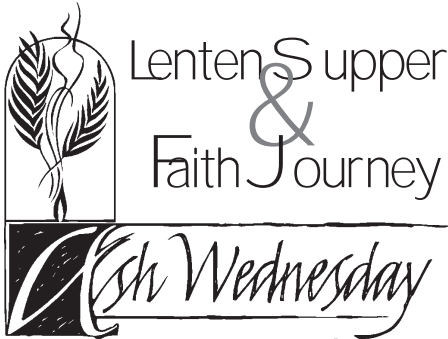




Faith CONNECTIONS



Lenten Supper
&
Faith Journey

Ash Wednesday
March 1

Begin your journey through Lent by joining fellow church members in Fellowship Hall for a simple supper as we hear the Reverend Christine Chakoian's faith journey and an introduction of the Lenten focus

" CALLED OUT:

What does it mean to be a Christian, called out by God?"

The evening will conclude with a short worship service in the sanctuary with communion and imposition of ashes offered.

Call the church office for reservations.

LENTEN WORSHIP & BREAKFASTS

Wednesday mornings during Lent

March 1 - April 5

7:00_{AM} 30 minute Communion Service followed by a continental breakfast

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Grab A Hammer for Habitat!

Mission of the Month: Habitat for Humanity

Have you seen folks (men and women!) gathering in the First Church parking lot on the first Saturday of each month? They are heading out to work at a **Habitat for Humanity** site in Lake County.

What is Habitat? Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that builds homes for families who demonstrate a need to improve their housing and who are willing to help themselves (eligible families must put in 500 hours of their own "sweat equity" on their own or other habitat homes). Homeowners eligible for Habitat have a history of stable incomes and are willing to build community with other Habitat homeowners.

Locally, we support Habitat for Humanity of Lake County (<http://www.habitatlc.org>) and their homebuilding project at Carter Woods in Waukegan. We often work alongside "Presbyterian Partners" (a partnership of seven local Presbyterian Churches that provide volunteers and funds for Habitat).

Tool Time? Can't change a light bulb at home? Don't worry! You don't need to be an expert in construction. There are many tasks that require only a willingness to learn and work with others. You must be 16 years or older to help on the construction sites.

Save me a saw!

Join Carl Stevens (Deacon Liaison to Habitat) the first Saturday of any month. They meet at the church at 8:00am. If you are only able to work for part of the day, you can also meet directly at the work site. Contact Carl with any questions or to get more details at carl.stevens@uop.com or (847) 391-1195) or come join them on **MARCH 4,**

APRIL 1,

MAY 1.....



Completed Presbyterian Partners house at Carter Woods

Please RSVP if you plan to volunteer, so that we can plan for the number of volunteers and provide updated information.

Thank you for your continued support of Habitat!

Reaching out, gathering together, working for Christ.

Dear friends,

We'd hoped for a response when we launched our "Starting at the Ends" initiative, and we have not been disappointed! Close to 200 people stayed for the discussion following the opening sermon. In addition, many of you have responded to my mid-week e-mail encouraging your reflections. The Long Range Planning Council and I are truly grateful for your participation. Every single member matters.

Here are some of the responses I've received – both to our opening worship and to the church-wide mid-week e-mail:

From the positive:

"I wanted to stand up and shout Amen after the sermon. You said so clearly what I've been thinking for a long time, but couldn't put words to."

... "THANK YOU SO MUCH for sending out the Pastor Letter and copy of the sermon. I cannot tell you how awesome that is for me! I am staying down with the kids and between that, set up, and clean up, I rarely get to be upstairs. Thanks a million for the update and I will be certain to share it with my Mom who is still homebound."

From the negative:

"I very clearly understand the vision of the Vendor church. It is consistent with most of my religious experience to date as well as the corporate environment in which I work. While I am less clear about the vision of the Missional church, I suspect that it is not one that I share. Your references to 'ministry out in the world' and 'messengers of the good news' suggest an element of proselytism, which is fundamentally contrary to my nature. I do not consider myself to be a 'called out one.'" ...

"I'm wondering about the origin and usage of the term vendor in this context. I can tell you of at least one former retail buyer who is struggling with the perception that this nomenclature is demeaning in a religious setting."

From the excited:

"I've waited 15 years for this; thanks to all of our leadership for calling us to renewed discipleship."

"I am so glad I am part of a congregation that's stretching ourselves to be faithful – not just within the church, but in every moment of our lives!"



What do you think? Come join our after-sermon discussions; they're offered after every worship service through February 19. Let one of the Long-Range Planning Council members hear what you have to say. Or e-mail me at cchakoian@firstchurchlf.org. Your voice of faith matters.

Every blessing,

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**First Presbyterian
Church** of Lake Forest

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 and 11:00AM Worship

*Reverend Christine Chakoian
Moment for Mission*

"Starting at the Ends"

*Old Testament: Isaiah 58:6-11
New Testament: Mark 1:1; 2:1-12*

*Sermon Series Discussion
immediately following both services*

Lectionary: Isaiah 43: 18-25
Psalm 2
II Corinthians 9: 18-22
Mark 2: 1-12

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9:00 and 11:00AM Worship

Children's Choir's present

Rescue in the Night;

The Story of Daniel

Jill Hunt, Director

Reverend Christine Chakoian

Lectionary: 2 Kings 2: 1-12
Psalm 50: 1-6, 2
II Corinthians 4: 3-6
Mark 9: 2-9

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INSPIRED BY OUR HERITAGE

Stephen Ministry

Each having successfully completed more than 50 hours of specialized training,

The Board of Deacons

is pleased to announce the commissioning of thirteen men and women as new

STEPHEN MINISTERS

on

Sunday, March 12, 2006

AT BOTH THE 9:00 AND 11:00 SERVICES



Mary Beattie	Cheri Naselli
Denise Ertell	Cesilie Price
Marvin Farwell	Ann Roberts
Jerre Gaitan	Donna Short
Ken McPheeters	Tom Toser
Jan McPheeters	Duane Wise
	Janet Wise

will join more than 50 other men and women prepared to assist the Pastoral Staff by offering distinctively Christian caregiving to those members of the First Church Family in need of emotional and spiritual support to palliate life's crises.

Those who want to be great among you must be your servant...For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...

(Mark 10: 43-45, au. paraphr.)

HEAD USHER TRAINING SESSION

A two-hour training session will be held on Saturday, **March 4** starting at 9:00AM, in the sanctuary, for anyone wishing to become a Head Usher. Previously trained Head Ushers who would like a little "refresher" are most welcome to join in the session. Please call the church office at 234-6250 to sign up for the class, or, for more information, call Jim Simmen, Head Usher Coordinator, at (847) 362-0963.

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, February 19 7:00 AM. to 1:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Give the Gift of Life...
Donate Blood.



Did you know that...

- ▶ Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood.
- ▶ 60% of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood but only 5% do.
- ▶ Every year 5 million Americans need a blood transfusion.
- ▶ 38,000 pints of blood are needed every day.
- ▶ Just one pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.
- ▶ There is no substitute for human blood...so only YOU can help.

The Board of Deacons and the American Red Cross extend an invitation to you, your family, neighbors and friends to join us by participating in our Winter Blood Drive. You will help others by donating about an hour of your time and a pint of your blood. The process is simple and from start to finish takes about an hour (the actual donation is only about 5-10 minutes). Juice, treats and fellowship are provided at no charge!

If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment please contact Paul Bergmann (847-295-7957, paul_bergmann@psasi.com). Appointments start at 7:00AM and continue until 1:00PM, but "walk-ins" are most welcome. We hope that you will consider participating in this worthwhile cause. Here are some general guidelines

"To give blood for transfusion to another person, you must be healthy, be at least 17 years old or 16 years old if allowed by state law, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood in the last 8 weeks (56 days).

"Healthy" means that you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure, "healthy" means that you are being treated and the condition is under control."

For more information visit the the Red Cross website at <http://www.redcross.org/donate/give/> and click on donor eligibility requirements or view their online presentation about giving blood.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and participation.

Night Ministry Opportunity

First Church plans to provide soup and sandwiches to the street people in Uptown on **March 31**, as part of the Mission Committee focus on Night Ministry this year. We need volunteers to prepare servings for 150-200 people on Friday afternoon February 10 at our church kitchen, and volunteers to serve it from the Night Ministry bus that evening. This is a great chance to support needy, often homeless people. Please sign up by calling the church office, or Liz Bradner at (847) 433-3139 in the evenings.

COMMITTED TO MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE



WHO ARE WE?

Our Christian calling takes many forms.

Here is one example.



A Very Different Christmas Story (even though its February)

After years of raising five children in the affluent Lake Forest environment, the pressure, stress and demands of Christmas had turned the Sawle family holiday into anything but "the most wonderful time of the year" as the song goes. This year, we decided to turn our Christmas of receiving into one of pure giving.

By asking a few questions around the congregation, we were put in touch with Todd Luke, a Presbyterian missionary based at a mission we support in one of the poorest regions in Mexico - the central Yucatan Peninsula. Todd grew up in Northbrook, graduated from law school and is registered to practice law in Illinois. His focus shifted after his first trip to this region when he saw the human need and married a native. Todd and Maria have three children and live in Xpuhil (sh - poo -heel) where they accommodate up to twelve guests at a time. We asked if Todd could handle a family of five (Steve, Cornelia, Lilly -15, Carissa-13 and William-10) during Christmas, 2005. Todd's heartfelt response was "absolutely!"

A five hour drive from Cancun, brought us to Xpujil. We were warmly greeted by Todd and Maria with a fine meal prepared by Maria. We repaired fences, painted the church's trailer, planted bushes and a field of corn using an experimental technique being tried in arid regions of Africa. Current farm production is barely subsistence level; any increase in productivity would significantly improve living conditions. The field is owned by Phillipe and Yolanda, Mayan Indian descendants. Phillipe will be named pastor of the Presbyterian Church in neighboring Castilla Brita.

We worked in the morning, and spent the remainder of the day exploring nearby Mayan ruins. Being so far off the tourist beaten path, we were usually one of only two or three families visiting any site.

Christmas was celebrated on Christmas Eve. We enjoyed a big dinner prepared by Maria with many relatives. No gifts were exchanged; we reflected on Christ. Later, the night became like New Year's Eve with firecrackers and party noise filling the air. Christmas Day worship was at El Sinai Presbyterian Church where Todd gave the sermon. We thoroughly enjoyed our "giving Christmas" and better understood the way most people live. We have a better appreciation of the gifts we all enjoy every day.

Thanks in part to First Church's mission program, Todd is directly making lives better for those less fortunate. Contact me (Steve Sawle) by e-mail at ssawle@aol.com or calling (847) 234-1405 for more information.

Xpuhil Statistics Population - 3000, % of homes with 1 or 2 rooms - 98
% of homes with internal plumbing - 1
% of homes with dirt floors - 50
% of families with a car - 10 in city, 3 rural
% of homes with running water (cistern) - 1

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
INVITE
THE WOMEN OF
THE CHURCH TO

Women's RETREAT

March 4

"Martha Stewart, Mother Teresa and Me: Finding My Calling as a Woman Today"



Our culture gives us models of perfection to follow: perfect competence, perfect beauty, even perfect piety. In contrast, Christ invites us to be who we really are individually and uniquely - and calls us as Christians in our everyday world.

This retreat will help us let go of what we "should" be and envision what God might be intending for our lives.

March 4 8:30-3:00^{PM}

at St. Mary's on the Lake in Mundelein

Reverend Christine Chakoian, leader

Breakfast and lunch will be served. Cost is \$20.00.

Register by calling the church office (847) 234-6250.

Questions call Jane Jensen (847) 367-7209 or
Laura Sibley (847) 615-9221.

Come hear the Illinois Brass Band



Six-time NORTH AMERICAN
BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS

CONCERT

Sunday, February 26

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
Tickets available at the door

3:00^{PM}



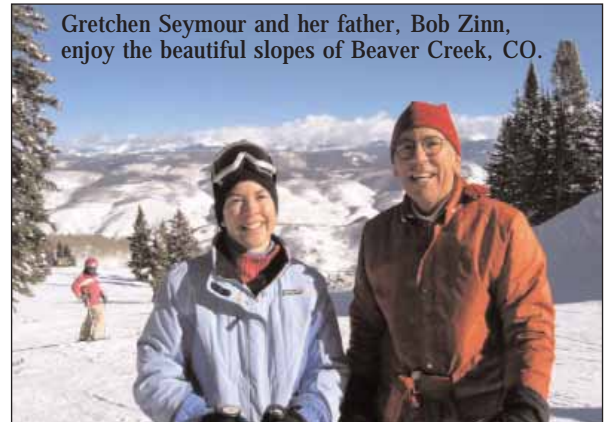
FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF OUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS



"Bid for Better Lives" Saturday, April 22 Deacons' Annual Dinner & Auction

Hot Chocolate... \$1.50
Ski Gloves... \$25.00
Skiing with your Dad AND supporting
First Church Missions... Priceless.

And what a wonderfully priceless week it was for Jim and Gretchen Seymour and their family near Beaver Creek, Colorado. They were thrilled to be the winning bid for First Church member Bob Shaw's lovely ski home at last year's "Bid for Better Lives". *"Through Bob's generosity, we were able to bring our extended family together and support the church's mission work."* Jim added.



Gretchen Seymour and her father, Bob Zinn, enjoy the beautiful slopes of Beaver Creek, CO.

"Bid for Better Lives" will be held **Saturday, April 22** at The Onwentsia Club. All proceeds from this live & silent auction support the 25 missions, including Habitat for Humanity, P.A.D.S., and A Safe Place supported by the Board of Deacons.

In addition to fantastic travel opportunities, sports & entertainment tickets, and unique "treasures" from the Rummage Room, last year's attendees bid on such 'priceless' items as home made desserts delivered to your door once a month for a year and personalized care packages for college students.

If you are able to support this event with a donation for the auction, please contact Carrie Ford at bandcford@aol.com or (847) 615-9166



If you have not yet scheduled an event that you purchased at the 2005 Deacons' Auction, such as a luncheon, dinner, or other, please call Betsey Thurman at 295-3822 for assistance in scheduling that event prior to this year's auction.

History and Archives

In March 1987, Reverend Clay Bell approached Millicent Kreischer and asked her to chair a History and Archives Committee for First Church. Katherine Arpee and Jeanette Mattoon had been collecting historical material. Under Mrs. Kreischer's leadership, the History and Archives Committee was established as a Session Committee under Parish Life.

For a number of years, the committee operated on a card table outside the vault in the upper hallway. Mrs Harold Hutchings (former archivist with the Chicago Tribune) developed an organizational plan according to major subjects, which, much-expanded, is still the basis of the Archives' collection. Now located in a sunny room adjacent to the tower, Archives is set up with files numbered by subject on a database.

During these nineteen years much has been accomplished. Records are in archival boxes, secure and retrievable. Pictures and memorabilia are filed as well as slides and tapes. The collection includes minutes of Session, Trustees, committees, artifacts and diaries from the past. Bulletins and newsletters have been bound. The booklet on "Symbols and Art" was published in 1998.



H&A photograph by Reverend Christine Chakoian, November 3, 2005 field trip to Milburn and Waukegan

Shirley Paddock is the current moderator and we are happy to say that Millicent is still very much involved in the committee work. We try to share our wealth of material with the congregation through displays in the Archival Cabinet, given as a memorial in memory of Robert Kreischer, as well as by occasional articles. The current display is about our early Missions. Please take a few minutes to stop by and view it.

We meet Thursday mornings throughout the year. Members interested in our church history will find it fascinating and rewarding work. New members are needed and will be warmly welcomed and set to work.

Sarah Wimmer January, 2006

STRENGTHENED BY GOD'S GUIDANCE AND LOVE

Drew Baehr's Eagle Scout Project for A Safe Place

When Drew Baehr approached his senior Eagle Scout service project, his idea was to meet a need for new beds. His Dad, Ken, encouraged him through his position as President of the Ecologic Company in Lake Bluff. Drew presented his outline of the project to the Safe Place Director of Development.



Safe Place approved the project so Drew presented the plan to the Boy Scout organization.

Beds were purchased with a generous donation from Presbyterian Women. Drew and his volunteers loaded 34 beds on a truck destined for the Safe Place shelter. They removed the old beds and assembled the sturdy new bunk beds with safety rails.



To complete the job, Drew and his team put in well over the 125 hours required for the service project. Drew commented, "It was a lot of hard work, but it paid off to help a good cause."

Photos of the work project are posted on the church bulletin board.



A Safe Place is the Lake County Crisis Center for Domestic Violence. Providing secure, safe shelter for victims and child-victims, and counseling and support services, staff and trained volunteers also serve as advocates at the Lake County Court House. They staff a treatment program for abusers, lead regular education and prevention programs as well as counseling services for victims around the county, and staff a 24 hour crisis line for victims. The new 20 apartment Safe Place Transitional Living building provides secure and affordable housing for up to two years for families, with full support services as they begin to feel safe and put their lives together. **A Safe Place is a Mission focus for First Church.**

March 2006 Senior High Youth Group Schedule:

- March 5 7:00 PM Practice for Work Trip Talent Show
5:45 PM Youth Music Ministry
- March 12 Work Trip Talent Show
- March 19 7:00 PM Youth Group
5:45 PM Youth Music Ministry
- March 26 and April 2 No Youth Group. Have a safe Spring Break.

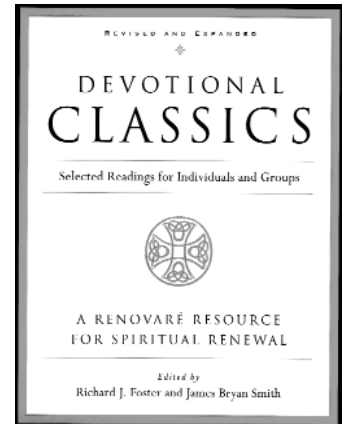
Back by popular demand! **Work Trip Talent Show**
March 12, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Work Trippers will entertain in effort to raise funds for the summer of **2006 Mission Work Trip to Ocean Springs**. Please join us.

Christian Perspectives

February Session: Thursdays, February 16 & 23
1:00-2:30 PM in the Parish House Conference Room

Reverend Christine Chakoian continues an interactive discussion and study based on selected readings from: *Devotional Classics, Selected Readings For Individuals and Groups*, Edited by Richard J. Foster & James Bryan Smith. The readings are organized according to the Six Traditions of Christian life and faith: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational. All are invited to attend.



Devotional Classics have been organized to introduce readers to the great devotional writers. In addition to the author's original text, each reading features an introduction, a linked biblical passage, discussion questions, individual and group exercises, and a meditation by Richard J. Foster. Featured authors include: Augustine of Hippo, Bernard of Clairvaux, Francis of Assisi, Julian of Norwich, Catherine of Siena, Thomas à Kempis, Catherine of Genoa, Martin Luther, and many more.

You are invited to contact Susan Peet or Jeanne Lane (cestchoc@aol.com) with any questions.



THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT FIRST CHURCH FOR THE LAKE FOREST, LAKE BLUFF, & KNOLLWOOD COMMUNITIES ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3 AT 10:00 AM.

This service of worship is held around the world by ecumenical Christian groups of women annually under the coordination of Church Women United. An ecumenical women's group from a different country develops the service each year. South African women developed "Signs of the Times" offering the opportunity for us to pray with and for the people of South Africa as they share their joys of freedom and democracy and their concerns. Come, invite your friends from other churches to worship together and be the more complete Body of Christ. A reception will be offered after worship.

RELYING ON GOD'S GRACE



Sunday,
February 26
at the
9:00 & 11:00 AM
worship, our combined
Children's Choirs
and Sunday School
will present the
musical play,

Rescue in the Night

The play, written by
Tom S. Long and
Allen Pote, tells with
songs, narration, and
great humor
the story of
Daniel and the lions' den.

Join us for this
exciting joint
Children's Choirs and
Sunday School Worship
presentation!

Even a cold, rainy January night couldn't keep over 130 of the First Church family from sharing a special night at Lake Forest Club! A roaring fire and hundreds of candles warmed our hearts as we caught up with friends and nibbled on bruschetta.

As we turned down the volume to Sinatra, we were treated to an impromptu singing of the Doxology from choir members in attendance! What a way to kick off our meal. Splendida!!

We thank the Parish Life Committee, Kim Benson, Beth Jones, Peggy Marlatt, Liz Moore and Beverly Raudabaugh and the Membership Committee, Bill Denniston and Jacquie Berkshire for the hard work and energy they brought to this popular event!

Mark your calendars for our next event... **Ash Wednesday Supper, March 1.** We share a simple supper and hear a faith journey. We move to the sanctuary for a time of reflection, communion and imposition of ashes. For many, this has become a necessity as we enter Lent. Please consider this spiritual opportunity to worship God with your family.

Love from Dawn Neal and Cindy Long



The **Lunch Bunch** will meet on **Friday, February 24** when our member,



Dr. Ken Janson, will give a slide talk about his recent unique experience in remote western Uganda. Ken and his daughter spent her last rotation with Tulane Medical School in a clinic under the auspices of the Episcopal Church of Africa. Don't miss Ken's fascinating story about this medical mission.

Come at noon to South Parlor. Cost is \$5.00 at the door.

Call the church at (847) 234-6250 for reservations by Tuesday, February 21.

		<i>Jesus in the Temple Schedule</i>						
		<i>Workshop Rotation Unit 4</i>						
		Mission & Outreach Stuart Room	Science and God's World Room 12	Bible Discovery Room 213	Music & Games Fellowship Hall	Theatre and Drama Room 212		
Teachers	Nancy Duffy	Cheryl Anderson Carrie Ford	Ryan Moore Matt Popiel	Ann Marie Fuchs	Sally McDonald Martha Zeeman	Karen Wands		
February 12	2nd grade	4th grade	3rd grade	5th grade	1st grade	6th grade		
February 19	1st grade	6th grade	4th grade	3rd grade	5th grade	2nd grade		
February 26	5th grade	2nd grade	6th grade	4th grade	3rd grade	1st grade		
March 5	3rd grade	1st grade	2nd grade	6th grade	4th grade	5th grade		
March 12	4th grade	5th grade	1st grade	2nd grade	6th grade	3rd grade		
March 19	6th grade	3rd grade	5th grade	1st grade	2nd grade	4th grade		

Grade 1 Kim Robb
Grade 2 Ann Barbour
Grade 3 Debbie Stumpf, Pam Lungmus
Grade 4 Lauren Whalley
Grade 5 Liz Moore
Grade 6 Eleanor Thorn, Rena DuToit

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FIRST CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Called together and centered in Christ's service, we are a fellowship growing in faith.

Relying on God's grace, we commit to fulfilling God's purpose for us by creating a welcoming, inclusive environment that inspires spiritual growth and celebration.

We journey together, caring for each other as we make deeper connections through prayer, worship, education and mission outreach.

We embrace the challenge to be faithful stewards of our God-given gifts and talents.

Inspired by our heritage of service and leadership, we are disciples of Christ, committed to making a positive difference in our families, community and beyond.

We call others to join with us as we journey into the future, strengthened by God's guidance and love.

CHRISTOPHER MARTINAT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship has been established in loving memory of Christopher Martinat, a 1998 Lake Forest High School graduate. In recognition of Chris's love of nature and the outdoors, this scholarship will fully fund the tuition for a month-long NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) experience in the Rocky Mountains for one selected student. Rocky Mountain courses are typified by travel at relatively high altitude (8-12,000 ft.), spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing and opportunities for rock climbing and fishing.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE AND RESIDENTS OF LAKE FOREST, LAKE BLUFF OR KNOLLWOOD.

Application packets are available February 1, 2006 at The First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, The Guidance Department at Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest Academy and Woodlands Academy. Completed applications, which include an essay, should be **returned no later than Friday, March 1**. A selection panel will interview semi-finalists and a recipient will be announced no later than Monday, March 15, 2006. For additional information contact Linda Martinat (847) 615-0820.

This fund was established by generous donations to the Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship and will provide a NOLS outdoor experience for a selected student every year into perpetuity. A very special thanks to all who made this memorial possible.