

Libertyville Covenant Church

September 3, 2023

9:30 a.m.



Prelude

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (Whitsett)

Su Yi-Su

Welcome

(Please pass the attendance pads to your neighbors)

***Call to Worship**

L: In Christ, the God of heaven has made His home on earth.

P: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

L: Highest of all creation, He lives among the least.

P: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

L: Come now, all who thirst,

P: and drink the water of life.

L: Come now, all who hunger,

P: and be filled with good things.

L: Come now, all who seek,

P: and be warmed by the fire of love.

***Songs of Praise**

This is Amazing Grace

Build My Life

***Invocation**

** Please stand as you are able*

***Passing of the Peace**

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

Scripture Readings

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

Congregation in Prayer (Debts, Debtors)

***Hymn #623**

“‘Take Up Your Cross,’ the Savior Said”

vs. 1, 2, 3

(sung to tune #114)

Sermon

How to Carry a Cross

Pastor Steve Larson

***Hymn #614**

“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”

vs. 1, 2, 3

Communion

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (Southbridge)

Giving our Offerings to God

Ways to Respond Beyond the Service

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Bind Us Together” (Raney)

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:

Those with health concerns: Su-Wei Su, Dwight Samuelson, Amy Keller, Neale Murray, and Heather Larson.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

9:30 a.m. Worship, streaming (libcov.org) and in person.

11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thank you for helping with September 3rd Worship:

Nursery: Ann Frost

Greeters: Judy Tanzer and Rachel Couleur

Coffee Hour: Maggie Johnson

Lay Reader: Heather Larson

Shepherds: Caren Vollrath and Angela Kocinski

Tech Team: Drake Runyon, Angela Kocinski, and Noah James

Ushers: Carol and Dennis Dieball

Thank you for helping with September 10th Worship:

Sunday School Nursery:

Sunday School: Pre-School: Angela Kocinski, K-3rd: Jim Gillette and Drake Runyon,
4th -5th: Merileen Thorson Lee Vollrath

Worship Nursery: Caren Vollrath and Ann Frost

Greeters: Craig and Jackie Splinter

Coffee Hour: None, Church Picnic following worship

Lay Reader: Lisa Kindstrom

Shepherds:

Tech Team:

Ushers: Carol and Dennis Dieball

September Calendar

September 4th through September 10th

Monday	Labor Day (Office Closed)
Thursday	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Begins 6:30 p.m. EST meeting at Teresa's home 7:00 p.m. Ping Pong Group
Friday	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Begins 7:00 p.m. Sensible Ladies Book Group
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Sunday School Begins 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service Kick Off Picnic following Worship

September 11th through September 17th

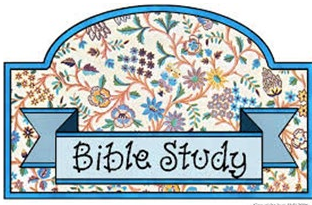
Monday	7:00 p.m. Monday Night Small Group
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. 60+ day at Covenant Harbor 6:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Team meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Together begins 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group Begins
Thursday	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Friday	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Begins



It's time for a new season of choir at LCC!

Consider this your invitation to join us as we prepare and sing a wide variety of music to lead the congregation in worship each week. Rehearsals have begun; however, you are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please talk to me at church or contact me at

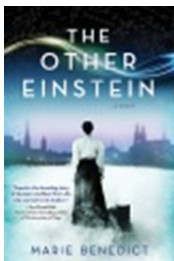
kjnikkel@aol.com or 847-543-8861. We hope to see you in the choir loft on Sunday mornings! Kris Nikkel, choir director.



September 7th, 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study We will be studying the three letters of John which will help to answer the questions: what is the essence of true Christianity? What qualities and beliefs characterize a living--and life-changing--faith? 1, 2 and 3 John focus on the most important aspects of Christian life. As Ron Blankley leads us through the twelve LifeGuide® Bible Study lessons of these letters, we'll

discover what really matters--now and for eternity.

Men's Early Morning Bible Study begins on Friday, September 8th at 7:00 a.m.
Contact Wes Lindahl for more information.



The Sensible Ladies Book Club's next selection is The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict. Our discussion will be on **Friday, September 8th, 7:00 pm** at LCC. If you have questions, contact Caren Vollrath, 224-637-4422 or carenvollrath@gmail.com. *The Other Einstein* offers us a window into a brilliant, fascinating woman whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow. This novel resurrects Einstein's wife, a brilliant physicist in her own right, whose contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated. Was she simply Einstein's sounding board, an assistant performing complex mathematical equations? Or did she contribute something more?



New start time for Sunday School 9:00-10:00 am.

In order to help the Worship and Tech Team prepare for our worship service, CED has agreed to begin Sunday School at 9:00 am. We realize that this will be an adjustment. To help this adjustment, a healthy snack will be served at 10:00, downstairs in the fellowship hall to tide the kids over. We appreciate your understanding and

support of this change. Questions? Contact Angela Kocinski, CED Chair, amkocin@gmail.com or Caren Vollrath, Chair, carenvollrath@gmail.com



Please join us on September 10 to attend our kickoff picnic (and invite your friends)! Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets and join us on the hill after the worship service. The grill will be fired up again to cook burgers, brats and hot dogs. Water and lemonade will be provided. We need your help with bringing the rest of the food for the potluck. Below are designated groups by last name indicating what each family is to bring. Any questions? Contact Vicki Herrick. Here are the food assignments:

A-H Last Names: Bring a dessert

J-Z Last Names: Bring a side (salad, jello, veggies, fruit, etc.)

LCC Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study at 9:15am downstairs

Ladies, you are all welcome to join me during the Sunday school hour as we explore "*Colossians: Become the Whole Person God Intends You to Be*" by Warren Wiersbe. Please order your own book in advance of our first meeting on September 10th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Pas.

Welcome to Adult Sunday School | Stories of Prayer

Sometimes we struggle with our prayer life. Stories can remind us of the hope and strength others have found through prayer. Stories are powerful - both in Scripture, and in our own lived experience. Scripture is full of these stories -- of the power and central importance of prayer in our lives as believers. Christ modeled this for us. As we kick off the new Church year, join us for an 8week Adult Sunday School series on **Stories of Prayer**, where we will take time to listen to Scripture, to encourage each other, and to hear from members and friends of LCC on their own personal experience with the power and promise of prayer. We look forward to seeing you during the Sunday School hour! Please contact Paul Hawkinson with questions.

September 13th, Wednesday Night Together Begins!!



5:30 p.m. Dinner for everyone

**6:30 p.m. Seuss Fest for K-5th Grade
Middle School Youth Group
"The Chosen Season 3" Watch Party**



Wednesday Night Together: The Chosen for LCC:

All adults high school and older are welcome join together in the sanctuary on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm following dinner. We will again be engaging with the TV series “The Chosen.” On Sept. 13, we will re-watch Season 1, Episode 8 to review that season. On Sept. 20, we will re-watch Season 2, Episode 8, which is where we ended in the spring. On Sept. 27, we will begin watching Season 3, and will watch it over 8 weeks. Karen Hinz will lead this effort, with introductions and discussion

questions each week. The Chosen invites us to imagine life alongside Jesus, and to relate to his first disciples on a human level. Season 3 dives deeper into Jesus’ ministry and miracles, and how his disciples and others may have responded. No need to have been with us last year or even to have seen the first two seasons, though they are free and amazing to watch! Join us as we grow together every Wednesday.

However, you can binge seasons 1&2 if you’d like to catch up or review. Find the episodes for free in one of two ways. Easiest is to download The Chosen app from the app store on any smart device and watch. Another way is to go to www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen and scroll to season and episode. (Avoid watching on YouTube, though the episodes are there, because there are ads that are annoying!) Another strong suggestion is to turn on the subtitles. You will catch a lot more of the dialogue with the accents and sound level fluctuations.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 9/15

To Register: Go to Covenant Point’s online registration at

cpbc.campbrainregistration.com

Choose the **Junior High Fall Retreat 2023** season and the **name of your church group**. The Retreat Payment of \$155 will be made directly to LCC either by Check or Online. Scholarships and \$50 rebates are available through Pastor Paul Couleur.

When registering, continue all the way to the screen that's "Step 5: Review..." where they'll hit the "Submit application" button to finish, even though no payment is being sent to CPBC.

Join us at the Women's Retreat at CPBC: Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2023!

Come for a weekend of fun, fellowship, meaningful conversation, and worship! The women's retreat is a beautiful time of year at camp, often highlighted by the peak of the fall foliage. Invite your friends out for the excellent food, good times, and life-giving worship and messages. Registration begins at 4:00 PM on Friday, with our first gathering for dinner at 5:30 PM. *Early Bird Registration Discount applies if registered or postmarked by September 15, 2023.



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.

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