



Financial Update

Through November 2018, tithes and offerings income is \$4543 behind the budget and expenses have exceeded income by \$1333. Thank you to those who have made extra contributions to close this deficit. We need to cover unexpected expenses for our heating system and appreciate further gifts by the end of the year.

Please remember that any contribution you want credited to 2018 needs to be in the offering by Sunday, December 30 or in the mail postmarked by December 31.

The 2019 offering envelopes are available at the information center.

NORTHBROOK NEWS December 16, 2018		
THIS WEEK		
Today Dec 16	9:15 am 10:30 am 1 pm 6 pm	Christmas Caroling at Axelson & Brandel Worship <i>Greeter: Mary Terzis</i> <i>Usher: Quinn Anderson</i> <i>Reader: Thomas Cellilli</i> Good Neighbor Church Youth Group: Christmas Party
Tues	7:30 pm	Choir practice
Next Sun Dec 23	10:30 am 1 pm	Worship <i>Greeter: Nancy Dahlberg</i> <i>Usher: David Dwight</i> <i>Reader: Betty Olson</i> Good Neighbor Church
LOOKING AHEAD		
Dec 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship <i>Greeter: Melissa O'Hara</i> <i>Usher: David Dwight</i> <i>Reader: Pastor Jose</i>
Dec 25	10 am	Christmas Day- Merry Christmas! Office Closed Good Neighbor Church



If you would like to **read ahead for next week's sermon**, please read Luke 1

Please join us for our **Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm on December 24th**





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



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.

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, bath towels to be used as a grab bag at their annual Christmas party, and also 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!



Adult Sunday School– We will not be meeting the rest of December. Please join us in the New Year.

Women’s Bible Study - Our Wednesday morning bible study will be on break until the end of the year. We will resume Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.



Covenant Harbor Winter Camp

Registration is now open for Jr./Sr. High Winter Camp 2019 for February 15-17, 2019! Register online at covenantharbor.org for \$159 per student which includes meals, lodging, program and activities!

Youth Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

Our annual Jr./Sr. High Christmas Party is tonight, December 16 from 6-8pm in the youth room! Come for a night of games, fun and holiday cheer! Bring a wrapped gift for a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Look for something unwanted from around your house (DO NOT SPEND MONEY ON THIS!)



Operation Christmas Child was a great success this year! Our final total as a North Suburban team was 31,483 shoe boxes, just a few hundred shy of last year. The countries our boxes will go to include Ghana, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda,, Philippines, Rwanda and Madagascar. The underlined received our boxes last year. Thanks to all who helped make this a wonderful message of the love of God for his children.

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Opening Hymn

"People Look East" #138

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Wreath: Joy

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #120 v. 3

Advent Reading *Light Three Advent Candles*

Songs of Praise & Worship

"Shout to the Lord"

"I Love You Lord"

Our Church at Prayer Jose Gonzalez

Our Offerings to God

Choral Anthem *"Christmas is Coming"*

Scripture Thomas Cellilli

Luke 3:1-18

Hymn of Preparation

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #133 v.1-3,5

(Children are Dismissed for Sunday School)

Message Jose Gonzalez

"Waiting Well"

Closing Hymn

"Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People" #131

Benediction

Postlude

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Vera Vasilenko, Pianist

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday-Friday

9-2pm