

**March 3, 2013
Third Sunday of Lent
10:45 a.m.**

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
Psalm 63:1-8*

GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting and Life of the Church

Please sign the red pad at the end of the pew and pass it along the row.

Call to Worship

We come to the Font

because we are thirsty.

We come to the Table

because we are hungry.

True satisfaction is found only in our Lord.

Let us seek the Lord together and call upon his name.

Invocation: Psalm 63:1-8 and Hymn 2, "As the Deer"

WORD AND SPIRIT

The Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 55:1-9 (p.598)

*The Gospel Luke 13:1-9 (p.848)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" Engelbrekt

Children through fifth grade are dismissed for classes.

Meditation

"Stay Thirsty, My Friends"

Andrea Johnson

SHARING THE FEAST AT CHRIST'S TABLE

(See insert)

RESPONDING

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Mission of the Church

Worship of Giving

*Response (222, verse 4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were an off'ring far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

*Hymn 494 “O Let Your Soul Now Be Filled with Gladness” RANSOMED SOUL

*Charge

*Sung Benediction

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

*Tolling

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

Following the Postlude and during the coffee hour, a Stephen Minister will be available near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

Our thanks to Claire and Sandy Macfarland, sanctuary greeters, Thom Morris, LeRoy Nelson, Carla Spellman, Marty Spellman and Hal Jenkins, ushers; Bonnie Hawkinson, Scripture Reader; Mollie and Steve Sudhoff and Maria and Dave Moreno, coffee hosts; and Nancy Magill (piano).

The chancel flowers are given by Jim, Chris, Nick and Kendall Drimalla, in loving memory of Chris' mom, Anna Leoris.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

If you are visiting today, welcome! Please join us in the narthex immediately following worship for coffee and conversation.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For children, *Rotation Sunday School: The Prodigal Son*. For High School students: Book Group in Christy's office. For adults, *The Story*, in Room 203, and *Losers in the Bible: Recognizing ourselves within the stories* led by Brian Madvig.

10:45 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Confirmation

7:00 p.m. High League

TUESDAY—MARCH 5

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

7:00 p.m. **All Boards and Committees meet.** Gather first in the sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY—MARCH 6

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting
5-5:30 p.m. Music 4 Kids - Choir Room - age 5 - 5th grade; instruments and songs
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner. All are welcome.
Cost: \$3.50/adult; \$2.50/child or \$10/family.
6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Singing, Skits and Scripture in the Upper Room. All are welcome.
6:45 p.m. Programs for all ages, ending at 7:45 p.m. Explorers (ages 2-3); Voyagers (ages 4-Kindergarten); Pathfinders (grades 1-2); Trailblazers (grades 3-5); Junior High
6:45 p.m. Life & Faith Conversations in the Prayer Room.
6:45 p.m. The Story in Room 203
6:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY—MARCH 7

- 1:00 p.m. Community Kitchen—food preparation in our church kitchen. All are welcome.
1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study-*Jonah, Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer. All are welcome. Contact: Claire MacFarland

FRIDAY—MARCH 8

- 6-8:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross.** Royce Eckhardt, organ/piano; John Eckhardt, violin
7-9:00 p.m. **VERITAS.** Sign up today in the narthex. Child care for children up to age 11 will be provided.

SATURDAY—MARCH 9

- 8:30-noon **VERITAS** Workshop. Child care for children up to age 11 will be provided.
1:30-4:30 p.m. **Chicago Food Depository.** Volunteer to support the North Park Friendship Center food bank. This is a fun opportunity for adults and teens to serve. Long pants and close-toed shoes required. Age 13 and up. Sign up online (www.winnetkacovenant.org) or on the bulletin board outside of the church kitchen.

SUNDAY—MARCH 10

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For children, *Rotation Sunday School: Crucifixion and Resurrection*. For High School students: Book Group in Christy's office; For adults, *The Story*, in Room 203, and *Exploring Covenant Affirmations*, led by Kurt Peterson in the Upper Room.
10:45 a.m. Worship
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ADVANCE CALENDAR

March 15-17. **Men's Retreat at Covenant Harbor.** To register or for more information, go to www.lumunos.org. All men are welcome to attend.

Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. (Good Friday) *Seven Last Words of Christ*, by Theodore DuBois.

Fridays, April 5-May 17, 6:30-9 p.m. Second offering of **The Marriage Course**. More information to come. Sign up on the church website.

Saturday, April 20. **Rummage Sale.** Donations may be dropped off on the stage beginning Monday, April 8.

July 13-20, 2013. **Intergenerational Mission Trip** to Covenant Mountain Mission in Jonesville, Virginia. Questions, contact Linnea Johnson.

NOTICES

With joy we announce the birth of Ezekial David Wilson, born Wednesday, February 27 to Janine and Aaron Wilson. Ruth and Dave Johnson are the proud grandparents.

Larger print copies of the morning hymns are available on the table in the back of the church near the sound booth. Children's bulletins are also available in the narthex. Please help yourself as needed.

The Worship Committee is excited about displaying the **Stations of the Cross** once again this Lenten season. Join us on Fridays, anytime from 6-8:00 p.m., through Lent. All are welcome.

If you would like to provide **chancel flowers** for a Sunday morning, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the church office. These may be in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. Questions, please contact the church office.

Flowers for Easter Sunday can be ordered today. Blue hydrangea (\$20), yellow Rieger begonia (\$10) and lilies (\$15) are available. These may be in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. The flowers will be in the sanctuary and narthex Easter morning and you can take yours home after worship. Order forms are available in the narthex.

Our church participates in the "every member subscription plan" for the **Covenant Companion**, meaning that we provide subscriptions to the magazine for each member family at a reduced rate of \$18. We ask families who are able to please reimburse the church for the cost of your subscription. Checks can be made payable to Winnetka Covenant Church with "Covenant Companion" noted on the check and left in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Thank you.

Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point summer camp discounts will be ending soon (March 15). If you are sending a child to camp this summer, please register soon to not only get the discount, but before camp space is full.

Music 4 Kids - Yes! we are up and running. Activities for our 5 yr. old - 5th graders (Wednesdays when there is dinner). We explore rhythm, instruments, song, movement, notation, canons in hymnal, anthem tunes - all in the context of worshipping God and at a level that whoever comes can PARTICIPATE!, learn and have fun.

The Story: A journey together into the story of God's love, continues Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. *The Story* is scripture condensed into 31 accessible chapters, allowing the stories, poems and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Materials will be provided. All are welcome.

Struggling through one of life's storms? Consider a Stephen Minister. We're companions, listeners, prayer partners. We're there to walk along side you through the difficult times. And our relationships are strictly confidential. Contact one of our pastors to learn more or to be directed to a Stephen Ministry Leader.

Central Conference Women Ministries Spring Celebration is scheduled to be held on March 15 & 16 at Zion Covenant Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. A flyer with a listing of the schedule and all of the break-out session topics is posted on the bulletin board along the main hallway. Registration can be done online at www.wmcc2gether.com or mail-in forms are posted on the bulletin board.

Texts for next week: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those in need

Sue Abram
Amy (daughter of Marti Crow)
Les Anderson (brother of Fern Andersen)
Ruby Anderson
Daniel Bradley (son of Gayle Bradley Johnson)
Annette Callahan
Curtis (friend of Scott Edwards)
Ray Dahlberg (brother of Marj Hanson)
Carolyn Donnan (sister of Carl Balsam)
Jacqueline Dye (sister of Nancy Carroll)
Vivian Edstrom
JoAnna Haak (daughter of Cleo Constantin)
Family of Norton Hoffburg (friend of Maria Moreno)
Joanna (friend of Alisa Siebrasse)
Connie Jackson (sister of Marti Crow)
Frank Kassen
Aaron Klaassen (nephew of Nancy Magill)
Molly (granddaughter of Marti Crow)
Mary Nilsen
Viktoria Oehring
Dwight Peterson (brother of Bonnie Hawkinson and Kurt Peterson)
Jonathan Schwartz (brother of Mike Schwartz)
Richard Spears
Elfrieda Sudhoff (mother of Steve Sudhoff)
Judy Tenglin (friend of Karen Larsen)
Roger Vanoer
Kathleen Hanson Zavatsky (sister of Cindy Buettgen, John Hanson and Pamela Hanson)
Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care
Our nation and leaders

Those serving in the military:

Chris Haak (grandson of Cleo Constantin)
Ryan Hengell (nephew of Phil and Barbara Kazanjian)
Chris Hillman (friend of Bill & Sue Kelly)
Bill Kelly
Peter Sudhoff

Those we support who are serving on the mission field:

Kara Bladel (Alaska)
Christine Buettgen (Democratic Republic of Congo)
Don and Lillian Dwight (Taiwan)
Brittany Girle (Juarez, Mexico)
Pamela Hanson (Honduras, on home assignment)
Julio and Katie Isaza (Colombia)
Peter and Anna Kim (China)
Jamie and Erica Rose (Alaska)
Gary and Mary Lou Sander (Colombia)
James and Rachel Ventress (Alaska)

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Dawn Pegis, Director of Music
Dominic German, Music Intern
Joshua Smith, Organist
The Stephen Ministers

*Our mission is to be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel,
worshiping together in love, nurturing people in the faith, serving others as Christian disciples,
and building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.*

At Winnetka Covenant Church:

We hold grace as our highest value.
We practice honest, open, direct communication.
We speak the truth in love and listen in love.
We believe the best about each other, valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.
We allow room for mistakes, acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.