

March 8–14, 2009

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News and Opportunities

LENT

A **seven-week Lenten book study** of *Lent: The Sunday Readings* meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Copies of the book are available during Coffee Hour.

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

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available today during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

“Praying the Song of Songs” is the theme of this year’s Lenten Retreat, which will take place at the church on Friday evening and Saturday morning, March 27–28. For registration details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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 must be received by Friday, April 3 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks or by calling Gerry Letrich at 312.981.3381.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Beginning Sunday, March 15 tickets will be available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

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.

WORSHIP

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

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 12:00 noon 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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Taylor University Chorale will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The North Dakota State University Choir will be in concert on Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a free performance.

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.

A call for artists is being put forth by the Fine Arts Council at Fourth Church. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

ENRICHMENT

Today's adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "Who Was Jesus?" taught by Tom Rook (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), "Called to Mission," taught by Vicky Curtiss (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), and "Military Service People and Their Families," taught by guest lecturers (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B) at 9:30 a.m.; "Happiness," taught by John Boyle (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "For the Bible Tells Me So: Bible Stories You Should Know . . . Continues," taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. 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.

Beethoven: the Universal Composer will be the focus of a CLL book review session on Tuesday, March 10 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

A "Triumph Over Cancer" support session for those living with cancer will be offered Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Intuit Café assistants once a week from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. before Tutoring
Cooks to occasionally prepare and deliver meals to a family in 60618
Tutors for the Tutoring program; especially Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Current Donation Needs

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shaving cream for the Social Service Center Health Fair; deposit items in the wicker bin outside of Anderson Hall

For a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

In this economic climate, Fourth Church wants to remind all of the spiritual, emotional, and practical services available at the church. Those who would like information about available resources are encouraged to contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org), call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 466, or pick up a "Fourth Church Cares" card from the literature racks.

A survey prepared by the Refreshing the Vision steering committee is available during Coffee Hour and also online at www.fourthchurch.org. Please take the time to complete this survey before Sunday, March 22 so as many voices as possible can be part of the process of envisioning the future of Fourth Church.

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 and Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) will meet in the Page Smith Room. Senior Highs are on retreat.

Senior Highs will be selling Irish-themed cookies on Sunday, March 15 to raise awareness of and resources for their summer Work Camp trip to Northern Ireland.

The March Family Night will feature Jim Nesci and his reptiles. Families are invited to this fun-filled event on Friday, March 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with dinner in Anderson Hall.

A “**Great Expectations**” baby shower will be held on Sunday, March 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Families who are expecting or who welcomed a baby in the last year are invited to attend; RSVP by Tuesday, March 17 to enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information regarding travel to Cuba is available at the Mission Table today during Coffee Hour.

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Mission trip applications for the Lakota Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations trip and the Guatemala trip are due Monday, March 16. Details are available in the literature racks.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room to learn about Lectio Divina, a form of meditative prayer.

The Young Adult Men’s Group will gather this Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for fellowship and a Bible study. For more details, contact Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

John Buchanan will speak at the Men’s Group breakfast this Saturday, March 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To register, call 312.787.4570 by Friday, March 13 at 12:00 noon.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *Acedia and Me* by Kathleen Norris. Vicki Reynolds will lead the conversation.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Not Yet Drown’d* by Peg Kingman. All are invited.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have responded to the 2009 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Those responses have put us at \$3.8 million toward the \$6.3 million goal. Those who have not yet completed a giving response card are asked to please fill out one of the cards in the pew racks or complete one online at www.fourthchurch.org/givingresponse.html. For more information, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 8–14, 2009

Sunday, March 8

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin 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.	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.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising		<i>(see announcement)</i>
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy Classes		Anderson Hall Balconies
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
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		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, March 9

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, March 10

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	CLL Book Review	Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Triumph Over Cancer	Page Smith Room

Wednesday, March 11

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service	Blair Chapel

Thursday, March 12

6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Men's Group	Manse
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Friday, March 13

9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Taylor University Chorale	Sanctuary

Saturday, March 14

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, March 15

Alice M. Trowbridge	8:00 a.m.	
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 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.