

WELCOME SPRING TERM!

Friendship Family newsletter

As we trudge through the (we hope) last days of a snowy Wisconsin winter, our sights turn to what we hope will be an early and much-anticipated spring.

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the Lunar New Year celebration. You can see pictures of the event throughout the newsletter. We plan to move the time for this event next year from the evening to the afternoon to make it even more family friendly.

Lawrence International's premiere event, Cabaret, is set for the weekend of April 20-21. Cabaret is an occasion to celebrate life through music, dance, and cuisine from around the world. The theme for this year's student-coordinated extravaganza is "Uncover Secrets of the World." There will be two shows this year as we return to the newly-renovated Stansbury Theater in the Music-Drama Center. The Saturday night performance will start at 6:30. The Sunday afternoon performance will begin at 3:00. An

international dinner will follow the performance in the Somerset and Pusey rooms in the Warch Campus Center. The menu includes a variety of dishes from around the globe, making it an excellent opportunity to experience a world of flavors.

We will once again this year be able to offer Friendship Families reduced ticket prices. An email will be sent out at the start of the term with the ticket prices and how to reserve your tickets. Please keep in mind that it is best if Lawrence students purchase their own tickets, especially if they are planning to go to the dinner, because they need to use their student ID to purchase them. We hope to see you there! It promises to be an entertaining and delicious event!

Once again this year, LI is inviting Friendship Family children to participate in the Cabaret fashion show. The children would march on stage with Lawrence students. We have one Korean girl's dress and two Chinese girl's dresses

available, and children could also bring their own costumes. They can participate in the Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon, or both performances. If you are interested in participating, please send me an email and let me know in which performance(s) your children would be participating.

Our Friendship Family event for spring will be a tailgating event at Time Warner Stadium for a Timber Rattlers baseball game. A volunteer to my office Amanda Reitz, will be leading our organizational efforts. However we are looking for other volunteers to assist with planning. Amanda will be sending out more information about the event the event including times, costs, and how you can assist her in planning. The event will on Saturday, May 11th.

The last event of the year will be Farewell. Please see page 2 for all the details. ISS is also in the planning stages of having a small farewell reception following the com-

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Hang Out in the Winter



Friendship Family Program Event Schedule-Spring Term

- **Lawrence International Cabaret “Uncover the Secret of the World”** Stansbury Theatre, Saturday April 20, 6:30 p.m and Sunday April 21, 3:00 p.m. The Sunday show will be followed by an International Dinner at Somerset and Pusey rooms in the Warch Campus Center.
- **Exchange Students and Senior Class Farewell Ceremony** Sunday, June 2 ; Warch Campus Center Cinema, 1 pm, Farewell ceremony for exchange; Warch Campus Center Esch-Hurvis Room, 2pm, end-of-year farewell for the senior class, friendship families, and all other international students. Cake and refreshments will be provided.
- **Timber Rattlers Tailgate Party** Saturday , May 11. More information about this event will come out through email.

Lawrence University Academic Calendar

March 24	Tuesday	Residence halls open (9 a.m.)
March 25	Wednesday	First day of spring term classes
May 2-5	Thursday - Sunday	Midterm Reading Period
May 31	Friday	Last Day of Winter Term Classes
June 1-2	Saturday - Sunday	Final Reading Period
June 3-5	Monday - Wednesday	Final Examinations
June 6	Thursday	Residence Halls Close for underclassmen at noon
June 9	Sunday	Commencement
June 9	Sunday	Residence Halls Close for seniors at 6 p.m.

Lawrence University Winter Athletic Home Schedule

Men’s Tennis

Feb. 8	Edgewood	4:00 pm
Feb. 22	UW-La Crosse	6:00 pm
Feb. 23	UW-Eau Claire	9:00 am
Mar. 23	Monmouth (time TBD)	TBD
Mar. 30	Knox	10:00 am
Apr. 14	Dominican	10:00 am
Apr. 17	Ripon	3:30 pm
Apr. 21	St. Norbert	12:00 pm

Baseball

Mar. 16	vs. Lakeland (JV)	4:00 pm
Mar. 21	vs. Otterbein (JV)	1:00 pm
Mar. 30	UW-Fox Valley (JV)	1:00 pm
Apr. 7	Ripon (DH)	1:00 pm
Apr. 8	Marian (JV)	4:00 pm
Apr. 14	Beloit (DH)	1:00 pm
Apr. 20	St. Norbert (DH)	12:00 pm
Apr. 24	Northland (DH)	1:00 pm
Apr. 27	Knox (DH)	11:00 am
Apr. 30	Marian (DH)	1:00 pm
May. 4	Carroll (DH)	1:00 pm

Softball

Apr. 3	Mount Mary (DH)	3:00 pm
Apr. 7	at Rockford (DH)	1:00 pm
Apr. 23	St. Norbert (DH)	3:00 pm
Apr. 27	Carroll (DH)	1:00 pm
Apr. 30	Wisconsin Lutheran (DH)	3:00 pm

Lawrence University Music and Theatre Arts Events

- April 12 Lawrence Artist Series presents: Jupiter String Quartet; Memorial Chapel, 8pm; The Jupiter String Quartet is rising to the top of the substantial heap of exciting young American string quartets. Tickets: \$22/20 Adult; \$19/17 seniors; \$17/15 student; \$ 17/15 for LU students, faculty and staff
- April 19 Lawrence Symphony Orchestra and Choirs Concert: *War Requiem*, op. 66; Memorial Chapel, 8pm

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- April 20 Lawrence Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Concert: Memorial Chapel, 8pm
- April 26 Lawrence Artist Series presents: Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet; Memorial Chapel, 8pm; The Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet continues to astonish audiences worldwide with its range of expression, tonal spectrum and conceptual unity. Tickets: \$22/20 Adult; \$19/17 Seniors; \$17/15 student; \$17/15 for LU students, faculty and staff
- May 10 Lawrence Jazz Series presents: Gretchen Parlat; Memorial Chapel, 8 pm. Gretchen Parlato was named No. 1 rising star female vocalist in DownBeat Magazine's Annual Critics Poll following the release of her 2011 CD "The Lost and Found". Tickets: \$22/20 Adult; \$19/17 Seniors; \$17/15 student; \$17/15 for LU students, faculty and staff
- May 12 American Guild of Organists (AGO) Concert: Memorial Chapel, 7:30pm
- May 16 Opera Scenes: Excerpts from the world's great operas sung in their original language; Music-Drama Center, Stransbury Theatre, 8 pm to 10 pm
- May 18 Lawrence Wind Ensemble Concert: Memorial Chapel, 8pm
- May 19 Lawrence University Percussion Ensemble Concert; Memorial Chapel, 3pm
- May 19 Gamelan Concert: Memorial Chapel, 5pm
- May 19 Improvisation Group of Lawrence Univeristy Concert: Memorial Chapel, 8pm
- May 24 Lawrence University Concert Choir, Cantala and Viking Chorale Concert: Memorial Chapel, 8pm
- May 25 Lawrence Symphony Orchestra Concert: Memorial Chapel, 8pm
- May 26 Lawrence Symphonic Band Concert: Memorial Chapel, 3pm
- May 31 Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble (LUJE) Concert: Memorial Chapel, 8pm

Student and Family Activity Suggestions

Timber Rattlers Baseball Family Entertainment: Fox Cities Stadium

From autographs and fireworks to buck nights and themed events, there's something for all ages. For a complete list of promotions and details on their website: <http://www.timberrattler.com/>

Mayhem in the Mud Heckrodt Wetland Reserve 4/13 noon– 1:30 pm

Be a Mud Builder, Chef, Artist and Biologist. By the time you are done with this medley of mud, you'll be covered from head to toe. Fee: \$5/child, advanced registration required. Website: <http://heckrodtwetland.org/>

Sturgeon Spawning Watch at Wolf River Sturgeon Trail, New London, Wisconsin

Anytime between late March through early May you can view sturgeon up to 6 feet long from the trail during spawning. This incredible sight only lasts for a couple of days after the water temperature reaches around 53 degrees. Website: <http://www.newlondontourism.com/sturgeontrail.htm>

Fox Cities Book Festival at multiple locations around the Fox Cities 4/17-4/24

The Fox Cities Book Festival will be a celebration connecting writers and readers at several locations in the Fox Cities. Website: <http://www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org/>

Memorial Day Parade at Downtown Appleton 5/27 9-11 am

An annual tribute to those area men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the military for the United States of America. The parade is followed by a ceremony at the Riverside Cemetery on Owaissa

Free Fishing Day at Jefferson Park 6/1

Supply bait, rods and reels if needed. Fun activities and free food. Website: <http://heckrodtwetland.org/>

Chocolate Fest at Commercial Club Park 6/1 7am-10pm

Family festival featuring chocolate, the Tour de Chocolate bike ride, family entertainment and fireworks. Website: <http://www.foxwestchamber.com/>

Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival at Doyle Park Little Chute 5/31-6/2

Free cheese tasting, cheese carving demo, Big Cheese Breakfast & Parade, Cheesecake Contest, music, children activities, carnival rides and fireworks. Website: <http://www.littlechutewi.org>

Appleton Flag Day Parade at Downtown Appleton 6/8 2 pm

The Annual Appleton Flag Day Parade. The event runs about two hours and is recognized as the oldest Flag Day Parade in the nation. Website: <http://www.appletondowntown.org>

Festivals Around the World

Midsummer in Sweden: the Brightest Days of the Year



Midsummer is an ancient holiday celebrated in the second part of June every year. It is celebrated all over Europe, but especially in the Scandinavian countries. It is one of the biggest holidays in Sweden, in company with Christmas and Easter. Midsummer was originally a non-religious tradition taking place during the summer solstice. Ever since Christianity came to Sweden, the day has been a red letter day, attached to Saint John the Baptist's birth. Today, however, rather than viewing Midsummer as a religious holiday, we see it as a celebration to the summer, after the long, cold and dark winter. Midsummer is celebrated on the Friday between the 20th and 26th of June, one of the brightest days of the year. The night is short, just a few hours and in the very north of Sweden, north of the Arctic Circle, the sun is above the horizon day and night.

Traditionally, we raise a pole covered with birch sprigs and flowers on a field. Collecting flowers and dressing the maypole are part of the celebration, and children, women, and sometimes also men, wear a wreath on their head that they made of meadow flowers such as cornflower, poppy and oxeye daisies. When all flowers are collected and the maypole is raised we dance and play around the pole while we sing traditional songs.

Food plays a significant role in every major holiday in Sweden. The traditional midsummer meal is very important and though all families do not raise a maypole anymore, practically everyone eats the midsummer food. The meal consists of salty and sweet pickled herring, fresh potatoes boiled with dill, sour cream, chive and crisp bread. Midsummer is also closely associated with drinking and drinking songs, and a lot of schnapps and beer are consumed. We eat strawberries with cream or milk for dessert.

Midsummer is a legendary and informal holiday. Myths used to be important during midsummer and many people believed that if they followed certain rituals they would be able to see their future spouses in their dreams or become more fertile. Very few Swedes believe in legends today and see the holiday as a celebration to summer and nature. Swedes leave the cities for the more rural and natural areas and celebrate in nature with friends and relatives, playing, eating and partying outside. We are happy because we know that the summer has come and that we have a couple of months to enjoy the warmer and brighter days and nights before the winter is back again.

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Pictures from Lunar New Year Celebration



**Washington Chu
Shan Chinese Opera
Group**



**Hmong
Dances**

Korean Ensemble



Vietnamese Bamboo Dances



**Photo Booth
with Traditional
Costumes**



Chinese Calligraphy and Tea Tasting



LI Fishing Game

