

2009
JUNE

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

LVPC SHOWS ITS PRIDE

BY ERIC DIEKHANS



Pride Month is always a busy time at LVPC. In fact, Wil Snodgrass, who is helping organize the June events, calls it, “the third Holy Season in my book.”

Totally Tuesdays

Activities kick off on June 2 with a class on the “Clobber Passages,” Biblical texts on gender issues that are used by some Christians to judge gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender persons. Revs. Eunice and Dick Poethig will take a close look at these six isolated passages, exploring their context and meaning when they were written, how they are interpreted from different perspectives, and what they say to us today.

Rev. Bill and Lynn Lankton will share their experiences as parents of a transgendered son/daughter on June 9. Bill, a retired Presbyterian pastor, and Lynn were parents of three children. Their youngest child Greg, born in 1958, was never comfortable as a boy. At age 21, Greg had surgery to change his sexual identity and took the name Greer. Greer was an accomplished artist who died in 1996 at age 38. Bill and Lynn are authors of the memorial booklet, “From Counter Culture to Count Her Culture.”

A screening and discussion of the Academy Award winning movie *Milk* will take place on June 16 and 23. The film, about gay rights activist and politician Harvey Milk, premiered at the Castro Theatre two weeks before



California voters passed Proposition 8, an anti gay marriage referendum. The film will be shown in two parts with discussion each week.

Pride Service

LVPC hosts one of a series of Pride Month Services, sponsored by the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches. The June 17 service begins at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Michael Kirby of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church will preach. Services will also be held June 3 at Living Well Ministries/St. James Presbyterian Church, June 10 at Broadway United Methodist Church, and June 24 at St. Joseph and St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church. Check out www.chicagowelcomingchurches.org for more details.

The Parade

Pride Month culminates right at LVPC’s doorstep with the Pride Parade on Sunday, June 27. Everyone is encouraged to march with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches contingent. You can walk either half the parade or the entire route.

If you’re feeling more laid back, LVPC has perhaps the best viewing area on the route. Bring a picnic lunch and watch from our risers, or just relax in the green grass.

And don’t forget, because of the parade, there will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m. ☮

CALENDAR



JUNE

EVERY SUNDAY

Sunday service in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Childcare is provided in the Mulford Room. Coffee hour and time for fellowship immediately follow both services.

Choir practice at 10:15 a.m.

Free parking is available evenings and weekends in the Recycled Paper Company lot north of the church. Access the lot from the alley.

ADVANCE WARNINGS: SIGN UP NOW!

Totally Tuesdays: Clobber Passages—

See June 2

Totally Tuesdays: Transgender Issues—

See June 9

Standdown—See June 12

Totally Tuesdays: *Milk*—See June 16

Pride Parade Marchers—See June 27

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Regular exercise is the key to vitality, so join the Seniors in Motion fitness class. An exercise specialist from Advocate Fitness leads the group. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Tonight's Totally Tuesdays class examines the "Clobber Passages" — Bible verses some Christians use against GLBTQ persons. Revs Dick and Eunice Poethig lead the discussion, which begins at 7:00. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Senior Book Group meets at 12:30 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Deacons meet at 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

A Taize service features scripture reading, repetitive singing, and meditative silence, combining traditional worship forms in a contemporary way. The goal is to enable participants to remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within themselves. Join us tonight at 7:00 for Taize.

Cafe Pride provides a safe social space from 8:00 p.m. to midnight for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning youth and their allies, ages 16–24.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Lake View Pantry food donations and Two Cents A Meal offerings will be taken at the morning worship services.

Parish Nurse Sue Cox will provide blood pressure screenings after both services today.

Get your two-wheeler ready for summer at Bike Resurrection after the 11:00 a.m. service. LVPC member Kurt Meuzelaar will teach you how to tune and maintain it. The event is sponsored by the new LVPC group PPLAY (Play, People, Leisure, And, You.).

The Lake View Academy graduation takes place today at 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Finance Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 2 for details.

The Eco-Justice Task Force meets at 6:00 p.m.

Totally Tuesdays looks at Transgender Issues from the personal perspective of Rev. Bill and Lynn Lankton. See the article on page 1 for more information. Class begins at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Today is the last day for Lake View Academy classes.

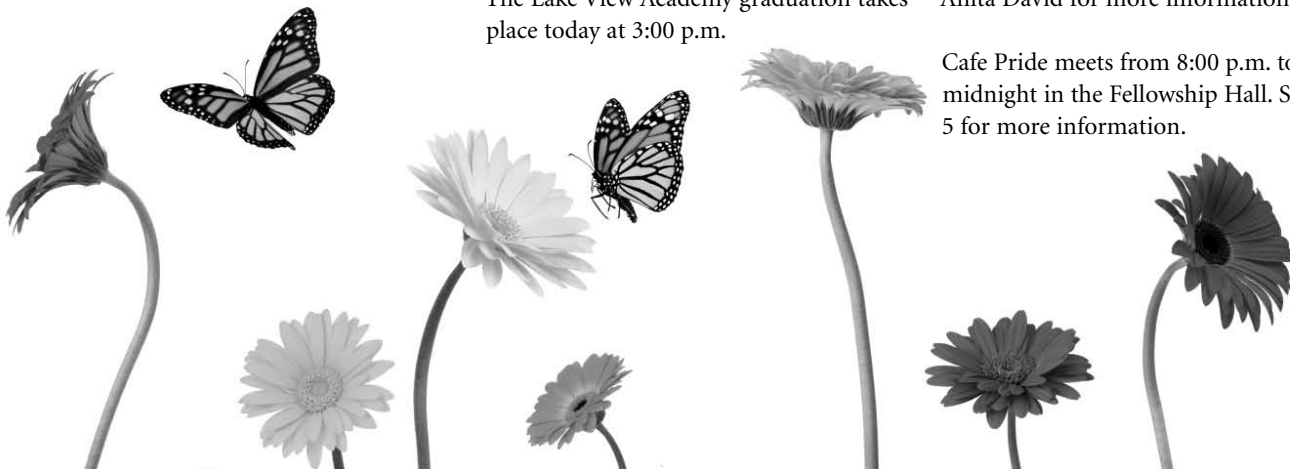
Senior Book Group meets at 12:30 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Standdown comes from the military practice of removing exhausted combat units from the field of combat to a place of relative safety where they can rest and recover. Standdown 2009 represents that safe haven for homeless veterans, who represent 30% of the homeless in Chicago. LVPC will be involved by helping to provide cooks and servers for approximately 600 veterans during this all-day event. It takes place at the National Guard Armory, 1551 N. Kedzie. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary. See Anita David for more information.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See June 5 for more information.



SATURDAY, JUNE 13

The Sabbatical Book Group *Bullet Proof Faith* meets at 10:00 a.m.

Don't miss the Spring Fair Trade Bazaar, from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. Fair Trade means the people making the product receive their fair share of the purchase price. It connects consumers with the producers in positive ways. The bazaar will feature handmade crafts, coffee, and other goods from around the world.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The Sabbatical Book Group *The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small* meets at 10:00 a.m.

LVPC's new Movie Discussion Group will hit the theater after 11:00 a.m. service today.

The Sabbatical Book Group *Jesus for President* meets at 7:00 p.m. at Adam and Julie Gruber Delezenne's house.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Christian Nurture Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 2.

Tonight, Totally Tuesdays presents a screening and discussion of the first half of the Academy Award winning movie, *Milk*. It begins at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Senior Book Group meets at 12:30 p.m.

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

The Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches is sponsoring a Pride Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Michael Kirby, Pastor of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Chicago, will preach.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

The Sabbatical Book Group *In the Midst of Chaos* meets at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See June 5.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Session meets at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Happy Fathers Day, dads!

After both services today Parish Nurse Sue Cox will provide us with Ten Healthy Minutes. She'll enlighten us about a health topic in just 10 minutes.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

The Sabbatical Book Group *A Song to Sing, a Life to Live* meets at 7:00 p.m.

The Sabbatical Book Group *Jesus for President* meets at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 2.

Don't miss the conclusion of *Milk* tonight during Totally Tuesdays. A discussion will follow. The screening starts at 7:00 p.m. See June 16.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Senior Book Group meets at 12:30 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See June 5.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

No matter what color your thumb is, you can be part of the LVPC Garden Club and the Buildings and Grounds Committee Yard Day. They meet in the church yard from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., rain or shine. Bring work gloves, hats, and any tools you like to use.

The LVPC Book Study Group takes place at 10:00 a.m. This month they're discussing *City of Thieves* by David Benioff.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Because of the Pride Parade, there will be one worship service today at 10:00 a.m.

Get a front row seat for the Pride Parade and share a picnic in the churchyard following the worship service.

If you would rather be a participant in today's parade with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, you can sign up in the back of the Sanctuary to join the LVPC contingent.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 2.☮



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ARTS

Kara Kesselring & Laurie Empen perform:

June 7, Cookie Cutters Children's Concert, 16th Street Theater, Berwyn, www.berwynartscouncil.org

Kara Kesselring performs:

Wednesdays, June 3 & 17, *Jersey Boys*, Bank of America Theatre, Chicago, www.jerseyboysinfo.com

June 5, 10, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, Stetson's Chop House, Chicago (312) 239-4491

Patrick Williams performs:

June 15 with the Nia Quintet, Jazz Showcase, Chicago, www.jazzshowcase.com

Stephanie Browning performs:

Saturdays, Peninsula Hotel, Chicago (312) 337-2888[♯]

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