

November 25, 2012
Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Christ the King
10:45 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*“You have given so much to me,
give one thing more, a grateful heart.”
(George Herbert, 1593-1633)*

*O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
“For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?
Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?”
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.
(Romans 11:33-36)*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Please sign the attendance pad at the end of the pew and pass it down the row.

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

***May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
And guide the nations upon the earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.***

*Hymn 271

“Rejoice, The Lord is King”

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Invocation

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Sung Response 41

Worthy is the Lamb

GATHERING WITH WORD AND SPIRIT

Hebrew Scripture

Joel 2:21-27 (p.741)

*The Gloria Patri (Second Century, Hymnal 112)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH
November 25, 2012

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

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

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship and Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For adults, *Sharing Our Faith Stories* in the Upper Room.
10:45 a.m. Worship
Confirmation will not be meeting.
7:00 p.m. High League

TUESDAY—NOVEMBER 27

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Playgroup will meet at church. Contact: Kira Johnson
7:00 p.m. Mens Basketball

WEDNESDAY—NOVEMBER 28

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting
5:00 p.m. Children's Sunday School Program rehearsal in the Choir Room
5:30-8:00 p.m. **Advent Activities for All Ages.** Join us for a special Wednesday night for all ages focused on starting the Advent season. We'll have dinner together, have a brief time of singing and sharing about Advent, and make Advent/Christmas crafts to take home. Some crafts will be free, others may be made for a small fee to cover the cost of supplies. Join us for this special night! Sign up at church or online beginning next week.
6:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY—NOVEMBER 29

- 12 noon **Quilters and Women's Sharing Group Christmas luncheon** at Graziano's, 5960 W. Touhy, Niles. Reservations are \$20.50; see Esther Johnson today (November 25). All women are welcome to join us for an Italian feast! This gathering will take the place of the regular November and December meetings.
1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Contact: Claire Macfarland
6:00 p.m. Lucia program rehearsal. Questions, contact Inger Eiesland Schultz.

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mens Fellowship
9:00 a.m. **Lucia Breakfast, Program and Boutique.**
- ◆ **Breakfast:** For questions regarding reservations, please contact Kathy Messina,
 - ◆ **Program:** Children through high school and some adults participate in the story of Santa Lucia (celebrated in Sweden as the beginning of the Advent season). All are welcome (men and women) to attend the program, which immediately follows the breakfast, and it is free.
 - ◆ **Boutique:** Deli items, baked goods, and other unique items sold by friends in our church available to purchase following the Program.
 - ◆ If you would like to bake something and donate it to our baked goods sale, please drop it off at church by Thursday, November 29. Your help is much appreciated!

 - ◆ **Lucia Raffle Donations needed.** Suggested donations: gift cards, housewares, toys, stationery, jewelry, sweets, etc. Please contact Julie Bender). Please note: donations are needed today (Nov. 25).
 - ◆ We are looking for 6 people to **help set the tables on Friday morning, 9-11 a.m.** for the Lucia Breakfast. If you are able to give of your time in this way please contact Jennifer Anderson.

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 2

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship and Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For adults, 1) *The Story* in Room 203 and 2) *“Wait for the Lord”* in the Upper Room.
10:45 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Brief congregational meeting to vote on new members.
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
7:00 p.m. High League

ADVANCE CALENDAR

Saturday, December 8, 8:30-noon. ***Advent Unplugged: Preparing for the Holidays in a New Way***, an Advent Mini-Retreat in the Upper Room, facilitated by Doug Wysockey-Johnson, Executive Director of Lumunos. All are welcome. Cost: \$15. Complimentary childcare provided—please sign up if needed. Register on the church website (www.winnetkacovenant.org) or call the church office.

Sunday, December 9, 5:00 p.m. **Children’s Sunday School program**. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.. Contact Dawn Pegis with questions.

Sunday, December 16, 5:00 p.m. **Choir Christmas Concert**

Thursday December 20. **Friendly Towers Christmas Party** (see Notices)

NOTICES

Please pick up your copy of the December Network in the narthex after the worship service.

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.

Updated church directories are available to pick up in the narthex after the worship service.

The **handbell choir** has immediate openings for full time and part time ringers. We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the choir room. Please consider joining us!

The Friendly Towers Christmas Sharing Tree is up in the narthex. Choose a gift request; SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE LOWER HALF OF THE TAG, DETACH IT, AND PASTE IT ON ONE OF THE LISTS ON THE TABLE near the tree. All gifts should be wrapped and returned to the tree by Sunday, December 16. We are happy to have helpers at the party (December 20). If you intend to bring your gift directly to the party, please notify Gladys Johnson. Join with another family, your Sunday School class, or K-Group to buy one of the more expensive gifts if you would like. See December newsletter for further important details.

The **Christmas Post Office** will be open on Sunday, December 2. Bring your fully addressed Christmas cards for members and friends of the congregation to the mailbox in the narthex, along with a check made out to Winnetka Covenant Church for the amount you would have paid for postage. The youth will sort the mail and have it ready for pick-up after the service. Or, you may choose to send one greeting to the entire church body for a donation and this card will be posted in the narthex to be seen by the congregation. All money raised will help support youth ministry and mission work.

Kids’ Rotation Sunday School, through-December 16 - The Covenant: Messengers of the New Covenant. In November and December, Sunday school will be slightly different than our usual rotations because the kids will be practicing for the Children’s Christmas program. They will practice from 9:30-10:10 a.m. in the choir room. Then age 4 through grade 5 will be combined for 20 minutes of class time in room 204 (10:10-10:30) for this special workshop, following their Christmas program practice. In the

workshop, kids will hear the Christmas story, ponder the future life of Jesus Christ, hear the song, "Mary, Did You Know?" and create a slide show for each of the scenes in the song.

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.

On Sunday, October 28, before the Harvest Dinner, we had an informal Q&A session via telephone with **Christine Buettgen**, who is serving as a Covenant Missionary in the Democratic Republic of Congo. If you are interested, there are printed copies of the questions and answers in the narthex by the Missions Display. To keep up with Christine and her work in DRC, please visit her blog: www.christinemerle.blogspot.com.

"When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand." *Henri Nouwen*

Stephen Ministry of Winnetka Covenant Church.

Please contact one of our pastors or a Stephen Ministry leader if you would like more information.

Texts for next week: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those in need

Sue Abram

Charlotte and Owen Anderson (sister and brother-in-law of John Couleur)

Elsie Anderson

Family of Roman Bussetti (nephew of Kitti Steiner)

Richard Carlson (nephew of Jean Larsen)

Kristen Dahl (daughter of Eleanor and Peter Milbratz)

Ray Dahlberg (brother of Marj Hanson)

Carolyn Donnan (sister of Carl Balsam)

Marilyn Drotts

JoAnna Haak (daughter of Cleo Constantin)

Connie Jackson (sister of Marti Crow)

Doug Johnson (uncle of Aimee Balsam and Dane Johnson)

Frank Kassen

Marlene Larson (friend of Mary Nilsen)

David Lopata (friend of Dave and Maria Moreno)

Bruce Peterson (brother of Barb Blackburn)

Dwight Peterson (brother of Bonnie Hawkinson and Kurt Peterson)

Jonathan Schwartz (brother of Mike Schwartz)

Ruth Seaver (sister of Judy Ebright)

Wendy Woehler (niece of Lee Borre)

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 deployed to the Middle East

Chris Haak (grandson of Cleo Constantin)

Ryan Hengell (nephew of Phil and Barbara Kazanjian)

Chris Hillman (friend of Bill & Sue Kelly)

Bill Kelly

Roger Vanoer

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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Ministers to the Congregation

Peter Hawkinson, Pastor

Andrea Johnson, Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach

Christy Bouris, Youth Pastor

Arthur A.R. Nelson, Parish Associate

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.