

Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church  
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## Worship Schedule

10:00am Worship

11:00pm Fellowship

*Childcare for children up to 3 years old is available during the service.  
If you have any questions, please call the church office at 882-7909.*

## Important Dates to Remember

August 27th, 7:00pm – English School Registration

September 10th, 7:00pm – English School Classes Begin

September 26th – LOG & Youth Pool Party @ Pastor Nina's

September 30th, 10:00am – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday *Cool*

October 3rd, 5:30pm – Wednesday Night Dinners Resume



*“I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.”*

Philemon, 6

I have kept this passage from Paul’s letter to his friend, partner, and brother in Christ Philemon close to my heart during my summer internship at the Lawrence Road Church. Serving Christ with you has taught me how the fundamental Christian concepts are made visible to the world through the everyday work of a God-inspired community of believers.

I was critically aware of my history and culture, when I asked Pastor Nina for a placement in the drastically different congregational context. I had my doubts and fears that it would be difficult for me to interpret and communicate my message to people, who grew up outside of my social context of being born and raised in the former USSR and of being an Orthodox Christian. But the Christian friendship I have developed at the Lawrence Road dissipated all of my doubts and fears, because it revealed to me that there is only one spiritual reality – our Christian faith. We all share one God, one Eucharist, and one Christian life in which there is no too small or too inconsequential steps in serving God and God’s people. It was a blessing and an honor for me to witness and to participate with you in living out our faith and making it more relevant to the life of the multicultural neighborhood community.

I was encouraged by the guidance of my mentor, Pastor Nina, who revealed to me her erudition and professionalism through all dimensions of her pastoral work. I was inspired by the diverse talents of your gifted community of believers, who serve God and God’s people with love, compassion, and confidence. You revealed to me what it means to be “holy partners in the heavenly call,” who know how to see God in the ordinary and how to carry out without rest Christian mission.

The life of your congregation has been Spirit-filled and busy with many events, but the highlight of my involvement in the community programs was the Vacation Bible School, where I was exploring, with a group of charming five-year olds and my co-shepherd Megan, the spiritual ways in which people like Moses (or Disney movie characters like Moana) are chosen by God to be special for challenges, for community, and ultimately for God’s mission.

In all of his letters, the Apostle Paul discusses so honestly what it means to be the people of God and what it means to love. But out of all of his letters, my favorite one is Paul’s letter to Philemon not because it is the shortest one, but because there Paul teaches us that it is our inter-personal dynamics that shape us as the people of God for life.

On the very last LOG Wednesday night meeting with its apotheosis of Zumba dancing (fun to watch, but much more fun to break free in it!), one of the youths, Nehemiah, gave me his drawing of a beautiful creature swimming in the ocean of divine love and peace. May the sharing of your faith continue to be effective in all the good that you do for Christ! Thanks be to God for giving us the opportunity to experience God’s infinite and everlasting ocean of grace!

With love and gratitude,  
Inna Nikolyukin

**Pre-school and Elementary Sunday *Cool*  
Every Sunday  
during 10am worship  
beginning Sunday, September 30**

Calling all kids, preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Explore through art, music, story, and the magic of puppetry the many ways that God is at work in our lives.

Children will start in church with their families and then will move to Sunday *Cool* after the children's message. You will pick them up downstairs after church. Please bring your children and then stay to worship yourselves. We look forward to this exciting new way of sharing God's love with our kids.

**Mark your calendars—**

**Sunday *Cool* fun begins—September 30 during 10am worship**



**WEDNESDAYS@LAWRENCE ROAD**

a time for midweek spiritual renewal and fellowship.

Opportunities abound for children, teens and adults.

Please plan to take advantage of this chance to  
recharge your batteries,  
grow in your faith,  
and spend time with friends and family.

**HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL  
BEGINNING OCTOBER 3**

**Youth Fellowship/LOG**

**The English School Conversation Groups**

**Adult Seminar 6:45pm – 8pm**

**Community Fellowship Dinner 5:30pm – 6:30pm**

## **LOG High School Youth Fellowship**

We finished for summer break on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> with a very fun Game Night. After eating a delicious meal cooked by Pam, we participated in Michelle Marandola's high energy Zumba dance fundraiser for Bobbi Cass's son entitled "Turn It Up For Tyler". It was very successful, raising over \$300. Then we played games both inside and out, toasted marshmallows on the fire pit surrounded by tiki lamps and finished with Zombie Tag.

The plan to meet at Pastor Nina's for our summer pool party on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> was dashed by thunderstorms! We have rescheduled to Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> when we hope the weather will cooperate.

In early September the Adult Leaders will meet to plan the upcoming year of activities and fundraisers. Our Wednesday nights together at church will coincide with first Wednesday Nights at LRPC dinner. All high school age youth are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

We stay in touch with each other via our Facebook page, L.O.G.,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1075641299188868/> sharing prayer requests, wishing each other Happy Birthday, affirmations, post lots of pictures of our events, etc. Our Facebook page is a "Closed Group", however, if you are a high school youth or parent of one we encourage you to join us and see what we're doing, please let one of the adult leaders know.

**Danielle Allison, Sue Anderson, John Emmons, Pam Esbrandt, Amanda (Mandy) Canto, Debbie Nixon, and JoAnn Trevor.**



**TRAINING DATES:** We have two volunteer training dates scheduled this month. Choose one date!  
Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30pm – 8:30pm and Thursday, August 30 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
RSVP Paula: [info@theenglishschoolrpc.com](mailto:info@theenglishschoolrpc.com) by Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

### **VOLUNTEERING – HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?**

Please let us know if you would like to be a conversation leader or a tutor.

Conversation Night is every Wednesday from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. You do not need to attend every week.

Tutoring Night is every Thursday. We ask that you try to attend every Thursday evening to build rapport with your student(s). If you would like to tutor, please let us know the following:

If you would like to tutor 1 student or 2 students and what hour you would like to tutor:

6pm – 7pm, 7pm – 8pm, or 8pm – 9pm and if you have a preference for an ESL level (Basic, 1, 2, 3, or 4)

Please email Paula: [info@theenglishschoolrpc.com](mailto:info@theenglishschoolrpc.com) by Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

### **FALL BEGINNING DATES:**

First Night of Fall Classes: Monday, September 10

First Night of Conversation: Wednesday, September 12

First Night of Tutoring: Thursday, September 13



### Sanctuary Flowers

LRPC needs some Flower Power! If any of the dates below are meaningful to you, either as a memorial, or a celebration, please consider being a flower donor. The cost is \$30 for two bouquets. You decide what the dedication will say and the flowers will be in the church sanctuary for Sunday worship on the date donated with your dedication in the bulletin. Please contact Mary Loetscher at [Johnmary93@verizon.net](mailto:Johnmary93@verizon.net), or call **609-882-4390** if you are interested or if you have any questions.

The dates that are still open are: **September 9 and 23; October 7, 14, 21, and 28; December 2, 9, and 16**

Some people keep them, some donate one or both to the Deacons to take to our sick or homebound members, the choice is yours.

## Thank You Notes

Dear Pastor Nina and All the Great Helpers at Lawrence Road,

We want to give you our sincerest thanks for all of your wonderful time, talent, and energy devoted to VBS. Mason had a fabulous time learning, growing, and making new friends! We avidly look forward to participating again next year!

With Love,  
Mason and Rose



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 2 Kelsey Holt
- Sept. 3 Richard Miller
- Sept. 6 Brian Friedeborn  
Stephanie Gregg  
Jacquie Pillsbury
- Sept. 9 Cynthia Kandrak
- Sept. 10 Shirley Guenther
- Sept. 11 Brooke Carter Hsu
- Sept. 14 Ezekiel D'Ascoli  
Isabella D'Ascoli
- Sept. 15 Roger Leigh
- Sept. 17 Ryan Anderson
- Sept. 18 James Nagele
- Sept. 24 Amelia Baffuto  
John Murawski  
Ifeoma Ogbonnaya
- Sept. 25 Josefina Vasquez
- Sept. 28 Michelle DiTullio
- Sept. 29 Jayne DiBella





