

NEWS AND NOTES

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Confirmation Next Sunday, April 27th Join us in worship to celebrate the Confirmation of these young people

Fiona Margaret Crews
Matthew Robert Grote
Joseph Paul Kirsh
Kelly Nicole Meyer

Jack Hammond Noble
Jacob Joseph Peters
Evan Charles Peterson
Robert Frank Rodak

Christopher Michael Scheelk
Dominic Joseph Segatti
Sean Joseph Tazelaar

Worship 10:15 AM – Main Sanctuary
Greeting of confirmands 11:15 AM – Fellowship Hall

BAGS OF HELP

Sturdy bags and a list of needed cleaning items are yours just for the asking today at MarketPlace First Church in Fellowship Hall, and the Peoples' Resource Center will be the messengers to deliver our filled bags to those people whose financial situation leaves them short of the resources for buying cleaning materials. Pick up a bag today and have a shopping spree for someone else's spring cleaning. We're setting a goal of at least 50 bags, so please join the line to receive yours.

WORK DAY AT FIRST CHURCH

Spring cleaning includes your church home as well as your residence, and this Saturday, April 26th, is the day to help brighten such things as windows, railings, pews, registers, and other parts of the building that need some brightening. Don't we always clean when we have guests? And we'll be having guests on Confirmation Sunday, so please plan on spending some time between 9 AM and pizza lunch with the crew that will be doing what they can to make our church home sparkle. If possible, bring some cleaning rags, Windex, paper towels, paint brushes, and other things that are used for regular cleaning, but come, even if the only thing you can bring is willingness to enjoy working beside church family.

There is a sheet on the bulletin board for signing up to help.

COUNTDOWN TO AUCTION TIME

There's less than a month before May 17th when the LilacTime Auction brings forth everyone who enjoys having a chance to bid on either silent or verbal items. Between now and then you can:

- donate a theme basket and bring it by May 1st to be wrapped for display and bidding on May 17th.
- contribute a check for helping to purchase larger items that will stimulate big bidding on May 17th.
- sign up to work on Friday and/or Saturday at one of the many tasks required to make the May 17th event run smoothly...and profitably.
- invite friends to join you for the fun of spirited bidding at the auction on May 17th.
- call the church office or Rick Hennessy, Auction Chair, to volunteer for one of the many tasks on Auction night, May 17th.
- forget making dinner and come to Fellowship Hall for the South-of-the-Border pre-auction dinner from 4:30-5:45 PM on May 17th.

- review what you've decided to contribute to the May 17th auction in the way of new merchandise, antiques, or talents (baking baby sitting, washing windows, weeding, photography, dinners, etc.) and let the office or the committee know.

And on May 17th, the night of the auction, the schedule is:

4:30 PM Dinner in Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Silent auction begins

7:00 PM Verbal auction begins

Tickets are now on sale for \$6 per person or \$10 per couple for the auction alone or \$15 per person for the dinner and auction combined.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

This Saturday, April 26th, there is a need for willing hands and arms for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. From 3-6 PM the schedule calls for people to unload the delivery truck, sort the 10,000 pounds of food, and disburse items for the guests who count on this help for stretching limited dollars. Yes, young people are always welcome to help, and the general feeling of everyone is "It's a cool thing to do, and I feel really good about helping."

P.A.D.S.

On Tuesday, April 29th, First Church will host the regular P.A.D.S. night, starting at 6:30 PM and finishing at 7 AM on Wednesday. The four shifts share the responsibilities of making up sleeping pallets, dinner, breakfast, and sack lunches to send the homeless guests off with their next meal in hand. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Volunteer Opportunities board next to the Nametag Board.

TEEN/PARENT CONNECTION

Next Wednesday, April 30th (and continuing for future Wednesdays), the Teen/Parent Connection is in need of a family-style meal for between 15-20 young parents who come to spend time learning to be good parents, manage their financial resources, while continuing to get an education. A casserole, fruits or vegetables, salad, and dessert is a good way to help these young people understand about healthy eating for themselves and their small children. Dinner preparations end when the meal is brought to the church, for there are others who do the serving and cleaning up.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH, SPREAD THE LOVE

Pentecost (the birthday of the church) and Mothers' Day will both occur on May 11th, and on that day, First Church will receive contributions to "*Spread the Love, Strengthen the Church*", an annual ingathering of the United Church of Christ. "*Strengthen the Church*" funds new church starts and invigorates existing congregations, nurtures lay and pastoral leadership, builds youth and young adult ministries, and, this year, supports the "God is Still Speaking" Ministry of inclusivity, welcoming all to worship.

Please read the enclosed information and look for additional information in future weeks.

YOUTH AT WORK

There are seven young people who have applied for summer work with the annual **Y**outh **C**ommunity **W**orking **G**roup for eight weeks this summer, and we need only \$1,700 more to hire them all. Since this project relies on the generosity of individuals rather than on the church budget, it is the hope that there will be enough additional contributions by May 1st to achieve this goal.

Contribution checks may be made out to First Church of Lombard, with YCWG noted on the memo line.

SENIORS' CALENDAR

Seniors, please mark these dates on your calendar so that you don't miss any of these events:

Friday, May 2, 1 PM – First Friday Film Fest

Sunday, May 4th, 4 PM – Concert. The Agape Ringers will perform at the First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 7th, 9:30 AM – Gather in the parking lot for carpooling to Morton Arboretum for a tram ride and lunch.

Wednesday, May 14th – rain date for the May 7th Arboretum tour.

Sunday, May 17th, noon – Second Sunday Seniors (actually 3rd Sunday this month) lunch at Old Country Buffet.

ATTENTION: PARENTS AND KIDS

All 4th and 5th grade Sunday School children will be in church next Sunday, April 27th, so that they may experience the celebration of Confirmation.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

...**Joan Andrews** and her family need our thoughts and prayers as they face the loss of **Doug** last Thursday; and we pray for **Carol Carroll** who has spent recent time in the hospital...To update your directory, please note the following changes of address: **Jeanne Bludorn**, 555 S. Foxworth, Apt. 604, and **Laura and Dustin Book**, 7 E. View St. Neither phone number has changed...Congratulations to **Ryan Webb** who is a member of the College of DuPage Division 3 volley ball team that won the national championship in Dallas, beating California at Berkley in two games. COD was the only junior college represented in the tournament...**Jeanette Erb** recently received the Friends of Education Award from District 44 for her seven years of weekly participation in the LRC program, working in the library, as well as contributing time and perspective on the Westlake's School Improvement Council and continued involvement with school programs...Congratulations to **Ken and Patty Bruzek's** son, **Scott**, who will be one of the Glenbard students awarded the Livingston Human Relations Award on April 28th. **Ray Livingston** was a long-time member of First Church and is the brother of **Ruth Morrison**. The recognition is given to students who have demonstrated real concern for others and have promoted positive, caring relationships among social groups regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, economic level, physical ability or academic prowess. Ask **Rob** about how he was tricked into attendance at the village meeting last Thursday and then named the Grand Marshall of the Lilac Parade.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

GREETERS: Debbie Newman, Brenda and Tony Oakson, Christine Tani, Carol vonHolst, Marlyne Williams.

USHERS: Dustin Book, Gary Cation, Mike Cloud, Rick Hill, Chip Kunberger, Rick Miller, Dan Pike, Jim Wareham.

COUNTERS: Bruce Alexander, Dave Ivey, Peggy Hatfield, Floyd Herzog.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER: Kristi Carlson.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The Freys and Susan Grote.

SOUND BOARD: Ryan Lucas.

LITURGIST: Matt Kirsh.

REACH OUT: Gina Morgan.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sun. 4/20	9:00 AM Explorers 10:15 AM Worship-Main Sanctuary 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM <i>OJV & OGN</i> 4:00 PM <i>One Step Closer</i> 5:00 PM Youth Choir		7:00 PM 2 nd Year Confirmation 7:00 PM PRC Class
Mon. 4/21	10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Church Growth 7:00 PM New Ministries	Thur. 4/24	9:00 AM Crafts Group 10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 6:20 PM <i>Josiah Reade Ringer s</i> 6:30 PM Search Committee 7:45 PM Chancel Choir
Tue. 4/22	10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 6:30 PM PADS 6:30 PM Search Committee 7:00 PM Quilt Group	Sat. 4/26	9:00 AM Work Day 9:30 AM PRC Class 3:00 PM Northern Illinois Food Bank
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