

March 29–April 4, 2009

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News and Opportunities

LENT AND EASTER

This Friday, April 3 is the deadline to memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks or by calling Cerry Letrich at 312.981.3381 (cletrich@fourthchurch.org).

A book study of *Lent: The Sunday Readings* hosted by ThirtiesForties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Weekly Lenten Services are held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

On Palm Sunday, April 5 the final morning service will be held at 11:30 a.m. A processional for children and families will be part of 9:30 and 11:30 worship.

During Holy Week, April 6–10, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a lunch following in Anderson Hall. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

The labyrinth walk will be available Holy Saturday between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall (the walk takes approximately 20 minutes).

An Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, April 11. The service will begin at 10:30 p.m. in the Garth and conclude in the sanctuary with confirmation, a reaffirmation of baptismal vows, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper as Easter arrives at midnight.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

Join Us for Worship on Easter Sunday, April 12

6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
Victoria G. Curtiss preaching

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Service with Tower Brass
John M. Buchanan preaching

6:30 p.m.

Jazz Vespers with Communion
Linda C. Loving preaching

The last morning worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. on Easter. Please keep in mind that sanctuary seating fills quickly and early and also be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting the parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

Daily Lenten devotions are available in the literature racks, by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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) will meet in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow’s Nest.

The Palm Sunday Processional of children and families will begin 9:30 and 11:30 worship next Sunday, April 5. Prior to those services, teachers will bring students from their Sunday School classrooms to the Loggia. Parents wishing to carry infants and toddlers during the processional are asked to meet in the Loggia 15 minutes before the service. Sunday School classes will begin after each processional.

“Embracing Parents,” an informal discussion group that centers on pertinent issues parents face, will meet next Sunday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m. in the Tutoring Library. Child psychologist Anne Updegrave will facilitate the conversation.

A Good Friday Service for children and families will be held Friday, April 10 in Blair Chapel at 4:00 p.m., followed by supper at 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.

An Easter service for children four years of age through fifth grade will be held Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House. Children coming to this service should enter by the door on Delaware Street, next to the Whitehall Hotel.

The third annual “Kids Helping Kids” event will be held Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House. During this event kids will be collecting and packaging bilingual (Spanish and English) books for the children of Erie Neighborhood House.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteers are still needed to tie blue bows on the trees outside the church on Wednesday, April 1 in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Those who can volunteer, even for a brief period, are asked to sign up at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour. Today, at the end of each service, worshipers are invited to tie ribbons to twine in the Loggia.

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to host members of the Canterbury Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys the evenings of April 13 and 14
Office assistant to file and label documents weekday afternoons

Current Donation Needs

Men’s seasonal sturdy clothes in larger sizes, especially pants, belts, and shoes

For a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour.

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

Today's adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "Who Was Jesus?" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Military Service People and Their Families" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m., and "Happiness" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

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.

John Buchanan will discuss his new book, *A New Church for a New World*, this Monday, March 30 at 4:30 p.m. at McCormick Theological Seminary (5460 S. University Ave.). Registration is required for this event, which is free and open to the public: call the seminary at 773.943.6283 or register online at www.mccormick.edu.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

A twelve-week Nia fitness class will begin Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. and is sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health. To register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

"All Things Chicago" is the theme of a CLL-sponsored book event Wednesday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. For details, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

A group for those who have a lost a baby through miscarriage will meet on Mondays, April 20–May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. For details or to register, call Maureen Garvey at 312.787.2729, ext. 306.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. Those who would like information about available resources are encouraged to contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org), to pick up a "Fourth Church Cares" card from the literature racks, or to call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 446.

The Canterbury Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys will be in concert Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour, by calling 866.468.3401, or at www.ticketweb.com.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m., or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m., to pray for members of the congregation and those in need.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Applications for the "Urban Plunge: Chicago" mission trip (Friday evening and Saturday, April 24–25) are due this Wednesday, April 1. Applications are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 29–APRIL 4, 2009

Sunday, March 29

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joann H. Lee preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Blue Bows Tying	Loggia
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy Classes	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs	<i>(see announcement)</i>
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy Class	Anderson Hall N. Balcony
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Study	Manse
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers John W. Vest Preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, March 30

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
4:30 p.m.	<i>A New Church for a New World</i>	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Tuesday, March 31

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows Worship Service and Press Conference	Garth
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Nia Exercise Class	<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service	Blair Chapel

Friday, April 3

9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Svetlana Popova, pianist	Sanctuary

Preaching on Palm Sunday, April 5

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Adam Fronczek	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.