

May 24–30, 2009

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The 24th Annual Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk will take place on Saturday, June 20. A team from Fourth Church will participate in this event by walking and raising funds to eliminate hunger. All donations raised by Fourth Church will help fund the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center food pantry, bag-lunch programs, and Sunday and Monday Night Community Suppers. For details, to join the team, or to donate, stop by the Hunger Walk table during Coffee Hour, contact Kathleen McKenzie at 312.981.3569, or visit www.chicagolights.org for the team web page.

A blood drive, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, will take place on Sunday, May 31 at St. Matthew's Methodist Church (1000 N. Orleans) from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Blood donors, particularly African Americans, are needed for children being treated for sickle cell anemia at Children's Memorial Hospital. For more details, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Critical services such as education and health care will be adversely affected if Illinois does not increase revenues to resolve the \$11 billion state budget deficit. Information about this issue, as well as a letter to sign to state legislators, is available at the Mission table.

The Holiday Card Committee is in need of volunteers to help plan and implement marketing strategies for these student-made cards, which raise funds for the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program. For more information, visit the Chicago Lights table or contact Allison Graham at 312.981.3596 (agraham@fourthchurch.org).

ENRICHMENT

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.

“Spend Your Supermarket Dollars

Wisely” is the topic of a Tuesday, May 26 educational session sponsored by the Center for Whole Health at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

The Community Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *The Mystery of the Child* by Martin Marty. Joyce Shin will lead the conversation.

Men sixty and over are invited to hear Z. J. Tong, President of the Chicago Chinese Cultural Institute, speak on “China's Changing Role” on Thursday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. To RSVP, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

A River North Gallery Art Walk, sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place Wednesday afternoon, May 27. For details and to RSVP, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

During Women's Health Week (June 1–5), the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health will host a series of sixty-minute lunch seminars beginning at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. Topics will center on the theme, "Connections: To Your Good Health – Body, Mind, and Spirit." No registration is necessary for the buffet-style lunch. For more details, contact Terry Stumpf at 312.981.3396.

Books by Women will meet on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *The Red Leather Diary* by Lily Koppel.

FELLOWSHIP

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets this Tuesday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will host a game night on Friday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, June 1.

Cornerstones, a fellowship opportunity for couples age fifty and over, will take an architectural cruise on the Chicago River on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets is available. For details or to register, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Doug Pond will talk about his experiences in Maputo, Mozambique at the next Men's Group breakfast meeting on Saturday, June 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. All are welcome. To RSVP, call the church office at 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, June 12.

WORSHIP

A weekly 4:00 Sunday afternoon service begins on Sunday, June 7. This exciting new worship opportunity will have a casual, family-friendly feel and will include Communion. After each 4:00 service, all will be invited to share in a community meal. The final 6:30 p.m. Vespers service will be held on Sunday, May 31. The service will be a festive Pentecost celebration, with the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble providing music leadership.

A communion Vespers service will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

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.

A Pentecost labyrinth walk will be available on Saturday, May 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

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

Person to purchase and cut communion

bread on third Sunday of the month
Ushers, readers, and musicians to help with 4:00 p.m. worship

Sunday Night Supper will expand and relocate to Anderson Hall on June 7, following 4:00 p.m. worship, creating additional volunteer opportunities:

Cooks and servers to assist in preparing and distributing the food

Setup crew to open tables, arrange chairs

Dining Room hosts to oversee setup and breakdown, provide direction and assistance to servers

Beverage pourers to serve guests at tables

Breakdown crew to collapse tables, stack chairs

Dish washers to collect and clean dishes

Computer supervisor to help guests using the computer lab

Tablecloth washers to clean linens

For details and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Summer Sunday School begins today with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only in Westminster House. Three- to five-year-olds meet in Room W24; first through fifth graders will meet in Room W04. There will be expanded nursery care for infants through kindergarten at 11:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School will take place

Monday, August 17–Friday, August 21. Registration forms will be available in Westminster House later this summer. For details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

“**Meeting the Challenge**” is an invitation to all members and friends to prayerfully consider increasing their pledges, pledge for the first time, or make an additional gift to Fourth Church and Chicago Lights so that we might meet the increased need for service and outreach in these difficult days. To help meet the challenge, please complete the response card in the pew racks, visit www.fourthchurch.org/2009challenge.html, or contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

Those who have a loved one serving in the armed forces are invited to pass along that person’s name so we might keep those individuals in our prayers and reach out to them and their families. Names can be given to Carol Allerton in the Pastoral Care office at 312.640.5448.

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Original artwork created by members of the Center for Life and Learning is on display in the Gallery. **Today a CLL Art Showcase**, featuring additional pieces of member artwork, will take place in Anderson Hall from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Mezzo-soprano Laura Kubelka will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 24–30, 2009

Sunday, May 24

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge 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.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
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
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.	CLL Art Showcase		Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Sarah A. Johnson Preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, May 25 *Memorial Day: Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, May 26

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	“Spend Your Supermarket Dollars Wisely”		Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop		Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group		Page Smith Room

Wednesday, May 27

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Thursday and Friday)		Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room

Friday, May 29

9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Laura Kubelka		Sanctuary

Saturday, May 30

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk Available		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours		Community Garden

Preaching on Sunday, May 31

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