



LaPorte RePorte



News from LaPorte New Church Swedenborgian

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HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

The January and February programs (Prayer and Angels) were well-presented using the Swedenborg Foundation's production, *Off The Left Eye*, as the starting points for discussion and enjoyed by all. The March and April programs (*Spiritual Struggles* and *The After-life*) will continue the same format, and we hope will gain even more people's interest. Bring friends!

RESET YOUR LIFE PATH

Now is the time to sign up for this 6-wk community program beginning March 23. The deadline for reservations so that books (\$23) can be ordered is March 10. Everyone is welcome as this is a community outreach event.

There's a sign-up sheet at church, or contact Barb for that or if you need more information.

COFFEE HOUR

As a reminder, there will be no coffee hours served on Communion Sundays, typically the 3rd Sunday of the month.

On 5th Sundays, the church will provide cookies and coffee.

All other Sundays we'll enjoy coffee hours as usual.

NEWSLETTER FORMAT

Our church newsletter is being modified for brevity in content and the time involved in creating and publishing it. If there's a particular item that you're missing and would like to see in it, please let Barb know.

Kit posts his weekly email messages to us all so a pastor letter will no longer be part of the church newsletter.

As always, submissions are welcome.

SPRING INTO RUMMAGE! March 16-18, 8:00-1:00

Much work has already been done upstairs at Manna House to accommodate our personal schedules, but help is requested to set up downstairs on Mon, Tues, and perhaps Wed (13,14, 15) of sale week.

We also need many volunteers to fill the work slots on the sale days. A sign up sheet is at the church, or you may connect with Barb via email or text.

As always, we have lots of good items for sale at very reasonable prices, and we need people to buy the stuff. Tell all your friends!

IT WAS DISGUSTING...

And now it's not. If you've ever ventured a look behind the church boiler in the kitchen (or worse yet, cleaned out a flood of mud from the cracked foundation), you know that the kitchen wall needed serious help. It has all now been completely fixed and painted and looks perfectly beautiful. Thanks to Rose Brothers Paint for their good work.

LOSING ERIKA

It has been with deep sadness and with much sympathy to Erika West's family and to her partner, Aaron Moelich and his family, that we have said farewell to Erika in late January. Erika was such a kind-hearted and dedicated woman who loved working with the elderly and disabled. She had been soon to join our church. Rev. Kit officiated at her graveside memorial service at Oak Grove Cemetery in Mill Creek for many family members and friends.

Aaron's mother Jane offers this note of "sincere and fervent gratitude for all the prayers and support from our church family, always, but with Aaron's car accident and Erika's death in particular." This has been a very difficult time in their lives as Aaron continues to recover from his injuries and the deep pain of losing Erika. Please continue your prayers of comfort and peace to them all.



SPLATz Eleven Super-Powered Lovable Almost Teens and their leaders enjoyed a long MLK weekend retreat at Manna House discovering the Universal Human.

Service Type	1st & 2nd: Contemporary; 3rd & 4th: Traditional Charity Sundays when Rev Kit is away
MARCH	
1, Weds	Ash Wednesday, join Rev. Kit at another church
5, Sunday	First Sunday service
10, Friday	Board meeting, noon
	Teen Mtg, 7-9, MH; Tween Mtg 7-8, church
12, Sunday	Potluck
15, Weds	Healthy Spirituality, <i>The Purpose of Spiritual Struggles</i> , 6:30-8pm
13-15, M-W	Set up for Rummage Sale
16-18, Th-Sat	Rummage Sale, 8-1. Clean up Sat. afternoon
19, Sunday	Holy Communion, no coffee hour
23, Thurs	<i>Reset Your Life Path#1</i> , 6:30-8 pm
24, Fri	Teen Mtg, 7-9, MH
30, Thurs	<i>Reset Your Life Path#2</i> , 6:30-8 pm
APRIL	
2, Sunday	First Sunday service
6, Thurs	<i>Reset Your Life Path#3</i> , 6:30-8 pm
9, Sunday	Palm Sunday, Potluck
12, Weds	<i>Reset Your Life Path#4</i> , 6:30-8 pm
14, Fri	Teen Mtg, 7-9, MH; Tween Mtg 7-8, church
16, Sunday	Easter, Holy Communion, no coffee hour
19, Weds	Healthy Spirituality, <i>The Afterlife</i> , 6:30-8pm
20, Thurs	<i>Reset Your Life Path#5</i> , 6:30-8 pm
27, Thurs	<i>Reset Your Life Path#6</i> , 6:30-8 pm (final class)
28, Fri	Teen Mtg, 7-9, MH

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS			
Mar 5	HEIDI'S HOPPERS	Apr 16	NO COFFEE HOUR
Mar 12	POTLUCK	Apr 23	PAT'S PALS
Mar 19	NO COFFEE HOUR	Apr 30	COOKIES/COFFEE
Mar 26	CONNIE'S COOKS	May 7	JUDY'S JOYS
Apr 2	GAIL'S GOBBLERS	May 14	POTLUCK
Apr 9	POTLUCK	May 21	NO COFFEE HOUR

EASTER THOUGHTS

New Church congregations around the world have diversity in imagery use to reflect faith. There are fewer images of the cross that you are used to seeing in other churches, because the New Church puts the emphasis on the Risen Lord, not on His suffering on the cross.

The New Church teaches that all people of all faiths will go to heaven if they believe in one God and live in charity and kindness according to the principles of their religion's persuasion. It is what is in your heart that determines your eternal condition, not what is in your mind only, or the words on your tongue, or the membership card in your wallet. When people arrive in the spiritual world after the death of the physical body, they are not asked, "What is your religion?" but rather, "What is your life?"

PASTOR'S DAYS OFF

A reminder that Rev. Kit's days off are Monday and Tuesday. Unless it's an emergency, please allow him this time.

GIVE, as you are able, with love in your heart and in your soul

In addition to our regular Sunday offerings to help sustain our church, we are asked to charitably give in these ways:

- Camp for Kids fundraiser, in spring, through Illinois Association (helps our children attend Almont Summer Camp)
- Giftback to our Mother Church, each quarter, we ask for a donation which will be given annually to the denomination
- Manna House Stewardship, monthly, for upkeep, utilities, and big maintenance projects
- Illinois Association Member Dues, \$10 per confirmed member

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