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Reach out Through His Love

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. (Psalm 51: 10-12)

These words may seem familiar to you. They are occasionally sung as an offertory response in the Sunday liturgy. However, these words play a more significant role in our observation of Lent. They are sung or spoken at the Ash Wednesday liturgy. They summarize the purpose of Lent. Lent is a time to reflect upon our lives, to confess those things that keep us from living fully into God, and to open our hearts, minds, bodies and souls to the joy of God's salvation through Jesus Christ. Reflection, repentance, renewal are all part of our Lenten preparation before we experience the joy of Easter.

Lent begins with our observation of Ash Wednesday on February 17th and lasts 40 days. These 40 days remind us of the time Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness after his baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as the 40 days Moses spent fasting on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

We intentionally slow down during Lent – giving ourselves time to reflect. We offer opportunities for people to practice the disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, and service. Those opportunities include Sunday Worship, Wednesday Evening Prayer, Bible Study, personal devotions, and service activities.

Our theme for this Lenten Season is *From Fear to Love*. This is a theme taken from a devotional titled *Lenten Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son* by Henri J. M. Nouwen. These Lenten Reflections are taken from one of my favorite books by Nouwen: *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*. Inspired by a painting by Rembrandt, Nouwen reflects upon the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke: 11-32) from three perspectives: the young prodigal son, the older vengeful son, and the compassionate father. Nouwen's themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation speak to anyone who has experienced loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger.

To assist you in your private or family devotions, we will provide copies of two different resources. One devotional resource designed for use by families is *Shaped by Love*. The second is designed primarily for adults and is titled *From Fear to Love*.

I hope that you and your family will take the opportunity to observe Lent in some way this year. Make a commitment to be more regular in our Sunday morning worship. Spend a half hour with us on Wednesdays for evening prayer. Get involved in a Bible study, whether in a group or at home. Pick up a copy of one of the devotional materials and use it to guide your Lenten reflection and prayer. Participate in one of the many opportunities we have for showing the love of Christ through service to others.

May your Lenten journey renew your spirit and restore a sense of joy!

Dennis Kelly

Worship Notes

It has been good to share this time of Epiphany with you all! We look forward to all this year has to offer in regard to enriching our spiritual lives. The worship team and the musical groups at Ascension continue to dig deep to discover ways to enhance all of our worship experiences and I would like to share some of those with you here.

First of all, on **Sunday, February 7** we will be swapping choirs with St. Mark's Episcopal church in Evanston. You will have the great opportunity to worship with St. Mark's choir and organist that day and Minkyoo and I, along with the choir, will have the new experience of taking part in an Episcopalian service. This will certainly be a refreshingly new worship experience for all involved and will also give us the opportunity to make some new friends. Be sure to come and welcome the St. Mark's people warmly. Later on in the year, we will combine our choirs to do a very special worship in the Easter Season. On **Sunday, April 25** the combined choir will worship at St. Marks and on **Sunday, May 2**, they will worship at Ascension. We will be performing special anthems that day as a part of the service, so be sure to save the date and by all means, join us in the choir for this event AND Easter as part of Ascension's Festival Chorus! We offer Wednesday evening rehearsals throughout Lent starting with Ash Wednesday (February 17) at 7:30 p.m. We will also be offering time, for those who cannot be with us on Wednesday evenings, to learn the music on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 a.m. service. Consider this a Lenten devotion. Please see Minkyoo for more details.

Ash Wednesday is **February 17** and we will be offering Wednesday evening services throughout Lent starting at 7:00 p.m. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer service as we have in years past. Please join us for this time of prayer and renewal.

As we move into holy week, we are planning on doing a dramatic presentation for the **Maundy Thursday** service on **April 2**. We are currently seeking those of you with a passion for this kind of worship ministry to take part in this service. Again, please see Minkyoo or myself if you are interested in participating.

The Easter season will bring many rich worship offerings, not the least of which is the **Spring Musical** taking place on **Sunday, April 18**. We will be doing a piece by Aaron David Miller and Herbert F. Brokering entitled "All Nature Sings". It is a beautiful, jazz inspired work that speaks of God in our every day surroundings. Lisa Rude and others will be working with the children to incorporate dance, movement and pageantry that will surely help us to see the inspiration of God's creation.

Finally, we look forward to our spring concert on **Saturday, April 24**, which will feature cellist, Nicholas Photinos and pianist, Yasuko Oura. Nick is the cellist of the well-known chamber ensemble, eighth blackbird and Yasuko is an accompanist for singers with the Lyric Opera and also on the faculty at Roosevelt. This husband and wife team have just recently come together as a performing duo and we have the unique opportunity to be among the first to see their collaboration.

We praise God for richly blessing us, and we thank Him for all of you who come together to praise Him.

Peace to all,

Mischa & Minkyoo



As we have entered into our second semester of Sunday School classes, the unpredictable Chicago weather has given us a brief glimpse of what we typically experience in the first weeks of March: temps approaching 40, but it's still mid-January as I am writing this to you all! It has been a great beginning to our semester, the classrooms have been full and the kids seem to be as enthusiastic as ever. Thanks to all of you for making Sunday School a priority for your children. We'd like to take a few moments to thank those who have gotten us off to this great start...our teachers. Thank you Pam Carlson and Eleanor and Bruce Pattie for working with our youngest children. Angela Erland and Jan and Moe Hincapie for working with the grade level kids on our games day. Parents, please join Beth and me in showing our appreciation, and please join them; the opportunity to teach our children will inspire you as much as you inspire them. Contact Beth or me for rotation dates. We need more people to make our Sunday School program as vital and exciting as it can be, so please volunteer!

Once again, Lisa Rude and Angela Erland will be working with the grade level kids in preparing various dramas, which will be performed by the kids during services throughout this semester.. These two ladies have made our drama rotations a highlight of the year for these kids and also for those who have watched from the pews. Many thanks to Lisa and Angela for their dedication and the energy they instill in our kids. I'm sure I speak for everybody when I say that I cannot wait to see what you bring us this semester!

Rather than have the kids perform their Palm Sunday skit this year, they will be participating in a spring musical, which will be held on Sunday April 18th. The children will be working with both Mischa Zupko and Lisa Rude during Sunday School on the following dates: March 14th, March 21st, and April 11th. Please mark your calendars and have your children at these "rehearsal" classes. There will also be a rehearsal either Friday evening, April 16th, or Saturday, April 17th TBD. Sunday, April 18th, will be the program so there is no Sunday School on that day. Again, please have your children attend these very important Sunday rehearsals as well as the "dress rehearsal" on either Friday April 16th or Saturday April 17th TBD. Thanks for your support. (Palm Sunday, March 28th, there is no formal rehearsal, but there will be a special Lenten Storytelling that takes place during the Sunday School time.)

Lastly, we will be conducting our First Communion classes for any children in grades 3 through 5. The first class will be held on Sunday April 25th from 10 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. and will be taught by Beth and me; the second class will be taught by Pastor Kelly on Sunday May 2nd, beginning at approximately 10:10 a.m. The First Communion service will be held that same Sunday, May 2nd, during the Celebrate service. Please contact Beth and me at bngpeterson@att.net to let us know if you have a child who will be participating in these classes or if you'd like any further information.

Peace,
Greg and Beth

YOUTH MINISTRY

During the first 2 weeks of January you might remember that I was away attending an 'intensive course' for the MA program I'm a part of through Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. I'm still fairly new to this graduate study program (I took my first course online during fall 2009!), but have already gained a lot more perspective on this ministry I feel called to within the church. The degree I'm working toward is focused on Children's, Youth and Family Ministry, and during my January class I was grateful to participate in 2 weeks of learning and discussion related to theological frameworks for ministry; thinking about who God is and what God is doing among youth and young people in the church. As we participate in the Youth Ministry of Ascension, it is my hope that the Bible study & conversations we have, service projects we do, and fellowship activities we enjoy will allow us to connect further with one another as we participate in a journey of faith and discern God's will in our lives and engagement in the world. I'm so excited about continuing this journey with each of you, and I genuinely hope that you're also willing to try some new things and continue exploring a fresh chapter of Youth Ministry at Ascension!

- > **Beginning in the month of February, LYFE will no longer meet on Sunday evenings and instead is moving to Wednesdays!** Sunday evenings were previously chosen as a time for Ascension's high school youth to gather on a weekly basis, but as time has gone on since that decision was made, it's become evident that Sunday nights are currently not an ideal time for youth to meet. For the second semester of this school year then, we'll be trying a new day of the week and time to gather: the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the Youth Room at church. I've got some exciting ideas for Bible study materials we can use as well as some activities we'll be better able to do on a weeknight as opposed to a weekend, so I really truly hope to see Ascension youth (and friends!) come out and try this new format for LYFE!
- > **Sunday, February 7th is the Souper Bowl of Caring!** Ascension youth will again be participating in this national effort to raise awareness of hunger needs while collecting food & funds to support our local Northfield Township Food Pantry and global ELCA World Hunger. High school youth will help collect food items and money from donating worshippers on Sunday the 7th at the end of both services, so a big thank you in advance to the youth for their help and to people of the Ascension community for donating to this project.
- > **Thursday, February 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - Volunteering at the Northfield Township Food Pantry!** After multiple projects to collect food items during the past several weeks leading up to this, high school youth will be volunteering on Thurs. the 11th to bring all the collected food over and spend an hour learning about the services the pantry provides to the community as well as help with sorting and stocking shelves of supplies. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. to help load up all the food (and ourselves!) into cars before heading over to the pantry!
- > **Confirmation class will meet four times during the month of February: the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.** Tuesday, February 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. is our confirmation 'Fellowship Night' for the month, and we're just about due for a.....'GAME NIGHT'!! Join us at 6:00 p.m. for pizza before we head into an evening of fun and fellowship for all Ascension 6th, 7th and 8th graders!
- > **Sunday, February 28th is our mid-year Confirmation Leaders Meeting at church from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.** As we look ahead to the next few months of the confirmation program, all those involved in class, fellowship and service aspects of the program will meet to take a look at how things have gone during the fall semester and plan ahead for the next few months of spring. Pastor Kelly, myself, and all parents/adult volunteers involved in the confirmation program are welcome and encouraged to attend! Lunch will be provided.

Vanessa

Adult Spiritual Growth

Adult Library

This month's featured Book is **Opening Windows, Spiritual Refreshment for your Walk with Christ**, a compendium of reflections on life by 35 of today's most inspiring writers. Published by Howard Press, it carries an introduction by Max Lucado. The volume is organized in 35 short reflections on refreshment and renewal each from a different author. The book offers thoughts of inspiration, hope, and prayer to guide us through the trials and joys of daily living.

This book is on display and available for checkout at the Ascension Library in the Augustana Room.

John Vonnegut



It is not too late to join the Men's Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Kelly presented a two-week introduction to the book of Revelation in January and our 13-week study begins February 2nd. All men are welcome.

Study guides are available for \$6.00. Questions? Contact John West @ 847-729-0609 or e-mail jwestx2@sbcglobal.net.



Something Special for Adult Education in February!

We are planning a two week series on "Your Neighbors' Faith", and are honored to have some wonderful speakers. Please join us at 10:30 in the Augustana Room for what we believe will be interesting and educational presentations! Sunday, February 7th - "**Judaism, Then and Now**" will be a dialogue between Esther Menn, PhD and Rabbi Laurence Edwards, PhD. Professor Menn, a professor at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is deeply dedicate to Jewish-Christian Dialogue and is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Consultative Panel on Lutheran-Jewish Relations as well as the Christian Scholars Group on Christian Jewish Relation. Among her many publications, she has contributed articles to *The Lutheran* on Judaism and Christianity. Rabbi Edwards is the Rabbi at Congregation Or Chadash in Chicago and teaches courses at Loyola University. His selected lecture topics include "What Jews and Christians Are Learning Together" reflecting his interest in religious dialogue. Sunday, February 14th - "**Islam and the Koran**" will be presented by Reverend Mark Swanson, PhD. He is a professor of Christian-Muslim Studies and Interfaith Relations at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He has served on the faculty of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt and currently is a member of the Editorial Board of the monographic series, "The History of Christian-Muslim Relations". Come and learn with us. Adult Education will not meet on February 21st and 28th.

*Ruth Willason &
Lois Vining*

Reach Out Through God's Love

Haiti Earthquake Relief

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. About 3 million lives, one-third of Haiti's population, are affected by this earthquake. Already one of the poorest countries in the world (70 percent of Haiti's population lives in extreme poverty), this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Disaster Response is already working through longstanding partnerships on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies. Financial gifts are urgently needed. Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief, will be used entirely (100 percent) for immediate relief and ongoing recovery in Haiti. Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. Please give today at www.elca.org/haitiearthquake or make your check payable to Lutheran Church of the Ascension and write Haiti Earthquake on the memo line.

Lutheran World Relief is responding to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Please help.

Pray for the people for Haiti, and for those working to help them.

Give: cash donations help LWR to quickly deliver aid. You can donate directly to LWR by visiting lwr.org/Haiti. Or **text LWR to 40579 to make a \$10 donation**. Remember to **reply YES** to the confirmation. Messaging and data rates may apply.



Have Your Gift for Haiti Matched

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match members' gifts to LWR for Haiti response

Thrivent Financial will give \$1 for every \$2 Thrivent members contribute to LWR for the relief effort in Haiti. Visit www.Thrivent.com for more information and to have your gift matched!

SOUPER BOWL of Caring



Sunday, February 7, is the 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring, a national effort to raise awareness of hunger needs in the U.S. and around the world. We at Ascension will be collecting non-perishable food items (such as cans of soup) as well as money that will go to help feed the hungry. All food collected will be donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry, and all funds collected will go to ELCA World Hunger. On Feb. 7th at the end of both worship services, youth will stand near the doors of the sanctuary to accept your contributions in large soup pots. Thank you for joining us in this Souper Bowl of Caring!

Glenview Senior Housing Assistance Program

The Village of Glenview announces the Glenview Senior Housing Assistance Program for 2010. People who may be eligible for assistance have been Village of Glenview residents for at least two years, are at least 62 years old, have an annual income below \$16,245 for a one person household or \$21,855 for a two person household, pay rent or real estate taxes, and are not receiving HUD Section 8 subsidies. Assistance is up to \$1690 per year toward rent or property taxes for qualifying Glenview senior citizens. Applications will be accepted from February 8-19 at the Glenview Village Hall. Copies of the application are available at the church's bulletin board.

Global Missions

Imagine Yourself in the World...

Are you a young adult with a heart for people, a thirst to learn and a passion for service? Or, do you know one?? The ELCA's *Young Adults in Global Mission* program (YAGM) is accepting applications now, and could be the perfect opportunity for you or someone you know to explore service, the church and the world in a whole new way.

Service opportunities are for one year in social ministry settings, and young adults can serve in countries such as Argentina, Germany, Israel (Jerusalem/West Bank), Malaysia, Mexico, Slovakia, South Africa, the United Kingdom or Uruguay. Ascension's own Margaret Price served in Argentina during 2003-2004, and Ascension's Youth Leader, Vanessa Young served in the United Kingdom during 2004-2005!

Applications for the 2010-2011 year of the YAGM program are due no later than March 1st, 2010. If you would like to learn more about the YAGM program or other international mission service opportunities with the ELCA (for social service-minded adults of all ages!), go to www.elca.org/globalmission and click on 'Engage in Global Mission', or contact Vanessa with questions!



Sunday, February 21

LifeSource is the largest blood center in Illinois and distributes a half-million blood products annually to approximately 60 area hospitals and over 100 home healthcare agencies in meeting the need for patient transfusion therapy. Lifesaving blood donations from generous volunteer blood donors enable lives to be brightened and saved in our local communities.

LifeSource makes it convenient for us to donate blood right here at Ascension. Our donations will provide for those in need and ensure a safe and adequate blood supply in our community. The actual donation process is easy and painless. And always remember....with every donation that we give, we are saving up to 3 lives!

You are eligible to donate blood if you weigh at least 110 pounds, are in good physical health, are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental permission; there is no upper age limit), and have not given blood in the past eight weeks (56 days).

Did you know that 60% of the population is medically eligible to give blood, yet only 5% of the national population donates blood? If all blood donors gave 2 to 4 times a year, it would greatly help prevent blood shortages.

Please schedule your appointment time by signing up on the Blood Drive sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, and invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Pose your questions regarding medication and travel restrictions to the Life Source Medical Help Desk at 847-803-7921 any time.

Fran Gustafson

Focus on Health



Ascension Church cares about the good health of people in our congregation and our communities. When a person experiences health challenges, if aware of the needs, the congregation can offer the assistance of varied caring ministries. Hospitals and nursing facilities do not notify the church of the admission of a member. When you or someone you love is admitted, please contact the church office. Christian care can then begin.

In addition to the care of the pastor, these ministries can be put in place.

Lay home communion ministers bring the sacrament to people whose health or mobility difficulties cause them to be unable to get to church.

Support Teams can be of help with practical needs such as grocery shopping, transportation to doctors' appointments, or a friendly visit.

Stephen Ministers provide a one to one lay caring ministry of presence during times of transition with the utmost confidentiality.

Prayer ministries are continuous. During communion, Stephen Ministers pray privately with you at the side aisles. During the week, members of the Prayer Chain offer daily prayers for your confidential requests (write them on a purple request form in the Friendship Book, call the office or email prayer@Ascension-Church.org. You are encouraged to pray for the people whose names appear in the bulletin – they are strengthened by the power of your prayers.

Through our ministry together, this congregation brings health, wholeness and healing to its people. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Peace and good health,
Gail Price

Home Communion Ministry

Prospective and present lay home communion ministers will share conversation and lunch with Pastor Kelly on Sunday, March 7, 12:15 p.m. If you haven't yet experienced the joy and gratitude of sharing communion with a person who can't be present in worship, please consider learning more about this ministry. Contact Gail at Gail@Ascension-church.org or call the office.

Stephen Ministry

Going through a tough time emotionally or spiritually? A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. To learn more, talk with Pastor or a Stephen Leader.

A Message from Our Council President

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from our Lord.

As we begin our next congregation year and complete our wonderful year long jubilee celebration, we have accomplished many things and have much to be thankful for. We will do our best to highlight all these things at the annual meeting on February 28th. Here is just a sampling:

We have called a new senior pastor, Dennis Kelly, who (along with his lovely wife, Mary) is wowing our children on his sermon rug and fitting right in;

You have expressed your faith and confidence in the work God is doing in our congregation by collectively increasing your financial pledge;

Your congregation council has worked hard to develop a revised set of bylaws that will help get our committees and teams working together;

We have chartered and agreed to sponsor a new Cub Scout pack (we still need adult volunteers to serve on the Pack Committee - see Curt Spillers if you are interested);

The Facilities Renovation Task Force delivered its report and recommendations on time (and under budget), and by the time you read this, we all will have voted on a program to begin implementation of them in a series of fiscally responsible phases;

Our choirs and musicians have regularly filled our ears with wonderful music;

We have shared our gifts with many who are without;

We have joined the Synod's Turnaround Synod Initiative; and

While we have lost some members, we have gained many new ones, and renewed our friendships and commitments to one another.

With every step we have deepened our commitment to serve Jesus Christ in every corner of our daily lives. Keep lifting up! Thanks be to God.

Stephen W. Schwal

Stewardship

Fall Stewardship Campaign—It's a Wrap

We have recently concluded the Fall financial stewardship campaign, and we are pleased to report a strong result, particularly in light of the continuing economic challenges. There are many ways to measure the outcome of a campaign, and by any number of such measures, you have faithfully responded! Here are just a couple of the positive results:

131 individuals and households submitted pledges, a net increase of 7 units compared to last year

There were 20 new commitments this year, including high school youth, new and current members, and people who have not yet joined the church

A full third of households increased their pledges, with the average increase being 12%

Overall commitments totaled \$567,428

Your strong response will enable us to continue to do the amazing range of ministries at and through Ascension. Thanks to all of you who made a commitment!

Indeed, God is Good!

The Stewardship Team

Green Team Update

Thank you to all who contributed to our recycling efforts this past year. You may be interested in knowing that during calendar year 2009, we collected the following:

44 pairs of prescription glasses to LensCrafter for distribution

267 Box Tops for Education (we can do better) for Mosaic School

11 boxes of medication sent to The Ark for distribution to those in need

180 pounds of batteries recycled in the Village of Northbrook

Keep up the good work!

Financial Summary

Financial Results for 2009

The year 2009 proved to be a good one for our general operating fund. Praise be to God!

Income for the year totaled \$610,846, which was about \$5,000 greater than our budget. Non-pledged giving, new member giving and non-member giving were all significantly greater than budget.

Disbursements for the year totaled \$609,567, about \$16,000 less than the budgeted amount. This favorable variance resulted from numerous individual accounts that spent less than budget, none of which is individually significant but that accumulate to a significant amount in total.

The budget had anticipated a deficit (disbursements greater than income) of \$20,000 which would have required a transfer from our contingency reserves. The final results actually produced a small surplus (income greater than disbursements) of \$1,279. As a result, we were able to avoid any transfer from the contingency reserve, and our reserves remain at healthy levels at the end of 2009.

Further details about these financial results, as well as the proposed budget for 2010, will be included in the 2009 annual report which will be available shortly.

Richard Kreutzfeldt

Treasurer

Property

Thank you Norm Lee and Harry Carlson for serving on Property in 2009 and welcome to Jan Funk and John Beebe for joining the committee for 2010. Jan and John will be joining current members Don Gordon, Linda Clinton, John West, Bob Reed, David Ward, Pastor Kelly and Kurt Vining.

Two significant actions were taken by the committee at the end of 2009. Final recommendations regarding asbestos removal from the boiler room and replacing the boiler were accepted by the Council in November and we changed cleaning service contractors.

At our first meeting in 2010 we started to discuss plans for the year. Those plans are not final because budgets have not been approved for 2010. Items that are currently on our list include a deep cleaning of the facility, an upgrade of the Men's and Women's restrooms, continuing to upgrade the landscape and building a fence around the dumpster.

Kurt Vining

Fellowship

Martin Luther and his wife Katy are coming to dinner!

As the 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration continues, plan to join in this evening of fun and family fellowship at Ascension Church. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.** and come to eavesdrop on Martin and Katy Luther as they talk about their life and times—from faith to family. Pastor Johan and Sonja Hinderlie will travel from Minnesota to take on the character of the Luthers, wearing period costumes and making history come alive for us. What was life then? What would Luther say about our lives today?

Dinner is at 6:00 with entrée provided and accompaniments potluck. Singing and program begins at 7:00 with childcare available if desired. Sign-up by Sunday, March 7 and invite friends and neighbors to come too. A freewill offering will be received. To learn more, please see Nancy and Bob Nagel.

Ascension Women's Luncheon Thursday, February 4

All women **and men** are invited to enjoy lunch, provided by Covenant Village of Northbrook, Thursday, February 4, at 12:00 noon at the Covenant Village Town Center, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook. There will be opportunities for fellowship and a tour of the facility. Please RSVP to the church office or Peg Sickeler, 847-205-0765.