

We *INSPIRE* heart, soul, and mind  
through the life we share in Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville



## **Mission Statement**

We *Gather* beneath our steeple and *Grow* in the love of God, then are *Sent* by the power of the Holy Spirit to **INSPIRE** with joy.

## **Worship Hours**

### Sunday Worship:

in Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.  
in Chapel at 9:45 a.m.

Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Adult Education: 11:10 a.m.

## **Broadcast Hours**

**Wednesday 5:30 p.m.**  
Channel 4, Vernon Hills

**Wednesday 5:00 p.m.**  
Channel 17  
Libertyville, Waukegan, Zion

Sermons also found on website each week. (See web address below.)

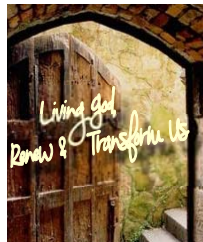
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## **Reformation and Renewal at FirstFormation & Worship –**

All month we mark 500 years of the Protestant Reformation and there are a score of fascinating classes planned for adults culminating in a special Sunday worship service on October 29. See page 8 & 9.

**Farewell Roberta October 8** – Make sure to attend our combined service of worship on October 8<sup>th</sup> to say farewell to the Reverend Roberta Dodds Ingersoll and wish her well in her retirement. A celebration of her years in ministry will follow worship in the Social Hall. See page 3.

**Mom's Time Out October 13** – All moms with younger children are invited to this gathering for fellowship, faith, and fun. See page 4.

**Women's Retreat Saturday October 14** – Our women are in for a renewing time of spiritual enrichment at their Autumn retreat this month. See page 10.

**Lunch Bunch Tuesday October 17** – See photos and paintings while hearing Pastor Brian Paulson share stories from sabbatical, insights, poetry and even a little music at this fascinating gathering. See page 11.

**Fall Senior Luncheon October 28** – Our seasonal gift of spiritual refreshment and luncheon for older adults of our community is prepared by our Board of Deacons. Invite a friend! See page 4.

**Children's Ministries** – Learn about the wonderful events taking place in Sunday school this fall – including a great celebration to mark the Protestant Reformation planned for October 29. See page 6.

**Next Generation Fellowship** – Mark your calendar for a times of fun, fellowship and service with our dynamic gathering of younger adults. See page 5.

**PADS Under Way!** – Learn about ways that you can be a valuable part of this vital ministry providing shelter for those in need. See page 4.



*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* - John 13:35

Somehow a Christian impulse for renewal became a persistent habit of protest. The Protestant Reformation turns 500 years old this month. It is worth stepping back and asking if the constantly dividing Church and our pervasive spirit of protest is what the Reformers (let alone Jesus) had in mind.

If we are not careful, even the greatest dreams for the Church can become phantom ideals - elusive and bedeviling. Reflecting on this, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community." Jesus calls us to love one another. But Bonhoeffer observed the way many of our most ardently held ideals fracture the love Jesus wants us to share.

So we pray, "Living God, Renew and Transform Us!" God is always making things new and the Holy Spirit always sends surprising new partners for the ministry we share. Our hallway blackboards are filling with prayers for renewal and transformation. We pray for our daily lives, our church community, and the world God so dearly loves.

This month we celebrate World Communion — a demonstration of Jesus' love in remembrance around the globe. We celebrate the gifts of love and life that our friend, the Rev. Roberta Dodds Ingersoll, has shared throughout her ministry as she moves into a time of retirement. We commence our season of Stewardship to "Invest in a Life that Inspires." Then a grand celebration of our Reformation heritage will mark our worship at the end of the month. As always, there is much activity and excitement at our church. But my prayer is that in everything we will demonstrate the love of God.

*Brian Paulson*

## PARISH NEWS

### One Verse e-Devotion Photos —



As you may know, we've started a weekly online devotion in conjunction with our "One Verse" Sunday worship theme. A photograph is included in each eDevotion.

Have you taken a photograph you find inspiring? If so, we'd love to share it in one of our weekly devotions, if possible.

There are three ways to decide which photo to send. Any you choose will be appreciated!

1. Choose one of the most inspiring photographs you have ever taken.
2. Choose a photograph that relates to a particular "One Verse" we are considering this year (see list of verses below)
3. Choose a photograph that connects to a verse of scripture that has great meaning for your own life.

Submit your digital photo to Juli Dunsing at: JDunsing@boxp.net. If you are unable to send your photo digitally, you may stop in the church office and we can scan the photo for you or help you download it. Please give us one or two sentences that describe the photo you submit. If you are connecting your photograph to a verse of scripture, be sure to tell us what verse you have chosen.

*Thank you for helping to make our eDevotions such a powerful gift for faith!*

#### List of Verses—

10/22/17 One Verse: Matt 6:21 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

10/29/17 One Verse: Romans 1:17b - The one who is righteous will live by faith.

11/5/17 One Verse: John 15:5a - I am the vine, you are the branches.

11/12/17 One Verse: Matthew 7:20 - Thus you will know them by their fruits.

11//26/17 One Verse: Isaiah 58:10b - Your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

12/3/17 One Verse: Mark 13:31 - Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

12/10/17 One Verse: Psalm 85:10 - Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

12/17/17 One Verse: Luke 1:46b - And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord"



A monetary love gift is being collected for Rev. Roberta. Cards and/or contributions may be dropped off in the church office anytime between now and the end of October.

**Donate Blood — Save Lives!**



**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, October 29  
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Do you know that when you donate blood, as many as three lives are saved? Please consider participating and make a difference!

**THE BLOODMOBILE WILL BE IN THE CHURCH VISITOR PARKING LOT ON DOUGLAS.**

To schedule your appointment, contact LifeSource at 877-543-3768, register at [www.lifeforce.org](http://www.lifeforce.org) OR contact Chris Fry at 847-502-3271.

Appointments are recommended and encouraged to help LifeSource Staff facilitate the process. Thank YOU!

**2017 Men's Retreat**

**Friday night, November 10  
& Saturday, November 11**

**at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva , WI**

***Vocational Clarity:  
Discovering God's Purpose for Our Lives***

w/The Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty

Come for a 24-hour Men's Retreat to discover your purpose, engage in some spirited conversation, get to know some Christian men and enjoy each other's company.

\$110-\$210 (depending on room occupancy) includes all meals, lodging and programs for the retreat. You also have the option to join us for Saturday only. **Visit the First Pres website for details and to register** or call the church office.

**Don't delay! The deadline to register is October 30!**





## A New Season of PADS has begun!

Another year of providing shelter to Lake County's homeless men, women & children has begun at First Pres.

The July storm and flooding in the lower level of our building has also presented us with unprecedented opportunities for our shelter!

As a result of the flooding, we are not able to provide the PADS shelter at our facility until the reconstruction is complete, but God has blessed us with a wonderful alternative. Our Tuesday night shelter will be housed at the United Methodist Church of Libertyville until the First Pres lower level is once again usable.

This situation provides us with the opportunity to streamline our processes and improve our efficiencies! With that in mind, we are unable to accept donations of clothing or other supplies at this time. We have no means to store anything. It also means that we will likely need to buy more ready-made meals and other supplies on a week-to-week basis.

We ask that if you want to help, what we really need are gift cards to Jewel, Target, Walmart, or Sam's Club. Monetary donations are also tremendously appreciated. Checks may be made out to *First Presbyterian Church* with "PADS" in the memo line. Gift cards can be given to the church treasurer, Polly Vente.

Questions about the PADS ministry can be directed to Dave Marsden at [dgmarsden@gmail.com](mailto:dgmarsden@gmail.com).

We praise God for the congregation's continued support of PADS!

## Mom's Time Out

**October 13**

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Conference Room



Bring your kids to play in our free childcare while you enjoy fellowship and conversation about faith and parenting.

Please join us at our next meeting on Oct. 13!

**For more information:**

Emily Summers ([esumm84@gmail.com](mailto:esumm84@gmail.com))



## Women's Winter Retreat

**February 3-4, 2018**



**The Ridge Hotel, Lake Geneva, WI**

*Winds of the Spirit: The Reforming, Transforming Power of God*



with **The Rev. Melanie Hammond Clark**

For 500 years, the Church has been shaped and reshaped. How is God working in our lives?

Join the women of First Pres for a weekend of encouragement, inspiration and transformation as we explore how God speaks to us through art, music, and movement.

**Registration begins on October 1. Contact the church office or visit [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org) for online registration.**

**Leadership Team Co-Chairs:** Debra Alexander and Barbara Stevens  
**Planning Team:** Barb Klein, Leigh Rzepecki, Gabrielle Devlin, Cari Beecher, Judy Brame

## Fall Senior Luncheon

**October 28**

Please join us for a worship service at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Paulson and Deacon Denise Kaar along with special musical guests. Communion will be shared. Following the service, we will enjoy lunch together in our sunny Social Hall with entertainment from John Chambers plus two of the Red Rose Choir groups.

Please contact the church office at 847-362-2174 / [Office@Boxp.net](mailto:Office@Boxp.net) by October 23 for more information or if you need transportation.



## Next Generation Fellowship (NGF)

### Upcoming Events:



Nov. 1 : Small group discussion from 7 -9 p.m. in the Dougherty Room.

Join this group of 20- and 30-somethings as we contemplate social, political,

and spiritual questions from a Christian perspective. Childcare is available from 6:45 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### Nov. 17: Feed My Starving Children from 7-9 p.m.

Help us to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world. All are welcome to join in an evening of hand-packing food packages that will help feed hungry children around the world.

Contact: Laurel Draper (laurel.devries@gmail.com)

## Next Inquirers' Class

Led by FPC Pastoral Staff

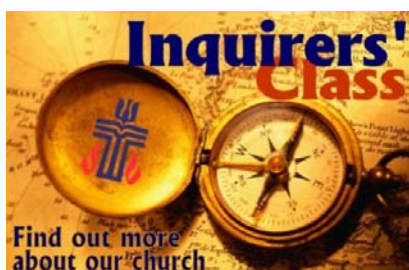
**7 to 9 p.m. Friday, October 6  
& 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 7**

***Who We Are as Presbyterians;  
Who We Are as a Congregation; and  
Who We Can Become Together!***

Contact: Michelle Groenke (mgroenke@boxp.net or 847-362-2174) for more information.

Everyone is welcome to come explore *Who We Are as Presbyterians; Who We Are as a Congregation; and Who We Can Become Together!* Explore what Presbyterians believe, what is distinctive about our Reformed heritage and why our church is governed the way it is.

Our classes are designed for those who are seriously considering joining the church as active members, those who need a refresher course and those who are searching and discovering God's leading in their lives. To register, contact Michelle Groenke at 847-362-2174 or mgroenke@boxp.net.



## Parents of College Students/Young Adults (PCS/YA)

### 2017-18 Calendar of Events

PCS/YA is a group for parents of children age 18 and older who are either in college or out in the work force who want to spend time together in fellowship, mission work and support their college students and young adults. PCS/YA is a great way to get to know other parents and support our young adults (and ourselves) in the process!



**Halloween Care Packages** — 11:15 a.m. Sunday, October 15, First Pres Room 207

*Assemble a care package to send to your student.*

**Feed My Starving Children** — Saturday, November 13

*Dinner at the Gibbons' home from 4:30-6:30 p.m.*

*Packing at FMSC from 7-9 p.m.*

**Advent Devotions** — December 3 -24

Daily advent devotional materials will be sent to students via email. *Please send student email addresses to Susan at [suswils3@aol.com](mailto:suswils3@aol.com) by November 22.*

**Home for the Holidays** — STUDENTS only Event

Date TBD in between Christmas and New Year's

*Students can catch-up & reconnect with each other while home on break.*

**Game Night** — 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 13

Home of Deb & Kirk Townander

*Join us for games, desserts and a great time!*

**Valentine's Day Care Packages** — 11:15 a.m. Sun., Jan. 28

First Pres, Room 207

*Assemble a care package to send to your college student.*

**Bernie's Book Bank** — 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23

*Volunteer at Bernie's followed by dinner at The Silo.*

**Mobile Food Pantry** — 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 17

First Pres Social Hall and/or parking lot

*Volunteering followed by lunch 11:30 a.m.-1 pm at O'Toole's.*

**Northshore Distillery Tour** — Time TBA, April 28

Northshore Distillery, Libertyville

Tastings, food & fun.



Join the First Pres Parents of College Students Facebook Group! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/414311382112527/>



### Member Pastoral Emergency

**Line:** A pastor of the church is available to members for emergencies 24 hours a day. Call 847-367-6460.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

BETSY DAVISON ~ VOLUNTEER SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

## Using the SPARK

*Journey through the Bible* curriculum, our Sunday School children are being inspired by the great stories of the Old



Testament with lessons including baby Moses, the Hebrews' exodus from slavery, the Battle of Jericho, Naomi and Ruth, as well as David and Goliath, and Elijah and the widow. We are grateful for our responsive children, as well as their teachers and shepherds

for their planning and enthusiastic, loving instruction!

## MUSIC with our 2's, 3's, 4's, and Kindergarten children

was facilitated by Susan Henning in September...a wonderful way for our little ones to enjoy and praise God's presence in their lives! Susan, a member of First Pres. and its choirs, is a certified young children's music instructor.

## 3rd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

(3rd Grade Faith Step) in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.



Reception for 3rd Graders and Families in Social Hall (11:10 a.m.)

A **SPARK NRSV BIBLE** will be presented to each third grade student during the Sanctuary service on Sunday, October 15. Please contact Kristin Marsden (kmarsden@boxp.net) to provide the

name of your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. Also, if you are new to our church family and your older child has not received a Bible, we'd like to include him/her.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DOORS OPEN TO THE REFORMATION CELEBRATION!

On Sunday, October 29, we celebrate Martin Luther's 1517 posting of his 95 Theses, marking the start of the Reformation. Our first through fifth graders will gather together for a unique Sunday School experience focused on Luther's world-changing act.



## Stephen Ministers: Because We Care

People often ask us what a Stephen Minister does. Sharing God's love and care, Stephen Ministers are caregivers, trained to walk with us at difficult times.

### Because we care, a Stephen Minister is there...

- ...after you receive that difficult phone call.
- ...after a difficult diagnosis.
- ...after the funeral, when everyone has gone home.
- ...when job changes create uncertainty.
- ...when changes in the family create new demands.
- ...when you face the challenges of caring for others.
- ...when you need to talk it out, and family and friends have already heard it, or are part of the story.
- ...when things are different than what you expected, or you feel lost or alone.

Each of us faces life's challenges in different ways, at different times. The Stephen Ministers at First Pres are here to walk along your journey with you (men and women) - or your friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative - providing support and comfort with distinctively Christian care.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry or to seek care, please contact Pastor Amy Heinrich at 847-362-2174 or Gail Starr at 847-680-9517.



Customarily baptisms are conducted on the 3rd Sunday of each month in either the Sanctuary or the Chapel.

### Upcoming baptism dates for 2017-18

2017: Nov 19, Dec 17

2018: Jan 14, Feb 18, Mar 11, Apr 15, May 27, June 10, July 15, Aug 19, Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 18, Dec 30

## Meal-A-Month

Fall is upon us now and in the month of October, the food pantries need non-perishable items to help those in our community put enough food on their tables for their families. **Would you please grab a Meal-A-Month bag at the end of the service on October 15<sup>th</sup>?** Please fill it with unexpired non-perishable food items (from the menu attached to the bag or anything else you desire), and return by



noon on Sunday, October 22. Your generous donations replenish the pantries of St. Joseph's Church and the Libertyville Township Food Pantries. Thank YOU!



# FIRSTFORMATION — YOUTH

REV. KARA SMITH-LAUBENSTEIN, ASSOC. PASTOR FOR YOUTH MINISTRY  
KSMITH-LAUBENSTEIN@BOXP.NET



## October Fun Fact:

Halloween can be extra scary for kids with food allergies. The Teal Pumpkin Project encourages people to place a teal-painted pumpkin outside their door if they're offering non-foods treats, such as small toys, stickers and crayons

## Youth Ministries Parent Information Meeting —

**October 1 at 11:15 a.m.** We're a few weeks into our church programming year & we've got so many great things



happening already! Your students are so amazing & it's an honor to work with them. Now it's your turn to hear what we're up to on Sunday

afternoons and evenings. We'll go over the calendar, a schedule for summer 2018, retreat, lock-ins, lock-outs, music ministry opportunities, & more! Come with your questions & come to hear how great the Youth Ministry program at First Pres is!

## Senior High Fellowship (9th-12th grades):

**October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6:30-8:30 p.m. MOVIE NIGHTS!** We're starting a new study this year. On the first night of the month we are going to watch a movie together (complete



with all the fixings... popcorn, candy, etc.). For the rest of the month we will watch clips from

the movie and have a discussion about our faith and the connection to the movie. Movies we'll watch this year may include your favorite! In the running for viewing this year are titles such as Zootopia, Bruce Almighty, The Mission, Babette's Feast, A River Runs Through It, and MORE! If you have a suggestion on a great movie that might have some interesting discussion possibilities, let Kara know!

## November 12 Italian Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

We're hoping for a delicious Italian fest served to our guests by the skilled hands of our youth! We'll be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner in the Social Hall. We will also have genuine Italian recipes for sale, courtesy of our partner church in Milan, Italy. All proceeds from the dinner will help

off-set the costs of our summer trips to Montreat, North Carolina & the Waldensian Valleys in Italy! We'll be asking for all the hands that we can get to help prep food, prep the Social Hall, serve food, & clean up. Phew! Good thing there are so many of you!

## Junior High Fellowship (6th-8th grades):

**October 1, 8, 15, 22, 19 4:00-5:30 p.m.** We're back into the swing of the year and making the most out of every week!



Please come join us as we explore what it means to be Junior Highers...what it

means to be a Christian...and how we mash those 2 things together without making ourselves crazy. Church is an incredible place to make lifelong friends so we'll be watching for you on Sunday afternoons!

## Confirmation Class Begins!

This year we have 19 students, seven different schools, and three devoted adult small group leaders. We have been meeting for almost a month and beginning to explore the foundations of our faith, our relationships with God, and what it means to be a member at First Pres. Please hold these Confirmands and their families in your prayers as together we seek to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and to publicly profess Jesus Christ as one's Lord and Savior. If you have any questions about our program, please contact the Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein at [ksmith-laubenstein@boxp.net](mailto:ksmith-laubenstein@boxp.net).



## Boy Scout Troop 71 News

### Fresh from our Troop Scribe...



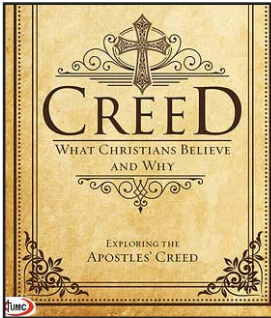
Troop 71 volunteered to run the water station at the Twilight Shuffle 5K Race in Libertyville on September 10. The scouts directed traffic, handed water to the runners, and cleaned up the area. They got some pretty cool shirts too!

Troop 71 will start the fall campouts with a canoe trip campout on the Wisconsin River near Spring Green, WI.

# FIRSTFORMATION — ADULTS

**SUNDAY MORNING OFFERINGS**—11:15 a.m.

*Childcare & Children's After Church Club available*



## Creed: What Christians Believe and Why

Conference Room

with Dave Semmelman

Sept 17-24-Oct 1 . . . Oct 22-29-Nov 5

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the **Apostles' Creed**, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In this six-week DVD study, we will consider important questions of life, reality, and truth exploring not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.



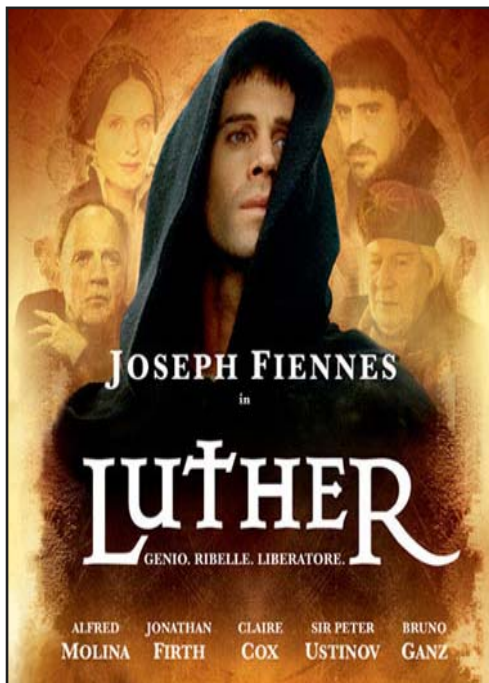
*Dave Semmelman will facilitate this video discussion group. Dave has been involved in adult education as a student and leader for a number of years. Most recently he led a class on Kyle Idleman's book Not a Fan. Dave has completed the coursework for a Certificate in Christian Studies through Fuller Theological Seminary (online) and currently serves as Clerk of the Session.*

## Sunday, October 15 Lunch & A Movie in the Conference Room

To register, please call the church office (847-362-2174) or complete this form and return to the church office by Tuesday, October 10

\$5.00 for lunch

Please make checks payable to:  
First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville  
Questions: Contact Betsy Davison ([betdavison@earthlink.net](mailto:betdavison@earthlink.net))



Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail and/or phone: \_\_\_\_\_



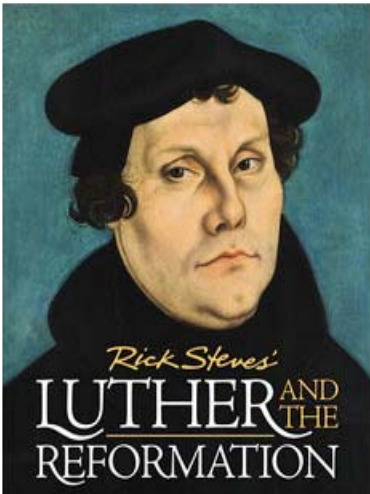
## FIRSTFORMATION — ADULTS

### WEDNESDAY EVENING OFFERINGS

Learning In Fellowship Together (LIFT)

Gathering 7 to 7:15 p.m. • Program 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

*Light refreshments served • No child care available*



### Oct 4 • Movie Night: Rick Steves's Opening the Door to Luther

*With Rev. Matthew Smith-Laubenstein & Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein*

Open the door to Martin Luther with public television travel host Rick Steves and Kara and Matthew Smith-Laubenstein, as they share insights about the fascinating life of the man who brewed beer, hurled insults at Catholic priests, and began the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago. Kara and Matthew spent a few days in Wittenberg, Germany, in 2012 to see where Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the door and began, unknowingly, the greatest schism in the Christian church.

**Kara Smith-Laubenstein**, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry at FPC of Libertyville will share leadership for this program with her husband, **Matthew Smith-Laubenstein**, pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville. As a history buff Matthew loves the study of the political and theological controversies of the

### Oct 11 • Bible Study: Celebrating Luther's Reading of Romans

*with Rev. Brian Paulson*

The historical importance of Paul's letter to the Romans cannot be underestimated, particularly as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation occurs in our time.

We will acknowledge the inspiration Luther gained from Romans 1:17, "the just shall live by faith," when he realized that redemption came through faith or trust in God's gracious and active act of righteousness and not on his efforts.

### Oct 18 & 25 • The Reformation: Overview of People & Events

*(2-part series) with Scott Manetsch*

**Oct 18** • On the 500th anniversary of the indulgence controversy that triggered the onset of the Protestant Reformation, the person of Martin Luther looms large as a religious reformer, social agitator, and creative theologian. This lecture explores Luther's spiritual journey, his reformation discovery, and his controversial legacy to the present.

**Oct 25** • Martin Luther was only one of a battalion of Protestant reformers who challenged the theology and practices of medieval Catholicism, and forged new religious groups in the sixteenth century. This lecture explores several of these key reformers, including Huldrych Zwingli, the Swiss Anabaptists, and John Calvin.

**Scott Manetsch** is a Professor of Church History at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield. He has written extensively on the history of the Protestant Reformation, with special focus on Calvin's Geneva.



**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

## **Autumn Retreat at Elawa Farm**

### **Life in Balance: Finding our Center**

Formal Program from  
9 a.m. to noon  
with optional time to walk the trails

Elawa Farm • 1401 Middlefork Drive, Lake Forest

We invite you to join us for our Autumn Retreat at the beautiful Elawa Farm in Lake Forest, where we will explore the balance between being and doing. Walk through the gardens, hike the trails and find your sacred breath through centering prayer, yoga and other meditative exercises. A continental breakfast will be served.



#### **Fall Retreat Workshops:**

Centering Prayer — **BE Still... BEhold... BE**  
with Lori Sundberg- facilitator, Contemplative Outreach  
Chicago

Essential Oils — **Find Emotional Release & Spiritual Peace**  
with Mary Slight- licensed massage therapist & essential  
oil practitioner

Yoga\* — **Balancing Connection with God, Self and Others**  
with Margot Brinley- yoga instructor & licensed clinical  
social worker (and Rev. Amy's sister!)

*\*workshop will accommodate all levels & abilities. NO previous  
experience necessary!*

For more information, please contact Mary Russert  
(mmrussert@gmail.com) or Dana Sullivan  
(cdana662@yahoo.com).

## **Women's Circles**



Are you looking to connect with a small group of women for a Bible or book study, fellowship and prayer? Consider joining one of our Women's Circles. Use the information below to choose a day and time that is convenient for you. New participants are always welcome!

### **Daytime Circles**

#### **Hannah Circle • Study TBD**

Deb Curren (847-309-1032)  
Second Friday at 9 a.m. in the Church Parlor

#### **Hope Circle • The Feminine Ancestors of Jesus**

Contact: Joanne Wright (847-367-1655)  
Teacher: Rev. Barbara Peter (847-362-7895)  
Second Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Church Parlor

#### **Lydia Circle • The Jesus Creed**

Patti Hudak (847-816-7852)  
First Friday at 1 p.m. in the Church Parlor

#### **Rachel Circle • Hebrews: A Cloud of Witnesses**

Arlene Herman (847-362-5314)  
First Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in homes

#### **Ruth Circle • Study TBD**

Dorothy Roderick (847-362-5293)  
Third Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. in Chapman home

### **Evening Circles**

#### **Esther Circle • Twelve Women of the Bible**

Stephanie Hamrick (847-223-7738)  
Second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in homes

#### **Rebecca Circle • Study TBD**

Susie Lawson (847-573-8085)  
First Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Church Library

Questions? Contact Michelle Groenke at 847-362-2174 or  
MGroenke @boxp.net

## Lunch Bunch



Lunch Bunch is gearing up for fall with a fantastic line-up of programs. We meet in Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month (September-May).

The cost is \$8 for a catered, casual lunch. Call the church office at 847-362-2174 to reserve your spot! Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and fellowship!

### October 17 *Cultural Treasures from Sabbatical*

with Rev. Brian Paulson

Host: Barb Gatewood



The Rev. Brian Paulson will share poetry and art from his travels while on sabbatical.

## November 21

### *Dancing for the Body, Mind and Spirit with Ballroom Center*

Host: Karen Branding

For centuries, publications have lauded the health benefits of dancing as physical exercise. Come learn the benefits of ballroom dancing and have the opportunity to extend your afternoon with a visit to Libertyville's Ballroom Center for a live performance and demonstration.



## ExtraWord (from the Congregation)

FirstWord would like to add your words to news of the congregation. If you have significant life events you'd like to share in our newsletter, please send a note to our editor. Our common life is enriched when we learn of each other's joys and challenges. Make the time to share a word and to pray for the life we share in Christ! You may call the church office or send an email to [publicity@boxp.net](mailto:publicity@boxp.net).

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## We celebrate the birth of:



**Ann Matilda Hunnicutt**, born August 21, 2017, daughter of Eric and Stacey Hunnicutt;

**Luke Samuel and Cameron Asher Griesemer**, born September 6, 2017, twin sons of Becky and Andy Griesemer. Grandparents are Luke and Ann Lukens.

## We offer sympathy to those experiencing loss:

**Ron Pavlik and Deb Logan-Pavlik** on the loss of his mother, Catherine Jonaitis.

**Mary and Larry Slight** on the loss of her nephew, Kevin Bushell.

**Susan and Russ Swansen** on the loss of her mother, Virginia Canavan.

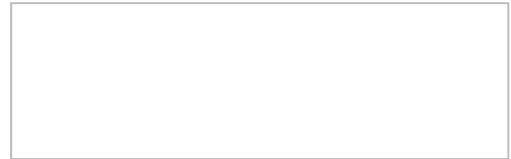
**Lennie Blair** on the loss of her cousin, Rey Paraan, and family friend, Sonny Joaquin

Monday, at noon **October 9**



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**Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday**

Psalm 133; John 17:10-23

*One for the World* – The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson

**9:45 a.m. Worship – Chapel**

The Chapel Music Team

**10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary**

Chimers, Faith & Chancel Choirs

**Sunday, October 8**

Psalm 139; John 10:11-18

*Known & Loved* – The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson

**10:00 a.m. Combined Worship – Sanctuary**

The Chapel Music Team & Chancel Choir

**Sunday, October 15**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

*Cheerful Giver* – The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson

**9:45 a.m. Worship – Chapel**

The Chapel Music Team

**10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary**

Cherub & Motet Choirs

**Sunday, October 22**

1 Chronicles 21:18-26; Matthew 6:19-24

*Your Heart* – The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson

**9:45 a.m. Worship – Chapel**

The Chapel Music Team

**10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary**

Joyful Noise & Junior/Senior High Choirs

**Sunday, October 29**

Psalm 124; Romans 1:8-17

*Faith Forward* – The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson

**10:00 a.m. Combined Worship – Sanctuary**

The Chapel Music Team & Chancel Choir