

## Family News

### Newcomers Lunch on February 23

On Feb. 23, right after church, we'll be holding a Newcomers' Luncheon. This is an opportunity to get to know the pastors better, hear Village Church's story, and learn more about our core values. You'll also be introduced to our ministries and have a chance to ask some questions. Children are welcome to participate. So, if you are new, save the date! We look forward to meeting you!

### Congratulations to.....

**Michael Bowman and Emily Head** who were married on Jan. 4 in Cambridge, MN. Both are students at Trinity.



**David Moser and Heather Kirkpatrick** who were recently engaged and plan to be married in Alabama in July. David is a student at Trinity.



### We'll Miss You, Betty

**Elizabeth (Betty) Weimar**, 95, passed away on Jan. 7. Betty, who has not been able to attend VCL for quite some time, had been part of VCL for over 30 years. Betty is survived by her six children.



### Experience a Passover Seder from a Christian Perspective

*By Pastor Lee Echol*

"I have Seder envy," wrote Mary Schmich, a popular columnist for the *Chicago Tribune* several years ago. "I'm stricken by this curious condition every year as my Jewish friends gather to eat and drink and tell the tale of the Jews' liberation from slavery in Egypt... [T]here's something about Passover that makes me want to feel included." Many Christians have never participated in a Seder but when we do a common reaction is, "Our salvation in Christ is all through this! This is our story!"

On Sunday evening, Mar. 2, Dr. John Feinberg will take our church family through the Seder. You will taste the bitter herbs and the salty water reminding Jews of their slavery in Egypt. We will drink of the four cups, and hide the afikoman, a symbol of the Messiah.

This is a family dinner. Childcare will be provided for preschoolers, but reservations are appreciated. A light supper will be provided.. We will begin at 5 p.m. and be done before 7. Sign up through the Friendship Register or email the church office: [evcl@evcl.org](mailto:evcl@evcl.org).

### Bridal Shower in the Works

Watch the bulletin for details for a shower to help celebrate the upcoming April 5 wedding of Charles Flowe and Emily Burke, both graduates of TIU. Pastor Lee will officiate. Shower hostess is Cynthia Bonczkiewicz.



### Our New Intern, Dan North

Dan North is our new intern at VCL. And boy, is he a powerhouse of passion. Dan studied political science at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, and came to Trinity in 2010 to begin his studies in the MDiv program. He has been with Village Church since 2011, assisting with teaching in *Mornings with Michael* and leading Growth Groups. Dan is engaged to Amy Shoemyer, a medical student studying at Des Moines University. They've had a long engagement (since 2009), and they will be getting married at long last this summer! Dan has a passion for biblical interpretation as well as for preaching and teaching. He also has a deep love for the Church, and has been influenced by Pastor Lee's thoughts on church life and VCL's fellowship. You'll see Dan a lot this semester...teaching in *Mornings with Michael* on the Minor Prophets, doing pastoral prayers on Sunday morning, helping us think through our social media, and learning the behind-scenes-work of the church. Be sure to encourage him as you see him. And definitely, be sure to sit in on one of his lessons. You'll be glad you did.

### Elders Ponder the Best of Village Church at Retreat

*By Dan North and Pastor Michael Mauriello*

What are the things that you absolutely love about Village Church? Can you make a list? What, on the list, do you wish all your friends could know or experience about VCL? That's essentially what the Elder Board did on Jan. 24 and 25 as they made a list of the great things about Village Church, and then began to ponder how the church could grow if more folks knew about our fellowship. Over the next year the Elders will be praying about how Village Church could and should grow in accordance with our core values and with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Would you pray along with them? The church needs God's wisdom at all times and especially as we embark on new ways of reaching out, growing our congregation and sharing the gospel. Please pray for:

- \* pure motives
- \* for divine hospitality to visitors
- \* for a holy love that would attract people seeking the Light
- \* that God would guide believers to VCL who don't have a church
- \* that God would give us open doors to share and show the love of Christ to the lost
- \* that we would know how to open our doors

## Missions & Ministry Updates

### Love INC *by Pastor Michael Mauriello*

Over the last few months we have sent out an S.O.S regarding our partnership with Love INC. Many of our previous participants in this ministry had moved away and the team was down to a skeleton crew. But no longer! The people of VCL have answered the call to service. Over the last two months we've had larger crews of people delivering furniture to needy families and picking up donations. I would like to say thank you to Carl Johnson for keeping the vision behind Love INC alive, and to Steve and J.P. Postma, Garry Sittler and Sarah Esau for coming out to give Love INC a try. I would also like to thank Gary Walrath, Ernie Brandt, Jim Lindberg, and Chatham Hedges for their faithfulness to this ministry. Several others have donated time to this ministry as well. Thank you all, for keeping our commitment to Love INC going!



Love INC meets the needs of those less fortunate in Lake County including clothing and household items. Love INC has made a special plea for specific items from its partner churches. Over the next three weeks we'll be collecting the following items: *Bath and hand towels; kitchen towels and dish cloths; all boys clothes sizes 4, 5, 6, 10, and 12; boys pants and jeans sizes 3-18; men's jeans sizes 28-34; and girls pants and jeans sizes 4T, 5T, 10, 12, 14.* Thank you!

### March is Clothes Horse Month

Trinity's *Clothes Horse* is an on-campus ministry that provides clothes, toys, food and small household items free of charge to all graduate students and their families. Faculty wives started this ministry 45 years ago and its ongoing ministry is made possible by the work of many people. **September** and **March** are the months that Village Church donates food items to the Clothes Horse. Next month would you consider making a donation of rice, pasta, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, or canned vegetables? These common staples go a long way to meet the needs of many graduate students. You may drop your donations in the bins provided in the foyer. This partnership is just another link in our chain of connections to Trinity. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

### News from the C.E. Team

February is Camp Awareness month at VCL. Each week of February you will be able to enjoy delicious camp treats at the Welcome Center: S'mores, trail mix (back by popular demand) camp bagels (even Einstein's gets into the camping spirit) and Sharon Johnson's fabulous home-made cinnamon rolls. The goodies are not for sale, but there are tip jars nearby where you can drop your loose change, dollar bills or checks made payable to VCL. All the proceeds from our February collection will go to provide scholarship money for summer camp. Thanks for your participation. And, we have a newly appointed Timber-lee Camp Ambassador in our midst. Jenn Uren will be telling us more about what Timber-lee offers and will be available at our camp table to answer questions.



### It's Puzzling...

Mr. Wrinkles hosts seasonal parties for children ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade. But how can he host the winter gathering if he's missing??? We'll need our VCL kids and their friends to come with their best Sherlock Holmes sleuthing powers to find our beloved dog. Who knows what other mysteries we might uncover! Friday evening, Feb. 28 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please register by Sunday, Feb. 23.



### Safety

The CE Ministry Team has developed an Emergency Evacuation Procedure. In the unlikely event of an emergency, teachers will follow the steps to a safe evacuation of our classrooms. The teachers are trained in this procedure and the procedure is posted in each room. We work closely with the Safety Ministry headed by Doug Cummings.

The most important thing for parents to know is that children will be safely escorted from the building in an orderly manner. Note that you will meet your child in the parking lot outside the building, and should not go to the classroom to reunite should an emergency occur. Copies of the Emergency Exit Procedure are available at the Information Center.

We can truly thank the Lord that we have had no incidents of this kind, but we feel it is good stewardship to be prepared. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please feel free to contact any member of the CE or Safety Ministry Teams.

## Preaching & Worship

### Sermons

FEBRUARY 9 — MARCH 9, 2014



"Then You Will Know that I Am the LORD"  
To know God and remember well what he has done for us

Date	Text	Sermon Title
2/9/14	Ex. 5:1-7:7	Worse Before it Gets Better
2/16/14	Ex. 7:8-10:29	Showdown <i>Communion</i>
2/23/14	Ex. 11:1-20	Dark Wonders of God
3/2/14	Ex. 12:1-27	So We Never Forget
3/9/14	Ex. 12:28-42	Free At Last!

### Prayer for VCL in February

That we might know God deeply through our studies in Exodus on Sunday mornings.

Finding ways we can be good neighbors in Lincolnshire.

Gifted workers to fill our Children's Ministries.

Open Doors for the good news of Jesus; our List of Five.

Kids going to Arctic Blast Retreat on Feb. 16-17.

### Ladies Bathroom Rehab Complete

This was a top to bottom rehab of the women's restroom facility at the east end of the building. It included the floor, ceiling, walls, fixtures, countertop and cabinetry. Rich Soderberg, of the Building and Grounds Ministry, along with the able assistance of Dale Rust and Ken Fuller, did the heavy lifting for this project. Design and color selection input was graciously provided by Sharon Johnson and Kay Olson. Thank you all!



### Young Adult/College Student

#### Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb. 2, 5:00 p.m.

(at home of Scott & Kim Cordes, Buffalo Grove)

#### Craft Night

Saturday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.

#### Concert of Prayer

Sunday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.

#### Arctic Blast (Winter Retreat for Grades 3-5)

Sunday, Feb. 16 and Monday, Feb. 17

#### Newcomer Luncheon

Sunday, Feb. 23, Noon

#### Mr. Wrinkles Event

Friday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m.

#### Guys & Gals (Youth - Off Site)

Friday, Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m.

#### Recurring Events

#### Middle School and Senior High Youth

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

#### Ladies' Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.

(2/1 and 2/15)

#### Young Adult/College Student Luncheon

Bi-monthly, Sundays, Noon

(2/2 and 2/16)

#### VCL Choir Rehearsal

Sundays, beg. 2/23, 5:00 p.m.

#### Tenebrae & Easter Adult Choir

Tenebrae is a "service of shadows" and will be presented on Good Friday, Apr. 18, 2014. The service will be led by the VCL choir under the leadership of Jane Niederbrach. Rehearsals for choir are every Sunday from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. and begin on Feb. 23. The choir will also be singing for our Easter Sunday service on Apr. 20. If you would like to be a part of the choir this year or involved as a reader or instrumentalist, please contact Susan Eclov so that a music packet can be prepared for you.

### She is Safe (SIS) Launch at VCL

She is Safe (SIS) Chicago Advocacy Group launched its 2014 plans on Jan. 23 with a great turnout of participants from three area churches and a sizable delegation from Trinity International University and TEDS.



SIS Chicago's 2014 fundraising goal is \$25,000 which will go toward our two chosen projects. Project one is to support She Is Safe's growing operational needs. Project two is to adopt and support life-changing Transformation Groups growing in South Sudan. South Sudan is the newest country in the world. Its 3 years of existence have been full of internal and external fighting, mass killings, refugees escaping and hiding, and suffering, especially for women and girls who are trying to survive alone. Please prayerfully consider pledging and giving to these projects.

#### Get Involved

1. Join our events this year and save these dates:

- April 10, Fundraising Dinner with Guest speaker, Michele Rickett, the founder of She Is Safe
- Summer, *Read To Rescue* fundraiser for kids and teens
- October 11, *Hope Shines* awareness festival for the International Day of the Girl

2. Make a pledge and give to our two projects. See Patti Younger for details.

3. Volunteer and join a committee:

Prayer and Research Team led by Kathy Richards

Event Planning Team led by Jim Uren

Fundraising and Logistics Team led by Patti Younger

Communications and Awareness Team led by Ilene Foote

**Why Does All This Matter?** Here's what some participants said after our first meeting.

*We cannot even imagine what God will do if we make ourselves available and get involved! I can't wait to start planning and doing what I can to help SIS Chicago reach its goals for this year.* Cheryl from Maranatha Baptist Church, Grayslake

*I am so grateful for this organization and for SIS Chicago and VCL's heart and commitment to make this ministry a priority. I look forward to helping to bring this ministry to the attention of the TEDS community.* Dana from Church of the Redeemer, Deerfield



Discussion and planning



Seeing hope in action

Strategy and structure



**For more news and information from VCL check our website: [www.evcl.org](http://www.evcl.org).**

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**Elders:** Lee Eclov, Carl Johnson, Michael Mauriello, Chris McNiven, Andrew Seaman (Sec.), Jim Stamoos, (Vice Chair), Jim Uren and Raymond Wunderlich (Chair)



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### Pianist Sam Rotman Brings His Story and Music to VCL

By Pastor Lee Eclov



Sam Rotman is an extraordinary pianist! He made his professional debut at 16 before 6,000 people with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra and has played nearly 2000 times in nearly 60 countries. In

addition, he is a Free Church pastor in Arizona and a long-time friend of the Eclovs.

Mr. Rotman comes from a strong Jewish home, but while a student at Julliard a classmate gave him a New Testament and challenged him to read it. You will not only hear Mr. Rotman's powerful music, but also the rest of the story of that New Testament. He will be performing a concert at Village Church on **Saturday evening, Mar. 1, at 7 p.m.** After he performed for us in 2008 our people raved and said, "We have to have him back!"

You probably know someone who would enjoy this concert. Why not invite them to join you. Not only is the music wonderful, but Mr. Rotman's warmth and humor shines through as he explains the background to the pieces he plays as well as telling his own story. The concert is free, though a free-will offering will be taken. Mr. Rotman's four recordings will also be available for purchase. For more information on Mr. Rotman check out his website at [www.samrotman.com](http://www.samrotman.com).

### Sign up Prayers for Uplift and Aaron's Army

Everyone on our church email list receives occasional messages from us with urgent prayer requests or important reminders. Those without emails receive calls or letters. I am looking for volunteers for two other key prayer teams.

**Uplift Prayer:** These volunteers pray for urgent concerns beyond our church family—a life-threatening illness in someone's family, for example, or a significant spiritual crisis. This year we've had over 75 volunteers.

**Aaron's Army:** Long ago I decided I was more of an Aaron than a Moses. Aaron was a spokesman. That is what I am as a preacher. But preaching is a spiritual collaboration, so each year I recruit people for Aaron's Army to pray specifically for the preaching ministry of our church at least three or four times a week. I'll send you an update a few times a year. We've had over 50 on this prayer platoon in 2013. To sign up for these teams write *Uplift* and/or *Aaron's Army* on the Friendship Register or email me or the church office. Sign up even if you've volunteered in the past. We start over each year. Thank you for being a praying church!

### Pastor Lee Visits the Home of the "Alberta Clipper"

During the first week of February I'll be in Calgary, Edmonton and Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada. I will be speaking in a seminary class for an author friend, Mark Buchanan, and then in two pastors' conferences with Refresh Ministries. I've also begun a new semi-regular writing gig with *Leadership Journal*. I'm thankful to the Lord and VCL for this opportunity to serve students and pastors.