



The Network

Winnetka Covenant Church

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June, 2014

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Food For Thought and Spirit

In just a few weeks, Laurel and I will “vanish” to the woods and quiet of our Maine place and we will enjoy the gathering of extended families, and for me, a pile of books to devour on the porch or by the fire in the wood stove. It was suggested that I share a list of books that might whet your summer appetite. So, here are some I have found worthwhile, some spiritually deep, some just fun diversion:

MY BRIGHT ABYSS, by Christian Wiman - moving narrative of a dying man's honest dealing with doubt and faith; deep theological insights and imaginative writing.

THINGS HIDDEN, by Richard Rohr - scripture as spirituality, great themes of the Bible mirrored in the nature of human consciousness; prime ideas of scripture with practical, pastoral spirituality.

THE NEXT CHRISTENDOM, by Philip Jenkins - the coming of global Christianity when coming to terms with the diversity of what spirituality means in multiple cultures, including a realistic engagement with Islam.

TRULY THE COMMUNITY, by Marva Dawn - a study of Romans 12 and “how to be the church.” A good take on our Veritas program here at Winnetka.

I increasingly read a lot of historical biography in my leisure times. Here are just two I have read recently and enjoyed a great deal:

AMERICAN LION, Andrew Jackson in the White House.

THE LEONARD BERNSTEIN LETTERS, his life as revealed in his musical genius and his impressive list of friends from that period in our history.

And if you love getting in touch with nature and with the spirituality of creation, or just fun and relaxing reading, you might enjoy these:

SMALL WONDER, by Barbara Kingsolver - read about God's mighty gifts in the universe. Some chapters: “The Forest's Last Stand,” “Setting Free the Crabs.”

TEACHING A STONE TO TALK, by Annie Dillard - wonders and mysteries of the natural world, never described more beautifully than this.

BAD DIRT, by Annie Proulx, my absolute favorite author of fiction. Find any of her many titles and you will be “hooked.”

Have a wonderful renewing summer!

Art Nelson

Sunday School will continue for children and adults through Sunday, June 8. On Sunday, June 15 we will change to our summer schedule, with worship at 9:30. While there will be no Sunday School hour before church, there will be nursery care and class for the 2's & 3's beginning at 9:30 and children ages 4 through 2nd grade will leave for Children's Church partway through the service.

Summer Happenings at Winnetka Covenant

June 8 -

9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room:

A Joyful Celebration! Sunday School groups of all ages come together and celebrate our Sunday School experiences this year. Singing and refreshments will be part of the morning.

10:45 in the Worship Service Christian Formation volunteer appreciation.

12:00 p.m. on the Front Lawn:

Following the worship service, on our front lawn, all are invited to stay following church for the all-church picnic. Food will be provided, so bring yourselves, your friends, and blankets or chairs. The festivities will include games for the kids.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner— June 13 & 14

Dinners will be held in the homes of congregation members and the groups will be assigned randomly by a committee of the diaconate. You just need to choose the night you can attend and if you are able to host a dinner, you can volunteer for that as well.

Sign up on a form in the narthex or on the church website (www.winnetkacovenant.org). The host of your dinner will contact you, letting you know what time to come and what to bring.

This is a fun way to get to know others in the church in an informal setting.

June 15 -

Summer Schedule (see top of page)

Bike to Church:

Once a month this summer, you are invited to bike to church, and then stick around after the worship service to bike together to a close location for lunch. There will be opportunities to extend the ride beyond lunch 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 sr. high school students, biking enthusiasts, and experts!

Invite a friend or two or three!

Additional bike to church days will be July 13 and August 10.

June 22, July 27, August 24 - Beach Services - 8:00 a.m.

Join us at Gillson Park in Wilmette for an early Sunday morning Worship Service on these three days in the summer. Bring your own chairs or blankets.

VBS

June 16-19

6:00-8:00 pm

See announcement on the back page for the details.

Summer Night Live! 6:00 p.m.

Bring the family and a picnic supper and join us for four Wednesday evenings this summer to enjoy a fun time together.

June 25: Bluegrass music by The Lonesome Theologians

July 9: Lawn games/water games for all ages

July 23: Magician Jim Austin

August 6: Lawn games/water games for all ages.

Adult Sunday School

Church Softball - June, July & August

The Chicago Northside Covenant Co-ed Softball League will begin games the second week of June. This year it will take place on Sunday and Monday nights at Peterson Park in the city (near Peterson and Pulaski). For more information and to be put on the team roster, contact Jon Fogel (WCCsoftball@gmail.com). Men and women, age 14 and older, are needed to play.

Not a softball player? Come cheer the team on. Schedule to be in the bulletin each week.

June 1: "Love Mercy, Do Justice: Responding Faithfully to God's Call"

The final session, as Harold Spooner leads us in an exploration and discussion of what it means for us as Covenant people to respond faithfully to the call of God in Micah 6:8, "to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God." We'll explore how we as a congregation and as individuals might more fully live out this call in our immediate context.

Music Notes

Another choir year has flown by. I can never thank our faithful choir members enough for all the time they commit to making music such a blessing for our worship. They just keep improving! Their musicianship is exceptional in a wide range of styles - spanning centuries of church music. It's so exciting and rewarding to choose music for our choir and accompanists.

Upcoming music includes:

June 1 - Royce will be at the organ, including joining Nancy in accompanying John Rutter's "O Clap Your Hands;" also "Come to the Table."

June 8 - Choir concludes with the lovely "Peace I Give To You." Carol Yampolsky will play violin.

June 15 - Art Nelson sings

June 29 - Bell choir plays

Since choir suspends over the summer, we have lots of opportunities for special music June 22 and all Sundays in July and August. Vocalists and instrumentalists in solo or ensemble are most welcome. Please contact Dawn.



We said a fond farewell to Steven Braun, our tenor intern. He will be continuing in music ministry in the Seattle area. Dimitri German also completed his internship. Praise God that Dimitri and Dominic both report they will return to worship with us this summer after a visit to their family in Nashville.

May you have a blessed summer. As you travel, bring me an extra bulletin from churches you may visit.

With grateful praise, Dawn

Experience Chicagoland: June 23-25

This is a unique event for everyone in our denomination, happening prior to Gather '14, the annual gathering of the Evangelical Covenant Church, which takes place at the Hyatt O'Hare, June 26-28. You need not be a delegate to Gather '14 to participate in Experience Chicagoland.

What?

Come "Experience Chicagoland" like never before! From service projects and tours to immersion experiences and workshops, from the urban to the suburban, come, see, and learn how Covenanters are engaging the hungry, the sick, the stranger, the homeless, the prisoner, and the disenfranchised in their faithful response to love mercy and do justice in their communities. This is not a one-size-fits-all, but a chance to observe how each ministry prayerfully discerned God's call for incarnational ministry based on the needs and resources in their respective contexts. Experience Chicagoland is something to take back to your own local context and discern the call to join God in making things right in your own community. Don't miss this important opportunity to put your faith into action in responding to God's imperative to love mercy and do justice.

Debbie Blue, Executive minister of compassion, mercy and justice

When?

Begins Monday evening, June 23, with registration, dinner, and opening worship at North Park University. Attendees will stay overnight on campus, and their chosen experience will begin Tuesday morning. After two days of learning, serving, worshiping, and experiencing Chicagoland, all will return to North Park's campus for dinner and a time of closing worship and celebration.

Cost?

\$105 per person. Covers your event choice(s), transportation to/from sites, meals, and various other expenses. Note: fees are for entire experience. No one-day fees are available. Children (0-12 yrs.) need to be accompanied by a paying parent or guardian. Each paying adult may bring one child (3-12 yrs.) at \$50 per child. Children 0-2 are free. Additional children need to register at the \$105 cost.

Registration?

Register at CovChurch.org/gather. Deadline for Experience Chicagoland registration is June 6, 2014. Space is limited and registrations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis until the deadline or until maximum number for each ministry site is reached, whichever comes first.

For details on the opportunities included, go to <http://www.covchurch.org/gather> - download the Gather'14 brochure.

Congratulations High School Seniors

We offer our congratulations to the high school seniors in our congregation on their graduation from high school and best wishes to them as they pursue further studies at schools around the country:

- Allegra Bartlett will graduate from New Trier High School on June 1. She will attend Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, with a planned major in studio art.
- Erik Brandel-Tanis graduates on June 5 from the Latin School of Chicago. He will attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota in the fall.
- Eliza Ruth Magill will graduate from Regina Dominican High School on May 31. She will be going to Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She plans to major in Economics and sing in a choir.
- Chloe Madvig will be graduating from New Trier High School on June 1. She will attend the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.
- Henry Magnuson graduates from Evanston Township High School on June 1. In the fall he will be studying biomedical engineering at the University of Illinois, Champaign.
- Erin Molenaar Rosenfeld will graduate on June 1 from Evanston Township High School. She plans to attend Grinnell College, in Iowa, majoring in nutrition or dietetics.
- Noah Swanson graduates from Niles North High School on May 29. He will attend North Park University, with a major in Criminal Justice.
- Sara Jean Thomas graduates on May 18 from Lakes Community High School with honors. In the fall she will attend Kansas University to study Political Science before eventually moving on to law school.

Again, congratulations to these young adults. It will be fun to watch them as they enter this new phase of life.

Preschool and Playground News

WCC Playground Community Build Day, Saturday, June 7

The day is finally coming when our new playground will be here and ready to install. Please join in on this momentous day as we assemble our new playground equipment together.

No experience is necessary ... ALL hands are needed.

Under the careful guidance of representatives of the company that designed and built the playground, we will assemble and install the new equipment. Women, this is the same day as the bridal shower for Erin Isaacson, so please plan to come to the shower and bring clothes to change into to go right to the back yard of the church and help out. The first crew can dig post holes and mix cement and there will still be plenty to do after the shower is over.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Winnetka Covenant Church Preschool needs your help!

In hopes to recruit new families, build a stronger community and share our early childhood expertise and resources, Winnetka Covenant church is utilizing Facebook as an outreach tool.

Please help us spread the word by **liking, sharing, and INVITING** friends and families to *like* our facebook page! Our goal is 200 *likes* by the end of June.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Winnetka-Covenant-Preschool/210229679035457>

Thanks in advance for your support,
Mary Sue Reese,
Director, WCCP

Missions - Local and Global

Christine Buettgen shares her experiences June 1.

All are invited on June 1 at 2:00 p.m. to hear Christine Buettgen share about her two years in short-term missions in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The gathering will be at the home of Rachel and Les Rescorl.

Local Missions where YOU can be involved:

A Just Harvest Community Kitchen

Join the fun kitchen crew as they prepare the food for the Just Harvest Community Kitchen - **June 5** and **June 19**, starting at 1:00. On June 19 we will need a crew to go to the kitchen in East Rogers Park to serve the food. Contact Pastor Andrea if you are able to help.

Sankofa Journey

The next Sankofa Journey is scheduled for July 31-August 3, 2014. Sankofa, "A Journey Toward Racial Righteousness", is a trip sponsored by the Covenant Department of Compassion, Mercy, and Justice. It involves a multiracial group traveling together into the deep south, visiting some of the spots that were instrumental in the struggle for Civil Rights. For more information and to register, e-mail chrissy.palmerlee@covchurch.org, call 773-784-3000, or visit the Covenant website, www.covchurch.org.

Summer Campers and Camp Staff

As summer arrives and we begin our summer activities, many of our children will be attending camp at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point, and a number of our young adults will be spending the summer working at the camps. We ask that you remember these children and youth in your prayers, praying for safety for all, for a fun time with both new and old friends, and for first-time relationships and deepening existing relationships with God..

Our campers are:

Covenant Harbor

- Cecelia Beck
- Rose Brunzell
- Hannah Callahan
- Josiah Callahan
- Isabella Ecklund
- Annabelle Fogel
- Hailey Fogel
- McKenna Geake
- Gabriella Heintzelman
- Madison Heintzelman

Covenant Point

- Caroline Anderson
- Micah Bowe
- Chase Breidenbach
- Graham Breidenbach
- Harper Breidenbach
- Emery Engling
- Owen Engling
- Stina Hawkinson
- Aidan Jimenez
- Gwen Johnson
- William Kelly
- Emmett Peterson
- Macallister Rescorl

Those from our church who are serving as summer staff at Covenant Point are:

For a 3-week session:

- Sarah Hawkinson
- Hayden Peterson
- Alli Rivi

For the full summer:

- Chloe Madvig, Canteen Apprentice
- Billy Rivi, Worship Leader
- Evan Magill, Assistant Island Director
- Hannah Hawkinson, Counselor
- Andrew Kovacic, Counselor
- Rachel Kovacic, Counselor
- Liesel Magnusson, Counselor

Women's Ministries Notes

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

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.

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 26** 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, meets on the **third Tuesday of each month** at the home of Marilynn 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. The **June meeting will be on the 17th.**

Tuesday, Thursday Bible Study -

The Tuesday and Thursday Bible Studies have concluded for the summer.

Bridal shower:

All ladies of the church are invited when we give bridal showers for our young adults. This is a wonderful way for our church to show our love and support as couples embark on an exciting new chapter of their lives. There will be a shower on **Saturday, June 7, at 10:00 a.m. for Erin Isaacson and Matt Lewitke.**

2014 Women's Fall Fellowship at Covenant Harbor:

Focus: fix your eyes on Jesus

September 12-14 and 19-21

Come and be renewed and refreshed among hundreds of your sisters in Christ at beautiful Covenant Harbor, on the shores of Lake Geneva. The speaker for the retreat will be Rev. Mary Putera and the Worship Leader will be Leslie Michele. Brochures, registration materials and more information can be found on the bulletin board in the main hallway at church or at www.wmcc2gether.com.

Registration for these weekends opens June 2.

Men's Ministries News - The Saturday morning meetings have concluded for the summer..

Youth Ministry Dates for June

Sr. High League (6:30 Sunday nights) - final meeting for the school year will be June 1.

Jr. High League has concluded regular meetings for the school year.

Watch for special events and gatherings throughout the summer.

CHIC 2015 Parent Gathering

Thursday evening, June 12th, 7-8:30 p.m.

At Tim & Clare Engling's home (thanks, Tim & Clare)

What is CHIC? It stands for Covenant High in Christ, and it is our denomination's triennial youth conference.

Who gets to go? Students who have completed their 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade years by the summer of 2015.

Where? University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Why? Why go? Good question! Watch some videos and listen to some testimonials here: <http://chich2015.org/vids/>

I went myself as a high schooler back in 1997. It was a great week with my friends from church, I loved seeing how big the Church was (beyond my church), and felt challenged in my faith. I would love to share more about this important week with you, answer any questions you may have, and prepare you to have some conversations with your child this summer about what is coming!

See you then, Christy

Mailbox

Dear Friends,

Christy and I want to express our thanks and gratitude to Winnetka Covenant Church for the love and support you all have shown us. You have loved and supported us in many different ways and in many different times and we are very grateful. Rather than try and list the ways this community has supported us, we've decided to list the times we have felt your love and support.

We have felt your love and support for us in the past. From our first days and throughout our time here, you have encouraged and loved us. We felt this very concretely at the lovely shower held in early April and want to thank everyone that organized and attended from the depth of our hearts. And this love and support has continued to the present day. Thank you for the encouragement and love you have shown us as we plan our wedding and prepare to enter this new season of life. It would be impossible to do this on our own.

And we will rely on your love and support in the future. This has been a wonderful journey and we are happy to be traveling it with the Winnetka Covenant Church community. **We want to extend a special invitation to our wedding ceremony on August 16th at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be at Winnetka Covenant Church and there will be some refreshments immediately following in the narthex. If you are able, please come and join us as we celebrate.**

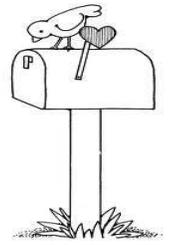
Andy & Christy

Dear friends at Winnetka Covenant Church,
Thank you very much for the many kindnesses we received at the time of Bob's death. We appreciate the many expressions of sympathy in the cards we received and the prayers made on our behalf.

We also appreciate the help we received from the staff who helped us prepare the service. The remarks Peter Hawkinson made and the scripture he read gave us both comfort and peace. Art Nelson's sermon gave us hope, courage, and the promise of everlasting love.

We want to thank the choir members for their time. The music gave us a sense of nearness to and confidence in God.

Sincerely,
The Sandin Family



The Senior High youth group at Winnetka Covenant would like to thank the church and congregation for their generous donations and assistance at the Easter morning breakfast and their wonderful charitable help at the rummage sale. The money donated and earned will be used to fund the mission trip to Madison, Wisconsin this summer. The youth group appreciates your support and thanks you for your love and care.

Upcoming Events

Spring Quarterly Business Meeting - June 1

WCC members, please plan to stay following the worship service on Sunday, June 1 as we conduct the spring quarterly business meeting of the church. It's a valuable time to catch up with what's happening in the church.

Camping Trip - August 1-3

Do you like to go camping? Let's spend some time together in the woods!

We've got a group campsite reserved in Kettle Moraine State Forest (only an hour and a half away!) for August 1-3 and we'd love to have you join us. If you don't own a tent, we can locate one for you to borrow. More details will unfold over the next two months. If you have an interest or any questions, please contact Linnea Johnson. You can go to the church website to sign up (www.winnetkacovenant.org).

Open to anyone and everyone! Get it on your calendar now before you summer fills up.

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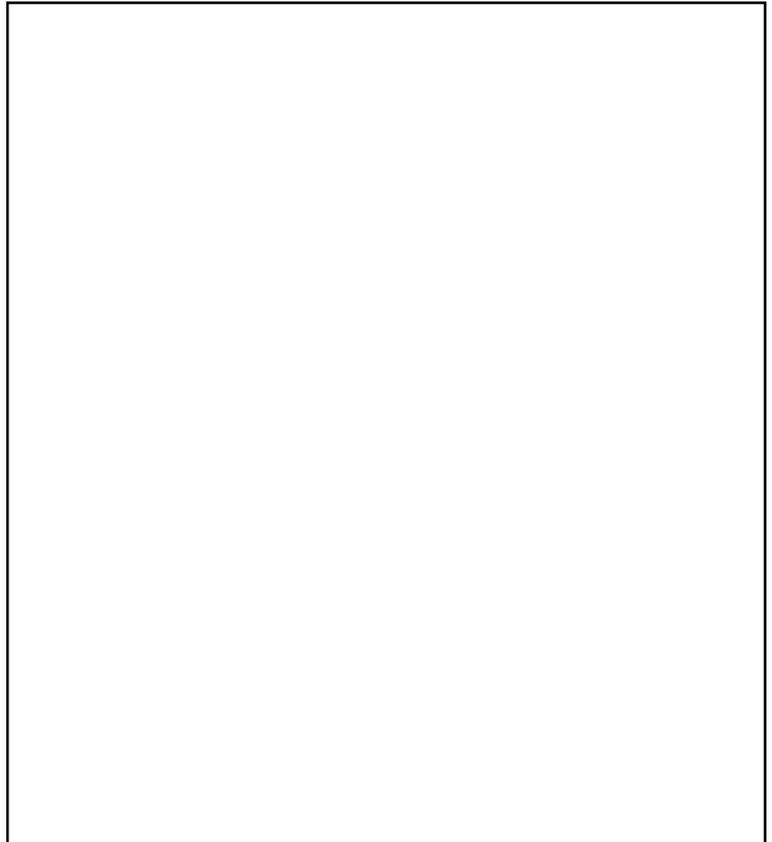
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Our Mission

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.



Looking for Adventure?

Join us on an action-packed Wilderness Escape!

In just a few weeks, we're escaping with the Israelites as they leave Egypt.
You'll get to hang out with Moses as God leads this surprising adventure!

June 16-19, 6-8 p.m.
Age 4 thru Grade 5

Register now at www.winnetkacovenant.org, or call the church office at 847-446-4300.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

