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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## FUNDRAISERS FEATURE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

BY ERIC DIEKHANS



Wow. That's the best word to describe the exciting lineup of upcoming fundraising events as LVPC continues its push to raise the final \$230,000 needed to complete the Exterior Renovation Project.

The month kicks off with the Race to the Steeplechase on May 2. No, we're not talking horses and trifectas. The name refers to the church's spire. But there will be unlimited domestic drafts and live entertainment, all for only \$20. So get down to Duffy's Tavern, 422 West Diversy Parkway from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Then on May 15 at 7:30 p.m. LVPC presents another exciting concert featuring classical and contemporary music. Tickets are \$30 and are available in advance and at the door. Here's a preview of the featured performers:

Many people in the congregation already know about LVPC member Nathan Wollman's talent on the ivories. Nathan earned a scholarship to study piano at Augustana College and was selected to perform with the college orchestra in its annual Concerto-Aria Concert. He was also chosen as one of four winners in the Cherokee Symphony Young Artists Competition.

The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus has been an integral part of Chicago's cultural and gay communities since 1983. Over the years CGMC has provided its audiences with a wide variety of musical entertainment.



THE CHICAGO GAY MEN'S CHORUS

From loving ballads to raucous bawdy tunes to delicate ballet numbers, CGMC has been known to amaze and titillate, as well as inspire and move its audience.

Accessible Contemporary Music is dedicated to promoting the performance and understanding of contemporary music. Every concert they give includes a world premiere of at least one piece, if not several pieces, by composers in the early stages of their careers.

Soprano Kathryn Kamp's career spans the fields of oratorio, opera, operetta, musical theater,



KATHRYN KAMP

and a variety of ensemble work. Kathryn's lively staged engagements include roles in *Carmen*, *The Student Prince*, and Gilbert and Sullivan's *Patience*. *Red Magazine* called her performance in Mozart's *Così fan Tutte* a display of "immense charm and humor... [Ms. Kamp] bounced around the stage with a lightness and relish that seemed the incarnation of mischievous delight."

Looking ahead, donations are now being collected for the June 25 Rummage Sale. Bring in your furniture, electronics, books, clothing (washed and undamaged), linens, CDs and tapes, bikes, toys, house wares, and craft items. For more information, contact Louise Klis at (773) 477-6866 or Daisy Braucher at (773) 248-3021.☞

# RELUCTANT SPRING



JOY DOUGLAS  
STROME

I was climbing the stairs of the scaffolding this week. It was bright and sunny and bitter cold. It was one of those days when the weather sends a double message: “Come outside, it’s beautiful” and “Brace yourself, the wind will bite at your ears and nose.” Because Easter was so early, we have been ready for spring much earlier than the calendar would normally warrant. Still, the signs are unmistakable. To be sure, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — standing on the scaffolding next to the tree on Addison I was able to see the buds of the tree without craning my neck and looking up! I reached out and felt the soft bud at the very top, the one closest to the sun, and it was almost pulsing, ready to burst at any moment. Crammed together tightly, all the shades of an ordinary leaf were visible, just waiting for some sign that it was okay to come out for spring. I suspect that by next week the leaves will have made their debut and the bud cases will have dropped and blown away.

It’s interesting that what happens so naturally and apparently effortlessly for trees is so difficult for humans. We are reluctant most days to acknowledge spring, new life, or the promises that come with our faith. We would much rather stay cocooned away, huddled under afghans that represent our worries and fears, our addictions and sorrows, our bitterness and failure than ever acknowledge the tug of spring that slowly works away at us. The promise of the Easter season will not tolerate that behavior! It strips away the layers of our cocoon to reveal the beautiful colors of our lives and won’t let them be crammed away unused any more! There is no double message—it’s a clear call for life!

To be vulnerable to the biting winds of the early spring is to acknowledge a tremendous hope. A hope that comes round more regularly than weather-induced blooming. A hope that is built on an amazing love that pours freely from a gracious God and draws forth life from each one of us! A hope more powerful than any failure or loss we can experience. A hope that calls us to break free! Think Spring! Think hope! Think life!☞

## NEW FACES

BY ERIC DIEKHANS



FRONT ROW, L TO R: KENDAL ANDERSON, SALOMY SOEWANDI, DAWN STOCKMO  
BACK ROW: DAVID TICHY, RYAN REIS, SAMEER RAJ, JOHN COOPER NOT PICTURED: SARAH WARNER

**Eight more new members joined LVPC on February 20, pushing membership close to the 200 mark. Here’s some background on them:**

Coffee hour may be a good place to find Sarah Warner. She admits to loving “strong coffee and baked goods.” Raised Presbyterian, Sarah says she joined LVPC because she “loved Joy’s honest preaching style and the warm, wonderful people.” Sarah works in the outreach department at WTTW, Channel 11. In her spare time she writes screenplays, plays, and articles, and enjoys going to rock concerts and volunteering.

David Tichy grew up in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Cleveland. He’s been on LVPC’s fringes for about ten years, but missed this year’s Easter service because, he says, “I finally fell asleep at 5:00 a.m. after cheering on Illinois at Allstate

Arena.” When not following his alma mater, he works as an architect.

Ryan Reis and Kendall Anderson are planning a summer wedding at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Ryan works as a marketing consultant while Kendall is in public relations. Ryan says they discovered LVPC last fall while looking for a church home and “immediately felt welcome, understood, challenged, and inspired.” Ryan’s passion is sailing (he’s crewed in the last three Chicago to Mackinac Island races). Kendall loves music and world travel.

Dawn Stockmo has devoted 25 years to working in the nonprofit sector. She’s currently Senior Director for the Fannie Mae Foundation, Midwest office. Dawn, who grew up Lutheran, visited LVPC after Erika Poethig invited her. Her many hobbies include playing classical piano, running, swimming, tennis, and Norwegian needlepoint.

Salomy Soewandi and Sameer Raj started out with a very long distance relationship: they stumbled onto one another on the Internet when Sameer was in Chicago and Salomy lived in Indonesia. Sameer grew up Hindu in the United Arab Emirates but attended a Methodist boarding school. Both of Salomy’s parents are Presbyterian ministers and she was very involved in her church. They were married April 23 at a very large wedding (700 plus guests) in Indonesia.

We weren’t able to reach John Cooper, so you’ll have to quiz him on Sunday.☞

# CHRISTIAN PRIDE

BY ERIC DIEKHANS

“For the last twenty years I’ve marched in many Pride parades and HIV vigils,” says LVPC member Wil Snodgrass. “I can tell you that the first time I marched as a Christian in the Pride Parade was the most difficult for me. I kept on thinking about walking through 2.5 miles of people who had been hurt by the church.”



LVPC MEMBERS MARCH IN THE 2004 PRIDE PARADE.

LVPC participates in Pride activities as a member of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, a collaboration of Christian churches in the Chicago area which welcome and affirm all persons, regardless of sexual orientation. It’s an opportunity to show gays, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons that if they come to service on Sunday, they will be welcomed and accepted. “Most people just walk in a church,” says Wil, “but GLBT persons have to be enticed in.”

Wil remembers when he used to look on gay Christians as “losers, uncertain of their own sexuality.” But now that he has come “out as a Christian,” Wil is not afraid to let others in the Gay community know that he is an active member of a church. Part of that has to do with the reaction the LVPC delegation has received in the parade. “It’s great to hear people yell ‘Yeah, Presbyterians’ or come up and hug us,” relates Wil. “Other people express disbelief that we’re there.”

The parade is just one way LVPC let’s the GLBT community know that “we’re here.” The church participates with the Coalition in a booth at North Halsted Market Days, the largest street festival in the Midwest. The church also holds a potluck the Friday before the parade and a gay-themed movie night on Saturday .

The Pride Parade takes place Sunday June 26 and North Halsted Market Days will be held August 6-7. To be a part of the fun, contact Wil at [wilbsnodgrassiii@yahoo.com](mailto:wilbsnodgrassiii@yahoo.com). For more information on the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches go to [www.chicagowelcomingchurches.org](http://www.chicagowelcomingchurches.org).<sup>†</sup>

## WHO YOU KNOW

BY AUDREE LEBDJIRI



JILL WUJANGCO

BARB BURLINGAME

Barb Burlingame has been very active in her five years at LVPC. She is currently on Session, and serves as Youth Group leader and Chair of the Christian Nurture Committee. She is also involved in the Young Adults Bible Study.

### *How did find LVPC?*

I had been living in the neighborhood for a few months and was looking for a church to join. I had never considered a Presbyterian church before, but I thought “why not?” and visited there one Sunday morning. The instant I walked in I felt peaceful and could tell the Holy Spirit was moving in this place. Joy’s sermon was phenomenal. The thing that I love about LVPC is its mix of traditional liturgy and progressive activism.

### *What do you do when you’re not at church?*

I teach high school band at Hirsch Metro High School on the south side of Chicago. I’ve been there for 5 years. Although it’s challenging, I believe it’s what God has called me to do. I teach five classes, but do not have the opportunity to teach students individually. It is also difficult to deal with the problems that the students bring with them to school. As a teacher in this setting, I have to be a counselor, parent, and teacher. The lack of parental involvement can be discouraging. Hirsch High School has a 30% graduation rate.

In December of last year, there was a riot at the school. In response, I helped to set up a mentoring program for the kids who had problems channeling their aggression. The program has really made an impact, and that’s why I keep teaching!

### *Where did you grow up?*

Cameron, Wisconsin, population 1200. It’s a small town two hours east of the Twin Cities. I went to a good school and was super-involved sports and extra curricular activities. I had a lot of opportunities that my current students do not have.

### *What do you do for fun?*

Two years ago, I started taking guitar at the Old Town School of Folk Music. Now, I’m in an all girl folk-rock band called One Flight Up, named after the number of flights it takes to get up to my friend Betsy’s apartment where we practice! We’re in the process of recording a demo CD for Estrojam.<sup>†</sup>

# CALENDAR



# MAY

## EVERY SUNDAY

Study the Bible with the Niners Class. They meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

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 follows both services.

Sunday school for children at 10:00 a.m. Classes for ages 3-4 and grades K-5 meet in the Academy.

Choir practice at 10:00 a.m.

Share your thoughts about faith and life in Begin@10 class, 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Free parking is available evenings and weekends in the Recycled Paper Company lot north of the church. Access the lot from the alley. Parking is not available during night and weekend Cubs games, including these Sundays: May 8, 22 & 29.

Help beautify the Sanctuary by donating flowers. To sponsor a Sunday give cash or a check for \$20 to Holly Jensen.

### ADVANCE WARNINGS: SIGN UP NOW!

*Race to the Steeplechase—See May 2*

*New Members Class—See May 5*

*Men's Group Outing—See May 7*

*Food for Thought: Fostering Healthy Relationships—See May 11*

*Classical Spring Concert—See May 15*

## SUNDAY, MAY 1

The annual Women's Retreat continues today. See last month's Chimes calendar for details.



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

The Youth Group meets after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

The Needle Circle meets at 12:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, MAY 2

Race to the Steeplechase is the first of two exciting Exterior Renovation fundraising events this month. For just \$20 you get unlimited domestic drafts and live entertainment. It all happens from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Duffy's Tavern, 422 West Diversey Parkway in Chicago. Contact Christine Lyman at [vwsudge@hotmail.com](mailto:vwsudge@hotmail.com) for details.

## TUESDAY, MAY 3

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. Contact Sue Cox at (773) 281-2655 for more information.

The Deacons meets at 6:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 5

*Find out what it means to be a member of*

*Lake View Presbyterian Church at the New*

*Members Class, beginning tonight at 7:00. It's*

*a chance to learn about the church's ministry*

*and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and*

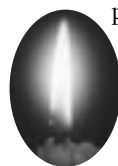
*meet church members. To register call the*

*church office at (773) 281-2655 or sign up in*

*the back of the Sanctuary.*

## FRIDAY, MAY 6

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 7:30 for Taize.

The Café Pride Coffeehouse meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight and serves a safe place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth ages 17 – 21 to get together.

## SATURDAY, MAY 7

Relive the magnificent history of our nation's railroads by joining the Men's Group on an outing to the Illinois Railway



Museum in Union.

The group leaves from

the church at 9:00 a.m.

Sign up in the back

of the Sanctuary. For

more information contact George Reyes at [Greyesmzrt@comcast.net](mailto:Greyesmzrt@comcast.net). Learn more about the museum [www.irm.org](http://www.irm.org).

## MONDAY, MAY 9

The Stewardship and Finance Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

The Fundraising Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 10

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See May 3 for details.

This month's Food for Thought features Rev. Dr. Catherine Burris-Schnur. She will offer a three-part workshop on the effectiveness of communication in fostering healthy relationships. We will explore the importance of being grounded within ourselves as we come to know the ways in which others trigger reactions in us. We will draw from scriptural passages and writings from the mystics as we learn to be more fully present to the other. Class begins at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

The Christian Nurture Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

*Spend time with long-time LVPC members*

*at a Presbyterian Homes Fellowship*

*from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in Evanston.*

*The gathering offers an opportunity to*

*stay connected with an important part of*

*our church family. Volunteers are welcome.*

Contact Sue Cox at (773) 281-2655 for

more information.

The New Members Class continues tonight at 7:00. See May 5 for details.

The Affordable Housing Taskforce meets at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See May 6 for more information.

The whole church community is invited to join the youth from Café Pride for a new program of gay-themed films called Out at the Movies. The show starts at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

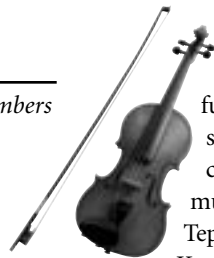
Enjoy good food and lively conversation at the Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Be of service to others by volunteering tonight at Lakeview Shelter. The group meets at shelter at 5:30 p.m. For more information, see a Deacon or contact the church office at (773) 281-2655.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

New members will be welcomed into the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The Youth Group meets in the Chapel after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.



This month's second Exterior Renovation fundraising event's features some of Chicago's best classical and contemporary musicians, including Christine Tepper, Seth Boustead, Kathryn Kamp, LVPC member Nathan Wollman, and the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and are available after Sunday services.

MONDAY, MAY 16

The Social Justice Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See May 3 for details.

Food for Thought continues with Fostering Healthy Relationships. See May 10 for details.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

The Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Monthly prayer meeting in the chapel at 12:00 noon. Call Peg Hazenbush at (773) 871-0312 for more information.

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See May 6 for more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Today is the last day of Sunday school. Have a great summer!

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See May 3 for details.

Food for Thought continues with Fostering Healthy Relationships. See May 10 for details.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

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

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See May 6 for more information.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

This month's Movie Night feature is *What Dreams May Come*, starring Robin Williams, Annabella Sciorra, and Cuba Gooding, Jr. Roger Ebert calls it "a film to treasure." It's rated PG-13 for thematic elements involving death, some disturbing images and language. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.☯



YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY

5/1—Ron Johnson

5/1—Bob Olsinski

5/1—Pat Simms

5/3—Melba Evans

5/3—Erika Poethig

5/6—Dave Roberts

5/7—Robert Nussbaum

5/9—Joy Douglas Strome

5/10—Peg Hazenbush

5/12—Megan Benbow

5/12—Mark McKee

5/15—Henry Guerriero

5/17—Scott Grannan

5/18—Dale Heidebrecht

5/18—Kevin Kerr

5/18—Paul McDaniel

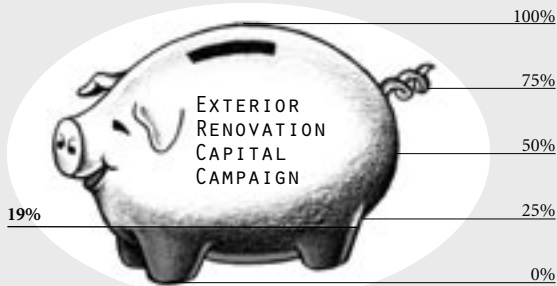
5/26—Phyllis Campbell

5/30—Carolyn Berry

5/30—Monica Brown☯



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