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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

A NEW/OLD FACE UNVEILED

BY ERIC DIEKHANS

“Make no small plans,” said famed Chicago architect Daniel Burnham. LVPC took those words to heart.



Fundraising Challenges

One of the biggest hurdles faced on the project was the challenge for a small church to fund the \$1.23 million budget. While LVPC received a large gift from the Presbytery, much of it had to be raised through solicitations and numerous fundraisers, including a successful Top of the Town benefit and auction on September 9. But Joy says, “I never had any doubt the funds would come through.” Raising that amount of money did put strain on the church’s resources, Joy says. It was especially difficult to maintain the church’s operating budget and keep its many programs funded.

Here to Stay

The newly restored exterior is already having a major impact on the community, as passerby stop to admire its beauty. Joy says that the work “signals to the community that we’re here and we’re going to stay.”

JILL WJUNEGO

Almost a year after work began on the church’s ambitious Exterior Restoration Project, the scaffolding came down and a magnificent new façade was unveiled. Pastor Joy Douglas Strome calls it “a major accomplishment.”

LVPC member George Reyes, who spent countless hours overseeing the project for the church, says, “Volunteering for this project has been a great joy. It’s been amazing to see the transformation.”

Few Surprises

Joy says that for the most part, the work “went off pretty smoothly.”

“There were few surprises,” she adds, “and no cost overruns. We did a good job budgeting.”

“The most surprising thing,” Joy remarks, “was that the structure was sound.” Despite fears that the contractor might find major water damage when the asbestos shingles were removed, it turned out that “underneath, almost everything was solid.” Joy describes much of the work as “more cosmetic than structural.”

The working relationships were just as smooth. While there are always issues and changes that cause stress during a construction project, everyone remained cordial. Jim Hall of Holabird and Root was architect for the project. He says, “It’s rare to have such a close relationship between the owner, the contractor, and the architect. It was “delightful to visit the project,” he says.

“Our neighbors have seen that we are good stewards of our church property,” George adds, “not just for this generation, but for succeeding generations as well.”

The Session is still considering the second phase of On Holy Ground: replacing the Fellowship Hall with a new building. But first, says Joy, “We need to reassess whether the community needs we saw five years ago when planning started are still valid.” In the meantime, Joy reminds us that the church is about more than just the physical plant. “It’s important for church members to build commitments and relationships too.”

Don’t miss a special service to dedicate LVPC’s newly restored exterior, Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m.☪

C E L E B R A T E !

JOY DOUGLAS
STROME



Webster's—celebrate: to honor as a holy day or feast day by solemn ceremonies or by refraining from ordinary business.

On October 23 at 4:00 we invite you to refrain from ordinary business and CELEBRATE with us the dedication of our new/old building. The historic renovation of John Welborn Root's only Presbyterian church will happen on that day as we rejoice at the completion of several years of planning and implementation. We are inviting our business neighbors, as many of the artisans who worked on our building as possible, and other members of the Presbytery of Chicago to be present with us as we thank them and God for an amazing year of construction for Lake View Presbyterian Church.

This special service will be an opportunity to refrain from ordinary business and concentrate on all that this renovation means to us and ultimately to our community in future years. We hope you can join us as we sing and pray and give thanks. I am drawn back to words that first inspired me when I came to Lake View as we ready ourselves for this event. These words were a part of the 50th anniversary of the church in 1934.

*I am the patience, the courage, the
sacrifice of a long past,*

*I am the energy, the faith, the loyalty of
a glorious present.*

*I am the devotion, the hope, the dream
of a limitless tomorrow.*

I am Lake View Presbyterian Church.

We have revisited these words many times in recent years because they never fail to remind us of the long history we join as members of Lake View today and the foundation we are building still for generations who are yet to come through our doors. Sixty-one years later, with a building ready to last another 111 years, we are poised once again to dream of a limitless tomorrow. Please join us on October 23 at 4:00 p.m. to celebrate!☞

M E E T J U L I E G R U B E R

BY ERIC
DIEKHANS



JULIE GRUBER

For Julie Gruber, LVPC's new seminary intern, the church has always been there. Growing up in west suburban Cleveland, her family attended Lakewood Presbyterian Church. "There were lots of families with young kids," Julie remembers. "I was confirmed there. I went to camp every summer. It was a big part of my life."

But it wasn't until she went away to the College of Wooster that she learned how important it was to have a church family. "During Freshman year I started to feel sick," she says. "After a week of testing I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The next thing I knew I was having surgery, then chemotherapy."

She spent the summer at home recovering. "My church family was really there. They were very supportive," she shares.

Julie says she never had the "Why me?" questions that many people ask when they suffer from a serious illness. Her main thought was, "I'm eighteen, what am I doing with cancer?"

While Julie says she was bored much of the summer, she continued to stay positive. "I learned to live more fully in the moment. I learned to appreciate where I'm at."

After finishing college, Julie wasn't sure what she wanted to do next. "I worked for a refugee resettlement center in North Carolina," she says. "I spoke at a lot of churches, and really enjoyed putting my faith into action." That's when she decided to go to seminary.

Julie chose McCormick because of its urban setting and its diversity. She also says she felt "very welcomed there." During orientation, the students visited churches all around the Chicago area. Julie was drawn to LVPC. "I thought Joy was amazing," she says, "and I was impressed by what the church was doing."

Julie looks forward to spending her year at LVPC "observing and learning." She is very interested in exploring the needs of a community very different from the one she grew up in. She'll be working with the Senior Site and Young Adult Bible Study as well as preaching several times during the year.

As for the future, Julie sees it as wide open. Having already encountered a few surprises on the way, she says she'll go "wherever I feel led."☞

WHO YOU KNOW



BY ERIC DIEKHANS

MATT SHULER

After visiting many neighborhood churches, Matt and Tina Shuler joined LVPC in the fall of 1999. As a member of the Session, Matt is Chair of the Stewardship and Finance Committee and recently retired as church treasurer. They have one son, Noah. The Shulers will be moving to Nashville at the end of the year.

Why Nashville?

Tina has a thing for country music and cowboy hats. No, seriously, I have taken a new job at my company's headquarters there.

What will you miss the most about Chicago?

There are so many things: Grant Park music festivals, LVPC, and the Chicago Fire soccer team...but I think it is fair to say the thing I will miss the most is the bike path along the lake.

What has been your greatest joy at LVPC?

Seeing the church grow and evolve. Just after Tina and I started attending, the interior sanctuary renovation began. At that time, we had one service, and maybe 50 people attending on folding chairs in the Fellowship Hall. Now we are almost done with a million dollar exterior renovation project, we regularly have over 125 in worship, and we have more programs and events than I can even count.

How did you and Tina meet?

Through a mutual friend at college.

Describe your most embarrassing moment as a parent?

During Noah's 1 month appointment, the doctor was giving him an exam, and when his diaper was off, Noah decided it was time to relieve himself—right on the doctor!

Tell us about your all-time favorite Halloween costume?

When I was much younger, my mother made me a dinosaur costume, complete with a tail.

What's your favorite breakfast food?

Absolutely, hands down—bacon, and not just for breakfast.☞

RUNNING ON EMPTY?

BY ERIC DIEKHANS

In our fast-paced world, it's often difficult to find time to slow down, even for a few minutes. That's why the LVPC Men's Retreat is so important.



LVPC MEN WORSHIP AT LAST YEAR'S RETREAT.

For one weekend, men from LVPC get the chance to relax, reflect, and rejuvenate, away from the responsibilities of work and family. This year's Men's Retreat takes place October 14-16 at the Presbytery's camp in Saugatuck, Michigan. Brooks Darrah, says that last year's retreat was "a great way to get away from my hectic schedule."

"The Presbyterian camp is gorgeous," he continues, "and I enjoy being out in nature while building bonds with other men in the church."

Other retreat alumni echo those sentiments. Wil Snodgrass remembers that when he first thought of signing up, he was afraid it would be a "man's man" weekend. "It turned out that everybody was laid back," he says. "One night after study everyone walked down to the dunes just to watch the sunset."

Not to say that there won't be some typical "male" activities. Paul Strome remarks that the most fun he had was when the "old guys" tried to scale the tall climbing wall at the camp. He didn't make it to the top, but it was still a great experience.

"The men got along well," Paul shares. "No fuss or concern."

The retreat also features "a good program and a great chance to talk," Paul adds.

There will be plenty of opportunities to do all this and more at this year's retreat. Men will gather at church on Friday to carpool to Michigan. They'll eat dinner at a restaurant in Saugatuck that evening, but all meals on Saturday as well as Sunday breakfast are provided.

Saturday morning will be a time for mediation and refection. That afternoon, men have a number of choices, including various recreational activities, shopping, or just relaxing and "recharging the batteries," as Brooks puts it.

Saturday night the men will come together again for dinner, reflection, and a campfire. The next morning, they'll share a biblical reflection and communion before heading back to Chicago.

The cost of the whole weekend is just \$90 to \$100 (the exact cost was not determined at press time). Participants should bring sheets, a pillowcase, a blanket or a sleeping bag, and a towel.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity for LVPC men. You can sign up in the back of the Sanctuary. To arrange carpooling, contact Jeff Glenn at (773) 248-6352.☞

CALENDAR



OCTOBER

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 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 at 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!

Family Walk—See October 1

*Food For Fun, Game Night—
See October 4*

*Food For Thought, Israel/Palestine: The
Conflict Continues—See October 11*

Men's Retreat—See October 14

Healthy Heart Tea Party—See October 15

*Affordable Housing Potluck—
See October 30*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

LVPC parents and kids will gather on the lakefront at 10:00 a.m. for a Family Walk to raise money for the Exterior Renovation Project. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also make a pledge to support the walkers. Contact Nancy Ziegelmuller at (773) 769-4007 for more information.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

Lake View Pantry food donations and Two Cents A Meal offerings will be taken at the morning worship services. Today is also World Communion Sunday and an opportunity to contribute to the Peacemaking Offering.

Welcome another crop of new members to LVPC at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.



TUESDAY OCTOBER 4

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.

Food For Fun is a new program designed to encourage community in the church through fun group activities. Tonight, come play new games and some old favorites with your LVPC friends! It all starts at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5

The Seniors gather for a special Midweek Movie at 12:30 p.m. Today's feature is *Forrest Gump*.

The Affordable Housing Taskforce meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

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

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7

It's fun for the under-five set at Playgroup beginning at 11:30 a.m. upstairs in the Mulford Room. Call the church office before you come.

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 OCTOBER 8

The More Light Taskforce meets at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

The Recorder Ensemble practices after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

National Coming Out Day is aimed at raising awareness of the gay community among the general populace in an effort to give a familiar face to the gay rights movement. In honor of the day, LVPC is hosting a special service sponsored by That All May Freely Serve. It begins at 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

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

The Fundraising Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See October 4 for details.

Food for Thought begins a new class on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, tonight at 7:00. Laurie Empen of the Middle East Task Force will explain the current situation and the Presbyterian Church's resolution on divestment, and discuss the "Road Map to Peace." Guest speakers from various organizations will join Laurie. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

The Seniors gather for a special Midweek Movie at 12:30 p.m. Today's feature is *Damn Yankees*.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

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

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14

The Playgroup meets at 11:30 a.m. See October 7 for details.

Monthly prayer meeting in the chapel at 12:00 noon.

Join the Men of LVPC as they head to Saugatuck, Michigan for the Annual Men's Retreat. It's a chance to share fun, fellowship, and devotion with men of all ages. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See October 7 for more information.

The whole church community is invited to join the youth from Café Pride for a program of gay-themed films called Out at the Movies. The show starts at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

The Men's Retreat continues today. See October 14 for details.

Don't miss the Healthy Heart Tea Party at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. All women and girls are invited to come for tea and hear about keeping our hearts healthy. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

The Men's Retreat continues today. See October 14 for details.

MONDAY OCTOBER 17

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

TUESDAY OCTOBER 18

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See October 4 for details.

Food for Thought continues with Israel/Palestine: The Conflict Continues. See October 11 for details.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19

The Seniors gather for a special Midweek Movie at 12:30 p.m. Today's feature is *National Treasure*.

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.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See October 7 for more information.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

The Recorder Ensemble practices after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Everyone is invited to a special service at

4:00 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the

Exterior Renovation Project. Let's thank

everyone who had a part in the beautiful

transformation of our church's façade!

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See October 5 for details.

Food for Thought continues with Israel/Palestine: The Conflict Continues. See October 11 for details.



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

The Seniors gather for a special Midweek Movie at 12:30 p.m. Today's feature is *Thin Man*.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

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

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See October 7 for more information.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

The Session meets at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

Today is Affordable Housing Sunday. After special worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., there will be a potluck featuring speakers from local shelters. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.☞

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY

- 10/2—Maggie Strome
- 10/6—Margaret Scott
- 10/7—Leigh-ann Demas
- 10/7—Ruth Pettigrew
- 10/12—Kim Reyes
- 10/12—Laurie Pepin
- 10/14—Amah Ayikoué
- 10/16—Rebecca Lewis
- 10/16—Stephen Elliott
- 10/17—George Reyes
- 10/19—Bob Hutchins
- 10/21—Amaya Reyes
- 10/24—Curt Espinosa
- 10/25—Doug Polignano
- 10/25—Willie Glispie
- 10/28—Maria Earman☞



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