

HOT TIMES SUMMER IN THE CITY

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Summer living may be easy, but at LVPC the summer season is anything but slow.

From Pride activities to Vacation Bible School – and even a church-wide camping trip in between– there’s a full calendar of events on tap for our active congregation between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Want the inside scoop for summertime fun? Here’s what you need to know.

June 3: Come to church for a group discussion about the history of Chicago’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer movement. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

June 9: LVPC’s annual Pride worship service. Wear your rainbow. 7:00 p.m.

June 10: Representatives from Test Positive Aware Network will speak about the organization’s work in Chicago, health awareness for the LGBTQ community and the history of HIV/AIDS and what’s being done to help those with the illness. 7:00-8:30 p.m..

June 17: Speakers from the Night Ministry, Center on Halsted, and Broadway Youth Center will hold a discussion at LVPC on the challenges and struggles of LGBTQ youth and how their organizations are working to respond. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

June 24: Grab some meat to throw on the grill and a side to share and join your LVPC friends for an informal cookout. 7:00-9:00 p.m.



LVPC MARCHERS IN THE PRIDE PARADE

June 27: There’s just one worship service today at 10:00 a.m. Then put on your sneakers to walk with LVPC’s contingent in the Chicago Pride Parade, or hang out on the church lawn to catch the colorful parade.

July 3-10: PC(USA) General Assembly meets for a week in Minneapolis. On tap for this massive event is voting on three overtures that originated from LVPC. Meanwhile, LVPC member Grace Strome will attend this week-long event to represent the Presbytery of Chicago as a youth delegate, and Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia will be involved with efforts by TAMFS, “That All May Freely Serve.”

July 11: LVPC’s Welcoming Committee holds an open house for new members and congregational visitors followed by a picnic on the church lawn. Even if you’re not new to this community, stop by informational tables and learn about the different groups LVPC has to offer and how you can get involved.

July 23-25: Grab your tent and your sleeping bag for this year’s All Church Camping Weekend at Rock Cut State Park near Belvidere, Ill.



LVPC CAMPING ALONG BEAUTIFUL PIERCE LAKE

August 2-6: Vacation Church School will be held at LVPC this year for children from four area congregations. This half-day event is for kids ages 4 to 12. It takes place each morning and will focus on how to care for God’s creations. ♪

CALENDAR



JUNE

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.

Choir rehearsal at 10:15 a.m.

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!

- Walking Through History—See June 3*
- Test Positive Aware Network—See June 10*
- Issues facing LGBTQ Youth—See June 17*
- Pride Cookout—See June 24*
- Pride Parade Marchers—See June 27*

TUESDAY, JUNE 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.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Intergenerational Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

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

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Choir rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Senior Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m.

Deacons meet at 6:00 p.m.

Pride Month kicks off with Walking Through History. Richard Pfeiffer, a former coordinator for the Pride Parade in Chicago, and other guests will talk about the history of the LGBTQ movement in the city. It begins at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 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.

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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 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, JUNE 7

On Holy Ground Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 1.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Intergenerational Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

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

The Chicago Coalition of Welcoming

Churches is sponsoring a Pride Worship

Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Senior Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m.

The whole LVPC community is invited

to celebrate with Lake View Academy

students at their Graduation Ceremony,

beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) will talk about its work in Chicago, health awareness in the LGBTQ community, and HIV/AIDS.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See June 4.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

The LVPC Book Group meets to discuss *Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. It starts at 10:00 a.m.

Are you running out of Fair Trade Olive Oil? Desperate for a graduation, birthday, or Father's Day gift? Wanting something colorful for your kitchen? Don't Worry! The LVPC Spring Fair Trade Bazaar takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vendors come from all over Chicago and all over the world to sell products made by people being paid a fair wage for their work. Weather permitting, the tables will be set up all over the lawn so that Cubs foot traffic passes through our gates! Come and join the neighborhood as we shop together.

Grab your favorite game and snack and head on over to Game Night. It starts at 7:00 p.m.

LVPC members will serve dinner at the Lake View Men's Shelter at 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

Eco-Justice Task Force meets at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 1.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Intergenerational Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

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

Ever wonder how to best talk to your child about sexuality? Come to the Lake

View Parents Group as parents strategize best practices for gifting their children with open hearts and open minds. They meet at 6:00 p.m.

While the parents are meeting, kids are invited to The Gathering Place. It begins at 6:00 p.m.

Choir rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

Senior Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m.

Heather Bradley, Youth Outreach Team of the Night Ministry, Alicia Vega, director of youth at the Center on Halsted, Ginnie Kamp, youth organizer with the Center on Halsted and LAC, and Joe Hollander, Director of Broadway Youth Center will talk about the issues specifically facing LGBTQ youth and the ways their organizations are responding to their needs. It begins at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See June 4.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Session meets at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

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.

Hungry after the sermon? Join the young adults for brunch at 12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

The Welcoming Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 1.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Intergenerational Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

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

Choir rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Senior Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m.

Join us at 7:00 p.m. for an informal cookout! Bring something to grill and a side dish to share. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See June 4.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Grab your gardening gloves and enjoy the outdoors. A yard and garden workday takes place from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Because of the Pride Parade, there will be one worship service today at 10:00 a.m.

Get a front row seat for the Pride Parade and share a picnic in the churchyard following the worship service.

If you would rather be a participant in today's parade with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, you can sign up in the back of the Sanctuary to join the LVPC contingent.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 1.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Intergenerational Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

Senior Book Group meets at 12:15 p.m.⁹

COMING UP

LVPC's Camping Weekend, July 23-25
Vacation Bible School, August 2-6⁹

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ARTS

Margaret Scott featured in:
"Mother Bear," June 20, 25, July 2, Stageleft Theatre, Chicago,
www.stagelefttheatre.com

Kara Kesselring performs:
June 6, Berwyn Music Studio's Spring Recital, First
Congregational Church of Berwyn, www.karkesselring.com

June 27, St. Josaphat Southport Festival Jazz Brunch, Chicago,
www.karkesselring.com

June 27, Uncommon Ground on Devon, Chicago,
www.uncommonground.com

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