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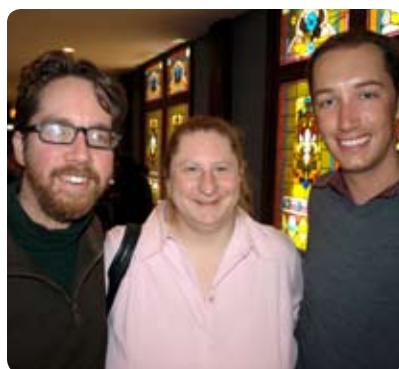


BY ERIC DIEKHANS



Twelve new members  
joined LVPC on Feb. 22.

Let's meet them.



MARK WALDEN, JULIE WALDEN, JUSTIN DEJONG

**Julie and Mark Walden** found their way to LVPC after Renee Grogg invited Julie to the Women's Retreat. Julie is a social worker in the Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic, while Mark is busy as Executive Director of the West Lawn and Archer Heights Chambers of Commerce, Assistant Director of Strive Tutoring, and Marketing Consultant to Pegasus Players.

**Kurt Meuzelaar and Christy Bockheim** will be getting married in September. Until then, Kurt loads dairy trucks while working on his degree at Purdue Calumet, while Christy is a library assistant at several law firms. On their first visit to LVPC, Christy says, "we immediately felt welcomed with open arms."

**Justin DeJong** is already a familiar face at LVPC – he's been attending for about three years. A graduate of Northwestern College in Iowa, Justin is Director of Communications for the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. He's also served as spokesperson for the State of Illinois and worked on President Obama's campaign.

**Matt Walker** describes himself as "an actor by choice, an art framer by necessity." A Flint, Michigan native, Matt was raised in the Indiana-based Church of God. He says he's "really interested in all the outreach and activist opportunities at LVPC, locally and abroad."

**Joe Dennis** is also from Flint, but spent a year living in his grandfather's village in Liberia. As befits his hometown, Joe loves cars and once dreamed of being an automobile designer. He enjoys euchre, obscure music, and big roller coasters.

**Jason Hissong** grew up in the Presbyterian church. Recently, when Jason told a friend he was missing something in his life, the friend encouraged him to seek out people.

"So I went to what I knew," says Jason. A graduate of Valparaiso University, Jason enjoys cooking, reading, writing, music, and film.

**Andrew Hollingsworth** says that he and his partner, **Gilles Noyer**, visited LVPC "and found our 'home.'" Andrew hails from Prairie Village, Kansas while Gilles is from Switzerland, where they met when Andrew was on assignment as a CPA. Gilles now owns a specialty store that sells Swiss chocolate confections.

**Becky Hamilton** is excited about being a grandmother – her first grandchild was born in February. An assistant professor in nursing at UIC, Becky's hobbies include reading, walking, bird watching, and "cuddling with our two standard long hair dachshunds."

A Salt Lake City native, **Tina Pak** says she misses "waking up to a view of the Wasatch Mountains." Tina grew up in a Korean Presbyterian Church and was active in Campus Crusade for Christ. She teaches third grade at Peterson Elementary School in Albany Park and enjoys knitting, trying new restaurants, and "crafty things."☺



GILLES NOYER, ANDREW HOLLINGSWORTH, MATT WALKER, JASON HISSONG, BECKY HAMILTON, JOE DENNIS, CHRISTY BOCKHEIM, KURT MEUZELAAR, TINA PAK



## BLESSINGS ABOUT

JOY DOUGLAS  
STROME

Life from death. That's our Easter work to do. When the women first discovered the empty tomb on Easter morning the adventure of Christian witness began. What will we make of it, this Easter message? The woman ran to tell what they had seen. And the church was born. What stories of Alleluia will we have to tell this year? We have so much to be grateful for as we ponder the miracle of resurrected life. Our church is rich with diversity and our open door policy continues to welcome all who would search for a meaningful faith and a place of hospitality. We have a wonderful new pastor in Larissa and the future program efforts that she is guiding are exciting and fresh! New members, new babies on the way, life is bubbling up all around us! Yes, blessings abound.

I couldn't be more pleased that in the midst of this search for life, the church has granted me permission to go on a three-month sabbatical starting Sunday, April 19. That Sunday after worship we will have a party to celebrate my time away and on July 19 we will have another one to festively bring me back home! I have been busy making plans and look forward to sharing with you my journeys through that time via a blog I will be writing with pictures that I will share as I go to four different mountain ranges, see new places, reconnect with family, and spend some concentrated time at the Iona Community in Scotland. Iona is where Christianity first came to the British Isles and has long been considered a sacred space for Presbyterians. I have scheduled two weeks on my own at Iona and look forward to the respite and challenge of this experience. I have committed a lot of my sabbatical time to reading and you will get to participate in that through a book study program that will provide free books for those who want to read along with me.

While I'm gone you will find yourselves in good hands, leadership wise. David Bebb Jones, a retired pastor in our presbytery, will come as our Visiting Pastor to preach and moderate the Session, and fill in for me while I'm away. David has a daughter who lives in Lake View and he will spend a few days each week here attending meetings, leading our worship services and being another pastoral presence for you all while I'm away. I hope that you will take some time to get to know him while he's here. He's thoughtful, lively, and funny and will have many good stories to share with you I'm sure! Of course, Larissa, Sue, Jennie, John Erickson and Drago will still be carrying their same load of responsibility while I'm away. John Vessels is off for the summer to be in a couple of plays in Indianapolis. Pray for our amazing staff and support them as they adjust to this change. I know that you will feel well supported and I appreciate all the time and planning that has already happened to make it possible for me to be gone!

If you have any questions, make sure you ask! The time will go by fast and while I'm gone my prayer for you all will be that you celebrate life and our LVPC community. Resurrection blessings!☞

## REMEMBERING RICHARD DIZNEY



RICHARD DIZNEY

LVPC member Richard W. Dizney died Feb. 24 after an extended illness. He was 50.

Richard, a familiar face on Sundays and at Golden Diners meals, became a member in October. But he traced his heritage in the church back to 2001, after his mother, Lynda Hill Dizney, began attending services while visiting Richard, who was recovering from heart surgery at the time.

"She opened the door and paved the way for him to come here and once he came—he was a steady presence," Pastor Joy said during a memorial service in early March. "If Richard wasn't sitting in that pew right there on a Sunday morning, I knew that he was either sick or out of town."

A native of The Bluegrass State, Dizney graduated from the University of Kentucky. But his friends and fellow church members knew him most for his keen wit, his love of opera, cinema, and music, and his fantastic knowledge of trivia, which spanned so many topics.

"He was dedicated," friend Olivia Kahlo wrote on an online memorial for Richard. "He was also brilliantly and irreverently funny. A true eccentric and individual in times of mass consensus values, there will never be another Richard Dizney like this one!!!"

Joy also remembers Richard's fierce skills at dominoes and the board game Blokus.

"I will remember his quick wit and wry sense of humor. I will remember his remarkable mind and his ability to hold details. I never saw him read a book. He sometimes had one with him. But clearly he was reading somewhere—because he had a vast array of accumulated knowledge on almost every topic under the sun!," she says. "... Richard's impact will be felt in jokes told, in stories shared and memories cherished."

In addition to his mother, Richard is survived by his sister Mary Dizney Richardson and her husband Michael; their children Julia Richardson, Michael Richardson II and Mark Richardson, along with two great nieces, a cousin and other family and friends.

Friends who wish to share memories or sign an online guest book for Richard's family can do so by visiting: <http://www.bettsandwestfuneralhome.com>.☞

# CALENDAR



# APRIL

## 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!

New Member Class—See April 2

Easter Breakfast—See April 12

Totally Tuesdays: Social Creed—  
See April 14

Totally Tuesdays: Does Our Biography  
Become Our Biology? —See April 21



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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

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

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Deacons meet at 6:00 p.m.

Find out what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of LVPC at the New Members Class beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 3

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, APRIL 4

Grab a rake and (hopefully) enjoy the warm weather at Spring Clean Up, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be indoor and outdoor projects. All talent levels are welcome.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Two Cents A Meal offering will be taken at the morning worship services.

The all-church Lenten study of the book *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith* culminates with a potluck lunch and discussion by all the classes involved. It begins at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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, APRIL 8

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

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

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Maundy comes from the Latin “mandatum (novum),” or “new commandment,” from John 13:34. Maundy Thursday is the day we remember the last supper Jesus ate with his disciples. Join us tonight at 7:00 for Maundy Thursday Service.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See April 3.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Make the Sanctuary beautiful for tomorrow’s worship services by joining the Easter decorating crew. They’ll be working from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! Don’t miss a morning of celebration and worship at LVPC. It begins at 7:00 a.m. with a Sunrise Service on the north side of Belmont Harbor, along the lakefront. Then gather for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary to bring a dish to share. After the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, an Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the church yard (weather permitting). A second Worship Service follows at 11:00 a.m.



## MONDAY, APRIL 13

Finance Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m.  
See April 6.

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

The Federal Council of Church adopted a social creed in 1908 to declare how the church would work together for justice in the United States. One hundred years later, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has adopted a social creed for the 21st century. Come to learn about and discuss the significance of this exciting piece! This Totally Tuesdays class, led by Rev. Dick Poethig, begins at 7:00 p.m. See the article on page 5 for more details. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

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

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

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

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

The New Member Class meets at 7:00 p.m. See April 2.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See April 3.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

Session meets at 9:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. While emotional, physical, and sexual abuse causes profound and often irreparable damage to those involved, there is hope. Support the work of the House of the Good Shepherd, a local shelter providing comprehensive programs that help battered women and children recover their lives by building loving and healthy relationships. Donations will be collected at the big blue rocking chair starting today.



What a great way to celebrate resurrection this Easter! Help these families “roll away the stone!” Please stop by the rocking chair, pick one of the tags outlining a need of the House of Good Shepherd, and bring your donation to church the following Sunday. Let’s surround this work in loving prayer!

New members will be received at morning worship.

Don’t miss a special party for Pastor Joy to say *au revoir* to her as she heads out on sabbatical. It takes place at 12:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See April 7.

Does Our Biography Become Our Biology? That’s the question Parish Nurse Sue Cox explores in this Totally Tuesdays class, beginning at 7:00 p.m. What does it mean to be individuals striving toward wholeness? Do our attitudes, beliefs or life experiences affect our level of health or level of illness? Is it possible our approach to life, and how we respond, can affect how well we are? A few thoughts from Carolyn Myss’s book *Anatomy of the Spirit* along with other resources, will be explored in this class focusing on the relationship between our life experience and our wellness/illness factor. (Book reading not required). Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

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

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See April 3.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

LVPC Book Study Group meets at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

Today is Emily McGinley’s last day as LVPC’s Field Placement Student.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See April 7.

The Totally Tuesdays class, Does Our Biography Become Our Biology, concludes tonight at 7:00 p.m. See April 21 for details.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

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

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

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.☺

Rev. David Bebb Jones will soon be a familiar face at LVPC. In April he begins a three-month stint as our visiting pastor while Joy is on sabbatical. Before his retirement, David was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs. He's also served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Chicago, and Vice-Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. He currently serves on the Presbytery's Middle East Task Force and the Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Work Group.

## WHO YOU KNOW



REV. DAVID BEBB JONES

### *What do you look forward to most about your stint at LVPC?*

I have long admired LVPC for your openness to all persons, your mission orientation, and your creative worship. For many years LVPC was a part of our mission trips for youth and adults. We often slept in your chapel! I particularly anticipate being with you in June for all of the emphasis on GLBT rights and ministry. I have supported ordination rights since the issue came to the church in 1977.

### *You've described yourself as a "political liberal and moral conservative." What does that mean?*

As a political liberal I try to stand in the tradition of governmental responsibility for all people. I strongly believe that we must find alternatives to war, with special and sustained emphasis on negotiation with those with whom we disagree. I favor vastly expanded health care for all, strong educational resources, environmental respect, and the search for alternative measures to deal with crime and drugs beyond imprisonment.

BY ERIC DIEKHANS

It is the term 'moral conservative' that needs interpretation! The term came at a time of moral ambiguity in public life. I believe in faithfulness in all relationships. I strive for high ethical standards and encourage honesty and integrity.

### *What do you get passionate about?*

In retirement I have devoted a great deal of energy to issues in the Middle East. I first visited Israel and the Palestinian territories in 1982 and returned in 2007. I very passionately believe that the US and Israel must work for justice in their treatment of the Palestinian people. I desire a safe and secure Israel, but am passionate that this not be at the continuing expense of the Palestinian people. I fervently believe that there are peaceful approaches, but the windows of opportunity are diminishing. ☞

## A CREED FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

BY ERIC DIEKHANS

### Can creeds still shape the church and our society?

LVPC Parish Associate Rev. Dick Poethig believes in the power of these formal statements of belief. He'll explore the role of two social creeds, adopted by the Presbyterian Church one hundred years apart, during a Totally Tuesdays class on April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Dick says the first creed, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) in 1908, "came out of a crucial time in American history." The industrial revolution was in full swing. In the midst of abuses like child labor, sweat shops, and dangerous working conditions, this radical statement of faith in action declared, "We deem it the duty of all Christian people to concern themselves directly with certain practical industrial problems."

A Scottish minister who lost his arm in the mines at the age of 10 brought the creed to the Presbyterian Church. The

denomination approved it in 1910. Over the next 100 years, Presbyterians and other Christians took a stand through their denominations, congregations, and progressive groups like the Presbyterian Institute of Industrial Relations.



REV. DICK POETHIG

In 2007, seeing the upheaval caused by our global economy. The National Council of Churches adopted a new social creed for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It states that "in our era of globalization we offer a vision of a society that shares more and consumes less, seeks compassion over suspicion and equality over domination, and finds security in joined hands rather than massed arms." Dick, who served on the committee that brought the creed to the 2008 Presbyterian General Assembly, says that like the first creed, the new version is saying "people before profits."

As the 2008 creed states, "We—individual Christians and churches—commit ourselves to a culture of peace and freedom that embraces non-violence, nurtures character, treasures the environment, and builds community, rooted in a spirituality of inner growth with outward action. We make this commitment together—as members of Christ's body, led by the one Spirit—trusting in the God who makes all things new."

Learn more about the creed at [www.pcusa.org/acswp/socialcreed.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/acswp/socialcreed.htm). ☞

## GREEN TIP

It's spring cleaning time, so empty out the nooks and crannies and hold on to old electronics that you want to get rid of...it's time for the Spring E-Waste Event! Keep your eyes peeled for a slide with specific April/May dates or contact the Eco-Justice Task Force with any questions! ☞

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ARTS

**Kara Kesselring** performs:

April 8, 22, *Jersey Boys*, Bank of America Theatre, Chicago,  
www.jerseyboysinfo.com

April 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 17,24,26,29, Stetson's Chop House,  
Chicago (312) 239-4491

**Floyd May** featured in:

*Arsenic and Old Lace*, through April 5, James Downing Theatre,  
www.edisonparkumc.com

**Brooks Darrah** featured in:

*Disappearing Acts*, April 25–May 31, Piven Theatre,  
www.piventheatre.org

**Stephanie Browning** performs:

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



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