

# News and Opportunities

#### LENT AND EASTER

# 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.

A book study of *Lent: The Sunday Readings* meets today at 12:45 p.m. in the Manse. (There is no meeting on Easter; the final meeting is Sunday, April 19.)

**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 weekly Lenten Service will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

A labyrinth walk will be available Holy Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. (The walk takes approximately twenty 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.

**Devotions for Holy Week and Easter** are available in the Lenten devotion booklets in the literature racks and at www. fourthchurch.org.

#### 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 12:45 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.

## **ENRICHMENT**

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

**Books by Women** will meet this Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Not Yet Drown'd* by Peg Kingman.

Men and women age 60 and over are invited to participate in the Center for Life and Learning Bible study, which meets Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

A "Triumph over Cancer" support session for those living with cancer will be offered Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Center for Whole Health. For details, call the Triumph over Cancer Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

The next Men's Group meeting is this Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Imran Qureshi, a leader in the Islam community, is the keynote speaker. RSVP before 12:00 noon on Friday, April 10 by calling 312.787.4570.

"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.

New Academy classes begin Sunday, April 19. Course information is available during Coffee Hour and online at www. fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html. 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.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 28 to discuss *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver. Ali Trowbridge will lead the conversation.

#### MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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 staged reading of *In the Crossing*, presented by the Silk Road Theatre Project, will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour.

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Current Volunteer Needs
Church members to host members of the
Canterbury Cathedral Choir of Men and
Boys the evenings of April 13 and 14
Tutors for the Tutoring program,
especially on Mondays and Tuesdays
In2it Café assistants once a week from
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. before Tutoring
Office assistant to file and label
documents weekday afternoons

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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## **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

A Wills and Estates Seminar will be held Sunday, April 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To RSVP, contact Candi Wiggins at 312.274.3822.

Fourth Church will observe Earth Sunday on April 26. Information about environmental stewardship will be available during Coffee Hour, and Clare Butterfield of Faith in Place will speak that day at 2:00 p.m.

#### MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information and an opportunity to sign a letter pertaining to children's adoption rights is available at the Mission Table today during Coffee Hour.

Registration for plots at the Community Garden is underway. To register for a plot, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org) or complete the form online at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Benevolent Guild creates toys and treats for children in hospitals. Volunteers are needed for their upcoming Wednesday meetings on April 8, 22, and 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School** classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:30 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 monthly Youth and Family Luncheon will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

"Embracing Parents," an informal discussion group that centers on pertinent issues parents face, will meet today at 11:00 a.m. in the Tutoring Library.

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 attending this service should enter by the door on Delaware Place, next to the Whitehall Hotel, where ushers will be stationed.

Nursery hours will be extended today and on Easter Sunday, April 12 from 7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to accommodate Palm Sunday and Easter services.

The third annual "Kids Helping Kids" event will be held Sunday, April 26 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.

Adoptive families are invited to attend a fellowship and enrichment event on Sunday, April 26 at 12:00 noon, beginning with lunch and a presentation on adopted children and identity led by licensed clinical psychologist and family therapist, Dr. Marina Eovaldi. Games will be provided for children during the presentation. For details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.312.640.2578.

An "Introduction to Communion" event for parents and children will take place Sunday, April 26 at 4:45 p.m. in the Manse and will include a potluck dinner, activities for children, discussion for parents, and a closing worship service.

# CALENDAR FOR APRIL 5-11, 2009

Sunday, April 5	Palm Sunday		
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preachi	ng Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	-	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preachi	ing 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.		urch Rising, Senior Highs	(see announcement)
11:00 a.m.	Embracing Parents		Tutoring Library
11:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preach	
11:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
12:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	_	Anderson Hall
12:30 p.m.	Youth and Family Lu	ncheon	Dining Room
12:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:45 p.m.	Church Tour	0 1 0 1	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	The Gathering: Palm	Sunday Brunch	Randolph Room
12:45 p.m.	Lenten Book Study	0 1 27 1 0	Manse
4:00 p.m.		Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Adam Fronczek preaching	2
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
Monday, April 6			
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
Tuesday, April 7	J		
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday	Worship	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	···oromp	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women		Large Conference Room
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Wednesday, April 8	D 1 ( C 1.1		December 11 December 12
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	XAZ	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday	worsnip	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch Midweek Lenten Ser	via.	Anderson Hall <b>Blair Chapel</b>
6:30 p.m.	Midweek Leinen Sei	vice	Dian Chaper
Thursday, April 9	Maundy Thursday		
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday	Worship	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch	_	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Communio	n Service	Sanctuary
Friday, April 10	Good Friday		
9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday	Worship	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch	1	Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Good Friday Childre	n's Service	Blair Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Choral		Sanctuary
Saturday, April 11	Holy Saturday		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group		Dining Room
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk avail	able	Anderson Hall
10:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil		Garth and Sanctuary
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#### Preaching on Easter Sunday, April 12

Victoria G. Curtiss 6:30 a.m. (Oak Street Beach) John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. Linda C. Loving 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.