

WEST WALKER WIRE

MARCH 2022

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Chicago Irish Film Festival: March 3 - 13: Hybrid Style!

Chicago Irish Film Festival presents a showcase of established and emerging filmmaking talent behind and in front of the camera.

Highlights include Dermot Lavery's Irish language thriller *Doinnean (Storm)*, Rachel Moriarty and Peter Murphy's Irish language comedy *Róise + Frank (Mo Ghrá Buan)*, Tom Cosgrove's edge-of-your-seat horror film *Hillwalkers*, Philip Doherty's biblical black comedy *Redemption of a Rogue*, Sean Duggan's amazing surfing documentary *Keep It A Secret* and the recently restored Jimmy O'Dea 1938 classic, *Blarney* presented by the Irish Film Institute.

In keeping with tradition the festival will present over forty short films with such fascinating topics as artificial intelligence, pig branding, vampires, bank heists, chicken suits and of course football! Program tickets can be found at chicagoirishfilmfestival.com. In-Person Viewings are from March 3rd to the 6th. Online Viewings are from March 7th to 13th.

Please Shovel Your Sidewalks

Be considerate! Shovel so that no one falls and hurts themselves! The City of Chicago municipal code requires that walks be shoveled. If you are a senior citizen, contact Alderman Gardiner's office at 773-853-0799 to be put on the Gardiner's Angels list for snow shoveling. If you see a sidewalk that hasn't been shoveled and it's icy, contact the Alderman's office and they will find someone to help.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., March 14 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Athletic Field Advisory Council Meeting
Athletic Field Park
3546 W. Addison

Wed., March 16 • 6:30 pm

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
In-Person and Zoom
4650 N. Pulaski, Community Room
Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org for an invitation.

Tues., March 15 • 7:00 pm

Independence Park Advisory
Council Meeting
via Zoom. Call (773) 478-3538 or visit
their Facebook Page for a zoom link.

Mon., March 21 • 7:00 pm

Avondale Neighborhood Association
Meeting via Zoom. Visit ANA's
Facebook Page for a zoom link.

Sun., April 24 • 2:00 pm

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents
Max Bessesen, saxophone
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding Ave.
Free! Donations Welcome
Check our web site for status updates at
carlsoncommunityservices.org.

You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor,

WINTER IS COMING TO AN END SOON. I'm sure we still have a little more snow in our future. This is just a quick reminder that everyone should do their best to keep the sidewalks in front of their homes shoveled for the safety of everyone who has to use the sidewalks. If you are unable to do your own sidewalk, reach out to a neighbor you know, hire a local teenager, or contact the Alderman's office for assistance in finding groups that can assist. Also, remember that Dibs expires after the snow melts. The past few days I've seen lingering Dibs on bare streets. Please take your possessions off the street in a reasonable time after it snows.

The WWCA relies on volunteers. After many years of volunteer service, our Wire Editor, Lee Stein, and email Blast Producer, Anne Marie O'Kelly, are ready to step aside and let others help out our community association.

Volunteers for the Wire Editor need desktop publishing experience to produce the Wire from submitted articles and ads monthly from September through June.

Volunteers for the weekly email Blast compile event notices and stories of interest to West Walker residents and send out an email to our listserve.

If you are interested or would like more information regarding the Wire Editor and Blast Producer positions, please reach out to west_walker_wire@yahoo.com or webber.wwca@gmail.com.

Get in front of the line to help with the WWCA Website. In the coming months, we will be upgrading our website. Anyone with website creation and maintenance experience who would like to help guide that process, please contact Mike Webber at webber.wwca@gmail.com.

Stay Safe and Well.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro Tem

We're Losing It!

**Daylight Savings begins
March 13th. Remember
to set your clocks forward
1 hour before you go to
bed on Saturday night...
March 13th!**



WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

*Celebrating over 100 years of service
to the West Walker Community*

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monthly September through June by the
West Walker Civic Association.*

**All story ideas, text, and ads are due
a week before the first of the month.
Submit ideas and text to:
west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.**

*Please include a phone number in
case we need to follow up with you. We
reserve the right to edit all submissions
for space and content. For information
on advertising, please contact Shannan
Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com.*

Lent 2022: Let's Get Together ... If You Feel Alright

Commencing a Holy Season in Community: Food, Fellowship, and Worship with Precautions We continue to mask, we require vaccination for events including food.

Lenten Meals & Worship: Wednesdays, March 9 – April 6, 6 – 7 pm in Victory Hall, 7 - 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come to Victory Hall (the first floor fellowship hall) any time after 6 pm on the Wednesdays in Lent for an easy weeknight meal and a time to connect with friends old and new. This year, we're including a short, simple, fun game during meal hour – Trivia, or Bingo, etc. – as a way to further enjoy our time with one another. (Lent is a reflective season, but not the end of all fun). Various households volunteer to host the meals—let Dee Kimpel know (dkb826@sbcglobal.net or call at 773-430-0336) if you would like to be the host one Wednesday! Vaccination is required for eligible attendees and hosts.

Then at 7 pm we move into the sanctuary for a for a thirty minute worship service that includes scripture, poems, Lenten songs, music from Holden Evening Prayer

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Independence Parka

by erica dreisbach



REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Thinking of Selling Your Home This Spring or Summer?

Tips to Prepare Your Home for Sale

- Enhance your curb appeal. Paint the front door. Add flowers, fresh mulch or solar landscape lighting. Power wash the exterior. Buy a new door mat.
- Make minor repairs. Fix cracked tiles, doors that don't close, leaky faucets. Re-caulk tub/sink.
- Re-paint in neutral colors. Consider painting kitchen cabinets too!
- Consider low-cost updates: new light fixtures, towel racks, plumbing fixtures, a decorative mirror, cabinet handles.
- Make rooms look bigger. Remove large/excess furniture.
- De-clutter. Clear off countertops. Organize closets and cabinets.
- Avoid potential allergic issues. Remove signs of pets or smoking.
- Light it up. Increase lights' wattage to brighten rooms. Clean your windows & blinds.
- Clean, clean, clean – floors, carpets, walls, kitchen, baths, inside of your fridge.
- Make sure you have a sound pricing and marketing strategy.

Whether you need a list of great local contractors or recommendations on what to fix or replace, let's connect. And if you are thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want to get the highest sale price, please call me for a free home consultation.

**Call Dorie, Your Neighborhood Realtor
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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723

February 16, 2022

NO REPORT.

Call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident. Even if a neighbor has already reported the incident or activity, other neighbors should make separate calls. The police rely on the number of calls for service in determining the allocation of officers to a district. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Email CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org for a Zoom invitation. Remember to always lock

your vehicle, never leave it running unattended and be on the lookout for scams involving Covid-19 cures and scams related to income tax refunds. Remember, the IRS will never call you on the phone.



Here's how to reach or follow the 17th District CAPS office.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CAPS.017

Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS17

Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

Phone: 312-742-4588

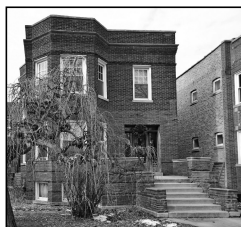
Event Calendar: <http://home.chicagopolice.org>

Do you like desktop publishing?

Do you like volunteering? West Walker Wire seeks a volunteer editor to publish the Wire Newsletter. This is an easy job, and can be done from home. The Wire is published monthly from September to June (3 months off!). Contact Lee at west_walker_wire@yahoo.com for more information. Requirements: Needs access to Adobe InDesign.

WWCA also seeks a volunteer to handle their bi-weekly email blast! Interested? Reach out to west_walker_wire@yahoo.com today! Feel free to let your friends know if they're interested in volunteering.

Is Now a Good Time to Sell Your Home?



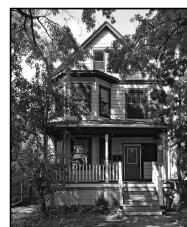
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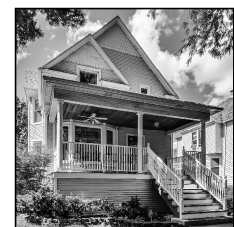
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39th Ward Participatory Budgeting Results

Alderman Samantha Nugent is excited to announce which community-selected infrastructure improvements will be funded through the third cycle of Participatory Budgeting (PB) in the 39th Ward.

Over 1,000 residents, age 14 and over, voted on how to spend \$500,000 to improve their communities. Of the 16 projects on the ballot, 8 projects will be funded. Planning for implementation will begin in March with construction happening as soon as Summer 2022 for many projects. The 8 winning projects are:

1. North Park Village Nature Center Roof Repair
2. Nature Playspace at Gompers Park
3. Trail Connection to Gompers Park
4. Solomon Elementary School Playground and Site Improvements
5. Lawrence Avenue Revitalization
6. Improve Forest Glen Ave Sidewalks to Multi-Use Path
7. Bryn Mawr Avenue Beautification
8. Tennis Court Rehab at Hollywood And Eugene Field Parks

“The winning projects from this cycle are exciting and will be incredible neighborhood improvements,” said Alderman Nugent. “Each project illustrates what can happen when community members identify a need and work for a solution. This year’s Participatory Budgeting Committee had over 40 members who worked expeditiously to develop community-submitted proposals and create the ballot. Projects that did not win the community vote are considered when other funding opportunities arise from county, state, federal or private partnerships. Thank you to all who voted too. I am excited to see work on the winning projects begin soon.”

State of the Ward Business Luncheon

Join Alderman Samantha Nugent and special Guest Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart for the State of the 39th Ward Business Luncheon, to be held on Friday, March 4th at 11 am and Colletti’s Restaurant (5707 N. Central).

Advanced registration and payment is required; \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. If you register but do not attend, you will still be charged. Register with Cathy by emailing: execdir@gladstoneparkchamber.org. This event is sponsored by Pulaski Elston Business Association (PEBA), Edgebrook-Sauganash Chamber of Commerce, Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce, and Peterson & Pulaski Business and Industrial Council.

Beautify Your Home with a Free Parkway Tree!

GIPNA has been accepted for an Openlands Tree Planters Grant, and our neighborhood is at the top of their list for a Spring 2022 planting of young native trees! We are looking for volunteers to care for a tree planted in their parkway. The volunteers commit to water the tree weekly for its first 3 years, and to mulch spring and fall, giving the young tree a healthy start. We also need volunteers for planting day, which will be announced soon.

The deadline for tree applications is March 10, so act now! If you are interested in volunteering to have a tree planted in your parkway, helping out on planting day, or if you have questions, please email GIPNAtrees@gmail.com.

GIPNA Street Banners

Remember to submit your order for your own personalized GIPNA Historic Independence Park Street Banner! If you’re a business, this is a great way to show the community your support and get your name out there. However, you don’t have to be a business to participate in the beautification of our neighborhood. Ask your neighbors to share a banner and buy one together! Your sponsorship of \$350 covers the cost of printing and installation of your personalized banner with an inscription of your choice.

You’ll be acknowledged in an upcoming issue of Independence Park Voice, which is distributed to over 700 households in Independence Park area.

For details, go to gipna.org/street-banners or scan the QR code (below) before March 31.

Help us maintain this Independence Park neighborhood tradition with your support. And enjoy seeing your name under the lights!



News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson
Community
Services

the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Free Jazz Concert April 24

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present saxophonist Max Bessesen in the final concert of its 2021-2022 season on Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 pm. In a program titled Music from the Aquarian Age, Bessesen and friends will present jazz covers from the 1970s. Pieces by Joni Mitchell, Pat Metheny, Eddie Harris and others will be performed by a quartet of top-flight Chicago jazz musicians. The concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concert is free, but donations to support future programming are always welcome!

Bessesen is a former Irving Park resident who now lives and works in New York City. He first performed for the Fine Arts series in a recorded holiday concert in 2020. He is eager to perform again for a "live" audience! (Program subject to change. Check our Facebook page and web site for updates and any Covid-19 mitigations.)

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee, now in its 28th season, was created by Roger Bingaman, Director of Music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The intent of the series is to bring high quality, professional music and theatrical events to the northwest side of Chicago. The series is a program of Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit our web site at carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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Saxophonist Max Bessesen performs on Sunday, May 1st at 2:00 pm at Irving Park Lutheran Church.



The Magic After-School Place (MAP) held its own Winter Olympics competition in February. Events included bobsledding, cross country skiing and curling.

Local Businesses and Residents Impacted by Tragic Fire

February 21st was a difficult day for our Albany Park/ Irving Park Community; a tragic fire displaced residents and destroyed the building that housed two beloved businesses, Twisted Hippo Brewing & Ultimate Ninjas Chicago. North River Commission is focused on supporting all those impacted by this tragedy. As a united community, we will come back from this loss even stronger.

If you are interested in supporting the local businesses impacted by the fire, use the following links:

Twisted Hippo GoFundMe: gofundme.com/f/help-twisted-hippo

Ultimate Ninjas Chicago GoFundMe: gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-ultimate-ninjas-staff

North River Commission staff have been in contact with the 33rd Ward office who informed us that following the fire, residents were transported by the Red Cross and placed in hotels. Those groups are working with Rincon Family Services and The Kedzie Center to ensure that all the residents impacted by the fire have resources available to address trauma caused by the tragic event. NRC staff are conducting outreach to local property owners who may be able to relocate residents displaced by the fire. A GoFundMe to support neighbors affected by the fire has been created by Christ Lutheran Church. If you can and would like to donate funds, please use this link: **Residents Impacted by Fire GoFundMe:** gofundme.com/f/support-neighbors-affected-by-albany-park-fire

If you would like to donate items for the families impacted by the fire, contact the 33rd Ward Office at 773-840-7880 or email info@33rdward.org.

March is #HerStory Month!

Every year, the Albany Park Chamber of Commerce celebrates our women entrepreneurs by telling #HerStory during the month of March, so everyone knows who they are, all the ups and downs that they have been through, the people that make their support system, and how they shape up Albany Park, Irving Park, and North Park. If you are a woman who owns a business or know a woman entrepreneur and would like to tell #HerStory on our social media campaign, please contact Marisabel Pozo at marisabel@northrivercommission.org or 312-860-9294.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Basket Program Underway

In mid-March, the Irving Park Food Pantry will begin its spring program to offer Easter baskets to clients' children up to 10 years old (running until April 13th). We are looking for donations of filled plastic eggs, small games and puzzles, 24-count boxes of crayons, small plush animals, party-favor-sized toys and wrapped candies. Please do not donate Easter baskets, we are looking only for items for the baskets.

Donations can be taken to Big Helpers (4184 N. Elston Ave.) on Monday through Friday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or the drop box on the enclosed front porch at 3833 N. Tripp Ave. (any time). Contact-free registries are available at Amazon and Walmart. Links are available on our Facebook page. Items can be purchased from those lists or they can be used as ideas for in-store purchases.



The Pantry is collecting items for Easter baskets to be given out to clients' children in March and April.

We also encourage organizations to do their own collections or assemble baskets (using only dollar-store bucket-type baskets, please). Contact Special Events Coordinator Craig Shutt at craigshutt@gmail.com for details or to arrange a delivery.

The Pantry also is still collecting toiletries for its Choice table, allowing clients to select from a menu of personal-care items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, razors and shaving cream, baby wipes, dishwashing liquid and others. If you would like to donate to that program, the items can be taken to the same dropoff locations as mentioned above or you can donate via PayPal at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org or by check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618.

Thank you to sisters Kerry Brown Hasbrook and Mandy Breaker and the folks at Radical Generosity Chicago

for donating 120 hygiene/toiletry kits and 42 fleece blankets. The group also has promised to donate 50 baskets to our spring program.

Thank you to Patricia Eldridge, Mayfair branch manager for Wintrust Bank, who brought in a donation for \$3000. Patricia also committed to providing the staff's annual donation of baskets for our spring program, which begins March 23rd.

We appreciate everyone's support as we continue our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Kerry Brown Hasbrook and Mandy Breaker of Radical Generosity Chicago show off the hygiene/toiletry kits and fleece blankets their group donated to the Pantry.



This QR code will take you to the Pantry's Toiletries registry at Amazon.



This QR code will take you to the Pantry's Walmart Easter registry.



This QR code will take you to the Pantry's Amazon Easter registry.



BigHelpers.com

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 AN EVENING WITH 3 OF CHICAGO'S RISING STARS OF COMEDY
SAT. APRIL 2, 2022 • 7PM



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St. Edward School

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campus tour on our website, www.stedwardschool.com. At St. Edward School, our early childhood learning programs prepare our 3- and 4-year-olds by incorporating the academic, emotional, social, physical and spiritual needs to nurture and teach the whole child and encourage qualities needed for life-long learning. Our K – 8th grades develop the whole child through rigorous academics, creative arts including music, theater and visual art, physical activity and sports, and our Catholic faith that honors the unique gifts and talents of each of our students.

Save the date to attend St. Edward School's biggest annual fundraiser, **Big Red Auction & Comedy Night on Saturday, April 2, 2022**. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the show begins at 7 pm. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. This year's event will feature an online auction and an in-person stand-up comedy show, which will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel. Proceeds from the Big Red Auction & Comedy Night event support educational resources, school improvements and tuition assistance. There are several ways you can support our efforts that including donating an item to the auction, becoming a sponsor and buying a raffle ticket or ticket to the event. For more information or to buy tickets, visit stedwardchicago.org/big-red-auction.html or email auktion@stedwardschool.com.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Community Events that benefit St. Ed's and give you a night off from cooking! Thank you for your support!

- **Nonno Pino's, Thursday, March 10**
6718 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Mention St. Edward School when placing your order!
- **Culver's, Monday, March 21, 10am – 10pm**
4939 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Must mention St. Edward School when placing your order!

St. Edward School celebrates 112 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 – 8th grade. Contact office@stedwardschool.com to schedule a tour (in-person or individual Zoom) with our principal. St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. Visit stedwardschool.com or call 773-736-9133 to learn more about our outstanding academic programs and extended care.



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 MONDAY - FRIDAY (EXCL. HOLIDAYS)

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Horner Park Farmers Market Vendor Applications Open

The 2022 Horner Park Farmers Market will take place on Saturdays from June 4 through October 1 (with a possible extension through October 22) Hours are: 7:30am-9am setup, 9am-1pm open, 1pm-2pm takedown.

Please visit hornerpark.org/accepting-applications-2022-horner-park-farmers-market/ to read the Market Mission, Guidelines, COVID protocols and find your application.

Fees: \$35 application fee (non-refundable). Payable via check or via PayPal.

\$30 per date for a space of approximately 11'x11', fitting a 10'x10' canopy; \$10 for each additional adjacent space, up to 3 total spaces (\$30 for 1 space, \$40 for 2 adjacent spaces, \$50 for 3 adjacent spaces).

Vendors who pay for the entire 2022 regular season of 18 markets prior to the first market will receive a discount of two free markets, paying for 16 markets instead of all 18.

Deadline: Applications are due by April 1 for first consideration -- apply today!

Special Service Area #60 Highlight: Sidewalk Amenities

Sidewalks are a critical piece of our city infrastructure that provides pedestrian movement, enhances connectivity, and activates social and economic activity. Well-maintained sidewalks are a fundamental and necessary investment for neighborhood beautification and livability.

SSA #60 is proud of the work to bring additional sidewalk amenities such as landscaped planters, bike racks, benches, and trash receptacles to our commercial corridors. All of which makes for a more attractive, inviting, and cleaner commercial district. We are excited to bring even more in 2022 and beyond!

If you are interested in a bike rack, bench, planter, or trash receptacle in front of your business or property within SSA #60, please contact Benjamin Corpuz at bcorpuz@northrivercommission.org.

Support North Park Village Nature Center: The Buckthorn Stops Here

This campaign is a volunteer initiative of the NPV Nature Center Park Advisory Council.

Buckthorn is a weedy, non-native plant that is the #1 bully of the Nature Center. The volunteer stewards need your help to purchase heavy-duty brush cutters to effectively fight a resurgent buckthorn invasion at the park.

Your gift today will go towards the \$3,500 cost of two heavy-duty, low emission Stihl brush cutters to remove the buckthorn trees and shrubs rapidly overtaking and killing the native plants within the Nature Center.

After an area is cleared of buckthorn, it will be reseeded with native wildflowers and grasses to improve the biodiversity and beauty of the grounds.

If you have questions, please email the NPV Nature Center Park Advisory Council at naturecenteradvisorycouncil@gmail.com. To donate online, visit: <https://bit.ly/3G2CF9z>. To donate by check, please mail to:

Chicago Parks Foundation
541 N. Fairbanks Court, Chicago, IL 60611
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It's Membership Renewal Time!

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The annual community garage sale

Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.

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Do You Have a Submission for the Wire?

The West Walker Wire welcomes ads and articles from all of you! The deadline is always seven days prior to the first of the month. November issue's deadline will be January 25. Please keep contributions down to about 1/2 page of news (or approximately 400 words). Submit to: Lee Samsami Stein, Wire Editor, west_walker_wire@yahoo.com. If you're interested in placing an ad, contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com.

Please note: If you're sending articles or information about an event, please make sure it's in a Word or Google document or the text is directly in the body of the email. Unless your contribution is a Wire paid advertisement, it should not be in pdf format.

You can also post your events on our online community calendar at: westwalker.org/calendar.

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and more. The contemplative service will further center and connect us this season.

We hope to see you at one or all these special gatherings!

Service Project with Night Ministry: Sunday April 3
IPLC has volunteered to provide 75 meals to the Night Ministry on Sunday April 3. You can help in various ways! Indicate how on the online sign up in the weekly e-newsletter, or call or email the office and we'll sign you up. Or make a financial contribution to the IPLC General Operating Fund and in the memo write "Night Ministry" to help buy food. (If you give online, scroll down for the Memo box.) Or speak with service team member members: Sandra Stumme, Gabby Reitor, Holly Van Essen, Melanie Reschke, or Pastor Bouman.

Irving Park Lutheran Church's Lenten Focus: Refugees
Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, or a stranger? Lord, what can we do?

- 1) Learn: The Sunday school is watching special videos, learning Bible verses focused on care for refugees, and will participate in a Simulated Refugee Journey on Palm Sunday. Adults are welcome to participate in any of the above and in discussion of refugee-focused books.
- 2) Feed: Deliver a welcome kit of ethnically appropriate foods, according to country, for a refugee family living in Chicago.
- 3) Meet: Practice speaking English with a family or tutor a refugee child. Connections available through two different organizations serving refugees, with more info from IPLC members participating in each.
- 4) Donate: All Sunday school and Wednesday evening offerings in Lent will be designated for refugees. You can also make a special Lenten offering, in person or online, designate "Refugees" in the memo.
- 5) Pray: Include refugees and people who serve them in your prayers, and/or sign up to receive a weekly prayer email.

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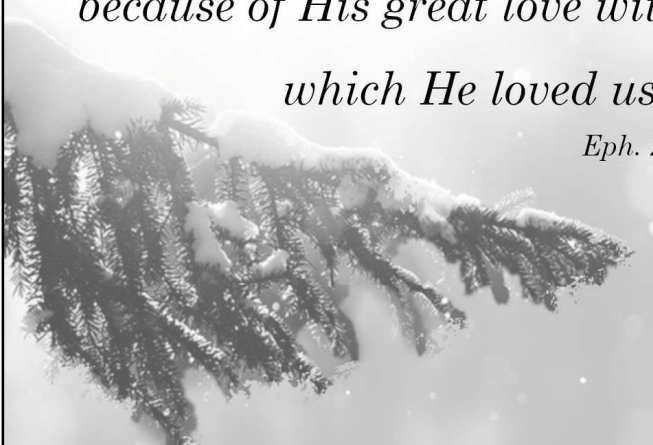
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