

GURNEE COMMUNITY CHURCH Connect

APRIL 14, 2019

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: It takes over 100 volunteers in many different roles to make VBS a success. VBS will run **June 24 - 28** from 1-4pm each day. Even if you don't know how you would like to help, or if you can't help every day, please sign up to volunteer in the Narthex **TODAY** or complete the section on the back of the Welcome to the Worship form for more information.



FELLOWSHIP MEAL: If you want to attend our fellowship meal on Sunday, **April 28**, please sign up by **TODAY** if possible. The meal will be at 12:15pm after second service and will be a catered event with a freewill offering. We would like to get a good idea of numbers so would appreciate early sign up. You can sign up at our table in the Narthex or online via the eblast link that was sent last week.



LIFE JOURNALS: are available **TODAY** for purchase (\$8) in the Narthex. These spiral bound journals contain the instructions for the approach to daily Bible study we have been talking about on Sunday mornings (S.O.A.P.) and that was used in our Lent Devotional along with two Bible reading plans: A *Classic Reading Plan* that will take you through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice over the course of one year - and an *Express Reading Plan* that has shorter daily readings perfect for someone just getting started with daily Bible study.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Friday, **April 19**, from 6:30-7:30pm, we will hold a special Good Friday service in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be available in the nursery for children 0 - 3years. You are encouraged to bring older kids to the service with you. We will serve Communion during the service and there will be other experiential elements to the service.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Join us on Saturday, **April 20** for the annual GCC Easter Egg Hunt. The fun will start at 9:30am as Esper Petersen Park for the egg hunt. After that we will head over to the church for cookie decorating. All families are welcome to join us.



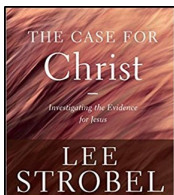
EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday, **April 21** we will have Easter Services at 9:00am and 10:45am.

NEW SUNDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: starting Sunday, **April 28**. The



Book of Exodus tells the story of the Hebrew people as God leads them out of Egyptian captivity into the land he promised their patriarch fathers (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob). Why does an event that took place 3500 years ago matter to us today? How does the exodus speak into the gospel? Join us Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 9:15 am (same material repeated) in the Community Room for an in-depth study of the first nineteen chapters of the Book of Exodus. There is no homework or advance preparation needed, and all are welcome whenever they can make it.

NEW SUNDAY AM MEN'S STUDY: starting Sunday, **April 28** the



9am Men's Group will begin a 6-week study of Lee Strobel's book *The Case for Christ*. Can't make it to the Sunday AM class? Check today's insert for information about the Men's Group that meets on Monday nights at Gurnee Panera - they will also be studying the same book after Easter.

LIFE JOURNAL STUDY CLUBS: Here at GCC we firmly believe that daily Bible study is an essential part of every Christian's journey of faith. From new believers to seasoned veterans God's Word is the fuel we need to live faithfully in this fallen world. To encourage you we have new groups that will meet at 9:15am and 10:15am in the GCC Library on the first Sunday of each month, starting Sunday, **May 5**. These groups gather to share how God has been revealing himself through his Word – and to spend some time together in study and prayer. To learn more about Life Journal Study Clubs contact Pastor Paul (paulkattner@gcchome.org).

MARRIAGE NIGHT MINI-RETREAT: Do you ever feel like your spouse is speaking in a foreign language? Do you know when to talk and when to clam up? Do you long to experience a stronger relationship and better communication in your marriage? Save the date Friday, **May 17** from 6:30pm - 9pm here at GCC for a Marriage mini-retreat based on the book *Love Talk* by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. More information and signups coming soon.



LOVE INC BLING BLING TEA PARTY: Ladies, save the date Saturday, **May 4** at 10am for a tea party at Village Church of Gurnee. Sip, nibble and shop to benefit Love INC, one of GCC's supported missions. Donations of new or gently used jewelry, purses, scarves etc. are requested for the sale and can be dropped off at the Love INC offices.



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NEW BELL TOWER DOORS: were installed this week. If you have a code to the building, you can now use that same code at the Bell Tower door as well as at the door by the office. In addition, the handicap pads are also active at both doors during the times that the door is unlocked or when you use an access code. The Bell Tower door will be programmed to unlock automatically for a few selected events such as Food Pantry, Lake County Bible Study, Sunday Services and funerals, however it will otherwise be locked. If you need a code to get into the building outside of office hours, or if you once had a code and have forgotten it, please contact Nikki in the church office (nikkibehler@gcchome.org).