

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
February 16, 2025 – Sixth 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 *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* arr. David Lanz III

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings (NCH #417)*

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind,
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

*Christ is alive, and goes before us, to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.*

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

God, we come before you today with open hearts, seeking your wisdom and grace. As we gather in your name, remind us that our highest calling is to follow Jesus, above all earthly divisions. Help us to love one another as you have loved us, setting aside differences that seek to divide, and embracing the unity found in Christ. May your Spirit guide us to walk in humility, compassion, and truth, reflecting your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus' name, we pray, 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 an anthem

Angels Watching Over Me
Voices of Peace

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

through scripture

Matthew 11:28-30

[Jesus said,] “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

through a sermon

“The Least Likely Disciple (And It's Not Who You Think”

Val Sutton, Educational Ministries Director

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.*

*Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. David Lanz, III

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

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There will be a church council meeting tomorrow, Monday, February 17th
at 7:00 PM in the North Conference Room.

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.

We acknowledge that First Church of Lombard UCC is located on the traditional native lands of the Kiikaapoi, Peoria, Bodewadmiakiwen, Miami and Oceti Sakowin peoples.



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NEWS AND NOTES

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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!

AMOS MEETING

Amos Project invites everyone to their next meeting. Grab a coffee and join the discussion February 16 in the Art Room around 11:30 a.m. All are welcome!

WINTER BINGO!!

Come join the Parish Life Team for an afternoon of good old fashioned **BINGO!**

Parish Life will provide water, lemonade, and pizza right after church. Join us for some wintertime fun for the whole family!! We will play a variety of games with your chance to win a few prizes. We hope you can come join our fun!

Sunday, February 23rd
11:30-1:30pm(ish) in Fellowship Hall

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. in the North Conference Room (lower level). Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org with questions. There will be no Zoom option available for this viewing.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Copies of "Into The Deep," the UCC Lent devotional booklet, are available on the tables in foyer. Please help yourself over the next few weeks.

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



ASH WEDNESDAY

The Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 5 at 7PM in the Maple Street Chapel. This is a contemplative service that helps us to prepare for Lent. The service will include music, prayers, the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

CULTIVATING AND LETTING GO LENT SERIES

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies dormant, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we’re embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go. In worship each week during Lent (March 9-April 13) we will look at what God is cultivating in us and what we are being called to let go of. Plan on attending so that come Easter, you are ready to celebrate flourishing in your life and our world.

LENT BIBLE AND ART STUDY

Our Lent Study this year will follow the worship theme of Cultivating and Letting Go. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday and discuss a corresponding work of art. We will meet Wednesdays March 12-April 9 in-person in the North Conference Room or on Zoom. This is a joint study with First United Methodist Church. See Pastor Jill or Val Sutton with questions.

COSTA RICA ADULT MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Due to the strong relationship First Church has with Mercy Homes Ministries, a small group (which includes the Tani and Waldschmidt families) will be serving in Costa Rica this summer. This trip is open to anyone who would like to join them (adults only). The dates are June 7 – 15, 2025, and will cost approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000 per person. In addition, each participant is expected to raise money towards the cost of the building materials and paid labor for the house(s) we will build. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please speak with Christine Tani at 630/240-4032, or email her at Christinetani@yahoo.com. The deadline for signing up is March 9, 2025.

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!***

"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.

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

MCKEE HOUSE PROJECT

What exactly is the McKee House Project? Come and learn how the abandoned historic McKee House will be repurposed as Northern Illinois' only Native American Cultural & Environmental Center and why. Meet the organizations, Midwest SOARRING Foundation & the Glen Ellyn Historical Society, making this important project a reality. See what the center will look like, why it's important to the community, what will happen there and how you can get involved.

Come out on Saturday, February 22nd at 2 PM at the Glen Ellyn Historical Center, 800 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn. Admission is free, although a \$5 donation at the door would be appreciated. Any questions, please contact Jeri Shaw at: 630-936-6668

INTERFAITH BOOK CLUB

All are invited to come and connect with those across faiths to build bridges of understanding through discussions of chosen books! The next meeting of the Interfaith Book Club will be held on Sunday, February 23rd at 3:00 PM at The Mecca Center, 16W560 91st St., Willowbrook, IL. We will be discussing the book *The Forty Rules of Love* by Elif Shafak.

You can register at: meccacenter.org/events. Please contact Jeri Shaw with any questions at: 630-936-6668

FREE INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

Global Flicks - Wednesdays, Feb 19 - 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 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](#).

BEER & HYMNS

Join us on Friday, March 28th at 7 PM at Manny's Ale House in Elmhurst (683 St Charles Rd, Elmhurst, IL) to have a drink (of any sort) and sing your favorite hymns.

Come early and enjoy some of Manny's delicious menu items. Or order it in time to have it while singing. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers for Sunday, February 16, 2025	Volunteers for Sunday, February 23, 2025
<u>Liturgist</u> Christine Tani	<u>Liturgist</u> Judy Andersen
<u>Ushers</u> Jason Cooper Mike Rodak	<u>Ushers</u> Dave Ivey Kathy Underwood
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Larry Hebert Kevin Lattner	<u>NO Coffee Hour</u> Pizza & Bingo
<u>Sound</u> Charlie Peterson	<u>Sound</u> Andrew Eckhart
<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson	<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson

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