

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
February 2, 2025 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**



Children in preschool through 5th grade begin worship with their families and will be dismissed to Sunday School shortly. For parents who need a quiet, calm place to go with smaller children, the Nursery is available across from the main office. The audio of the service -- as well as activities for infants and toddlers -- are accessible, but the room is not staffed.

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. David Lantz III

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG**

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions*

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus [refrain]*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us [refrain]*

***PRAYER FOR COURAGE (unison)**

Prayer written by Henri J.M. Nouwen

God, give us the courage to be revolutionary, as your Son Jesus Christ was. Give us the courage to loosen ourselves from this world. Teach us to stand up free and to shun no criticism. God, it is for your kingdom. Make us free, make us poor in this world. Then we will be rich in the real world, which is what life is all about. God, thank you for the vision of the future, but make it fact and not just theory. Amen.

Children in preschool through 5th grade are now dismissed to Sunday School; a teacher will be on-hand to guide them to their class. Sunday School students should be picked up by a parent or other responsible adult at 11:30 a.m. at the Resource Room (on the lower level).

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through a mission moment

Scout Troop 51

through an anthem

Feeling the Spirit
Voices of Peace

arr. Adrian Westney, Jr.

through scripture

Luke 4:16-30

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

through a sermon

Risky Business

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

COMMUNION SONG *Let us Break Bread Together (NCH #330)*
Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees

Refrain:
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
Refrain

HOLY COMMUNION

For communion today you may come forward down the center aisle, receive a piece of bread and the cup (grape juice), partake, and then return to your seat via the side aisle. If you wish to remain in your seat, an usher will serve you. Gluten free elements are available for those who wish.

Our table is open to all.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for
Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENT FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

***PARTING SONG** *Lord I want to be a Christian (NCH #454)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

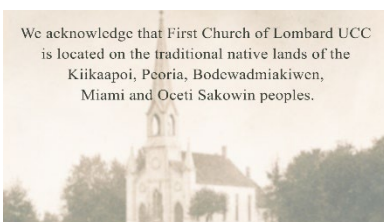
Like a River Glorious

arr. Darcy Stanley

***As you are able, please stand in body or in spirit.**

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If you would like to hear about upcoming events and receive the News and Notes via email, please email Bea Castillo at bcastillo@firstchurchoflombard.org. A limited number of hard copies are available in the narthex.



NEWS AND NOTES

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NEXT SATURDAY!

The Chili Cook-Off will be held at 6:00 p.m. NEXT Saturday, February 8 in Hatfield Hall! This fun, delicious event will feature a huge array of chili just waiting to be taste-tested... and voted the best! Cornbread, hot dogs, desserts and more will round out the options available.

Come enjoy music, amazing food, and a chance to socialize as we help raise funds for the Youth Community Summer Mission Trip (location TBA!). Tickets will be available at the door for \$8 each or \$30 per family. You can also try your luck in a Split-the-Pot, or try to stack the deck by buying "extra votes" for your choice of spiciest, tastiest or most unique chili.

Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org with questions.

GUEST SPEAKER ON FEBRUARY 9

On Sunday, February 9th we will welcome Regina Brent to First Church. She is founder & president of the not for profit Unity Partnership- an organization that partners citizens with police to re-build trust and relationships throughout the State of Illinois. She will be speaking during our sermon time sharing her work and story as well as available for a Q & A after the service. Refreshments will be served in the back of the church so that people can participate in the Q & A. We look forward to welcoming this special speaker, sponsored by the Amos Team and Wider Church.

HAVE A HEART FOR PADS

Throughout the month of February, the Wider Church team is collecting cash donations to be used to order gift cards through "Raise Right" (formerly Scrip). These will be given to PADS to help their clients with basic needs as they move from the streets to interim housing and through their supportive services program to employment and permanent housing.

Last year we were able to donate 40 gifts cards (\$25 ea). We hope we can do the same this year! Donations can be directed to First Church of Lombard office or online through REALM or see one of us at Coffee Hour. Please note this is a "Miscellaneous" donation with a memo that it should be "for PADS". To learn more about PADS go to www.dupagepads.org



ADULT MISSION TRIP – SUMMER OF 2025

Information Meeting - Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Please come to our Informational Meeting for our 2025 Adult Mission trip - the meeting will be on Sunday, February 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the North Conference Room.

The dates of the trip are to be determined. Please bring your calendars for June through September, to help us find dates that work for everyone, or most everyone.

We hope to return to Mayfield, Kentucky, where we went in August 2023. It was a wonderful week, during which we helped repair houses damaged during a tornado in December of 2021.

The cost of the trip will be very reasonable, so don't let cost prevent you from participating in this vital mission trip. Financial assistance is available as well.

Please contact Christine Tani at christinetani@yahoo.com or 630/240-4032 with any questions.

Hope to see you at our meeting!

EXAMINING "THE CHOSEN" WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FCL!

All are invited to "Examining The Chosen," a Wednesday evening series continuing through Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the North Conference Room (Lower Level) or via Zoom. Each week, we'll watch a clip from an episode of the hit series "The Chosen," which brings the story of Jesus to life in a fresh and engaging way. Participants will receive a link to watch the full episode beforehand, and during our time together, we'll discuss the themes, characters, and insights from that week's episode. This is a great chance to explore the life of Jesus in a new way while connecting with others. Don't miss out on this inspiring experience, whether in person or online! Zoom link will be sent early next week; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information.

"NO LAUGHING MATTER" ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION SERIES CONTINUES INTO APRIL!

Come be a part of "No Laughing Matter: How Humor Guides, Teaches, and Transforms," an engaging Adult Faith Exploration class continuing through Sunday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the North Conference Room (Lower Level) or via Zoom. Come ANY WEEK to explore the powerful role humor plays in our lives — guiding us through difficult situations, teaching us important lessons, and transforming our perspectives. Whether in person or online, this class promises insightful discussions and a fresh look at how laughter can deepen our faith and understanding!

Zoom link will be sent the week before our first session; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information.

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Our 2nd Annual Pizza fundraiser to support LOVE Christian Connections (formerly LOVE Christian Clearinghouse) is here! Order your pizza, salad, and/or dessert now for SuperBowl Sunday, and support a worthy cause. Help a family pay a portion of their rent, utilities, or car repair, and get a delicious meal at the same time!

All orders are due by February 5th. See the flyer all the details [HERE](#) or scan the QR code for more information.



If you have any questions, contact Lynda S. Wilson at 630-707-1868, or Jill Terpstra.

CHILI COOK-OFF IS COMING... AND COOKS ARE NEEDED!

The Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8 in Hatfield Hall! This fun, delicious event raises funds for our Youth Community Summer Mission Trip (location TBA). As always, this event will feature a huge array of chili just waiting to be taste-tested...

Do YOU have what it takes to be voted the best? We are now seeking cooks/chefs to submit a delicious chili! Sign ups to enter a chili begin Sunday, January 19 after worship... and will continue on January 26 and February 2. You can also email vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org to sign up.

Tickets for the event on February 8 will be available at the door for \$8 each or \$30 per family.

FEBRUARY DINNER, DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

In February, First Church of Lombard honors Black History Month with our "Dinner, Documentary, and Discussion" series! On Friday, February 28, all are invited to come watch "John Lewis: Good Trouble," an intimate account of legendary U.S. Representative John Lewis' life, legacy and more than 60 years of extraordinary activism. Bring your dinner and gather at 6:00 p.m. either in the North Conference Room or via Zoom. Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org with questions or to be sent Zoom links.

NICU BLANKETS

Sam Urbain has graciously taken over the responsibility of overseeing the NICU blanket project that was lovingly done by Barb Barta. The blankets are greatly appreciated by the families who receive them. Some take their babies home, others do not. There has been an ongoing donation of fabric by a few church members, and several others diligently work to sew the blankets. (Although a sewing machine is needed, they are very easy to make.) With Joann Fabrics recently filing their second bankruptcy, the future of their stores, and therefore this project, is in question. While the fabric sells for \$9.99/yard, it often is on sale for \$2.99-\$3.99/yard, with an additional discount if a full bolt (8 yards) is purchased. For anyone wishing to help with this mission, please feel free to order or purchase the "super snuggle flannel fabric" from Joann Fabrics. We are happy to let you know when it is on sale. If you prefer, monetary donations can be given to Sam, Pam Meyer, or Carole Dankers. Please contact Sam Urbain (samu303@comcast.net) if you have any other questions.

BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR MARCH BOOK DISCUSSION!

Greetings Fellow Readers! FCL's Beyond Words Book Discussion will meet on ****TUESDAY**** March 18 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Somehow: Thoughts on Love by Anne Lamott. All are welcome... even if you don't finish the book! Copies are available in the church office for a cost of \$12 each.

Please contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org to arrange pick-up of the book if you can't stop by on a Sunday morning or if copies are not available when you do! *****Please note change of date!***

CHAPEL VARIETY PROGRAM SERIES FOR 2025

There are three programs coming up:

- Historian Terry Lynch will appear as Paul Revere, Sunday March 2 at 3:00 PM
- Village Vocal Chords Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 PM
- The American Heritage Concert Sunday April 6 at 3:00 PM

Terry Lynch will appear as Paul Revere, Son of Liberty. Revere played a critical role in the fight for American independence. He is known for much more than his famous horse ride to Lexington. Learn how he became a Son of Liberty. - Admission \$20

Village Vocal Chords is a women's barbershop chorus, chartered with the international organization of Harmony, Inc. They will present a program of four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. - Admission \$20

The American Heritage Concert “Frozen, Billy Joel, and All That Jazz” will feature music from Frozen, a Duke Ellington medley, music from On the Town, Morton Gould’s Pavanne, The Best of Billy Joel, and Trumpeter’s Lullaby. - Admission \$25

Admission to all 3 programs is \$55, a \$10 savings over the individual prices.

For more information visit MapleStreetChapel.Org or call 630-627-0171.

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

COME CELEBRATE "GALENTINE'S DAY" WITH TEEN PARENT CONNECTION!

Purchase your ticket here: <https://givebutter.com/TPCgalentines>

Join us on Thursday, February 13th at Teen Parent Connection's Prosciutto & Prosecco event for an evening of celebrating friendship and community.

By purchasing a ticket, you will be supporting Teen Parent Connection and our mission; to serve the community through education on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy and through long-term assistance to adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, parenting skills, and empowerment toward self-sufficiency. Thank you.

FREE INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

Global Flicks - Wednesdays, Feb 5 - Mar 12, 1:30 & 7:30p

Explore the world through six award-winning international films presented in their original language with English subtitles. Each film is followed by a COD faculty-led discussion.

Films are shown in the Belushi Performance Hall with the exception of Miss Hokusai which will be shown in the Playhouse Theatre.

February 5th

Wicked Little Letters

England | Drama/Comedy (2023)

Directed by Thea Sharrock

1 hour, 40 min. | English

Based on a stranger-than-fiction true story of a scandal that shocked an English seaside town after World War I. Two neighbors, Edith Swan, a conservative woman, and Rose Gooding, an outspoken Irish migrant, are entangled in a profanity-laced letter scandal.

Watch trailer [HERE](#).

February 12th

Even The Rain

Bolivia | Drama (2010)

Directed by Icíar Bollain

1 hour, 43 min. | Spanish, Quechua, English

While filming a historical drama about Christopher Columbus, a director discovers Bolivian locals cast as extras are protesting water privatization. Their struggle mirrors the Spanish conquest portrayed in the film, highlighting parallels between history and present-day Cochabamba.

Watch trailer [HERE](#).

February 19th

Broker

South Korea | Drama (2022)

Directed by Hirokazu Koreeda

2 hours, 9 min. | Korean

Broker is a heartfelt drama about abandoned children bringing strangers together. In South Korea, a young mother reconsiders giving her newborn up for adoption, joining two men involved in an illegal baby trade on a transformative journey.

Watch trailer [HERE](#).

February 26th

Miss Hokusai

Japan | Drama/Anime (2015)

Directed by Keiichi Hara

1 hour, 33 min. | Japanese

Miss Hokusai explores the life of famed Japanese ukiyo-e artist Katsushika Hokusai through his independent daughter, O-Ei. Set in 19th-century Edo, this animated film weaves vignettes of their relationship, artistic struggles, and the inspiration behind “The Great Wave.”

Watch trailer [HERE](#).

March 5th

X Trillion

North Pacific | Documentary (2024)

Directed by Eleanor Church

1 hour, 8 min. | English

X Trillion documents a 3,000-mile journey by a 14-member all-women crew across the North Pacific’s plastic-filled waters. Featuring scientists, sailors, and engineers, the film highlights groundbreaking microplastics research and raises awareness about plastic pollution and the need for conservation.

Watch trailer [HERE](#).

March 12th

Of Gods & Men

France | Drama/History (2010)

Directed by Xavier Beauvois

2 hours, 2 min. | French, Arabic

In 1990s Algeria, Trappist-Catholic monks live peacefully among Muslims. As civil war erupts, they face a harrowing choice: stay to continue their mission or flee from advancing terrorists. Based on true events, their decision leads to tragic consequences.

Watch trailer [HERE](#).

Insert Coin: Screening & Panel Discussion – Tuesday, February 11th at 6 PM

In conjunction with the [Insert Coin exhibition at Cleve Carney Museum of Art](#), enjoy a special screening of the documentary, “Insert Coin,” followed by a panel discussion with key members of Midway Games featured in the documentary. “Insert Coin” is the amazing behind-the-scenes story of the making of Mortal Kombat, NBA Jam and other massive videogame hits. Through intimate and often hilarious interviews, witness how a small, tight-knit group of friends deal with controversies, next level success, and the roller coaster ride that comes with it.

The Insert Coin exhibition at Cleve Carney Museum of Art is currently on view through February 16. The exhibition chronicles the stories behind these games and features behind-the-scenes video, art and ephemera from the making of these games, interviews with former Midway game designers, and the playable games themselves.

Belushi Performance Hall | \$10

Buy tickets for this screening [HERE](#).

Volunteers for Sunday, February 2, 2025	Volunteers for Sunday, February 9, 2025
<u>Liturgist</u> Lynda Wilson	<u>Liturgist</u> Linda Bertani
<u>Ushers</u> Kevin Lattner Greg LeBreux Marianne McGuire Kathy Underwood	<u>Ushers</u> Jason Cooper Mark Meyer
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Deb & Greg Young	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Christine Esposito Larry Hebert Kevin Lattner
<u>Sound</u> Andrew Eckhart	<u>Sound</u> Thomas Hammerschmidt
<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson	<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday

Available by appointment

Friday & Saturday

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