

News and Opportunities

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Join Us for Worship on Easter Sunday, April 4

6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
Calum I. MacLeod preaching

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

Easter Service with Tower Brass
John Buchanan preaching

4:00 p.m.

Adam Fronczek 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.

The final gathering of the Lenten book study of Henri Nouwen's *Lent and Easter Wisdom*, hosted by the ThirtiesForties fellowship group, will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

During Holy Week, March 29–April 2, 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.

A Good Friday Prayer Walk in Cabrini-Green with partners in the Near North Ministry Alliance will take place on Friday, April 2 at 12:00 noon, beginning at Holy Family Lutheran Church (Larrabee and Hobbie). A meal will follow at Holy Family Church.

An Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, April 3 at 10:30 p.m. starting in the Garth and ending in the sanctuary with a celebration of the Lord's Supper as Easter arrives at midnight. (This year Confirmation will be held on April 11).

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Nursery hours will be extended today and on Easter Sunday, April 4 from 7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to accommodate Palm Sunday and Easter worship times.

Sunday School children meet today at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in Westminster House to participate in the Palm Sunday processional; classes begin afterwards.

Fourth Church Youth meet today at 10:30 a.m.: Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse basement; Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) in the Page Smith Room; and Senior Highs in the Crow's Nest.

A Good Friday Service for children and families will be held Friday, April 2 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 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House. Children coming to this service should enter by the door on Delaware, next to the Whitehall Hotel.

The April 18 “Kids Helping Kids” Benefit will create toiletry kits for children at Presbyterian Camps. Tickets, which are available during Coffee Hour today, will raise funds for a camping scholarship or equipment for all campers to enjoy.

Enjoy all-you-can eat pancakes prepared and served by the Senior Highs on Sunday, April 25 at their summer work camp fund-raiser. Tickets will be available on April 11 and 18 during Coffee Hour.

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.

An afternoon worship service including Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

Eighth grade confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 11 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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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ANNUAL APPEAL

We are deeply grateful to all who have responded to the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. To date we have received 1,130 pledges and \$3.6 million in commitments for 2010 from faithful members and friends—an increase of nearly 60 households and \$200,000 compared to April 2009. Those who have not yet completed a 2010 Giving Response Card are invited to do so to help meet the need for the more than \$3.7 million in pledged gifts required for the 2010 budget.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mission trip applications for the **Honduras trip** (July 28–August 8) are due tomorrow, March 29. The application deadline for the June 21–26 trip to **Lakota Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations** is Monday, April 5. Details and applications are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

Women@Fourth Connect will observe Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month with a prayer service and press conference this Thursday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Following the service, volunteers are needed to tie blue bows to the trees outside the cloisters. To sign up, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Links for Lights: The Chicago Lights Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 28 at the Lost Dunes Club in Bridgman, Michigan. For details about this event benefiting the Chicago Avenue Outreach Urban Farm, visit the Links for Lights table during Coffee Hour or contact Rob Holben at 312.274.3821.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for young adults, will meet at 1:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room to go out to brunch.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will meet this Friday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for a Good Friday supper; afterwards, they will attend the choral service at 7:30 p.m. For details or to preregister (required), call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship opportunity for individual adults age forty-seven and over, will gather Friday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a presentation on “The Future of News.” For details or to preregister (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Cycling Club will gather for a spring social ride on Saturday, April 17, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Adler planetarium. The ride will end at Fourth Church with a potluck lunch. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Friday, April 15 at 12:00 noon.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Individuals to tie blue bows Thursday, April 1; shifts are an hour long

Hosts to serve cider to those waiting in line for 9:30 and 11:30 Easter worship

Current Donation Needs

Men's seasonal sturdy clothes in larger sizes (pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

Gently used clothes for a seven-year-old girl who is chronically ill

Shaving cream, toothpaste, men's and women's underwear (size L–XL) for guests of the Social Service Center

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

ENRICHMENT

Books by Women will discuss *Second Blooming for Women* by Kathleen Vestal Logan and Betsy Smith on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Coauthor Kathleen Logan will join in the conversation.

The next Triumph over Cancer gathering will be held Tuesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For information, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

A twelve-week Nia exercise course begins Wednesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. For details or to register, visit www.niachicago.com or call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

Susan Buchanan, Professor of Occupational and Health Sciences at the School of Public Health, will speak on “Stories from the Front in Medicine” at the Saturday, April 10 Men's Group gathering. To make reservations for this 8:00 a.m. breakfast, to be held in the Dining Room, call the church office at 312.787.450 by Friday noon, April 9.

New Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes begin Sunday, April 18:

- “**The Minor Prophets in Conversation**” will be led by Tom Rook at 9:30 a.m.
- “**The Apologies of Socrates and Gospels of Jesus**” will be led by Adam Rose at 9:30 a.m.
- “**John Calvin's Institutes of Christian Religion**” will be taught by Randall Zachman at 11:00 a.m.
- “**Fine Arts and Faith**” will be led by various instructors at 11:00 a.m.

For course descriptions and rooms, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Bringing It to the Table: On Farming and Food* by Wendell Berry.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 28–APRIL 3, 2010

Sunday, March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Blue Bows Tying	Loggia
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs	(see announcement)
11:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Study	Manse
12:45 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:45 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
1:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
3:10 p.m.	Chamber Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	John W. Vest preaching Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 29		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Yoga	Crow's Nest
Tuesday, March 30		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
Wednesday, March 31		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
Thursday, April 1	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows Prayer Service	Anderson Hall
10:00 a.m.	Blue Bow Tying	Cloisters
12:10 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Communion Service	Sanctuary
Friday, April 2	<i>Good Friday</i>	
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Prayer Walk	(see announcement)
12:10 p.m.	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Good Friday Children's Service	Blair Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Good Friday Children's Supper	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Manse
7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Choral Service	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 3	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	
10:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil	Garth and Sanctuary

Preaching on Easter Sunday, April 4

Calum I. MacLeod 6:30 a.m. (Oak Street Beach)
 John Buchanan preaching 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.
 Adam Fronczek preaching 4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.