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March 29-31 Jennifer Gleichauf

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A Path to New Life

It is said "life is a journey," so too is faith. We invite you to walk the path of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection this Holy Week, March 24-31.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
at 10:00 a.m., we worship together sharing in the palms celebration and hearing the passion narrative.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
is Maundy Thursday. We will begin at 7 p.m. with a communion service, followed by a moving Service of Tenebrae. You will exit the gathering in the quiet darkness of the night.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29,
we move to the Little Chapel for an intimate service of word and meditation. Special music for this service will include Matthew Cataldi, violin, and Rachel Sparrow, soprano. This noon time offering is in its second year of practice.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31,
come proclaim with friend and neighbor that "Christ is Risen!" Easter worship is one service at 10:00 a.m. Our chancel choir will sing and the special music will be enhanced by an excellent brass quartet.

We look forward
to walking with you!

There will be an interruption in publishing our newsletter during Holy Week. We will skip one issue (March 30) and the next issue of the Messenger will be published with the date of April 6th.

Holy Week at WCC

Sunday, March 24 - PALM SUNDAY at 10 am
Thursday, March 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY, service at 7 pm (Sanctuary)
Friday, March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY Service at 12-noon (Chapel)
Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SERVICE at 10 am (with Brass Quartet and Choir)



EASTER PRAYER

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb
and invite us to sing and dance in the
new life you give us.

In Jesus Christ,
whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,
touch our wounds that they may be transformed
into channels of healing for others.

Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all
may have new life.

In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

Psalm 150; John 20:22,27, 31

**On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on
the front lawn after the Easter Worship Service at 11:15 am.
Always a fun event - don't miss it.**

Helms Award Nominations

Each year, WCC recognizes a few members for outstanding service in support of our church and our missions. Members can nominate candidates for the award by contacting any member of the Council, or by emailing Judy Archambault at heyjude119@aol.com. The Council will select recipients at the April 9th meeting.

WCC Family,

Brian and I would like to invite all of you to join us in worship on Sunday April 7 for our daughter, Evangeline Elisabeth's, baptism. The day will be all the more special to us to be able to share it with this community which has supported us and welcomed Evie so lovingly.

Blessings, Jenny Gleichauf



Servants Mission Team 2013 says THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who have supported the Servants fund raising for our mission trip to the Dominican Republic. With your generosity, we were able to reach our goal of raising \$20,000! Your gifts are creating life-changing opportunities. We look forward to bringing back stories and news from the Dominican to share with all of you. Please mark your calendar now for Youth Sunday and Fiesta del Sol on Sunday, April 14. Please keep us in your prayers:

Emily Heitzman*	Allie Crimmins	Hilary Gould	Katie Hierholzer
Matthew Barron	Catie Ebersole	Rory Kelly	Dylan Jakob
Mary Blandford	Bryan Kelly	Claire Peterson	Faith Jones
Robert Churchwell	Jonathan Temple	Alex Pope	Harry Laible
Kari Grace	Molly Davis	Mark Snyder	Tallie Steiner
Stephen Snyder	Eddie Ellensohn	Charlie Ellensohn	*WCC Staff



Friendly Reminder to all Committee Chairpersons: Annual Reports are due to Waldek/Floy by April 15th. When your taxes are due, so is your report!



“Let’s Do Lunch”
catered by *Tapas Gitana*

12:00 Social time
12:30 Luncheon

RSVP to
Barbara Robertson
847-446-0125

WOMAN’S SOCIETY

“Let’s Do Lunch!”
Wednesday, April 3, 12:00 noon, Tolman Hall

The Woman’s Society is going all out, and we invite all women of the Church and their guests to share warm fellowship and a delicious luncheon together. This month we’ll savor a little bit of Barcelona to enliven our gathering and delight our palates as we enjoy a fabulous meal catered by the popular Northfield restaurant, Tapas Gitana. Don’t miss it!

Happy Birthday

March 24: Peggy McNamara, Barry Ehlers, Christopher Gluckman, Hilary Gould
25: Ellis Gould, Kylie Alt **26:** Peter Cosyns, Harry Grace **27:** Bob Anderson, Wendy Sherman, Steven Chadwick **28:** Heather Crimmins, Ingrid Jansson **29:** Mugs Klapperich
30: Bill Moeller, Mark Dziersk, Maggie McGregor, Eric Underwood, Peter Shellenbarger
31: Michael McNerney, Ned Geraghty

Did We Miss Your Birthday? Please call **Char** at **847-441-3400** or e-mail her at char@wcc-joinus.org so your birthday might be added to the database.



Care & Calling Ministry

**Annual Spring Luncheon in Centennial Room
Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

11:30 Social

11:45 Lunch

12:25 Program, featuring Maura Rogan, Director of Volunteer Services and Community Engagement will present on "North Shore Senior Center: More Than Meets the Eye"

Please RSVP by April 1 to Sally Wille 847-727-1622 or sew609@gmail.com

DONATIONS STILL NEEDED

"Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

In Cook County, more than 183,000 older adults are at risk of hunger and face challenges that limit their ability to obtain or prepare food, including limited budgets, declining mobility and medical issues. CFD clients are making hard choices about that lead to hunger:

- 47 percent of households say they have to choose between paying for food and utilities
- 44 percent report choosing between paying for food and rent or mortgage
- 28 percent of clients say they have to choose between food and paying for medicine or healthcare

You can walk in their shoes and experience what it's like to struggle with hunger in CFD's interactive module, Hunger 101 at chicagosfoodbank.org, select Hunger in Chicago and then Hunger 101.

Won't you help us meet our 1,000 pound goal and donate this year? Goods are being gathered in the neo-narthex or can be donated virtually at <http://vad.aidmatrix.org/vadxml.cfm?driveid=7504>.

Items most needed now include: Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Chili, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Rice, Shelf-stable Milk, Soups, Stews and Tuna. Please, donate today.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

We bridge with the ministries of Nurture Group's Care & Calling and Outreach Group's Mission Giving & Doing

THURSDAY MORNING

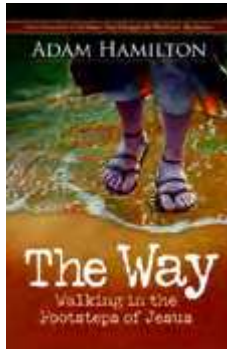
March 28

10:30-12:00 "The Wounded Healer" by the late Fr. Henri Nouwen will be discussed as facilitated by our Nurture Councilor, Fred Gougler. Books are available at the Book Stall at Chestnut Court under William Mueller's name for about \$12.

SUNDAY MORNING

Meet in the Centennial Room at 8:45 for Refreshments and Fellowship, followed by presentation at 9:00.

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in viewing and discussing the places he walked.



March 24 The Final Week

Our DVD Holy Land pilgrimage is led by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing congregations in the United States with a membership of over 19,000 adults and children.

3-WEEK SERIES, April 7, 14, 21

Jonathan Dodrill, PhD candidate at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary will present on *The History Of Religion In America*.

JIM WALLIS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 24

Jim Wallis of the Sojourners Community returns to Winnetka Congregational Church to discuss his newest book *On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned About Serving the Common Good*. We co-host this event with the Book Stall in our sanctuary at 7:00.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SPRINGFEST BARBEQUE

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

All adult men are invited. Bring an appetizer or side dish and your favorite beverage. Free will offering always welcome. First timer? Just bring yourself and your appetite for food and fellowship! We meet in the Tolman Hall Patio area, 5:30-7:30 pm.

MENTAL HEALTH CIRCLE

3-WEEK SERIES, THURSDAY EVENINGS

MAY 9, 16, 23

We observe the annual Mental Health Awareness Month of May with a presentation of panelists and audience discussion on the topic of *Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World*. This series is co-sponsored by Winnetka Congregational Church, Samaritan Counseling Center, Family Service of Winnetka-Northfield, and National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) of Cook County North Suburban, and hosted at the Wilmette Library, 7:00-8:30 pm.



For more information on any of the above events, contact Rev. William Mueller at 847-441-3400 x.23 or bill@wcc-joinus.org.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 24 **PALM SUNDAY**

9:00AM Adult Enrichment: CR
9:30AM Childcare: Nursery
10:00AM WORSHIP: S
11:00AM Fellowship: TFH
11:30AM WCC Singers: MR

Monday, March 25

1:30AM Prayer Group: CL

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

9:00AM AA: LL2
10:30AM Nouwen Book Series: CR
7:00pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: S
8:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal: MR

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Church Office Closed

Noon **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: LC**

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:30AM Childcare: Nursery
10:00AM EASTER WORSHIP: S

Monday, April 1

9:20AM Zumba w/Candus: AC
1:30AM Prayer Group: CL

Tuesday, April 2

8:45AM Zumba w/Candus: AC
7:00PM NAMI Meeting: Rm 201

Wednesday, April 3

9:15AM WS Luncheon & Program: TFH
4:00PM JK-2 Children's Choir: TFH
4:45PM 3-8 Children's Choir: MR

Thursday, April 4

9:00AM AA: LL2
6:00PM Bell Choir: MR
8:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal: MR

Friday, April 5

8:45AM Zumba w/Candus: AC
6:30PM First Friday: TFH

AMP - Amphitheater
AC - Alsdorf Center
CR - Centennial Room
EW - Education Wing
JK - Jr. Kindergarten
L - Library
LC - Little Chapel
LL - Lower Level (Youth Rooms)
MR - Music Room
NN - New Narthex
S - Sanctuary
TFH - Tolman Fellowship Hall
WS - Woman's Society

Don't Go Unknown!

Due to confidentiality laws, hospitals are not making patient admission information available to clergy. If you or a loved one plans to be or is admitted to a hospital and desire pastoral care, please call the church office 441-3400 and speak with Charlotte at extension 10, or e-mail any of the pastors. Don't go unknown.

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

March 24 Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 (Palms); Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Palms); Isaiah 50:4-9a (Passion); Psalm 31:9-16 (Passion); Philippians 2:5-11 (Passion); Luke 23:1-49 (Passion)

March 28

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116 1-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26, John 13:1-35

March 29 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

March 31

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

