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Faith CONNECTIONS

Please Join Our
Graduating Seniors
as they lead worship
on **May 4** at 9:00 & 11:00



in their annual
Service of
Thanksgiving and
Gratitude

Youth are a vital part of the ministry of our Faith Formation team. The love and care that young people receive through their years in *The Ark*, Sunday School, Children's Choirs, Youth Groups, Confirmation and Work Trips help to shape their faith. On Sunday May 4 the graduating high school seniors want to say thank you. They will lead worship with their annual service of Gratitude and Thanksgiving where they share stories of meaningful moments as they have grown. These young people look forward to this opportunity to express their appreciation to the congregation for the years of love and commitment they have received. Please join us in a joyful morning of celebration with them as they prepare to enter the next phase of their lives, strengthened by the support of this congregation.

RECOGNIZING
THE POWER OF CHRIST
TO TRANSFORM LIVES,
THE CORE MISSION OF FIRST CHURCH
PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE
PROVIDE A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL NURTURE
& PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE

Promoting God's Vision of Justice

Families work together preparing 450 lunches for the children of **Sidewalk Sunday School**, a ministry of the Church of Joy in Zion. This ministry has been in operation since 1996 with the leadership of Pastor Louis and Trish Reyes. A bus is dispatched every Sunday to area neighborhoods that picks up children and brings them to Church of Joy for worship, Sunday School, fun and a nutritious breakfast and lunch.

First Church families pictured here include the Gescheidles, Days, Hender-Harts, Burlews, Crawfords, Jones, Currans, McGreevys
Photos by Bill Lay.





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SUNDAY, MAY 4

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

High School Seniors lead worship Youth Music Ministry at 9:00 & 11:00 Communion

Jesus Ascends, his followers prepare

Acts 1: 1-26

SUNDAY, MAY 11

DAY OF PENTECOST

MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian Sanctuary Choir at 9:00 Lakeminsters Ringers at 9:00 & 11:00 Baptism at 11:00

Acts 2: 1-47

Joel 2: 27-32

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Dear Friends,

Stewardship season traditionally lands in the fall, when we invite one another to present our pledges to the Lord for his work in the church. But I've come to think of spring as Stewardship season too.

Why? Because of the Mission dollars raised through two major events: the all-church Auction sponsored by the

Deacons in April and the Rummage Sale sponsored by Presbyterian Women on the first Saturday in May. Last year these two events raised over \$150,000 for local missions.

What do these events accomplish? To put it in non-monetary terms, they serve to respond to the call as Christ's hands of love, compassion and transformation in the world; empowering children to excel in school, providing ministries of care and compassion to women and children at risk and sheltering the homeless during the harshest winter months.

But I'm convinced that it's not just others who benefit from our efforts. As we enjoy one another's company at the auction and roll up our sleeves at rummage, we are being formed into community - Christ's community - of service, generosity, laughter and love.

Jesus said, "give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)

We do not give in order to be blessed - we have been richly blessed already. But I, for one, am not surprised that even as we give to others, we find ourselves enriched in ways we could not have even imagined.

Blessings,

Christine Chakoian



Thank You to all who made this year's Bid for Better Lives Auction a success! The board of Deacons sends a heart-felt thank you to all those who provided donations, contributions, time & talents, and prayers to make this year's auction a success for the Lake County Missions we support. We will be sharing the results of the auction in coming weeks.



ELDERS

Get to know these new officers to ministry with the Session. Elected for the Class of 2011 at the annual meeting of the congregation on April 6, eight elders are elected to serve three year terms; two youth elders serve a one year term.

The group will be ordained or installed during the 11:00 service on May 18. **Welcome!**

DONNA JOHNSON Donna and her husband, David have two daughters, Hannah (19) is a freshman at the University of Colorado and Norah (17) is a junior at Lake Forest High School. Donna worked as a corporate banker for Wachovia Bank before beginning her extensive community and church outreach. Donna looks forward to bringing this experience to her new ministry as an elder.



KAROL KARBLOM

Karol and her husband Bob joined First Church in 1979. Karol has been very active in the life of First Church. She enjoys travel, reading and being with extended family including three children, their spouses and ten grandchildren all of whom live in the area. She looks forward to serving as a member of Session.



MISSY ROMANOFF Missy is retired from a real estate career. Her background of various church ministries has prepared her for church leadership. She joined the Chancel Guild in 1976, currently serving as Moderator. Missy has served as an Elder for the past three years and is looking forward to continued commitment as First Church approaches the 150th.



GORDON "SPIKE" PAUL

Spike and his wife Elaine have been members at First Church since moving to Libertyville in 2005. They have two children, Heidi Perry (Graham) and Thaddeus (Jane) and two grandchildren. Spike was a Pediatric Neurologist before retirement and he currently owns a shipping company. A life-long Presbyterian, Spike hopes to foster and improve on the educational opportunities available to the congregation's adults.



TIM CHRISTIE Tim Christie, a life-long member of First Church is beginning his second term as an elder. Tim served as Moderator of the All Church Nominating Committee and as Co-Moderator of the Membership Committee. His concentration in the future will be the celebration of our sesquicentennial (150th) year. After a career in human resources and consulting, Tim's second career is in landscape design. (He likes "green" a lot better!!)



DICK MENTZINGER

Dick and Maryjane are blessed with three fine children, Rick, Lynn and Jane, and seven lively grandchildren. Dick's business background is in general management, sales and marketing. With a long Presbyterian experience, being part of the community of faith, giving to others and learning to live as Christ would have us live is a treasure and Dick hopes to impart some of his experience in future ministries of First Church.



ALI KILLAM Ali is a junior at Lake Forest High School and one of a family of five, with loving parents Bill and Cheryl Killam, and two younger sisters Caroline and Haley. A very active student, Ali helped to start a not-for-profit foundation that raises money to send children to summer camp; enough to send eight children to camps! Ali is honored and thrilled to learn more about church and looks forward to making crucial decisions for our church.



AMANDA JENKS

Amanda is 17 and a junior at Lake Forest High School, the youngest of 4 children and an aunt to two beautiful nieces. Active in lacrosse, with friends and family, and her dogs, she is involved in many other school and community activities. She is a devoted member of First Church's youth ministry and, as an elder, hopes to keep both groups well informed about what is going on with each while positively serving and helping to lead us to a better, stronger ministry.



LIZ GESCHIEDLE Liz and her husband John met while working at the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation in Chicago. They joined First Church in 2001 and have a son Will (8) and a daughter Grace (5). Liz currently serves as an Elder on Children's Ministries, Long-Range Planning and Governance, and Family Life Committees while tea while teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, helping with rummage sale and extensive community outreach.



CHRIS EDWARDS
Bio not available





DEACONS

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REBECCA RAUDABAUGH Rebecca is a life-long member of First Church, enjoying choir, bells, teaching, Work Trip, Youth Group, Rummage Sale and donating blood. A junior in high school at Lake Forest Academy, Rebecca is excited to participate in a new way at church as a deacon. She is looking forward to serving and to helping.



Laura and Frank Sibley have adult children (and a grandson) in Boston and Baltimore for whom they often play hooky! Laura has been active in many ministries at church including Prayer Chain. As a Deacon, Laura is excited about new opportunities for being God's hands in our congregation and community and is looking forward to the Christian fellowship of the Deacon Board.

LAURA SIBLEY



BARBARA SCHULZ Barbara Schulz, her husband Richard and her parents, Joy and Jim Christensen are grateful to call the First Presbyterian Church Lake Forest their church home. Barbara looks forward to her second term on the Board of Deacons and continues to value her participation in Stephen Ministry. She is exhilarated by the vitality with which our church ministers to our members and our neighbors... those down the street...and those across the ocean.



Beth and Dick Miller were married at First Church in 1996 and found a welcoming and uplifting spiritual home. Dick has four adult children and a 7 year old granddaughter; Beth has two children. Beth practices real estate and estates and trust law here in Lake Forest. She and Dick tried retirement and left Lake Forest for three years. "It's good to be home". Beth sees becoming a Deacon as the next step of her faith journey.

ELIZABETH KANGAS MILLER



SUE DYE Sue joined First Church in 1994. She and Joe have been active in the church ever since.



Sue's children are John Conolly and Suzanne Myers (Mike) and grandchildren, Mark and Kari Myers. She works for the Career Management Center at Northwestern University. She looks forward to this new opportunity as a Deacon to become more broadly involved in the church through commitment to a particular program or initiative and through expanded interaction with fellow First Church members in growing our community of faith.

LAURA COPELAND FLYNN

Laura and Mike joined First Church in 1995. They have four children, Eric (12), Ryan (10), Bennet (7) and Audra (4). In 2001, Laura and a colleague started an education and training company in the clinical research field. They sold the company last year and she is now "retired." Laura hopes to use her skills and find some new ones in her mission as a deacon. She is looking forward to meeting new people and helping others through Christ.



BILL VERNON Bill is Vice President Sales for Digital Acoustics, a Lake Forest-based start-up providing emergency and safety-oriented communication via computer networks. His children are Nick (23) Chris (21) and "Boo" (18). Born, baptized and confirmed at First Church, Bill returned two years ago and finds it a joy to be back. He believes that deacon ministry is a calling for him to express in a more worldly way his quiet yet intense personal faith.



Jennifer is a junior at Lake Forest High School. Her parents are Jeff and Cindy Long and she has a twin sister, Stephanie. Very involved in basketball and lacrosse, Jennifer really enjoys First Church including youth group, Work Trip, assisting in Sunday school. She is looking forward to finding out what happens "behind the scenes" in the church - how rummage sales and charity events are organized. She cannot wait to get started and make our church a better place to be.

JENNIFER LONG



NANCY HENSEL Nancy has been a member of First Church since confirmation and lives in Lake Forest with her husband Bill and sons, Brian and Jeff. Nancy is currently VP of Merchandising for Dick Blick Art Materials. She enjoys her ministries at church through rummage, choir, and Work Trip as well as golf, reading, travel and entertaining at home. She looks forward to continuing her contributions to the outreach care and fellowship of First Church.



Stewart is a native of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He and his wife, Marcy and their two children, Stewart and Caroline, moved to Lake Forest in 2000. Stewart is a regional executive for a Wisconsin bank. He was an Elder and member of Session at Old Stone Church in Cleveland, Ohio, as well as a trustee of the First Presbyterian Society there. He is an avid sailboat racer.

STEWART KERR



PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE

WANNA TO BE A ROCK STAR?

Are you tired of being a responsible adult? Do you want to get the band back together, even though you may never have been in a band? We want you...singers, pianists, drummer, bassist, horn players, violins, it doesn't matter. Come unleash your inner rock star and join in the fun of the **First Church Adult Worship Band**.

Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, May 18 at 5:00 PM** in the choir room. At that time we will discuss an alternate rehearsal time, if needed. Bring your instruments. We will be preparing music to lead worship on Sunday, June 29 at 10:00AM. For more information and questions, please contact Lesley Byers at LesleyPByers@aol.com or (847) 736-1621.



The Christian Ideas reading and discussion group continues its **exploration of faith and reason** on

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the church building, room 212. Readings include Scripture, Socrates' musings on the afterlife, Pascal's wager, an encyclical on Faith and Reason, and C.S. Lewis' *'Till We Have Faces*. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. See the adult education web site for more details (and links to the readings) at www.firstchurchlf.org/adult.

...anticipating warm weather and dirty cars on Saturday May 17

Please come out and support the youth at our annual **WORK TRIP CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**. We will be ready at 9:00 am and will be washing cars until 1:00 pm. The youth are raising funds for the annual mission trip. This year we are going to the Wonderland Camp in Missouri, June 8 to June 14. Please join us for a fun and free car wash. Contact Youth Faith Formation Director Kristie Finley for information.

Different Drummers features Youth in Mission

Youth and advisors who have attended Work Trips through their high school and post college career will be interviewed for the Different Drummers program that airs **Sunday, May 18 at 5:00 a.m. on Channel 2, WBBM-TV (CBS)** to three million viewers. Taped every Saturday at CBS with a live audience of local youth groups, featuring talented guest hosts who represent Chicago's diverse communities, *Different Drummers* is Chicago's longest running weekly series and the only platform for teenagers and young adults to discuss their everyday life experiences in the context of faith and values.

Contribute to First Church using the Web

What if First Church earned a penny every time you searched the Internet?



Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our ministries?

Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the organizations its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting First Church.

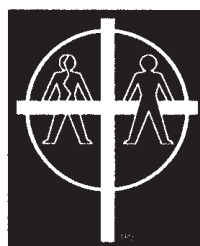
Just go to **www.goodsearch.com** and be sure to enter First Presbyterian Church Lake Forest as the group you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word! Contact Donna Birney with questions at dbirney@firstchurchlf.org

Be a better visitor for your friends and family!

**STEPHEN MINISTRY
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

invites you to attend its final session
in this church year's series

**Providing Compassionate Care
for Those Who are Hospitalized**



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

presented by

Rev. Emily Rosencrans

Lake Forest Hospital Chaplain

Saturday May 10, 2008

At 10:00AM

in the Parish House



Prevent Underage Drinking

Let the conversations begin...before the drinking does!

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9:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT

9:00 & 11:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP AT

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The Reverend Alexander Sharp
Executive Director of Protestants For The Common Good

Speaking On

**"Faith & America's
Position in the World"**



Sunday Evening, May 18 at 7:00 PM

Since its beginning,
Protestants for the Common Good has focused politically
on issues of social justice within the United States and Illinois—
issues of civil rights, poverty, affordable housing, health care,
abuse within the criminal justice system, and the environment.
As the nation anticipates its next presidential election,
our country's presence in the larger world has become an issue
of public concern and political debate.

Prior to earning the Master of Divinity degree from the University of Chicago in 1996, Al Sharp served as the Vice President of Business and Finance at the University of Chicago from 1982 to 1994. Al was Commissioner of Welfare for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1975 to 1978. Before this, he headed the Office of University and Professional Schools in the New Jersey Department of Higher Education and holds a Master of Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. Al served as President of the Board of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless from 1994 to 1999. He is married, lives in Hyde Park, and has two daughters. He is a member of Hyde Park Union Church.

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