



# *In the Spirit*

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

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March *In the Spirit* is  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
Please send items to  
[marti@libcov.org](mailto:marti@libcov.org)

## Small Groups *by Pastor Steve Larson*

**H**is name was Fred and he was dying. Sitting with him in the hospital for a few days as he suffered from congestive heart failure, the doctors suggested we get his family to come. In the meantime, I asked Fred, who do you want to be with you here? His answer brought tears to my eyes and a warmth to my heart: "I want the small group."

Fred had been part of our small group for the last year. And in that year, our group had grown amazingly close as groups do. Beginning with learning, we had soon begun to share prayer requests which got more and more personal as we learned to trust and love each other. And eventually the Group had become so important to Fred (and to the rest of us) that they were the people he wanted with him in life's most important moments.

Small Groups (or Life Groups, or Growth Groups or...) are unique in the ministry of churches and often in the lives of their members. Small Groups are people gathering regularly to grow together in

relationship and in their faith. While Bible Studies are about learning and Teams are about leading, Small Groups are about relationships. They take many forms, meet at different times and frequencies, and accomplish different things, but no matter what Small Groups are about building Christian relationships.



Small Groups

This spring we will be rolling out a new Small Group ministry led by our Pastor in Residence Zachs Gaiya. Zachs has both training (he will finish his PhD at Trinity this summer) and experience (he ran the small group ministry at his last church as well) to lead us well in this new endeavor.

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We already have a number of groups meeting that we can roll into this ministry without disrupting their work, and this summer we hope to begin a few more.

With our Mission to grow and as we finish up our Year of Discipleship, we are excited about the opportunity to use Small Groups as a tool to Grow Disciples, both those already attending LCC and those who do not but whom we will invite to join our groups. Watch for news of our Small Group Town Hall gathering coming up in March, and then the sign up for new small groups this summer. May God bless us as we continue to Grow Disciples.

## Adult Sunday School

Our thanks to Zachs Gaiya who finished up a wonderful series on Discipleship on January 26<sup>th</sup> – looking at the importance of spending time with Jesus, and central elements of the Discipleship journey through the eyes of the early Church. Starting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Paul Hawkinson invites us to a new series together on Prayer – an essential part of our continuing Discipleship Journey. More details to come – please come join us in Adult Sunday School at 9:15.



## WORSHIP in February. . .

*"I belong to my Beloved,  
and His desire is for me."  
- Song of Solomon 7:10*

*This February, we will be focusing on God's overwhelming love. We will examine our wrong ideas of the character of God, Jesus' controversial claim that God is to be approached as our Abba, and what it means to us that God so deeply loves each one who bears His image. Join us every Sunday at 10:30am as we worship the God who Loves.*



### Sunday, February 2

*God's Overwhelming Love  
for Me*

Romans 8:14-16  
We will welcome new  
members

### Sunday, February 12

*God's Overwhelming Love  
for Others*

1 Corinthians 13

### Sunday, February 16

*God's Overwhelming Love  
for You*

Romans 8:38-39

### Sunday, February 23

Keith Hamilton,  
President  
Alaska Christian  
College will be  
preaching  
Matthew 28



*Men's Retreat*  
**Feb 28 - March 1, 2020**

7pm Friday, Feb 28 – 10am Sunday, March 1

 **COVENANT POINT**  
BIBLE CAMP

Invite some friends for a weekend of fun, fellowship, excellent food, meaningful conversations, and life-giving worship. Recreation opportunities include a broomball tournament, afternoon jam session (bring your own instrument), snowshoeing, cross country skiing on our groomed ski trails, sauna and polar bear dip, or card games and conversation in the dining hall.

Register at: <http://www.cpbcc.com/mensretreat/>



**2020 Chicago Area Men's  
Retreat / Covenant Harbor /  
March 13—March 15**

**Like a Virgin**

**What Men Can Learn from  
the Mother of Jesus**

Register at: <https://www.lumunos.org/>

# Meet Our New Members



## Josh and Katy Albers

Bennett (9 months)

Josh grew up attending LCC and appreciated the love and welcoming environment that the church and its members provide. Both Josh and Katy enjoy Pastor Steve and Pastor Paul's sermons and feel they make it clear, relatable and meaningful.

Katy started coming with the Albers family when she began dating Josh. Pastor Steve married them in 2017 and baptized Bennett in 2019.

**One question for God:** Josh: "Is Bigfoot real?" Katy: "Did I make you proud?"

**Most influential person spiritually:** Josh: "My mom"

**Church/Hometown:** Josh: :LCC / Libertyville Katy: St. Gilbert Catholic / Grayslake

**2 Personal interests:** Josh: Spending time with family, fishing & hunting Katy: I love spending time with family and friends and reading when I have time.

**Music Genre:** Josh: Country Katy: Country

**A Good Book:** Josh: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrant Katy: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

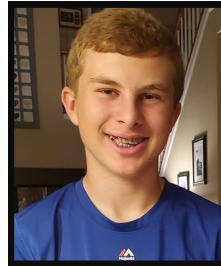
**Do you like Cubs or White Sox?**

Josh: CUBS!!! Katy: Go Cubs, Go!!!

## Luke Anderson

Parents: Scott & Teresa Anderson, Younger Brother: Max

Luke is a Freshman at Grayslake North High School. He was born into LCC, so has always been here. He finds everyone to be very welcoming and accepting. We appreciate the ways he shares his musical gifts with us.



**One question for God:** "How did you come up with the ideas of everything you created and how did you create them?"

**Most influential spiritually:** My parents

**Church/Hometown:** He has all of his life in Grayslake and at LCC

**2 Personal interests:** Playing baseball and playing music.

**Music Genre:** Brass music

**A Good Book:** *Fly the W: the Chicago Cubs' Historic 2016 Championship Season*

**Do you like Cubs or White Sox?** Cubs



## Anja Beckstrom

Parents: Ben and Christy Younger Brother: Lukas

Anja is a freshman at Stevenson High School. She was told to come to LCC by Olivia Pas when she was in first grade and they met at camp. She likes the friendly people at LCC. Anja enjoys

playing the Bass on the church worship team—and we appreciate her sharing her gifts with us!

**Most influential person spiritually:** My mom

**Church/Hometown:** LCC and lives in Buffalo Grove

**2 Personal interests:** Drumming and Baking

**Music Genre:** Pop

**A Good Book:** *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein

**Do you like Cubs or White Sox?** Cubs



## Gary and Cindy Traynor

**Family:** Brian (33), Joey (23), Katie (forever 22)

Cindy was raised in the Covenant Church in Jamestown, NY and they were looking for one in the area. It was the friendliness of the congregation and a few familiar faces that kept them coming back. Gary and Cindy are very thankful for LCC and look forward to worshipping with everyone!

**One question for God:**

**Gary:** "May I come in?"

**Cindy:** "Did I need to learn everything the hard way?"

**Most influential person spiritually:** Gary: My mother

Cindy: My grandma Johnson and my mother-in-law Betty

**Church/Hometown:**

**Gary:** *Immaculate Heart of Mary in Chicago and Mount Prospect*

**Cindy:** *Zion Covenant Church in Jamestown, NY*

**2 Personal interests:**

**Gary:** Cycling, Traveling

**Cindy:** Gardening, Decorating

**Music Genre:** Gary: Rock and Roll Cindy: Soft Rock

**A Good Book:** Gary: *Killing Reagan* Cindy: *Biographies*, but not a big reader

**Cubs or White Sox:**

Gary: Sox Cindy: Cubs



## Financial Summary thru DECEMBER 2019

### EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 522,652
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 514,652
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ 7,994

### GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 508,797
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 522,646
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (13,849)

### INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 508,797
Expenses YTD	\$ 514,652
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (5,855)

We gave thanks for our staff and for our lay leaders whose terms have expired (Mark Cederberg-Treasurer, Claudia Nauman-Deacons, John Bethancourt-Financial Secretary). We also welcomed those stepping into new roles (Caren & Lee Vollrath-Financial Secretary, Dave Anderson-Treasurer, Melissa Schau-Education & Discipleship). The Deacon team lead remains open, and we are working on filling this important role. Thanks for the wonderful time together – a reminder of the good work that God is doing through us at LCC.



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

312-307-8774 or

[paulhawk@comcast.net](mailto:paulhawk@comcast.net)

## Bible Studies

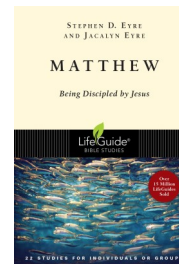


### Men's Study – Friday Mornings

Join us at 7 a.m. for a Bible Study as we “walk through the New Testament”, along with donuts and coffee. All are welcome as we explore the book of “Luke.” For information contact [chris@beckercrew.com](mailto:chris@beckercrew.com)

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**Women's Study—Thursday Mornings** Will meet at 9:15 a.m. beginning on January 9, 2020. We are using the Lifeway Bible Study “Matthew, Being Discipled by Jesus” For information contact Pastor Bruce. [bruce@libcov.org](mailto:bruce@libcov.org).



### Adult Study—Wednesday Nights

We continue our study of the Book of Daniel. We're finishing up with a look at the second half of the book, Daniel's dreams. An example of Apocalyptic literature (similar to Revelation), this is harder to understand. Join us as we examine it together every Wed. at 6:45pm by the fire! For information contact Pastor Steve. [steve@libcov.org](mailto:steve@libcov.org)

**If you are willing to help plan and prepare a Wednesday Night Dinner sometime this winter, please sign up on the link below:**

[LCC WEDNESDAY NIGHT COOKING SCHEDULE](#)

The 2020 Annual Meeting was a wonderful time of fellowship, celebration and discernment. If you were unable to be with us, please take the time to read the full Annual Report for 2019 which you may find in the Narthex. The 2019 mission budget came within 1% of balancing. The congregation affirmed the 2020 mission budget of \$521,661, slightly below our 2019 budget, as the leader team seeks to steward resources well. Importantly, the congregation also affirmed the decision to use the accumulated funds from the God's Plan campaign (as well as other recent donor-committed funds) to pay down our mortgage - resulting in a remaining balance of only ~\$25,000! Note: This compares to an original LCC mortgage of nearly \$650,000, and a 2010 balance of over \$230,000 (the last time of our mortgage refinancing). We will seek to pay off the small remaining mortgage balance as soon as we can (please let us know if you'd like to join us in funding this last push!). In the meantime, this action will allow us to save / redirect ~\$12,000 per year within our budget, which we will re-invest in an expanded Children's Ministry position as we seek to grow in our ministry to families at LCC. Praise God!

Paul Hawkinson, Chair

**Libertyville Covenant Church's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 19, 2020**

[LCC ANNUAL REPORT 2019](#)

Items currently needed for **Love INC** starter kits:

- ♥ Plastic storage containers
- ♥ Plastic pitchers
- ♥ Spatulas
- ♥ Pancake Turners
- ♥ Casserole Dishes
- ♥ Cookie Sheets
- ♥ Mixing Bowls
- ♥ Toasters
- ♥ Towels (bath, hand & wash cloths)
- ♥ Kitchen Towels & Dish Cloths
- ♥ Serving Spoons
- ♥ Can Openers
- ♥ Knives
- ♥ Measuring Cups & Spoons
- ♥ 2-3 qt. saucepans
- ♥ 10-12" skillets
- ♥ Plates
- ♥ Cereal bowls
- ♥ Silverware
- ♥ Serving bowl/platter
- ♥ Drinking glasses
- ♥ Wooden spoons
- ♥ Cutting board
- ♥ Crock-pot
- ♥ Coffee maker
- ♥ Blender
- ♥ Microwave
- ♥ Twin-Queen Sheets & blankets
- ♥ Dressers
- ♥ Lamps

### New Hope Ministry Incentive Needs

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|---|--|
| Bar Soap (3-4 oz. bars)                       | Paper towels—individually wrapped rolls            |
| Cleaner with bleach—32 oz. bottles            | Plastic wrap for food—200 sq. ft. rolls            |
| Dish soap—20 oz. bottles                      | Toilet Paper—4 packs or individually wrapped rolls |
| Feminine pads—any count, individually wrapped | Toothpaste—5-8 oz. tubes                           |
| Garbage bags—13 gallon bags                   |  |
| Kleenex—100-200 count                         |  |
| Laundry detergent—liquid 50 oz. bottles       |  |
| Paper napkins—100-300 count                   |  |

## LCC'S NEW WEBSITE

Libertyville Covenant Church 250 South St. Mary's Road Libertyville, IL 60048 Phone: 847-362-3308



## WELCOME TO LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT CHURCH

Helping people grow in Christ through  
authentic relationships and community!

Please take a peek at our newly designed and updated website. There you will find current events, updated information, previous sermons, giving options and much more! Simply type [www.libcov.org](http://www.libcov.org) into your browser on your phone or computer and you will experience the new site! We are constantly updating and revising it, therefore if you see an item that needs to be revised or included, please let Trevor James know at [tjames@northpark.edu](mailto:tjames@northpark.edu). Please also share the site on social media posting that has to do with the church so we can drive traffic to the site. Thanks for help as we transition to the new site.

## 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)

**Interim Children's Ministry Director:**

Heather Larson (815/901-3294)

**Interim Nursery Coordinator:**

Rachel McLinden (847/977-5798)

**Office Coordinator:**

Marti Anderson (847/362-3308)

**Worship Music Coordinator:**

Kris Nikkel (847/543-8861)

**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:**

Dave L. Anderson (847/362-2569)

**LT Members at Large:**

Jill Heath (847/989-7089)

Kirk Johnson (847/573-8010)

### OTHER COUNCIL POSITIONS

**Financial Secretary:**

Lee & Caren Vollrath (847/549-6906)

**(CED) Christian Education & Discipleship Team:**

Melissa Schau (847/287-9246)

**Deacon Team:**

**Evangelism & Service Team:**

Trevor James (847/986-6677)

**Worship Ministry Team:**

Sarah Palmberg (847/404-8165)

**Finance & Properties Team:**

Dave Hinz (262/745-7020)

## Meet Our New Members (Continued)



### Zachs and Grace Gaiya

Daughter: Hesed (16), Sons:  
Haniel (13), Hanamel (7)

Zachs and Grace and their family live at Trinity International University where he is a doctoral candidate. He has served on staff at New Community Covenant Church in Chicago's Logan Square. Bruce Thorson invited them to try LCC and they have appreciated the hospitality.

**One question for God:**  
*Content in His presence.*

**Most influential person spiritually:** *our parents*

**Church/Hometown:** *Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) in Samban, Kaduna state, Nigeria*

**2 Personal interests:** **Grace:** *Music and chatting with people*  
**Zachs:** *Travelling and watching sports*

**Music Genre:** **Grace:** *Contemporary Christian Music* **Zachs:** *Any good music*

**A Good Book:** **Grace:** *Seven Habits of highly effective people by Stephen Covey* **Zachs:** *The Man God Uses by Oswald J. Smith*

**Cubs or White Sox:** *Cubs*

### Andrea and Mya Reynolds

**Family:** Jason (husband/father)

Andrea heard about LCC through Kathy Nelson shortly after Pastor Dwight and Kathy came. Kathy was a nurse and was able to help with their new baby (Mya) 17 years ago. Andrea attend LCC for 2-3 years at that time. In 2019 Mya and Andrea came back to LCC because they both enjoyed the great messages and friendly people. Mya is a senior at Fusion Academy Lake Forest. They appreciate the friendly people and also that Pastor Steve makes himself easily accessible to explain spiritual concepts or to just talk about personal matters.

**One question for God:** **Andrea:** *"Is there free will in heaven? Upon arriving in heaven, there may be no need to ask that question"* **Mya:** *"Are there parallel universes?"*

**Most influential person spiritually:** **Andrea:** *"A lady about 15 years older than me named Flo."* **Mya:** *"My mom"*

**Church/Hometown:** **Andrea:** *First United Methodist Church in Belvidere, IL*  
**Mya:** *Lakeland Church Gurnee, IL*

**2 Personal interests:** **Andrea:** *Believe it or not, public speaking about the Bible and hiking or biking in new places, whether it be another flat part of Illinois or somewhere in the mountains.* **Mya:** *Scuba Diving and Costume making*

**Music Genre:** **Andrea:** *1980s and 1990s* **Mya:** *Classic Rock*

**A Good Book:** **Andrea:** *The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis* **Mya:** *Bone*

**Cubs or White Sox:** *Cubs!*



### Judy and Ryan Tanzer

**Family:** Thomas (husband/father), Judy (wife/mother)  
Ryan (son 15), Amani (daughter 13)

When the Tanzer family moved to Libertyville, Judy was exploring different churches. When she found LCC she stopped looking. She found LCC to have a great balance of scripture-based teaching, community engagement and friendly people. Ryan immediately felt a sense of community at LCC like everyone is wanted and accepted here.

**One question for God:** **Judy:** *"Why do you allow children to suffer?"* **Ryan:** *"I would ask him to make me a better person"*

**Most influential person spiritually:** **Judy:** *My mother-in-law* **Ryan:** *My youth group leader Rico Robertson*

**Church/Hometown:** **Judy:** *Never really had one. Libertyville is home now. My family was Catholic and Southern Baptist and left both. I was raised without a church until as a teenager I came to know Jesus through friends.* **Ryan:** *I was from Texas but LCC is my church.*

**2 Personal interests:** **Judy:** *Writing and doing things outside like gardening or biking*  
**Ryan:** *Basketball and Coding*

**Music Genre:** **Judy:** *Country* **Ryan:** *Country*

**A Good Book:** **Judy:** *Defending Jacob* **Ryan:** *Omega*

**Cubs or White Sox:** **Judy:** *Neither, Go Brewers (if I have to pick—it's White Sox)*  
**Ryan:** *Brewers*





## Jill's House Windy City

GET READY FOR  
**Weekend Adventures 2020!**

February 28-March 1

May 15-17

August 28-30

October 23-25

December 4-6



As we begin our 2020 season with Jill's House, please consider volunteering to be a "one-on-one" buddy for one of the upcoming weekends. For more information about what is involved and the difference you can make in the lives of these children and their families, please see "Kansas" Dave Anderson. Help is both needed and appreciated. Please contact Dave as soon as possible at 847-910-1696 or [danderson@proactiongroup.com](mailto:danderson@proactiongroup.com) if you are able to volunteer as a Buddy for the February 28th—March 1st campout. Thank you! We wish Jill's House coordinator Rebecca Little well as she relocates to Michigan. She will be missed. Please continue to pray for Jill's House as they look for a new coordinator. Becca hopes to help during the transition time.

## PADS

Homelessness has been around for many years and the PADS organization has been serving them for decades. Besides supplying shelter and a meal, PADS also provides counseling and case management services. Their goal is to help the homeless find permanent housing. People are homeless for different reasons. Some are temporary, caused by the loss of a job and subsequent loss of housing, or by illness or by death in a family. Others are among the chronically homeless, caused by chronic illness, drug or alcohol addiction, or mental illness. We as a church have been serving the homeless for many years. We are currently committed to three dates in the season and have already served two of those dates. Our last one is coming up on February 22nd. That Saturday evening our Junior High group will be setting up beds and serving the meal. About two weeks before that date, a Google Doc will be sent out asking for people to sign up for food contributions. On this last service night for the season, we will be providing dinner and lunch for the following day. A week ago, there were 70 people served at the Methodist Church PADS site. TWENTY TWO of those were children. PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED SUSTENANCE FOR THESE LAKE COUNTY NEIGHBORS! Please contact Maggie Johnson at 847-772-8564 or [maggiejohnson122@gmail.com](mailto:maggiejohnson122@gmail.com)



**Love INC  
of Lake  
County**

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

Office Phone 847.782.8630

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## Community Christian Food Pantry

A group goes to help distribute food every Tuesday morning. If you would like to help, contact Ann

Frost at

847-209-4834 or

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



**PING PONG:** Men of the church (and friends) are invited to play ping pong on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays each month. Play begins in the church basement at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for friendly competition and informal fellowship. It also provides a non-threatening means of inviting friends to church activities. If you have questions, contact Jeff Johnson at [jgjd@netzero.net](mailto:jgjd@netzero.net)

# LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

**Middle School Youth Group**  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
February 5, 12, 19, 26

**Senior High Youth Group**  
Sundays 5-7 p.m.  
February 9, 23

## Super Bowl Party

For all Sr. High & Middle School students and their families  
Sunday, February 2nd @ 5 p.m.  
**The Anderson's**  
34 Jamestown Court, Grayslake  
It's a POTLUCK so bring some of your favorites to share.  
See Teresa or Pastor Paul to RSVP or for more details.

## GONE FISHIN'



Pray for our 22 students & counselors at the Sr. High One Life Retreat at Covenant Point  
February 14-17, 2020



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

## RELENTLESS

JOHN 3:30



## Winter Camp 2020



### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH PADS SETUP NIGHT

Saturday, February 22 @ 5:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church in Libertyville

This is a great service project we can be involved in as there have been many families needing shelter this winter. We will set up the PADS, serve dinner & make lunches and then grab something to eat together nearby.

Let Pastor Paul know you will be there!!!



## WINTERJAM 2020



Save the date  
Friday, March 13th!





# Children's Ministries

## Discipleship

This year our kids are continuing to memorize Bible verses and the Books of the Bible. Last month we also added the challenge of naming the 12 disciples! They have been asked to bring a real friend to our Children's Ministry activities. So, far we have had 6 different friends visit and some even came to more than one weekly program.

## Curriculum

For the rest of the year our kids will be learning about the life and ministry of Jesus in all of our weekly programs. Parents and grandparents can obtain more details about our weekly lessons via the monthly Children's Ministry Newsletter (see Heather for access).

## Prayer

Continue to pray for God's leading as our leadership searches for a Children's Ministry Director. I will be stepping down from the interim role after March 31st of this year. Also, please be in prayer for our kids and leaders as they go to winter camp. Pray overall that our kids may come to know, love and serve Jesus as His disciples.

## Upcoming Dates

**February 21-23rd Winter Camp** - We will leave from church at 5:30 (please eat before you go) (Teresa A, Heather L, & Scott D. will be chaperones)

**February 26th Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:45 p.m.**

To God's Glory,  
Heather Larson, Interim Children's Ministry Director

LINK: [LCC FEBRUARY 2020 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER](#)



**Interim Nursery Coordinator:**  
Rachel McLinden  
847-977-5798 or

[Rachel.mclinden@gmail.com](mailto:Rachel.mclinden@gmail.com)



**Interim Children's Ministries Coordinator:**  
Heather Larson  
815-901-3294 or

[laron.heather09@gmail.com](mailto:laron.heather09@gmail.com)



**Wednesday, March**

**18th, 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.

**[FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SIGN UP FORM](#)**

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.

# February Birthdays

- 1 Olivia Pas
- 2 Dennis Dieball  
Melissa Schau
- 3 Evan Dallas
- 5 Steve Keller  
Carlene Lichter
- 8 Ruby Howard  
Duane Westerberg
- 9 Chris Becker
- 12 Chris Dallas
- 13 Anthony Wyatt
- 15 Paul McMinimy
- 16 Genevieve Couleur  
Jocelyn McMinimy
- 18 Otto Glader
- 20 Jake Anderson
- 23 Arlene Werner



## February Anniversaries

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

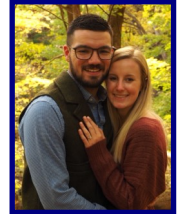
If you don't see your family's special days listed, please let the office know so we can keep our records up to date and also celebrate your special occasions with you.

**Thank you!**

## Let's Celebrate!

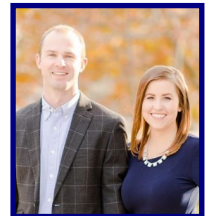
We are happy to celebrate with several of our church families the upcoming weddings of their children. If you would like to participate in a group wedding gift from LCC as we wish them God's blessings, please see Marti Anderson or Jill Heath.

Congratulations to Jenna Tranel (daughter of Roch and Kat) and Jordan Bradford who will be married in May. Jordan and Jenna both work at Tranel Financial Group and will be staying in the Libertyville area.



Congratulations to Natalie Douglass (daughter of Wylie & Ardyth) and Dan Grana who will also be married in May. Natalie teaches horn at Lake Forest College and DePaul University. Dan works in Chicago.

Congratulations to Bob Groody (son of Pat & Joan) and Becky Bradshaw who will be married in August 2020 in Columbus, Ohio. Bob is a project Manager with Abbott Nutrition and Becky works at Ohio State University. They will make their home in Columbus.



We were able to celebrate Fritz and Bonnie Wachta's 70th Wedding Anniversary with flowers and a card shower in January and the ladies loved crashing the "Sensible Ladies" Book Club at Beth Hjelm's to celebrate a milestone birthday all making winter a little bit brighter.

## WINCHESTER HOUSE WORSHIP

Our mission of providing monthly services at Winchester House continues. On February 2nd Jim Pas will be our guest speaker for the first time! Please consider attending to support Jim, but also to mingle with the guests and help lead the singing of songs. You will bless them but be greatly blessed in return! See Maggie Johnson for more information.



# SUMMER CAMP

2020

## Camp Is for You!

Camping programs at [Covenant Harbor](#) and [Covenant Point](#) Bible camps are open to all children and youth in every Covenant church in the Central Conference. If your church does not have experience with youth or overnight camping, we extend a special invitation to you to learn more about our Bible-based programs, our Christian staff, and our quality and safety.

Both [Covenant Harbor](#) and [Covenant Point](#) have decades of experience working with children and youth, and both create warm, welcoming environments for campers from all backgrounds and ethnicities. Everyone has a place at camp!

Plus, we invite you to take advantage of scholarship support. This financial assistance is offered to everyone who needs help to make camp affordable or who faces challenging circumstances in paying for camp. We want to help. To register and apply for a scholarship, visit:

[Covenant Harbor's online registration](#)

[Covenant Point's online registration](#)

[LCC 2020 CAMP REBATE/SCHOLARSHIP FORM](#)

## Subject: Boy it is cold out there!

But it was warm inside LovedTwice! We had another fun week, even though the traffic was slower than usual. A few of the regulars joined us and we met a few new friends. One new customer, a middle aged man was singing our praises on Saturday. He told me he had never seen such a beautiful set up in a store. I told him we were Jesus powered and he was thrilled with the answer! Our gross sales for the week was over \$2800 but I want to congratulate everyone who is part of this ministry as the year end report is in. Praise God as our net for the year, after all expenses was \$50,000! We were definitely Jesus powered to get that done. Thank you all for using your gifts to make this ministry a success and thank you for doing your shopping at Loved Twice. It's a win win. This week we need help during the following shifts:

Wednesday 2-4

Friday 2-6

Thursday 10-2

Saturday 10-12 & 2-4

I am also looking for permanent help on Thursday late morning, 11ish-1ish, to bring bins and maybe a couple pieces of furniture over to the store. They can use one of the Love INC trucks. Let me know if you know anyone available for this. Please pray for a new customer Carolyn who is a believer but has obvious emotional needs. She visited the store twice this week but is obviously upset and is outspoken about it. Please pray for God's mercy, peace and healing. Our love for the King is shown by caring for the least. Praise God he has given us this opportunity! And now, back to the game. Never say never. Have a great week, Lynn



LOVED TWICE  
THRIFT BOUTIQUE

## Sensible Ladies Book Club



The next selection for our book club is [Whistling Past the Graveyard](#) by Susan Crandall.

From an award-winning author comes a wise and tender coming-of-age story about a nine-year-old girl who runs away from her Mississippi home in 1963, befriends a lonely woman suffering loss and abuse, and embarks on a life-changing road trip.

We will be meeting at the home of Deb Lindahl on March 6th at 7pm. All are welcome, whether or not you've read the book. Please RSVP to Deb [dooby127@gmail.com](mailto:dooby127@gmail.com)

## Interested in volunteering?

Contact Store Manager Lynn at [lynnt@loveinlakecounty.org](mailto:lynnt@loveinlakecounty.org) to find your role. Serve once or twice a week as a cashier or floor volunteer, help promote the shop through social media & other methods, work in the warehouse preparing items for sale, and more.

## Have something to donate?

Email [donations@loveinlakecounty.org](mailto:donations@loveinlakecounty.org) to share your items and schedule a drop-off or pick up.



## Libertyville Covenant Church

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(Corner of Route 176 and St. Mary's Road)

Pastor: Steve Larson

Church phone: 847/362-3308 Fax : 847/362-3310

[www.libcov.org](http://www.libcov.org)

## 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

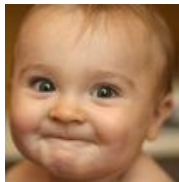
Engagement: all are gifted, all are called, all have a place in the ministry



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!



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### LOVE INC NEEDS

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

**Serving Opportunities:** If anyone wants to volunteer for deliveries, furniture: contact Chris Becker and starter kits: Love INC Office Amy Bothmann- [programs@loveinlakecounty.org](mailto:programs@loveinlakecounty.org) or phone: 847 782-8630 ext. 112.



**COVENANT HOME ALTAR:** The new issue of our denomination's devotional book, The Covenant Home Altar, is available at the Information Desk. Please help yourself to a copy for use as your daily devotional for January, February, March.

Please be sure that we have your current information & family picture. All info may be sent to [marti@libcov.org](mailto: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!





# FEBRUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Marti out of the office February 2-9						1 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry
2 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. JH&SH Youth & families potluck super bowl party at S&T Anderson's	3	4 9 a.m. Food Pantry	5 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Mom's Group 6:45 p.m. Choir	6 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Capernaum 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. ping	7 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	8 11:00 a.m. Piano Recital (Chang)
9 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship 4 p.m. WMT 5 p.m. SH Youth	10 7 p.m. LT	11 9 a.m. Food Pantry	12 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Mom's Group 6:45 p.m. Choir	13 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	14 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 4 p.m. SH Leave	15
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16 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship	17	18 9 a.m. Food Pantry	19 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:45 p.m. Mom's Group 6:45 p.m. Choir	20 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team 7 p.m. ping pong	21 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Leave for retreat	22 5:15 p.m. JH setup & serve at PADS
SH ONE LIFE —POINT			3RD—5TH —HARBOR			
23 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Prayer in Pew 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SH Youth	24	25 9 a.m. Food Pantry	26 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 6:00 p.m. dinner 6:45 p.m. Intergenerational Service	27 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Worship Team	28 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	29
3RD—5TH —HARBOR			Jill's House			
			Men's Retreat—Point			

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

<b>GREETERS</b>  <b>FEBRUARY</b> 2 Jim & Michelle Pas 9 Bob & Martha Peterson 16 Nate & Melissa Schau 23 Bob & Tricia Sorensen  <b>MARCH</b> 1 Craig & Colleen Sparks 8 Craig & Jackie Splinter 15 Bruce & Merileen Thorson 22 Roch & Kat Tranel 29 Gary & Cindy Traynor	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>  <b>FEBRUARY</b> 2 Scott & Julie Dahlberg 9 Wylie & Ardy Douglass 16 Dennis & Carol Dieball 23 Dan & Ann Frost  <b>MARCH</b> 1 Zachs & Grace Gaiya 8 Jim & Tina Gillette 15 Bill & Jenna Glader 22 Pat & Joan Groody 29 Jay & Jamie Gustafson	<b>LAY READER</b>  <b>FEBRUARY</b> 2 Valerie Makkai 9 Kerry Monson 16 Caren Vollrath 23 Sophia Pas  <b>MARCH</b> 1 Mark Cederberg 8 Darilyn Anderson 15 Roger Clausen 22 Jay Gustafson 29 Vicki Herrick
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 2 Rachel McLinden & Michelle Pas 9 Rachel McLinden & Teresa Anderson 16 Rachel McLinden & Maggie Johnson 23 Rachel McLinden & Joan Groody  <b>MARCH</b> 1 Nancy and Rachel McLinden 8 Rachel McLinden & Rachel Couleur 15 Maggie Johnson & Rachel McLinden 22 Ann Frost & Rachel McLinden 29 Teresa Anderson & Michelle Pas	<b>INFANT NURSERY</b>  <b>Rachel McLinden as needed.</b>	<b>PRESCHOOL NURSERY</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 2 Christy James & Jenna Glader 9 Lori Hartnett & Kat Tranel 16 Nate & Melissa Schau 23 Bill & Chris Anderson  <b>MARCH</b> 1 Ellen Hall & Lori Hartnett 8 Karin Hildebrandt & Kirsten Peterson 15 Nate & Melissa Schau 22 Jenna Glader & Kat Tranel 29 Pauline Raia & Nancy McLinden
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b> <b>FEBRUARY</b> 2 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson 9 Niki Papak & Tricia Sorensen 16 Heather Larson & Karin Lundstedt 23 Jim & Tina Gillette / Olivia Pas  <b>MARCH</b> 1 Angela Kocinski & Claudia Nauman 8 Paul & Kristin Hawkinson 15 Niki Papak & Caren Vollrath 22 Heather Larson & Karin Lundstedt 29 Jim & Tina Gillette / Olivia Pas	<b>USHERS</b>  <b>FEBRUARY:</b> Lee Vollrath, Carl Zienty, Ken Werner, Nate Schau  <b>MARCH:</b> Jim Krueger, Bill Anderson, Bob Hartnett  <b>APRIL:</b> Roger Clausen, Jill Paul Lindley, Bob Peterson	<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>

Our denomination has a number of resources available to us. You can find them by checking out the website: [www.covchurch.org](http://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.