

## Church Directory-

If your information has changed since the last directory, please contact our office manager Kathleen to update it for the next directory. Thank you.



## November Financial Information

Our financial position through November is good and we are in a strong position to end the year well. For the year through November, tithes and offerings income is \$4543 behind the budget and expenses have exceeded income by \$1333. With the generosity of our congregation in December we should be able to erase these deficits.



Please remember that any contributions you want credited to 2018 need to be in the offering by Sunday, December 30 or in the mail postmarked by December 31. Thank you to all of you who use your offering envelopes. They help our office manager and the Financial Team more easily handle contributions and help eliminate errors. The 2019 envelopes will be available December 9. If you haven't used envelopes before, you can request them by contacting the church office or leaving a note in the offering basket. We have ordered fewer envelopes this year, so if you have a number over 55 you will be assigned a new number. The new number will not effect your giving statement.

**Giving Tree** – Women Ministries of Northbrook will be providing Christmas gifts for the people who reside at CCO. We have winter pajamas for the women and children. We have bath towels (with some added items) to be used as a grab bag at their annual Christmas party. We also have winter outerwear for men, women and children that will be needed this winter. This outreach is a big financial undertaking and WM could use your support. If you would like to support this mission take an envelope from the wooden "Giving Tree" located in the narthex and place your donation in the envelope. You may put the envelope in the wooden WM box or give it to Bonnie or Mary Lynn. We are making a difference in the lives of people at CCO by sharing the love of Jesus!



## **NORTHBROOK NEWS December 2, 2018**

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>Today Dec 2</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am       1 pm	Adult Sunday School Worship <i>Greeter: Debbie Poterek Usher: Charlie Poterek Reader: Chuck Gundlach Communion Servers:: Pastor Jose, Debbie &amp; Charlie Poterek, Betty Olson</i> Good Neighbor Church
<b>Tues</b>	7:30 pm	Choir practice
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Next Sun Dec 9</b>	10:30 am       1 pm	Worship: Lessons & Carols <i>Greeter: Betty Olson Usher: David Dwight Reader: Lessons &amp; Carols Readers</i> Good Neighbor Church
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>		
<b>Dec 10</b>	7:00 pm	Properties Team Meeting
<b>Dec 11</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Leadership Team Meeting Choir Rehearsal
<b>Dec 12</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Dec 14</b>	9:15 am	MOPS B & B



### Email List

If you would like to be put on the email list for newsletter, prayer chain, general information, or anything else, please contact Kathleen at the office (northbrook.covenant@gmail.com)

**Volunteers for Children's Ministry**-Praise God our nursery and children's ministry is growing. In response to God's faithfulness we are hoping to put together a rotation of volunteers to assist Loreto in the nursery once every 4-6 weeks (2 adults are needed in the nursery for child safety). We are also hoping to have a similar rotation of volunteers to help teach kid's church once every 4-6 weeks as well. Please contact Pastor Jose if you desire to help these ministries. joseg.northbrookcov@gmail.com



### Covenant World Relief -

Covenant World Relief supports relief-type efforts around the world. During the past year, 1.5 million dollars have been distributed to 100 projects in 26 countries over 5 continents. The four most supported areas were water projects, disaster relief,

refugee care and women's empowerment. Last Sunday was CWR Sunday. We have an opportunity to support the work as a church. Please make checks payable to NORTHBROOK COVENANT CHURCH and write CWR or Covenant World Relief on the memo line. You can put checks in the offering through December 9.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You are invited to purchase one or more poinsettia plants in honor or memory of a loved one(s) this Season.

The plants will decorate the sanctuary. Cost is \$13.00 per plant.

Order forms are included as bulletin inserts or can be found at the Welcome Center.

***(Make checks payable to the church, mark "flowers" and place in the offering basket)***

**Deadline December 9th**



Please join us before service for Sunday School at 9:15. Jim Martins will be leading a verse by verse discussion of the book of Acts. Come learn about the struggles and triumphs of the early church. Today is the last time we are meeting for the year. We will resume in January 2019.

**Make-up session-** On Sunday, December 9th immediately following our worship service there will be a make-up session held for our Inquirer's class. All those interested please contact Pastor Jose at joseg.northbrookcov@gmail.com

**Women's Bible Study** - Women's bible study will be every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. The Covenant Village bus leaves at 9:15 a.m. to take the women to the church. Contact Nancy Dahlberg at 847-564-4624 if you have any questions. The email address for Women's Ministries is wm.northbrookcov@gmail.com



### Covenant Harbor Winter Camp

Registration opens on November 15 for Jr./Sr. High Winter Camp 2019 for February 15-17, 2019! Register online at [covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org) for \$159 per student which includes meals, lodging, program and activities!

**We will not be meeting from December 23 to January 6** because of the holidays! Enjoy your travel plans and time with your families! Youth Group will resume on **January 13, 2019** with a new series.



**Kajsa Carlson and Thomas Matheny** have announced their engagement and are planning a May 19, 2019 wedding in Nashville, TN. Kajsa is the daughter of Karen Carlson and the late Steve Carlson. Thomas is the son of Sharon Matheny and the late Mike Matheny of Cane Ridge, TN.

# Celebration of Worship

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* #135

## Welcome & Announcements

## Advent Wreath:

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* #120 v. 1

*Advent Reading*                      *Light First Advent Candle*

## Songs of Praise & Worship

*"Jesus, Messiah"*

*"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

**Our Church at Prayer**                      Jose Gonzalez

## Our Offerings to God

**Choral Anthem** *"An Advent Credo"*

**Scripture**                                      Chuck Gundlach

Jeremiah 33:14-18

## Hymn of Preparation

*"Lord of All Hopefulness"* #89

## (Children are Dismissed for Sunday School)

**Message**                                      Jose Gonzalez

*"A Promise to Cling to"*

## Communion

## Closing Hymn

*"Come You People of the Promise"* #130

## Benediction

## Postlude

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## OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday-Friday

9-2pm