

May 20–26, 2007

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Chicago Lights has raised over \$50,000 of its \$300,000 Annual Fund goal. Chicago Lights is a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established by Fourth Church to extend its community outreach efforts. The programs of Chicago Lights include the Center for Life and Learning, the Center for Whole Health, the Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Near North Magnet Cluster Schools, Summer Day, and Tutoring and Scholarship. Together, these programs serve over 7,000 people each year. Join Chicago Lights in making a difference by giving a gift that changes lives. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. For more information about this appeal, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour or contact Katy Frey at the church at 312.274.3816 (kfrey@fourthchurch.org).

Mental health information and resources, including a letter encouraging support for federal funding for housing and homelessness programs, are being made available during Coffee Hour by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, throughout May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month.

Cliff Nunn, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, will be speaking about plans for New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina at a brunch today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. All are invited.

Salt of the Earth, a documentary film about the lives of Palestinian Christians on the northern West Bank, will be shown today at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as part of the monthly documentary film series sponsored by the Advocacy Committee. Bruce Rigdon will lead a discussion following the film.

May 21 is the application deadline for the August 3–12 Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Guatemala. Applications for the September 7–14 trip to Northern Ireland are due June 4. For details and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop will meet next on Tuesday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials for the coming month. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

The public is invited to performances of *Unwritten*, presented by students of the Near North Magnet Cluster, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. The five performances will be held at Near North Magnet Career Academy (1450 N. Larabee) on Wednesday, May 23 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 24 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. For free tickets, call the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3596.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Lake Shore Drive will be closed next Sunday, May 27 from Hollywood to 57th Street until 10:30 a.m. for Bike the Drive. A post-ride festival will take place in Grant Park until early afternoon, which may further alter traffic routes for those driving to and from worship.

A grief support group for those dealing with significant loss will be held at the Counseling Center on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning May 23. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be open for gardening during the following hours each week:

Tuesday–Friday: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an open house.

“Books by Women” will meet Tuesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Sunday School meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Children’s Story Time takes place today in the southwest corner of Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship.

Elevation Fellowship (grades 6–8) meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Acts, a group that presents staged readings in support of programs at Fourth Church, meets today at 12:30 p.m. A video of the Fourth Acts performance of *“A Plain Talk about the Theater” 125 Years Later* will be shown.

Art by members of the Center for Life and Learning is on display in the Gallery throughout the month of May.

“Highly Favored: Contemporary Images of the Virgin Mary,” a traveling show from Christians in the Visual Arts, is on display in the Loggia through June 10.

Rehearsals for the Summer Handbell Ensemble will begin in June. This ensemble is open to youth and adults, and both beginners and experienced ringers are welcome. For more details, call Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

The Center for Life and Learning will offer an “Online Investing” minicourse, one of its “for men only” offerings, beginning this Monday, May 21. This three-session course will feature an initial investment seminar and tips and instruction from trading website pros. Courses will be held at Fourth Church at 10:00 a.m. on May 21 and June 4. The final session will be held at a downtown investment office at 12:00 noon on June 12. For more information or to register, call the Center at 312.981.3386.

“**An Evening with Andrew Greeley**” will be the next Michigan Avenue Forum, taking place on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. Father Greeley, a best-selling author, *Sun-Times* columnist, sociologist, and Roman Catholic priest, will speak at the event, which will follow a congregational dinner that begins at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Pentecost Jazz Vespers service will be held next Sunday.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is this Friday, May 25.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to operate sanctuary

audiovisual equipment as needed on weekdays, Saturdays, and at occasional Vespers services

Readers for Children’s Story Time during

Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship

Teachers and assistants for Summer Day,

a program of Chicago Lights, June 18 to July 27

Leaders for Fourth Church youth programs and special activities

Current Donation Needs

Individually packaged toothbrushes and

toothpaste for Elam Davies Social Service Center guests

Men’s casual summer clothes, large sizes

Frequent-flier miles for a nonprofit

agency supported by Fourth Church

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at the church at 312.981.3382.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007

Stewardship Campaign. We have raised more than ever before with \$3,116,341 from 1,320 households. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. For more information, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 20–26, 2007

Sunday, May 20

7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Manse
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	New Orleans Brunch	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
4:00 p.m.	Documentary Film: <i>Salt of the Earth</i>	Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Keith C. Harris preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, May 21

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Minicourse	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, May 22

4:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday)	Chicago Avenue Garden
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room

Wednesday, May 23

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Unwritten</i>	(see announcement)
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Unwritten</i>	(see announcement)
6:00 p.m.	Congregational Dinner	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	“An Evening with Andrew Greeley”	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 24

12:00 p.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Unwritten</i>	(see announcement)
4:00 p.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Unwritten</i>	(see announcement)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, May 25

10:30 a.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Unwritten</i>	(see announcement)
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Paul Weber, organ	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel

Saturday, May 26

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, May 27

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00
Elizabeth B. Andrews	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.