

November 16–22, 2008

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Audio CDs of the Dana Ferguson funeral service are available during Coffee Hour.

Some of the stained glass windows on the south aisle, which date back to 1914, have been temporarily removed for regular maintenance.

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 27.

Those who experience the blues and fatigue during the winter months are invited to a Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) dinner seminar this Thursday, November 20 in the Page Smith Room. Registration for the seminar, hosted by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, is required and can be made by calling 312.787.2729, ext. 375. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.; the seminar will begin at 6:00 p.m.

WORSHIP

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers an opportunity to pray for those in need.

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 the chapel or pray there with a Deacon at 12:00 noon.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 23 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (Orleans and Oak).

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held here on Tuesday, November 25. Chicago Sinai, Fourth Church, Holy Name Cathedral, and the Islamic Downtown Center will be participating.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 27.

There will be no Taizé service in November. The next service will be held on Friday, December 26.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Weekly adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are “Theology and My Body,” led by Joyce Shin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, and “Writing as Spiritual Practice,” taught by Diane Stephens (Page Smith Room) on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details and to RSVP for breakfast, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

Meditative breathing fundamentals is the topic of a five-week CLL minicourse beginning this Tuesday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For more details, call the Center at 312.981.3386.

“**World AIDS: Progress and Perils**” will be the topic of a lunch program presented by Rae Lewis-Thornton and Francis Ntowe on Sunday, November 30 at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room for a program about the colonization of Puerto Rico and its struggle for liberation.

The Community Book Group will discuss Mary Larson’s *Crow Lake* this Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Trina Portillo, of the Chicago Lights staff, will lead the conversation.

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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Books by Women will meet Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs. Tea, coffee, and cookies will be served. All are welcome.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

An Advent book study of *God with Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Christmas*, hosted by ThirtiesForties, will begin meeting next Sunday, November 23 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.573.3369.

An Advent wreath workshop for families will be held Sunday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to benefit impoverished families around the world.

The annual Vespers Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

“**Light Up a Life**” this holiday season! Gifts to this year-end giving campaign will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available during Coffee Hour or by contacting Candi Wiggins at 312.274.3822 (cwiggins@fourthchurch.org).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Visit the **Mission table** today for information about gun control measures.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets on fourth Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

ANNUAL APPEAL

We are deeply grateful to those who have returned giving response cards for the 2009 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. To date, we have received \$2,268,878 in gift intents, from 607 households, toward our \$6.3 million goal. For more details, stop by the display during Coffee Hour, visit www.fourthchurch.org/2009appeal.html, or contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs
Sunday School teachers for 11:00 a.m. classes, teaching grades 1–3
Christmas Wishes elves to distribute lists and to receive, inventory, and wrap gifts

For a list of additional needs, visit the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

The **“Christmas Wishes” gift project** collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour, by calling the Infoline at 312.787.2729(ext. 457), or e-mailing christmaswishes@fourthchurch.org. Gifts will be collected on Sundays only through December 7.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available during Coffee Hour, online at www.chicagolights.org, and at the reception desk; all proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the forms available in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by Friday, December 12 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist Mario Duella is the featured performer at this Friday's free Noonday Concert, which takes place at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. The annual Tower Brass Noonday Concert will again be held the Friday after Thanksgiving, at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary on November 28.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. this Saturday as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

“Holidays World Tour” will be performed by Chicago *a cappella* on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago *a cappella* at 773.755.1628.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 16–22, 2008

Sunday, November 16

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Academy Class		Anderson Hall North Balcony
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		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.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
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
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	Elizabeth B. Andrews preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 17

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, November 18

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
1:00 p.m.	CLL Minicourse		<i>(see announcement)</i>
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group		Page Smith Room

Wednesday, November 19

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
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Thursday, November 20

6:30 p.m.	“Writing as Spiritual Practice”		Page Smith Room
5:30 p.m.	SAD Dinner Seminar		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Friday, November 21

10:00 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mario Duella		Sanctuary

Saturday, November 22

5:00 p.m.	Caroling		Sanctuary Steps
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Preaching on Sunday, November 23

Joyce Shin	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Calum I. Macleod	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.