



February 2018

Gethsemane GEMS

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Sunday Worship:

8:00am Traditional

**9:30am Adult Sunday
Bible Study**

10:30am Contemporary

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Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

February is often considered a lull in activities. Sure, you have Valentines Day and even the SuperBowl but it seems that not much else occurs during this month. That is why it is also known as Awards month in the entertainment business. We long for the days to grow long and the sun to return bringing vitality and life to our day.

Much could be said about the church life. It can feel like we are in a lull, the doldrums...status quo. As we enter Ash Wednesday and the Lent season leading up to Holy Week and Easter, we experience a sense of death and rebirth. Lent teaches about the sorrow of our sin but there is indeed light at the end with Easter proclaiming Christ's Victory!

We are Easter people even now. During this time of doldrums, God is calling us to live like Easter people, people victorious over sin, death, and the devil. Let us be joyful now in this cultural lull of life. Let us burst forth with vitality and song breaking the status quo.

My question for you and I to explore is this: How can we be joyful every day? How do we share that joy?

It could be smiling more or taking special moments in your day to enjoy God's blessings. It's time for us to break the wintry waning and live eagerly as Easter people.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan

Vision Team News

Thank you all for sharing what makes Gethsemane home for you. The information we received is important to our process as we look at what makes Gethsemane unique.

There will be further opportunities to engage with the vision process. The vision process which we are going through is important and critical to the future of our church. In end we will have created a road map for growing people to be disciples; a clear set of values held by this church; a simple and active mission mandate; and a list of measures to help us succeed. All of these will guide our vision for the future of Gethsemane.

We are using Simple Church and Church Unique as our guiding books. Gethsemane in the past has had two Transition Teams (latest 2015) and more recently used Simple Church as a ministry tool (2016). But in those years much has changed in our church and community. The Vision Team will be making use of the work done by those teams so that we don't have to work to find the same information that was found previously.

For the sake of transparency from the team to the congregation, Pastor Oakes will be writing up a bi-weekly report and sharing of information of the vision team. These reports, intended to be similar to FDR's fire-side chats, will let the congregation know what is occurring and how they can be involved. Look for them soon.

In Christ,

Vision Team

Gethsemane Gala-Up!

by Gethsemane
Lutheran School Parent Teacher Partnership

Yee-Haw! The Gethsemane Gala-Up is coming up soon!

March 16, 2019
6:00pm—9:00pm Saturday
Al Lesser Building at Riverdale Regional Park
9755 Henderson Rd, Brighton, CO 80601



There will be all you can eat BBQ, silent auction, and music. Please wear your best western attire. Jeans, hats, and boots are all encouraged.

All proceeds will go to the Gethsemane School Fund which provides financial support to classrooms, student activities, technology, and athletics

Click [here](#) to purchase tickets and read more information about this awesome event and biggest fundraiser of the year!

Tickets can also be purchased at the school front desk. Purchase a whole table that seats 8 and you save \$25!

There is a sign up sheet in the school lobby for Kid's Night In during the Gala. Please sign up so that we know how many kiddos to plan for. Thanks!



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN (OGT)

Christmas Boxes.

These amazing Christmas boxes had a very small beginning as they were made by Orphan Grain Train office staff in a Thrivent Action team event in 2017. The Christmas boxes were shipped along with humanitarian aid to Rainbow Network in Managua, Nicaragua and shared with families in need of gifts for their children.

In 2018 there was a Merry Christmas celebration from Orphan Grain Train to children in Nicaragua! Georgina and Ricardo are with Lutheran Hour Ministries in Nicaragua and they had the Christmas celebration for the children in their feeding program. They were able to share OGT Christmas boxes and have a pinata for the children that live in poverty and families have very little to put toward presents.

In the past the Dorcas Guild has generously supported Franklin Graham's Samaritans Shoebox project at Christmas time. In January the Dorcas Guild voted to support the Orphan Grain Train Christmas Gift boxes. **The Guild is inviting the congregation to participate in the monthly gathering of items for the Christmas boxes. Beginning in February, and each month thereafter, different items for the Christmas Gift boxes will be collected. Please place the items in the box designated for OGT Christmas Gift Box items which is located on the lower level hallway. The boxes will be categorized for "boy" or "girl" with items appropriate for either age 2 –7 or 8 – 12. We are collecting coloring books and crayons (24 count box).**

In the fall the Dorcas Guild will assemble the Christmas Gift boxes. They will be sent to OGT home office in Norfolk, NE. for distribution internationally to recipients who will deliver them to children that may not receive any other Christmas package.

To Do:

- Buy coloring books and crayons (24 count box) and place in the OGT box in the lower level hallway.

<https://www.ogt.org/special-projects/christmas-gift-box-project/>

Orphan Grain Train †

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ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR ACTIVE ADULTS**FEBRUARY 9, 2019****Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain District Active Adult Ministry Committee****THEME: "Enhancing One's Quality of Life"**

A one day seminar sponsored by the Active Adult Ministry Committee of the Rocky Mountain District/LCMS will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80214 on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Registration and continental breakfast are at 9:00 am, and the first of the presenters will begin at 9:30 am. Please mark the date and register early using the form provided on the last page. Your registration fee of only \$20 covers continental breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks, and three speakers (four topics).

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE and SHARING THE NEVER-CHANGING GOOD NEWS: Our featured speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael A. L. Eckelkamp will speak on two topics:

- **"Change is Inevitable - Except from a Vending Machine."** Being in the mission of God requires that we are open to change, even if that change is difficult. In fact, major changes are almost always messy, anxiety building, conflict creating, troublesome, chaotic and nerve-wracking! No wonder most people prefer the status quo.

- **"Sharing the Never-Changing Good News in an Ever Changing World."** In this de-churched generation the need for faith remains the same! The way we have historically shared our faith is bearing little fruit. We must never change the Gospel, but we must be ever changing in the way that we reach out to those who do not know God's grace. Our Good Father brought many of us to faith through meaningful relationships in our lives. We learned the gift of Jesus in the context of connection and care. Times have changed – but the need to enter into the lives of others has not!

SLIP, TRIP, AND FALL, NO MORE! YES, FALL PREVENTION: Joan DePuy, Trauma Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator at Boulder Community Health (BCH). Joan can be found throughout Boulder County building relationships with seniors by teaching fall prevention techniques, and also meeting with teachers, and students to elevate safety and injury prevention through concussion, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and spine awareness.

THE ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN (OGT) STORY: The story will be told by Dick and Sandra Eichacker. They are members of Peace Lutheran Church in Arvada. OGT recently celebrated its 26th birthday. During this OGT hour, each of us will pack a Hygiene Kit for disaster relief. All materials will be purchased before the seminar using registration and Thrivent Action Team funds.

(If you have questions, call Harriet at hoehlikers@comcast.net or 720-408-9380; or Bob Mohling at bmohling@comcast.net or 303-499-2333)

GETHSEMANE SENIOR CLUB NEWS *by Lillian Frey*

Gethsemane Senior Club meets at 12 o'clock noon for a potluck meal and entertainment on the first Thursday of every month. The programs consist of music, speakers, DVD's, white elephant bingo etc. You may join AARP at 50 years of age and it is the same for Senior Club. Those attending are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors, one dish for the potluck and your own plate and tableware. We will enjoy fun, food and fellowship.

On February 7th our speaker will be Helmut Retzer. The Senior Club is familiar with Helmut as he has entertained us before. He is a member of the American Dahlia Society and spoke the first time in 2016 when he gave his dahlia presentation. He is an avid bird watcher and showed us pictures of his trip to Nicaragua in 2018. He spent two months in Alaska with a friend in 2016. Now we will get to hear about Alaskan bears. We are anxiously waiting for the February meeting. The host and hostess will be Bill and Jan Kandt.

Colleen Oakes will be our speaker on March 7th. Colleen is a successful author with a number of books. She will soon have another book released. Colleen will enlighten us with details and happenings that an author encounters and the type of audience she reaches. Elsa Wohlford will be the hostess.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism....Eph. 4:5

Live Well

Love Much

Laugh Often

DORCAS GUILD *by Pat Gray*

DORCAS GUILD has plans for the coming months. As you know, we try to do things for the community at large. We are taking on a project to help women in need of hygiene items for their self-respect. At our January 16th meeting, we discussed the Orphan Grain Train project "Dignity for Girls", which will include sewing and combining sanitary kits. This will be discussed further at our February 20th meeting. If you sew and would like to be included, please come to our meeting. We will be given information on, and instructions of how to put the items together. All ladies in the congregation are already members, so please plan on coming and take part in this needed project.

We also discussed the new Orphan Grain Train "Joy Christmas Boxes" to replace Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes as a project for Dorcas Guild.

New business included writing detailed procedures for how we do our various jobs to make it easier for the person's who take over our jobs when our terms expire.

To begin the Easter season, the Dorcas Ash Wednesday Soup Supper will be March 6th. Please put this date in your calendar. Soup will be served from 5:15 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday services will be promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Finally, the names of our "Secret Sisters" will be revealed. Please bring your gifts for them and sign the card advising your Secret Sister of your identity.

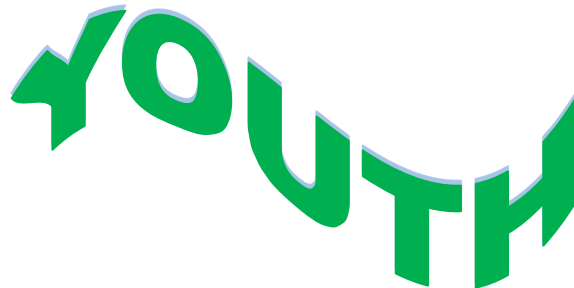
CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on Thursday, February 21st starting at 7:00pm at church. If you have any comments, kudos, questions or concerns, please let us know. You can also attend at the beginning of the meeting and address any of the Officers or Chairs of the various Boards and Committees.

OPEN POSITION—The Treasurer position is open. If you would like to serve the Lord and Gethsemane as our Treasure, please contact a Council member or Pastor Oakes.

The Finance Committee addresses our budget and financial obligations and processes. If you would like to participate on the committee, please contact Bill Owens, Brenda Beebe or Pastor Oakes.

For more information, please contact Tracey Maruyama (Chair), Pastor Ryan or the church office.



MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

The youth group will be selling **Valentine's chocolates** after each service on the 3rd and the 10th. Various flavors will be available for either \$1.00 or \$2.00 (2 different sizes).

Senior High will meet on Sunday 2/17 at 11:30 at Starbucks.

Middle School will meet on Thursday 2/28 at 6:30 in the basement.

If you have any questions or if you need any information, please feel free to contact me at anita.burnham@gmail.com or 303.803.5418.

school gems



Register for 2019-2020 school year!

Registration is open for next school year and we hope to see all of our Gladiators continue to learn and grown here at GLS! Register by March 1 and \$50/child will be taken off of registration fees.

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Gala Babysitting

One of the many reasons the Gethsemane Gala-up! is awesome is because we offer babysitting so that our parents can have fun! We are looking for some helpers with babysitting on the night of the Gala, March 16. Please let Mrs. Folkmann, Mrs. Williams, or Mrs. Mullet know if you are willing to help with babysitting. Thank you!



Lifetree Day Camps

GLCS is excited to partner with Group Publishing as a host site for their Lifetree Day Camps! Click [here](#) to visit their website to learn how to register for the summer!

Lifetree also has job openings if you are interested in working for their camps over the summer. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Lifetree is also looking for parent advocates to help spread the word about their day camps. In return, the parent will receive 2 FREE weeks of camp! More information? Go to the [website](#)

PTP News

The next PTP meeting is Thursday, February 14 at 6:00pm. We will be discussing the Gala as well as other events that happen for the remainder of the school year.

There is a sign up sheet in the school lobby on the announcement board for items for Banana Splits at the end of February. Please consider donating an item or two!





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CALENDAR (Note: events, dates and times may be subject to change)

Adult Sunday Bible Study. Class at 9:30am Sunday in the church fellowship hall. Led by Pastor Oakes entitled, "How to Read the Bible." Everyone is invited to attend.

Saturday, February 2: Easter Seals, 8:00am-5:00pm

Wednesday, February 6: Confirmation Class, 6:00pm
Board of Elders meeting, 7:00pm

Thursday, February 7: Senior Club (50 and older), 12:00pm noon
Step Study, 6:30pm

Friday, February 8: Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament, 4:00-7:00pm
Shepherd of the Hills, Littleton

Saturday, February 9: Board of Trustees meeting, 8:00am
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament, 8:00am
Shepherd of the Hills, Littleton
SOAR Active Adult Seminar, 9:00am, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Wednesday, February 13: Adult Bible Study, 9:00am. Meets every 2nd and 4th
Confirmation Class, 6:00pm.

Thursday, February 14: Book Study, 9:00am
School PTP, 6:00pm
Step Study, 6:30pm

Sunday, February 17: Senior Youth meeting at Starbucks (103rd and Grant), 11:30am

Monday, February 18: No School, President's Day

Wednesday, February 20: Dorcas Guild, 9:00am
Confirmation Class, 6:00pm.

Thursday, February 21: Family Night Out—Perkins
Board of Education, 5:30pm
Step Study, 6:30pm
Church Council monthly meeting, 7:00pm

Saturday, February 23: Board of Trustees meeting, 8:00am

Wednesday, February 27: Adult Bible Study, 9:00am. Meets every 2nd and 4th

Thursday, February 28: Middle School Youth Group, 6:30pm
Step Study, 6:30pm