



March 21-27, 2004

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Adult education opportunities offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “New Testament Survey” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and “Iraq and Beyond” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m., and “Issues of the Century” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and “*The Crucible*” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting on Thursdays is “Accessing God’s Wisdom” at 6:00 p.m. (Anderson Hall N. Balcony).

What We Believe about Jesus

During the Lenten season, John Buchanan is preaching a sermon series entitled “What We Believe about Jesus.” In this series about Jesus, upcoming topics are “His Message” (today); “His Example” (April 4); and “His Promise” (April 11).

After today’s 11:00 worship, there also will be opportunity to join John Buchanan and Jonathan Schwartz of the American Jewish Committee for a time of further reflection on “What We Believe about Jesus” and responses to the movie *The Passion of the Christ*.

Ireland’s Vice Consul Eion Lawlor will speak at a luncheon offered by the Center for Older Adults on Thursday, March 25 at noon in the Dining Room.

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Young Adults, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Salt of the Earth: Christians in the West Bank

Presbyterian missionaries Marthame and Elizabeth Sanders, returning from more than three years in the West Bank, will give a presentation and show a documentary film of their experiences at a brunch next Sunday, March 28 at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. Space is limited; RSVP by Wednesday, March 24 to Liz Thomson in the Mission office at 640.2576.

“Active Listening and Facilitating Discussion” will be the topic of a leadership seminar held on Monday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony.

Today is the last day to register for “Introduction to Centering Prayer,” offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Saturday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. Register by contacting the Center at 787.8425. An advanced workshop in centering prayer will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m. To register, call the Center by Friday, April 9.

A grief support group offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center is taking new participants. To register or inquire about meeting times, call the Center at 787.8425.

A smoking cessation program. hosted by Fourth Church's Center for Whole Health, begins Tuesday, April 13. An informational lunch will be held Sunday, March 28 at 12:15 p.m.

April 1 is Blue Bow Day, a day observing National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join Women@Fourth Connect that Thursday for a brief worship service at 8:00 a.m. in the cloisters (on Michigan Avenue). Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help tie bows to the trees outside the church in remembrance of abused and neglected children.

Books by Women meets next on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Durable Goods* by Elizabeth Berg.

Corey McPherrin, sports anchor for Fox 32 News, will speak on faith issues in the sports world at the Fourth Church Men's Group on Saturday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP for this breakfast gathering, call the church receptionist by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 9.

"Finding Agapé," a retreat for singles in their 30s and 40s, will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 16–17 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). RSVP by Wednesday, March 31 to Jenny Blandford at the church at 981.4087.

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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LENT

Wednesday evening worship during Lent is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

Daily prayer during the Lenten season is held at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. These services last approximately fifteen minutes.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation Temple (15 W. Delaware), will take place on April 1 at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour for a suggested donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Contributions will support the Sinai Temple Community Concerns fund.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place in Anderson Hall after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Junior Highs meets today for class at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by fellowship at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Confirmation Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for fellowship and discussion.

Junior and Senior Highs retreats will take place in April. For more information about locations or scholarship opportunities or to RSVP, contact Liz Thomson in the Youth office at 640.2576.

College Connections (undergraduates) meets today at 2:00 p.m. in the Dining Room to join the Elam Davies Social Service Center staff in serving the Sunday night supper.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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. Donations can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website. (Cards must be received by Sunday, April 4 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin.)

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour for a suggested donation of \$12 per adult and \$5 per child.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information on the loss of treatment and medical services to disabled children and adults (including those with mental illnesses) due to certain budget cuts is available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to state representatives concerning this issue.

Mission trip application forms for 2004 trips are available in the literature racks and on the website. Applications for the South Dakota Reservations trip and the Guatemala trip are due by Thursday, April 1.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Fourthlights (50s and above) meets today for brunch and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. at Coq D'Or (Drake Hotel).

Venture Fourth (single adults) continues a spiritual reflection series entitled "Faith for Daily Living" today at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony. The group next meets Sunday, March 28 at 12:30 p.m. for brunch at Foodlife.

Cornerstones (couples 50s and above) meets for brunch and a presentation about the American Refugee Committee today at 11:00 a.m. at Ditka's restaurant.

Care of Creation meets next on Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for a discussion on "God Revealed through Nature."

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

An introduction to volunteering will be offered next Sunday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony.

Current Donation Needs

Window air conditioners in good condition

Commercial floor tile for clinic

Children's play tables

Clinic waiting room chairs

Pencils and notebooks for Near North Magnet Cluster schools

Current Volunteer Needs

Cooks to prepare and deliver casseroles to families in times of need

Small teams to make sandwiches and transport food to Catholic Charities on Monday afternoons for the Fourth Church-sponsored evening meal.

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 981.3382.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist Emmanuel Hocdé will perform a concert on Friday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 21-27, 2004

Sunday, March 21

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
8:45 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class		Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs		Large Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Cornerstones		(see announcement)
11:00 a.m.	Senior Highs		Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Members Brunch		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir		Blair Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Presentation: "What We Believe about Jesus"		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Fourthlights		(see announcement)
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
2:00 p.m.	College Connections		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	Carol J. Allen preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Open House		Manse

Monday, March 22

11:45 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday through Friday)	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Leadership Seminar	Anderson Hall

Tuesday, March 23

7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
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Wednesday, March 24

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, March 25

1:15 p.m.	Holistic Health Seminar	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Discussion: Irish Vice Consul Eion Lawlor	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 26

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Sean Vogt, organist	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Concert: Emmanuel Hocdé, organist	Sanctuary

Saturday, March 27

1:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer Workshop	Counseling Center
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Preaching on Sunday, March 28

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m..
John A. Cairns	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.