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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## DEACONS PLAY VITAL ROLE AT LVPC

BY SARAH WARNER



A conversation with Deacons Moderator Jeff Glenn.

### *What is the role of Deacons as defined by the Presbyterian Church?*

This is actually in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order. It states, "The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ." There's more, but that's the gist of it, and yes, deacons are mentioned in the Bible! The word deacon actually comes from the Greek "diakonos," meaning "table waiter" or "servant."

### *How many Deacons do we have at LVPC?*

We have just increased our number to nine. We had six for quite a while, but we've grown along with the congregation.

### *What responsibilities do they have?*

Deacons minister to those in need; that is number one. We send cards for birthdays, illnesses, sometimes just to say "Hi," and for new births in our church. Sometimes we'll take meals to those who may need them or help with rides, and we make visits to the Presbyterian Homes. We assist in serving communion and we pray with people. We can also be commissioned to perform specific duties by the Session as needed. Ideally, we are pastoral extensions of Joy, Larissa, and Sue's ministry here at LVPC.



DEACONS BILL GUBRUD, JEFF GLENN, ANITA DAVID, GINA DENOYER, LOUISE KLIS  
NOT PICTURED: KOREN RACOLTA, TODD VANADILOK, AJ KNUTSON, RUTH DUNNING

### *How are these responsibilities assigned to certain Deacons?*

During our monthly meetings, congregational needs and projects are discussed and people volunteer. This is a tough question in a good way, since the majority of our board are brand new and we're figuring this all out. Larissa and Sue provide loving guidance and leadership as well.

### *What is the best part about being a Deacon?*

I like doing service for others because it helps me get out of myself. The work chips away at my ego, which I often refer to as "Easing God Out." It's hard to think about high falootin'

problems when others are in need and I can help. We pray the whole month's prayer requests at our meetings and that's very powerful. That's my favorite part. Oh, and I love making cards as a group.

### *What issues are the Deacons currently addressing?*

Right now most of us are still learning the ropes of setting up and serving communion, prayer, and service work. April was Child Abuse Awareness Month and we again collected donations for the House of the Good Shepherd. I am sure once we have our "sea legs" our missions will present themselves.☺

# CALENDAR

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# 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 follow both services.

Sunday school for children at 10:00 a.m. Classes for ages 3-4 and grades K-2, 3-5, 6-up meet in the Parish House.

Choir practice at 10:15 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.*

**ADVANCE WARNINGS: SIGN UP NOW!**  
**Totally Tuesdays: Religion, Spirituality, and Mind/ Body Experiences —**  
**See May 5**

**Wild Women Potluck—See May 8**

**Totally Tuesdays: Hand in Hand —**  
**See May 12**

**Totally Tuesdays: Single in the City —**  
**See May 19**

**Totally Tuesdays: Healthy Body Bingo —**  
**See May 26**

## FRIDAY, MAY 1

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.

## SATURDAY, MAY 2

Today is the last day of LVPC's E-Waste Pick-Up. Drop off your old electronics in the southwest corner of the Sanctuary by Noon. Old TVs, computers, cell phones, other electronics, and CFL (compact fluorescent light bulbs) are welcome.

## SUNDAY, MAY 3

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.

## TUESDAY, MAY 5

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.

Religion, Spirituality and Mind/ Body Experiences—Just what do these three things have in common, if anything at all? What could they have to do with our own faith? How could these inform our spiritual journey? Join Therese Rowley, Ph.D. to explore what she has found in her practice as a Catholic intuitive healer. This Totally Tuesdays class begins at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

Young Adults Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 7

Deacons meet at 6:00 p.m.



## FRIDAY, MAY 8

Join the Wild Women of LVPC for a potluck at Gina Denooyer's home, beginning at 6:30 p.m. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring an entree. If your last name begins with M-Z, choose a side dish, dessert, or beverage. (Or bring anything that sounds good to you!) Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See May 1.

## SATURDAY, MAY 9

Join other LVPC men for good conversation and food at the Men's Breakfast, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Grab your favorite game and snack and hurry over to Game Night. Relax and have some fun with fellow LVPC members. It starts at 7:00 p.m.

## MONDAY, MAY 11

Finance Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 12

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See May 5.

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

Totally Tuesdays presents Hand in Hand tonight at 7:00 p.m. Being together as a couple can bring its blessings... and challenges! This class will explore strategies for living a committed life together across the course of a lifetime! It's led by Tom and Grace Gyori and other LVPC couples. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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

Young Adults Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 14

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.

## FRIDAY, MAY 15

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See May 1

## SATURDAY, MAY 16

Session meets at 9:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY, MAY 17

After service 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, MAY 18

Social Justice Committee meets at 7:15 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 19

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See May 5.

Single in the City? Singleness can bring its own sense of call and identity in your life. Come to more deeply reflect on your place in the world...and meet others who just might be in the same place, too! Associate Pastor Larissa Kwong Abazia leads this Totally Tuesdays class. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

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

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Young Adults Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 21

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 22

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See May 21

## MONDAY, MAY 25

The church office will be closed for Memorial Day.

## TUESDAY, MAY 26

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See May 5.

Calling all kids and parents! It's time for Healthy Body Bingo at Totally Tuesdays, beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Last year's Passport to Good Health class encouraged and reinforced good health habits for our

children through experiential activities. This year we'll play bingo to build on healthy skills for growing strong and wise. Parish Nurse Sue Cox leads it. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

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

Young Adults Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

## FRIDAY, MAY 29

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See May 1

## SATURDAY, MAY 30

The LVPC Book Study Group meets at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffengger.

Enjoy the warm weather and spruce up the yard and garden for summer at Yard Cleaning Day from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

## SATURDAY, MAY 31

Today is Pentecost. Historically and symbolically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, or the day, fifty days after the Exodus, on which God gave the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, Pentecost now commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the Book of Acts.<sup>9</sup>

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ARTS

**Brooks Darrah** featured in:

*Disappearing Acts*, through May 31, Piven Theatre, Evanston,  
[www.piventheatre.org](http://www.piventheatre.org)

**Kara Kesselring** performs:

May 20, *Jersey Boys*, Bank of America Theatre, Chicago,  
[www.jerseyboysinfo.com](http://www.jerseyboysinfo.com)

**Stephanie Browning** performs:

Saturdays, Peninsula Hotel, Chicago (312) 337-2888☎

## GREEN TIP

Doing some spring cleaning?  
Looking to get rid of some dusty  
electronics? The E-Waste Drive  
runs through May 2.



We will be loading up the items on  
May 2 and bringing them over to  
Goose Island for proper disposal. You can drop off your items  
in the designated area in the back of the Sanctuary.☎

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