

July Ushers

Jim Strickland – Captain
Tom Panush
Linnea Wimpenny
Diana Eigenbauer

August Ushers

Patricia Petersen – Captain
Ray Lewis
John Snow
Debby Snow

July Greeters

3 Elsie Kohler, Laura Suddoth
10 Kristine Schroeder, Pat Petersen
17 Mike and Jen Davies
24 Michelle, Mary, Connor & Elizabeth West
31 Pat Anderson, Bill Gilkinson

August Greeters

7 Greg, Janice, Kendra & Cameron Goetz
14 Denise Krueger & Roberta Karlson
21 Pam Polcar and Chuck Havel
28 Vern and JoAnn Bergwall

July Nursery

3 Carol Strickland
10 Barb Mateer
17 Lorraine Weszely
24 Sandy Hutchinson
31 Ginny Almer

August Nursery

7 Melissa Panush
14 Pam Polcar
21 Pat Anderson
28 Joyce Nyberg

July Counters

Lois Flaws
Ellis Flaws
Jay Hanson

August Counters

Rich Hood
Dick Larson
Matt Mateer

Over the Pastor's Shoulder

I hope that your summer schedule is such that you have ample time to enjoy the company of a good book. You might even be interested in reviewing some of the books I have read over the past few months.

For the more serious reader:

1. Have a Little Faith: A True Story (Mitch Album). An easy but rewarding read. This book is destined to become a classic. Those who were born into the faith, have lost faith, or are still searching, will be engaged by this powerful story of “finding faith” in relationship with others and with something greater than ourselves. This is a beautifully written story about – two men, two faiths, two communities – guaranteed to move both heart and soul.
2. Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived (Rob Bell). Maybe you read the review of this book in the *June Covenant Companion*; like the *Companion* reviewer, I’m not sure what the fuss is all about. Bell raises questions worthy of our reflection. What if the story of heaven and hell is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by heaven, hell and salvation are very different from how we have come to understand them? What if it’s God who wants us to face these questions? Have I peaked your curiosity?
3. Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith (Rob Bell). After reading *Love Wins*, I picked up this earlier book by Bell. In *Velvet Elvis* – Bell challenges us to consider God beyond the picture someone else painted for us in order to find an authentic understanding of the Christian faith. God is alive. Faith is alive. *Velvet Elvis* helps us to find our faith. Faith doesn’t end with this book. But it just might begin...
4. Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy’s Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven (Todd Burpo). A young boy emerges from life-saving surgery with remarkable stories of his visit to heaven. This is a warm, touching book, but I must confess much of it came across as a bit much and it challenged most of my theological sensibilities.
5. Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in Twelve Simple Words (Brian McLaren). This book offers accessible, practical wisdom for living a truly spiritual life. Staying true to Jesus’ core message, while engaging faithfully with our post-modern world, McLaren presents a proven spiritual program for engaging in and sustaining a meaningful relationship with God. If you appreciated McLaren’s *A New Kind of Christian* - you’ll appreciate *Naked Spirituality*.
6. The Pastor: A Memoir (Eugene Peterson). If you are interested in learning what your pastor believes it means to be a pastor – you will appreciate Peterson’s latest book. I give it four thumbs up!
7. Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption (Laura Hillenbrand). The true story of Louie Zamperini is one of the best books I’ve read in a long time. If you read only one book this summer, read this unforgettable story of one man’s journey into extremity. *Unbroken* is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body and spirit.

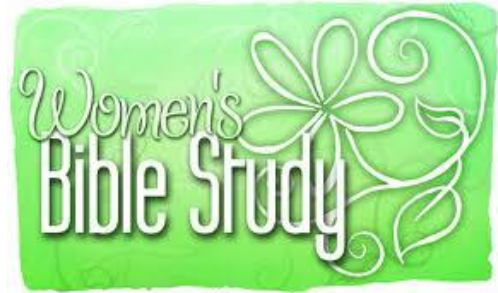
8. In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Germany (Erik Larson). The time is 1933, the place Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first Ambassador to Hitler's Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history. Dodd watches with alarm as Jews are attacked, the press is censored, and drafts of frightening new laws begin to circulate. I just finished reading this book and it is hard to imagine that the world did not recognize the grave threat posed by Hitler until Berlin and Europe were awash in blood and terror. I wonder if there are things we don't see in our world today?

Novels Just for Fun!

1. The Sixth Man (David Baldacci).
2. The Lincoln Lawyer: A Novel (Michael Connelly).
3. Water for Elephants: A Novel (Sara Gruen).
4. A Little Death in Dixie (Lisa Turner).

My friends, don't delay, pick up a good book and read. Have a great summer and remember church continues on Sunday mornings at 10 A.M.

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Jim*



Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Our July Bible study will be a continuation of favorite and well-loved scriptural passages as we focus on verses we have grown up with and held dear for many, many years.

We introduced this study last month and have been surprised and delighted to learn of additional meanings and interpretations as we refer to partnering passages which have invoked further study, interest and discussion.

Another sidebar of this study has become a getting-to-know-you impromptu time as we share experiences and situations which, in the past, now give special meaning to the present and future. God's words are timeless!

This July we continue to gather in a less structured setting – just a mile or so from church. Bakery while greeting one another and Til, Willow, Lark and Star; study while continuing the Good News Gospel; lunch while getting-to-know-you-better. Come early – stay late!

Set aside the day with 35 faithful learners who acknowledge each Tuesday with 10,000 blessings already in place. The day is available. God is our guide and ever present. This place is open for you and if you haven't yet set aside these July Tuesdays, just walk in. The flag is out – the door is ajar so just push – we don't bite.

9:30 A.M. 'til naptime
9712 S. Kolmar Avenue - Oak Lawn
708-952-9757

Plans for August: Rest and reflect.

We will resume our studies again on September 6 at 9:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room – Trinity.

Barbara Johnson



July	August
2 Joanne Anderson	1 Kelly Ford
2 Lori Cavallone	3 Andrew Byland
3 Kaylen Torres	4 Kent Keller
7 Dorothy Biskoski	5 Bruce Sladek
8 Anakin Schroeder	6 Jon-Anders Mateer
8 Vernon Bergwall	9 Mel Mueller
9 Connor West	14 Lynne Gustafson
9 William Gilkinson	15 Kellie Lee
10 Joyce Johnson	20 Marian Zeise
11 Kay Shannon	20 Raymond Almer
12 Roberta Karlson	23 Roy Anderson
19 Lois Jaderholm	24 John Nordstrom
19 Sharon Parney	24 Zach Lovig
20 Lyda Lou Personett	27 Hannah Sullivan
21 Gregory Goetz	29 Elizabeth Byland
27 Arthur Raines	
28 Elizabeth West	
28 Patricia Anderson	
28 James Sandberg	
29 Pamella Romano	

If we missed your birthday, please let the church office know so that it will be listed in the future.

Thought to Ponder

You can't change yesterday, but you can ruin today worrying about tomorrow.

Items Needed!

Pastor Zach is looking for a drop leaf dining table and chairs, end tables and an occasional chair for his apartment. Please let him know if you have any of these items that you might wish to donate to him or contact the church office.



VBS – July 18-22

Less than 3 weeks before VBS begins. This year the kids are going to the beach! If you have seen the display in the narthex you can tell that it will be a great time for all.

I have previewed the songs, looked at the stories, crafts and skills and everything will be totally awesome. The kids will be riding the waves and surfing, but we need a few more hands helping during the week. I have tallied up the volunteers and we are just a little bit short. We have lost a few of our valued helpers of the past. We are grateful to several of you who volunteered to help this year for the first time.

Here are a few of our outstanding needs:

- At home projects to be completed before VBS
- Someone to watch the little ones, under 3 during
- VBS each day
- Registration help each day
- People to help with the dinner on Thursday evening
- Drop off flyers at the local libraries
- Audio/Visual helper

Props needed just for the week of VBS are: beach umbrellas, low beach chairs, beach balls, surf boards, sand buckets, small fire pit.

A big thank you to those who have been at our workdays. We have one more workday on Thursday, July 14, at 9:30. Usually we work till we are done, so drop by anytime between 9:30 and 2.

So step up to volunteer, pray for us and tell the kids in your neighborhood about our Vacation Bible School. We hope to have at least 100 kids each day. This is a fantastic opportunity to reach these kids.

The verse for the week is from John 14:6. *Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

We hope to see you during the week and at the closing supper and program Thursday night, July 21, starting at 5:30 P.M.

Linda Kozak



All women are invited to a
Baby Shower
Monday, August 15
7 P.M. in
Peterson Hall for
Melissa and Matt Panush

Watch for bulletin tear-offs or call the church office for more information.



Noah's Ark Preschool

If anyone is interested in enrolling for the fall sessions, our 3-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 -11:30 A.M. We will start on August 30. Tuition is \$75 a month. The 4-year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 - 11:30 A.M. beginning August 29. Tuition is \$115 per month. We need a \$30 deposit to hold your spot for the fall. There is also a registration form to fill out and your child will need a physical along with a copy of the birth certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Kapala at (708) 422-5111 or (708) 396-9834. Or you can attend our Noah's Ark Preschool Open House on Wednesday, July 27, from 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Sue Kapala, Preschool Director

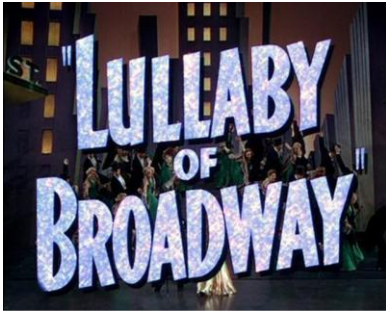
Church Chuckle

A neighbor asked a small boy if his family said prayers before each meal. "No", he replied. "We don't have to. My mother is a good cook!"



Charles J. Latimer Sr.

We extend our sympathy to Carol Latimer and family. Carol's husband, Charles J. Latimer Sr., age 67, died on June 18. Services were held June 22 at Kenny Brothers Funeral Home in Evergreen Park. Peace be to his memory.



Pryme Tymers

We resume on Thursday, September 8, with "Opening Night" by Phil & Amy. Musical selections of show tunes, old favorites, pops and classics will be performed by this "one of a kind duet." Come along and listen to the lullaby of Broadway! The entrée is meatloaf.

On Thursday, September 22, we will see "Hail Caesar!" a celebration of Sid Caesar through film and narrative presentation by Steven Frenzel. Reminisce about when television was really television! The entrée is beef stew.

Reservations are required and need to be made no later than the Friday before we meet. The fee for the program and lunch is \$6.

Again, remember to sign up. We continue to have sold-out audiences. And don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army food pantry.



Change Your Trinity Directories!

Royden and Mary Jean Anderson
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(847) 559-0857



Congratulations Graduates

Laura McShane graduated from Governors State University in February with a B.A. in business administration. She is already a third of the way through a Master's degree program at St. Xavier.

Christopher McShane graduated from Eastern Illinois University in May with a B.A. in general studies. He will be starting on his Master's degree in a program for special education that begins in August.



Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for the cook book. It's such a creative gift and we can't wait to give the recipes a try!
Jessica & Mark Mohrweis

A big "thank you" to all who served at the Ronald McDonald house this year. Your willingness and faithfulness is greatly appreciated by me and the staff at the house.
Priscilla Swanson

**Deadline for the
September Issue of the
Messenger
is Sunday, August 14.**



Covenant Harbor Bible Camp 2011 Summer Sunday Worship Series

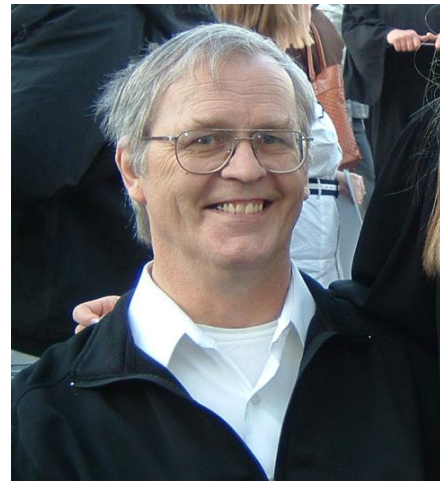
Each summer, Covenant Harbor hosts a Summer Sunday Worship Series that is open to the public. Come and worship in our beautiful setting and enjoy a day at the lake. Summer Sundays are a great "first experience" of camp, and a place to invite your friends to great worship.

The intergenerational Sunday morning worship services have engaging preaching and celebratory worship music. Service starts at 10:30 A.M. After the service, people may picnic or buy a grilled lunch on the grounds, and swim until 4:30 P.M. Please leave your pets at home, but bring your friends!

If you have a camper registered to start a week of camp on a Sunday, come early and enjoy worship and the afternoon with your camper before their camp week begins.

Summer Sunday Schedule

- July 3 Rev. Daniel Johnson – Pastor**
Plymouth Evan. Covenant Church, Plymouth, MN
- July 10 Rev. Darnell Robinson – Pastor**
Harvest Center Covenant Church , Milwaukee, WI
- July 17 Rev. Derek Boggs – Pastor**
Evangelical Covenant Church, Princeton, IL
- July 24 Dr. Rajkumar Boaz Johnson**
Professor Bible and Theological Studies
North Park University
- July 31 Rev. Peter Sung – Director of Church Planting**
Evangelical Covenant Church
- Aug. 7 Rev. Melissa Wall – Pastor**
Deer Grove Covenant Church, Palatine, IL



Dave Noren Memorial Golf Outing – Scramble – Monday, August 22, 2011

It seems most appropriate to list this invitation in the spot that hosted Dave's monthly article here in the Messenger for several years. On Monday, August 22, at 12 noon, you are invited to attend a golf outing – scramble in Dave's memory at Water's Edge Golf Club, 7205 W. 115th St., Worth, IL.

All proceeds support the M.S. Society.

\$85 per person includes:

Greens fee for 18 holes/GPS electric cart

Hot dog and drink lunch

Buffet Dinner (Cash Bar Available)

\$30 per person for Buffet Dinner only

Call Andy Noren for reservation at 708-923-9661 or e-mail at andy0530@aol.com . (Call early to reserve tee times). Let's get a group together to golf or at the very least we should have a couple of tables from Trinity for the buffet dinner. Please contact the church office if you are interested so that we can coordinate our group for the outing.

July 2011

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Notes:

Jul 4: Independence Day

July 9: Men's Prayer Breakfast at Jedi Garden (8 AM)

July 14: VBS Workday at (9:30 AM)

July 18-22: VBS Week

July 21: VBS Dinner and Program (5:30 PM)

July 25: South District Covenant Women (6-9 PM)



On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

9:30 Adult S.S. (Sept.-May)

9:30 Confirmation (Sept.-May)

10:30 Kingdom Kids (Sept.-May) 10:00 (June-Aug.)

10:45 Worship (Sept.-May) 10:00 (June-Aug.)

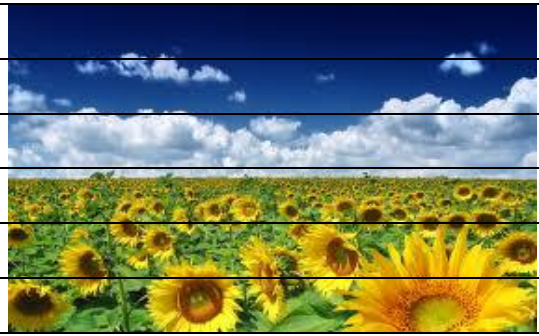
Women's Bible Study – Tues 9:30 AM

August 2011

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Notes:

- Aug 6: Men's Prayer Breakfast at Jedi Garden (8 AM)
- Aug 9: Deacon, CE and Trustees meet (7 PM)
- Aug 15: Baby Shower for Melissa & Matt Panush (7PM)
- Aug 18: Church Board meets (7 PM)
- Aug 29: Noah's Ark 4-yr-olds begin
- Aug 30: Noah's Ark 3-yr-olds begin



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