

Faith CONNECTIONS



First Presbyterian
Church of Lake Forest
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The McCormick Theological Seminary and
The Adult Faith Formation Committee, in
commemoration of the 500th anniversary of
the birth of John Calvin & First Church's
Sesquicentennial, present a series of three
programs on



JOHN CALVIN & THE REFORMED MOVEMENT

SUNDAY JUNE 7

"The Protestant Reformation & John Calvin in the 16th Century"

A look at the key figures of, and the
reasons for, the Reformation.

SUNDAY JUNE 14

"Reformed Theology: Resistance & Reconciliation, Part I"

A look at what we believe in the
context of our confessional heritage.

SUNDAY JUNE 28

"Reformed Theology: Resistance & Reconciliation, Part II"

The conclusion of the series with emphasis
on today's world and where we go from here.

We are pleased to welcome
Dr. Jennifer Ayres, Assistant
Professor of Christian Ethics
and Dr. Kenneth Sawyer,



Associate
Professor of Church
History at McCormick
Seminary
to launch First Church's
year-long study of Calvin
and the Reformed movement.



All three lectures will be held at 7:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall. There will be time for
questions and discussion following each
lecture, so bring your questions.

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

When You Need It Help

First Presbyterian
Church of Lake Forest
(corner of Deerpath and Sheridan Roads)

is offering a **community wide program**

that is built off the energy created at the

Community Symposium: Economic Crisis Close to Home
that was held in February.

A strong response from those who attended
the symposium was for more and varied content.
The church is committed to bringing more
information to the community on an ongoing basis.

Thursday, **May 21** at 7:00 pm

Emily Rosencrans, MDiv, chaplain at Lake Forest Hospital

How to Minimize Stress with Relaxation, Rest and Exercise



THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR EVERYONE.

For further information contact Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250
or Elder Spike Paul at fratedoc@comcast.net

Additional Help When You Need It...

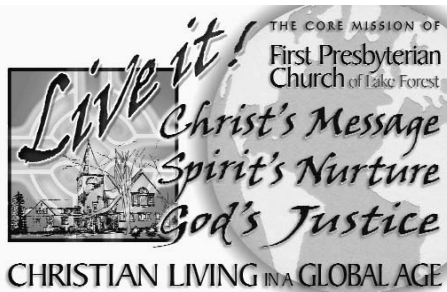
Samaritan Counseling Center 690 Oak Street, Winnetka 60093

Tuesdays - May 12, May 19, June 2 and June 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Each session will include a presentation, time for discussion & stress-reducing techniques.

- May 12: Communication strategies for stressful times
- May 19: Job transitions: challenges and opportunities
- June 2: Practical ways to strengthen your family & refocus values
- June 9: Spiritual questions and resources

Cost: \$25 per session or \$75 for all 4 sessions, Call (847) 446-6955, ext. 16 to register



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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
 WOMEN'S RETREAT
 Saturday, October 17, 2009**



Dear Friends,

This summer marks an historic moment for the life of our church. 150 years ago, on July 24, 1859, our congregation was chartered. Mark your calendar now for that afternoon, when we launch our year-long Sesquicentennial celebration with a festive ceremony and reception.

Providentially - and we Presbyterians do believe in Providence - this summer also marks the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth. In countless ways, our church in the 21st century still owes our hallmark characteristics to this giant of the Protestant Reformation. The better we appreciate him - his piety, intellect and his remarkable ideas, the better we will understand ourselves.

To that end, we are offering a series of lectures by some of the foremost scholars of the Presbyterian branch of the Reformation (see inset on front page). I hope you can find time to make these. In addition, I will be bringing back a report from the official *Calvin and His Influence, 1509-2009* conference in Geneva, Switzerland, at the end of this month. Presbyterians and other Reformed churches' "offspring" of Calvin will be gathering from around the world to consider his legacy and our own faithful future. This is a once in a lifetime experience, and I am thrilled to represent you there.

The connections between our own past - 500 years ago, 150 years ago - and God's plans for our future are not accidental. I can't wait to see how they unfold.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

NEW MEMBER CLASS

First Church has been blessed with new members who have found Christ's love in the life and ministry of the church. **A three part new member class, open to all who are interested in learning more about membership and what it means to be a member** of First Pres, will be held on **Saturday, May 16** from 8:30AM to noon, **Thursday, May 28** from 7:00 to 9:00PM and **Sunday, May 31** from 10:30AM to noon. Reverend Chakoian shares information about the church....universal to our particular congregation on Saturday. Reverend Nelson leads a discussion of the mission and ministry of First Church on Thursday. Both sessions enhance the experience as we get to know each other and look at our own faith journeys. On Sunday morning those who have decided to join are received into membership by the Session before being welcomed at the 11:00 service. Child care is offered at all three sessions. Please contact Beth Gillies to register for the classes and let her know your child care needs at egillies@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250 ext 223.

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 17

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian
 9:00 Confirmation, 11:00 Ordination
 Sanctuary Choir & Chancel Bells

SUNDAY, MAY 24

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Karen Chakoian
 Sanctuary Choir at 11:00

SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Corey Nelson
 Sunday School Volunteers honored
 Sanctuary Choir at 9:00 & 11:00
 Sundaes at 10:00

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**First Presbyterian
 Church** of Lake Forest.

Submission due dates are the 1st and the 15th of every month. Please send submissions to kwolff@firstchurchlf.org faxed to (847) 234-6283 or dropped off at the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE 847-234-6250
HOURS: Mon-Fri 9:00-5:00PM
 Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

Who doesn't want optimum health?

Come to **Lunch Bunch** on Friday, **May 22** when *Mary Lou Falk* of **Lifeline Screening** will present an entertaining and interactive program. Life Line's mission is to make people aware of undetected health problems and encourage follow-up care. Since 1993, over 6M have been screened and serious health issues often identified. Lunch is at noon in the South Parlor. Cost is \$6. at the door. For reservations, call Kerry Spera at (847) 234-6250, ext 233 by Tuesday, May 19.

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is May 17!

This year we welcome two classes of confirmands into membership from eighth and ninth grades. The students spent the last several months studying the Word of God, learning the history and traditions of the Christian church and about our Presbyterian Church. They assisted with clean up after the fall Rummage Sale and after the spring sale as well. Thank you to David Holdsworth and Karil Curran who mentored these young people throughout the year. They offered a great commitment of time and care. Join us in 9:00 worship on Sunday May 17 when Confirmation will take place. A reception follows in Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we welcome these youth into adult membership in our faith community.



WORK TRIP Car Wash

The Senior High Work Trip is an important part of the overall mission ministry of First Church as well as a mountain top experience for the youth who participate.



The Annual Car Wash will be held **Saturday, May 30** from 9:00 to 1:00 in the church parking lot to raise funds for the trip.

The youth and advisors visit a different site each year, usually outside the state of Illinois. This year's trip will be June 14 to 20 and we will go to Iowa to assist with the recovery efforts from the floods last spring. Our time is filled with meaningful work, fun and living our faith. We build wheelchair ramps, rehab homes for the elderly and handicapped and put up siding, paint, roof and repair homes or just clean up the community. Our nightly worship experiences, led by the youth, form a strong connection with their faith. **Please fill out a pledge card in Sunday bulletins and on name tag tables around the building and get your car washed....it is free!** Contact Youth Faith Formation Director Kristie Finley for information at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250.

IN MEMORIAM

David "Tom" Roberts died on April 30, 2009. Mr. Roberts joined the church in 1933. He loved to paint landscapes and was a joyful member of First Church. He will be missed by his wife, Lynne and their children Caroline Roberts and Diane Gold. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on May 23, 2009 at 1:00 pm, Reverend Kent Kinney officiating.

BIRTHS

We welcome *Molly Kate Morehead*, born to Ralph and Yvette Morehead. She joins her brother Ryan and proud grandparents Cindy and Dick Morehead.

Will You Come and Follow Me?

The children of First Presbyterian Church answer with a resounding, "yes!"

In this final unit of the school year, we put our faith in action as we learn about being disciples of Jesus. We will learn the story of the fishermen who laid down their nets and became disciples of Jesus and will explore ways to follow Jesus in our own lives. Children's stewardship funds will support the appreciation gifts the children made for the teachers of Neal School, a North Chicago junior high that First Church chose as a mission partner.

Summer Sunday School begins June 14 at 10:00am. Teachers are needed - please contact apagliarella@firstchurchlf.org to volunteer.

Will You Come and Follow Me?



Sunday School 2009 late Spring	Nature & God's World Room 212	Bible Discovery Room 213	Art Room 215	Theatre & Drama Room 216
May 17	4th grade	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade
May 24	3rd grade	2nd grade	1st grade	4th grade
May 31	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade	1st grade

FAITH CONNECTIONS

We have heard from 66 households in the congregation who wish to receive Faith Connections by mail. We are beginning a transition to email and web access to the bi-monthly newsletter for those who are equipped with technology. However, **we will not leave out anyone** who does not have a computer. If you would like to continue to receive Faith Connections by mail, fill out this form and return to Donna Birney at the church or (847) 234-6250. Thank you for helping us into the 21st century!

I wish to receive Faith Connections by mail:

Name _____ Phone _____



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ARE THE 1ST & 15TH
OF EACH MONTH.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT
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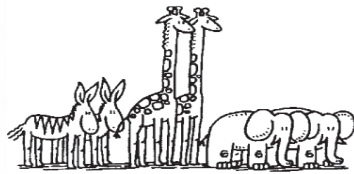
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT
9:00^{AM}



First Presbyterian
Church Preschool
**ENROLLMENT NEWS
2009-2010**

REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting registration forms from anyone wishing to enroll for the 2009-10 school year! If you are interested or know anyone who is, please contact Sarah Pasquesi, Assistant Enrollment Chair, at (847) 482-9055 or email pasquesi2@aol.com.



The Core Mission of
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**HOSPITALITY
MINISTRY GROWS**

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Hebrews 13: 2

This is the theology behind the Hospitality Ministry that puts a smile on the face and in the voice at each phone call and visit.

We are interested in adding new hospitality ministers.

Have you thought about becoming a Hospitality Minister?

If so, training will be held on **Wednesday, May 20**

from 9:30 to noon. To register for training or for more information, contact A.J. Woroch at (847) 234-8861.

Summer Worship Hours

Beginning **Sunday, June 7** First Church's worship schedule changes.

We have **one service at 10:00^{AM}**

from June 7 through Labor Day weekend, September 6.

Fellowship after worship will be offered as usual. Summer coffee hour hosts are desired to provide goodies and serve them. **The invitation to do this is offered to the entire congregation.....as an individual, a family, or group of friends.** The job is fun and offers a great way to meet people. Guidelines are available to supply the detail of how to do this. Sign up on the poster outside the office for a Sunday that works best for you. Contact Karol Karlblom for further information (847) 234-4993.