



October 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,

Did you know that Jesus is on a mission? He is on a mission to restore fallen creation to the Kingdom of God. His mission continues in the past, present and future. Locally, Jesus is on the move even in our country, city, and neighborhood.

If we read the news, it may not seem like Jesus is on a mission or even that the Holy Spirit is working in peoples' lives. According to recent polls, 23% of Americans are classified as "none's" religiously; meaning they either identify as atheistic/agnostic or their religion is "nothing in particular". One in four Americans have no religious affiliation. They may believe in Jesus, but they do not attend church. 35% of Millennials (those born from 1981 to 1996) identify as "nones". In fact, even 17% of Baby Boomers identify as "nones". Even Northglenn, which boasts a great number of churches, has a significant number of people in the "nones" category. The most populous age group living in Northglenn is 25-29. This means that our surrounding community is mainly populated by young people and young families, many of whom identify as "none".

These numbers can be disheartening, as they mean that any church that desires to reach others with the Gospel message faces an uphill battle. The culture no longer reflects the church and that is an enormous change from 50 years ago.

But the good news is that these people are not "nones" to Jesus. Gethsemane is in a wonderfully dynamic position to reach people with the gospel. So while the "nones" are on the rise, so is a great need to hear the love, grace, and mercy of Jesus Christ. The mission of spreading Jesus's love for others has never been more needed. Jesus knows this. The Holy Spirit knows this. But do you know this?

Jesus's mission is already here in Northglenn, leading people to himself.

How can we join with him? At Gethsemane will be exploring these questions in the months to come asking: how can we reach the "nones" with God's love?

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan

DORCAS GUILD *by Pat Gray*

October 7th is LWML Sunday. This year, we will be asking for free-will door offerings toward the good work we do here at Gethsemane and in the Rocky Mountain Region, as well as with Lutheran Missionaries over the world. Also, you will find a questionnaire in your bulletin asking for several things. First, we are asking all women members who are able, to join the DORCAS Guild. We meet each 3rd Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you are looking for ways to serve God in your community, this is a great way to do so. Second, for those women who cannot attend these meetings, we need your gifts of time and talent. When we have special events, like funerals, celebrations, etc., the ladies can use your help by providing food (i.e., baked goods and salads). Spreading the love is important.

We are asking men of the congregation who are able, to assist us in setting up and taking down tables and chairs. This is important for especially large groups, where the DORCAS ladies have been left with providing most of these duties, as we also set up and serve and clean up for these events (as well as the sometimes burden of putting away the tables and chairs). Many of us are getting rather elderly, and no longer able to do the heavier work. So, please fill out the questionnaire, giving us your name, phone number and talents you would like to share. Place these completed questionnaires in the Dorcas Guild mailbox, in my mailbox (Pat Gray), or turn in at the table set up in the lobby where we are displaying examples of the various groups we help support.

SIMPLE CHURCH **VISION TEAM**

The Simple Church Team will rename and restructure to the "Vision Team." The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, from 9:00am-11:00am at church.

Several years ago, the Transition Team 2, led by Pastor Timm, determined the Simple Church process will be our foundation and blueprint for our ministries moving forward. This process is based on the book, Simple Church by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger. Simple Churches thrive by taking four ideas to heart: Clarity. Movement. Alignment. Focus.

The members of Gethsemane voted in the Simple Church process and to move forward with this blueprint. A Simple Church Team was formed and work began. Pastor Timm then took a call to New Jersey and we decided to pause the efforts until we installed a new Pastor.

With the leadership of our installed Pastor, Pastor Oakes, we are now ready to un-pause our efforts and proceed forward.

We have decided to rename and restructure the Simple Church Team. The new name is the Vision Team. We will also expand the number of team members as we are looking for 3 to 4 more church members to join in addition to an Elder and a representative from the school.

We will include the ideas of Simple Church and add 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 coordinate efforts of our church and school.

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

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.

We will be hosting the Yesteryear Singers from the Thornton Senior Center on October 4th. Pat McIntyre is the director. This group sings at nursing homes and other community organizations. There is no charge as we feed them lunch. They have sung for us in the past and they like to come to Gethsemane as much as we enjoy having them. We have asked the Senior Club from Redeemer Lutheran Church Denver to meet with us as their monthly meeting is also on the first Thursday of the month and we need a nice group for the Yesteryear Singers to entertain. There will be many extra mouths to feed so please bring two dishes to the October meeting. We have done this in the past and it has worked out very well. I also strongly suggest that you consider bringing a guest. The hostesses will be Lila Helmkamp and Suetta Mitchell.

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

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN (OGT)

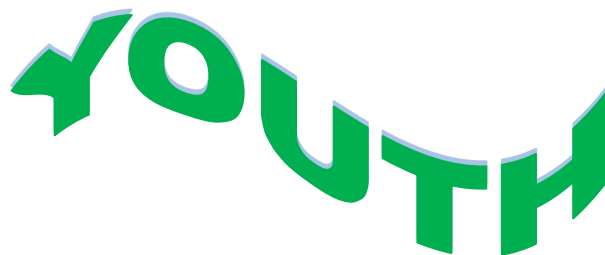
We continue to collect items here are Gethsemane. We always appreciate the many items that are collected at Gethsemane. If you have large items, contact Loyal Koertje (303-451-0692) or Paul Winters, (303-452-2874). Thank you to everyone who helps support OGT.



ROOF REPAIR FUNDRAISING—WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!!

We have reached our goal of \$20,000! Thank you all for your support! Any funds raised above the \$20,000 mark will go to update and maintain our facility. Praise be to God!

Thank you to our members who served on and provided support to this committee: Co-Chairs Cindy Devillier and Chris Fay, Laurie Davidson, Skip Krueger, and Pastor Oakes.

**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.

The youth will be selling breakfast burritos after each of the services on Sunday, October 14th. The cost is \$3.00 and you can choose between bacon and sausage. Please save your appetite and come support your youth!!

Senior High youth will be meeting after the service on Sunday, October 21st at the Starbucks on Grant, off of 104th. First one to get there, please grab a table!

Middle School youth will be meeting on Thursday, October 25th from 6:30-7:30pm in the church basement. Come for food, fellowship and fun!

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

2018/2019 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

Tracey Maruyama
Chairperson

AriAnne Gilliland
Vice Chairperson

Gary Hitzeman
Secretary

**Open Position
Treasurer**

Brenda Beebe
Financial Secretary

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School Board President

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Jessica McTaggart
Board of Youth

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:

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

ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual meeting on Sunday, November 4th.

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. More information on the agenda, time and location will be released soon.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with and/or ran in the 5K. We had a great time, and raised more than \$3,000 (\$1,000+ came from pledges and donations. Mrs. Folkman will get a pie in the face! More information to follow.

Also, thank you to everyone who came who came to Worship in the Park. The students did a great job signing, and the potluck and fellowship were awesome too!

Finally, thank you to everyone who enjoyed Chick-Fil-A during our last Family Night Out.

TOM THE TURTLE

Our old friend, Tom the Turtle, is looking for a new home. He is a red ear slider, approx. 20 years old, and has lots of life left in him. Tom is social and loves to be around people as well. He will follow you around like a dog if you put him on the floor!

If interested in Tom, please contact Mrs. Folkmann. We have a tank and some supplies that are also available

LOOKING AHEAD...

There will be no school October 17-19 so that the teachers can conference. Please plan accordingly.

The following Friday, October 26, is an 11:00am dismissal for the whole school. Parent/Teacher conferences will begin at 12:00pm.

MARKETING FORUM

Our School Board will be hosting a marketing forum on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:00pm in the Church basement. Please mark your calendars and plan attending to help us spread the word about GLS. Childcare and snacks will be provided.



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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.

Wednesday, October 3: Board of Elders monthly meeting at 7:00pm.
Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30.

Thursday, October 4: Senior Club (50 and older) at 12:00pm noon.

Saturday, October 6: Easter Seals, 8:00am-5:00pm.

Sunday, October 7: LWML Sunday.

Wednesday, October 10: Adult Bible Study at 9:00am. Meets every 2nd and 4th.
Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30.

Thursday, October 11: Book Study at 9:00am.

Saturday, October 13: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30am.
Simple Church/Vision Team from 9:00-11:00am.
Sawyer party 10:00am-3:00pm.

Sunday, October 14: Breakfast Burritos for sale after both services. \$3.00 each.

Wednesday, October 17: Dorcas Guild meeting from 9:00—11:00am.
Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30.

Thursday, October 18: School Board monthly meeting at 5:30pm.
Church Council monthly meeting at 7:00pm.

Sunday, October 21: Senior High Youth Group meet at Starbucks on Grant and 104th.

Wednesday, October 24: Adult Bible Study at 9:00am. Meets every 2nd and 4th.
Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30.
School Board will be hosting a marketing forum at 6:00pm.

Thursday, October 25: Middle School Youth Group; parent volunteer & bring snacks 6:30-7:30pm.

Saturday, October 27: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30am.

Wednesday, October 31: School Fall Festival.
Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30.

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