

Reformation Sunday
October 28, 2012
10:45 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*The true treasure of the Church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.
No. 62 of 95 Theses of Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress is our God" S. Scheidt
Greeting and Life of the Church

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

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*Processional Hymn 464 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

*Invocation

A Word about Reformation Sunday

SOLA GRATIA (Grace Alone)

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Reflection

Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Choral Response from "A Debtor to Mercy Alone" John Hudson

SOLA FIDE (Faith Alone)

Scripture Lesson: Romans 1:16-17, 3:21-26

Time With Children

Hymn 443 "Jesus Loves Me" JESUS LOVES ME

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Children through second grade are dismissed for classes).

SOLA CHRISTO (Christ Alone)

Choral Anthem "Sing Out a Joyful Song in Praise!" Dale Wood

Scripture Lesson: John 3:1-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Reflection

*Hymn 306 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" SAGINA

SOLI DEO GLORIA (To God Alone be the Glory)

Scripture Lesson: Jude 1:24-25

**Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,
and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority,
before all time and now and forever.
Amen.**

Reflection

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Witness to Faith

Offertory

“Canzon”

by Antegnati arr. Lichtmann

*Response (640)

**Grant us, Lord, the grace of giving
With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
We may offer unto thee. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 72 “To God Be The Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Charge

*Choral Benediction “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Lutkin

*Tolling

*Postlude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” F. Zipp

*Following the postlude, a Stephen Minister will be available
near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

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WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH
October 28, 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, 1) *The Story* in Room 203 and 2) *Justice for the Poor* in the Upper Room. More class information is available in the Network.
10:45 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. **WCC Harvest Dinner**—potluck dinner, fellowship, program, and a time to bring our Christmas gifts to the career Covenant missionaries that we support. We will be communicating with Christine Buettgen through Skype (an internet communication) and she will be updating us on her work in the Congo. For the potluck, bring one dish — enough for your family plus five. Please label your dishes and drop them off in the kitchen before the program. There are ovens to keep your dish warm if necessary. Table service, dessert and beverages will be provided. All are welcome—bring your friends!
Confirmation students will attend the Harvest Dinner
High League will not be meeting

MONDAY—OCTOBER 29

- 3:30 p.m. Junior High Merge
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee will meet in the library.

TUESDAY—OCTOBER 30

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study—The Study of Genesis, led by Joann Larson. All are welcome.
9:45 a.m. Playgroup will meet at church. Contact: Kira Johnson.
7:00 p.m. Mens Basketball
7:00 p.m. Trustee Board meeting

WEDNESDAY—OCTOBER 31

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting
There are no regular Wednesday Night Activities this week.
6:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal. Adult Bell Choir will not be rehearsing this week.

THURSDAY—NOVEMBER 1

- 1:00 p.m. Community Kitchen—food preparation in our church kitchen. All are welcome.
Contact: John Anderson.
1:00 p.m. Womens Bible Study - "*David, Seeking a Heart Like His*", by Beth Moore. More information available in the Network. Contact Claire Macfarland.
7:00 p.m. Executive Board meeting. The first fifteen minutes is an open time to bring any items of concern or ideas for ministry.

SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 3

- 8:00 a.m. Mens Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Volleyball with the Chinese students in fellowship hall. All are welcome. Contact: Pauline Wang.

SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 4—ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship and Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For Senior High, a book group will meet in Pastor Christy's office. For adults, 1) *The Story* in Room 203 and 2) "***Sharing Our Faith Stories***" in the Upper Room (see Advanced Calendar).
10:45 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
7:00 p.m. High League

ADVANCE CALENDAR

November 4, 11 and 25, Upper Room. **“Sharing Our Faith Stories,”** We all have stories that shape the defining narrative of our lives. As Christians, our personal stories are both shaped by and woven with the Biblical story—the story of God and God’s people. There is power in sharing our stories with one another, for in sharing our stories—in the shaping of them, in the telling and in the listening—we have the opportunity to encounter the living God and to build relationships with others. Come and grow in your faith as you hear the faith stories of others in our congregation.

Tuesday, November 6 (Election Day), 7:00 p.m. **Prayer and Holy Communion** in the sanctuary.

Saturday, November 10, 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.

Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. **Winnetka Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service** at Winnetka Presbyterian Church (Willow & Hibbard Rds.). Jill Brickman, Northfield Township Supervisor and manager of the Northfield Township Food Pantry will be the speaker. All are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

Wednesday, November 28, 5:45-8:00 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.

Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m. **Lucia Breakfast, Program and Boutique.**

- ◆ **Breakfast:** Reservations for the breakfast will be taken on November 11. Tickets are \$15/adults and \$7.50/children. Reservations sell quickly, so plan accordingly.
- ◆ **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 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 have a table to sell items, contact Jane Rivi.
- ◆ There will be **opportunity to bake** for the breakfast and for the sale. Watch your bulletin for details as they become available. Contact Inger Eiesland Schultz or Jen Anderson for more information.
- ◆ **All interested High School Girls:** The first rehearsal for the Lucia Program will be Sunday, November 4 in the choir room immediately following the 10:45 service. Questions, contact Kris Heintzelman.

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 begin on November 11. Contact Dawn Pegis with questions.

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

NOTICES

Please pick up your copy of the November Network today 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!

On All Saints Sunday, November 4, we will conclude our worship in the Columbarium and Memorial Garden, and remember those who rest there. A group will gather on Saturday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. to beautify the garden. Come and join us!

Church Membership. New members will be welcomed into the Church on Sunday, December 9. If you have interest in taking this important step, contact Pastor Hawkinson or the church office. Welcome!

Family Promise is participating in the Community Days fundraiser at Carson's stores. Coupon books (including at \$10 off coupon) are available in the church office for \$5.00. The event takes place November 9 and 10.

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.

Registrations are being taken for the February 1-3, 2013 **Women's Retreat**. There will be a table in the narthex today and next Sunday with brochures and registration forms. Our speaker this year will be Jane Hutchins-Peterson and the theme of the weekend is *Finding the Sacred in Your Ordinary: Connecting Your Story to The Story*.

The annual **Holly Fair at Covenant Village of Northbrook** will be held Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, jewelry, books, woodcrafts, crafts, Christmas decorations, baked goods, etc. will be available to purchase. The Coffee Shop with Swedish pastry and refreshments will also be open. Lunch in the Bistro is available from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. All are welcome.

The **Women's Sharing Group and the Quilting Group** will meet on Thursday, November 29 at noon for their Christmas luncheon. Please watch the bulletin for particulars as we get closer to the date.

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: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; John 11:32-44; Revelation 21:1-6a

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those in need

Sue Abram

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

Elsie Anderson

Jack Blackburn

Richard Carlson (nephew of Jean Larsen)

Ray Dahlberg (brother of Marj Hanson)

Carolyn Donnan (sister of Carl Balsam)

Marilyn Drotts

Forrest Erickson

JoAnna Haak (daughter of Cleo Constantin)

Connie Jackson (sister of Marti Crow)

Karl Johnson (son of Dick and Elvida Johnson)

Frank Kassen

Karen Larsen

Marlene Larson (friend of Mary Nilsen)

David Lopata (friend of Dave and Maria Moreno)
Family of Josephine Nelson (mother of Karen Tzanetopoulos)
Dwight Peterson (brother of Bonnie Hawkinson and Kurt Peterson)
Jonathan Schwartz (brother of Mike Schwartz)
Dorothy Train
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, leaders and upcoming election

Those serving in the military or in Afghanistan:

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

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Peter Hawkinson, Pastor
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Christy Bouris, Youth Pastor
Arthur Nelson, Parish Associate
Dawn Pegis, Director of Music
Joshua Smith, Organist
Dominic German, Music Intern
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.

