



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
June-July *In the Spirit* is
Monday May 17, 2021
Please send items to
marti@libcov.org

Re-Entry by Pastor Steve Larson

As the ark's door slowly opened upon a world made new, Noah and his family stared in wonder. They tentatively stepped off the door onto land for the first time in over a year. Unlike the animals who sprinted out into their new home, Noah and the family approached it with nervousness and caution. What had changed? What was as it had been and what was new? What could they reclaim of their old life and old ways and what needed to be relearned or learned anew?

Today I find that I identify with Noah in a new way. While I want to be very careful about likening God's re-making of the world through a global flood with our current situation in a global pandemic, there are some interesting parallels. I do not believe that COVID is a tool God is using to punish His world – that's not the God I know and love. Yes, He will draw many people to Himself in this time, but He did not create COVID to do so. He is far more creative than that. Yet as our COVID numbers like the flood waters are receding, and as our vaccine percentage like the mighty wind of Gen. 8:1 rises across our entire country, we can learn some things from Noah

about how we re-enter this new world.

Noah tested the waters. Sending his gaze, and then a raven, and then doves out into the world, Noah didn't just jump off the ark at the first sign of land. He checked the facts until he was sure.

Noah remained in prayer. When God told him that they could leave the ark, Noah was ready to hear it.

Noah obeyed God. God's command to re-enter the world was the same as His command to enter it in the first place.



Noah's first act as he reentered the new world was to worship. Noah built an altar, provided a sacrifice (for which God had prepared him over a year before! Check out Gen. 7:2), and brought himself and his family before God.

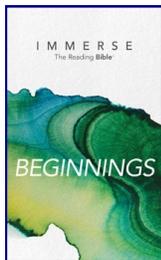
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As we reenter this new, post-pandemic world over the next year, it will be good for us to look at Noah's life as one example. We need to test the waters, not relying on our own fears or impatience, mob opinion or hearsay. We need to remain in prayer so we can hear God's voice calling us back out into relationship, ministry, and service to our community. We need to obey God, even if (especially when?) His commands are not what we want to hear. And we need to worship, with lament, with praise, with remembrance, and with each other.

There are many ways to reenter the world from this pandemic. This is one. It is faithful, and biblical, and proven. And most importantly, it relies on God, relies on prayer, and ends with worship, as everything in our lives should.

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 in May . . .

This May we continue our look at the Post-Pandemic church as we look to the future and how the church has and needs to adapt to a new world. But first, we celebrate with both our 2020 and 2021 Confirmands! Join us every Sunday at 10:30am in person (register on our website) or on our [YouTube channel](#) for worship.

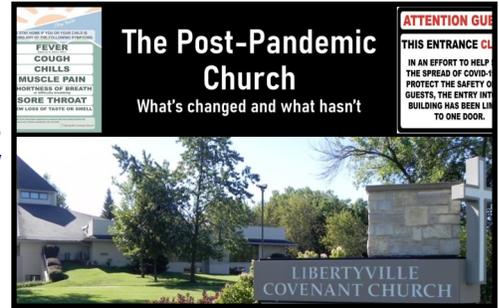
Confirmation Sunday, May 2
Come join the celebration!

Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day
Relational Discipleship
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Ascension Sunday, May 16
Christian Community
1 John 1:5-9

Pentecost Sunday, May 23
Right Where They Are
Acts 17:16-32

Trinity Sunday, May 30
Reaching Out
James 2:14-19



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Central Time (through May 23)
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



and VBS FUNDRAISER

We are very excited that the all-church picnic will be returning following the morning service on May 30, but it will look a little different this year. For a suggested donation of \$12, you can order and we will purchase individual Picnic Basket boxed lunches. People can pay LCC for the lunches online (libcov.org), send a check to the church or bring cash the day of the picnic. Please select your sandwich choice by May 23. We will also have bottles of water available. If you prefer to bring your own lunch that afternoon, please join us (with your own lawn chair or blanket, of course)! We have the option to eat on the hill together, take home our boxed lunches, or maybe deliver to neighbors or friends who don't have the opportunity to get out.

[YEAR END PICNIC BOX LUNCH ORDER FORM](#)

Congratulations Confirmands



Lukas Beckstrom is completing 8th grade at Daniel Wright Middle School where his favorite class is Social Studies. He spends his time enjoying basketball, football, tubing, fishing, video games, biking and swimming in Lake Michigan. Lukas says he loves getting to know the people at LCC and enjoys worship, learning, making new friends and carpetball!



Sophia Pas is a freshman at Warren Township High School where her favorite classes are History and English. She spends her time playing golf and doing musical

theater. Her favorite thing about LCC is the community and support system we have. There is always someone to encourage and pray for you. She is so grateful to actually be having Confirmation in person this year!

Haniel Gaiya is a freshman at Deerfield High School where his favorite class is World History. He enjoys playing soccer and his favorite thing about LCC is Senior High Youth Group.



Grace James is a freshman at Grayslake North High School where her favorite class is Biology. She enjoys Art, especially watercolor painting and making jewelry, singing and participating in musicals and color guard and working out. Grace says her favorite thing about LCC is her church family! I feel like I

have a bunch of grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters who love and support me and help me grow in my faith.

Brooke Sparks is a freshman at Mundelein High School where her favorite class is English. Her hobbies include JV water polo, theatre and horseback riding. Her favorite thing about LCC is the friends that she has made, a closer connection to God, Covenant Point Bible Camp and family.



Audie's Bakery

Starting in high school, Audrey Hawkins found her love of baking and creating fun, artistic treats. This led her to join the Culinary Arts program at the College of Lake County. Upon completing this program, she hopes to transfer to a more advanced Culinary School.

During the past year, she's kept quite busy between her studies at CLC and fulfilling a number of baking orders.

Her baked goods have been included at many birthdays, graduations, baptism celebrations, and a wedding! In addition, she's baked for a few seasonal promotions.

Audrey is honored to be asked to bake the Confirmation Celebration cakes for this year's class of 5, early in May.



Financial Summary thru MARCH 2021

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$	126,389
Actual Expenses YTD	\$	109,448
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$	16,941

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD	\$	107,301
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$	126,389
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	\$	(19,088)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$	107,301
Expenses YTD	\$	109,448
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$	(2,147)

[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 carenvollrath@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!



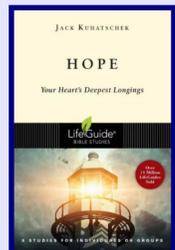
Thanks to those who brought in the heavy equipment and worked hard on clearing some of the dead trees & brush. See Kerry Monson or Larry Cholewin if you want to try a chain saw day. Always more to do!

Women's Bible Study—Thursday Mornings



Join us at 9:15 a.m. each Thursday through May 13) 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?pwd=VFhIWG1xYnRIY1VuQkp5MXdJWkRGdz09>

Meeting ID: 619 235 826

Password: John3_16

For information contact chris@beckercrew.com



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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.



If you are looking for a way to serve in our church with minimal commitment, would you please consider being an usher? We serve on teams that do a monthly rotation for four months a year. We are responsible for welcoming people into the service, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, help people find seating, taking a head count of attendance and counting

cars in the parking lot. Of course, this was before COVID, which hopefully we will be able to get back to. Until then, we are currently welcoming people at the front door with a temperature check, checking them off on the pre-registration list, and giving instructions when needed. People pick up their own bulletin and communion kits before they enter the sanctuary. A basket is placed in the back of the sanctuary for the offering collection. Minimal setup and clean up may be needed. We would be grateful to have you on our team. Any questions, please contact Jill Heath, 847-989-7089 or wick423@comcast.net.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

Gather 2021

COVENANT ANNUAL CONNECTION

JUNE 22-26

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



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.

STAFF

Pastor: Steve Larson (815/508-4450)

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Pastor to Senior Adults:

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Children's Ministry Director:

Mark DeWall (815/291-6470)

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Church Council Vice Chair:

Niki Papak (847/951-8275)

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Karin Lundstedt (847/340-5247)

Treasurer:

Dave L. Anderson (847/362-2569)

LT Members at Large:

Jill Heath (847/989-7089)

Kirk Johnson (847/573-8010)

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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:

Michelle Pas (224/213-5729)

Finance & Properties Team:

Kerry Monson (847/302-4089)

RACIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS SMALL GROUP

Our Racial Righteousness small group has been well attended. 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).

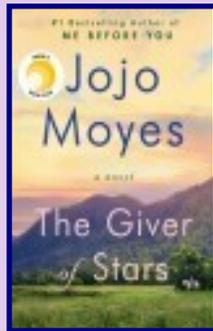
Beginning April 29, we will start a 5 week Bible study focusing on racial righteousness. This bible study was developed by the Covenant, and is relatively new. It does cover some topics we have already addressed, but embedded within each study are Covenant-specific resources and information, such as a sermon from Pastor Eugene Cho or examples of how Covenant churches have responded to racial issues. We think this will allow us to understand better what the overall Covenant is doing and to hear from our leaders in the denomination. I've attached the study to this email. The last week of this study is May 27, which will be the last day of formal Thursday evening RR meetings for the season. If you have questions contact Zachs Gaiya (zzgaiya@tiu.edu) or Teresa Anderson teresad-er1@gmail.com

KINGDOM MOSAIC: Life together series 101:

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.



Nursery "Grams"

Our April Nursery "grams" were lovingly prepared and delivered by Marie Oppedahl (& David). This month they included a handmade doll/toy, homemade playdough & cookie cutters as well as a sweet treat for the whole family. We look forward to seeing our youngest families return to worship soon and eagerly anticipate the arrival of baby Dallas this month. Ann Frost will be our May "gram" as we finish out the school year together.





“Kansas” Dave Anderson is our LCC contact for Jill’s House and he is happy to report that Jill’s House 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

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](#)

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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Office Phone 847.782.8630

Fax Number 847.782.8631

For current information check website:

loveinlakecounty.org



Interested in volunteering? Contact Store Manager Lynn at:

lynnt@loveinlakecounty.org

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT YOUTH MINISTRY

Many of our SH students took up the challenge of reading the Immerse: Beginnings study and have come prepared with questions, comments, and insights that have been quite profound. This study has been the best study we have done together for the past 6 years in my opinion as result of their commitment to reading and studying the word. Difficult questions were asked, faith stretched, and knowledge of God's word has deepened greatly. Thank you to Zachs Gaiya for inviting our church to read this text together.

Grace James- *"The immerse Bible series has been so amazing, it has given me the opportunity to read Old Testament books I could never get to, and discuss confusing parts with people who have different knowledge and points of view who are reading it with me." When asked if Grace would recommend it to others her response was, "Ohhh for sure!!"*

Sophia Pas- *"The immerse Bible series has allowed me to read the stories that we don't normally get to talk about in a typical Sunday school. It has filled holes, given context and granted me more questions. I would definitely recommend this study for all to read."*

Olivia Pas- *"I think that the immerse Bible series is such a great way to dive more in depth about the Bible. I also feel like this is such a great opportunity to really understand God's word. I did not really understand some of these stories until I started reading the Immerse book. The study is one of the best ways of breaking down the Bible and going more in depth."*

Senior High Sunday School



May 2, 9, 16- 9-10 a.m.
 Sunday morning IN PERSON
 & via ZOOM ID#:8473623310.
 Ken Greenfield and Pastor Paul lead the study using the Immerse Beginnings Bible Experience.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Confirmation Class Sunday at 5 p.m. May 9 & 16 as they finish the year together. Contact Pastor Steve at steve@libcov.org if you have questions. IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM ID#8473623308

Middle School Ministry - Wednesdays, 6-7:15 p.m.

May 5, 12, 19
 IN PERSON & Via ZOOM
 ID# 8473623310
 End of Year Party 5/19!!

Senior High Youth Group Sundays, 5-7 p.m. at LCC

May 9 & 16
 IN PERSON & Via ZOOM
 ID# 8473623310
 End of Year Party 5/16!!!

Graduation Sunday- June 6th: we will recognize all graduating high school seniors in our worship service and celebrate where God is leading them in the next chapter ahead.

Paul Couleur, Associate Pastor to Youth
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 847-331-3640



So many Good Times for our youth in spite of the unusual year it has been. Frisbee . . . Masks . . . Movies . . .

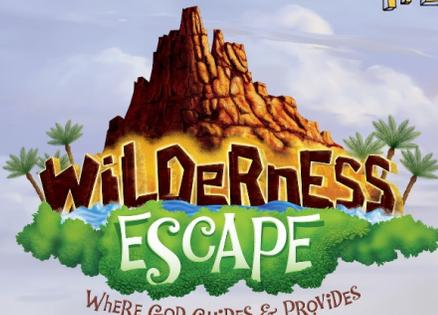


May Theme: Unite for Hope & Hope in Action



Week One: John 15:5
 Connecting with God helps us know Him better.
Week Two: Psalm 1:1-3
 Listening to God helps us know Him Better
Week Three: Ephesians 1:16b-17
 Talking to God helps us know Him better.

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT CHURCH KIDS



REGISTER TODAY!

VBS

AUGUST 2-6
9A-12P
\$25/CHILD

VBS Registration is OPEN!!

Join us for Wilderness Escape VBS 2021! An exciting journey with God's people, the Israelites, that brings God's word to life! Caravan with Moses and the Israelites as they escape Egypt. Discover the truth straight from Moses - one of history's greatest God followers. See, hear, touch and even taste what it might have been like to live in the Bible-times wilderness!

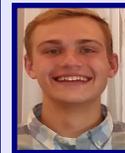
VBS will be held at Libertyville Covenant Church August 2-6 from 9a-12p. Registration fees are \$25 for one child or \$50 for two or more children.

Registration is currently open! Space is limited so please make sure to reserve your space as soon as possible! We look forward to seeing you there!!

[Online Registration](#)



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@libcov.org.



Mark DeWall, Director of Children's Ministry

2065 Half Day Road
T575, Deerfield, IL
60015

mark@libcov.org 815-291-6470

Thank you to all those who have volunteered with our Children's Ministries throughout this unusual time of COVID!

Curriculum Bag assembly & delivery crew:

Melissa Schau
Nancy McLinden
Maggie Johnson
Merileen Thorson
Janis Carlson

PADS Christmas:

Kristin Hawkinson
Carlene Lichter

Nursery "Grams":

Marilyn Cholewin
Carol Nielson
Donna Clark
Marti Anderson
Caren Vollrath
Deb Lindahl
Cindy Traynor
Marie Oppedahl
Ann Frost

May Verse

"Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come."

1 TIMOTHY 4:8, NIRV

May Birthdays

- 1 Olivia Dalton
- 2 Andra Dalton
- 3 Kelly Ann Sawyer
- 5 Jessica Sawyer
Brooke Sparks
- 7 Vicki Herrick
Bonita Westerberg
- 8 Luke Anderson
Ben Palmberg
- 10 Marcia Junas
- 14 Susan Barg
- 15 Christie Albers
- 16 Suzy Nelson
- 18 Karen Hinz
- 20 Jay Gustafson
- 23 Mya Reynolds
- 24 David A. Anderson
Julie Clausen
- 26 Teresa Anderson
- 29 Alan Hinz
- 30 Henry Cederberg
- 31 Karin Lundstedt

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!**



May Anniversaries

- 6 John & Elizabeth Christian (1995)
- 15 Al & Carol Nielson (1971)
- 22 John & Bev Hawkins (1999)
- 29 Wes & Deb Lindahl (1976)

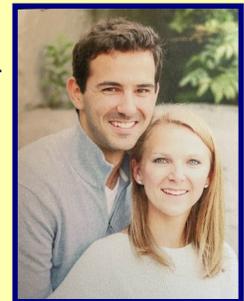
Let's Celebrate!

CELEBRATIONS: It is a pleasure to share in the significant events of our church family. If you would like to participate in LCC Group Wedding Gifts for recent and upcoming weddings, please let Marti know by June 1st. (mart@libocv.org or 847-751-0076).



We celebrate with John and Elizabeth the marriage of their son **Scotty and Fernanda Christian** who were married in Texas Easter weekend. They were able to zoom with her family in Brazil although the international travel wasn't possible due to COVID restrictions.

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 the June wedding of their daughter, **Lauren Groody to Jonathan Gordon** at Hinsdale Covenant Church.



ANNIVERSARY CARD SHOWERS: We also want to acknowledge some special Anniversaries coming up within our church family by celebrating with card showers in lieu of the traditional cake receptions.



50th Wedding Anniversary

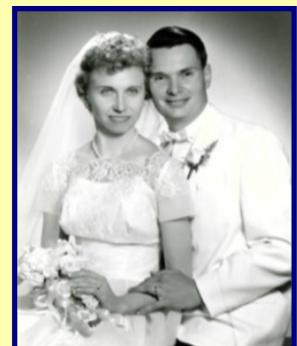
Al & Carol Nielson were married at North Park Covenant Church in Chicago on May 15, 1971

331 N. Emerald
Mundelein, IL 60060

60th Wedding Anniversary

Gene and Beverly Sparks were married at Emmanuel Covenant Church in Chicago on June 10, 1961

Green Oaks Senior Living
14595 W. Rockland Road
Green Oaks, IL 60048



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 years retreat due to Covid-19. It was the first time in over 10 years that 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.**

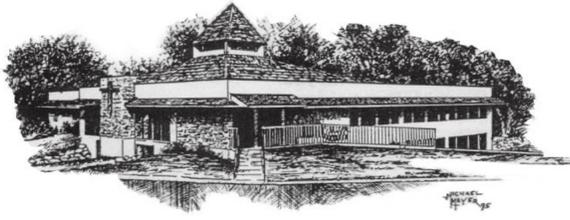


Our apologies we will not be able to accept any late registrations after that date. So, please put the date on your calendar now and make sure to register earlier than later.

[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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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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Marti gone May 12-19						1 8 a.m. Furniture Ministry 9:30 a.m. Lisa's Immerse Group
2 CONFIRMATION 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	3	4 10 a.m. Staff	5 6 p.m. Middle School Youth 7 p.m. Larson's Small Group	6 9:15 a.m. Women's BS 6:30 p.m. RR	7 7 a.m. Men's BS 7 p.m. Sensible Ladies Book Club	8
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. Confirmation 5 p.m. SH Youth	10	11 10 a.m. Staff 7 p.m. WMT	12 6 p.m. Middle School Youth 7 p.m. Larson's Small Group	13 9:15 a.m. Women's BS 6:30 p.m. RR 7 p.m. Capernaum	14 7 a.m. Men's BS 3 p.m. Rehearsal	15 Be-lieve.Love.Serve 9:30 a.m. Lisa's Immerse Group 1:30 p.m. Riley/Glassie wedding
16 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. Confirmation 5-8 p.m. SH Youth Party @ Lichter's	17	18 10 a.m. Staff 7 p.m. LT	19 5:30-7:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Party @ Lichter's 7 p.m. Larson's Small Group	20 6:30 p.m. RR	21 7 a.m. Men's BS	22
23 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	24	25 10 a.m. Staff 5:30 p.m. CED 7 p.m. Deacons	26 7 p.m. Larson's Small Group	27 6:30 p.m. RR 7 p.m. Capernaum	28 7 a.m. Men's BS	29 Jill's House
30 10:30 a.m. Worship Noon Box Lunch PICNIC/VBS Fund-raiser Jill's House	31					