities.

Sunday, April 14—May 19

Paul Hawkinson will be leading a new series for us. Paul has been part of the formation / founding of a Christ-centered mentoring community (called ELI) since 2011. It has been deeply meaningful in shaping his own sense of calling. While the ELI community has various offerings, its purpose is simply that all may "live life to the full" - better knowing who they were created to be, and living fully into God's purposes for their lives. He will lead a shared discussion based on a portion of the ELI framework. Come to engage in authentic discussion and community together - around topics including our common identity in Christ and his unique purpose for each one of us. This session is meant to specifically focus on how God might be calling us to direct our lives during the week - whether in family, workplace, ministry or retirement. RSVPs appreciated. See Paul for more information!

Easter—No SS join us for breakfast.

Financial Summary thru FEBRUARY 2019

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 90,562
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 104,768
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ (14,206)

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 64,811
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 90,562
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (25,751)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 64,811
Expenses YTD	\$ 104,768
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (39,957)

Extra Copies of the Annual Report for 2018 are available at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT
CHURCH 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



If you have any questions or concerns regarding the life and ministry of our church, please contact our church

chair, Paul Hawkinson.

312-307-8774 or

paulhawk@comcast.net

The Leadership Team is looking for someone to serve as Chair of the Education and Discipleship Team. We also have a need for someone to coordinate the Fellowship Committee. If you are interested in these areas of ministry please see Paul or one of the pastors.



Opening Weekend *Men's* Event

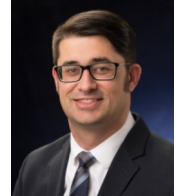


Saturday, April 6, 2019

Hosted by LCC

@Tranel Financial Group, 1509 N. Milwaukee, Libertyville

LCC welcomes Mike Schwartz, VP of Strategy and Analytics for the Milwaukee Brewers for a "guys" evening of food, fun and fellowship.



Mike Schwartz, 37, is the vice president – strategy & analytics for the Milwaukee Brewers. In addition to the strategy, data science, market research, and business intelligence work that his department provides the organization, Schwartz also oversees all aspects of food & beverage at Miller Park.

4:00 p.m. Hear Mike share about his experience working in the front office for the Brewers. He will share his journey to the Majors and how his faith has impacted and shaped him along the way.

5:00 p.m. Enjoy a "steak" dinner

6:10 p.m. Watch the Cubs vs. Brewers on the big screen as we begin the baseball season.

Great opportunity to invite guests!

Sign up NOW to reserve your seat:

[LCC "Opening Weekend" Men's Event Sign Up Link](#)

Suggested Donation \$25 (please note Men's event)

[Link to purchase online](#)

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!

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Categories

Leadership Team Update

The Leadership Team has been meeting monthly – living into the recent LCC constitutional changes that free up more time for ministry visioning, discussion and encouragement alongside our wonderful staff. Thank you for the gift of these changes in our shared leadership model. A reminder that the Leadership Team has no formal authority, and so all significant decisions / matters still need to come before the broader council and, in some instances, the full congregation for vote. We are excited to share a few key updates with you:

Since the LCC Annual Meeting, the Leadership Team and the Council have now added final comments to the Job Description for the *Director of Children's Ministry*, see link below. We are sharing this with you, and will also be posting this more publicly as we discern together who God might already be calling to this important role on our staff. Please be praying with us for this role as we serve the amazing Children of LCC.

Also, as you may recall, we have been looking for a team leader for the *Christian Education and Discipleship* Team. In many ways, this role is at the center of our mission, which begins with "To Grow Disciples". Led by our Pastoral staff, the Leadership Team and the Council will be spending time together in the coming months around a broader vision for whole-life discipleship, and how we can all participate. As we discern together, we are delighted that Niki Papak has been open to interim leadership of this CED team as we evaluate both the hiring of the Director of Children's Ministry as well as future CED leadership. Please join me in thanking Niki for her openness to this important work! We would love to add some members to the CED team and would welcome your input!

[LCC Director of Children's Ministry Job Description 2019](#)

We are grateful that Jill Heath has agreed to evaluate and coordinate our Fellowship Committee efforts on behalf of the Leadership Team. If you are interested in helping with any of the various fellowship opportunities at LCC or have suggestions as to what you would like to see us do, please contact Jill at wick423@comcast.net or 847/989-7089. It would also be helpful if you took a minute to follow the link and indicate the areas you may be willing to help with. Thank you!

[LCC CONNECTIONS TEAM FORM](#)

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)

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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)

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Pastors

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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 (847/989-7089)

Kirk Johnson (847/5731-8010)

OTHER COUNCIL POSITIONS

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John Bethancourt (847/837-1690)

Interim (CED) Christian Education & Discipleship Team:

Niki Papak (847/951-8275)

Deacon Team:

Claudia Nauman (847/680-8635)

Evangelism & Service Team:

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Worship Ministry Team:

Sarah Palmberg (847/404-8165)

Finance & Properties Team:

Dave Hinz (262/745-7020)

Love INC of Lake County

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

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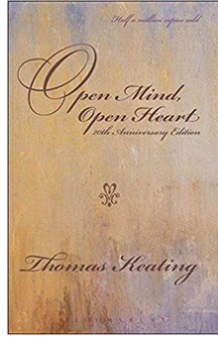
Our Team:

Church Liaison: Tricia Sorensen

Furniture Ministry Chris Becker

Thrift Store: Claudia Nauman

Book Review: "Open Mind, Open Heart" by Thomas Keating



When we think of prayer, we almost always think about "talking to God". It's how we teach our children to pray, how we explain prayer to new believers, and how we pray each time we bow our heads. But we are also often looking for new ways to pray, ways to make our prayer life more interesting, and ways to more effectively communicate with the Almighty.

What most of us don't realize is that this is just one small way to pray. It's called kataphatic prayer, meaning prayer with content, whether words, images, or "purpose". But there is an entire other world of prayer called apophatic prayer, or prayer without content. This kind of prayer is the act of simply resting or being in God's presence without trying to accomplish something. It is peaceful, quiet, restful, and intimate. Since all of these are polar opposites of the culture around us, it is no wonder this type of prayer is not only absent but virtually unknown in Protestant Christendom today.

At our LCC "Unhurried Retreat" this year we introduced a type of this apophatic prayer called Centering Prayer. It is a time set aside to quietly come expectantly into God's presence but without words, images, or activity. We clear our minds of the clutter of thoughts and images that usually gum up our ability to just be and sit with God. It is this Centering Prayer which is the focus of Thomas Keating's book *Open Mind, Open Heart*.

With down-to-earth explanations of these heavenly ideas, Keating writes like one who is both experienced in this prayer practice and yet still learning right alongside us. Each chapter ends with a Q&A section, often longer than the chapter itself, which answers questions people have asked about that particular aspect of Centering Prayer. It is in these dialogues that Keating becomes a friend walking with us and not just an expert training us.

While the content is mystical in the Christian sense of the word, I still suggest this as both a practical guide to Centering Prayer and an act of trust as we stretch ourselves into new aspects of faith that we weren't taught growing up. This book is not for the skeptic, but for those who can overcome their skepticism, it is a guide to a whole new realm of prayer.

Save the date!

Bling Bling Tea Party

Sip, Nibble, & Shop
Fundraiser to Benefit
Love INC of Lake County

Saturday May 4th, 2019 at 11 am
at Village Church of Gurnee
1319 N. Hunt Club Rd. Gurnee

Share your Bling!

Donations of new or gently used jewelry, purses, scarves, etc. requested for the sale

Drop off at Love INC 339 Lakewood Ave. Waukegan
or call 224.280.8780 for pick-up
www.loveinlakecounty.org



LOVE INC NEEDS

Donations for Starter Kits: Toasters, Kitchen Utensils (spatulas, wooden spoons, manual can openers, sharp knives, pancake turners)

Serving Opportunities: Volunteers needed to deliver Starter Kits: **49 requests outstanding** Volunteers needed to deliver furniture (possibly more than 1Xmonth): **230 requests outstanding**

If anyone wants to volunteer for deliveries, furniture: contact Dave Enquist or Chris Becker and starter kits:

Love INC Office Amy Bothmann-
programs@loveinlakecounty.org
or phone: 847 782-8630 ext. 112.



Wednesday, April 10th, 6-7:30

p.m. Libertyville Covenant Church is inviting the entire congregation to serve together as part of the Wednesday Evening experience at

Feed My Starving Children. Our hope is that by continuing our Wednesday Evening outside the walls of our church through service that we will develop a deeper understanding of global need and a stronger sense of community! Our goal is to fill the slots we have reserved for this special event. Please use the form below to sign up to volunteer or to provide funds for the meals.

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

SIGN UP: [LCC Feed My Starving Children Packing, April 10, 2019](#)

Feed My Starving Children asks that all volunteers be ages 5 and older.

Childcare will be provided at church for children ages 4 and under.

We will not be serving dinner at church this night but the Choir will rehearse at 7:30 p.m. following the packing session.

Food Pantry Fundraiser

We appreciate Bob & Tricia Sorensen coordinating our fundraiser for the food pantry last year. Rick & Karleen will be here on April 7 to share some of what is going on at the Food Pantry. One individual alone cannot save the world from hunger; but as we give what we can, God will multiply our contributions so that more of His children can be fed. Our goal this year is \$7000 with the hope that we will substantially exceed that goal as well. This year we hope to focus on our relationship with Community Christian Food Pantry in Waukegan and collect funds on March 31 & April 7. Checks can be made payable to LCC with the notation "food pantry". You also can try out our new online giving portal via our website. Just go to "other giving" and note Food Pantry.



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.

Bible Studies

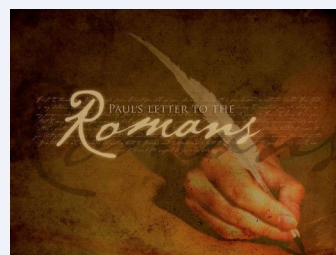
Women's Bible Study—Thursday mornings

Join us at 9:15 a.m. as we begin the fall. We are currently using the Life Guide Bible Study of **Peter—Learning to Be Like Jesus**. 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 as they "walk through the New Testament", along with donuts and coffee. For information contact Chris at 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.
April 7, 14, 28

Jr. High Youth Group
Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.
April 3, 17, 24

PADS SETUP & SERVE:

On April 6, 2019 our Senior High group and parents are invited to set up beds and serve the taco dinner. Mark your calendars and plan to help. Let Pastor Paul or Darilyn know they can count on you to be there!



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
6-7:30 p.m.

Feed My Starving Children
Packing Night

All are welcome (if you are 5 years old or over) but you must register at

[LCC Feed My Starving Children Packing](#)

or by telling Pastor Paul or the church office.

Confirmation
Sunday, May 5th,
10:30 a.m.

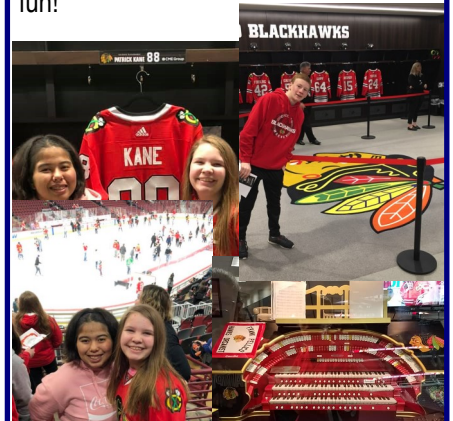
Pray for our students as they complete their three years of study and prepare for Confirmation Sunday

Our Confirmands:

Luke Anderson
 Anja Beckstrom
 Griffin Johnson
 Hali Lichter



Thanks to the SPARKS several of our youth were able to go to a special night at the United Center for a behind the scenes Blackhawks event. They saw the locker room, announcers box, organ, and much more. There were activities to do and photo booths not to mention the \$1 or \$2 food!!! So much fun!



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

Children's Ministries

www.covenantharbor.org

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, \$100/4-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](#)

Have you registered for summer camp? WE HAVE!!

Covenant Harbor

Pier 30—June 11-15: Grace Glader, Otto Glader, Caden Johnson, Carson Hawkinson, Marleigh Schau, Lars Palmberg, Thor Papak, Jerome Christopher

Kish—June 11-15: Ruby Howard

Kish—August 4-8: Kajsa Palmberg

Covenant Point

Mainland

June 30-July 6: Evan Dallas, Olivia Pas

July 7-13: Lars Palmberg

July 14-20: Grace James

Backpack

July 22-25: Katie, Rachel & Nancy McLinden

Island

June 23-29: Sophia Pas

Pease let the church office know when you will be going to camp!

Our kids continue to GROW. Sunday School, Children's Church & Kids Club will continue throughout this month. On Easter Sunday, we will have our annual Easter breakfast instead of Sunday School. Join us as we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection.

Thank you to Pastor Steve for leading our Ash Wednesday night event this past month.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 21st - no Sunday School; Easter breakfast

Wed May 15th or 22nd - last Kids Club for the school year (TBD)

Sunday, May 19th - last Sunday School for the school year & end of Bible Verse Challenge; not a regular Sunday School day - activities TBD

Blessings, Heather Larson, Interim Children's Ministry Co-Director



SIGN UP: [LCC Feed My Starving Children Pack](#)

**Wednesday, April 10th
6-7:30 p.m.**



- 2 Karin Hildebrandt
John Nelson
- 3 Timothy Becker
- 4 Joan Groody
- 7 Ben Beckstrom
Ty Grigg
- 8 Rob Gomez
- 9 Ann Frost
- 12 Jim Gillette
Jackie Splinter
- 13 Gina Kim
- 15 Jinju Kim
Craig Sparks
- 17 Grace James
John McLinden
- 18 Caitlin Bethancourt
Matt Wojcik
- 20 Rachel Couleur
- 21 Dick Fehlberg
James Leach
- 23 Jill Heath
Debbie Kim
- 24 Kristen Bethancourt
Owen Youngman
- 25 Dave L. Anderson
Christy Beckstrom
- 27 Al Nielson
- 28 Maddie Anderson
Brenda Monson

April Anniversaries

- 5 Steve & Ellen Hall (1980)
- 14 Dennis & Carol Dieball (2007)
- 23 Anthony & Susan Wyatt (1983)
- 28 Chris & Twyla Becker (1990)

ALASKA 2020

The Evangelism and Service Team has been working closely with our resources in Alaska to plan a mission trip to Alaska in hopes of a group going this summer. After much conversation and prayer the Team decided it would be best to postpone this trip until the summer of 2020. By allowing us more time we can better prepare, fundraise, and encourage others to partner with us as we find the best ways to serve in Alaska.

The team is committed and will continue to meet and formalize the plan. Coordinators for the trip are still needed and we hope that all those interested in working toward going with a group, will join us as we look forward to next summer. If you have questions or want more information, contact Trevor James or Pastor Paul.

Part of this preparation involves fundraising which is something we all can participate in. The team is preparing an Easter Breakfast for all where donations toward the trip will be appreciated. The next opportunity is for us all to participate by donating something or bidding on something from this year's Auction which will benefit the Alaska 2020 trip. **SUBMIT AN ITEM:**

[AUCTION 2019 to benefit ALASKA 2020](#)



Celebration 2019

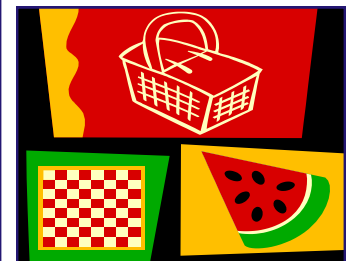
All Central Conference churches are invited to Celebration 2019 (formerly known as the "Central Conference Annual Meeting").

Dates: April 25-27, 2019

Location: Covenant Harbor Bible Camp and Retreat Center, Lake Geneva, WI

Who can attend? All Central Conference churches are encouraged to send delegates to celebrate all the fantastic things that are happening in our conference.

Evening worship services will be open to all who want to attend. More information can be found at the [Central Conference website](#).



Last Day of Sunday School and the all church picnic is Sunday, May 19, 2019

Bring a side dish, salad and/or dessert to share and your lawn chair or blanket.

Burgers, hotdogs & brats provided.



ADDRESS UPDATES

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ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

FOR EVERYONE

PLEASE COME HELP US

**RECOVER FROM THE WINTER
AND GET READY OUR BUILDING
AND GROUNDS READY FOR
SUMMER!**

**Saturday, April 13
8 a.m. to noon**



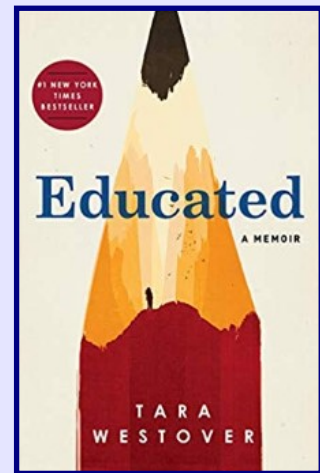
Thank you to the
Hinz family for
recently donating
& delivering their
piano to our
church.

**PING
PONG:** Men
of the church
(and friends)

are invited to play ping pong on
Thursdays, March 7 & 21. Play
begins in the church basement
at 7:00 p.m. This is an oppor-
tunity for friendly competition and
informal fellowship. It also pro-
vides a non-threatening means
of inviting friends to church activi-
ties. If you have questions, con-
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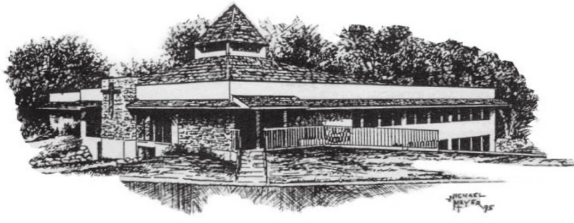


Sensible Ladies Book Club



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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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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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!

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 a.m. Food Pantry	3 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	4 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. Ping Pong	5 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Book Club @Caren Vollraths	6 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry 4 p.m. "MEN'S EVENT" 5:30 p.m. PADS SH Setup & Serve
7 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Winchester 5 p.m. SH Youth	8 7 p.m. LT	9 9 a.m. Food Pantry	10 6-7:30 pm FMSC 7:30 p.m. Choir	11 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	12 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Redeemer Life	13 8 a.m.—noon ALL church work day
14 Palm Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship 4 p.m. Worship Ministry 5:00 p.m. SH Youth	15	16 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Deacons	17 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	18 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. Ping Pong	19 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Good Friday Service with Redeemer Life	20
21 Easter 9:15 a.m. Breakfast 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship	22	23 9 a.m. Food Pantry	24 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	25 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	26 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	27 6:30-11 p.m. Redeemer Life Pulse Event
				Celebration 2019 at Covenant Harbor		
28 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth	29	30 9 a.m. Food Pantry				

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

GREETERS

APRIL

7 John & Cali Lichter
 14 Larry & Marilyn Cholewin
 21 John & Elizabeth Christian
 28 Donna Clark

MAY

5 Roger & Julie Clausen
 12 Scott & Julie Dahlberg
 19 Chris & Carolyn Dallas
 26 Dennis & Carol Dieball

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

APRIL

7 Angela Kocinski
 14 Paul & Donna Lindley
 21 Wes & Deb Lindahl
 28 Paul & Karin Lundstedt

MAY

5 Confirmation Parents (6&7 Grade)
 12 Mary Lutter & McLindens
 19 Valerie Makkai & Laura Nordgren
 26 Kerry & Brenda Monson

LAY READER

APRIL

7 Maggie Johnson
 14 Kirk Johnson
 21 Trevor James
 28 Angela Kocinski

MAY

5 Confirmands
 12 Valerie Makkai
 19 Sarah Larson
 26 Kerry Monson

INFANT NURSERY

APRIL

7 Tricia & Steve Leach
 14 Tricia & Steve Leach
 21 Rachel Couleur &
 28 Tricia & Steve Leach

MAY

5 Kirsten Peterson & Rachel Couleur
 12 Rachel McLinden & Bev Hawkins
 19 Ellen Hall & Steve Leach
 26 Kirsten Peterson & Caren Vollrath

PRESCHOOL NURSERY

APRIL

7 Trevor & Christy James
 14 Bill & Chris Anderson
 21 TBD
 28 Ellen Hall & Ann Frost

MAY

5 Lori Hartnett & Jenna Glader
 12 Nate & Melissa Schau
 19 Karin Hildebrandt & Kirsten Peterson
 26 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY

APRIL

7 Tricia & Steve Leach
 14 Tricia & Steve Leach
 21 Lee Vollrath & Teresa Anderson
 28 Tricia Leach & Maggie Johnson

MAY

5 Jim & Michelle Pas
 12 Maggie Johnson
 19 Steve Leach & Lee Vollrath
 26 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

APRIL

7 Niki & Lundstedts
 14 Angela & Naumans
 21 Sorensens
 28 Hawkinsons

MAY

5 Niki Papak & Vollraths
 12 Dallas' & Lily Dahlberg
 19 Heather Larson, Laura Hinz, Jim Gillette
 26 Lundstedts

USHERS

APRIL: Scott Anderson, John Hjelm, Roger Clausen, Jill Heath, Paul Lindley

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

JUNE: Jim Krueger, Bill Anderson, David Enquist, Bob Hartnett, Bob Peterson

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

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