



In the Spirit

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

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The Deadline for the
August *In the Spirit* is
Monday, July 13, 2020
Please send items to
marti@libcov.org

Liminal Space *by Pastor Steve Larson*

"All transformation takes place in liminal space." – Richard Rohr

In the Star Trek universe, little goes as wrong as often as the transporter. This device allows people to transform matter into energy, beam that energy to another place, and then transform it back into its original matter. In this way, they can move people from one place (the ship) to another (the planet below) almost instantaneously. The problem is, well, a lot. Transporters have been known to only beam some people up correctly, to modify people's genetics in-transit, to beam things other than the intended people up, and most famously, to trap people in the transporter as energy. These unfortunate souls are then stuck in between leaving and arriving, between the old and the new.

This in-between time in real life is called Liminal Space. It is the InBetween, when you've left one place but not arrived at the next yet. And we all have experiences of Liminal Time in our lives. Adolescence is one of the longest (between childhood and adult-

hood), but moving from one house or town to the next, leaving an old job and taking a new one, even pregnancy are all experiences of Liminal Space.

COVID has forced almost every person on the planet into Liminal Space. We are InBetween what was and what is to come. We are in a holding pattern, a waiting time, stuck in a transporter if you will. Liminal



Space is almost always scary, uncomfortable, and something we want to get through as quickly as possible. A trapeze artist does not want to spend any more time than necessary in the Liminal Space between having let go of one trapeze bar and getting a grip on the next.

But I want you to go back to the opening sentence of this article again. Richard Rohr, a spir-

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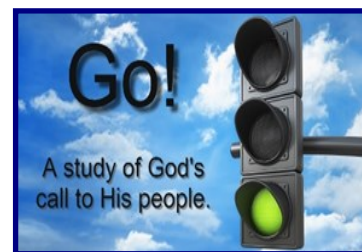
itual writer and Franciscan friar, identifies Liminal Space as the place where growth happens. In fact, he has said that personal growth can only happen in Liminal Space. This has proved true in my own life and the lives of countless other people with whom I've walked this journey of transformation. It is not when we have time, or have it all together, or have the energy that we grow. It is when we are at the end of our ropes, terrified as we hang in mid air without a trapeze bar, and unable to control our surroundings that we grow. It is then that we usually turn to God most honestly, and that is what it takes to transform ourselves into the people He's created us to be.

We all bemoan all we're losing due to COVID. We are all overwhelmed by 2020, with its pandemic and racism, its impeachments and forest fires, its murder hornets and Saharan dust clouds. But in this Liminal Space between what was and what will be, how might God be calling you to grow? Are you turning to Him for help or just to Facebook, or the CDC, or to your own determination? Are we growing closer as families, as neighbors, as a church, or just waiting out this Liminal Time, wasting the precious gift of transformation that it is?

Today and in the days to come, try to move your focus away from scarcity, from all you are missing or losing or not getting, and toward all that God might have to offer during this time. In your fear and even panic, stop and quiet yourself with God and listen. He is calling you to something new, some new growth, and He has prepared the way to it for you. And that path He has prepared leads straight through COVIDland.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP in July . . .

God has called each and every one of us to Go and Make Disciples. But this is not the first time God has called His people to Go. This summer we are looking at bible characters who heard and obeyed God's command to Go. And we're learning what it means to trust God, to stand against popular opinion, and to leave behind in hope for all that lies ahead. Join us online every Sunday at 9:30 am. On our YouTube channel for worship and a study of God's call to Go!



Sunday, July 5
GIDEON: Go and Trust
2 Corinthians 4:1-7
Judges 1-22

Sunday, July 19
ELIJAH: Go With Confidence
1 Kings 18:1-39

Sunday, July 12
SAMUEL: Go When You're Called
1 Samuel 3:1-10

Sunday, July 26
Camp Sunday! Eric Strom preaching
Matthew 8:5-13

Virtual Worship Sundays through June at 9:30 a.m. (Central)
We are grateful for those behind the scenes blessing us during this time!

Live Stream and LCC YouTube Channel

LCC Worship can be viewed by going to our web site www.libcov.org and click on the "live streaming and YouTube Channel" button or by going directly to the LCC YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI94b-TxDXfUOIrWU9Xheiw>. Once on the LCC YouTube channel, please click to "subscribe" as then you will get notifications of live streaming and of any new content such as videos, or Pastor Steve's blogs.

During the Live Stream, please use the "chat" function on the right hand side of the screen to interact with your church family. Trevor James will be moderating the discussion and will be adding links, responding to questions and posting reflection prompts for you to think about during the service.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Trevor James at tjames@northpark.edu, or Scott Anderson at scottandersonusa@gmail.com for any video/audio issues. Thanks for your patience and support as we try to live into this new normal together.

The EST (Evangelism and Service Team)



Have you ever wished you could participate in worship but don't love speaking in public? We need people to participate in worship with us from home! We are looking for people willing to read scripture, share their testimony, or even do special music (vocal or instrumental)... all from home. If you are willing to record yourself doing any of these to be shown on the screen during our streaming worship, you can either send in the video or email/call mar-ti@libcov.org or 847/751-0076.

Staying Connected

Dear Church Family,

We have some news to share. When we went on our annual extended Christmas trip to Arizona, the “snowbird” seed was planted. We never expected to find “the” home, but we did. Construction will start soon in a 55+ area called Victory, in the Ver-rado planned community of Buckeye, AZ. We are literally at the foot of the White Tank Mountains, and the view is spectacular. There’s golf, pickleball, pools, and lots of activities. We’ll have a 3-bedroom home, so please stay with us on your next trip to AZ! Our summers will be spent at our cabin in Mercer, in the North Woods of Wisconsin, six hours from here. We do plan to be back here periodically to spend time with IL friends and worship with you. Our IL realtor says the market is hot right now, with home buyers happy to get out and look at homes; therefore, our home could be on the market as soon as Father’s Day. We, like you, wish that we all could be at church to worship together. We wish we could visit with you in person, and we would have rather told you our news that way as well.



It’s hard to believe that it has been 16 years since we walked through the LCC front doors. Jay remembers talking about Princeton Covenant Church with Dave Anderson from the very first moment we walked in the door. Both John Hjelm and Dave Anderson would always say hello and make sure we felt welcome. We can’t believe all the friendships that we have made since that very first day. What we are going to miss most about living in Illinois is you, our church family. LCC is a community of truly authentic, Christ-loving individuals, who walk the walk; we have said numerous times that you truly are our church family. Jay’s favorite Bible passage is Proverbs 27:17, “*Just as iron sharpens iron, so too shall man sharpen man.*” We feel like we will leave with our blades truly sharpened.

Jay and Jamie Gustafson



We want to remind you to join one of our virtual small groups. Allow

me to share encouraging words shared by Andrea from their group. “I really love that we are simply reading various passages of the Bible and hearing how people interpret them.” What Andrea described is a characteristic of a hermeneutical community where people gather around the Truth of the Word of God.

Each week, people meet in Virtual Small Groups to grow as disciples. It is within these small communities that men and women build relationships, explore Truth, support each other through prayer, and Christian practices. We all know that God created us for a community, especially a Christian community! You will agree with me that such a need became acute due to the Stay-at-home order. Our small groups provide you with the space to do life together with other children of God.

We hope that everyone who attends LCC will be involved in a Virtual Small Group. Sign-up today to join one of our small groups by clicking this link: [LCC SMALL GROUP SIGN UP FORM - JULY](#)

If you have any questions, please email Zachs at zzgai-ya@tiu.edu.



LCC Virtual Coffee Hour (BYOC) 10:45am in the LCC Private Zoom Room

Join us every Sunday after worship for the LCC BYOC Coffee Hour. After we're finished worshipping together, log in to our LCC Virtual Zoom Room and connect with friends, split off into smaller groups just to catch up, and maybe even meet some new faces. Just go to zoom.us, click "join a meeting" and use the church's phone number 8473623308 for the Meeting ID no Password is needed. Sponsored by our Deacons, we hope this is another way to connect with our church family each week.



Financial Summary thru MAY 2020

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 224,591
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 210,868
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ 13,723

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 207,164
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 224,589
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (17,425)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 207,164
Expenses YTD	\$ 210,868
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (3,704)

WINCHESTER HOUSE

Please remember to pray for our friends at Winchester House as well as all the senior living facilities during these days of isolation and concern. Worship services at Winchester are cancelled until further notice.



For current information
check website:
loveinlakecounty.org

Libertyville Covenant Church's Annual Report

LCC ANNUAL REPORT 2019

LINK to online giving

Checks mailed to the church will also be received and processed on a regular basis. If you have questions, contact Caren & Lee Vollrath.

Virtual Men's Bible Study



Men's Virtual Study – Friday Mornings

Join us at 7am for a Bible Study
All are welcome.

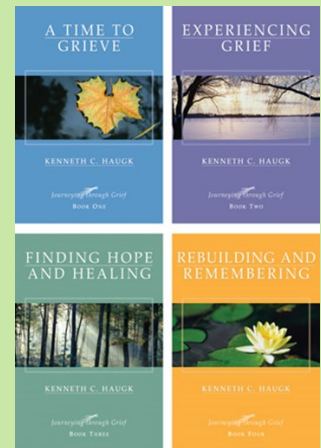
We meet using Google Hangouts Meet. <https://meet.google.com/znc-gfpo-aya> Join by phone: +1 385-645-6963 PIN: 689 895 473#
For information contact chris@beckercrew.com



Pastor Steve's Daily Blog and/or video blog is available to help us with a short devotional thought about life in a COVID-19 world. Click here:
<https://libcov.org/pastor-steves-blog/>

Journeying Through Grief

Greetings from Jackie Splinter, a relatively new member at LCC and a new Deacon. I'd like to introduce a ministry we are implementing at LCC for those who are grieving the loss of an immediate family member. Journeying through Grief is a set of four short books that can be sent to a member or family at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. Author Kenneth C. Haugk writes in a warm, caring style, with short, easy-to-read chapters. He walks alongside the reader through their grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.



Each book focuses on what the person is likely to be experiencing at that point in their grief process—offering understanding, empathy, compassion, and hope. Our plan is to personally contact each Church member (or family) to determine if they wish to receive these mailings. We believe this ministry will provide us with a meaningful and effective way to reach out to and repeatedly connect with our grieving members during that difficult first year. Feel free to contact me waz4179@aol.com (Jackie) or Marti (or any of our Deacons) if you have any questions.

Virtual Staff Meetings

Where is our Staff? On Tuesday mornings you will find us "together" sharing prayer requests and concerns as we work through the details of caring for each other, our congregation, facilities and the community at large. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these times and learn new ways of working and serving. Please contact any one of us as questions arise. 847-362-3308



Financial Update

The Leadership Team thanks you all for your continued generous support of the ministries of LCC. Despite the current social and economic challenges, we have kept pace with our budgeted commitments over the last 3 months (see below) and have also been able to reduce our operating expenses. This has allowed us to continue supporting both our local and broader mission partners in a time when they need it most – what a blessing this has been. We are continuing to manage our expenses closely and ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do to continue giving faithfully, whether it be through the Online Giving link on our website or through checks in the mail. We thank God for you and His good work that can be accomplished through your faithfulness.

LCC - Weekly Giving Summary - 2020							
2020 Weekly Averages by Month				Most Recent 2 Months			
				May		June	
Jan	6,959	July	5/3/2020	9,350	6/7/2020	10,249	
Feb	10,467	Aug	5/10/2020	15,797	6/14/2020	9,440	
Mar	9,807	Sept	5/17/2020	10,680	6/21/2020	7,440	
Apr	10,491	Oct	5/24/2020	4,725	6/28/2020	7,865	
May	9,384	Nov	5/31/2020	6,370			
June	8,749	Dec					
YTD	9,310		Weekly		Weekly		
			Avg	9,384	Avg	8,749	

Leadership Team

The Leader Team and Council continue to work on additional ways to strengthen our local ministry through both virtual and – soon - in person offerings. Now that we have entered the early part of Illinois Phase 4 re-opening, we are excited to begin the process of offering times to gather together in limited numbers, with new precautions in place. We continue to monitor all local trends and activity, and are so grateful for your patience as we seek to steward your trust in us well. Look for coming announcements on future opportunities to gather together.

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 leadership@libcov.org



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)

Office Coordinator:

Marti Anderson (847/362-3308)

Worship Music Coordinator:

Kris Nikkel (847/543-8861)

Custodian: Dan Doherty (847/223-4971)

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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:

Wes Lindahl (847/680-1018)

Evangelism & Service Team:

Trevor James (847/986-6677)

Worship Ministry Team:

Sarah Palmberg (847/404-8165)

Finance & Properties Team:

Dave Hinz (262/745-7020)

Missionary "Covid" Updates BY Cindy Traynor

From Robert McLeod - Mexico:



COVID-19 has impacted Oaxaca Christian School and my ministry in a few ways. First, we had to do distance learning until the end of the year, and I was unable to resume teaching my

music classes because the school wanted to focus on the main elementary classes that were being taught. Because the missionaries here have limited resources, we wanted to keep the burden on them as minimal as possible since this pandemic is also taking a toll on their ministries. Also, because I don't have a residency visa yet, I had to leave the country and continue to support the teachers and staff from Chicago. We had a remote graduation ceremony at the school that was live-streamed over YouTube, but unfortunately I had to help with all of the technical parts from afar. Thankfully there was a person from Oaxaca who was able to help set stuff up.

I am also on the school board, and the uncertainty of the pandemic and its affect on Mexico in general has lead to a lot of hard decisions on how to restructure the school year to fit the needs of the teachers, students, and missionary parents. We've spent lots of hours working over the details, and we still have more decisions to make as to when and how we are going to start the next school year.

I myself am not sure when I will be able to return to Mexico, with the way things are starting to open up little by little, it is my prayer to be back by mid-August (our scheduled start to school). For now, I am supporting the staff, leading a small group in our Youth Group over Zoom, and participating in school board meetings when they happen.

From Craig Wickstrom - The Congo:



COVID has affected my ministry in several less direct ways. First, it has significantly affected the church in Congo. President Tchisekedi was aggressive in his response to the corona virus and as a result the virus has been largely limited to Kinshasa and has yet to reach the northwest where the Covenant Community is centered. However, by restricting the gathering of groups to 20 people, he has significantly limited the ability of the church to function normally. I continue to connect with a few individuals in Congo and what I hear is a resigned patience.

Second, COVID has significantly affected the resident missionaries in Congo. The Smiths had to come back to the U.S. three and a half months early without having a chance to say good-bye to people; the Norens are split up with Sheryl in the U.S. and Paul in Congo; David Stockamp was unable to make his last trip to Congo; and everyone's plans for wrapping up their ministries before departing in July have been upset. I had hoped to spend more time with each missionary before they leave Congo but that was not to be.

In his latest update he writes, "The week that I am writing this, the last of the resident Covenant missionaries in Congo head back to the U.S. and there is no prospect of replacing them any time soon. Most Congolese Covenanters have had no direct contact with missionaries, but there are a few who have connected on a daily or weekly basis. With corona virus restrictions on mass gatherings still in effect, the departure of the missionaries may occur with relatively little fanfare, but it will definitely be of consequence. That said, we remain one body in Christ and as we remember to pray for our fellow Christians, we can know that they are also praying for us, for when one part suffers, the whole body suffers."

So as you can see, many restrictions are the same as in the U.S. However, when you are there to reach out to the people, those restrictions have a huge effect. We pray that they will find a way to continue spreading the word of God to those who are suffering. We pray that they will feel the love of Libertyville Covenant Church as we continue to pray for them and those who serve them.

Continue to pray for our Missionaries and send them an encouraging email:

Robert.mcleod@covchurch.org

Craig.wickstrom@covchurch.org



Given Illinois' declaration of Phase 3 and 4 reopening, we wanted to provide perspective on how our local ministry plan will align with scheduled State Phased guidance and best practice.

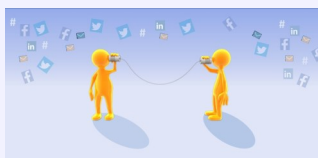
LINK: [LCC'S "CALM" plan as we navigate through COVID-19 and phases of reopening](#)

Please continue to share your own discernment with us at leadership@libcov.org

We also encourage you to watch the following video for more context from our Chair, Paul Hawkinson: <https://www.loom.com/share/4d60e5dc08ba4f3e8b9af74975e65f94>

UPDATE FROM DEACON TEAM:

The Pastors and Deacons have enjoyed keeping in touch with our congregation through phone calls these past few months. At the recent Deacon meeting it was decided to continue making these calls to those who wish for this type of contact during social distancing. Please follow the link to let us know what you prefer.



[LCC STAYING IN TOUCH FORM](#)

Dear Covenant Friends,

I bring you greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who truly provides hope for the future. As we all know, COVID-19, the resulting shelter-in-place season, the racial pandemic, and resulting protests have had a massive impact across the Evangelical Covenant Church and our world. Many people have been deeply and painfully affected by these pandemics. Yet, in the midst of suffering, we join together as the body of Christ, with faith in the grace and hope of the God of all creation.

Subsequently, due to the widespread economic challenges that a significant number of our communities are experiencing we have made the difficult decision to postpone Unite 2021. Our current plan is to reschedule this gathering for July 2022. This decision has not been made lightly and comes with the full collaborative effort of key Covenant leaders, including the president's office, the Unite planning team, and our individual conference youth ministry leaders. We are grieved to make this decision, but in doing so, we are seeking to act in unity with our whole church community across the U.S. and Canada.

We love the word "unite" because it communicates our call as a church to stand with one another. We seek to do everything we can to provide an event—a movement—that Covenant youth across the entire denomination have every opportunity to engage. We are hopeful that we will once again gather together in July 2022 to go deeper in our faith and further in mission together.

In the meantime, the Unite planning team is prayerfully considering what sort of changes and improvements we can explore to better serve the ECC through Unite. We appreciate your continued prayers and support in this season. Please know that I would personally welcome your reflections and feedback at tim.ciccone@covchurch.org. Finally, stay tuned for the exact dates of Unite 2022, which we plan to discern and announce in the coming months.

May God bless you and your community as we look forward with hope, faith, and courage. The Unite planning team is praying for you, and as always, we ask and call the church to pray for our youth.

Investing in the discipleship of the emerging generation together,

Tim Ciccone, Director of Youth Ministry

Make and Deepen Disciples, The Evangelical Covenant Church

Redirecting to [UNITE2022.org](https://unite2022.org)

UPDATE FROM THE ALL CHURCH RE-TREAT TEAM: It is with much disappointment that the All Church Retreat is being postponed until next year due to the virus. We would rather gather together when it is safe for everyone to do so.

The Covenant Home Altar is available online during this time

COVENANT
HomeAltar

daily devotions

<https://covenantcompanion.com/home-altar/>



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Our hands can't pack meals right now, but we can:

- Pray for FMSC leadership and our partners
- Give at give.fmssc.org/covid-19
- Support artisans through our online MarketPlace at fmscmarketplace.org

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior High ZOOM Connection
MONDAYS July 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30—8:30 p.m.

zoom

Junior High ZOOM Connection
THURSDAYS July 9, 16, 23, 30
4:00—5:00 p.m.

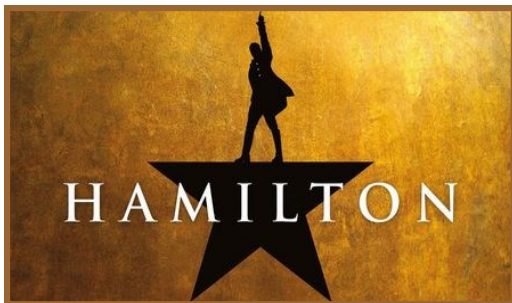
We will meet via zoom to remain connected and engage in meaningful discussions. Our nights together will offer students time to ask questions, wrestle with topics that are challenging, and seek to hear what God might have to say about the topics through scripture. Gatherings may include watching podcasts, reading from texts, and also lifting up scripture. We look forward to our students' curiosity, questions, and community that will be shared.



My hopes are that all of you are doing well as school is out and phase 4 now opens up more possibilities for all of us to experience. Thank you for your willingness to enter into ministry with caution and celebration taking meaningful steps of regathering. I am aware that each family is experiencing COVID-19 and recent months in different ways, shapes, and forms and I want to encourage families to continue to walk their convictions as you consider the summer ministry offerings at LCC. I intend that in-person youth gatherings will be outdoors this summer where we can enjoy gathering at a safe distance while observing the LCC CALM plan. In addition to the programming offered I want to invite parents and students to know that I would be thrilled to catch up with students and families meeting for lunch, going golfing, playing frisbee golf, going for walks, and any other fun ideas you and your students might suggest. Please let me know how I can continue to connect and help encourage our students in their journey of faith. Looking forward to reconnecting with all of you this summer.

Pastor Paul Couleur - paul@libcov.org - 847-331-3640

SENIOR HIGH - FRIDAY,
July 3rd 6:45-9:45 p.m.



Come watch the musical **Hamilton** live on Anderson's back porch. (34 Jamestown Court, Grayslake) Bring a comfortable chair to recline in as we enjoy watching together out in fresh air. We look forward to welcoming our incoming freshman to our Senior High Ministry at LCC for some summer fun. Our time together will be relaxed and simply a way to watch a fun movie together. Students are asked to bring a mask as we will advise them we will reinforce the LCC CALM plan and keep students safe while gathering. We will sit outside and be more than 6 feet apart. When students are needing to walk around we will ask them to remain 6 feet apart and to put on a mask. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available if needed.

To access **ZOOM** go to
zoom.us and "join a
 meeting" the ID will be
 our phone # **8473623308**

No password needed

SENIOR HIGH FRIDAY
July 17th- Time TBD



We will gather to watch a movie entitled Just Mercy at the Lichten's Home (1055 Sunrise Road, Green Oaks). We will be watching the movie together and our follow up discussion will take place during our small group zoom connections.

JUNIOR HIGH ZOOM FRIDAY
July 3rd at 4 p.m. Let's reconnect
& welcome the new JH'ers

JUNIOR HIGH FRIDAY
July 17th 12 noon
Frisbee Golf Course
Adler Park
1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Libertyville



Bring your own disc(s)
 and water bottle and mask
 Plan for some fun!
 Incoming 6th graders are
 welcome to join us—ask
 Pastor Paul if you want more infor-
 mation or encouragement

Children's Ministries

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN—BIRTH THROUGH 5TH GRADE
BYO Picnic and Play on the Hill
Wednesday, July 15th 5:30—7 p.m.



We will have a scavenger hunt and lesson for the kids
Campfire and smores

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN—BIRTH THROUGH JUNIOR HIGH
A Day of Summer Fun at Lake Liberty
Saturday, July 25th 10 a.m.—2 p.m.



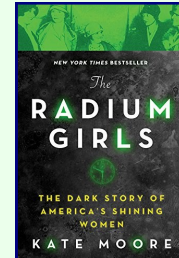
We have been invited by the Tranel Family to enjoy exploring the outdoors at their lake property in Elkhorn, Wisconsin
It is a private lake that includes opportunities to:
fish, swim, canoe, kayak, take a nature walk,
as well as enjoy time playing lawn games.

Bring your own picnic lunch, chairs, blanket, etc.

RSVP to Pastor Paul so we can follow the safety guidelines
set forth in the LCC CALM plan.

Sensible Ladies Book Club

The next selection for our book club is Radium Girls by Kate Moore.



As World War I raged across the globe, hundreds of young women toiled away at the radium-dial factories, where they painted clock faces with a mysterious new substance called radium. Assured by their bosses that the luminous material was safe, the women themselves shone brightly in the dark, covered from head to toe with the glowing dust. With such a coveted job, these "shining girls" were considered the luckiest alive--until they began to fall mysteriously ill. As the fatal poison of the radium took hold, they found themselves embroiled in one of America's biggest scandals and a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights. The Radium Girls explores the strength of extraordinary women in the face of almost impossible circumstances and the astonishing legacy they left behind.

Tricia Sorensen will host a VIRTUAL gathering via ZOOM on **Friday, August 21** at 7 p.m. All are welcome, whether or not you've read the book.

Email:

R4Sorensen@yahoo.com

and she will send you the zoom invitation.

July Birthdays

- 1 Rachel Larson
Katie McLinden
- 3 Marilyn Cholewin
Beverly Sparks
- 4 Kajsa Palmberg
- 6 Andrea Reynolds
- 7 Gladdie Greenfield
- 9 Mallory Steinhofner
- 10 Phil Nelson
- 12 Wes Lindahl
Donna Lindley
- 13 Steve Barg
- 14 Pattie Horgan
Merileen Thorson
- 15 Bill Glader
Dieter Hildebrandt
- 16 Chris Bragg
Elizabeth Dallas
Luke Dallas
Nathan Dallas
- 18 Tom Borkman
- 19 Haniel Gaiya
Marie Oppedahl
- 21 John Christian
- 23 Nancy Borkman
- 24 Vonnie Johnson
- 25 Tim Anderson
Gavin Johnson
- 27 Roger Clausen
- 29 Valerie Makkai

July Anniversaries

- 2 Chris & Carolyn Dallas (2017)
- 3 Dieter & Karin Hildebrandt (1976)
- 4 Tom & Nancy Borkman (1981)
- 10 Ken & Larissa Greenfield (1999)
- 16 Craig & Jackie Spinter (1977)
- 21 Chris & Britta Cochran (2012)
- 24 Ben & Christy Beckstrom (1999)
- 31 Tim & Christie Albers (1982)

Racial Righteousness

This coming Thursday, July 2, our racial reconciliation group will be meeting at church at 6:30pm. We will be asking this question: "Describe the first or the most significant encounter you remember having with race." We look forward to listening and learning from each other.

Please read the behavioral contract and guidelines that we discussed at our initial gathering. [LCC GROUP BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT](#) It is important that you read and agree before participating in order to ensure that our group(s) are a safe place to share and grow.

For this meeting, please bring your own lawn chair and drink (if needed). Bug spray might be a good idea, too. The bathroom at church will be available for use. Those who want to wear masks will set up their chairs closest to the garden; those who do not want to wear masks will set up their chairs closer to the fire pit. Please park away from the hill and garden so these groups will have space to spread out. I will have surgical masks available if you want one.

For this session we will also offer a zoom option; at 6:30 please log in using the church's phone number: 8473623308. No password is needed.

Later this month we will be working through the book *White Awake* by Daniel Hill; we have needed to postpone that due to the fact that the book is sold out everywhere right now. Looking forward to this journey together!

In Christ,

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Let's Celebrate!

We are happy to celebrate with several of our church families the weddings of their children. Please pray for these couples as they prepare new plans for their weddings during these uncertain times. If you would like to participate in a group wedding gift from LCC as we wish them God's blessings, please send your gift to Marti Anderson, 1527 Lexington Rd., Green Oaks, IL 60048 with a note or memo for where it should be directed.

Congratulations to **Jenna Tranel (daughter of Roch and Kat) and Jordan Bradford** who were married June 5th. Jordan and Jenna both work at Tranel Financial Group.



Sarah Frost and Kevin Monahan will be married in the backyard of Dan and Ann's home in Riverwoods in August 29 with a COVID 19 size wedding group of 15. They are relocating from Seattle to Indianapolis (where Kevin is from) and Sarah has a job waiting as a school psychologist.

Bob Groody (son of Pat & Joan) and Becky Bradshaw will be married in August 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.



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND LCC???

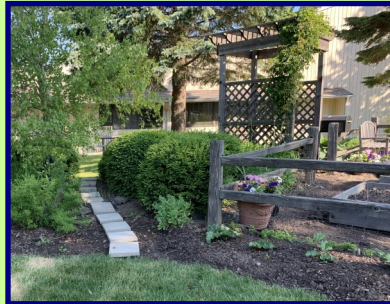


It is amazing what often gets done behind the scenes at a church. It has been clear that much work has gone in to our “streaming” worship services which we can all appreciate a great deal. **BUT . . .** What is going on around our building while we are gone? Thanks to our very “trustee” Trustees, quite a bit has been happening.

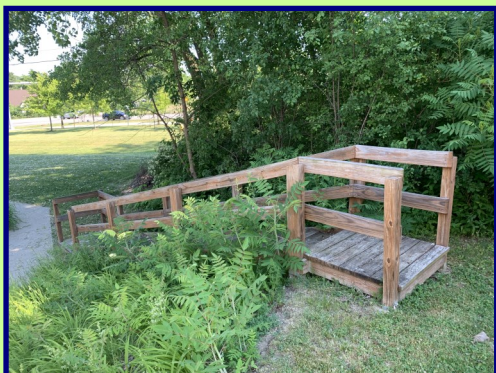
In response to the ongoing water problem with heavy rains, Dave Hinz and Dan Frost have been proactive in finding solutions. Dave has been busy installing a new drain inside the back stairwell door & will soon be tiling a section to avoid further carpet damage. They also have been working with our landscapers to come up with a drainage solution and new drain tiles have been installed around the outside to divert the water runoff to the culvert at the back of the property. The garden is looking beautiful and the

“weeds” leading to the hill have been leveled and grass has been planted which you really should drive by and see how nicely it is growing—thanks to the recent rains as well as the watering system Dan rigged up. We are hoping to finish up the leveling and planting on far side of the hill soon too. We appreciate the vision and work that Nancy Borkman has put in to making our grounds beautiful. If you

would like to help with the garden (weeding, harvesting, etc.) please contact Nancy at 847-367-0935 or Nancy.newongs@sbcglobal.net. Help is always appreciated!

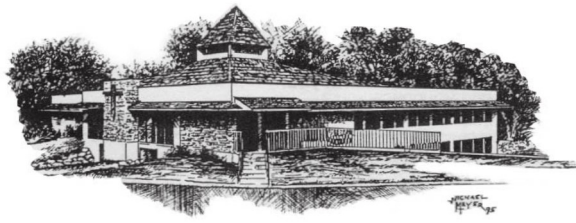


There are still a few items on our Summer “wish list” and Dan and Dave would be very happy to talk with you about how you can help get them accomplished. If you are looking for some nice outdoor work either by yourself or someone in your “bubble” to do with you, the children’s playset needs to be



power washed and stained to protect for the years ahead. Also, our back stairs from the kitchen to the hill needs to be power washed and stained. You don’t need a lot of experience, just the time and energy and willing spirit. Please contact Dan Frost for details at danf1954@gmail.com or 847-373-7432.





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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

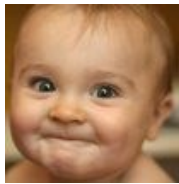
Engagement: all are gifted, all are called, all have a place in the ministry



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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Summer 2020 at Your Camps

This summer at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point looks different than previous summers. For both camps, the [Harbor Point Ministries](#) Board of Directors and staff have prayerfully discerned decisions that are in the best interests of campers, their extended families and the communities the camps serve during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. [Covenant Point](#) has cancelled all its programs for summer 2020 and Covenant Harbor has cancelled its overnight youth programs and Summer Sundays. [Covenant Harbor](#) is launching two new programs on July 6: [Kids and Youth Day Programs](#) for campers in 1st through 9th grades, and [Family Getaways](#). These opportunities are full of hope! Please reach out to us with questions and ideas about how we may serve you. With you, we long for the day when we will gather together again as camps and churches. May God be with you and your congregations as you also face chal-



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