

Elder of the Month Cheryl Williams

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Protocols: <https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-covid19-info>

Service is streaming "Live"
at 10:00am
and Recorded for online viewing
FM Transmission on **88.1**
in the CPC Parking Lot

- **Maudy Thursday, April 1**
7:00pm Sharing the Lord's Supper
- **Good Friday, April 2**
"Living Waters: The Passionate Story of Jesus Christ" - Streamed
(On our website and YouTube channel)
- **Easter Sunday, April 4**
10:00am Indoor Worship
11:00am Outdoor Worship
(Weather permitting, see email blast or Facebook)
- **Sunday, April 11**
10:00am Worship
- **Sunday, April 18**
10:00am Worship
- **Sunday, April 25**
10:00am Worship

Pastor's Post



By: Rev.
Susan Finley

Signs of Spring!

We'll soon see them everywhere – at church, the flowers carefully planted by our dedicated gardeners after winter's brush is cleared away. Our church sign cleaned up and new letters welcoming the community to join us in Worship. Adding an outdoor service, weather permitting. Coffee hour hosted by the Deacons between Easter services. Spring is its own grand re-opening every year, but particularly this year, vaccinated and with a new love and affection for "congregating" we are eager to be together again.

If anyone has questions about returning to worship, reassure them that we are open as we always have been – following our same precautions out of love

and concern for each other – requiring masks, social distancing, etc. Apart from the rules already in place, no one will be turned away. Everyone is welcome.

Easter is always our beginning: it's the celebration of God's amazing act of love for us in raising Jesus from death, making it possible for all of us to share in His Life. Paul says in Romans 10:9 "If you mean it when you say out loud, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Then we're called on to turn around, as Paul says in Romans 6:13, and offer ourselves "to God as those who have been brought from death to life; offering everything to Him as a means for making life holy."

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MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

SUNDAYS

- Join us for recorded Worship Service
Videos <https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-video>

****NOTE all meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise stated by the committee.**

TUESDAYS

- Apr. 6 / Adult Ed 3:00pm
/ Worship Committee 7:00pm
- Apr. 13 / Missions 3:00pm
/ Children's Ministry 4:30pm
- Apr. 20 / Deacons 6:30pm
/ Trustees 7:30pm
- Apr. 27 / Session 6:30pm
/ Trustees 7:30pm

WEDNESDAYS

- Women's Bible Study 10:00am (All are welcome)
- Staff 1:00pm
- Apr. 14 / Communications 10:00am
/ Finance 6:00pm



Pastor's Post: Signs of Spring Continued from pg. 1

What are the signs of Spring in your life? How can others tell that you're celebrating God's amazing act of love? Have you had a chance to clean out winter's clutter and make space in your heart for whatever the Lord's saving and joyful grace may have in store for you? What will you offer to others in the warmer, sunnier days ahead?

Ephesians 5 tells us, "Follow God's example, then, since the Lord loves you as his own children, and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and offered himself for us." Walking in the way of love – our sure sign of Spring.

- Peace and Joy, Pastor Susan

Easter Lilies

The following people helped to beautify our sanctuary this Easter morning with lilies.

Joyce Mantels - In memory of loved ones

Diane Gilliard - In memory of loved ones

Linda Pagonis - In memory of loved ones

Ruth & Steve Sweetser - In honor of our parents

Diane Porter - In memory of loved ones

Barb Zahrieh - In memory of loved ones

Ken Schweisthal & Kari Wendt - In honor of Vernon and Elaine Schweisthal

Betsy Swinson - In honor and memory of Jim Swinson

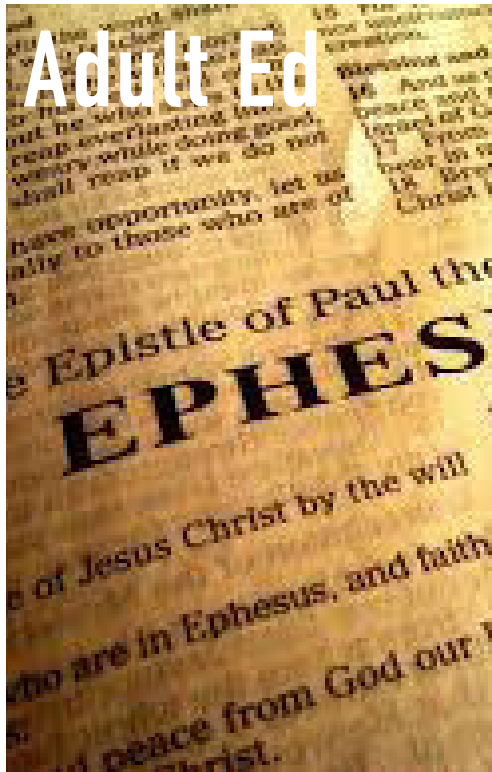
Sandi Hechler - In memory of Bill and Blanche Hechler

Martha Crema - In honor of Ann

Gail Smith - In memory of Ron Smith

Susan Finley - In honor of her children

Deacons - Honoring our shut-ins



A NEW Bible Study – Book of Ephesians

Zoom Classes Monday Evenings

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 (7 sessions)

Has it ever dawned on you that nothing has ever dawned on God? And this God gave us His Word. “The Book of Ephesians is considered to be the most concise theologically-rich book in the Bible”, according to pastor and author J.D. Greear. “It is a survival manual for Christians. This is how you can survive and thrive ...”

Paul desires to convey that the Spirit works in individual hearts and also works through the Church – with each leaning forward to new opportunities to shine with the light of Christ.

Starting on April 12 and going through May 24, the Zoom CPC Monday night Bible Study will study the Book of Ephesians. Each class, which starts at 7:00 PM, will utilize a video by J.D. Greear and be facilitated by Pastor Susan Finley. Greear emphasizes in Ephesians that the Gospel changes us, not through behavior modification, but through soul transformation at the core level. Encounter Ephesians, and get swept up into the story of Jesus. - By Ron Zabel, Adult Ed Committee Chair

Deacons' Diary



How your contributions to the Deacons' Fund helps others:

Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry-CPC Deacons' gave \$1200 in 2020.

2020 Households Served	Individuals Served	New Households Served
Oct. '20 681	2,303	121
Nov. '20 931	3,389	143
Dec. '20 679	2,340	85
Jan. '21 601	2,173	47

Pantry Families Receive:

Pre-packed box of shelf-stable staple foods, gallon of milk, one dozen eggs; at least 3 meats - chicken, beef, or pork; fresh produce, bread, toilet paper, and Personal Care products. The Food Pantry opens: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday 5-6 pm: 3rd Saturday of every month from 9-11 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis, contact lombardvillaparkfoodpantry@gmail.com

In November and December, the pantry distributed over 400 Holiday Meal boxes with turkeys or hams, thanks to customers of Jewel-Osco in Lombard.

The Clothes Closet is currently open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-11:45 am. donations welcome only during opening hours.

Lombard Outreach House

CPC Deacons gave \$1,050 in 2020. 66% more families were served since the start of the pandemic. 1,700 infants and toddlers were served. 73,300 Diapers were distributed.

LOVE Christian Clearinghouse

The foundational ministry is the Clearinghouse Call-In Center, where volunteers from local churches listen to the callers' needs and guide them to community services for aid in their time of need. Your donations are helping LOVE INC deliver a new relational ministry called Moving Forward Together, offering free in-person classes to the community, addressing the skills needed to help individuals move forward with their lives.

- by Sierra Innis

FEET TO FAITH

James 2:26 - "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." [NASB]

By: Dave Micksch

Image In Action



We live in a fascinating age. When I was very young, I would occasionally hear my grandparents and others describe things they've witnessed during their lifetime. For those individuals who reached one-hundred years old less than twenty years ago, they saw great leaps in innovation: mankind taking flight in 1903 to hearing Neil Armstrong proclaim on the Moon in 1969, "*That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.*" Such leaps are hard to come by since then. This is mainly due to us improving upon what was already created. We're no longer working from zero: in a sense we're just making flights to the Bahamas, or to the Moon better.

There is a new advancement, though not nearly as significant as the first flight, or the walk on the Moon. It is, however, a big leap forward. Myheritage.com released a new software tool called Deep Nostalgia™, where you can upload an old photo of Abraham Lincoln (or anyone), and it will come alive. Imagine seeing your distant relative, a favored figure whom you never met, come alive, or maybe it would be a parent lost at an early age. As someone who works with photographs and paintings, this advancement opens up a whole new world of possibilities in so many fields. But, like any advancement, it requires wisdom gained thru trial and error. There can be costs we don't see, especially if we're not paying attention.

I often think in terms of imagery. I suppose in part it is because of what I do professionally; I also believe it is a skill/gift that I was born with, given by God. At an early age, I learned far more through imagery and experience than I did from reading (much to my mother's chagrin - she loved reading). So, I've always been more attracted to the physical nature of Creation, and how things work. Why does a tree look or grow in that way? And if it's not growing in the way that it should, why? What other things can a tree do that we might miss because we're not looking? Regardless of the form creation takes, I'm intrigued.

Over two-thousand years ago, there was a radical advancement for mankind, from thousands of years prior; where we saw another image come to life. Some witnessed it, some ignored it, and some tried to stop it – Jesus. For thousands of years human history claimed there is a God, and He desires for us to live in such a way that culture (sinful) can, and will, change. He gave us tablets, we witnessed or heard of miraculous events, but we did not see Him in the flesh. We did not have the opportunity to look Him in the eyes, hear His voice, or feel His embrace. We didn't have the option to question Him in person. We did not have the opportunity to watch Him in action.

Two-thousand years ago, that happened! He became flesh and walked among us. He gave us an advanced crash-course in what being made in Their image and according to Their likeness means. **Genesis 1:26** *Then God said, "Let us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness ...".* [NASB] What it means to be merciful, kind, patient, hopeful, faithful, and loving in physical form. What it means to stand in opposition to a sinful (missing-the-mark, or evil) culture that is in opposition to Their image, Their likeness, yet STILL LOVE. His example led in word and deed: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector in Luke 18:9-14; The Adulterous Woman in John 8:1-11, and so many other examples for us to follow.

The more I study Jesus, not just read the history or biblical words, but study Him, I am amazed at how much I've missed over the years. The learning never stops. If we are continually learning and growing, it means He is active in our lives and revealing things to us through His Word and the Holy Spirit. It also means He does not give up on us becoming who He created us to be. He showed us how to live and love while standing in opposition to a well-intentioned "missing-the-mark" culture. All the while doing so without condemnation or supporting that culture. In **John 8:11** She said, "*No one, Lord.*" And Jesus said, "***I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on, do not sin any longer.***" Her culture changed, and so did the culture around her. [NASB]

We are made in Their image, according to Their likeness. It wasn't just Adam and Eve who lost that at the "Fall", humanity did! God came alive in Jesus, whom He sent to remind us of what we lost and who we are to be. As Christians, we are to be the living embodiment of Christ to remind culture of what it has lost, and what it is to be. Then Jesus told him, "***Go and do likewise.***" **Luke 10:37** [NASB].

Senior Outings

For more information, go to our CPC website, Facebook page, or Sunday Bulletin.

1 John 4:11: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." [NIV]. And your church family does love each and every one of you. We hope that our small Valentine's Bag reminded you of our love as well as God's love for you. With the vaccines being given, we are hoping that the time to gather will be coming soon. Please call any of us on the committee if you have a need, prayer request, or just want to talk. We are praying for all of you.

The Senior Committee: Carol Brunton (630-620-4571), Carol Kloster (630-903-4847), Nancy Bane (630-917-7128), Gail Smith (630-629-0475), Cheryl Williams (630-284-9474), Jeanne Logan (630-629-7641), and Diane Gilliard (312-502-4751).

Join Our Prayer Group



Our prayer group continues to meet to pray by phone for our church and our world every Saturday. We would love to have anyone who is interested in joining to please do so, even if you do not want to pray out loud. "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Mathew 18:20 [NIV]. We would love to have you join us! We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am for about 30 minutes. Please join us for this phone prayer group. Please drop a call or note to Joan Marlow if you wish to join the group, and we will merge you into our small group. It is VERY easy.

Hope to pray with you. Joan Marlow, Diane Porter, and Diane Gilliard



After the Sunday worship service, are you Zoom'in for some coffee & conversation? Join us every Sunday at the 11:30am Coffee Hour.

Link provided in our Sunday morning email. If you do not receive our emails, please contact us at connect@cpclombard.org.

Archives Committee



CPC's Kentucky Mission Trips provide much-needed assistance to people in the Bluegrass State. They also provide a great opportunity for fellowship among CPC's members and extended family. When was CPC's first trip to Kentucky? Comment on our Facebook page, or email the Archives Committee Chairperson, Dan Smaczny at dan.smaczny@outlook.com. Comment on our Facebook page or email Dan Smaczny at dan.smaczny@outlook.com with your guesses, or if you would like to join the Committee.

Youth Ministry



By:
Youth Director
Eric Schwarz

We have begun meeting in person with Seekers again, after a year separated. We began to meet on Thursday 3/25/21 from 2:30 until 4:00 pm. We will do our best to meet outside with masks; on if the weather is bad, we will go into Westminster Hall and have our weekly meeting.

We will be playing games, having time for a half-hour Bible study with video and interaction to reconnect with our teens from church and our community.

I have missed this time together, and we are looking forward to moving forward meeting in person with our Jr High Students. I cannot wait to be with students in person again. We have truly missed them this past year.

As we begin to meet together in person, please be uplifting us in prayer for safety of our staff and students. While it's been a long year apart, I can tell you that the students, and those of us working with them cannot wait to be together in person again.

We will continue to meet in person until the end of the school year, and the Youth Committee will make an informed decision to do what is best moving forward.

Romans 8: 38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. [NIV].

As I look over this list, I am reminded of just how wonderful our Heavenly Father is. God will never leave us and nothing can separate us from His love! He is our shield, our hope, and our promised victory! We can never sing His praises enough, no matter how long we sing.



THIS SUMMER BOARD THE VBS ROCKY RAILWAY!

July 12th - 16th

more details to come, so watch the Sunday bulletin, Facebook page, website and CPC Life for more details.

Trustees' Report



The Trustees met virtually on Zoom for their March meeting on the evening of March 16th. Pastor Susan joined us and opened the meeting in prayer. Ron Zabel gave the finance committee report which included a report on just 48 children in Growing Place this current semester. However, the promise of the future looks good with almost 100 students committed to classes in the fall.

Our Trustee chairman, Bill Stout reported on the service contract on our HVAC units. It seems they have been negligent on even the simplest of observations, so their services won't be renewed. Instead they will be called only when there is a need, or the filters need to be replaced.



Phil Dahm told us of how he worked with Dave Micksch to install 6 mesh routers throughout the building to improve WiFi service. Phil had thought of the idea to purchase these in a 3-pack, and when one package didn't provide sufficient coverage, a second pack was purchased and installed in problematic coverage areas of the church. Thanks to Phil and Dave for improving the WiFi service efficiently and inexpensively!

Don Comfort is working on a fire safety contact list, to improve contact with the

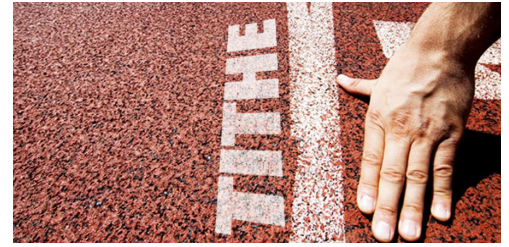


Fire Dept and the alarm company when the system is being tested. The list will include 5 trustees who will be contacted, in order, when the alarm is being checked. The current list was discovered to be outdated on a recent alarm check during a recent school day.

All church members are invited to attend the annual Clean-up day, scheduled for April 24th! There will be plenty of work, so please come out to help the Trustees on Saturday, April 24th, starting at: 10:00 AM.

Be sure to let a Trustee know of any concerns you may have about our church building, such as light bulbs needing replacement, or other safety issues. You can email 'Trustees@cpclombard.org' or leave a note in our office mail slot. We have allotted funds in the Trustees' 2021 budget to provide equipment and supplies to minimize coronavirus risk and to maintain a safe worship and education experience. Stay safe in 2021!

- by Cary Mentzer



Go to our website "Donate" page www.cpclombard.org/donate click on the "Donate Now" button, and you can use your credit card to make a donation.

To use your smart phone to donate: **TEXT (DON'T CALL) 855-913-0299**, and on the MESSAGE LINE, type in the amount to be given. If this is the first time you have used this method, it will come up and ask you for your credit card information. Or, if you prefer, mail a check to the CPC office at 1111 E Madison St, Lombard, IL 60148-3198.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. We will be back together soon.

Finance - Don Gilliard & Carol Kloster



Do you like to read scripture? Interested in sharpening those public speaking skills? Or maybe you'd like to lend a hand. We are looking for Sunday Lay Readers. It would be about once every five or so weeks during the service.

As more of us are comfortable rejoining worship please let Pastor Susan or Worship Committee Chair - Kelly Simms know if you'd like to be a Lay Reader on Sunday mornings for our new schedule.

Coming to Lombard July 12th! - All Aboard!



Sprucing Up CPC!



Special thank you to the two "green thumbs", Linda Pagonis and Diane Gilliard, who spruced up the grounds.

Dan Smaczny and Eric Schwarz signs of "consonant" change :)



Mark your calendar now! Sunday, April 25th CPC's Child Sponsorship Sunday

A Little Child is Waiting for Your Help! Strongly consider sponsoring a needy child in another country. It costs from \$38 to about \$50 per month (\$38 base, plus any voluntary extra gifts, such as for the child's birthday, Christmas, monthly, etc.). However, considering that you could be helping to eternally save a life for Christ, that amount is a tremendous bargain. If you are financially blessed by God, please sponsor a child yourself; otherwise, get together with another person or family to

help share the cost. A table will be available in the narthex on that Sunday with information, pictures, and bios of some of the actual children needing your support through Compassion International's child sponsorship program.

Be ready on that Sunday to choose the child whose life you will bless and change for eternity!



Let's Celebrate!

April Birthdays

Julie Dennis
Robin Jungblut
Don Comfort
Theresa Campbell
Kennedy Bara
Lynda Campo
Michael Gilliard
Sandra Rennie
Chuck Erickson
Rebecca Bara
Benjamin Dennis
Anthony Alejandro
Diana Stout
Lawrence Rugg
Scott Watkins, Sr.
James DeLuca
Harrison Forsberg
Ryan DeLuca
Michael Vargo
Christina Hanson
Elaine Morgan
Rachel Schwarz
Dylan Ladendorf
Keith Harris
Amanda Joslyn
Marjorie Szabo
Thomas Adkins
Lindsey Rugg
Ronald Zabel
Jeffrey DeJong
Mason Mancione
Morgan Mancione
Jonathan Vargo
Chris Campo

April Anniversaries

Steven & Kelly Simms
Jay & Joan Johnson
Joe and Alisa Innis

May Birthdays

Courtney Bell
Barb Zahrieh
Jean Van Horne
Linda Pagonis
Joan Johnson
Tony Opila
Emily Jungblut
Sally Jungblut
Sandi Hechler
Rev. Jane Lionberger
Sgt. Colton Gilbert
Alexander Jaffray
Jessica Kram
Barb Myers
Sara Stout
Andrew Rugg
Nick DeJong
Laurel Jasinski
Diane Gilliard
Mark Roucka
Joan Keith
Carter Rau
Keith McCLOW
Bonnie Pattison
Donovan Badalamenti
Jayda Rogers
Tim Baffa
Bruce Bell
Tyler Celio
Rev. Stewart Pattison

May Anniversaries

Lewis & Theresa Campbell
Mike & Catherine Berner
Jack & Ruth Force
Mark & Kathryn Nelsen
William & Diana Stout
Richard & Diane Grek
Daniel & Lynne Smaczny
Andrew & Lisa Szostak
Eric & Afarin Morgan
Lawrence & Karen Rugg

Letters from Members:

Dear CPC friends and family: Most sincere thanks for walking with my son and me on our journeys of open heart surgeries and subsequent complications!!! Your faithful prayers have carried us through pain, fear, and unexpected delays in our 6 month return to health. We both appreciate the power of prayer and the strength of a shared faith. We are extremely grateful for CPC. Love in Christ, Diane Karrow

My grateful thanks for all the prayers and cards during my battle with COVID. I could feel the prayers and believe that's why I'm still here now. The mail has been filled with cards from caring people every day. My eternal thanks to all of you. I look forward to the day when I can see you in person and hug everyone! Jeanne Logan

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, phone calls, thoughtfulness, cards, and flowers during the past several months during my hospitalization and rehab. I certainly appreciated the dinners prepared and delivered by the Deacons. When I first came home in September - they were delicious!

I was released by home healthcare on December 31st, and I'm doing fine.

Thanks again, and may God be with all of you, especially Pastor Susan, as she shepherds the flock at CPC. In Christian love, Adabelle Roberts

(This letter was received back in February and missed March issue. We apologize for the delay.)