

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
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CHURCH
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April 13–19, 2008

News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Today's pancake breakfast features all-you-can-eat pancakes or scrambled eggs, with a side of sausage, and is being served between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Prepared and served by the Fourth Church Senior Highs, this breakfast will raise funds for their summer work camp trips to New Orleans and Saugatuck, Michigan. Omelets, made to order by John Vest for an additional donation, are also available. Breakfast tickets are available at the door.

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

Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement at 10:30 a.m. **Fourth Church Rising** (grade 8, Confirmation) and **Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) gather in the Dining Room throughout the morning to volunteer for the Pancake Breakfast.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A Wills Awareness Seminar on how to create a will will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Fourth Church member and lawyer Christine Albright will lead the session. To RSVP, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

A limited number of DVDs of the 8:30 p.m. 2007 Christmas Eve service, as televised by CBS, are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour.

CD sets containing six Jack Stotts sermons are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes meeting today at 9:30 a.m. are **"A Closer Look at the Book of Exodus,"** taught by Tom Dozeman (Page Smith Room), **"Introduction to the New Testament"** (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **"Theology Goes to the Movies"** (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B).

Bible Study opportunities:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Morning, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Men's Bible study will meet next on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 a.m. at an office building in the Loop. Advance registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Adam Fronczek at the church at 312.640.5398.

"Practical Strategies for Better Brain Health," sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights, concludes Saturday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m. To register, call the Brain Health Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

The Community Book Group will meet next Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Martha Langford will lead the discussion on *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling.

Women's Bible study will meet next on Wednesday, April 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Manse. For more information, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

"Arthritis and You: Let's Talk about Rheumatoid Arthritis," a seminar offered by the Center for Whole Health, will take place on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register, call the Arthritis Foundation at 312.372.2080.

A.J. Jacobs, author of the humorous and insightful *A Year of Living Biblically*, will be speaking at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, call Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today's Fourth Acts presentations of "*The Creation of the World and Other Business*" by Arthur Miller and "*A Separate Peace*" by Tom Stoppard take place at 1:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Vocalist Sandra Pei-Yun Lin, a soprano, will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

"Caring for Creation: Illinois Beauty," an exhibition of photography by Marija Petrauskas and Tom Rossiter, is on display in the Loggia.

"Fourth Church's Orchard: Branching out through Learning," an exhibition of art by children of Fourth Church's Children's Center, Day School, Sunday School, and Tutoring program, is on display in the Gallery during April.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Applications for the Family Farm Weekend trip to Caledonia, Illinois (June 27–29), are due this Monday, April 14. Applications for the **Guatemala mission trip** (August 2–9), which will be led by Tom and Sue Schemper, are due Monday, May 5. Details and application forms are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and on the Fourth Church website.

A letter regarding gun control laws, which are receiving increased attention in light of the number of recent teenage shootings, is available for signatures at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

Fourth Church will be collecting used athletic shoes as part of the "Reuse-a-Shoe" recycling program on Sunday, April 27. This program recycles worn-out athletic shoes into material used in sports surfaces such as basketball courts and playgrounds.

"Knowing Our Place: The Human Being in Relation to the Rest of Nature" is the topic that will be discussed by Anna Case-Winters, a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, on Sunday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Anderson Hall S. Balcony. To RSVP, call Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

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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FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Today's all-church baby shower, "Great Expectations," is being hosted by the New Moms' Group at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Parents expecting a baby or who have had a baby in the last year are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served.

"The 'Crime' of Blogging in Egypt" is the topic to be discussed by Raja M. Kamal of the Harris School of Public Policy, the University of Chicago, at the next Fourth Dimension event on Friday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, stop by the Fourth Dimension table during Coffee Hour or call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494. All are invited.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will attend a concert at the National Museum of Mexican Art (1852 W. 19th) on Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Members of the Chicago Sinfonietta, the Mexican folk ensemble Sones de Mexico, and pianist Donald Neale will be featured performers. RSVP by Wednesday, April 23 by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges, to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless

Children's items: cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes, coats, and books

Men's casual clothes, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

Volunteer Needs

People to remove blue bows from the trees in front of the church on Tuesday, April 30

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Bread cutters for the third Sunday of the month and for 8:00 a.m. worship

Observers of exemplary teachers in grant-winning programs in Chicago Public Schools

For a list of additional needs and more information, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The fifth annual candlelighting Vespers service for mental health awareness will be held Sunday, May 4 in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service is Friday, April 25.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 13–19, 2008

Sunday, April 13

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Activity Center
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Activity Center
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Activity Center
12:00 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
12:30 p.m.	Great Expectations Baby Shower		Manse
1:00 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Hardy Kim preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, April 14

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, April 15

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel

Wednesday, April 16

9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, April 17

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, April 18

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Sandra Pei-Yun Lin, soprano	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Dining Room

Saturday, April 19

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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Preaching on Sunday, April 20

Dana Ferguson	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
John W. Vest	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. 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 must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.