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Faith CONNECTIONS

Rally Day September 7

8:00, 10:00, 12:00

Hearing Loop training for those with
hearing aids [see article on page 4]

8:15 – 12:15

Nursery Care for Infants – 36 months

9:00 & 11:00 Worship

CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A GLOBAL AGE
Sanctuary Choir and Brass

9:00 – 10:15

Sunday School age 3 - grade 7

9:00 – 10:30

Confirmation grades 8 & 9

10:00

Sunday School Parent Orientation
through grade 7

10:00 & 12:00

Fellowship share God's love

10:10

Adult Bible Study Ezra and Nehemiah

4:30

Sr High Youth Group
Pool Party at Norah Johnson's home

Additional parking is available
on Washington and Deerpath.

The parking shuttle begins September 7
at 8:00 am from the city lot at
the corner of Deerpath and McKinley
and will run through the morning.

INTRODUCING THE 2008-09 SERMON SERIES:

CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A GLOBAL AGE

The recent First Church survey, **Evaluation of Worship and Faith Formation**, revealed that over half of respondents know the Bible better than they did a year ago. Since this was a key goal for the 2007-2008 Sermon Series, *"Bible Stories We Can't Live Without"* it is timely to progress from a stance of 'why' to one of 'how' in our shared exploration of the upcoming theme. Knowing that we can now confidently reference crucial Scriptural stories and their meaning empowers us to consider the challenge of equipping ourselves for daily Christian ethical and moral living in a radically interconnected world.

The theme connects emphatically to the Third Great End: **Promoting God's Vision of Justice**. Just over sixty percent of the survey respondents stated that, *"Relating the Bible to my daily life is what is most beneficial in worship."* This sermon series will delve into the meaning of God's justice and incorporate tools for action within context of the global Christian family.

This past year, over 100 church members participated in newly-formed **Small Groups** as well as on-going groups including: Men's Bible Study and Prayer Group, Women's Wednesday Worship, Christian Perspectives, Christian Ideas, Prayer Shawl ministry. In addition to a growing familiarity with Bible stories, over eighty percent of survey respondents reported the supplemental blessing of "Getting to know others in the group". Those who yearn for contemporary applications of Biblical principles to daily life will find rich fodder for learning, contemplation and action in this year's small group curriculum.

**"FAITH IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL EVER CLOSE THE GAP
BETWEEN OUR THEOLOGY AND OUR REALITY."**

Believing God, Beth Moore

Key themes of the year's series will include:

- How does globalization affect Christianity?
- How do we 'put Christianity to work' in business, our homes, our communities, politics and boardrooms?
- How does the community of Christ function?
- Define God's timeless vision of justice.
- Can we live as 'family'? Who is my neighbor?
- What practices can enrich and deepen our faith?
- The stewardship of the garden we call earth.

Tackling yearlong sermon series is not for the fainthearted!

Who can forget some of the challenging long Old Testament passages that we covered last fall...?

Yet learning about the Bible is easier than living according to its tenets.

We now have the 'why' under our belts and thankfully we can frequently check our notes.

With God's grace we can now move forward

into the fray of living our faith in an increasingly complex world.

RECOGNIZING

THE POWER OF CHRIST

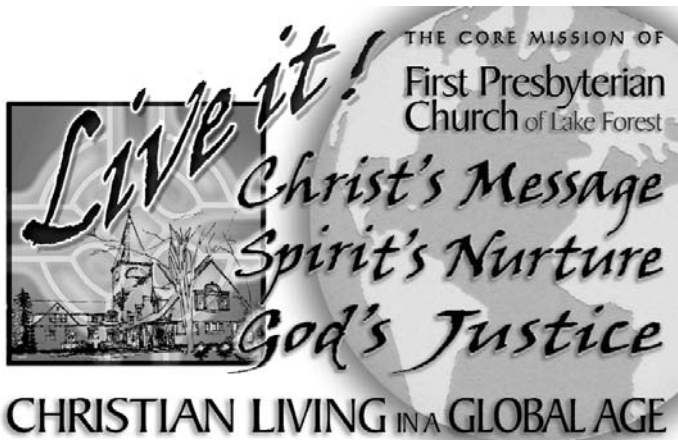
TO TRANSFORM LIVES,

THE CORE MISSION OF FIRST CHURCH

PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE

PROVIDE A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL NURTURE

& PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE



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Dear friends,

As the summer begins to wind down, many of us are gearing up for busy fall schedules. Kids are back to school and sports, volunteers are back to committees and boards, business leaders and professionals are back to work. Welcome back to life's hectic "normal"!

In the middle of all the intensity, I want to offer you a haven for renewal. As our front-page indicates, this fall's worship seeks to help you navigate Christian living in the swirl of our modern world. Encouraging, practical, thoughtful: these are the goals I'm aiming for as I prepare my sermons in this new series.

Beyond worship, many of you already know the remarkable refreshment of small groups. The hour or two spent studying each week brings spiritual growth, of course. But participants indicate that the honesty and friendship they've experienced have been at least as rewarding. This year we're offering a wider variety of opportunities than ever before: ongoing groups (Christian Perspectives, Women's Wednesday Worship, the Friday Morning Men's Group, Sunday morning Bible Study) ... newer "small groups" (using curriculum written to supplement Sunday morning worship) ... and the newest short and long-term classes (the "Men's Fraternity," adapted with leadership from Corey Nelson, as well as Adult Education offerings on issues of justice).

In our complex and busy world, Christ's church offers us an encouraging message, spiritual nurture, and a vision of justice that strengthens us. But we can only receive these gifts to the extent that we show up. This fall, make room in your life to be renewed!

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

It's "Tea Time" again. The Board of Deacons is in the process of planning the Sixth Annual Christmas Tea. We are looking for volunteers for this exciting and spiritual evening. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Olsen no later than September 9 at imaginethatmndo@earthlink.net or [847]367-8286.

Rally Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Sunday School at 9:00

*Reverend Christine Chakoian
Communion*

Sanctuary Choir and Brass

Genesis 1 -2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Sunday School at 9:00

*Reverend Christine Chakoian
Sanctuary Choir at 9:00AM*

Baptism at 11:00AM

Exodus 14: 19-31

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Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE



FAMILY Live it! Faith Formation

FAMILY *Faith Formation* focuses on parents

We've always said that nurturing children in the faith is first about nurturing parents. While ministers, Sunday School teachers and church leaders can be mentors and positive influences on children, parents are with their kids all the time, leading by example in daily life. Parents, we want to partner with you, supporting you throughout this year and throughout the entire lifecycle of raising children.

Please join us for the following events, just for parents.

Family Faith Formation Nights – Beginning September 16, the third Tuesday of each month becomes an evening of learning and fellowship among parents. Whether your children are pre-schoolers or high schoolers, we invite you to join a community of parents asking what it means to raise their children in the Christian faith. Our first session, "Faith Building in the Family," focuses on developing a vision for your family faith journey. We'll talk about what a vision for your family might look like...how you can help your children define what they believe...and simple practices you can introduce into your family life. We will also share faith traditions that work in our homes, discuss topics for future sessions, and get to know other parents.

Mark the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm "FFF Night" and plan to join us.

The Family Faith Formation Guide – "My baby isn't even talking yet! Can she really understand something about God?" ... "My high school freshman tells me he believes in God but he doesn't seem interested in doing anything at church. Is this just a phase?" There are appropriate ways to engage children of every age in learning about God, and this guide outlines many of them for you. We've identified many of the activities offered by the church for each age group and paired them with ideas for you to try at home. Look for this booklet at family activities throughout the fall, as well as on the church website.

Sunday School Parents' Orientation – Sundays, September 7 & 14 at 10:00am, Fellowship Hall west. This short meeting for parents is the opportunity to learn about what your children are doing in the classroom and to hear more about family mission and learning events occurring throughout the year. Attend one of these sessions immediately following worship; your children will join you following Sunday School.

Sr. Hi Youth Group Parents' Immersion – September 21 at 5:30pm as part of the All Church Picnic festivities! It is more difficult than ever for today's overscheduled youth to participate in meaningful learning and service opportunities with youth group. When the church and parents partner together, we can fully engage more teens in all youth activities. Parents of high-schoolers, please plan to join Youth Director Kristie Finley and the Youth Group advisors to learn about how you can support your children's involvement in youth activities. This 30 minute experience will take place in the Youth Lounge at 5:30 during the picnic.

If you have questions, please contact a member of the

FAMILY *Faith Formation* Team:

Amy Pagliarella (children) at apagliarella@firstchurch1f.org
Kristie Finley (youth) at kfinley@firstchurch1f.org.

Sunday School asks kids to "Go Green for God"

Everyone is "going green," but did you know that environmental awareness is part of the oldest story in the book? As the church hears the creation story in worship and begins to ask the question, "what does it mean to lead a Christian life in a global age?" the children will learn that part of the answer is to care for God's creation. Grade schoolers will learn that "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24) as we read the story of the first human beings and hear God's call to till the soil and care for all living things. During this four-week unit, the kids will raise money for a turtle pond at Elawa Farms, a local conservation organization; families will have the opportunity for hands-on mission at the pond.

Sunday School kicks off on September 7 as children through grade 7 enjoy community-building, getting to know each other, and asking some big questions about faith. From September 14-October 5, grades K-4 "go green" while pre-schoolers hear the big stories of the Bible and middle-schoolers begin to ask how their faith relates to their daily living.

W³ Women's Wednesday Worship

W³ meets Wednesdays at 10:00-11:00AM in the South Parlor beginning **September 10**.

Led by Reverend Christine Chakoian, all women are welcome to this study of scripture in preparation for the next Sunday worship. Come when you can for a casual, comfortable hour of fellowship and study.

No homework, no Bible knowledge required - come to discuss and/or hear scripture to nourish your faith. Contact Laurie Valassis at (847) 234-5326.

PROMOTE GOD'S VISION

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT: Director of Strategy, Development and Operations



Lynnette Hinch will be joining the staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest effective Sept. 1, 2008 as the Director of Strategy, Development and Operations. In this capacity, Lynnette will work closely with and under the direction of the Pastor/Head of Staff and is responsible for developing and overseeing the implementation of the strategic plan, the strategic communication plan, the stewardship/fundraising programs, and overseeing the operations of the church.

This newly established position was developed following the departure of Dr. Don Dempsey, formerly Associate Executive Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. A special search committee assessed the needs of the church and responsibilities formerly assumed by the Associate Executive Pastor. The search committee, composed of Chris Edwards, Tom Juedes, Bob Karlblom, Sean McNicholas and Christine Chakoian, determined that these needs could best be met by a lay person. Lynnette Hinch, a member of First Presbyterian Church, was among the qualified candidates interviewed for this position.

Lynnette graduated from The Ohio State University and earned an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management (Northwestern University). Lynnette brings over 25 years of marketing and general management experience with companies such as Frito-Lay, Inc. (Dallas, Tx), The Quaker Oats Company (Chicago, IL) and most recently Solo Cup Company (Highland Park, IL).

Lynnette 'retired' as Senior Vice President of Marketing of Solo Cup Company in 2003 and has subsequently been an active volunteer in the community and at First Presbyterian Church. She has been most active with the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Learning Disabilities Association, North Shore Suburban Special Education District, and the APT of Cherokee Elementary School. At First Church she has taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and serves as a lay liturgist. She also enjoys the Moms Bible Study group.

Lynnette and her husband, Jeff, met and were married at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Both lifelong Presbyterians, Lynnette and Jeff served as leaders of Fourthlights, a fellowship group for single adults, and then as Deacons. Lynnette also served Fourth Church as an Elder, chairing the Adult Education committee. The Hinch family joined First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest in 2002.

Lynnette and Jeff have two sons, Blake (age 9, fourth grade) and Tucker (age 8, third grade) and Betsie, their energetic chocolate labrador retriever. As a family, they enjoy snow skiing, biking, tennis, swimming, and family vacations in northern Michigan.

SmallGroups RETURNING CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A GLOBAL AGE

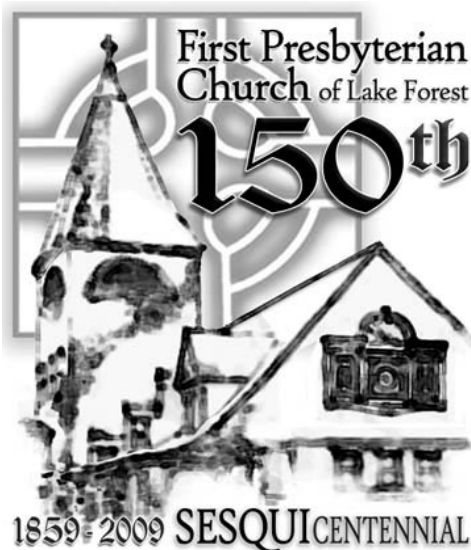
This year we have an exciting theme for worship and small groups. We will examine what it means to be a Christian in this global age. We will discover how globalization is not an event, but a process that has been unfolding for thousands of years. With that, however, where do we fit in? How does one affirm one's faith in this world? What are the practices we need to have in place in order to live in the way Christ would intend?

Will we provide all the answers to these questions? No. However, together, in worship and in small groups we will have the opportunity to explore these issues together.

Register for a small group. Be a part of this exciting journey in the life of this church and this world.

Is God calling you to lead a group? We will train leaders September 11& 12. (The sessions are the same. You need to attend one.) The first session is scheduled to run from week of September 15 - December 8. If you are interested in leading a group, contact Reverend Christine Chakoian at cchakoian@firstchurchlf.org.

Registration forms available at the front desk and on the web.



Sesqui In Sight!

Watch this space!! Although we will have a number of "lead-up" events over the coming year, our official 150th celebration will begin a year from now.

A full calendar of events is being planned. We hope to be able to trace our significant roots through studies, tours and programs in theology, art and architecture, mission and music. But rather than simply focusing on our past, we want our celebration to turn all our eyes to opportunities to leave lasting initiatives to Proclaim, Provide and Promote for the future.

Also, we're going to have some fun!

Co-Moderators Jeanne Lane and Tim Christie are working with some remarkable people in planning these events. If you have ideas, comments or general Great Thoughts, see Jeanne or Tim or leave a note in our Official 150th mail box in the church office. Remember, watch this space!!

PROVIDE SPIRITUAL NURTURE



OPENING DOORS WITH SPECIAL FRIENDS SPECIAL NEEDS

A Special Friend is a youth, adult or senior volunteer who will provide one-on-one assistance, encouragement, and friendship to a child with special needs during Sunday school. Special Friends are part of "Opening Doors," a ministry that provides an inclusive and meaningful Sunday school experience for children with special needs who may need extra attention beyond a level generally required in their classrooms. We welcome children of all abilities and encourage them to attend Sunday school, to grow in their relationship with God and to feel comfortable, safe, loved and accepted here at First Presbyterian Church. We hope to create an awareness and understanding of the challenges of families with children with special needs. Beginning September 7 (Rally Sunday), we would like to provide Special Friends to accompany and assist these children on Sundays.

Special Friends are needed throughout the year and no experience is necessary because we provide training and support. The time commitment is minimal - only 1 hour on Sunday mornings as your schedule allows. Everyone who is involved in the program finds that it is a positive learning experience.

If you are a parent of a child with special needs or if you have an interest in assisting children with special needs, please contact Amy Pagliarella at (847) 234-6250 ext.229 or apagliarella@firstchurchlf.org.

Any information shared will be kept confidential.

IN MEMORIAM

Pauline (Bathe) Raudabaugh died on July 4, 2008. Mrs. Raudabaugh joined the church in 1998. She was an organist before coming to Lake Forest and shared her love for music in family worship and with family and friends. She will be missed by her children, Joe and Beverly and their children Joey and Rebecca and John and Susan and their son James. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on September 13, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., Reverend Kent Kinney officiating.

MEN'S FRATERNITY

YEAR 1:

The Quest for Authentic Manhood

THURSDAY MORNINGS

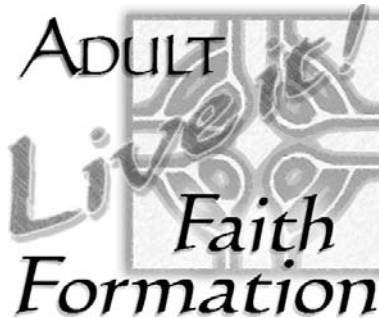
6:00 – 7:30_{AM}

Part 1:
September 18 - December 11

Part 2:
January 8 – March 26

Cost: \$20.00 for the year

The Quest for Authentic Manhood is the foundational level or ground floor for this study. This 24-session study focuses on a man's core identity and gives an overview of basic issues a man faces. It will help men deal with various identity issues by looking back at past wounds and other things that may have distorted their idea of biblical masculinity. Throughout the course of the study, men will learn how to clearly define manhood and will finally be able to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions, "What is a man?" and "What am I living to be?" Registration for this **Small Group** can be made on the registration form found in August 15 *Faith Connections*, in the church office or on the web at www.firstchurchlf.org



Come & listen

as our panel members discuss the problems that the uninsured present, both nationally and at the local level, and discuss some of their solutions, including "single-payer," "mandates" and "consumer-driven" options.

The speakers will discuss their views the first hour, followed by an open Q & A session the second hour.

Thursday evening, September 25, 2008

7:00-9:00_{PM} in South Parlor

CO-SPONSORED BY

Adult Faith Formation Committee and Protestants For The Common Good

DR. QUENTIN YOUNG - Chairman of the Health & Medicine Policy Research Group and National Coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP), both based in Chicago

SENATOR SUSAN GARRETT - Senator, Illinois State Senate, 2002-present, District 29. Representative, Illinois State House of Representatives, 1998-2002. Graduate of Lake Forest College and current Lake Forest Resident

MR. JAMES ZIMMERMAN - Executive Director of Health Reach Incorporated in Waukegan, one of First Church's missions in Lake County

REVEREND AL SHARP - Executive Director, Protestants For The Common Good

Three Myths About the Uninsured

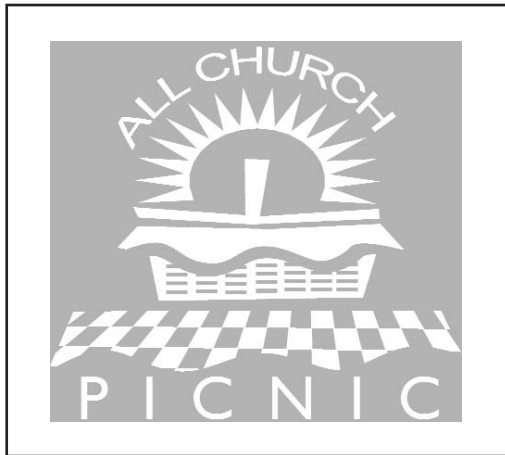
"The uninsured get the care they need."

"I'm not affected, so it's not my problem."

"We can't afford to cover the uninsured."

PROMOTE GOD'S VISION

You are invited to the



Fun
Games
History
Music
Cake Walk

Sunday,

September 21, 2008

4:30 – 6:30PM

Check in on
Cornerstone Courtyard

Casual supper & Fellowship

\$5 per person or

\$20 for families
of 4 or more

Call or email Kerry Spera in the church office for
reservations at (847) 234-6250
kspera@firstchurchlf.org

MEMBERSHIP CLASS OFFERED

If you are interested in becoming an active member please join us for new member classes to be held on **Saturday, September 13** from 8:30 to noon & **Thursday, September 18** from 7:00 – 9:00PM. Both sessions are important if you are interested in joining First Church and being welcomed into ministry during worship on **Sunday, September 21**.

First Church's pastors, officers and membership committee look forward to getting to know you! *Please join us!*

Contact Beth Gillies at egillies@firstchurchlf.org for further information or elder Jacquie Berkshire, moderator of the Membership Committee (847) 615-0676 or sunnyberk@aol.com.

Work Trip for Iowa Flood Relief

DIG OUT YOUR WORK GLOVES AND JOIN US FOR A WORK TRIP TO IOWA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEAN UP AFTER EARLY SUMMER FLOODS!

We head to Cedar Rapids over *Columbus Day weekend, October 10 to 13*. Our tasks include assisting in the cleanup and repairing damage from the early summer floods. All skill levels are needed. Westminster Presbyterian Church has graciously opened their building to us for housing.

We leave on Friday October 10 with a second group leaving early Saturday October 11. Bring your air mattress and earplugs – we will all be sleeping on the floor together. The cost is \$100 per person (age 13 and up) for transportation and food. REGISTRATION FORMS, AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK, ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15.

GET IN THE LOOP— IMPROVED LISTENING AT FIRST CHURCH

If you have a hearing loss, wear a hearing aid, or if your hearing is just not as sensitive as it used to be, you may want to try out the new loop system available in the Sanctuary. Modern induction loop systems broadcast sound to hearing aids via a magnetic signal from a wire that encircles those in attendance. A second loop has been placed in the Fellowship Hall and a third loop is slated to be installed in the Chapel during its renovation.



SPECIFICS: To listen via a loop, please activate the telecoil [t-coil] on your hearing aid/s. If you do not wear hearing aids, you may request one of the three personal loop listening devices from an usher. Many hearing aids already have t-coils and the movement among Doctors of Audiology is to have all hearing aids equipped with t-coils in the future. To determine if your hearing aid already has a t-coil, please contact your audiologist. If your hearing aid does not have a t-coil, please ask your audiologist whether or not a t-coil can be enabled via the hearing aid's software.

RATIONALE: Despite the fact that all of our pastors speak clearly, project their voices, and are careful to place the sound system microphones near their mouths, sometimes every word of the sermon is not heard adequately by members of the congregation. As a person loses his/her hearing, the best distance to hear is three to six feet. The pastors' voices are further than six feet away from the first pew. The sound distance from a sound system speaker also exceeds the maximum six feet optimum.

BACKGROUND: In England, the Netherlands and much of Europe, loop systems have been installed to improve audibility in group listening environments for those with hearing loss. In fact, by the end of 2004, UK legislation mandated that "any business or organization providing a product or service to the general public must have an induction loop system fitted wherever information is verbally transmitted." In the United States, loop installation began in Holland, Michigan. It is so widespread there that even the Grand Rapids Airport is looped so people wearing hearing aids hear the travel announcements right in their ears!

An introductory discussion regarding improved hearing via loops will be held for those interested one hour prior, and immediately after, the 9:00 and 11:00AM services on Sunday, September 7.

Linda S. Remensnyder, Au.D., Doctor of Audiology
Board Certified in Audiology—the American Board of Audiology
Member: First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest

PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE

New Choral Music offerings

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FESTIVAL CHORUS

The Festival Chorus is designed for church members and friends, aged 16 & up, who wish to sing in service, but are unable to commit to regular membership in the Sanctuary Choir.

Members of the Festival Chorus directed by Tom Tropp will join with the Sanctuary Choir for four special services throughout the church year. Rehearsals for the Festival Chorus take place during the beginning part of the Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, for the three to four weeks preceding each Festival Chorus Sunday service.

Dates and repertoire for the 2007-2008 year are as follows:

- **October 26, 2008:** 9:00 & 11:00AM
 - ❖ JS Bach: Cantata 192, Nun danket alle Gott
 - ❖ Rehearsals: October 1, 8, 15 & 22; 7:30-8:15PM
- **December 21, 2008:** 9:00 & 11:00AM
 - ❖ Giovanni Pergolesi: Magnificat
 - ❖ Rehearsals: December 3, 10 & 17; 7:30-8:30 PM
- **March 1, 2009:** 7:00PM
 - ❖ Lenten Evensong Service
 - ❖ Rehearsals: February 4, 11, 18 & 25; 7:30-8:15 PM
- **May 17, 2009:** 4:00PM
 - ❖ Maurice Duruflé: Requiem (with the North Suburban Symphony, under the direction of Ron Arden)
 - ❖ Rehearsals:
 - April 15, 22, 29, May 6 & 13; 7:30 to 8:15 PM
 - May 15, 7:00-9:00PM (with orchestra)

THE YET-TO-BE-NAMED YOUTH CHORUS

The Youth Chorus is for students in grades 7 - 12, who are interested in regular musical participation in Sunday worship. The Youth Chorus directed by Tom Tropp will rehearse from 7:00-8:00 on Tuesday evenings, for 3 weeks before each Sunday the Youth Choir is scheduled. Any singer, whether a member of the church or not, who can attend at least two of the three rehearsals is more than welcome to join!

The **Youth Chorus** has been scheduled for two dates this fall, with spring dates to be determined at a later date:

- **October 19:** 11:00 service
 - ❖ Rehearsals on September 30, October 7 & 14
- **December 7:** 9:00 & 11:00AM
 - ❖ Rehearsals on November 11, 18 & December 2

IT ALL HAPPENS AT THE SAME TIME:

- **Wednesday, 4:00-4:45 PM** beginning September 17
 - Cherub Choir, children 5 yrs old by Dec. 1 thru 1st grade
 - Carol Choir, grades 2-6
 - Women's Choir For mothers of choir children and all women who would enjoy the fun and fellowship of singing together.
 - Child care for children under age 5.

Mission of Hope

As a part of our mission partnership with Hope Presbyterian Church on Chicago's Southside, we partnered with First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville to sponsor two high school students who joined a mission work team in Belize in July. Elijah Richardson, a 17 year old boy from Hope wrote afterward, "The mission trip to Belize was a great experience. The impact that it made on my life I will never forget. Everyone was very nice and showed such hospitality. The trip has caused me to have a greater appreciation for everything that I have at home and has given me an attitude of willingness to help others. I will not soon forget the residents whose home we repaired and their response of gratitude. I truly thank God for this opportunity and I am thankful to everyone who contributed in various ways to make the mission trip a success."

We also supported eight children and youth who attended a racial-ethnic youth leadership camp run by the Presbytery of Chicago's "African American Congregational Transformation" program. It was officially reported that all of the kids "had a blast!" Myliah Terry, a 13 year old, wrote, "I really enjoyed meeting a lot of people from other churches at the REYL Camp because they were able to relate to me and we found out we had a lot in common. I learned about how God gives us wisdom and we are to use our wisdom everyday. The camp counselors were very nice and understanding, especially Ms. Murray! I think the camp provided a great opportunity to help keep kids off the streets and gave them something constructive to do for a week. I thank my parents for allowing me to go, and I thank GOD!"

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH Activities at First Church

Sunday Mornings 9:00 & 11:00 Worship
9:10 Confirmation

Sunday Evenings
5:30 - 6:30 Eggs Benediction -
Youth Music Ministry
7:00 - 8:15 Senior High Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Lounge for fun, fellowship & service

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 AT 4:30

is our annual Pool Party Kick Off at
Norah Johnson's home. Please join us!
Any questions contact Kristie at (847) 234-6250
or kfinley@firstchurchlf.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT
9:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT
9:00 & 11:00 AM

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Sunday Morning Bible Study Resumes

Sunday morning Bible study with Ellen Hyndman resumes September 7 between services at 10:10 a.m. in the Parish House. This semester we will study the Books of *Ezra* and *Nehemiah*.

All are welcome!



Ezra Returns To Promised Land Today

Artaxerxes, King of Persia, speaking on CNN (Chutzpah News Network) from Babylon, has released Ezra the Israelite to return to Jerusalem today.

The Israelites were originally released by Cyrus The Great in DXXXVIII enabling their initial return to the Promised Land. At the time of the first release by Cyrus, he gave the now famous "Edict of Restoration" which declared, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah." (Ez 1:2)

At the time of the edict, Cyrus was in his



Ezra



Nehemiah

today for his return: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of our fathers, who has put it into the king's heart to bring honor to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem in this way and who has extended his good favor to me before the king and his advisers and all the king's powerful officials" (Ez 7:27)