

Libertyville Covenant Church

November 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.



Prelude

Prelude on "Irby" (Moore)

Su-Yi Su

Advent Candle Reading: Hope

Angela Kocinski, Kelly Sawyer and Pauline Raia

Invocation

***Passing of the Peace**

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

***Songs of Praise**

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

My Hope is in You

Congregation in Prayer

Choir Anthem

“Advent” (Davenport)

Giving our Offerings to God

Paul Lundstedt

(Please pass the attendance pads to your neighbors)

*** Please stand if you are able**

***Doxology & Prayer**

***Hymn #771** “In the Depth of Winter’s Darkness”
Sung to tune #408

Blessing of the Children

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 7:10-17

Matthew 24:36-44

Tom Borkman

Sermon

Emmanuel: God With us in His Time

Pastor Steve Larson

***Hymn #130** “Come, You People of the Promise”

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Awake! the Voice is Calling” (Karow) 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 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 as well as in person.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Prayers for Terri and Mike Collins on the death of her grandmother. Those with health concerns: Amy Keller, Hali Lichter, Bev Schmidt, Bonita Westerberg, Kay Johnson, Judie Duba, Jerry and Marcia Junas.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship, streaming(libcov.org) and in person. Children’s Church will be available for those in K through 5th grade.

12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thank you for helping with Today's Worship Service:

Sunday School: Pre-School-4: Angela Kocinski and Rachel Couleur, K-2: Kansas Dave Anderson and Maggie Johnson, 3-5: Jim Gillette and Luke Anderson

Children's Church: Jim Gillette and Grace James

Nursery: Karin Hildebrandt and Kirsten Peterson

Greeters: Deb and Wes Lindahl

Coffee Hour:

Lay Reader: Tom Borkman

Tech Team: Max Anderson, Noah and Grace James, Otto Glader

Ushers: Bill (Marti) Anderson and Jim Krueger

Thank you for helping with the December 4th Worship Service:

Sunday School: Pre-School-4: Angela Kocinski and Rachel Couleur, K-2: Kansas Dave Anderson and Scott Anderson, 3-5: Merileen Thorson and Jim Gillette

Nursery: Rachel and Joshua Hickok

Children's Church: Jim Gillette and Vicki Herrick

Nursery: Caren Vollrath and Jenna Glader

Greeters: Paul and Karin Lundstedt

Coffee Hour: Tim and Chris Albers

Lay Reader: Trevor James

Tech Team: Larry Cholewin, Otto Glader, Sophia Pas and Grace James

Ushers: Bob Hartnett and Al Nielson

November/December Calendar

November 28th through December 4th

Monday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Friday 7:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Monday Night Small Group

Family Advent Night/PADS

Women's Bible Study

Ping Pong Group

Men's Bible Study

Christmas Smorgasbord

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| Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Furniture Ministry |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Junior High Christmas Party |
| Sunday | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | | Senior High Christmas Party |

December 5th through December 11th

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| Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Monday Night Small Group |
| Wednesday | 6:15 p.m. | Junior High Youth Group |
| Thursday | 9:30 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Ping Pong Group |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship Ministry Team Mtg. |
| Friday | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| Saturday | 10:30 a.m. | Women's SG with Lisa Kindstrom |
| | 6:00 p.m. | All Church Progressive Dinner |
| Sunday | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group |

"Save the Dates" Upcoming Events: November/December

- 11/30 Family Advent Night/PADS: 5:30 p.m.**
- 12/2 Christmas Smorgasbord, 11:30 a.m.**
- 12/3 Middle School Christmas Party, 12:00 noon**
- 12/4 Senior High Christmas Party, 12:00 noon**
- 12/10 All Church Progressive Dinner, 6:00 p.m.**
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 p.m.**

Calling all musicians! Have you been working on Christmas music on your own or in your lessons? During the Advent and Christmas seasons we are looking for people to share their musical gifts in worship, whether live or prerecorded. Please let Kris Nikkel (kjnikkel@aol.com) know if you are interested.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY for CHRISTMAS

Gifts are due TODAY. The wrapped gifts should be returned to church or to Joan Groody's home. The child's name and ID# should be on the package. If the request is expensive, please feel free to substitute another item. If you have any questions, or to arrange a drop off time, contact Joan Groody (847-573-8147)



Advent night at LCC!

Wednesday, November 30th, 5:45 – 7:45 p.m. This is an activity for the WHOLE CHURCH to prepare ourselves for advent! Several Children's Ministry families will be meeting Maggie Johnson at PADS (Frist Presbyterian Church of Libertyville) at 4:45 p.m. to set up the bedding for the guests before coming to the church for dinner. We hope the rest of the congregation will arrive at 5:45 for a

catered meal in the fellowship hall. Following our meal, we will participate in advent songs, story and craft.

Christmas Smorgasbord, Dec 2nd

It's Christmas Smorgasbord time! Please join us on Friday, December 2 at 11:30 am. around the narthex fireplace. We will enjoy our favorite Swedish Christmas foods, carols, and warm fellowship as we begin the season together. Please let us know you will join us now by signing up at this [link](#) or letting Debbie, in the office, know. A sign-up list for the food needed was sent out earlier in the week. If you have questions or would like a meal delivered to you, please contact Kris Nikkel (847-543-8861) or kjnikkel@aol.com. See you there!



December 2-4th Campout

With campouts every other month, these notices seem to come frequently - but don't let that lull you into inaction! The December campout (December 2-4) is always a fun one as the kids are getting into the holiday spirit. And most importantly, this gives these parents some needed time to get prepared for the holidays. If any of you are available that weekend, it is always a huge help for Kelly and Cherith to know that early as they are determining how many families they can accommodate for the weekend – things have been tight the last couple of campouts. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Dave (Kansas) Anderson.



Middle School Progressive Dinner Christmas Party!!

Who: Middle School Students from Libertyville Covenant Church. Please RSVP to paul@libcov.org by December 3rd to reserve a spot

in the van for some fun.

What/Where: During a progressive dinner, the Collin's host appetizers at their home at (2565 S. Jensen, Libertyville), and then the group transitions to the Hawkinson's house for the main course. The night will finish with dessert at the Palmberg's (1522 Lexington, Green Oaks).

When: Saturday December 3rd from 12:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Why: Because it's time to throw a Birthday Party for JESUS!!

How: Dress yourself up as if you were a gift you would give to Jesus!! Let's have some fun with this, toss on as much Christmas cheer as you could possibly find, kind of like Buddy the Elf! Bring a silly, funny, and or goofy white elephant gift to share in the gift exchange. Feel free to make them at home or find something cheap online or in the store.

Drop off and Pick Up: We ask that all students are dropped off at the Collin's (2565 S. Jensen, Libertyville) at 12:00p.m. and you would be able to pick up your student at the Palmberg's home (1522 Lexington in Green Oaks). at 4:00p.m.



Senior High Progressive Dinner Christmas Party!!
December 4th, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Who: Senior High Students from Libertyville Covenant Church.
Please RSVP to paul@libcov.org by November 30th to reserve a

spot in the van for some fun.

What/Where: During a progressive dinner, the Collin's host appetizers at their home at (2565 S. Jensen, Libertyville), and then the group transitions to the Anderson's house for the main course. The night will finish with dessert, at the Couleur's house, (920 Knollwood, Deerfield).

When: Sunday December 4th from 12:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Why: Because it's time to throw a Birthday Party for JESUS!!

How: Dress yourself up as if you were a gift you would give to Jesus!! Let's have some fun with this, toss on as much Christmas cheer as you could possibly find, kind of like Buddy the Elf! Bring a silly, funny, and or goofy white elephant gift to share in the gift exchange. Feel free to make them at home or find something cheap online or in the store.

Drop off and Pick Up: We ask that all students are dropped off at the Collin's (2565 S. Jensen, Libertyville) at 12:00p.m. and you would be able to pick up your student at the Couleur's home (920 Knollwood, Deerfield) at 4:00p.m.



Christmas Progressive Dinner

The annual Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, December 10. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers all together held at one home, followed by dinner and dessert at 7:30 held at several host homes. Please join together for a very enjoyable evening!

Sign up can be done by clicking [HERE](#) or on the insert in the bulletin and left in the church office from now until December 7th.

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| To contact Pastor Steve: | Phone or Text: 815-508-4450 | email: steve@libcov.org |
| To contact Pastor Paul: | Phone or Text: 847-331-3640 | email: paul@libcov.org |
| To contact Debbie/Office: | Phone: 847-362-3308 | email: office@libcov.org |

250 S. St. Mary's Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048, 847-362-3308, www.libcov.org



Winter Retreat Registration is now open!! **January 27th-29th**

The Junior High Youth Group will be returning to Covenant Harbor for their Winter Retreat at the end of January. We hope that you can join us. The cost for the retreat is \$181. Scholarships and the \$50 rebate are available, just contact Pastor Paul.

Covenant Harbor has implemented on-line registration directly through them by clicking [HERE](#). Payment can either be by check or on-line to LCC. If you have any questions, please call or email the church office.

Year to Date Financial Statement through October 31, 2022

| | <u>2022 YTD - Oct</u> | <u>2021 YTD - Oct</u> |
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| EXPENSES VS. BUDGET | | |
| Budgeted Expenses | \$ 437,412 | \$ 468,905 |
| Actual Expenses | <u>402,431</u> | <u>437,351</u> |
| Cost Savings / (Overrun) | 34,981 | 31,554 |
| INCOME VS. BUDGET | | |
| Regular Giving | 380,275 | 400,535 |
| Special Income | <u>150</u> | <u>42,979</u> |
| Total Income | 380,425 | 443,514 |
| Budgeted Giving | <u>437,412</u> | <u>468,905</u> |
| Giving Excess / (Shortfall) | (56,987) | (25,391) |
| INCOME VS. EXPENSES | | |
| Actual Income | 380,425 | 443,514 |
| Actual Expenses | <u>402,431</u> | <u>437,351</u> |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | <u>\$ (22,006)</u> | <u>\$ 6,163</u> |

For the month of October, Regular Giving was \$3.2k ABOVE budget, and expenses were \$6.7k UNDER budget, creating a surplus of almost \$10k for the month. THANK YOU to everyone that was able to provide additional support.

Year to Date, Actual expenses are \$35k less than budgeted for the year and Actual giving is \$57k less than budgeted. This leaves us with a YTD deficit of \$22k, while last year at this point we had a surplus of \$6k.

It used to be typical to have a deficit like this at the end of the summer, but not so much in recent years as more and more people have begun giving online. We made meaningful progress in reducing the deficit last month, but we still have a ways to go, so please prayerfully consider how you can help bridge the gap over the next 2 months.

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.



LCC Progressive Dinner 2022

Name and number of people attending:

Email Address and/or Phone:

Would you be willing to host appetizers? (Circle One)

Yes

No

Maybe

Would you be willing to host dinner and dessert? (Circle One)

Yes

No

Maybe

If Yes, how many diners? (Circle One)

2-4 besides ourselves

4-6 besides ourselves

Over 6

Would you like to bring a side or dessert to the dinner?

Side: _____ Dessert: _____

Please drop off in the church office. For questions, please contact Ann Frost.