

APRIL
2014

The Center



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“Were not our hearts burning within us...?”

—Luke 24:32

May I invite you to pause for a brief moment and recall a time when you were caught up in a breathtaking moment of beauty, a deep experience of compassion (one that you received or were witness to), or a deep experience of profound love...

When we experience such a moment, we often feel a deep interior ‘burning of our hearts,’ an inner knowing that is trying to tell us: pay attention...the Holy One is near!

In the Gospel of Luke, two disciples were going to Emmaus after the crucifixion of Jesus. They were sad and terrified and extremely disappointed that he had been put to death. They had heard nothing of the Resurrection. As they walked they were met by a stranger who was, in fact, the risen Christ but they did not recognize him. This “stranger” explained the meaning of all the events that they felt so sad about. Yet while he talked, they knew he was telling them something extremely important, but still they did not understand. It was only when the three sat down to dinner and in the blessing and breaking of the bread, “their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus.” With that recognition....he “vanished” from their sight (Luke 24:31).

It was only after their encounter with the risen Jesus, that they understood the meaning of what happened in Jerusalem *and* the meaning of their “hearts burning within them.”

These encounters with the Risen Christ, happen all the time in our own lives....yet we fail to recognize the Holy One right here in our midst.

We celebrate Easter not only to remember the events of 2,000 plus years ago, but so that we might become more aware of the presence of the Risen Christ right here and now, in our own everyday lives.

Like the 2 disciples on their way to Emmaus, we too go along in our daily lives and have encounters with the Divine. We too are offered ways of understanding the disappointments and joys of our lives through our encounters with the risen Jesus.

When we can become aware of “the burning of our hearts,” we are being given a signal to pay attention to the power and the presence of God accompanying us on our life’s journey. It is as if our hearts can perceive before our brains can understand. And for this we can’t help but whisper “Thank you!” Amen.

Blessed Easter to all...peace!



Chris Hopkins



Chapel Offerings

Meditation: Attending the Silence

(*please notice the new offering on Friday morning)

Tuesday evenings 5:30 pm- 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & *Friday mornings 9:00 am-9:30 am

Please join us for a 20 minute period of silent meditation each week. Come whenever you are able.

Loving-Kindness Meditation Monday mornings 9:00 am-9:30 am

Our Monday morning meditation is a Loving-Kindness meditation. It is not a silent meditation, but a group prayer for peace in the world beginning with ourselves. Come whenever you are able. Questions may be directed to Chris Hopkins, 708-361-3650

LABYRINTH OFFERINGS!

Saturday morning Labyrinth walk April 5th 8:00am and Thursday evening Labyrinth walk April 3rd 5:30pm

Let's gather at our permanent labyrinth to walk in fellowship and peace. No registration is necessary. We will walk rain or snow (hopefully not) or shine! Hope to meet you there!

Good Friday Labyrinth Stations Of The Cross April 18th, 9:00 am -5:00 pm

The Stations of the Cross and the Labyrinth are joined together to offer you a unique way to experience the passion of Jesus. These Scriptural Stations of the Cross have 15 stations modeled on the Scriptural Stations celebrated by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday, 1991. There will be prayer books to guide you on your journey. Come any time!

Earth Day Labyrinth Walk April 22nd, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm.

These sessions will be identical. Let's gather at the Labyrinth to prayerfully reflect upon the ecological state of our world. These times will include prayer, ritual and of course, a labyrinth walk.

Upcoming in May!

World Labyrinth Day May 3rd, 1:00 pm

This is a *global* movement to gather and walk the labyrinth for peace. We will join this movement! We will Walk as One at One, so please join us at **1pm** down by the labyrinth so that we can add our energies and prayers to this global peace effort.

Gather Round the Table Sunday, April 27th, 6:00pm

This gathering is a circle of rich conversation and prayer. We remember when Jesus broke bread with his disciples and friends and we do the same. We welcome all to spend a brief time of deepening their relationship with God. We gather in a circle of mutuality, open and inclusive—please join us!

Mindfulness Sunday mornings 11:00am-12:00pm

We gather to meditate and to reflect upon one aspect of meditation and/or mindfulness. We actually do a mindful activity and we spend some time offering each other support and encouragement in our quest to actually be present to our lives. No registration is required. All are welcome ages 8yrs old and older.

Monday Morning Book Club April 14th, 10:00-11:45 am

Our book club will meet 3 more times in 2014. The dates and titles are:

April 14 Joshua by Joseph Girzone

July 14 An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor

Oct. 13 Amish Grace by Donald B. Kraybill, Steven M. Nolt, and David L. Weaver-Zercher

When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are at first mystified, then confused by his presence. A quiet and simple man, he supports himself solely by carpentry and woodworking, and his work is exquisite. Even more exquisite, and even more mysterious, is the extraordinary effect he has on everyone he meets. All who come in contact with him can't help but be transformed by his incredible warmth. The acceptance and love in his eyes and in his actions amaze the townspeople. Who is Joshua and just what is he up to? The answer to that question amazes them almost as much as the discovery of that same transforming power in each of their own hearts.

Spirituality 101 Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (or) Thursday mornings 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Beginning Tuesday April 1st and Thursday April 3rd we will begin the series:

“How do we breathe under water? The Gospel and 12 step Spirituality.” This DVD series was recorded at a conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. “When we learn to identify our addiction, embrace our brokenness, and surrender to God, we begin to bring healing to ourselves and our world.” Richard Rohr shows how the Gospel principles in the Twelve Steps can free anyone from whatever addiction they might have...and we are all addicted in some way. Registration is required. Classes are \$5/each.

Men's POV Tuesday, April 8th 7:00 p.m. We will have an exciting discussion! New members are most welcome.

Vespers in the Chapel Every Sunday 12:30 pm & 4:30 pm

Please join us each week for a nondenominational service of music, meditation and prayer led by Rev. Chris Hopkins. The Chapel stands on the highest point of The Center's grounds and symbolizes the underlying spirituality of all Center programs.

All are welcome!

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Communion Sundays

April 6th & April 27

12:30 pm & 4:30 pm

This month there will be 2 Communion Sundays in April due to a special event on May 4th (the Center Singers are offering a Spring concert featuring the music from Sister Act). Volunteers are needed to help set up for Communion as well as helping to distribute it. If you are able and interested, please contact Chris Hopkins. ALL ARE WELCOME! *Please note: we always have a non-alcoholic cup.

Holy Thursday Communion Service

April 17th

7:00pm

Please join us for a special Communion service in the Wayside Chapel commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus. This service will be rich in silence, music and prayer. We will break bread and share the cup in remembrance of Him.

Family Service Sunday

April 13th †

10:00 am

Please join us as we gather outdoors behind the Lodge on the west side of Southwest Highway for this family friendly service. We will sing and pray and reflect upon God's wonder-full presence in our lives. And we will share a bit of hospitality together, because Jesus *always* ate with his friends!

New Offering!

Peaceful Hands

April 5th

10:30am-11:30am

Do you love to knit and/or crochet? Do you love to gather with kindred souls and share your love for the craft? Do you love to do what you can to make the world a little more peaceful with a little less suffering? If so, please join us! Our intention for the group is to share the talents of our hands, the love in our hearts and the peace in our souls with others and so we will gather on the first Saturday of each month to work on our own project. At our first gathering we will discuss the what and where: what will we make and where shall we send it? Please note: this is not a class. Basic knitting and/or crocheting competency is necessary. A smile and open heart is also suggested! Registration is requested.

"SEE...I AM BLOOMING!"

As I am writing this, Dan and his maintenance crew have just finished shoveling...*again!*

It has been such a tough winter. If it is not snowing we are enveloped in a polar vortex. I have never heard of a polar vortex before this year! Yet, underneath the inches and inches of snow are crocus bulbs gaining strength and nourishment, readying themselves to break forth when the conditions are right. Spring is coming...for this we can be sure.

By the time you read this, most likely there will be bright purple and yellow crocuses who have defied the onslaught of winter. I am sure they will seem to be all the more beautiful this year. In my imagination, when they bloom, they will say to old man winter: "You couldn't stop me. See, I am blooming!"

Doesn't this all sound like our lives sometimes? Don't we all have times when 'stuff' keeps happening, like the snow storms that never seemed to quit this winter. Just as it takes a lot of work in shoveling and plowing, it takes a lot of work to get through the tough times. But just like the crocuses who bloom through the snow, the human spirit is strong and able to break through the toughest of circumstances. Our strength, our courage, our tenacity, our creativity, our joy is all inside of us gathering strength, getting us ready to blossom when the time is ripe. Our spirit, together with The Spirit, can face the most difficult of times.

Together we can say to the troubles and struggles of our lives: "You can't stop me....see I am blooming!"

Peace! *Chris Hopkins*



It's not too early to think about

Summer FARM FEST!

At the farm, Saturday, June 7, 10 am – 4 pm

Mark your calendars! Tell your friends! Kick off a summer of fun at the farm! Horse rides, hayrides, crafts, animals, live music, games, and great food! Plus a "Green Fair" of environmental organizations and vendors of environmentally-friendly products, plus garage sale vendors, flea market vendors, and craft vendors. Spread the word—

THIS is the way to start the summer!

SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL:



GREENING OUR SMALL CORNER OF THE EARTH

The Center is dedicated to protecting our planet's precious environment every day of the year. Each April, on the occasion of Earth Day, we take the opportunity to update you on our efforts and to tell you how you can continue to help! We're trying to use water, gas, electricity, and other resources conservatively, and always welcome donations of used items that we can reuse, such as cowboy boots for our campers, men's work clothes for the Pathway men, craft supplies, etc. We're working on recycling as much as possible—cans, bottles, paper, compost—and of course the barn manure and the oak leaves are spread on the hayfields as natural fertilizers.



You can bring paper (newspapers, magazines, office paper, envelopes, etc.) to the large green and yellow dumpsters at the south end of the farm parking lot. There's also a smaller green and white Seventh Generation box in the parking lot for collecting used clothing, shoes, and textiles, and, in August, we'd love your donations of just about everything for our annual Rummage Sale! We continue to try to be part of the grand effort to conserve resources, make less waste, and most importantly, to teach our guests and our fellowship of all ages, to treat the Earth as though it really mattered. It does—big time!

REIKI

Sunday, April 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the lodge

Reiki is a gentle, relaxing and peaceful form of energy healing, especially beneficial for those suffering from physical or emotional pain. Sharon Butler and fellow Reiki practitioners offer their healing services, asking a suggested donation of \$10 per participant to The Center. Until the 15th of the month, registration is limited to new participants in our Reiki program. After that time, returning participants may register for any remaining spaces.

Celebrating your wedding anniversary in April? Then you are invited to our April

ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND RENEWAL OF VOWS CEREMONY

Sunday, April 6, beginning with 4:30 p.m. Vespers.

Whether you were married in our chapel, a grand cathedral, or a courthouse, we invite you to this beautiful evening of celebrating and renewing your marriage commitment. The evening begins with a Vespers Service at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel. After Vespers, you will enjoy a gracious candlelight dinner in the lodge and then return to the Chapel for the Renewal of Wedding Vows ceremony. For reservations, send \$80 for dinner for two, to be received no later than March 19. *Planning ahead? The next Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for May 18.*

TOASTMASTERS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, April 2 and 16, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Toastmasters is an opportunity for folks who wish to improve their public communication skills, to develop the confidence to stand and speak before large or small groups of people. The Center's Toastmasters Club consists of staff, volunteers, and friends of The Center. No commitment is necessary to try it out: for more information, talk to Dave Sanders or Lois Lauer.

THE CENTER SINGERS

Every Monday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Center Singers, a choral group consisting of members of The Center's fellowship, has rehearsals each Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Lodge. Led by director Penny Wills and rehearsal accompanist Shirley Swanson, the group sings once each month at Vespers in the Wayside Chapel and at special events such as the Easter Sunrise service and May 4th concert. The Center Singers always welcomes new members. If you are interested, please call the office for information.

SPIRITUAL COMPANIONSHIP

A spiritual companion helps others freely explore what God is doing in their lives and guides them toward determining their own response. Spiritual companionship is not psychotherapy, although a person in therapy may also seek spiritual companionship, in order to explore how God's call and compassion are present during life's toughest moments. We all need the love, support, and witness of other travelers on this, our spiritual journey. Spiritual Director Kathy Fontaine donates her time and expertise to The Center, by offering her one-on-one spiritual companionship services to anyone seeking spiritual direction through prayer, meditation, and dialogue. The cost is \$20/hour, which Kathy donates to the camp scholarship fund. Please, call the office at any time for details about setting up appointments with Kathy, who is here as a spiritual companion all day every Tuesday.

FELLOWCRAFTERS GIFT SHOP

Please stop in the Fellowcrafters Gift Shop to see a display of delightful spring creations. The selection of items is ever changing, so please make time to come to our shop!

**Sheep to Shawl
Sunday, April 27th
Noon-4pm**

Through the wool they grow, the meat they produce, and the endless products they provide, sheep have become an asset to our society. Sheep shearing is an antique practice that has evolved greatly over the years and this year's Sheep to Shawl event will focus on demonstrating different forms of shearing.

Our program will be an entertaining demonstration of sheep shearing practices. The highlight of the event is the 1:30 P.M. presentation of the sheep which will be accompanied by the pipes and drums of the Emerald Society and then the actual shearing of our own sheep. We will have electric and hand shearing demonstrations for guests to enjoy.



In addition to the shearing, guests can visit all of our animals in the barns. Children will be able to make a "sheep to shawl" craft and have lunch straight from the farm's grill.

Admission is \$6.00 per person and gates open at 12 noon. See you there!



Cornerstone Youth Group Presents Our Spring Fundraiser....

Manure for Money

Please help support us while improving your soil quality. Our youth group, Cornerstone, is selling prepackaged bags of composted manure for your garden.

Prepaid bags of compost are expected to be picked up on Sunday, April 27 between Noon and 4p during our Sheep to Shawl event! We'll happily load your order when you pull up or park nearby; come to The Children's Farm at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park. Compost purchases will grant you free admission to this wonderful event.



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Farm and Nature Discovery Preschool

March was an exciting month. Since we were stuck inside so much of this cold winter, we really were able to get out and enjoy nicer weather. We were studying amphibians, reptiles, and pond life-so how perfect to get out to our very own sloughs. There are so many interesting aspects of the slough and we really love that we have these in our backyard.

April will be our rainforest month. We did this theme a few years back and the teachers came up with very creative ways to teach all the layers of the rainforest.

We would love the opportunity to have your child join us on our adventures next fall. Open registration has begun and although some of the classes are filled, there is availability. Also, our kindergarten will be our new addition next year and we are so very excited. Our own Ms. Audra will be teaching. She has had experience teaching kindergarten and is a wonderful fit.

If you would like information mailed to you or a tour, please call Kristin at (708) 361-8933.

SPRING RETREATS AT THE CENTER

You deserve a break! Treat yourself to a retreat... Register early to reserve your spot in one of these wonderful retreats!

Women's Spring Pathway to Serenity Retreat

Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We've planned The Center's 14th spring Pathway to Serenity retreat for women in Alcoholics Anonymous, featuring time for quiet contemplation and meaningful conversation, plus spiritual reflection and meditation, as well as enjoying the beautiful springtime woods.

Retreat cost: \$40 includes leadership, lunch, and retreat supplies.

Spring Meditation Retreat: Present to the Presence

Thursday, May 15, 8:30 am - 4 pm

Join Chris Hopkins for a day of "letting go" of our own agendas and thoughts as we seek a greater connection with God. The day will include time for dialogue, quiet meditation, centering prayer, and walking the labyrinth. Retreat fee: \$45

includes leadership, lunch, and retreat supplies.



Outdoor Women's Retreat:

Nurturing Our Connection with Mother Earth!

Sat and Sun, May 31 and June 1, 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Lois Lauer and Catherine Myers invite nature loving women to a "campout" on Indian Hill at the farm. We'll sleep in the little camp shelters there, cook on a campfire, nurture our natural awareness, and celebrate our connection with nature. Retreat fee: \$86 includes leadership, overnight accommodations, 3 meals, and retreat supplies. Participants bring personal sleeping bags or blankets.



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Seeking outdoor lovers with an enthusiasm for children and animals...

The Children's Farm is looking for Educational farm Tour Guides to help with the busy spring season ahead of us. Farm tour guides are needed for week-day group tours and weekend family time. Educational Farm Volunteers need no experience, as all training will be provided. The only necessary qualifications are an interest in animals and nature and a love for children! Please do not hesitate to call for more information. (708) 361-3650

Spring Junior Farmers...

Help join us in the welcoming of spring! Junior Farmers in the spring session will have the unique opportunity to experience all the spring babies of the farm! We will be blessed with the arrival of baby goats, lambs, calves, bunnies, & chicks! Children will spend one hour a week truly engaged with our farm animals. The junior farmer classes are led by Miss Kay who has a true passion for baby animals herself. She will certainly pass that love along to all of her junior farmers!

Spring Session

\$91 - 7 week session

Beginning April 5th, 7th, 8th & 9th

Choose a Session:

Ages 3-6

*Saturday 10:00-11:00am or 11:30-12:30pm Beginning April 5th
Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10:00-11:00am or 1:30-2:30pm Beginning April 7th, 8th, or 9th

Ages 6-8

*Saturday 2:00-3:00pm Beginning April 5th

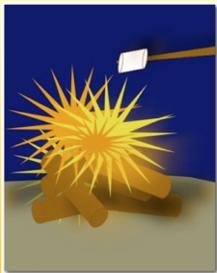
Ages 6-12

Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm Beginning April 7th, 8th, or 9th

Ages 9-12

*Saturday 3:30-4:30pm Beginning April 5th

Please help send a child to camp!



Camp Scholarship Update...

The Camp Scholarship Fund is well underway! We have had some very successful fundraisers as well as many generous donations from private donors so every day we're a bit closer to achieving our 2014 goal. We're very grateful for the many contributions that we have received. The Fund helps children who otherwise would be financially unable to attend camp. Whether you send \$5 or \$500, you'll know that you have made a difference. Each contribution you make to the Scholarship Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar, and if each of us contributes, in whatever way possible, we will reach our goal. Another child will have an opportunity to experience the healthy, natural country atmosphere of The Center's Farm and Ranch Camps.

Looking for a wonderful, out of doors, summertime experience?

Summer Camp at The Center

The Center is once again offering a wonderful summertime opportunity for children to learn, play, and grow! Farm and Ranch Camp, Senior Outdoor Leadership, Farm Explorers, and Junior Farmers are all outstanding summer programs for young people to spend time in the healthy and fun atmosphere of the farm and surrounding woods. The various summer programs are all slightly different and will each cater to a specific age and interest group.

Overnight, Residential Summer Camp Options...

Farm and Ranch Camps...and Senior Outdoor Leadership Program! Two weeks: Grades 4th – 12th

The Center's Farm and Ranch Camp program is an opportunity for young people to live at The Center for a five night or twelve night session. The Camp program includes horseback riding, camp crafts, hayrides, farm animals, nature hunts, games, songs, fun, and laughter. Prospective campers should register as soon as possible. If you know of prospective campers, please call or visit The Center for information about registering for a great summer of outdoor fun.

There are also openings in our Senior Outdoor Leadership program for teens entering grades 10th-12th. The focus for S.O.L. members is adventure challenge activities, such as canoeing and camping, learning to live and have fun in the outdoors as a group, and leading younger campers. Whether you've had experience in the outdoors or not, this is a great opportunity to develop useful skills for the future and stretch your limits while enjoying the camp experience.

Farm Camp for grades 4th-7th

Farm Camp for grades 5th-7th

Ranch Camp for grades 8th-9th

SOL for grades 10th-12th

	FARM CAMP – 12 Night	RANCH CAMP	SENIOR OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP
FARM CAMP – 5 Night	I June 15 - June 27	I June 15 - June 27 (Girls) filled	I June 15 - June 27 (Girls) filled
III July 13 - July 18	II June 29 - July 11	II June 29 - July 11 (Boys)	II June 29 - July 11 (Boys) filled
IV July 20 - July 25	V July 27 - Aug. 8	III July 13 - 25 (Girls) filled	V July 27 - Aug. 8 (Girls)
5 NIGHT FARM CAMP FEE \$575	12 NIGHT FARM CAMP FEE \$1025	V July 27 - Aug. 8 (Girls) filled	12 NIGHT SOL PROGRAM FEE \$1175
		12 NIGHT RANCH CAMP FEE \$1175	

Daytime Only Summer Camp Options...

Farm Explorers...Five Days: Grades 2nd-7th

Our Farm Explorers program is a five day experience that will mimic our residential camps in a daytime only format. Campers, entering grades 2nd- 6th, in this session will spend lots of time at the farm with the animals and horses in addition to other activities like hiking, camp crafts, cookouts, group games, singing and more!

Extreme Farm Explorers...Six Days: Grades 2nd-7th

Spend six days side by side our residential farm campers. This program will mimic Farm Camp except for the overnight stays. Campers will join us for morning chores, lunch and afternoon programs, and also for dinner and evening activities. We feel this is a great way to satisfy the camper that is 'almost' ready for overnight camp.

FARM EXPLORERS DAY CAMP 9am – 4pm Grades 2 nd -6 th	EXTREME FARM EXPLORERS Sunday Eve. + 9am – 9pm Mon - Fri Grades 3 rd -7 th
July 14 – July 18	July 13 – July 18
July 21 – July 25	July 20 – July 25
FARM EXPLORERS FEE \$300	EXTREME FARM EXPLORERS FEE \$450

Junior Farmers...3 days a week for 2 weeks: Ages 3-8

Junior Farmers is a perfect program for our youngest campers. Junior Farmers will learn all about the farm and animals while being expertly instructed by Miss Kay. Classes are one or three hours long and meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of each two week session.

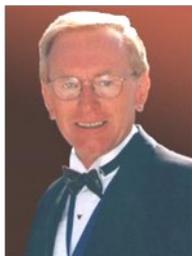
JUNIOR FARMERS – ages 6-8	JUNIOR FARMERS – ages 3-6	JUNIOR FARMERS – ages 3-6
June 16 - June 27	June 16 - June 27	June 16 - June 27
June 30 - July 11	June 30 - July 11	June 30 - July 11
July 14 - July 25	July 14 - July 25	July 14 - July 25
July 28 - Aug. 8	July 28 - Aug. 8	July 28 - Aug. 8
Meet Mon, Wed, Fri Mornings 9a – noon \$200	Meet Mon, Wed, Fri Afternoons 1pm-2pm \$84	Meet Mon, Wed, Fri Afternoons 2:30pm-3:30pm \$84

Visit or call The Center today for more information on registration!

TUESDAY LUNCHEONS

12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

We have a wonderful luncheon and enlightening program every Tuesday at The Center. The luncheons begin at 12:00 noon and are followed by the program. Cost is \$17. Please make reservations by the Sunday before the Tuesday luncheon. Call 708-361-3650 to make your reservation.



Tuesday, April 1: April Fool's Magic!

One of Chicagoland's funniest magicians, Don Wiberg, will entertain us with his amazing magic show! Don performed here several years ago at family night dinners and we are happy to be reconnected with Don and delighted to invite him to entertain us on April 1st! Come prepared for fun and mystery!

Tuesday, April 8: Paper Marbling!

Artist Pam Martinez will discuss and demonstrate the ancient art of paper marbling, with designs created by floating colored pigments on a thickened water surface. No two patterns are ever alike! Pam teaches, studies, and practices the ancient art paper marbling and Suminagashi. After the demonstration, Pam will invite participants to create a small marbled paper of their own!



Tuesday, April 15: Celebrating the Seder

In honor of Passover, we will gather to celebrate this Jewish ritual feast. The Seder Meal is symbolic of the Exodus of the ancient Israelites from Egypt. Please join Rev. Chris and Dr. Bill Hopkins to learn about the meaning of the Jewish Seder meal, and its significance both to the Jewish religion and to the history of Christianity. We'll eat unleavened bread, drink grape juice, taste the bitter herbs, and enjoy the paschal meal of gyros and pitas, followed by the Christian tradition of yummy hot cross buns as our dessert.

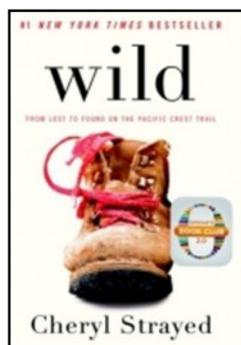
Tuesday, April 22: Tree Whispers!

Did you ever climb a tree or build a tree house? Do you have a favorite tree? Did you ever plant a tree and watch it grow?

Come and share in this Earth Day celebration of the trees! We'll start with some slides of the Tree Whispers project, begun in 2000 as an interactive art project to celebrate the importance of trees. Then, The Center's trees are going to whisper to us! As a tribute to the stately oaks and a few other trees near the lodge, we'll stroll from tree to tree and hear, yes literally hear, what the trees have to say! Our stroll will end with an opportunity for everyone to write (or draw!) a short tree tribute on a circle of homemade paper, destined to become a part of the international Tree Whispers creative display. If you have a favorite memory, quote, poem, or even a joke about a tree, bring it along! If you'd like to create your own handmade paper circle, join the papermaking class after the luncheon on April 22 or in the evening on April 22 (see class descriptions in art schedule).

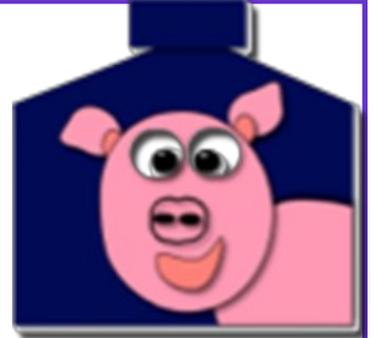


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April 29: World Book Night Choice: *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed!

Our friend Jackie Riffice comes to us as a volunteer representative of World Book Night, an international campaign to celebrate the joy of reading. Jackie will review the bestseller (and Oprah #1 pick) *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, a distraught young woman's true story of hiking more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, a journey with perilous challenges and, ultimately, with amazing healing power. In addition to discussing how a journey can soothe the soul, Jackie will tell us about the World Book Night initiative, through which authors donate books to volunteers (such as Jackie) who give them out through non-profit organizations in the community (such as us!). So sign up early....Jackie will be bringing 20 free copies of *Wild* for the first 20 people to register for the luncheon!



Miss Kay: Barn To Be Wild 6

Believe it or not, Miss Kay has volunteered to live in the barn, **with the pigs**, as the fundraising ringleader for the 2014 **Barn To Be Wild 6** weekend of May 10th and 11th. She hopes to have lots of company, as everyone is invited to visit and we are all hoping that fifty people will volunteer to be **pen pals**, meaning that they'll come to the barn for a nice long visit and do their best to earn **\$1000 worth of pledges** for their effort!

Barn to Be Wild is the zany fun-raising, fund-raising brain child of Development Director Mark Walker, who will be recording the entire event and **you can watch it all on live webcam** from your home computer, phone, or tablet! You can call or email us and chat with us online, and ... **you can send money the same way**. We hope you will support us with a contribution by check or by clicking the **Donate Now** button online. The **Barn To Be Wild** website is **barntobewild.org** and is also accessible via a link from The Center's main website: **thecenterpalos.org**.

Our goal is \$50,000. Please help if you can!



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by
Lois Hrejsa



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Classes and workshops for adults and children
in fine arts and folk arts

All classes require pre-registration.

CHILDREN AND TEEN CLASSES

LOG CABIN ART FOR KIDS!

Instructors: Jessie Schaar and Heather Young

Drawing, printmaking, pottery, papier-mâché, painting, papermaking, and more!

6 Saturday mornings beginning April 26: Choose 9 am – 10:30 am class, **or** the 10:30 am – 12 noon class

Our enthusiastic art teachers invite kids to develop their artistic talents and to learn new ways to express their creativity. Kids have tremendous creative energy and our experienced teachers know how to channel and enhance it! The young people delight in these hands-on opportunities to see and express the beauty of life and nature surrounding them at The Center. Each season of the year offers new projects and new areas to explore. The classes are kept small to encourage individual self-expression. Class Fee: \$72, includes all supplies, and each session ends with an art show of the students' creations.

SUMMERTIME OUTDOOR ART FOR KIDS—*Registration now open!*

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, 9-11 a.m.

Two week sessions begin June 16 and 30, July 14 and 28.

OUTDOOR ART FOR KIDS is a summer opportunity for kids featuring an immersion in the combined worlds of art and nature. Class Fee \$120 per 2 week session. *When registering for kids' summer classes, please state grade in school in autumn 2014.*

Stay tuned---we're working on a series of Saturday morning summer kids art classes too!

Thanks to the Brighton Collectibles Americana campaign,
scholarships for kids and teen art are available, based on financial need.

TEEN CLASSES

Teen Pottery (grades 7-12)

Instructor: Heather Young

6 Monday evenings, beginning April 21, 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

Art instructor Heather Young is an excellent potter and invites artistic teens to pursue their creative yearnings in the pottery studio. Heather will offer instruction in both hand-building techniques and throwing pots on the wheels. Class Fee: \$78 includes all supplies.

TEENS are also allowed to register for some adult classes. Please inquire.

FAMILY ART AND POTTERY CLASSES

Instructor: Heather Young

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

March 26: PORTRAITS! Come and enjoy posing and drawing portraits of each other. Create precious keepsakes as Heather guides you through some fundamentals of portrait rendering. Workshop fee: \$8 per person.

April 2: JAPANESE STYLE INK PAINTING. Use a bamboo brush and ink to make beautiful paintings. Workshop fee: \$8 per person.

April 9 (clay) and 16 (planting): TERRA COTTA PLANTERS. The first night is for clay. After drying for almost a week, the pieces are kiln fired to a stone-like hardness, the terra cotta clay becoming flower pot orange. The second class night is for planting pansies in the finished terra cotta planters. Workshop fee: \$16 per person.

April 23: TREE WHISPERS PAPERMAKING. Create handmade papers that tell stories of your love of trees. Become a part of the Tree Whispers art installation at The Center this spring! (See April 22 luncheon description for more explanation about Tree Whispers.) Workshop fee: \$8 per person.

April 30: UMBRELLA ART! Be ready for rain with style! Decorate your own umbrellas using permanent markers. Workshop fee: \$12 per person, includes an umbrella for each family member. Please register early so that we can order enough umbrellas.

Planning ahead for May? Family Pottery dates will be May 7 (clay) and 14 (glaze) and Outdoor Landscape Painting will be May 21 and Family Tie Dye May 28.

ADULT CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

BASKETMAKING

Instructors: Jane Dwyer (evenings) and Ann Fowler (mornings)

6 Thurs mornings beginning April 10, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 6 Thurs eves beginning April 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Begin by making an easy and beautiful wood-bottomed basket with your choice of colored trim. Continue on to learn techniques for weaving a variety of shapes and sizes of baskets and choose your own project in consultation with the instructor. You can expect to make 2-3 baskets in 6 weeks, depending on your style and choice of projects. Class Fee: \$84, plus \$25 materials fee.

CALLIGRAPHY

Instructor: Marge Boyd (penandpaints.blogspot.com)

6 Monday afternoons, beginning April 28, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Come and learn the beautiful art of fine lettering. In the course of a year of calligraphy classes, you will learn the graceful uncial, italic, and book-hand styles of writing. You construct a small book in whose pages you add lettering and other decorations. Class Fee: \$103. List of required supplies available in office.

COLLAGE

Instructor: April Schabes (www.aprilsart.blogspot.com)

6 Wednesday mornings beginning April 16, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Experiment with color and composition to create your own mixed-media collages... an opportunity to “play in your own world of artistic expression with a fun and easy art form!” Class Fee: \$103. List of required supplies available in office.

DRAWING

Instructor: Lois Hrejsa

6 Thursday mornings beginning April 17, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Work in pencil or pen and ink to achieve a realistic three dimensional effect on a two dimensional surface. Value, perspective, composition, landscape, still life and portraiture will be explored. Students with drawing experience will be encouraged to try other drawing materials such as colored pencils or watercolor washes combined with pen and ink. Individual and group critiques will help point out what has worked and how to improve that which has not. Class Fee: \$103. List of required supplies available in office.

LAPIDARY

Instructor: Larry Rothenberg

6 Monday mornings, beginning April 28, 9 -11 a.m.

or 6 Wednesday evenings, beginning April 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Turn rough hunks of rock into beautifully polished gemstones. Create a pair of round or oval stones, and then advance to more complex designs. Class Fee: \$84 plus \$10 new student materials fee for introductory projects. Students purchase rocks for advanced projects.

KNITTING—for Beginners and Experienced Knitters!

Instructor: Georgann Ring

6 Monday evenings, beginning April 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
or 6 Friday mornings, beginning April 18, 9:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Master knitter Georgann Ring invites both beginners and experienced knitters to her classes. Beginners will learn to use the knit and purl stitches, to cast on and bind off, to manage simple increases and decreases, and to read a simple pattern while completing their first two knitting projects, a dishcloth and then a scarf. Georgann will help those with experience choose their projects and learn more advanced knitting skills. Class Fee: \$84. Beginning students should bring a ball of Sugar n' Cream yarn, light solid color, and a pair of 10", size 9 knitting needles, aluminum preferred. Yarn for advanced projects will be determined in consultation with the instructor.

LEGACY LETTERS

Instructor: Beth LaMie (www.bethlamie.com)

6 Thursday mornings beginning April 17, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

How will you be remembered? To ensure you are not forgotten, learn how to write a legacy letter for your family and future generations. A legacy letter, or ethical will as it is sometimes called, is neither legal nor financial, but to your loved ones, it is priceless. It includes personal values, family history, life lessons and achievements, and hopes for the future. By the end of the course, you will have written your legacy letter on archival paper. Beth is a Personal Historian who enjoys helping people write their precious stories. Please bring paper, a notebook or journal and your favorite writing instrument. Class Fee: \$84 (plus \$10 workbook fee to be paid directly to instructor in class.)

MEMOIR WRITING

Instructor: Beth LaMie (www.bethlamie.com)

6 Thursday afternoons beginning April 17, 1-3 pm

Discover and preserve your own family stories. Use writing prompts, exercises and sharing techniques to capture memories. Learn how to ferret out story ideas, how to organize your thoughts and experiences, how to enjoy the process and how to elicit stories from others. Beth is a Personal Historian who enjoys helping people start writing their own fabulous family stories. Please bring paper, a notebook or journal and your favorite writing instrument. Class Fee: \$84 (plus \$10 workbook fee to be paid directly to instructor in class.)



NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Instructor: Rick Steffen

-Digital or Film, Your Choice

Ever wonder how some people get such great photos? Rick Steffen can help you learn to do it too. Just bring whatever camera you have, and Rick will help you to use it more easily and more effectively. He'll demonstrate how to take great photos and share his strategies for composing great pictures, getting the right exposure on each shot, and, perhaps, most importantly, how to look for great subject matter in nature. Rick will bring his laptop, to demonstrate downloading and organizing photos on your own computer, and will critique the class photos at the last session. We offer 4 workshops and encourage you to sign up for all four!

Sat, April 26, 9-11 a.m.: *The Basics of Photography.*

Sat, May 3, 9-11 a.m.: *The Tools of the Nature Photographer.*

Sat, May 10, 9-11 a.m.: *Field Techniques of the Nature Photographer.*

Sat, May 17, 9-11 a.m.: *Review and Critique of Class Photos*

Class Fee: \$52 for 4 session series (\$14 individual session registration)

Instructor: Susan Flanagan (www.sueflanagan.com)

PASTEL PAINTING

6 Monday mornings beginning March 24, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Beginners and experienced painters are welcome to explore the many creative possibilities of painting with soft pastels. Develop your individual style as you paint using your own photograph or a still life provided by the instructor. Learn the principles of composition, shape, color, and value, as well as techniques for underpainting and pastel applications. Class fee: \$84. List of required supplies available in office.

QUILTING

Instructor: Denise Dulzo

6 Wednesday afternoons beginning April 16, 1-3 p.m.

Bring your own sewing machine and your own choice of fabrics. Join our merry group of quilters, as you learn to design your project, cut your fabrics, piece them together, add batting and backing, and stitch it all together to create a baby quilt, wall hanging, or other pieced fabric project. Class Fee: \$ 84. Purchase your own fabrics and batting before the first class. A list of required fabrics and supplies is available in the office.

STONEWARE POTTERY

Instructor: Karen Stasky

6 Thursday evenings beginning April 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Make strong professional-looking stoneware pottery, such as beautiful stoneware bowls, mugs, and vases, in addition to interesting decorative pieces. Beginner? Learn a variety of hand-building techniques. Returning student? Learn to throw pots on one of the wheels. Class Fee: \$84 plus \$15 materials fee

SILVERSMITHING

Instructor: Dan Snyder

6 Monday afternoons, beginning March 31, 2-4 p.m.

or 6 Monday evenings, beginning March 31, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Want to learn the art of silver-smithing? In this class you learn to design, saw, file, solder, and polish silver into beautiful pieces of jewelry. New students: learn the basics as you create a sterling silver pin for your first project, then move on to pendants, brooches, bracelets, and more. You can also set polished rocks into sterling silver pendants, which you make by sawing, filing, soldering, and polishing the silver to fit your stone. If you've been a lapidary student, bring your polished stones. If not, Dan will provide stones. Class fee: \$84. Materials fee: \$15 for new students for first project. Students can expect to pay an additional \$40-\$50 in silver costs, to be paid directly to the instructor.



STAINED GLASS

Instructor: Harry Meneghini

6 Thursday evenings beginning April 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Create beautiful stained glass pieces, by learning the principles of glass design and color and the techniques of cutting and soldering, using both lead came and copper foil to join the pieces of glass. Start with simple projects, and eventually design your own windows, pictures, and lamps. Class Fee: \$84. A list of glass and supplies which will need to be purchased by each student will be distributed the first day of class, or may be obtained at The Center office, although Harry suggests waiting until after the first class to make any purchases.

WEAVING

Instructor: Nettie Botts

6 Wednesday mornings, beginning April 23, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

New weavers: learn the basics while making a sampler - then design and complete a project of your choice. Returning weavers study and weave a project in the pattern weave of your choice. Class Fees: \$84, plus \$10 materials fee for new weavers. Students purchase own threads and yarns for future projects.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Instructors: Lois Hrejsa and Lenox Wallace (www.lenoxwallace.com)

6 Wednesday evenings beginning April 16, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

or 6 Thursday afternoons beginning April 17, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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Class Fee: \$103. List of required supplies available in office.

WOODCARVING Instructors: Keith Miller (mornings) and Susan Alexander (evenings) (www.letstalkcarving.com)

6 Wed evenings beginning April 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. or 6 Thurs mornings beginning April 17, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Wednesday evening: Learn and practice the tools and techniques of woodcarving using basswood. Students will make 3 – 6 projects such as an Easter Bunny, a little hippo, a heart bottle stopper and a cowboy boot. Class Fee: \$84. New Wednesday evening students should expect to pay the instructor \$45 for wood, a bench knife, a ¼" 60 degree V-tool and U gouge (required for projects).

Thursday morning: Learn and practice the tools and techniques of woodcarving using basswood and butter-nut. Create beautiful animals, objects, and faces. New students will make 3-6 projects such as a goose, a shoe, an egret, and miniature people. If you're experienced, you may design your own projects. Class Fee: \$84. Wood and bench knives are available for purchase in class (approximately \$25 for wood and bench knives).



NATURAL EASTER EGGS

Instructor: Lois Lauer

Friday afternoon or evening, April 11, 2-4 p.m. or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bring a basket of two dozen hard-boiled eggs, and create your own batch of beautiful earth-toned eggs, dyed with bark, berries, greens, and flower petals. These treasures can be kept for years, and look great in a basket of handmade Easter grass (yes—we'll make the grass too—just bring the basket!). Class fee: \$14 plus \$5 materials fee.

SPRING EQUINOX STORY NECKLACES

Instructor: Catherine Myers

Monday, March 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Storyteller/jewelry-designer Catherine Myers invites you to honor the changes in your own life as the seasons around you change. Create a design of stone beads that mark a milestone, goal, or a vision of what is to come! Use beads from Catherine's extensive collection or you may bring old beads from broken jewelry, to rework into your personal necklaces. Class fee: \$14 plus \$15 materials fee





GARDENING 101 Instructor: Lois Lauer (www.childrensfarmgarden.blogspot.com)
 Sunday afternoons, March 30, April 27, and May 18, 2-4 p.m.

Meet at the farm in the Anderson Center. As it gets warmer this spring, classes will move outdoors by the farm garden.

Let Lois Lauer guide you through the basics of herb and vegetable gardening--what you can grow and how to do it effectively, enjoyably, and sustainably in northern Illinois. Topics to be included are space needs of each plant, helpful companion plants, garden design, plant rotation, indoor seed starting, transplanting, natural pest and weed controls, extending the growing season, and natural ways of keeping the soil healthy and fertile. Lois grows a large vegetable and herb garden at the farm, and even a new fruit garden, and wants to share some of the joy and lessons she's learned. You can keep up-to-date with what's happening in the farm garden on Lois' garden blog: <http://childrensfarmgarden.blogspot.com/>.

Class fee: \$16/class, plus \$8 materials fee for the March 30 class in which each student will plant a tray of tomatoes, basil, peppers, and parsley seeds. Preregistration required.

PAPERCRAFTS: CARDBMAKING

Instructor: Ann Fowler

Fourth Tuesday of each month, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

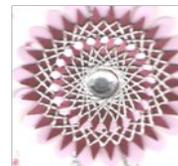
Create beautiful cards, sometimes whimsical, sometimes heartwarming, by folding, cutting, gluing, and arranging layers of papers.

March 25: Spirrelli Cards (circular designs of colorful threads)

April 22: Think Spring -- Showers and Flowers!

May 27: Cards That Make You Smile!

Class fees: \$18 per workshop plus \$6 materials fee per workshop



PAPERMAKING

Instructor: Marilyn VandenBout (www.vbartworks.blogspot.com)

Wednesday afternoon and evening, April 22, 2-4 p.m. and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

In honor of Earth Day, we'll make paper circles to add to the Tree Whispers installation -- a project in which the circles of handmade paper are inscribed with messages about trees and strung together to form giant tree trunks---which will be on display at The Center throughout the spring and summer. And we'll also make some earthy papers to take home! Class fee: \$14 plus \$5 materials.



Pre-registration is required for all Log Cabin classes and workshops. Class and materials fees are due at time of registration. All class fees include a \$10 non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee. No refunds or transfers of fees are available for cancellations made less than 24 hours prior to the beginning of class. To register by mail, send check and the following information: Name, address, phone, email, name and date/time of class, and if registration is for a child, send birth date and grade in school, plus parents' names and emergency contact information.

Fellowship Corner: Dawn Ingersoll

When our family moved to Orland Park in 1965, I first noticed the Center. Then I received my first speeding ticket in The Center parking lot when I was 16! In 1979, I was here again, to be married in the chapel. I started volunteering here some years later, leading barn tours and then Miss Kay asked me to bring my mynah bird, Rowdy, to show the Jr. Farmers. At some point I started cashiering in the food line at all the festivals. I love that job! It is crazy, hectic, and fun! I get to see everyone who comes to the fests and I usually end up being my best customer; there's just something about food cooked outside! I grew up in the city, so "farm life" was foreign to me, but now I really appreciate The Center. To me, it's a place of beauty and peace. Everyone comes together for a common goal of educating people and providing love and support and friendship. I feel so connected to God and nature the minute I get here. It's a big sigh of relief that I am in a place where I feel the love and support of others....thank you so much!



Dawn, we are so glad you are here to help with all the crazy, hectic and fun festivals! You are a joy to work with! Thank you! The Center Staff



EASTER EGG ROUNDUP

at The Children's Farm

Saturday, April 19

Easter Bunny! Easter Eggs! Baby Chicks! Baby Bunnies! Magic Forest! Horse Rides! Farm Tours!

Advance Tickets Required

Tickets available for

10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, and 2:30 p.m.

\$22 per child (no charge for adults)

Children, accompanied by parents, are invited for a special day of decorating an egg from the chicken coop, visiting the bunnies, riding a horse, seeing the farm animals in their best Easter bonnets, meeting the Easter Bunny, and finding a colored egg in the Easter Bunny's Magic Forest! Be sure to dress to be outside! Hot dogs, soda, coffee, and baked goods will be for sale during the Easter Egg Roundup, so you can plan to stay for lunch! Advance tickets are absolutely required because we have to have enough eggs and treats for all the children who visit.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST! 8 AM – 11AM

The Kiwanis Club is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on April 19 in the Anderson Center from 8 am until noon. All you can eat pancakes and sausage, orange juice and hot coffee cost \$6 per adult and \$3 per child. The Palos Heights Kiwanis Club generously donates their time and their talents as pancake makers to provide this delicious additional opportunity to support The Center. Advance tickets to the pancake breakfast are also available in the office, plus at the door as long as the pancakes last!

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