



*Libertyville Covenant Church*

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# LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT CHURCH

January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* (Southbridge) Su-Yi Su

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor Paul: We have good news today! God knows where we are and calls to us, offering new life.

Pastor Steve: Zacchaeus hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today!

Pastor Paul: Jesus calls to us, wherever we are, no matter what we were doing

Michelle Pas: Peter, come follow Me and I will make you fish for people!

Sophia Pas: Matthew, leave your tax booth and come follow Me!

Pastor Paul: Your past does not matter; God has a place for you and for me.

***ALL: We come to celebrate good news today! God, who knows who we are and where we are, offers us a new start!***

Invocation

Passing of the Peace

*Take a moment and pass the peace to those around you or through the chat bar.*

Songs of Praise

Invitacion Fountain

Better Is One Day

Congregation in Prayer (debts, debtors)

Giving our Offerings to God

Doxology and Prayer

Hymn #355 (tune #593)

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Scripture Reading

Jay Gustafson

Psalm 27

Luke 19:1-10

Message *Zacchaeus: Scoundrels Welcome* Pastor Steve Larson

Hymn #583, vs. 1-3

Help us Accept Each Other

Benediction

Postlude *Another Year is Dawning* (McDonald) Su-Yi Su

Welcome to Libertyville Covenant Church! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. We invite you to refer to our website [libcov.org](http://libcov.org) for more information about the life and ministries of LCC. It is encouraging to know that many of you are worshipping with us from distant places as we join together virtually during this time.

## TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School resumes via zoom (Adult ID#86494219792)  
(Sr. High ID#8473623310)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship—STREAMING ([libcov.org](http://libcov.org))
- 11:45 a.m. LCC BYOC Hour, via ZOOM (8473623308)
- 5-6 p.m. Confirmation via ZOOM (8473623308) ([steve@libcov.org](mailto:steve@libcov.org))
- 5-7 pm. Sr. High Youth Group via ZOOM (8473623310)

### LCC Virtual Coffee Hour (BYOC) 11:45am 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](https://zoom.us), click "join a meeting" and use the church's phone number (8473623308) for the Meeting ID. Sponsored by our Deacons, we hope this is another way to connect with our church family each week.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Those families in our congregation who are experiencing loss and uncertainty . . . Lisa Kindstrom and family, on the recent death of her mom, Audrey Hodgkinson . . . Pastor Bruce and Merileen Thorson and the Palmberg Family as Merileen's mother, Helyn Wakeley, passed away Thursday morning just 10 days after the death of her dad . . . Those with health concerns: the Gaiya Family, Greg Miller, Dan & Jill Christian (John's parents) . . . Our many ministry partners . . . Our Nation . . . Our church as we prepare for the annual meeting and new leadership.

## NEXT SUNDAY - January 24

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School via zoom (Adult ID#86494219792)  
(Sr. High ID#8473623310)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship STREAMING ([libcov.org](http://libcov.org)) as Pastor Steve begins a new sermon series "Community of the Cross".
- 11:45 a.m. LCC BYOC Coffee Hour via ZOOM (8473623308)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation via ZOOM (8473623308)
- 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group via ZOOM (8473623310)

## LCC - Weekly Giving Summary - 2020

### Most Recent 2 Months

#### 2020 Weekly Averages by Month

#### November

#### December

Jan	6,959	July	9,310	11/1/2020	7,050	12/6	17,535
Feb	10,467	Aug	6,052	11/8/2020	7,824	12/13	9,994
Mar	9,807	Sept	7,819	11/15/2020	7,065	12/20	12,235
Apr	10,491	Oct	8,446	11/22/2020	7,560	12/27	20,796
May	9,384	Nov	7,602	11/29/2020	8,510	12/31	11,867
June	8,749	Dec	18,107				
Jan-June	9,310	YTD	9,408	Weekly Avg	7,602	Weekly Avg	18,107

We are thrilled to report that through all of your generous giving we will end the year with a budget surplus. The preliminary numbers show Regular Giving of almost \$484,000 while our expenses were only \$476,500 – creating a surplus of about \$7,500! In addition, we met all of our commitments to the Denomination and Conference as well as all of our Outreach Ministries, including some extra support to Covenant Point and Covenant Harbor. We also supported our Staff, maintaining their full compensation along with healthy year end staff gifts – all through your generosity. And finally, our Benevolence Fund is at \$19,000 despite having provided almost \$9,000 this year to those in need. God is clearly at work here and we are blessed. Thank you!

***Thanks also to our treasurer, “Kansas” Dave Anderson, and to Lee and Caren Vollrath, financial secretaries, for their countless hours on our behalf!***

### **Our Mission is...**

to grow disciples, grow the church, and 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

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**To contact Pastor Paul: Phone or Text: 847-331-3640 Email: [paul@libcov.org](mailto:paul@libcov.org)**

## THIS WEEK AT LCC

Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group via ZOOM id:8473623310 Contact Pastor Paul if you have questions.
Thursday	9:15 a.m. 6:30p.m.	Women's Bible Study resumes Racial Righteousness Group meets in person and via ZOOM id: 8473623308 If you have questions contact: <a href="mailto:zzgaiya@tiu.edu">zzgaiya@tiu.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:Teresa.deer1@gmail.com">Teresa.deer1@gmail.com</a>
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Virtual Men's Bible Study ( <a href="mailto:chris@beckercrew.com">chris@beckercrew.com</a> ) <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/619235826?pwd=VFhIWG1xYnRIY1VuQkp5MXdJWkRGdz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/619235826?</a> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/619235826?pwd=VFhIWG1xYnRIY1VuQkp5MXdJWkRGdz09">pwd=VFhIWG1xYnRIY1VuQkp5MXdJWkRGdz09</a> <b>Meeting ID:</b> 619 235 826 <b>Password:</b> John3_16

**LCC ONLINE GIVING PORTAL:** To give online, simply go to the LCC website ([libcov.org](http://libcov.org)) and click the “give” on the menu. Thank you for your ongoing support!

**LCC ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST.**

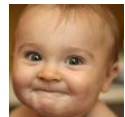
**4:00—5:30 p.m. via ZOOM ID#8473623308**

**If you need help setting up ZOOM, contact Pastor Steve or Trevor James**

## COMING EVENTS

January 26	Deacons meet at 7 p.m.
January 31	LCC Annual Meeting—4-5:30 p.m. via ZOOM
February 17	Ash Wednesday as we begin the season of Lent. A streamed service is planned for 7 p.m.
February 28	Our next PADS dinner. Watch for details and ways you can help to be coming soon.

**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!



## SMALL GROUPS

Spring season starts in January with sign ups and kick off in February.

**So... What is the plan for Spring?** Our goal is to read the entire Bible together as a congregation. The plan is to start this Spring, **February through May** (16 weeks) by reading the entire first five books of the Bible Pentateuch—Beginning together using the Immerse Bible Reading Experience. From **Genesis through Deuteronomy**, **Beginnings** delivers Scripture to the reader as it was originally created: without chapter or verse breaks.



**How It Works:** Each week there are **5 days of readings** (about 5-8 pages each or 10-20 minutes a day of reading time) to be completed at your pace, whether on your own or with a reading group or partner. If you prefer to listen, an audio version is available to download for free. **A family guide** would be available to use at home for parents, grandparents, or guardians to use with younger children. Groups (5-13 people or a family choosing to be a group) will meet weekly to discuss what was read or listened to. These groups are less like a Bible study and more like a “book club.” Each week you will have four questions to guide conversations.

**Three ways you could be engage.** We have three ways you can engage with the material either in English\Spanish 1). Hard copy 2). E-book. 3). Audio

**Great for evangelism** You can invite your friends—Christian and non-Christian to read and discuss the book. Or get one (or a few) for friends. \$10/copy available in the office or through Marti, call 847-751-0076 to arrange to pick up or have it delivered to you. It reads like a novel. Please email Zachs your questions, [zzgaiya@tiu.edu](mailto:zzgaiya@tiu.edu) or call/text 978-335-7140.

### [LCC SMALL GROUP SIGN UP FORM - SPRING 2021](#)

#### IN APPRECIATION

To our extended church family,

Thank you so much for your many gifts of love (cards, prayers, poinsettia plant, and delicious Swedish meal!). We are very grateful for you and we ask God to bless you as you have blessed us. The mission of the church still goes on in these troubled times—taking care of others! Fondly, Jeanne and John Couleur

To our LCC Family,

Thanks to each of you for your overwhelming patience, care and support during this very unusual past year. The generosity you have shown most recently in the kind words and gifts you have given us during the Christmas Season are appreciated. We are grateful for our shared ministry and the many ways you work along side us as we seek to fulfil the needs and ministries of our church and community.

Pastor Steve, Pastor Paul, Pastor Bruce, Kris, Heather, Dan, Su-Yi, Marti