



The Network

Winnetka Covenant Church

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June, 2013

June 2,
Summer Worship
Begins,
All-Church
Picnic

Summer Night
Live -
Wednesdays,
5, 12, 19, 26

June 16,
Beach Service,
8 a.m.

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Summer is Here!

This season affords us ways to connect with others, with ourselves, with God's creation , and with God - ways of connecting that are different from the rest of the year. In this issue of the Network, you'll find details about some ways of connecting that you might enjoy, and that you may find you really need.



Worship at Gillson Beach:

There's something special about worshipping by the water with your feet in the sand. (details on page 2)

Bike to Worship:

3 Sundays this summer, ditch the car and enjoy a leisurely ride to church. It's good for our bodies and for the environment. (details on page 2)

Special Music:

Is the rest of the year too busy for you to enjoy using your musical gifts? Can't commit to singing in the choir all year? Consider offering to provide special music during a worship service this summer. (details on page 3)

Adult Socials:

There are many fun things going on around our community this summer. Let's enjoy these together! Our first will be an ABBA Tribute concert at the Wallace Bowl in Gillson Park. (details on page 2)

Summer Night Live:

Wednesdays in June - can there ever be too many picnics outside in the summer? We'll have one each Wednesday in June, with games and activities for all ages and music (The Lonesome Theologians bluegrass group will be playing on June 26). (details on page 8)

Chicago Hunger Walk:

June 29, starting at Soldier Field - join your church in walking to raise awareness and funds for ending hunger in Cook County. (details on page 2)

May God bless you with rest, renewal, and connection this summer!

Andrea Johnson

Summer Opportunities at WCC

Summer worship hours begin June 2.

The time of our Sunday worship services will change to 9:30 a.m., beginning June 2 and continuing through September 1.

On **June 2**, the morning service will be followed immediately by the **All-Church picnic**, held out on the front lawn of the church. Food will be provided, but please bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Games will be organized for the children, so plan to stay for this time of fun and fellowship.

Beach services begin June 16.

For a special summer experience, join us at the beach at Gillson Park, Wilmette, for early morning (8:00 a.m.) beach services on Sundays, June 16, July 28, and August 25.

The service in August will include an opportunity for baptism in the lake. Please talk to one of the pastors if you are interested.

Bike to Church Days

June 23, July 21, August 11

Once a month this summer, you are invited to bike to church, and then stick around after the worship service for a biking excursion. Each Sunday afternoon we'll have a destination, which will include a lunch stop. The destination will take into consideration the skill levels of those present and there will also be opportunities to extend the ride for those avid cyclists among us. Embrace "dressing down" on these mornings and spend some time outside together! This is open to many skill levels - jr. high and high school students, biking enthusiasts and experts!

Contact Pastor Christy with any questions.

Winnetka Covenant Softball Season is here!

Winnetka Covenant softball team is looking for players and fans. WCC participates in the Chicago Northside Covenant Church softball league and our season has begun. All of the games are played at Winnemac Park in Chicago, just behind Amundsen High School, at Foster and Damen Avenues. There is plenty of off-street parking in the school parking lot. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings - watch the bulletins each week or check the church website for the schedule.

The teams are coed, so we welcome both male and female players. If you are interested in playing, please contact Jonathan Fogel.

Not interested in playing? We can always use fans to come and cheer on the team!

Calling all adults for summer fun!

What are you doing on Friday, June 21?? Come join up with your church friends for a night of fun and fellowship! Make your way to Wallace Bowl at Gillson Park in Wilmette for a free "Tribute to ABBA" concert! Bring a picnic, your favorite lawn chair and join us at 7:00 p.m. for a great night! Contact Meg Madvig with any questions.

Save the date to join the Walk to End Hunger!

Plan to walk, or raise funds and awareness to end hunger in Cook County.

Visit the Winnetka Covenant Church website or call the church office to sign up to walk with our group and/or to make a donation.

One community, one belief: No one should go hungry.

28th Annual Hunger Walk

June 29, 2013

Soldier Field, Chicago

Registration, 7:00 a.m. | Step-off 8:30 a.m.

This 5k (3.1 mile) Hunger Walk benefits more than 650 pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters in Cook County that count on food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository's network to feed the hungry. Everyone who walks earns food for the pantry or soup kitchen they support. We will walk as a group to support The North Park Friendship Center food pantry, A Just Harvest Community Kitchen, and Cornerstone Community Center.

So, save the date! The need is great! Join us in making a difference!

Questions? Contact Marcia Jimenez.

Summer Night Live - Wednesdays throughout June - see page 8 for details

Music Notes



How thankful I am for the seasonal changes of Spring ... daily, if not hourly!

Ah! (sigh) seems to be the universal response anticipating summer. How we relish the opportunity to relax - visit loved ones - kids have camps - eating outdoors.

Worship continues (note summer early start and beach offerings monthly). Musically, we're wide open - lots of opportunities still open from mid-June through August. I welcome your interests. Let me know of musical friends and family visiting.

June 9 - calling all MEN (rehearse 9 a.m.) for an easy arrangement of "Thy Holy Wings" by William Miller.

June 23 - likewise, all WOMEN who want to sing a fun 2-part "Glory to God" for treble voices by Alan Pote.

Make worship a focus of your summer and when out of town, take the opportunity to visit church wherever you are.

"Let the whole creation sing,"

Dawn

Campers and Camp Staff

Each summer we send many of our children and youth to our Covenant camps, both as campers and as staff. Please keep each of these in your prayers as they experience either one week or a full summer at camp. Pray for good health and safety, for fun with friends, both new and old, and pray that each person's walk with God will move forward in a meaningful way. Pray also that counselors and staff will have a positive impact on the campers they serve.

Our campers this summer are:

Covenant Point summer staff:

Kim Steiner (doing year-long internship)
 Rachel Kovacic
 Carlton Nelson
 Kajsa Nelson
 Liesel Magnusson
 Billy Rivi
 Rob Thomas

Covenant Point crew (high school students, shorter sessions):

Chloe Madvig
 Charlotte Manning
 Chad Nelson
 Allison Rivi

Covenant Point campers:

Brinn Anderson, Micah Bowe, Chase Breidenbach, Graham Breidenbach, Harper Breidenbach, Spencer Eanes, Anna Fridell, Jack Fridell, Greg Geake, McKenna Geake, Sarah Hawkinson, Stina Hawkinson, Aidan Jimenez, Gwen Johnson, Will Kelly, Jake Laser, Allen Moy, Emmett Peterson, Haydon Peterson, Cassidy Rescorl, Macallister Rescorl, Ashleigh Thomas, Sara Thomas, Katie Wiberg, Soren Wiberg

Covenant Harbor campers:

Hannah Bender, Michael Bender, Rose Brunzell, Hannah Callahan, Josiah Callahan, Isabella Ecklund, Emery Engling, Annabelle Fogel, Hailey Fogel, Madison Heintzeman, Mackenzie Schmidt, Justice Waldmann

The Winnetka Covenant Church financial summary through April, 2013:

As of end of April 2013, we are still below targeted giving and significantly less than the same time last year (April 2012). Our financial summary is highlighted below.

Ø YTD Financials

- General Fund Giving and Receipts through April 2013 - \$336,310
§ Receipts to date are 12% below planned budget.
- Expenses are 2% below 2013 planned budget.
- Operating funds and cash are 11% below 2012, at this time.

Comparisons to Prior Year and Budget:

	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	%	2013 Budget	%
General Fund Receipts	\$ 336,310	\$ 353,800	95%	\$381,010	88%
Expenses	\$ 383,416	\$ 359,772	107%	\$390,973	98%
Net Operating Income / (Loss)	(\$ 47,106)	(\$5,972)			

	<u>3/31/2013</u>	<u>3/31/2012</u>
General Fund Cash	\$(54,051)	\$(21,580)
Building Fund	3,050	3,050
Exchange Fund	115,633	158,822
Depreciation Set Aside	40,868	40,848
Memorial Fund	103,824	52,698
Petty Cash	<u>125</u>	<u>125</u>
Total	\$209,229	\$233,964

Ø Capital Projects

- o WCC sign committee has developed a design and was approved by the congregation.
- o The WCC-Hawkinson shared equity agreement amendment change was approved by the congregation.
- o WCC playground committee has developed a plan and is approved for the next steps (final drawings & permits).

The WCC Board of Trustees monthly financial reports and meeting minutes can be referenced in the church office and are summarized at the quarterly business meetings. Please contact Roger Schmitt, WCC Treasurer or Kelly Quackenbush, Financial Secretary with any questions.

Stock gifts

After hearing of a substantial stock contribution to Winnetka Covenant Church, I learned that there can be real tax benefits to the tax-savvy charitable giver. My two main discoveries are: (1) WCC can accept stock donations and (2) contributions of long-term, appreciated stock (owned more than a year) may provide greater benefits to both the donor and the church than donating cash. By donating appreciated stocks with a capital gain, both the donor and the recipient will benefit more by donating the stock, instead of selling it and donating the cash. A donor's tax benefits from the donation can be maximized.

If the stock has **increased** in value since it was acquired, then the donor may be better off from a tax standpoint by donating the stock to WCC instead of selling it. In this way, a donor may avoid the capital-gain tax on the profit. This tax planning and donation tool is derived from the general rule that the deduction for a donation of property to charity is equal to the fair market value of the donated property. Where the donated property has appreciated, the donor usually does not have to recognize the gain on the donated property. These rules allow for the "doubling" tax benefits: a charitable deduction, plus avoiding tax on the appreciation in value of the donated property. While WCC "appreciates" any donation, if a stock **decreased** in value, though, it is usually better to sell the depreciated stock so a donor can deduct the capital loss.

It is not illegal or immoral for donors to arrange affairs to comply with the law and keep taxes as low as possible while providing WCC with a larger contribution to support our missions. In considering the contribution of appreciated stock, a donor should ensure that the shares have been held for more than one year and qualify for the "qualified appreciated (cont'd, pg 5)

Youth News & Dates

Junior High Youth Ministry in June:

1. All Church Picnic - Sunday, June 2, after worship.
2. Summer Night Live - June 5, 12, 19, 26. Bring a picnic dinner and invite a friend!
3. A Just Harvest - June 20th. Meet at WCC at 4:15. Return by 7:30 p.m. Sign-ups on the bulletin board.
4. Bike to Church Day - Sunday, June 23rd.
5. Walk to End Hunger - Saturday, June 29th.

Senior High Youth Ministry in June:

1. All Church Picnic - Sunday, June 2, after worship.

2. Coffee: summer edition - June 5, 12, 19, 26. Meet at Starbucks in Edens Plaza at 4:45 p.m. We'll connect and relax there, and then head to church for the Summer Night Live gatherings.
3. Summer Night Live - June 5, 12, 19, 26. Bring a picnic dinner and invite a friend!
4. Seniors Trip - June 8-10, pray for the group as we spend a long weekend biking the Elroy-Sparta Trail in Wisconsin.
5. A Just Harvest - June 20th. Meet at WCC at 4:15. Return by 7:30 p.m. Sign-ups on the bulletin board.
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Local Missions

A Just Harvest: 30th Anniversary & Bake Sale

A Just Harvest is celebrating the fact that we've sustained a place of nourishment, hope, and community for three decades in partnership with Winnetka Covenant Church and many others. In 1983, two congregations came together to serve a weekly meal, and last year we served 54,339 meals and distributed 296,000 pounds of food. That is something to celebrate! Save Saturday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a community celebration of our work to alleviate hunger. Join us for family-friendly games, music, food, and more. (In Rogers Park, exact location TBA).

Do you like to bake? A Just Harvest invites you to host a bake sale to benefit our Community Kitchen during the weekend of July 12-14. Our goal is to have 30 bake sales to celebrate our 30th anniversary and raise awareness and money to support our anti-hunger work. You can sell baked goods in your neighborhood, school, congregation, or community organization. It's a great activity for youth seeking a service project, families with children, or anyone who likes to bake for a good cause. We'll give you a template flyer to promote your bake sale and information about A Just Harvest to distribute at your sale. Contact David at A Just Harvest to sign up.

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stock" deduction. Check the contribution first with a tax professional for information on any contribution limitations.

WCC is set up to handle a stock gift and can accept and then sell stock or mutual funds. If you wish to inquire about donating stock, please contact John Couleur, who can then make arrangements to coordinate the transfer of donated stock from most brokerage accounts. While the spirit of giving is key, a donation of appreciated stock can further benefit both the church and the donor, who can take advantage of both tax savings of the donation and avoiding tax on capital gains.

Tim Engling

Local Social Services

Each month we are highlighting congregation members who work for local social service organizations. Please keep these people in mind as you go about your daily lives and possibly meet people who might need these services. If you work for such an organization and would like to be featured, please let me know at wccjoanwallgren@gmail.com.

Elsa Johnson is the director of Parenting ProGRESS, a ministry of Ravenswood Covenant Church, that serves the teen parents whose children attend Ravenswood Community Child Care Center (onsite at RCC). We aim to promote growth, responsibility, and education with spiritual support to teen parents by offering various individual and group services. If you are interested in learning more about the program, finding out about volunteer opportunities, or donating baby items, please contact Elsa.

WCC Community Kitchen Preparation Days
 Thursday, June 6 - 1:30 p.m., John Anderson, contact
 Thursday, June 20 - 1:30 p.m., Ted Garrison, contact
 WCC Community Kitchen Serving Day
 Thursday, June 20 - 4:15 p.m.

Women's Ministries Notes

Following are ongoing groups for the women of the church. They all welcome new participants at any time.

Sharing Group -

We cordially invite all WCC women to join us on the **fourth Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon** for lunch and fellowship. We will meet on **June 27** at Baker's Square. You'll enjoy the fellowship! Call Marian Eckhardt with questions.

Stitch and Study -

Stitch and Study, combining Bible Study, prayer, conversation, and craft/needlework projects, is now meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at the home of Marilyn Nelson at 7 p.m. We are using the texts for the coming Sunday as a resource for the study. New participants are always welcome to come for the study and conversation, with or without a project. **We are taking the month of June off.** Watch the weekly bulletins and next month's Network for the schedule for the remainder of the summer.

Tuesday & Thursday Bible Studies -

The Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon Bible Studies have concluded for the summer. They will both resume following Labor Day.

Quilters, Knitters, etc. -

Meet on the **second Thursday of each month** for fellowship and service. Watch the weekly bulletins for details and location of the meeting.

Bridal Showers:

All women of the church are invited to bridal showers for the following:

Saturday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m. - Susan Johnson, daughter of Joan Johnson.

Tuesday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Courtney Sharp, daughter of Tom and Nancy Sharp.

Join us to help them celebrate their upcoming weddings and to show them the love and support of their church family.

Graduations

Our high school graduates this year are:

- **Wynn Drahorad**, graduates from New Trier High School on June 2, going on to DePaul to major in Computer Science.
- **Erika Eiesland**, from Glenbrook South High School on June 2, will attend North Park University, majoring in Elementary Education.
- **Anna George** will graduate from North Shore Country Day School on June 7, and will attend Smith College, planning to study Environmental Science or Astronomy.
- **Kendrick Hales**, from North Shore Country Day School, plans to attend the University of North Carolina.
- **Hannah Hawkinson** graduates from New Trier and will attend North Park University, hoping to double major in Elementary Education and Biblical and Theological Studies.
- **Christopher Kelly** graduated on May 25 from Loyola High School and will attend the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business.
- **Jake Laser** will graduate from the international baccalaureate program at Lincoln High School and will be going to North Park University where he will likely major in Science.
- **Elisabeth Mayer**, from New Trier, will go on to Scripps College, studying International Relations and Economics.
- **Georgie Nastos**, from New Trier, will go to the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana to study Economics or Latin.
- **Joey Randazzo**, from New Trier, will attend Iowa State University to study Aerospace Engineering.
- **Ben Reeber** graduates from Glenbrook North High School on June 2 and will attend the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana to major in Chemical Engineering.
- **Sam Rivi**, from New Trier, will attend Marquette University, majoring in Business.
- **Paul Tzanetopoulos**, from Loyola, will attend the University of Illinois and plans to major in Engineering.
- **Peter Westerfield**, from Glenbrook South, attending the University of Illinois as an Architecture major.

Congratulations to each of them as they reach this milestone in their lives and best wishes as they move on.

Mailbox

Dear Friends,

Again we wish to express our appreciation for our Winnetka Covenant Church. We appreciated greatly your love, concern and prayers during Dorothy's recent hospitalization. The ministry of our pastoral staff was greatly appreciated by us. On one occasion Peter brought a beautiful Easter lily. Each day a new bud opened and I shared the fragrance and beauty of the flower with the nursing staff. For your love, concern, and prayer we are deeply grateful.

Dorothy and Edmund Train



Family News

Congratulations and best wishes to:

- **Britta Olson and Edward Nizoliek**, who were married on May 4. Britta is the daughter of Steve Olson and Lois Olson.
- **Megan and Steve Orlandino**, on the birth of **Isla Maizie** on May 9. Isla weighed 8 lb., 7 oz. and was 21-1/2 inches long. Bob and Jan Braun are her grandparents and Marion Drimalla is her great-grandmother.
- **Peter and Colleen Johnson** on the birth of **Connor James and Liam Peter**. Born on May 10, they weighed 6 lb., 6 oz. and 6 lb., 4 oz. They joined their sister Chloe at home. Sven and Susan Johnson are their grandparents.

More Graduations

Congratulations to a few more college and graduate school graduates: They are:

- **Elizabeth Coyle**, who graduated in December with a Masters in Immunology from Georgetown University. She is now doing a 2-year fellowship at the National Institute of Health.
- **Andy Meyer**, who graduated from North Park Theological Seminary on May 11. He earned a Master's degree in Theological Studies, writing a thesis on the history and theology of Covenant Publications and he currently plans to continue working in the North Park library.
- **Dominic German**, who graduated on May 18th from Moody Bible Institute, with a Bachelor of Music in Sacred Music (Voice Emphasis). He will pursue a Master's Degree in Voice at North Park University.

Playground Project

Plans for the refurbishment and expansion of the church playground were presented to the congregation at the spring business meeting and the committee is now in the process of seeking permits and finalizing contracts to begin the work. Donations to the project are being sought and can be given as a one-time gift or as a pledge, to be completed over a three-year period. This is an exciting project which will utilize and enhance an area of the church grounds which is very seldom used.

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Our Mission

To be a Christian community and to proclaim
the gospel, Worshiping together in love,
Nurturing people in faith,
serving others as Christian disciples,
And building a world of justice and hope
in the name of Christ.

Guidelines for Loving Relationships

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.

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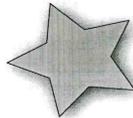


starring:

you • your family • your neighbors • people of all ages

featuring:

fellowship • activities • music • games



6-8pm • rain or shine
Wednesdays • June 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
at WINNETKA COVENANT
bring your own picnic • dessert provided

QUESTIONS? contact the church office at 847.446.4300 ...and don't forget to bring your blankets & chairs!