

ACADEMY STUDENTS NAVIGATE SCHOOL/WORK WORLDS

BY AUDREE McELLIOTT



“There are three main reasons why parents and students choose Lake View Academy: they love the fact that it’s affiliated with a church, they love the size of the school, and they like the neighborhood,” says Deborah Bayly, Principal and Director of the Lake View Academy.

Since 1972, Lake View Academy has provided an alternative for those students who are literally “left behind” by larger school systems. Nor are past students forgotten. Anita Smith, one of Deborah’s colleagues, remembers many past students by name. That is one advantage out of many of having an average student population of 18 to 20 students that represents the diversity of the “northern half” of Chicago.

“One of the things I like about my job,” says Deborah, “is that the size of the school makes it easier for us to be more flexible and creative in solving problems of the school, and meeting the students’ needs.”

It’s this attention to each individual student that makes the cost to attend Lake View Academy worth it. “I can’t emphasize enough,” says Deborah, “how much our students’ parents sacrifice to send their kids to our school.”

The actual cost of education at the Academy is about \$11,000 a year, full tuition is \$5,500 per year. Even with sources of financial assistance available to families based on need, it costs a lot.



ANITA SMITH AND DEBORAH BAYLY WITH LAKE VIEW ACADEMY’S SENIORS

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DEBORAH BAYLY

As part of their requirements to graduate, students have to demonstrate job readiness by holding a part-time job at least 12 hours a week for a minimum of five consecutive months. For any high school student, going to school and working part-time can be a

serious challenge. Still, job readiness is an important requirement to prepare for the future.

So important, in fact, that Deborah wants each of the seven Academy graduating students to learn more about possible job vocations by going on informational interviews with adults in various blue and lower to mid-level white collar professions. The interviews should be with adults with jobs that have livable wages and fringe benefits, but do not require extensive post-high school education or a traditional 4-year college degree.

Deborah states that she would like LVPC members to volunteer their time to these students by treating them to lunch and talking to them about their careers. “It’s important for them to learn that work at all levels can be paid well and meaningful,” says Deborah, “I think it’s important to ‘broaden their vision’ and demonstrate that even a lowly job can lead to a better one later on.”

After all, continues Deborah, “it’s about time that adults talk to teenagers and find out what wonderful, gifted young people they are.”[☐]

LAYING SEEDS

JOY DOUGLAS STROME



George Reyes has been spending a lot of time at the church helping to supervise the building project. Thank you so much, George! While he waits on carpenters and contractors he has been reading old issues of the *Chimes* and gleaning bits and pieces of history from this archive. We discover that the church was painted several times before the white siding was put in place in 1936. And we discover much more: condolences to someone who lost a loved one...celebration over someone come back from the war...a new program started up and successful...three choirs singing on Easter Sunday! The newsletter catches a glimpse of the life of our ancestors in a paragraph here and there and lines us up to follow their lead.

I feel like I need to lay some seed in my column for George's great, great, great granddaughter to read in 100 years or so and archive the progress of this monumental project we have undertaken. For you who inherit the work that we are doing, we want you to understand that the neighborhood of Lake View is seeing a lot of change in this generation. There are lots of new buildings being built. The pool of low and moderate income housing is shrinking and a group in our church is work diligently to stop that trend. We value the diversity in the neighborhood and hope that we can maintain the rich mix of people that continue to make this a fabulous place to work and worship and serve. The restoration of our building anchors the corner for a long continuation of faithful people who seek justice for our neighbors and the welfare of our community.

During the month of November we will be challenging the congregation to make a pledge to the program budget of the church for 2005 and to make another pledge in support of the building project. A special congregational meeting and dinner has been scheduled for November 14th to kick-off this special year. The last few years have seen a solid building of the budget and great fiscal responsibility. It has been exhilarating to hear committee members share their confidence in the congregation's ability to meet this challenge. We wouldn't be where we are today without the generous support of many people inside and outside the church who made a commitment to invest in the life of this church. We wouldn't be where we are today without

the watchful eye of our God who links us with the past, sustains our present, and pushes us on to a future we cannot yet see. For those of you who are privileged to be here today, we invite you to save November 14th for a great day of celebration and challenge. For those of you reading this sometime in the distant future? Carry on!☩

MEET POLLY TONER

BY ERIC DIEKHANS



POLLY TONER

Life has thrown a few curve balls at Polly Toner, LVPC's new seminary intern, and it has shaped her faith in ways she never expected.

Polly's father grew up in a hardscrabble Irish Catholic family with a gift for athletics. He found success playing football, becoming a linebacker for the Green Bay Packers. At age 40, he was diagnosed with colon cancer. Polly was 12. The family was scheduled to move to San Diego two days later.

The Catholic parish near their new home didn't have the resources to help them through the long, painful illness. But they found a caring, supportive congregation at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church. "The church was incredible," Polly remembers. "They met with my dad weekly." When he died, Polly, her mother, and her younger brother, Ryan, stayed at the church, despite negative reactions from the rest of their family.

After graduating from USC with a degree in Occupational Therapy and Gerontology, Polly got a job in Chicago and found a new spiritual home at Fourth Presbyterian Church. She quickly became involved in congregational life, becoming a Deacon, helping to start a junior high program, serving as senior high leader, teaching confirmation classes, participating in mission trips to Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, and Cameroon, and working with Rev. David Murad as Deacon liaison to the church's social service center.

Polly began to realize that much of her life revolved around the church and that her faith informed what she did as a therapist. "I felt an inner yearning and desire to go into ministry," she says. But tragedy struck her family again shortly after she enrolled at the University of Chicago Divinity School when Ryan died suddenly at the age of 26.

Ryan's death challenged Polly's faith again. "Why does this stuff keep happening?" she asked herself. But it also gave her new insight into what ministry means. "During the aftermath [of Ryan's death], I met a lot of faithful people who don't go to church. I began to wonder how I could minister to those people while wearing a collar."

For Polly, coming to LVPC seemed like a perfect fit. She was looking for a church experience very different from the one at Fourth, and she had heard "incredible things" about the congregation from other pastors.

Thanks to her faith, Polly is looking forward to what the future holds. But for now, she says, "I'm happy right where I am."☩

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

BY LINDSAY LEWIS



Hi, I'm Lindsay, one of your seminary interns, and I will be teaching a Food for Thought class on Women in the Bible. What will we be learning about, Lindsay? Well, I'm glad you asked. Our first class will center around the lives and stories of Eve and Ruth. We will think about what we have learned about these women in comparison to what the texts tell us. Will we just be sitting and listening to you lecture all night? Of course not! We will have a free-flowing, organic discussion (a seminary intern must use fancy words when she writes), along with role-playing.

Think of me as your walking "Women in the Bible" infomercial!



LINDSAY LEWIS

What other women will be discussed in subsequent weeks? I have some ideas of Old and New Testament women we could talk about, but since we live in community, I would like to have community input in that decision. If there is a woman you are just dying to learn more about, bring that to class! I will go hang out at the seminary library, which will help me bone up on the historical context as well as learn more about how these women have been interpreted and discussed in the past, and then bring the information to the group in a concise and hopefully fun way. Think of me as your walking "Women in the Bible" infomercial!

On a more serious note, I am really excited about this class. I believe we often leave out the important and rich lives of women in the Bible and concentrate on the men. Indeed Abraham has much to tell us, but how does Sarah's experience inform our lives? As a college student I was really turned off to the Bible because I could not see myself in it. Where was I represented? Through this class I hope to journey with other willing students to learn more about our Biblical ancestors; what their stories were really about and in what context they lived. ♪

WHO YOU KNOW

BY ERIC DIEKHANS



MICHELLE GOODMAN

Michelle Goodman is well known in these parts. She not only designs the *Chimes*, she's married to its editor! Michelle grew up in Montana and moved to Chicago in 1986. She joined LVPC in 1998. You can sometimes hear her four-year-old, Camille, scampering in the back of the Sanctuary.

What does a graphic designer do?

Here's how I explain it every year on Bring Your Kids to Work Day: In one hand I hold up a document generated in Microsoft Word and printed on a black and white laser printer and in the other I hold up a colorful brochure printed by a commercial printer on glossy paper. I simply say, "My job is to turn this (referring to the Word document) into this (referring to the colorful brochure). When I first started out in this profession—before computers and desktop publishing and long before the Web—most people had no idea what a graphic designer did. Now most people I meet have some familiarity with the profession.

What do you miss most about living in Montana?

I miss being in the mountains and hearing the sound of a rushing river. It's a beautiful noise. I also miss being in a grand landscape where I felt all at once very small and very significant, somehow connected to everything.

What's your favorite thing that Camille says?

That's easy. "I love you, mama."

What two people would you most like to meet coming around the corner?

Lance Armstrong and the Dali Lama. Through watching Lance compete in the Tour de France I finally understand why people get all worked up about sports. I'm totally obsessed for three weeks in July and more tolerant the rest of the year. And the Dali Lama, well so many things about him are admirable. In one of his books he wrote that he isn't absolutely sure that he is the Buddha incarnate but he thinks he's doing a pretty good job as the Dali Lama so it didn't matter much. Very sensible approach to an unanswerable question.

Do you have a favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

Picking at the leftover turkey.

What's your favorite movie?

Every girl has their favorite good cry movie. Mine is *Steel Magnolias*. The relationships between those women are amazing. I don't think I have watched it since Camille was born. I'm sure I would cry even harder now. ♪

CALENDAR



NOVEMBER

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Sunday services 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.

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!

Food for Thought, Women in the Bible—See November 2

Men's Retreat—See November 5

Congregational Meeting—See November 14

School of the Americas Protest—See November 19

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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.

The Deacons meet at 6:00 p.m.

Lindsay Lewis, our intern from McCormick Seminary will take us through a study of Women in the Bible during November's Food for Thought. Come join us as we discover the many women who have played an important role in our Scriptures. See what new insights can be gained by looking at the women who shaped our religious history. Class starts at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

LVPC's men head to the wilds of Michigan for the annual Men's Retreat. They'll stay at the Chicago Presbytery's camp in Saugatuck. It costs \$80 for 2 nights lodging and meals (2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner). Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

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, NOVEMBER 6

The Men's Retreat continues today.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The Men's Retreat continues today.

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See November 2 for details.

Food for Thought continues with Women in the Bible. See November 2 for details.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

The Christian Ed 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, NOVEMBER 11

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, NOVEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The More Light Taskforce meets at 9:00 a.m.

The Social Justice Committee meets at 10:00 a.m.

Take care of your holiday shopping at the Fair Trade Bazaar, from 1:00 to 4:00 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 and coffee from around the world. For more information call the church at (773) 281-2655 or email Renee Grogg at goofyrenee@sbcglobal.net.

Be of service to others by volunteering tonight at Lakeview Shelter. The group meets at the shelter at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom DeFries at (773) 477-6615.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Don't miss the Congregational Meeting today at 12:30 p.m. You'll get a first look at the church budget, hear about the exterior renovation fundraising plan, and nominate church officers. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See November 2 for details.

Food for Thought continues with Women in the Bible. See November 2 for details.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The mission of the Cancer Support Group is to encourage, educate, and emotionally support people in our church community who are working to overcome the affects of cancer. Join them tonight at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sue Cox at (773) 281-2655.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

Join concerned people of faith as they travel to Fort Benning in Georgia to protest the School of the Americas, where advocates say Latin American soldiers are trained in torture. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Grab a rake or scrub brush for Church Cleanup Day beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Brighter Spirit Committee meets at 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Pledges will be dedicated at the morning worship services.

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

An Organ Historical Society Concert featuring Thomas Gouwens takes place at 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See November 2 for details.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

No choir or Young Adult Bible Study tonight.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The church office is closed today for Thanksgiving.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

The church office is closed today for Thanksgiving.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

This month's Movie Night feature is Shrek 2

Film Threat *magazine says it's "the second*

funniest fairy tale parody ever made for the

big screen." The show begins at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Today is the first Sunday of Advent.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See November 2 for details.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Senior Site holiday party happens on Tuesday December 21. Once again, we will be collecting items for gift bags to be given to each senior—socks, chap stick, puzzle books, hot chocolate mix, cracker packs, Kleenex, candy, fruit, and medium-sized gift bags. Be on the lookout for any of these or other items that seem appropriate. Contact Sue Cox for information.☺

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY

11/2—Rod Higbee

11/4—Kathy Siegenthaler

11/6—Mike Norris

11/7—Amaya Richards

11/8—Bettie Coffey

11/9—Barb Burlingame

11/17—Patrick Williams

11/18—Catherine Gallanis

11/18—Mark Heystek

11/19—Jim Swanson

11/20—Cora Vander Broek

11/22—Jill Wijangco

11/22—Maggie Darrah

11/23—Terry Southard☺





JILL WIJANGCO

THE SCAFFOLDING GOES UP, UP, UP...LOG ON TO THE LVPC WEBSITE TO READ JOY'S WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION BLOG.

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