

Things to Know



Musings from the Word

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This is that time of year where we commemorate the suffering of Jesus as well, most assuredly, His resurrection. In the heated, dark moments of Gethsemane, Jesus not only lays it all on the line, but He lays it all before His Abba. “Everything is possible for you.” (Mk 14.36) Jesus began His public ministry in private—facing the enemy in the wilderness. Jesus ends his public ministry in private—facing the enemy in the olive press. If you are serving as a local church leader, please remember that leading begins in those places where nobody sees but where eternity can hang in the balance. Jesus did not suffer so that we would not suffer. Those who welcomed His leadership on Sunday were gathering around Him on Thursday to kill him. What He struggled with, however, was not the rejection of those from Sunday but the increasing distance He felt from His source of Life—Abba. Not only are we commemorating the death of this Man who took our death, but we are commemorating a leader who suffered. Local church leader, leading cannot occur without suffering. It was not The Way of Jesus and it is not our Way. His struggle makes it possible that we can struggle through and not ignore or circumvent. Jesus entered the press. At times, in leading, we must enter that press. And when we do, we must not do so alone. “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow,” Jesus shared with the three. And from that profound sorrow came forth an invitation, “Stay here and keep watch.” We are not alone. You are not alone. And it is in this season we must remember we do not face life and suffering and sorrow and yes, even joy alone. He is not just here. He is near!

On June 8, beginning at 9am, UChicago Medicine/AdventHealth will be hosting a free medical clinic at Glendale Heights Sports Hub, 250 Civic Centre Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139. This can be a great way to connect those in need with church entities and to assist those who may not be able to connect for needed services. See the flyer here (www.ilcsda.org/presidentswelcome) both in English and Spanish.

Stay tuned for our Family Camp Meeting occurring at Camp Akita from July 17-20, 2024. It is earlier this year because of the International Camporee. Look for registration opening on May 1.

And yes, stay tuned for our Chicagoland Area Convocation occurring on Sabbath, September 14, 2024 in Naperville.

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Those who are co-operating with God have humble opinions of themselves. They are not boastful, self-sufficient, and self-exalted. They are long-suffering, kind, full of mercy and good fruits.

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The first Walgreens drugstore was founded in 1901 in Chicago by Illinois native Charles Walgreens.