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 April In the Spirit is Monday, March 11, 2019 Please send items to marti@libcov.org

Behold the Lamb

by Pastor Steve Larson

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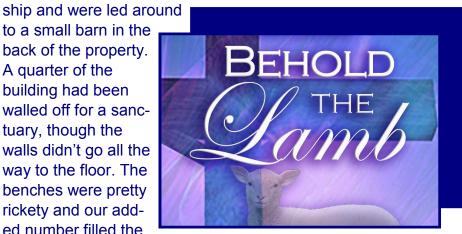
n Oaxaca, Mexico on a North Park Seminary mission trip, the worship music was engaging, the prayer was heart-felt, the sermon was delivered with passion, and there was nothing to distract me from the movement of the

Holy Spirit... except for the chickens. We arrived for wor-

to a small barn in the back of the property. A quarter of the building had been walled off for a sanctuary, though the walls didn't go all the way to the floor. The benches were pretty rickety and our added number filled the

room to the point where my knees were literally pressed against the front of the pulpit. And the chickens from the rest of the barn kept running under the wall and across our feet.

Yet in this most unlikely of places, as the pastor preached in Spanish (which I didn't understand), I received what many Christians have called my "second conversion". On the wall behind the pastor was John 1:29 written in Spanish and I knew just enough to know the reference: "Behold the Lamb of



God who takes away the sins of the world." I had given my life to God – numerous times if truth be told – but here in this barn as we worshiped in a foreign tongue, I finally understood not what God reContinued from page 1

quired of me but what He had done for me. He was that Lamb and had died to take away the sins of the whole world, which included me!

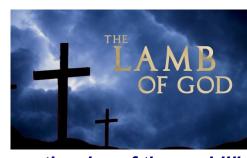
The Old Testament is in a way a prelude to this statement. From the nearsacrifice of Isaac to the Passover Lamb to the entire sacrificial system, the message of the Old Testament seems to be, "let us prepare you for the One who is to come, the Lamb of God who will bring you salvation." That salvation cannot be found in all the places we look for it – our own goodness, our success and reputation, our wealth or power, our family or friendships. That salvation can only come from God and can only come through His perfect son Jesus.

This Lent, as we look at this verse and these stories, may you find your own "second conversion". And maybe, if you invite a friend or co-worker or fellow student to join you, maybe they can find their own salvation in this Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world... even yours.

WORSHIP during Lent...

The Lamb: Lenten Sermon Series

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 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 fore-shadowed 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, March 3
Pastor Paul wraps up our winter Show and Tell series
1 Peter 1:8-9

Sunday, March 10 Behold the Lamb John 1:29

Sunday, March 17 The Lamb provided Genesis 22:1-14 Sunday, March 24 The Lamb Substitute Exodus 12:1-13

Sunday, March 31 The Lamb Atones Leviticus 16:15-17

Ash Wednesday March 6, 2019

Please join us for the evening as we begin this time of Lent together:

5:30 pm dinner
6:15 pm an intergenerational Lenten activity led by Pastor Steve
6:15 pm Middle School Youth Group
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service



Book Review: "Meet Generation Z" by James Emery

7 years ago, I led a workshop called "Generations" in which we looked at the four active generations in the church (the Builders, the Boomers, Gen X, and the Millennials). We examined their morals, upbringing, histories, strengths, and weaknesses. It was a fascinating study and continued to grow my interest in intergenerational study and ministry.

Because of this, I was very interested to look into "Meet Generation Z". With the potential of a new generation to add to my growing workshop list, I hoped for a sociological, historical, and spiritual study of the upcoming generation. And with the youngest Millennials hitting 23 this year, it is time to begin to look at how the church needs to shape its ministries and message to reach this youngest generation.

James Emery White, former president of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and current senior pastor of Mecklenburg Community Church, gives us this look, though I was disappointed in its lack of depth. The first half of the book is simply a scare tactic seemingly meant to motivate the church to change based on the threats of the world around us. "The Rise of the Nones", White's previous book, spoke to the increase of people claiming no religious affiliation (the "Nones"), and he delves deeply into those statistics here again. He cites the number of high school graduates who do not attend a church in college, the shrinking of American Christendom, and a slurry of other statistics meant to "open the eyes of the church" to the danger our faith faces.

If we were to find and replace every instance of "Generation Z" in this book with "Millennials", we would have the same books we were reading 20 years ago. And change it to "Generation X" and again we'd find familiar territory from 40 years ago. Each time we decide to label a new generation, we begin with the terror that we are losing them. And then, as they age, mature, and have families of their own, we find them coming back to the church and writing books about how we are losing the next generation. This book is very much the same book we've been writing for generations.

The second half of the book, however, does give some educational insights into new ways to reach a younger generation. His chapters on "Rethinking Evangelism" and "Apologetics for a New Generation" bring some very good insights and suggestions to the churches stuck in old-thinking ruts. The simple idea that evangelists are no longer lawyers proving a point but teachers sharing new knowledge is worth the price of the book.

Overall, I can't suggest this book due to the fear-mongering of the first half. But if your filters are strong enough and this is not the first thing you've read about generational ministry, I can suggest the second half of the book. Its insights and teachings are not only useful but important for us as a church looking at reaching youth and young adults, regardless of which generation they may be considered.

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 March 3 & 10 we conclude the video series called Poverty Cure.

The last three Sunday School sessions in March are currently unassigned. If you have ideas or suggestions for these days please contact Paul Nauman.

Paulbo 59@yahoo.com.
Sunday, April 7, Paul

Hawkinson will begin leading a new 6-week series for us.

PADS

Our next PADS dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 7th. Our high school students will be setting up beds and serving the meal to our "guests." A Google Doc will be sent out soon listing food items needed for the dinner. If you have questions contact Maggie Johnson at maggiejohnson at maggiejohnson122@gmail.com.

Financial Summary thru JANUARY 2019

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET	
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 47,146
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 70,095
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ (22,949)
GIVING VS. BUDGET	
Giving YTD	\$ 31,642
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 47,146
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (15,504)
INCOME VS. EXPENSES	
Income YTD	\$ 31,642
Expenses YTD	\$ 70,095
Operating Surplus /	
(Deficit)	\$ (38,453)

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

<u>LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT</u>

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.

Schwartz is in his second tenure with the Brewers, having previously spent six years (2004-2009) in the baseball operations department. He returned in January 2016 as director of food & beverage hospitality before being tasked with building the newly -created strategy & analytics department in August 2016.

Prior to rejoining the Brewers, Schwartz worked five years in the consumer packaged goods industry, most recently as a brand manager at Kraft Heinz Company. Schwartz also serves as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee – Lubar School of Business.

A 2004 graduate of the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, Schwartz earned his MBA in 2011 from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

4:00 p.m. Hear Mike share about his experience working in the front office for the Brewers. There will be time for laughter and light hearted conversation as Mike provides a window into major league baseball. 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" dinner6:10 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)

<u>Link to purchase online</u>





WINCHESTER HOUSE

Our monthly services at Winchester House are much appreciated by the residents there. Please join us for a rewarding experience in this Outreach ministry. We welcome anyone who will help us lead our audience in hymn singing and need speakers for a few more months this calendar year. Pastor Paul Couleur will be speaking at our April 7th Winchester House service. If you have a talent - vocal or instrumental that you would be willing to share, please contact Maggie Johnson at 847 772-8564. You can sign up on the link: WINCHESTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 is 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!



LCC LEADERSHIP

Please pray for the church LEADER-SHIP 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 (847/573I-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)



Mission of Love In the Name of Christ

To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ

Our Vision

To see a growing network of churches working together to restore people in Lake County to God, their own potential, and their community

Love INC of Lake County Physical Office & Warehouse 339 North Lakewood Ave,

Waukegan, IL 60085
[Our "no client walk-in" policy remains] Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7796, Gurnee, IL 60031

Office Phone 847.782.8630 Fax Number 847.782.8631

Our Team:

Church Liaison: Tricia Sorensen Furniture Ministry Chris Becker Thrift Store: Claudia Nauman



Love INC Key Ministry Needs

Opportunities are endless - how has God wired you to serve?

Behind the scenes

Office

- · Receptionist, Tues-Thurs 9a-1p
- Intake Minister, one day Mon Fri 9a-1p
 Communications
- Write Love Stories about our neighbors & volunteers

Ministry of "Stuff"

Get the 'stuff'

- Toasters
- Kitchen utensils (spatulas, wooden spoons, etc.)

Give the 'stuff'

- Delivery household starter kits (49 outstanding)
- Join a furniture team (~230 outstanding deliveries)

Loved Twice Thrift Boutique

- Sales minister shifts
 - · Thurs & Friday 2-6p
 - · Sat any couple of hours between 10a-4p
- Setting up displays
 - Tues & Thurs noon-2pm (or best avail) to move furniture & bins from warehouse to store

Walk alongside

Mon evenings in Zion, Jan - April Wed evenings in Waukegan, April - June

- · Mentor a neighbor
 - Partner with a student to work toward their life goals or help them practice good financial skills
- Provide dinners
 - · Share meal 1x/month for group of 30-40
 - Enable precious fellowship time for our students & volunteers

Contact info@loveinclakecounty.org to get connected



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. We enjoyed having Rick & Karleen share some of the exciting changes at the Food Pantry and hope to have them here again. 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 ann.cfrost@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 (OVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

Sr. High Youth Group Sunday 5-7 p.m. March 3, 10, 17 & 31

Jr. High Youth Group Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. March 6, 13 & 20

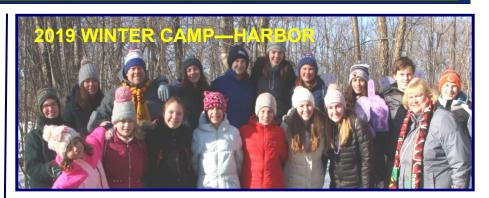
PADS SETUP:

On April 6, 2019 our Senior High group will be setting up beds and serving the dinner. Mark your calendars and plan to help.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS°

Saturday March 9th 5-10 p.m.

Jr. & Sr. High School students are invited to the Blackhawks "Road Game" VIP Event at the United Center. Game on Jumbo Tron, Tours, Scavenger Hunt, \$1/ Concessions and (if you bring your skates) an opportunity to skate on the ice. (RSVP required by Sunday, March 3). See Pastor Paul for details. We will meet at church at 5 p.m.





SENIOR HIGH BOUNDRY 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 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH "DIVE IN" POOL PARTY @ Northbrook YMCA

Saturday, March 23 6:15 p.m.—9:30 p.m. \$5/person

Bring a Snack to Share

We will be joining together with Winnetka Covenant and Northbrook Covenant Youth for this pool party complete with a projected movie on a BIG screen while enjoying the pool.

RSVP by Sunday, March 17th.

Friends Welcome!

Children's Ministries



Over the last 2 months, our kids have been given several opportunities to GROW. They are being encouraged to participate in our Bible verse challenge, working on memorizing the books of the Bible, & learning more about God thru His Word during Sunday School, children's church, & Kids Club. We have also had the chance to talk about & share God's love at our Valentine's for Jesus night that took place on February 13th. And the last weekend in February 18 of our 3rd-5th graders enjoyed the winter retreat at Covenant Harbor.

Thanks.....thank you to Niki who has taken over in leading Kids Club; to Niki, Pastor Paul, Pastor Steve for leading our Valentine's for Jesus night; to our many volunteers that help with a variety of roles.

Prayers....continue to pray that our kids will GROW in their knowledge, love, & service to God. Pray for the hiring committee as they discern who our next childrens ministry director will be. Pray for our next children's ministry director.

To God's glory, Heather Larson (along w Niki Papak) Co-Interim Children's Ministry Director 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, \$100/5-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 <u>or</u> 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

The Early Registration discount of \$35 applies until **March 15** – don't miss this opportunity to save money!

March

Birthdays

- 2 Maria Zahasky
- 3 Nicole Papak
- 6 James Jisoo Kim Steven Larson
- 8 Vicki Maynard
- 10 Angela Kocinski Selah Zahasky
- 12 Heather Larson
- Larissa GreenfieldJohn HjelmKris NikkelCraig Splinter
- **14** Sessy Gustafson Fritz Wachta
- 15 Julie Dahlberg Michelle Pas
- 16 Kirk "Cap" Johnson
- 18 Tina Beins-Gillette
- **19** Klara Cederberg
- 20 Caden Johnson
- 21 Scott Anderson
- 23 Max Anderson Forrest Christian Kajsa Dalton
- 26 Wes Maynard
- 27 Dolores Sessler
- 28 Art Nikkel
- 31 Carol Nielson

March Anniversaries

- 2 Lee & Caren Vollrath (1991)
- 29 Mark & Christine Cederberg (2003)



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.

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.

LUMUNOS retreat registration link



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 <u>Central Conference</u> website.



A triennial gathering for women by women

Join women from Covenant churches from around the U.S., Canada and the world, on **July 18 –21. 2019.**

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

Our purpose is to:

- (Re)Discover who we are as individuals uniquely made in God's image
- Listen to each others' voices and advocate for women to be heard
- Build a community of women of the Covenant, because we are stronger together.

To learn more and to register for this event visit the <u>I AM website</u>.



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Corrections:

Tina Beins Gillette (tbeins@oakton.edu) Nathan Schau (nathanschau@yahoo.com)



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 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 igidc@netzero.net

RES[†] in HIS Arms

Rest in His Arms Angel Gowns is an all-volunteer group that converts donated wedding dresses into baby burial outfits called "angel gowns." All of the angel gowns are then donated to hospitals, funeral homes and individuals to be given to grieving families whose children do not make it home from the hospital due to miscarriage, still-

Late last year a women from our neighborhood called to see if we might be willing to make our building available for a "cutting night" where a group could spend the evening cutting out the dresses into the patterns provided to be passed along to the "sewing team." The council decided it was another good opportunity to use our building.

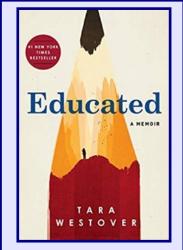
birth or other infant

death

In January, our first angel gown evening took place with several women in the area working together while enjoying each other's company. They now have invited anyone from LCC who would like to participate, to join them for the next "cutting night" scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. All the supplies and instructions are provided. For more information you can contact marti@libcov.org or check out their facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ RestinHisArmsAngelGowns/

Sensible Ladies Book Club



Our next book will be <u>Educated</u> 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 homecanned peaches and sleeping with her "headfor-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



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.

Smile.amazon.com donates to LCC!



If you shop through Amazon.com, use Smile.Amazon.com instead and designate LCC as the charity on the opening screen. Then, at no extra cost to you, a small percentage of all you spend will be donated back to LCC to support our youth!

To contact Pastor Steve:
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For late night emergencies
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For family emails:

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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!

MARCH 2019

Sun	Мо	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	2 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry
3 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 Men's Retreat —Point	4	5 9 a.m. Food Pantry	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30 p.m. dinner 6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:15 p.m. Lent Activity 7 p.m. Service	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 6 p.m. Re- deemer Life	9 5 p.m. JH&SH to Blackhawks VIP Event @ United Center
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17 Maple Fest-Harbor 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth Lumunos	18	19 9 a.m. Food Pantry 7 p.m. Dea- cons	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 Bi- ble Study 7 p.m. Wor- ship Team 7 p.m. ping pong	22 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	23 6:15 p.m. JH "Dive in" Pool Party at YMCA Northbrook
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	VOLUNTEER SCHEDUL	E		
GREETERS MARCH 3 Chris & Twyla Becker 10 Ben & Christy Beckstrom 17 John & Kristen Bethancourt 24 Tom & Nancy Borkman 31 Janis Carlson	FELLOWSHIP HOUR MARCH 3 Jerry & Marcia Junas 10 Trevor & Christy James 17 Steve & Amy Keller 24 Lisa Kindstrom 31 Angela Kocinski	LAY READER MARCH 3 David Enquist 10 Jay Gustafson 17 Paul Hawkinson 24 Vicki Herrick 31 John Hjelm		
APRIL 7 Mark & Christine Cederberg 14 Larry & Marilyn Cholewin 21 John & Elizabeth Christian 28 Donna Clark	APRIL 7 John & Carlene Lichter 14 Paul & Donna Lindley 21 Wes & Deb Lindahl 28 Paul & Karin Lundstedt	APRIL 7 Trevor James 14 Kirk Johnson 21 Maggie Johnson 28 Angela Kocinski		
INFANT NURSERY MARCH W/ preschool nursery APRIL 7 Tricia & Steve Leach 14 Tricia & Steve Leach 21 Rachel Couleur & 28 Tricia & Steve Leach	PRESCHOOL NURSERY MARCH 3 Lori Hartnett & Jenna Glader 10 Nate & Melissa Schau 17 Karin Hildebrandt & Kirsten Peterson 24 Kat Tranel & Bev Hawkins 31 Sarah Palmberg & Merileen Thorson APRIL 7 Trevor & Christy James 14 Bill & Chris Anderson 21 TBD 28 Ellen Hall & Ann Frost	SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY MARCH 3 Tricia Leach & Maggie Johnson 10 Tricia Leach & Steve Leach 17 Tricia Leach & Judie Duba 24 Tricia Leach & Teresa Anderson 31 Tricia Leach & Joan Groody APRIL 7 Tricia & Steve Leach 14 Tricia & Steve Leach 21 Lee Vollrath & Maggie Johnson 28 Tricia Leach & Teresa Anderson		
CHILDREN'S CHURCH MARCH 3 .Bob & Tricia Sorensen 10 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson 17 Niki Papak & Vollraths 24 Chris & Carolyn Dallas & Lily D 31 Heather L., Laura Hinz, Jim Gillette APRIL 7 Niki & Lundstedts 14 Angela & Naumans 21 Sorensens 28 Hawkinsons	WARCH: Jim Krueger, Bill Anderson, David Enquist, Bob Hartnett, Bob Peterson APRIL: Scott Anderson, John Hjelm, Roger Clausen, Jill Heath, Paul Lindley MAY: Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty, Ken Werner, Nate Schau	If you are not able to fulfill a date you are scheduled for, please find someone to switch dates with you. Thank you!		

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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.