

## May

### **Ushers**

Phil Cavallone - Captain  
Brian Khan  
Janice Goetz  
Joyce Gorney

### **Greeters**

4 Bill & Ginny Almer  
11 Dennis & Sharon Parney  
18 John & Lorraine Weszely  
25 Palazzolo Family

### **Nursery**

4 Pat Klutcharch, Marcia Lellos  
11 Matt Panush, Geoff Panush  
(Mother's Day)  
18 Sandy Hutchinson, Nancy Mondry  
25 Pam Romano, Joyce Gorney

### **Counters**

Jen Davies  
Dennis Parney  
Greg Goetz

### **Birthdays**

1 Edie Fornell  
1 Lisa Grijalva  
3 Margie Morrissey  
3 Doris Wallace  
4 Pat Petersen  
5 Gordon Engstrom  
6 Megan McShane  
8 Diana Eigenbauer  
8 Dawn Ferrell  
8 Robert Weszely  
12 Amy Schwellenbach  
15 Desiree Hall  
16 Lorraine Sorensen  
24 Paul Kozak  
24 Joyce Olson  
25 Denise Sullivan  
27 Natalie Hjelmberg  
28 Tom Sullivan  
30 Laura Richerme

## **Over the Pastor's Shoulder**

I recently came across the following maxims. I found them interesting and compelling. I thought you might enjoy reading them too.

In a world where we are bombarded with words, there is something wonderful about brevity.

- ❖ Pray all the time. If necessary, use words.
- ❖ God forgets the past. Imitate Him.
- ❖ Greed I often regretted. Generosity – never.
- ❖ Never miss a chance to read a child a story.
- ❖ Pursue forgiveness, not innocence.
- ❖ Be doubly kind to the people who bring your food or park your car.
- ❖ In buying a gift for your wife, practicality can be more expensive than extravagance.
- ❖ Don't ask God to ask to do what you want. Ask God to do what is right.
- ❖ Nails didn't hold Jesus to a cross. Love did.
- ❖ Know answered prayer when you see it, and don't give up when you don't.
- ❖ The right heart with the wrong creed is better than the right creed with the wrong heart.
- ❖ We treat others as we perceive God is treating us.
- ❖ Sometimes the most Godly thing we can do is take a day off.
- ❖ Faith in the future begets power in the present.
- ❖ No one is useless to God. No one.
- ❖ Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional.
- ❖ You'll never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you.
- ❖ Succeed in what matters.
- ❖ You'll regret opening your mouth. You'll rarely regret keeping it shut.
- ❖ Faith is the grit in the soul that puts the dare into dreams.
- ❖ God doesn't keep a clock.
- ❖ When Jesus went home, he left the front door open.

Feel free to share with your friends the maxims that have touched you, challenged you, given you reason to pause, and maybe even changed you.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jim*



## Adult Bible Study

Hauna Ondrey, Teaching Fellow in Church History at North Park Theological Seminary, will lead the class during the month of May. Understanding who Christ is, is fundamental to understanding what Christ has accomplished for us in his death and resurrection. To deepen our celebration of Christ's redemption this Easter season, Hauna will be teaching on the first four ecumenical councils (one each Sunday) as a window into how the early church answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). Come join us in the Fireside Room at 9:30 A.M.



## Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

The main premise initiating our lengthy study beginning last September was to reason out, more fully, why works and deeds do not give us carte blanche into eternity and paradise.

Our group of new, newer and seasoned believing Christians knew the answer as Lee Strobel put it so plainly in his video The Case For Easter, BELIEVE and RECEIVE = BECOME. We were eager to continue being strengthened and sought to clothe our bones with more. We took the challenge to grow based on the above three-step plan.

Then, following a statement by D.L. Moody as our key, "Sometimes man's words confuse God's simple truths", we continued with Dick Eastman's twelve-step plan which dovetailed with Strobel's three-step plan.

Now, with added power fuel, we examine the why and how the gift of salvation is given freely – but, with spiritual strings guaranteed to keep us on the path, under His wings and in the hollow of His hand – spiritual strings concerning BELIEVING and RECEIVING.

1. We must BELIEVE that God does not store our praises in His storehouse. He freely returns them as we supply Him with prayer, petitions and thanksgiving.

2. We must BELIEVE His gifts and blessings are designed to be given as needed moment by moment. His resources are boundless but we must RECEIVE according to His plan, not ours. He gives us food for each day. Ask to RECEIVE.
3. Wait, listen and expect the unexpected. Be dependent on Him. Trust Him, BELIEVE. Nothing is random in His Kingdom. Everything fits into His pattern for us if we BELIEVE and RECEIVE.
4. He is our constant Companion and Provider – the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He will RECEIVE us if we BELIEVE this.
5. As we BELIEVE and RECEIVE we BECOME His child and are already in touch with the essence of heaven: nearness to Him!

Our Tuesday mornings are set in motion as our awareness of Him is deepened and defined. He is a contributing member of our growing circle of learners. He holds our hands as we are led, taught, inspired, gifted and blessed by His attendance.

We welcome you every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M., Trinity – Fireside Room.

Share your spiritual strings with us.

Barbara Johnson

P.S. Quote from Jesus Calling: "Approach this day with awareness of who is BOSS. As you make plans for the day remember that it is I who orchestrates the events of your life. I know the plans I have for you!"



Together We Cope thanks you for your March 31, 2014 donation of \$516 retiring offering from Miriam Circle. Our agency has assisted south suburban families in crisis for more than 30 years, something that is possible only because of the ongoing and generous support of our community. We are able to continue in our mission to assist area families in temporary crisis because of the support of partners like you. We thank you for your gift.

Sincerely,  
Cate Dietz, Office Manager

## THOUGHT TO PONDER

Whoever has a heart full of love always  
has something to give.



We will be collecting your items the week of the sale. Pickup for larger items can be arranged. Volunteers for that week and the days of the sale will be needed, too! So, come help and have fun with this great project. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!

If you are interested in volunteering, please plan on attending our Organizational Meeting May 18, in the Fireside Room, following worship service or contact Tracy Hood at 708-529-3272 or [tracyhood717@yahoo.com](mailto:tracyhood717@yahoo.com).

## Congratulations!

Pastor Jim and Charlene Sandberg are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Elouise Elizabeth Sandberg. Elouise was born on March 31, 2014, at 3:50 A.M., 9 pounds, 1 ounce, 20 inches long. Proud parents are Rose and Erik Sandberg.



## Baby Shower

Save the date – Saturday, May 17, 1 P.M. Peterson Hall for a baby shower in celebration of the birth of Erik and Rose Sandberg's daughter, Elouise. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

## Covenant Women News

Save the dates – Sept. 19, 20, 21 for the 2014 Fall Fellowship Retreat at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, WI. This year's theme is "FOCUS – Fix your eyes on Jesus". Cost for Geneva Bay Centre is \$198 which includes all meals and workshops. Registration forms are available from Lorraine Weszely, Pat Peterson and in the church office. Please return registrations with a \$50 deposit to Pat Peterson or Lorraine Weszely by Sunday, May 25. Reservations at Geneva Bay Centre are on a "first come" basis.

## Pryme Tymers

Our May meetings are as follows:



**Thursday, May 8, at 11 A.M.**

Entrée: Beef Stew

Program: The fifth annual Fashion Show supporting Neat Repeats Resale Shop will include the newest clothes from Carson's. Make your reservation by Friday, May 2.

**Thursday, May 22, 11 A.M.**

Entrée: Mostaccioli & Meat Sauce

Program: Chuck Ferrini & Friends will present a variety of musical numbers with a special emphasis on patriotic songs honoring our veterans. Make your reservation by Friday, May 16.

The cost per meeting is \$6. Be sure to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The need continues to be great.

## Church Chuckle

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

### Month of May

May 4- Confirmation Sunday

May 11- Children's Ministry Night 4-5 P.M.

May 18- Jr./Sr. High Youth Group 6-8 P.M.

May 25- Children's Ministry Night 4-5 P.M.

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group 6-8 P.M.



## **Beverly Breast Cancer Walk**

For the many lives that have been affected by breast cancer, you are invited to partner with Little Company of Mary Hospital on Mother's Day, May 11, 8 A.M., Ridge Park, 96<sup>th</sup> & Longwood. You can help make a difference by walking, sponsoring a walker or making a donation. Walk proceeds continue to support the latest technologies and programs for cancer patients at LCMH's nationally accredited Comprehensive Breast Health Center. Visit [www.BeverlyBreastCancerWalk.org](http://www.BeverlyBreastCancerWalk.org). Registration/T-Shirt pickup at LCMH, 2500 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Evergreen Park on May 1, 3, 7, and 10. Before May 11, Walk Fee (includes T-shirt): Adults \$30, Children (18 & under) \$15; Day of Walk – Adults \$40, Children \$20.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

July 14 - 18, 2014  
Vacation Bible School  
Gospel Light's  
SunTreasure Island



### **New email address for:**

Edith Fornell  
[ediefornell@gmail.com](mailto:ediefornell@gmail.com)



# Noah's Ark Preschool



## May 2014 Newsletter

For the month of May the  
children will focus on...

Colors- Review

Shapes- Review

Science-Flowers and Insects

### Dates to Remember

#### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, May 5  
No School

#### Memorial Day

Monday, May 26  
No school

#### Last Day of Preschool & Graduation Celebration

*All students participate in graduation-*

Friday, May 30  
9:45-12:00

More Info to Come



### Great Expectations

It's time to say, "Good-bye."

Our year has come to an end.

I've made more cherished memories

And many more new friends.

I've watched your children learn and grow

And change from day to day.

I hope that all the things we've done

Have helped in some small way.

So it's with happy memories

We send them out the door,

With great hope and expectations

For what next year holds in store.

~By Maria Cuellar-Munson

### A note of Thanks!

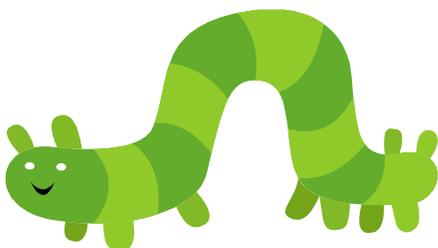
Thank you....

~to our wonderful readers who have shared their time,  
reading to our preschoolers.

~Pastor Zach for sharing your wonderful stories!

~to our families who have donated many helpful items  
which are used on a daily basis in classroom. Your  
generosity is truly appreciated.

~to all of our families who have helped sell and purchase  
the Fannie May candy bars! We truly appreciate your  
generosity and support!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We cannot believe the end of the year is here! We are so proud of each one of the children. It has been a pleasure working with you and your children.

For the month of May, the children will be learning about the ocean, farm animals and also have fun learning about flowers and the many different kinds of insects.

During the month of May, the children in Mrs. Palazzolo and Mrs. Onesto's room will focus on letters Qq - Zz, review of the entire alphabet and number recognition 0-20 and counting 1-100.

At home, please continue daily with printing practice, letter recognition and sounds and counting. The children will be receiving their beginner reader books at Parent/Teacher Conferences. These are great to work on throughout the summer as well.

During the month of May, Ms. Amanda and Mrs. Dryier's room will focus on letters, Ww- Zz and number 0-20. Please continue working on letter and number recognition at home as well.

A very important and special day is coming up for your child. Graduation will be held on Friday, May 30, from 9:45-12:00. Each child at Noah's Ark Preschool participates in graduation. During this month, the children will be preparing for graduation, making crafts and practicing the songs for graduation. More information to come.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Monday, May 5. There is no school. These conferences are optional. The sign-up sheet will be located in your child's classroom near the sign-in/out sheets.

Thank you,

Mrs. Palazzolo, Ms. Amanda, Mrs. Dryier and Mrs. Onesto



## A Note from the Director~

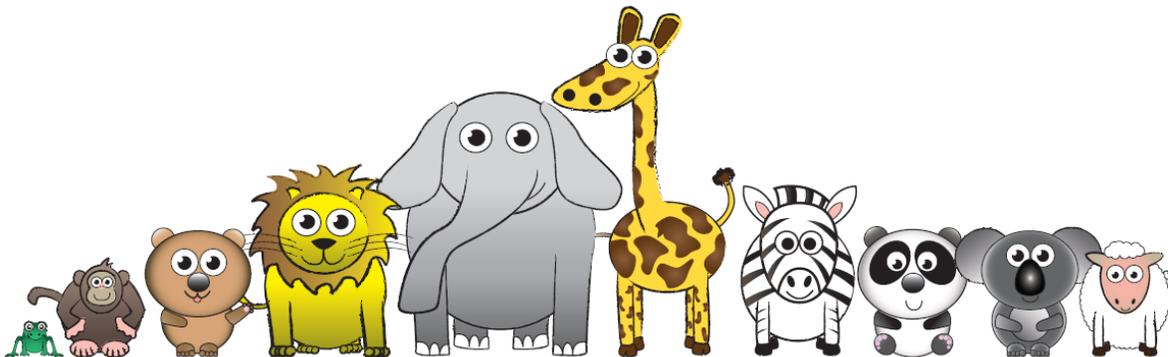
It has been a pleasure working with all the children and meeting their wonderful and supportive families. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your child's learning and their journey at Noah's Ark Preschool. Each child has made many accomplishments in his or her own way. I am proud of each and every one of them! I will miss every one of their energetic smiles.

I would also like to thank Pastor Jim Sandberg, Pastor Zach Lovig, Mrs. Karen, the members of Trinity Covenant Church, my teachers; Ms. Amanda, Mrs. Dryier, Mrs. Onesto and our volunteer readers for all of their support and kindness.

Thank you to all of the parents and families who have supported the preschool and also who have shared their time and talents in our classroom. You have helped make this school year very successful for all of us! May God bless you and keep you safe.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

~Mrs. Palazzolo



# May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Confirmation Sunday 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						

## On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings (September 8, 2013 – May 31, 2014)

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School; 9:30 AM Confirmation,  
10:00 AM Choir Practice; 10:30 Kingdom Kids for ages 2-11,  
Nursery for Infants; 10:45 AM Worship

Noah's Ark Preschool – Mon–Fri, 9 AM–12 P.M. (Last Day May 30)

Career Connections–Monday, May 12, 7 PM

Women's Bible Study – Tuesday, 9:30 AM

Pryme Tymers – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (Sept-June), 11 AM

## Notes:

2: Noah's Ark Mother's Day Tea, Peterson Hall (10 AM-12 PM)

3: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)  
Wellspring meeting, Game Room (9 AM-12 PM)  
VASA meeting, Fireside Room (11AM)

4: **Confirmation Sunday**  
Together We Cope Retiring Offering

5: Noah's Ark No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences

6: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)  
Ronald McDonald House Dinner (4:30 PM)

8: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

9: Cleaning of Peterson Hall (11 AM)

11: **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
Children's Ministry Night (4-5 PM)  
Note: No Youth Group

12: Career Connections (7 PM)

13: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)  
Deacons Meeting (6:30 PM)  
Trustees Meeting (7 PM)  
CE Meeting (7 PM)

15: Church Board Meeting (7 PM)

17: Baby Shower for Erik and Rose Sandberg, Peterson Hall (1 PM)

18: Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (6-8 PM)

20: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

21: Family Night - Chuck's Cooking Class and Picnic

22: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

23: Cleaning of Peterson Hall (11 AM)

25: Children's Ministry Night (4-5 PM)  
Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (6-8 PM)

26: **Memorial Day – No Preschool**

27: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

30: Noah's Ark Preschool Graduation (9:45 AM – 12 PM)

# Eagle Scout Project!!

Item drive for Care Packages benefiting the men and women overseas.

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## ***Collecting the following items:***

- Baby Wipes (Travel Sized)
- White/ Black tube socks
- Chapstick
- Candy (No Chocolate)
- Trail Mix(No Chocolate)
- Deodorant (Unscented, Travel Sized)
- Powdered Drink Mixes (Crystal Light Packs, etc.)
- Toothbrushes/ Tooth Paste
- Batteries (AA, AAA, 9v)

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Collection Drive on

**May 18th 2014**

3pm-7pm

at

**Our Lady of Loretto B Building** located  
at 8925 S. Kostner, Hometown IL 60456

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For full list of items or more information  
please visit [NicksEagleProject.Webs.com](http://NicksEagleProject.Webs.com)

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[nickseagleprojectl@gamil.com](mailto:nickseagleprojectl@gamil.com)

# A way to help a deserving 'local hero'



**REGINA  
SABADOSA**

Citizen Journalist  
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I had the honor of meeting Oak Lawn's Linda Stearns three years ago when I interviewed her for an article about Garden Center Services in Burbank.

She was, and continues to be, instrumental in promoting awareness for that non-profit organization, which services the needs of the developmentally disabled.

When Stearns' amazing personal story unfolded, I subsequently wrote an article about her and her "son," Charlie Peer. I have to admit that I was, and continue to be, blown away by what this woman has accomplished in her lifetime.

Now, she needs the help of her community to reward her for the many ways that she continues to help others despite her limitations.

Stearns has been nominated as a "local hero" in a contest to win one of four wheelchair-accessible vehicles as part of the National Mobility Awareness Month in May.

In 2009, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and beat it. This woman refuses to let anything get in the way of her giving spirit.

Over the years, Stearns has volunteered with the Cook County chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society as a member and supporter, as a board member for the Garden Center for the Handicapped, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and the Galilee Baptist Church and Homeless Center.

In her "spare time," she bakes for the PADS homeless shelters, attends Honor Flight Chicago events to support World War II veterans and rearranges funeral home flowers for patients in hospitals and nursing homes.

While Stearns owns a handicapped-accessible vehicle, it's not in good condition. Her daughter said she often loans it to others who need it, citing an example of Stearns allowing a perfect stranger to borrow it to bring his mother home from a nursing home during the holidays.

There seems to be no limit to how far Stearns will go for people or causes in need. Just recently, when she read my article about the plans for a Ben Carson Reading Room at Hometown School, she was at my door with a special book donation.

There are more than 18 million people in North America who have restrictive mobility issues. While many deserving local heroes are out there, we need to recognize a special one in our backyard.

If Stearns is awarded this specially equipped vehicle, it's apparent that many will benefit from it.



Linda Stearns, of Oak Lawn, a community volunteer, has been nominated as a "local hero" in a contest to win a wheelchair-accessible vehicle through the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association.

To vote for Stearns, you can log on to [www.mobilityawarenessmonth.com/entrant/linda-stearns-oak-lawn-il/](http://www.mobilityawarenessmonth.com/entrant/linda-stearns-oak-lawn-il/). Daily voting continues through May 9. Winners will be contacted May 30. Let's rally for Linda Stearns, a deserving local hero.

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**Reverend Dr. James R. Sandberg**

*Senior Pastor*

**Reverend Zachary Lovig**

*Assoc. Pastor: Minister to Youth and Families*

**Geoff Twigg**

*Minister of Music and Worship*

**Betty Aardema**

*Organist*

**Stuart Seale**

*Pianist*

**Christina Palazzolo**

*Director – Noah's Ark Preschool*

**Karen Christakos**

*Secretary*

**Phil Cavallone**

*Custodian*

**June Messenger**  
**Articles are due May 18**