

REMEMBERING RUTH PETTIGREW AND LARRY LARSEN

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Ruth Pettigrew



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Ruth Pettigrew, LVPC's oldest living member, passed away on May 9.

Born in 1910, Ruth was raised in Chicago, attended Lake View High School, and joined LVPC when she was 16. She was close to her family, especially her sisters Martha and Anne. LVPC was also an important part of Ruth's life, serving as the center of her social and faith life.

After graduating from Northwestern University, Ruth began a successful career teaching in the Chicago Public Schools, serving in three schools between 1940 and her retirement in 1972. Ruth taught mostly first graders in an era when class sizes were often large – sometimes over 40 students in a classroom. Sue Cox says she enjoyed talking with Ruth about her two passions: poetry and literature. Ruth could easily recite poetry she had taught her students decades ago.

Ruth and her sister, Martha, shared a house in the Sauganash neighborhood

near Devon and Pulaski for over forty years. In 1954, Martha's arm was amputated due to cancer. Ruth took on the difficult job of caring for her in her declining years.

Ruth moved to Presbyterian Homes in 1993, where she made new friends and enjoyed regular visits from Joy, Sue and LVPC members. After over 80 years as a member, she was proud of her church's renewal and renovation.☞

Larry Larsen



LARRY LARSEN IN THE 1950S

Larry Larsen, who belonged to LVPC with his wife, Betty, for 12 years, passed away on June 12. He will be remembered at a memory service at LVPC on September 19.

Born in 1930, Larry grew up on the southwest side of Chicago. He served in the army and went on to attend Northwestern University.

At the time, Betty was a student at Lawrence University in Wisconsin.

Her roommate knew Larry and thought they would be a good match. She was right, because Betty eventually transferred to Northwestern, where they graduated together in 1952. The couple were married in 1953.

Betty says that "Larry was always interested in finance." He became a CPA and worked at various companies until settling at Intermatic in Spring Grove. He rose to become comptroller, then vice president of finance. The couple raised three children; Carol, Holly, and James.

After Larry and Betty retired, they spent much of their time traveling all over the world, including China, Hong Kong, and South Africa.

Larry and Betty also enjoyed cultural events in Chicago. Tired of fighting the traffic from their home in Lincolnshire, they moved back to the city. They had previously belonged to a Presbyterian church, so they checked out LVPC. "It was a very different church back then," says Betty. "It took us awhile to warm to it." But after discovering how friendly LVPC's members were, they joined the church in 1997.

Betty says they were very thankful for the church and their friends there. Larry especially liked talking to Fred Braucher after services. "Larry could be a bit quiet," says Betty, "so he really enjoyed Fred's personality."☞

CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

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.

Sunday school for children at 10:00 a.m. Classes for ages 3-4 and grades K-2, 3-6, and 7-up meet in the Parish House.

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 Cubs games, including Sunday, September 13.



ADVANCE WARNINGS: SIGN UP NOW!

Rally Day Picnic—See September 13

Young Adults Retreat—

See September 18

Celebrate Sue Day—See September 27

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Senior Book Group meets at 12:15 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Senior Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

Sue Cox will give blood pressure screenings between worship services.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church office closed for Labor Day.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See September 1.

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

Young Adult Bible Study, led by Larissa Kwong Abazia, meets at 7:00 p.m.

Intergenerational Bible Study, led by Joy Douglas Strome, meets at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Senior Book Group meets at 12:15 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Senior Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m.

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, SEPTEMBER 11

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, SEPTEMBER 12

Join LVPC's men for good food and good conversation at the Men's Breakfast, starting 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Kick off the education year at the annual LVPC Rally Day picnic on the churchyard following the 11:00 a.m. service. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. Bring a dish to share. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Finance Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See September 1.

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

Intergenerational Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Senior Book Group meets at 12:15 p.m.

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy some time sharing with

other parents at the new Lake View

Presbyterian Parents group. They meet

at 6:30 p.m. The children's group, The

Gathering Place, will meet at the same

time. They'll learn more about the past

month's Sunday school lesson in a fun,

engaging way. All Sunday school age

children are welcome.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Senior Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The Young Adults Retreat kicks off today. They'll travel to Lutherdale Retreat Center in Wisconsin for relaxation, camaraderie, and reflection. See Larissa for more details. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See September 11.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The Young Adults Retreat continues today. See September 18

Session meets at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a memorial service for LVPC member Larry Larson at 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The Young Adults Retreat continues today. See September 18

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See September 1.

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

Intergenerational Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Senior Book Group meets at 12:15 p.m.

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

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Senior Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See September 11.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

A Deacon Training takes place at 9:00 a.m.

No matter what color your thumb is, you can be part of the LVPC Garden Club. They meet in the churchyard at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Bring work gloves, hats, and any garden tools you like to use.

The Book Discussion Group meets at 10:00 a.m. to talk about *Lazarus Project* by Aleksandar Hemon.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See September 1.

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

Intergenerational Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Senior Book Group meets at 12:15 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.☞

COMING UP

LVPC returns to the Gulf Coast

for another Katrina Work Trip,

November 1-7. Watch for signup

details or contact Sandy Roberts at

847-864-1527.

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Kara Kesselring performs:

September 9 & 23, *Jersey Boys*, Bank of America Theatre, Chicago, www.jerseyboysinfo.com

Stephanie Browning performs:

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

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