



In the Spirit

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

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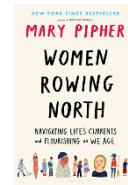
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Upcoming Events

You Won't Want to Miss

August 5th: Sensible Ladies Book Club

7:00 p.m. (pg. 3 for details)



August 17th: Intergenerational Pie Social

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Our July event was a success so we are doing it again, this time with pie!! More details to follow.

August 19th thru the 21st: All Church Retreat

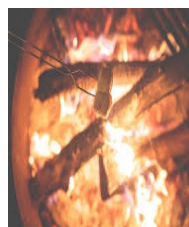
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August 26th: Youth Pool Party for both Jr. & Sr. High



Read more about the event under Senior High Ministry



August 31st: All Church s'mores Bonfire

Sponsored by our Leadership Team beginning at 7 p.m.

WORSHIP in August. . .

August 7	Paul Couleur	Matthew 17:1-8, 2 Corinthians 3:18-4:2, Psalm 51:10-12
August 14	Paul Couleur	John 15:9-13, Ecclesiastics 4:9-12, Proverbs 27:17
August 21	Kate Norton, Guest Preacher	
	All Church Retreat with New Abbey	
August 28	Pastor Steve's First Sunday Back	

Retreat Time, Coming Soon! August 19-21, 2022

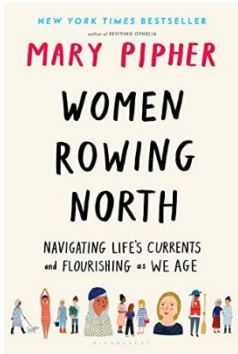
Have you signed up? Last Call is July 31st, Sunday



Please click this link to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe71Mu635_S92Bnj8oWvvFZNiy61N3o6BpipDQwTWRQFV-aHw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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.



Our next meeting will be Friday, August 5, 2022, 7pm at church. Questions? Contact Caren Vollrath 224-637-4422 carenvollrath@gmail.com

A guide to wisdom, authenticity, and bliss for women as they age by the author of *Reviving Ophelia*.

Women growing older contend with ageism, misogyny, and loss. Yet as Mary Pipher shows, most older women are deeply happy and filled with gratitude for the gifts of life. Their struggles help them grow into the authentic, empathetic, and wise people they have

always wanted to be.

In *Women Rowing North*, Pipher offers a timely examination of the cultural and developmental issues women face as they age. Drawing on her own experience as daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, caregiver, clinical psychologist, and cultural anthropologist, she explores ways women can cultivate resilient responses to the challenges they face. “If we can keep our wits about us, think clearly, and manage our emotions skillfully,” Pipher writes, “we will experience a joyous time of our lives. If we have planned carefully and packed properly, if we have good maps and guides, the journey can be transcendent.”

Church Membership

Church Membership Class – October 16th After Church

If you're interested in exploring Church membership at Libertyville Covenant Church, please save the date for our afternoon information session. Lunch will be served. Following the class, the Deacons will make arrangements to follow up with materials and review the process for joining our congregation.

In the meantime, if you have questions, contact Wes Lindahl, Deacon Chair, at wlindahl@northpark.edu or 847-680-1018.



August 26-28 CAMPOUT

Would you like to have a fun and rewarding experience...consider being a buddy to a young person for the weekend. For more information, please contact Dave “Kansas” Anderson at danderson@proactiongroup.com.

Mission Moment

Requests from PADS



LAKE COUNTY PADS is asking for help with the attached list of items. If you can help, please bring whatever you can provide to church by **Sunday, August 7th**. Everything will be delivered to the PADS Waukegan office on Tuesday, August 9th. Thanks much for your continuing concern and support for the Lake County homeless population! Any questions? Contact Maggie Johnson.

We currently need shelf-stable items in microwaveable ready bowls:

Easy Mac	Cup of Soup
Chef Boyardee	Ramen Cups
Dinty Moore meals	

Current Wishlist from PADS

Latex gloves
Tents
Sleeping Bags
Grocery store gift cards (Jewel or Walmart preferred)
Gas gift cards
Fast food gift cards
Reusable shopping bags and boxes
Disposable Medical Masks
Men's and Women's sweatpants and sweatshirts
New Women's underwear and sports bras, S-2XL
New Men's underwear/boxers, M-2XL
ReadyBath Select Scented Antibacterial Body Cleansing Cloths
Personal size sunscreen and bug spray
Tick removal kits
Backpacks (larger size)
Hygiene kits
Long johns-thermals (various sizes)
Medical tape
Antibiotic ointment
Wrapping bandages
Tums

Youth and Children's Ministries

END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY

All youth ministry students grades 6-12 are invited to our end of the summer pool party Friday, August 26, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. We will meet at the Hawkinson's home so bring a suit, towel, and all the energy you can muster for an amazing pool party. Dinner will be provided. We will be eating together, meeting friends and youth leaders as we close out our summer together.

Junior High Summer Events



Each and every time we pack meals at Feed My Starving Children lives are impacted in a tangible and life changing way. That night we learned that nearly 1.4 million meals have been packed and sent along to those displaced by the



conflict in Ukraine and so many other places that are in need. Our students continue to invite more and more friends to attend our youth ministry offerings and these same friends are then returning home asking to be more and more a part of LCC.

Senior High Summer Events

For our June Senior High Ministry gathering LCC called an audible to go bowling and play laser tag rather than melt in the near 100 degrees scorching heat. We finished up our time together sharing how the summer was going over a nice meal at Culvers. This gathering was a great way to remain connected with each other and have some fun while doing so. Max Anderson was asked his thoughts on the alternative plan and responded, "This was way better than a day at Great America!!" It was really great having everyone gather for some fun together.



Unite North 2022



Unite North Recap

What an incredible time we had at UNITE North!!! Our group of 14 students and leaders joined together with 755 high school students, leaders, and volunteers representing 57 churches. Church from Alberta, British Columbia, Iowa, Illinois, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, and Wisconsin came together for this meaningful time together. Saturday evening during our time of worship it was estimated that over 200 students stood to their feet to commit to following Christ. Sunday morning 98% of the audience stood to commit to pursuing Jesus by being accountable, studying the Bible daily, and saying, "I want Jesus to run my life."

Events like Unite provide amazing experiences for our students and leaders. Author Madeline L'Engle once said, "The party's not over until the stories are told." As family, both at home and at church, we have an opportunity and responsibility to get and keep our kids talking about these amazing experiences. Church, I would like to invite you to talk to our students about the fun things they did, about the experiences they had, about the things that have challenged them, about the emotions they felt, and the things they have learned.

It's vital for us to see these stories as important for the life and growth of the whole church as well, not only for individual students or the youth group. Living into being the Church our responsibility does not end with getting our students to the event but also encourages continued growth as we find creative ways for students to bring the lessons they learned to the entire church so we can be challenged, stretch and grow in our shared mission together. We give thanks to God for the great things he has done.



The Highlight Video: <https://vimeo.com/731074319>

MainStage Links: [NWC YouTube Channel](#)

Worship Songs: [Spotify list](#)

Picture This slide graphics (these were used for the MainStage LED wall): [Dropbox](#)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Summer Events

During the summer, Jim Gillette and several volunteers have taught Prayers and Parables during Children's Church. All lessons have been outside enjoying nature. We thank them for their time and commitment to our youngest children.

TRAINING SESSION

The CED team appreciates all of our volunteers in our Nurseries, Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries. In keeping with our safety policy, a **Training Session** has been scheduled for all returningand hopefully.... much needed new volunteers. It will take place on **August 28th**, immediately following the Sunday morning service. Please consider joining this discipleship ministry in our church!

Our first of 2 Children's Ministries events happened in June. Ben Palmberg, through several experiments, showed adults and children how we experience God through Science. Over 40 people participated in the evening which started with fellowship and a dinner of "Walking Tacos" prepared by Kris Nikkel.



Experiencing God Through Science



Financial Summary thru June 2022

EXPENSES VS. BUDGET

Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 261,310
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 235,305
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	\$ 26,005

GIVING VS. BUDGET

Giving YTD (Including spec)	\$ 234,108
Budgeted Giving YTD	\$ 261,310
Giving Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$27,202)

INCOME VS. EXPENSES

Income YTD	\$ 234,108
Expenses YTD	\$ 235,305
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(1,197)

[LINK to online giving](#)

Checks mailed to the church will also be received and processed on a regular basis. If you have questions, contact John Bethancourt, jbcovenant@gmail.com or 847/837-1690

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!

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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Paul Couleur (847/331-3640)

Pastor to Senior Adults:

Bruce Thorson (847/421-2732)

Office Administrator: Debbie Tometz

Choir Director: Kris Nikkel

Worship Leader: Jeanette Mottl

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Church Council Chair:

Paul Lundstedt

Church Council Vice Chair:

Trevor James

Church Council Secretary:

Karen Lundstedt

Treasurer:

Dave L. Anderson

LT Members at Large:

Julie Dahlberg

Kirk Johnson

Financial Secretary:

John Bethancourt

Christian Education and Discipleship (CED)

Angela Kocinski

Deacon Team:

Wes Lindahl

Evangelism & Service Team:

Teresa Anderson

Worship Ministry Team:

Michelle Pas

Finance & Properties Team:

Kerry Monson



August Birthdays		August Anniversaries
8/2 Lee Duba		8/4 Steve and Amy Heller
8/4 Ryan Tanzer		8/5 Katy and Josh Albers
8/5 Bev Hawkins, Aly Lichter		8/14 Paul and Kristin Hawkinson
8/8 Colin Hawkinson, Trevor James		8/17 Steve and Heather Larson
8/12 Karin Anderson		8/19 Larry and Marilyn Cholewin (Happy 50 th)
8/13 Ardyth Douglas, Amani Tanzer		8/24 Owen and Linda Youngman
8/22 Thor Papak		8/26 Dan and Ann Frost
8/28 August Couleur		8/26 Kirk and Carolyn Johnson

August Volunteer Schedule

Date	Coffee Hour	Lay Reader	Greeters	Ushers
8/7	Pat and Joan Groody	Marleigh Schau	Wylie and Ardyth Douglass	Bob Hartnett and Al Nielson
8/14	Steve and Ellen Hall	Karen Hinz	Dan and Ann Frost	Bob Hartnett and Al Nielson
8/21	Bob and Lori Hartnett	Kerry Monson	Bill and Jenna Glader	Bob Hartnett and Al Nielson
8/28	John & Beverly Hawkins	Max Anderson	Pat and Joan Groody	Bob Hartnett and Al Nielson
Date		Children's Church		Worship Nursery
8/7		Jim Gillette		Darilyn Anderson
8/14		Jim Gillette		Ann Frost
8/21		No Children's Church		Retreat: None Needed
8/28		Jim Gillette		Kirsten P. and Karin H.



Recurring Weekly Events

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday: 2nd WMT Mtg.
3rd Leadership Mtg.
4th Deacon Mtg.

Thursday: 1st /3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Men's Ping Pong

Saturday: 1st Saturday Furniture Ministry

August Special Events

8/5 Sensible Book Club

8/17 Women's Event

8/19-21 All Church Retreat with New Abbey

8/26 Youth Pool Party

8/31 Intergenerational S'more get together

Upcoming Wedding

Congratulations to Dana Hartnett and Ryan Carbonneau!! They will be getting married in Lake Forest on September 10th. We would like to honor them with a wedding collection. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to LCC or donate on line. All gifts need to be in by September 6th. Darilyn Anderson or the office can answer any questions that you may have.

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				6:30 Threshold Choir		8:00 Furniture Ministry
	7:00 NA			7:00 Ping Pong	7:00 Sensible Book Club	
9:30 a.m. Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
			9:30 a.m. PEO			13
	7:00 NA	7:00 WMT Mtg				
9:30 a.m. Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
				6:30 Threshold Choir		
				7:00 Ping Pong	All Church Retreat	All Church Retreat
	7:00 NA	6:30 Leadership Mtg	7:00 Women's Event			
All Church Retreat	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Youth Pool Party	27
	7:00 NA	7:00 Deacons Mtg				
9:30 a.m. Worship	28	29	30	31		
			Intergeneration			
			S'more Get Together			
	7:00 NA					

LCC August 2022-June 2023 Event Calendar

AUGUST			September (cont'd)		October (Cont'd)
Date	Event/Mtg		18		9
			Michelle Small Group		10:30 Worship
4	Ping Pong Group		10:30 Worship		11 WMT Mtg
5	Sensible Book Club		5 pm SR High YG		12 M WED NITES
6	Furniture Ministry		20 Lead/Council Mtg		13 Women's Bible Study
7	9:30 Worship		21 MG Wed Nites Begin		14 Mens Bible Study
9	WMT Mtg		22 Women's Bible Study		15 All Church Work Day
14	9:30 Worship		23 Men's Bible Study		16 Sunday School
16	Leadership Mtg		24 Lisa K Small Group		Michelle Small Group
18	Women's Event		25 Sunday School		10:30 Worship
	Ping Pong Group		Michelle Small Group		New Member Class
19-21	All Church Retreat		10:30 Worship		SR High YG
23	Deacon Mtg.		5:00 SR HIGH YG		18 Leadership Mtg
26-28	Jill's House Weekend		27 Deacon Mtg.		19 M WED NITES
26 or 27	Youth BBQ		28 MWed Nites		20 Women's Bible Study
28	9:30 Worship		29 Women's Bible Study		Ping Pong Group
	Volunteer Training		Ping Pong Group		21 Mens Bible Study
31	S'mores Event		30 Men's Bible Study		21-23 Jill's House Retreat
			30-10/2 Women's Retreat CP		SR HIGH Retreat ??
SEPTEMBER					22 Lisa K. Small Group
1	Ping Pong Group	October			23 Sunday School
3	Furniture Ministry		1 Furniture Ministry		Michelle Small Group
4	9:30 Worship		2 Sunday School		10:30 Worship
11	KICK OFF SUNDAY		Michelle Small Group		SR High YG
	Sunday School		10:30 Worship		25 Deacon Mtg.
	Michelle Small Group		SR High YG		26 FMSC
	10:30 Worship		5 M WED NITES		27 Women's Bible Study
13	5:00 SR HIGH YG		6 Women's Bible Study		28 Mens Bible Study
14	WMT Mtg		Ping Pong Group		29 Fall Fest ???
15	Jr. High YG		7 Mens Bible Study		30 Sunday School
	Women's Bible Study	8 thru 10	MS Youth Retreat		Michelle Small Group
16	Ping Pong Group		8 Lisa K Small Group		10:30 Worship
	Men's Bible Study		9 Sunday School		SR High YG
18	Sunday School		Michelle Small Group		

November			December			Dec Cont'd
2	M WED NITES		1	Women's Bible Study		27 Deacon Mtg
3	Women's Bible Study			Ping Pong Group		29 Women's Bible Study
	Ping Pong Group		2	Men's Bible Study		Ping Pong Group
4 thru 6	Sr High Retreat ??			Smorgasbord??		30 Men's Bible Study
5	Furniture Ministry		2 thru 4	Jill's House ??	January	2023
6	Sunday School		3	Furniture Ministry		1 10:30 Worship
	Michelle Small Group			MS Xmas Party		5 Women's Bible Study
	10:30 Worship		4	2nd Sunday of Advent		Ping Pong Group
	SR High YG			Sunday School		6 Men's Bible Study
8	WMT Mtg			Michelle Small Group		7 Furniture Ministry
9	M WED NITES			10:30 Worship		8 10:30 Worship
10	Women's Bible Study			SR YG Xmas Party		10 WMT Mtg
11	Men's Bible Study		8	Women's Bible Study		11 M Wed Nites Begin
12	Lisa K. Small Group		9	Men's Bible Study		12 Women's Bible Study
13	Sunday School		10	Lisa K. Small Group		13 Men's Bible Study
	Michelle Small Group			Progressive Dinner		14 Lisa K. Small Group
	10:30 Worship		11	3rd Sunday of Advent		15 Sunday School
	SR High YG			Sunday School		Michelle Small Group
15	Leadership Mtg			Michelle Small Group		10:30 Worship
16	last M WED NITE			10:30 Worship		SR. High YG
17	Women's Bible Study		13	Leadership Mtg		17 Leadership Mtg
	Ping Pong Group		14	Last Middle School		18 M Wed Nites
18	Men's Bible Study		15	Women's Bible Study		19 Women's Bible Study
20	Sunday School			Ping Pong Group		Ping Pong Group
	Michelle Small Group		16	Men's Bible Study		20 Men's Bible Study
	10:30 Worship		18	4th Sunday Advent		22 Sunday School
	SR High YG			10:30 Worship		Michelle Small Group
	Thanks Service		20	Leader/Council Mtg		10:30 Worship
24/25	Church Office Closed		22	Women's Bible Study		SR. High YG
27	1st Sunday Advent		23	Men's Bible Study	23-27	Midwinter ECC
	10:30 Worship		24	Christmas Eve Ser.		24 Deacon Mtg
30	Advent Night		25	10:30 Worship		25 FMSC

	January cont'd			February cont'd			March cont'd
26	Women's Bible Study		17	Men's Bible Study		12	Sunday School
27	Men's Bible Study		18-20	One Life SR Retreat			Michelle Small Group
28	Lisa K. Small Group		19	Sunday School			10:30 Worship
29	Sunday School			Michelle Small Group			SR. High YG
	Michelle Small Group			10:30 Worship		14	Lead/Council Mtg
	10:30 Worship		21	Deacon Mtg		15	M WED NITES
	Annual Meeting		22	ASH WED. SERVICE		16	Women's Bible Study
	SR. High YG		23	Women's Bible Study			Ping Pong Group
			24	Men's Bible Study		17	Men's Bible Study
FEBRUARY			24-26	Men's Retreat CP		19	Sunday School
1	M WED NITES		25	Lisa K. Small Group			Michelle Small Group
2	Women's Bible Study		26	Sunday School			10:30 Worship
	Ping Pong Group			Michelle Small Group			SR. High YG
3	Men's Bible Study			10:30 Worship		21	Deacon Mtg.
4	Furniture Minsitry			Sr. High YG		22	M WED NITES LAST ON
5	Sunday School					23	Women's Bible Study
	Michelle Small Group		MARCH			24	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 Worship		1	M WED NITES		25	Lisa K. Small Group
	SR. High YG		2	Women's Bible Study		26	Sunday School
7	WMT Mtg			Ping Pong Group			Michelle Small Group
8	M WED NITES		3	Men's Bible Study			10:30 Worship
9	Women's Bible Study		4	Furniture Minsitry		27-31	Spring Break
10	Men's Bible Study		5	Sunday School		30	Women's Bible Study
11	Unhurried Retreat			Michelle Small Group			Ping Pong Group
12	Sunday School			10:30 Worship		31	Men's Bible Study
	Michelle Small Group			SR. High YG			
	10:30 Worship		7	WMT Mtg		APRIL	
	Sr. High YG		8	M WED NITES		1	Furniture Ministry
14	Leadership Mtg.		9	Women's Bible Study		2	PALM SUNDAY
15	M WED NITES		10	Men's Bible Study			Sunday School
16	Women's Bible Study		11	Lisa K. Small Group			10:30 Worship
	Ping Pong Group						SR. High YG

	April (Cont'd)		30	Sunday School		June	
6	Women's Bible Study			Michelle Small Group		1	Ping Pong Group
	Ping Pong Group			10:30 Worship		3	Furniture Ministry
7	Good Friday			SR. High YG		4	Graduation Sunday
	Men's Bible Study		MAY			10	Leadership RETREAT
8	Easter Outreach Event		4	Women's Bible Study		11	9:30 Worship
	Lisa K. Small Group			Ping Pong Group		13	WMT Mtg
9	Easter Sunday		5	Men's Bible Study		15	Ping Pong Group
	Sunday School		6	Furniture Ministry		18	9:30 Worship
	Michelle Small Group		7	Confirmation Sunday		20	Lead/Council Mtg
	10:30 Worship			Michelle Small Group		25	9:30 Worship
11	WMT Mtg			Sunday School		29	Ping Pong Group
13	Women's Bible Study			10:30 Worship			
14	Men's Bible Study			SR. High YG		July	TBD
16	Sunday School		9	WMT Mtg			
	Michelle Small Group		10	Last MS YG			
	10:30 Worship		11	Women's Bible Study			
	SR. High YG		12	Men's Bible Study			
18	Leadership MTG		13	Lisa K. Small Group			
20	Women's Bible Study		14	Sunday School			
	Ping Pong Group			Michelle Small Group			
21	Men's Bible Study			10:30 Worship			
22	ALL Church Work Day			SR. High YG			
23	Sunday School		16	Leadership Mtg.			
	Michelle Small Group		18	Women's Bible Study			
	10:30 Worship			Ping Pong Group			
	New Member Class		19	Men's Bible Study			
	SR. High YG		21	10:30 Worship			
25	Deacon Mtg			All Church Picnic			
27-29	Central Con AM		23	Deacon Mtg			
27	Women's Bible Study		29	9:30 Worship BEGINS			
28	Men's Bible Study						

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

Libertyville Covenant Church

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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