The Hinsdale Journal

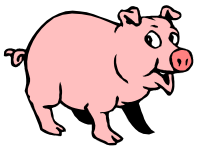
The Newsletter of The Evangelical Covenant Church of Hinsdale

October 2011

ECCH
5th Annual

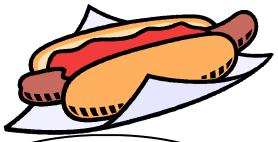
FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 30th
3:00—5:00 p.m.
on the church grounds!



Petting Zoo!

Pony Rides!



Hot Dogs!

Games!

Face Painting!

Come One, Come All! It's A Community Event!
Invite Your Friends & Neighbors!

All Church Survey Enclosed!

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Or, you may choose to take the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/S6JFCJZ

A Warm Welcome to
Emily Townsend,
caring for our little ones in the
Lower Level Nursery.
Stop down and say hello!

Our Fall Sermon Series Continues…

The Life of Moses - from the Book of Exodus.

October 9	Bricks without Straw	Exodus 5:1-6:27
October 16	Nine Plagues	Exodus 6:28-10:29
October 23	Final Plague, Passover	Exodus 11:1-13:16
October 30	Red Sea	Exodus 13:17-15:21
November 6	Water and Bread	Exodus 15:22-17:7
November 13	War with Amalek	Exodus 17:8-16
November 20	Jethro's Advice	Exodus 18:1-27

Adult Christian Education Continuing Classes:

- **Gospel in Life—Grace Changes Everything**
  This 8-week class will use a video by pastor and best-selling author Timothy Keller to explore how the good news is lived out in all of life—first in your heart, then in your community, and then out into the world. Facilitated by Pastor Jim and Paul in the Choir Room. Sundays, 10-11 a.m.
- **Springsteen and The Gospel**
  Much of the singer's music has been theologically inspired. We will use his music to discuss our own faith. Sundays, 10-11 a.m. 6 weeks. Led by Stan Friedman in the Church Library.
- **Season to Grow** - Come, let us GROW together! "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." -- 2 Peter 3:18.

  We will use this time as a "Season to Grow" deeper in Christ, together. We will explore:

  G God's Word
  R Relationships
  O Obedient Living
  W Worship

  ****Pease note—This class: Sundays, 11:15 am-12:15 pm.**
  Led by Yogi Mahendra in the 2nd Level Classroom.

Adult Confirmation is Underway!

Join us once a month to study the Old Testament!

Sundays, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
2011-2012 Schedule:

November 13
December 11
January 8
February 12
March 4
April 15
May 13

Led by Pastors Paul and Lars.

CALLING ALL SIXTH GRADERS!

You are invited to join Pastor Lars and the Confirmation class on Sunday, October 23rd from 10:00-11:00 am in lieu of attending your usual BLAST class. Just head on up to Room 203. See what a Confirmation class is like, get to know Lars better, and have some fun too! You won't want to miss this great opportunity! For more information, please contact Heidi Morrow.

"Jesus, Use Me Please" (J.U.M.P.)
Children's Ministry Giving Project 2011-12

We are excited to designate HCS Family Services as the recipient of our Sunday school offerings this year. HCS Family Services is a compassionate not-for-profit organization which has been serving the residents of Southeast Dupage County since 1937. It is their goal to prevent homelessness and food insecurity, help low-income individuals achieve their dreams of sustained economic self-sufficiency, and to create an improved quality of life for themselves and their families.

So in an effort to live out the phrase "Jesus, Use Me Please" this year, we are asking families to encourage their kids to bring some sort of offering each Sunday. That offering can come in the way of coins, dollars, or non-perishable food items. We'll be "tracking" our progress with "footprints" on the wall for every $25 and/or 25 food items we collect. Together, let's "walk" like Jesus did, by serving those in need

We're off to a good start with $25+ dollars and a cart-full of items donated so far! Let's keep up the great momentum! For more information, please contact Heidi Morrow.

News from the Youth Loft

Look who's attending the Flipside Fall Retreat at Covenant Point October 7-10!! Please keep the students and leaders in your prayers:

Catherine Lewis	Eric Strass	Jake Heiser	Audrey May
Joshua Nowak	Matt Marth	Alex Tannenbaum	John Koznarek
Erin Otto	Matt Moreton	Katie Rodgers	Maddie McGarrah C
Bridget Shupe	Campbell DiVenere	Mimi Wilkemeyer	Paige Morrow C
Evan Baird	Charlie Little	David Wilkemeyer	Lars Stromberg C
Jared Rhiner	Everett Eck	Samantha Leide	Sam Randall C
Nate Stapleton	Paden Guido	Hayley Roesler	Annie Wellumsen C
Emma Stapleton	Sam Dumford	Jaelyn Fricke	Joel Brand C
Brooke Secola	Will Cook	Lizzy Brinkins	
Chris Brenk	Hannah Murray	Caroline Zidell	

Due to the retreat, there will not be Confirmation, Wake Up Call, JBOP or Hi-League on Sunday, October 9th. Students are welcome to attend Adult Education Class Sunday a.m.

Registration is now **OPEN** for **CHIC 2012**—the triennial Covenant youth event to be held in Knoxville, TN next July. Forms are available in the youth loft.

Club56 for 5th & 6th Graders will kick off **Friday, October 14th, 7-8:30 p.m**. Bring your friends for loads of fun, and a glimpse of what Flipside will be like!

****All Youth (7-12th grades) DODGEBALLPALOOZA—Friday, November 4th, 7-9 p.m. $10 for T-shirt.**

ECCH Outreach News

Agape International

Invites you to join us for a

Benefit Dinner for the Orphans
Saturday, November 12, 2011

6:30 - 9:00 PM

at Evangelical Covenant Church of Hinsdale

Featuring Cellisimo!, Indian Dancers, Silent Auction
Keynote Speaker Lynne Voggu, Founder of Agape International

$20 per person in advance, $130 for a table of 8

$35 at the door/ Children 6-12 $10

(Childcare provided for children 5 and under, no food served in nursery)

Mild Indian Fare will be served.

(Vegetarian Indian or Lasagne available with one week advance notice.)

Please come for hors d'oeuvres, 5:30-6:30 p.m.:
The Regan's Home, 321 South Elm, Hinsdale or
The Shupe's Home, 443 South Vine, Hinsdale

(Both are within walking distance of the church)

For more information, contact Marie Roesler at 708-784-0715 or marie_roesler@hotmail.com

Look for Carla Erickson in the Garden Court at church to purchase your tickets to this special event!

Seeking Donations for the Silent Auction to benefit the Children of Agape!

It can be items, or services such as handy/ repair work services, babysitting, painting, computer services, etc. Get creative for a great cause! Please follow up with Marie Roesler.

Shoeman Water Projects will turn your shoes into clean drinking water! The shoes will get a 2nd life as affordable shoes in the developing world. Funds from the shoe sales purchases well drilling rigs, water purification systems, and other supplies to bring clean, fresh water to those in need.

To participate, give your shoes the boot by donating your used and new shoes, tied or rubber-banded into pairs, in the drop off container located at church before **Saturday, October 22nd**. For more information about the ECCH shoe drive, contact Don Wendel or Craig Wright. To learn more about Shoeman Water Projects, visit www.shoeman.org.

LUNCH SPECIALS

(monthly gatherings for Senior Adults)

Reminder to those with reservations—Tuesday, October 11th, we will host "Banjo Buddies" DixieLand Trio, followed by lunch. 11:00 a.m. start.

Looking Ahead—Mark Your Calendars and Invite a Friend…

Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Chaplain Dan Anderson of The Holmstad in Batavia will present "Aging – Through the Lens of the Bible", an introduction to some of the Bible characters who aged well, and some who didn't. Call the church office (630-323-2318) by November 1 for reservations. $7.00 per person for a hot lunch!

Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Ruth Rottschafer, our church organist and choir director, will lead us in a good, old-fashioned Christmas sing-a-long. Call the church office (630-323-2318) by December 6 for reservations. $7.00 per person for a hot lunch!

Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

R.J. Lindsay of Living History Theatre will present "Franklin D. Roosevelt". Windsor Park in Carol Stream is sponsoring this interesting and informative program. Call the church office (630-323-2318) by January 3 for reservations. $7.00 per person for a hot lunch!

The Holmstad Invites you to A Fall Lunch & Learn Event!

Thursday, October 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Featuring Musical Entertainment by Gregory Hyde, Guitar & Vocalist.
An Oktober Harvest Lunch.
A Presentation by Ann P. Wiesbrock: "Surviving Volatile Financial Times".
Tours of The Holmstad Town Center.
Admission is FREE! Reservations appreciated, walk ins welcome! Call 630-879-4100.

Happenings for Men

- Following "The Final Quarter" on **Wednesday, October 12th**—all men are invited for an excursion on the Architectural Boat Tour on the Chicago River. Please be at church by 9:30 a.m. RSVP to the church office, 630-323-2318.
- All men are invited to a book study—**Thursdays, 8:00 a.m.**—Egg Harbor Restaurant in Hinsdale. We are continuing with In The Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and An American Family in Hitler's Berlin by Erik Larson. Contact is Jim Kramer.
- Join us for Men's Bible study—the **1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 6:30 a.m.** in the church library. Breakfast included! Contact is Jim Kramer.

The Bulletin Board

Church Parsonage Open House—Sunday, October 16th, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for an Open House to celebrate the completion of the 4th Street Parsonage addition. We look forward to your visit! *-The Stromberg Family*

ECCH Pictorial Directory!

For simplicity sake, in this digital age, we are asking you to submit a digital photo of yourself, or with your spouse, or your family to hinscovnews@yahoo.com. If you are unable to send a photo digitally, you may submit your photo for scanning (*picture quality will not be as good*). **Look for Laura Marth or JoAnn Willand in the Garden Court on Sunday, October 16th to have your directory picture taken.** ***Thank you to those who have already submitted their photos***!

CROP WALK is an annual effort to raise funds and awareness of the problem of food insufficiency in our world. Jan Moushon will walk for us on Sunday, October 23 along with others from churches in the area. There will be a collection box in the Garden Court Sunday the 23rd and we encourage you to make checks (no cash please) to "CHURCH WORLD SERVICE".

ECCH Dad's Retreat—October 21-23—Newaygo Michigan

All Dads with children under their roofs are invited to the Jensen's place for some time away—enjoy hiking, fishing, good food, biking, and fellowship! Come and go when you can! Contact Todd Jensen, 630-203-9247 or Lars Stromberg, 630-541-5542. Hope you can make it!

Free ECCH Stained Glass Windows

Take home a piece of past history from our former church lounge/library! Freewill donations can be made to ECCH to help us sponsor inner city youth with scholarships to attend CHIC 2012, the triennial Covenant Youth gathering in Knoxville, TN next July. Checks to ECCH, with a notation of CHIC 2012. Thanks!

Volunteer work day at Covenant Harbor—Saturday, October 15—believe.love.serve

Come for the day, or the weekend to paint, build, fix, move, and more! For more information: www.covenantharbor.org or call 262-745-4395.

On-Line Donations

We are now able to accept donations online, with a link on www.hinsdalecovenant.com. You have the option of using a your paypal account, or a major credit card.

Church Meetings

- **Caring Ministry**—Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.
- **Council**—Monday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—Tuesdays, October 11th & 25th, 1:00 p.m.
- **Special ECCH Committee Meeting**—The next "Sunday Format" meeting will be held Monday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the church library. We'll address our Sunday morning worship, education and fellowship schedule. Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

The Hawthorne Family, at the death of Roy's father 9/24.
Covenant Preschool teacher Kathy Kulaga's brother Robert died.
Pat Kramer, battling cancer in Rockford.
Scott Larson, battling MS.
Matt Strand is recovering from knee surgery.
Finnegan Gene Endsley was baptized 9/25. Parents are Kim *(Coons)* and Mike Endsley.
Kelly Grigg was married 9/3.
Natalie Soderholm celebrated a birthday 9/17.
JR Hoffman was married 9/17.
Marsha Fenton's son Billy, with a serious case of shingles.
Francis (& Susan) O'Donnell's daughter Elizabeth, and husband Tim have adopted a 2 year old from Russia—Patrick Stegeman.
Jen Secola, Phil and Lynnette Justus, and John Scruton-Wilson, running in the Chicago Marathon this Sunday, October 9th.

Thank you to all who made a kind donation to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls for "Merithon", in memory of Meredith Williams. Though not running Chicago this year, I am counting the days until I can hit the pavement again, and we'll see what happens in 2012…! Peace, Laura Marth

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Dear Pastors and Friends of ECCH,

Curt and I want to thank you all for your friendship and love throughout our years as members of ECCH. We certainly enjoyed the many Sundays and special events we attended. We also savor the kindness and love we received.

We are somewhat settled here is Surprise, AZ. We are looking for a church, so please wish us good fortune and love in our new adventure. Love to all in Christ's name- Maggie Carlson

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A Little Humor...

"Glad you could make it. This congregation is very ecumenical."

Children's answers to questions in Sunday school

Q. What is the fifth commandment?
A. Humor thy father and mother.

Q. What happened to Lot's wife?
A. She was turned into a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire at night.

Q. Christians are taught to have only one wife, what is that called?
A. Monotony.

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1. Which worship service do you usually attend? (Circle one.)

8:45 Traditional 10:00 Blended 11:15 Contemporary

2. Why do you attend this worship service? (Circle all that apply.)

The time The location The style of music
Other_____

Thinking about Sunday mornings, please rate the following:	**How important is this to you? 5=most important/1=least**	**How well meeting your needs? 5=needs well met/1=not met**
3. Welcoming environment	5 4 3 2 1 NA	5 4 3 2 1 NA
4. Style of music in service	5 4 3 2 1 NA	5 4 3 2 1 NA
5. Use of multi-media	5 4 3 2 1 NA	5 4 3 2 1 NA
6. Sermon/Preaching	5 4 3 2 1 NA	5 4 3 2 1 NA
7. Worshiping together as a family	5 4 3 2 1 NA	5 4 3 2 1 NA
8. Time for fellowship	5 4 3 2 1 NA	5 4 3 2 1 NA
9. Participating in education	5 4 3 2 1 NA	5 4 3 2 1 NA
10. Availability of parking	5 4 3 2 1 NA	5 4 3 2 1 NA

11. How do you feel about our occasional all-church gatherings for worship, such as Rally Sunday?

Like it Don't like it Doesn't matter to me

12. How do you feel about offering worship and education at the same time?

Like it Don't like it Doesn't matter to me

13. How do you feel about the time for education ministries?

Prefer earlier 10:00 is convenient Prefer later

14. What do you perceive as the greatest strength of our Sunday mornings?

15. What do you perceive as the greatest growth opportunity of our Sunday mornings?

16. Is there anything else you want to share with us?

17. In which age group do you fall?

15 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 44 45 to 54 55 to 64 65 and older

Thank you for your input and ideas. The Church Council looks forward to sharing survey results with you in the near future.

Name (optional) _____

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Important!

Survey Enclosed—
Please take a moment
to complete & return.
Thank You!

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