



November 2018

Gethsemane GEMS

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Sunday Worship:

8:00am Traditional

10:30am Contemporary

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Won’t you be my neighbor?” That famous line from Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood has resonated with me from the first time I heard it as a child. He taught myself and others not only about the things of this world but, how to be neighborly. “Won’t you be my neighbor” was much more than a simple invitation. It was a way of loving people through differences in class, race, education and religion.

We often think of neighbors as simply the people next door to you. I would like to refine that definition to “the network of people to which you have regular access”. These include your immediate neighbors, but also your co-workers, family members, and friends. There are many spheres of people that we navigate in and through every day: our favorite restaurants, bar or coffee shop. Our coworkers. Our family and their friends. A book club or sports team that you are a part of. These people are our neighbors and that “sphere” is our neighborhood.

These “neighborhoods” are important because God has called us to serve others and himself through those relationships. If we want to join Jesus on his mission to proclaim the Good News; then the best place to start is in your “neighborhood”. This month I want you to think about your neighborhoods. Do you have a relationship with the people in your neighborhood? Can you improve those relationships? Who is in those neighborhoods? How can you be neighborly to the people there?

If you need a good starting place, look at Mr. Rodgers as a human example: genuine kindness goes a long way.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan

DORCAS GUILD *by Pat Gray*

The Annual Bazaar and Pulled Pork Supper will be held Wednesday, November 7. We are looking for donations of food items, homemade crafts, books, cards, second time around items. No clothing or furniture, please. Bazaar and bake tables will be from 2:00p—7:00pm. Supper will be from 5:00-7:00pm. Please let your friends know about this event. We are expecting a good time and many satisfied customers. Free Will Donations will be taken at the Supper. The proceeds are divided up between Missions, LWML Convention Fund, and Dorcas Guild

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

The school will sponsor a breakfast on Monday, November 12 at 8:30am for all veterans of Gethsemane. Please attend the breakfast and share stories/memories with the students along with memorabilia to show. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex so we can make plans for the number of people to serve. We hope you will join us for this special day.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN (OGT)

We continue to collect items here are Gethsemane. We always appreciate the many items that are collected at Gethsemane. If you have large items, contact Loyal Koertje (303-451-0692) or Paul Winters, (303-452-2874). Thank you to everyone who helps support OGT.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Each fall Gethsemane participates in Operation Christmas Child where shoebox gifts are packed to bless children in need around the world. Please return your filled shoeboxes to the church by November 8th.

Thank you for participating in this ministry.

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 November 1st the Senior Club program will be a Lutheran Hour Ministries DVD entitled "We the Church: The Priesthood of All Believers". It traces the history of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, from immigrant communities of German Lutherans to a mainline denomination more than 6,000 congregations strong. The DVD was released in 2017 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the 100th anniversary of the International Lutheran Laymens League/Lutheran Hour Ministries. The Hostesses will be Dorothy Acklan and Shirley Krug.

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

Live Well

Love Much

Laugh Often

WEBSITE TEAM

Our website is in need of redevelopment. We need a team of volunteers who are savvy with visuals and communication skills. You do not need to have any technical skills for this project. We will be reviewing ways to redo our website and maximize our online presence. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ryan.

VISION TEAM

The Simple Church Team has renamed and restructured to the "Vision Team." We have included the ideas of Simple Church and added some important components, such as, developing a new vision and mission; defining metrics and outcomes to track and understand what our impacts are of our church and ministries; and to coordinate efforts of our church and school.

For more information or to join the Vision Team, please contact Pastor Ryan or the church office.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving Service this year will be observed on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00pm. Following the service, there will be social time with pie and coffee. For planning purposes, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for you to sign if you are planning to attend.



MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Upcoming dates for Middle School and Senior High Youth ---more info will be posted on our Facebook page which will include addresses and sign up sheets. If you need to be added to page, please contact anita.burnham@gmail.com and include the email account that's associated with your Facebook page.

Senior High Youth Group meets the 3rd Sunday after the late service at Starbucks off of 104th and Grant in the Home Depot Shopping Center.

Middle School Youth meets in the church basement from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

No Middle School Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

December Dates:

Our annual caroling and Christmas party is on December 15, time and place to be announced.

You can email Anita at anita.burnham@gmail.com for more information.

2018/2019 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

Tracey Maruyama
Chairperson

AriAnne Gilliland
Vice Chairperson

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Jane Mynard
Board of Parish Education

Stacy Folkmann
Director/Teacher, Montessori
Early Learning Center, Principal

Ryan Oakes
Pastor

Finance Committee

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.

WAYS TO CONTACT COUNCIL:

- ◆ Contact Tracey Maruyama through the church office
- ◆ Attend a Church Council meeting
- ◆ Talk to any Council member
- ◆ Email church@glutheran.com
- ◆ Place a note in one of the designated Church Council mail boxes in the Narthex
- ◆ Contact your Elder

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Church Council currently meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at Gethsemane. The next few months are:

- November 15th
- December 20th
- January 17th
- February 21st
- March 21st
- April 18th
- May 16th
- June 20th
- July 18th
- August 15th
- September 19th
- October 17th

ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual meeting on Sunday, November 4th at 9:30am.

Boards, Committees and Groups will present about the work they have accomplished over the past year and their plans for the upcoming year. Also hear about the strategic direction and implementation plan for the future of Gethsemane Lutheran Church and School. Please plan to attend.

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PTP

The next PTP meeting is Thursday, November 8 at 6:00pm. We would love to see some new faces to help us prepare and plan for events like the Spaghetti Dinner, Thanksgiving Feast, Penguin Patch, and Gethsemane Gala (just to name a few :).

SPAGHETTI DINNER

It's time for PTP's annual Spaghetti Dinner! Come on down to the church basement on Friday, November 9, from 5:30-7:30, and enjoy a yummy spaghetti dinner, fellowship, and shopping at the book fair!

Please RSVP in the school lobby so that the PTP can prepare accordingly. We are in need of volunteers to help set up, cook and serve the food, and clean up. Please sign up in the school lobby.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Thanksgiving Feast!

The annual GLS Thanksgiving Feast is on Friday, November 16, starting at 11:00am. Please sign up in the school lobby to help cook and serve the food to our Gladiators on this day.

Reminder: November 16 is an 1:00pm dismissal for all students. There is no aftercare on this day.



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CALENDAR

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.

Thursday, November 1: Senior Club (50 and older) at 12:00pm noon
Celebrate Recovery meeting at 6:30pm

Friday, November 2: Youth Group Lock-In at 6:00pm-12:00am midnight

Saturday, November 3: Easter Seals, 8:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, November 4: Annual Voter's Meeting, 9:30

Wednesday, November 7: Dorcas Bazaar, 2:00-7:00pm
Dorcas Soup Supper, 5:00-7:00pm
Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30
Board of Elders monthly meeting at 7:00pm

Thursday, November 8: Book Study at 9:00am
PTP at 6:00pm
Celebrate Recovery meeting at 6:30pm

Friday, November 9: Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday, November 10: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:00am

Wednesday, November 14: Adult Bible Study at 9:00am. Meets every 2nd and 4th
Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30.

Thursday, November 15: Board of Elders monthly meeting at 5:30pm
Celebrate Recovery meeting at 6:30pm
Church Council monthly meeting at 7:00pm

Friday, November 16: GLS early dismissal, 1:00pm

Sunday, November 18: Senior High Youth Group meet at Starbucks on Grant and 104th

Monday, November 19: Shut in study, 1:30pm

Thursday, November 21: Thanksgiving Service, 7:00pm

Saturday, November 24: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30am.

Thursday, November 29: Celebrate Recovery meeting at 6:30pm

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