



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
May *In the Spirit* is
Monday, April 12, 2021
Please send items to
marti@libcov.org

Meaning by Pastor Steve Larson

As Viktor watched his fellow Jews during his time at Auschwitz, he noticed that those who found meaning in their experiences, however horrible they were, were far more likely to survive than those who could not. After his freedom, Viktor Frankl developed a psychological method called Logotherapy, the search for meaning in your life. Last week, as I sat in a lecture on the parallels and differences between my work in Spiritual Direction and the work of the psychologist, Viktor's work was there, a major method used today in psychology.

While I do not equate our pandemic quarantine in any way to the concentration camps of WWII, I can expect, due to Frankl's work, that in the months and years to come as we move inevitably into a post-pandemic era people will be seeking meaning in it all. Some will seek meaning by blaming others for it, whether politicians, scientists, nations, or even entire races.

(We are seeing this in some extreme cases through the dramatic increase in violence against Asian Americans since the pandemic began. This way of finding meaning in a painful time is wrong and ungodly, and should not be excused in any way.) Others will seek meaning through study. The number of books and lectures on the pandemic will be astronomical in the years to come, all in a



search for meaning. Still others will seek meaning through religion, proclaiming it "the wrath of God" or the inevitable outcome of sin.

We, too, will seek meaning in this historic time of quarantines and distancing. And that meaning is found in the cross

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of Jesus Christ. As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday this week, as we hear once again the truth of God's love for us through His own sacrifice and His victory over death, sin, and the grave, we will inevitably link it to the pandemic. And there, at the foot of the cross and the entrance to the empty tomb, we can find meaning. God's ultimate sacrifice, death on a cross, is the loudest possible way for Him to tell us we are loved (John 15:13). And in God's love for us, we can find meaning in this world. In God's mission which we take on when we decide to follow Him we also find meaning. In fact, Frankl, in his famous book "Man's Search for Meaning" says there are three ways we find meaning. One is through loving relationships. One is through the work of accomplishing a mission. The third is through the attitude we take toward suffering. And on the cross, Jesus suffered for us out of love, and then called us to identify with Him in our own suffering (Rom. 8:17). When we suffer in our mission, we link it to Christ's suffering out of love for us (Phil 1:29). And so the cross brings us all three ways of finding meaning in this world.

As we celebrate this week, and as we move into a post-pandemic world, and as we begin our search for meaning in this COVID chaos, let's look to the cross, to the empty tomb, and to our loving God for the meaning that makes this life worth living.

WORSHIP in April . . .

April brings us an amazing month of hope. From Easter Sunday to another message from our youth, and from the welcome of more people to a look at our church as we move into the post-pandemic era, this month will bring us a lot of reflection on the past and the future. Join us every Sunday at 10:30am in person (register on our website) or on our [YouTube channel](#) for worship.

Easter Sunday, April 4

Christ is Risen!

Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, April 11

So What Now?

Romans 12:1-8

Sunday, April 18

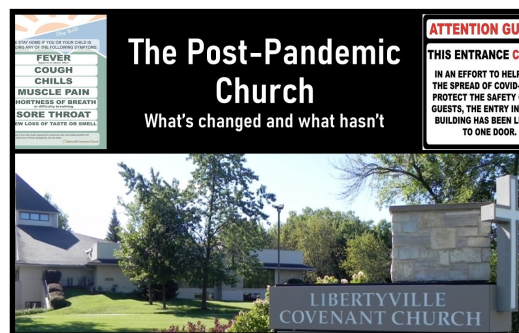
*Hear Sophia Pas and Mark DeWall
share God's word*

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 25

The Role of the Church in a Post-Pandemic World

Ephesians 4:1-16



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Central Time



Our Adult Sunday School Class is discussing our Bible reading experience of the Immerse Beginnings Book. Paul Hawkinson & Paul Nauman facilitating. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86494219792> Meeting ID: 864 9421 9792

Immerse Blog: Here you will find writings on the small group Bible reading (Immerse). This blog may help you dig deeper into the Immerse readings for that week. Click [here](#) to see the blog posts.

We also are looking for blog writers/recorders. If you are willing to share your thoughts on a day's reading, either by writing less than one page or recording less than 5 minutes, please [sign up here](#)



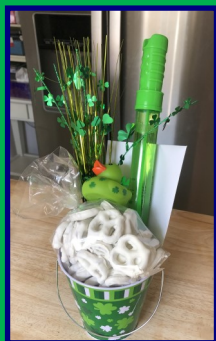
Worship Help Needed!

As soon as we are able, we will be opening up our Outdoor Worship Opportunity again. Like last fall, this will be a picnic-style community viewing of the worship service on an outdoor screen. This spring we are putting together a small team of people who would be willing to help us set up and tear down the equipment needed (table, screen, speakers, tents, and computer). **If you would be willing to be part of this team, please contact Pastor Steve, Michelle Pas (our Worship Ministry Team Lead) or the office and let us know.** This is another opportunity to serve God by serving one another during COVID time.



We are looking for people willing to join the Tech Team. These are the people who run the screens, sound, camera, and recording for our worship services. Our team has done a fantastic job this last year, and we'd like to support them by adding to their number so they can get a Sunday off occasionally. **If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Pastor Steve, Michelle Pas (our Worship Ministry Team Lead) or the office and let us know.** Training is provided and your service is appreciated.

March Nursery "Grams"



Our "grams" are having a lot of fun reminding our nursery families that they are not forgotten at LCC. We miss you!

Each month a different Nursery "gram" has prepared and delivered a "gram" during this school year of distance. In March, Cindy Traynor played "leprechaun" to our five families.

RACIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS SMALL GROUP

Our Racial Righteousness small group is going strong and well attended, with an in-person and an on-line format. All who are open to learning about issues relating to race and the Christian faith are welcome to come, even if you have not previously joined us or are not able to commit to coming every week. We meet at 6:30pm on Thursdays in person (masked) or via Zoom (meeting ID 8473623308). If you have questions contact Zachs Gaiya (zzgaiya@tiu.edu) or Teresa Anderson (teresadeer1@gmail.com)

Spring Small Groups

Our goal is to read the Bible together as a congregation.

This **February through May** (16 weeks) we are reading the first five books of the Bible 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: A family guide is 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 engaged. 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 or call/text 978-335-7140.

LCC SMALL GROUP SIGN UP FORM - SPRING 2021



Financial Summary thru FEBRUARY 2021

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 88,824
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 81,816
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ 7,008

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$ 71,623
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 88,824
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (17,201)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 71,623
Expenses YTD	\$ 81,816
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (10,193)

[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 at caren-vollrath@gmail.com or 847/549-6906

Link:

[LIBERTYVILLE
COVENANT CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT 2020](#)



The Leadership Team thanks you all for your continued generous support of the ministries of LCC. We thank God for you and His good work

that can be accomplished through your faithfulness. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our finances, please contact our Treasurer, "Kansas" Dave Anderson at 847-910-1696 or danderson@proactiongroup.com.

Thanks, Dave for your work on our behalf!



Our Central Conference Celebration is designed to celebrate the ministries of the Central Conference as well as incorporate the business of the Central Conference Ministerial Association, and the Central Conference Annual Meeting.

Harbor Point Ministries annual meeting also takes place during the conference annual meeting. This year, due to the pandemic, instead of our in-person meeting, we will be having a **Central Conference Virtual Gathering on Saturday, April 24, 2021**. Pastor Steve and Pastor Paul are our delegates this year.

Registration is open to all those who wish to attend the Central Conference Ministerial Association and/or the Central Conference 2021 Virtual Gatherings. The Harbor Point Ministries 2021 Virtual Gathering will also take place on April 24. *All who wish to attend must register (online) for these events. Please use the link below to access the Virtual Gathering registration webpage.*



Our delegates for the Denomination's Annual Meeting will be Pastor Steve, Dave and Karen Hinz.

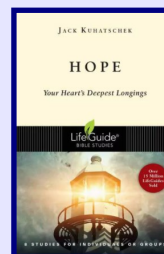
Women's Bible Study—Thursday Mornings



Women's Study— Thursday Mornings

meets at 9:15 a.m. each Thursday in the narthex as well as are

connected by ZOOM ID# 8473623308. We are currently studying the LifeGuide book of Hope: Your Heart's Deepest Longings by Jack Kuhatschek. For information contact Pastor Bruce. bruceethorson@gmail.com.



Men's Bible Study—Friday Mornings

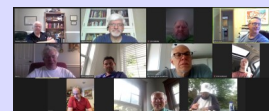
Join us for Bible Study Zoom Meeting at 7:00 a.m.

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/619235826?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/619235826?pwd=VFhIWG1xYnRIY1VuQkp5MXdJWkRGdz09)
[pwd=VFhIWG1xYnRIY1VuQkp5MXdJWkRGdz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/619235826?pwd=VFhIWG1xYnRIY1VuQkp5MXdJWkRGdz09)

Meeting ID: 619 235 826

Password: John3_16

For information contact chris@beckercrew.com



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MISSIONARY UPDATE



We praise God that Gary's hip replacement procedure was successful and that he is recovering well (and following the recommendations of the surgeon, physical therapist, and Mary Lou, instead of thinking that he knows better!).

We continue to praise God for urging, guiding, and encouraging us with opportunities to "see and get to know" those that we encounter on a daily basis. As our daily rhythm and routine has changed, our circle of friends and acquaintances has expanded – and we praise God for these new "neighbors".

Thank you for lifting up the National Pacto -- FIPEC in prayer as they began their Annual Meeting on March 13th, only to pause it until something different and better could be realized to keep the National Pacto moving forward ([see this post](#)). Please continue to pray for wisdom and unity going forward.

We ask you to pray with us for the ECC as it considers the best path forward as a denomination in serving the local churches, conferences and ministry initiatives—local, national, and international. If possible, the ECC wants to be effective, responsive and nimble in its mission: "To join God in God's mission to see more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world."

May you, dear friends, be blessed and encouraged in your hearts in this week of anticipation of the celebration of Christ's Resurrection – He is Risen – and thus, our daily hope, as in Him we live, move and have our being! Blessings, Mary Lou and Gary Sander
SERVE GLOBALLY

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Conversations for Congo

March, 2021

Volume 3 Issue 2

[LINK to Craig Wickstrom's March Newsletter](#)



We invite you to remember our Covenant Missionaries serving in many parts of the world as you pray for and/or support the ministries we can share in. At the Information Center in the Narthex you will find copies of the Missionary Prayer Calendar for your reference and use.

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.

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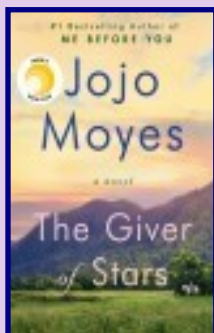
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Sensible Ladies Book Club

The next selection for our book club is

Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes



"Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically. The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Horseback Librarians of Kentucky. What happens to them--and to the men they love--becomes a classic drama of loyalty, justice, humanity and passion. Though they face all kinds of dangers, they're committed to their job--bringing books to people who have never had any, sharing the gift of learning that will change their lives"

Next book discussion will be on Friday, May 7th at 7pm on zoom. Go to zoom.us, join a meeting, type in 8473623308. Questions, call or email Caren Vollrath. 224-637-4422, carenvollrath@gmail.com.



Thank you for stepping into the lives of our Capernaum Friends this year. Whether that was through volunteering your time, prayer, or donations your gifts and support gave our Capernaum friends and families a place to belong. We have experienced hope and the chance to live life as God designed it. You may not always see it, but **your involvement is making an impact on others.**

Just this semester, by supporting Lake County Capernaum, you helped our leader team become more creative in how we interact with our Capernaum friends in this Covid season. We were able to do a three day virtual camp experience and hand deliver supplies for that right to their doors. We were able to send many letters through out the summer and fall semester. We were even able to host some drive thru experiences that were fun and interactive not only for our Capernaum friends but their families as well! While learning new and creative ways to stay engaged with our Capernaum friends has been challenging at times, this pandemic has also reminded us why we do what we do and the importance of sharing the Gospel however we can. We are all transformed by the shared experience of Christ's love.

Thank you for making this semester possible. We look forward to what 2021 has in store for us! God Bless, Allie Bujak Capernaum Coordinator abujak@ylchicago.com

We are happy to have the Capernaum small group Bible Study meeting at LCC again every other Thursday night 7-8 p.m. during April & May.



"Kansas" Dave Anderson is our LCC contact for Jill's House and he is happy to report that Jill's House is gearing up for overnight camping in 2021! They kicked off the year in March with a smaller group (6 kids) for a Day Camp staffed by the Jill's House team. It was great for the kids to get to enjoy this outing and even better for the parents to have a little bit of respite.

The first overnight weekend will be May 21-23. As you would expect, there are some new covid procedures in place and some new forms to fill out and we can go through all of that information with Jill's House once we have our volunteers finalized. The timing is the same as in the past – arrive at Covenant Harbor on Friday night between 5 and 6 and return home on Sunday around 1p. For the May weekend the campers will be dropped off and picked up at camp by their families to avoid being together in a vehicle.

If you are interested in volunteering with Jill's House you can get more information from danderson@proactiongroup.com or from their website. Check your calendars and let Dave know if you are available that weekend? They have also scheduled a August 27-29 for the next camper weekend.

Thanks for supporting this important ministry – we are so blessed to be able to help these kids and their families again.

Kelly Elwell and Cherith Anderson are the new Program Managers for Jill's House Windy City. Continue to keep this important ministry and the families it serves in your prayers.

W: jillshouse.org

Start-Up Ministry: Care Ministers

For more information & to connect, please email lauriem@loveinlakecounty.org

We receive notes from our delivery teams each week about/from our neighbors that would be an awesome reason to reach back out to them and connect more deeply. But, like with any ministry...we need the right folks to connect! For this ministry, we are looking for a couple of administrative-minded folks to lead and any number of folks to be the ones to actually make the calls & help us follow up. **Please pray on this with us** and let me know if these descriptions resonate with folks you know w/in your church families. See [slide 10](#) for a few more details on ways to serve. We expect to have opportunities to serve both in the office & from home in this new ministry.

Serving Opportunity: Loved Twice Thrift Boutique

For any questions, please contact Lynn at lynnt@loveinlakecounty.org

Our Loved Twice Thrift Boutique is a unique ministry on Grand Ave in Gurnee that gives us yet one more place to share the Love of Christ with our community. Sales ministers from our partner churches lovingly display the items, then help customers find just the thing they are looking for (or didn't know they needed!). Funds raised by these purchases support Love INC's ministries. Please share these opportunities and thoughts about how to serve through your church families!

- **Need for Sales Ministers:** regular shifts Wednesdays 2-6p & Fridays

PADS

LAKE COUNTY

Thanks to Maggie Johnson for coordinating our involvement with PADS this year. It has been rewarding to know we could still make a difference by providing food, masks, craft supply bags for children, cookies, etc. during this year of COVID by exploring new options and by simply asking what the needs were.

The Covenant Home Altar is available online during this time

COVENANT

HomeAltar

daily devotions

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



Limited packing sessions are available.

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



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LOVED TWICE
THRIFT BOUTIQUE

Interested in volunteering? Contact Store Manager Lynn at:

lynnt@loveinlakecounty.org

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior High Sunday School



April 4,11,18,25 - 9-10 a.m.
Sunday morning IN PERSON &
via ZOOM ID#:8473623310.
Ken Greenfield and Pastor Paul
will be leading the study using the
Immerse Beginnings Bible Experi-
ence. Do you need a book?

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

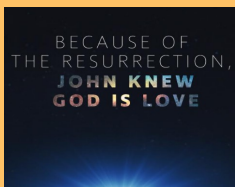
Middle School students Confir-
mation Class each Sunday
Night at 5 p.m. April 11,18, 25
Contact Pastor Steve at
steve@libcov.org if you have
questions. IN PERSON & VIA
ZOOM ID#8473623308

Our combined 2020 & 2021 Con-
firmants will be: Brooke Sparks,
Sophia Pas, Grace James, Haniel
Gaiya, Lukas Beckstrom

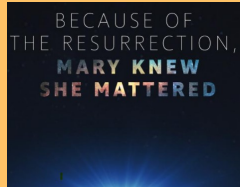
Senior High Youth Group
Sundays, 5-7 p.m. at LCC
April 11 & 18
IN PERSON & Via ZOOM
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Middle School Ministry -
Wednesdays, 6-7:15 p.m.
April 7 & 21
IN PERSON & Via ZOOM
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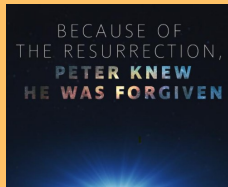
April Theme: No Matter What a series that celebrates the best news of Easter



Week One: 1 John 4:9-10
Easter reminds us we're
loved no matter what.



Week Two: John 20:11-13;
John 20:14-16; John 20:17-
18 Easter reminds us we're
important no matter what.



Week Three: Easter
reminds us we're for-
given no matter what.



Movie Nights—the AMC Vernon Hills is reserved just for us!

20 people maximum so reserve your spot
with Pastor Paul early!

Jr. High—Wednesday, April 14th 6:15 p.m. meet there for
THE CROODS: A NEW AGE

Sr. High—Sunday, April 25th 6:30 p.m. meet there for
BACK TO THE FUTURE

Paul Couleur, Associate
Pastor to Youth
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To access **ZOOM** go to zoom.us
and "join a meeting" the Youth ID
will be our phone # **8473623310**
No password needed



UNITE FOR HOPE

Thursday, April 28, 2021
@ 6:30 p.m. (cst)

**Unite for Hope is a one evening
- virtual gathering - of Covenant
teenagers from across North
America and beyond.**

It's time to gather once again at Unite
for Hope! **On April 28, 2021**, we in-
vite every teenager in the Covenant
(and beyond) to join us for a virtual,
one-night event that can't be missed!

The 2020-2021 school year has in-
deed been unprecedented. The pan-
demic has messed with us all. The
political and racial divide has been
heartbreaking. Everything in our lives
has either been canceled or turned
upside down. And yet, even during
this pain and challenge, there is still
hope—hope in Jesus Christ.

Friends, we want to invite each of you
to join us as we gather together
across North America to seek out the
hope found in Jesus! We can't wait to
see how God shows up through this
virtual connection of our wider family
of God. Pastor Maurice Cox will share
a relevant, hope-giving message.
During our time together, we'll hear
from some of our own students, and
we will extend an invitation to give
hope in your community.

Will you join us? Will you say YES to
seeking out hope in the midst of one
of the most challenging times in hu-
man history? We hope you do! To join
this movement, [register here](#).

[#UniteForHope](#)

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT CHURCH KIDS

April
Verse



April Kids Bags
should be arriv-
ing at your
homes soon!



"So let us do all we
can to live in peace.
And let us work hard
to build up one
another."

ROMANS 14:19, NIRV



Children's
Church is
Reopening!

We are so excited to invite your children back to Children's Church starting April 11! We have been apart from each other for far too long and we are excited to once again play games, worship, and learn about Jesus together! All kids K—5th Grade are welcome. Sadly, our nurseries are remaining closed at this time, but we are hoping to see them open soon. Please register for the service as usual and let us know how many of your children will be attending so that we can be prepared and offer a safe environment. With that being said, we are in need of volunteers to help our kid's ministry get rolling again! If you are interested in teaching, helping, or supporting us in some way, please contact Mark DeWall.

Family Meetup April 10!



We have another meetup planned since the weather is becoming so nice! On April 10, families are welcome to join us at Adler Park (1500 N. Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. This is a great time for our kids to connect with each other again. We'll be at the park from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. so bring a picnic lunch with you. Families are welcome to come and go as they please during that time and can eat, play in the park,

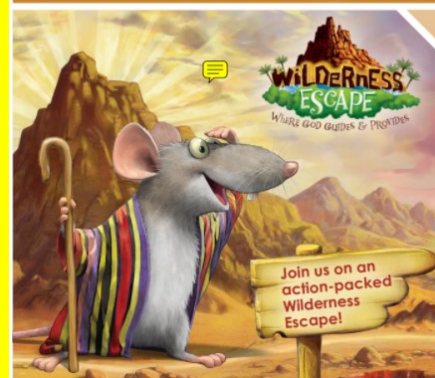
Check out and follow us on our new social media pages! Instagram: lckidsmin

Facebook: LCC Kids - Children's Ministry of
Libertyville Covenant Church



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LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?



SUMMER IS COMING & SO IS
VBS

August 2-6, 2021

9 a.m.—noon

age 3 through entering 6th grade

April Birthdays

- 2 Karin Hildebrandt
John Nelson
- 3 Timothy Becker
- 4 Joan Groody
- 6 Sarah Larson
- 7 Ben Beckstrom
Ty Grigg
- 8 Hanamel Gaiya
- 9 Ann Frost
- 12 Jim Gillette
Jackie Splinter
- 15 Bennett Albers
Craig Sparks
- 17 Grace James
- 18 Caitlin Bethancourt
- 20 Rachel Couleur
- 23 Jill Heath
- 24 Kristen Bethancourt
Owen Youngman
- 25 Dave L. Anderson
Christy Beckstrom
- 27 Al Nielson
- 28 Tim Albers
Maddie Anderson
Brenda Monson



April Anniversaries

- 5 Steve & Ellen Hall
(1980)
- 12 Bob & Martha Peterson
(1974)
- 14 Dennis & Carol Dieball
(2007)
- 23 Anthony & Susan Wyatt
(1983)

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!

HARBORPOINT

MINISTRIES

Connecting Camps & Churches

**Summer 2021 at
Covenant Harbor and
Covenant Point Bible camps
Registration is open and spots
are filling!**

Early registration is important as our capacities at both Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point are reduced for summer 2021 to allow for more distance between campers. That means some programs are filling quickly.

No child should miss camp because of financial reasons. Please call Covenant Harbor at (262) 248-3600 to apply for a scholarship, or complete Covenant Point's [Financial Aid Application](#).

- Both camps offer additional discounts, including Bring-a-Friend discounts that benefit both campers. Visit <https://covenantharbor.org> www.cpbc.com to learn more.
- **Family:** Save \$35 for each child from the same household attending.
- **Bring-a-Friend:** Save \$50! If you are a returning CPBC summer camper, bring a friend who has never been to Covenant Point summer camp and you each will save \$50. You must both attend the same camp program on the same week.

Find out which programs have capacity and which have wait lists. Check program availability [here](#) for Covenant Harbor and [here](#) Covenant Point.

New cancellation and refund policies that respond to our unusual times are in place, as well as increased health and safety procedures. Visit cpbc.com

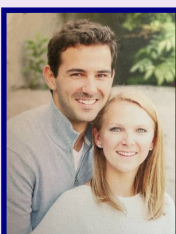
At LCC we believe Christian Camping is vital for our students and we support families by providing rebates/scholarships under the "Every Kid a Camper" program. Please complete the linked form indicating when your child will be going to camp and how we can help. Register SOON!

[LCC CAMP REBATE/SCHOLARSHIP FORM 2021](#)

We are still hiring summer staff!

New opportunity: Work at both camps in one summer!

Do you know a young adult whom God may be calling to serve in summer camp ministry? Please encourage them to apply for a summer position! And maybe you know someone who would like to consider working at both Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point in the same summer? This new opportunity offers an expanded experience of camp ministry. It's worth checking out! Please ask applicants to look at Covenant Harbor's opportunities [here](#) and Covenant Point's opportunities [here](#). To learn more about the combo option, ask them to check the option on each camp's application or to contact [Beth Piccard](#) at Covenant Harbor or [Dustin Johnson](#) at Covenant Point.



Let's Celebrate!

Although we are still in a time when celebrations must be small or virtual, we look forward to celebrating in spirit with Pat and Joan Groody the June wedding of their daughter, Lauren to Jonathan Gordon. If you would like to participate in a group wedding gift from LCC as we wish Jonathan and Lauren well, please let Marti Anderson know (marti@libcov.org) by June 1st.

Time to Retreat, Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that our All Church Retreat is being planned for this year. We were very disappointed to have to cancel last year's retreat due to Covid-19. It was the first time in over 10 years that we were not able to have our retreat.

Our All Church Retreat is scheduled for **August 20-22, 2021**.

We are pleased that our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Boaz Johnson, Ph.D., Professor of Hebrew Bible and Theological Studies at North Park University. He will be sharing "Wisdom from Naomi, Boaz and Ruth for life in a Covid-19 world."

This last year, having to deal with all the challenges of Covid-19, has brought on big changes for all of us. There are several changes for our retreat this year; a different weekend than usual, a new location, different housing arrangements, to name a few. This year's All Church Retreat will be the weekend of August 20-22 (Friday night to Sunday lunch) at Covenant Harbor Bible Camp in Lake Geneva, WI. We will be staying in the Geneva Bay Center where we will have hotel room like accommodations with private bathrooms in each room and bedding provided. We will eat in the dining room, have our worship services and be able to hang out at Geneva Bay. We won't have to leave Geneva Bay unless we want to. We will still have a campfire, have use of the waterfront and golf cart transportation will be provided. There is a nice walking path along the lake from Covenant Harbor into the town of Lake Geneva. Having the retreat at Covenant Harbor also gives us the opportunity to support "OUR" camp which is owned and operated by the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Another change is we will be inviting local churches, Redeemer Life and New Abbey to join us. We held summer services together in the past and would like to cultivate our relationship with them.

One last final change (well, maybe) is we need to set a Hard Deadline Date for registering for the retreat. The Harbor has a required date for us to give them a final headcount so they can prepare for our weekend. **The Hard Deadline Date to register for the retreat will be Monday, August 2nd.**

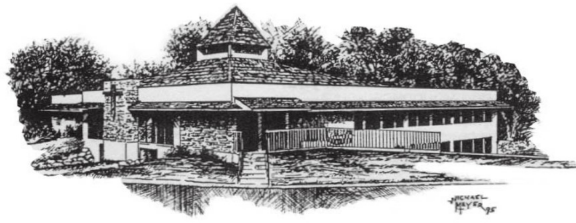


Our apologies we will not be able to accept any late registrations after that date. So, please put the date on your calendar now and make sure to register earlier than later.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

If you have any questions or you are willing to help with the retreat, please contact Jill Heath at 847-989-7089 or wick423@comcast.net.





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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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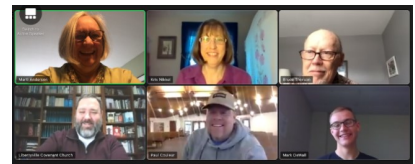


If you shop through Amazon.com, use Smile.Amazon.com instead and designate LCC as the charity on the opening screen. Then, at no extra cost to you, a small percentage of all you spend will be donated back to LCC to support our youth! LCC recently received a check of \$87.14 from AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile's Impact: \$562.46 to LCC

\$241,928,506.19 to all US charities

\$266,896,659.48 to all worldwide charities

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



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The April/May/June issue of the Covenant Home Altar devotional book is available at the church. Please let us know if you would like a copy delivered to you. Thank you.

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