



September 2018

Gethsemane GEMS

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10675 N. Washington St.
Northglenn, CO 80233

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School: 303-451-6908

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Sunday Worship:

8:00am Traditional

10:30am Contemporary

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Our school children are back, the leaves will soon turn and hopefully we will have a break from the heat of the summer. We see the signs of change everywhere in the Fall: God's creation shows us that change is natural, beautiful and sometimes hard.

A question on the churches mind, always, is - where do we go from here? How do we grow? What needs changing, and how do we change while still maintaining those traditions that are precious to us?

I will say this - the decision to change is difficult. Some of those decisions to change are hard, others easy. The most dangerous part of making a decision is not the decision itself, but the inaction that may lead to no decision.

Thomas asked Jesus "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus responds to this future doubter with the classic phrase; "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus is at the center of it all.

While Gethsemane begins to ask the questions, "Where do we go from here? How do we change to grow and spread God's word to our community?" Our decision is always this: we will never lose sight that Jesus Christ is that the heart of who we are and where we are going. We come from Christ and we go to Christ; we live in Jesus and have our being in Him.

Indeed, where we decide to go as a church is important and significant. But we must not let fear of that decision paralyze us. We need to trust in Jesus as the way, truth, and life. He will lead us and guide us as we look to him for all things.

Where do we go from here? To Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan

DORCAS GUILD *by Pat Gray*

The first meeting of Dorcas Guild will be September 19th. We welcome all the women members of Gethsemane to attend. Our meeting will start at 9:00 a.m., mixed with fellowship and prayer.

LWML NORTH CENTRAL ZONE: The LWML Fall Rally is coming up. This year, it will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 4785 Elm Ct., Denver, on Saturday, September 29th. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. If any of the ladies are in need of a ride, please contact Pat Gray, 303-726-8686, or leave a message in my mailbox in the Narthex.

SOAR GATHERING:

Please see the notice for the SOAR Gathering on page 3.

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 to share for the potluck and your own plate and tableware. We will have fun food and fellowship.

On September 6th the Senior Club will have a Luau. If you have a Hawaiian shirt, dress or blouse it will be fun to wear it to the Senior Club Luau. Elsa Wohlford has planned the program. We will learn about the beginning of the islands, some history of Hawaii and Hawaii as it is now. The hostesses will be Elsa Wohlford and Carol Bjorklund.

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

Live Well

Love Much

Laugh Often

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN (OGT)

Hawaii's Kilauea volcano has destroyed many homes and families have lost everything. OGT is accepting monetary donations to help these families affected and is partnering with the CNH District-LCMS to assist families.

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.





TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL ADULT GATHERING

September 24 (Monday) - 25 (Tuesday), 2018
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sponsored by the SOAR Active Adult Ministry Committee, Rocky Mountain District,
LCMS

Theme: Equipping God's People for Ministry in Christ
GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS

REV. DR. DALE A. MEYER, our **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**, is the tenth president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO., a position he has held since 2005. He also serves as a professor of practical theology. He previously occupied the Seminary's Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Chair in Homiletics and Literature 2001-2005. The theme for his presentations on Monday and Tuesday is: "The Way Forward in Our Challenging Times."

DR. KARA BEASLEY will discuss the latest information and advancements in deep brain stimulation therapy for tremor control. For about 11 million Americans, involuntary tremors are a constant problem that can interfere with nearly everything. This trembling can be caused by Parkinson's disease, but more often it's caused by Essential tremor, a benign, often inherited condition.

MR. ZACH KREEGER is the Area Director of Broomfield/Adams County Young Life. He will tell us about the mission of Young Life and how they are reaching nearly 2,000 unchurched kids per week in Middle Schools, High Schools, YoungLives, and Capernaum groups.

MS. PAULA ISAKSON asks "What if congregations began to reach out to the parents of prodigals?" By focusing on the parents, together we can help them to reach out to their prodigal by first breaking down the walls of shame and secrecy. Supported and encouraged, parents become strengthened, experience peace and are enabled to share faith in Jesus Christ with their prodigal.

REV. DAVID LANGEWISCH, pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran, will conclude the Gathering with a sermonette at the closing service.

FORTE STRING TRIO will entertain us on Monday evening. This doctoral student group from UNC will travel to the past and will be performing compositions from the classical period for string trios.

Price for two days, \$50 per person. New attendees are \$25 per person. Price includes three meals, (Monday lunch and dinner; Tuesday lunch, speaker fees, break-time refreshments and conference costs. Register by September 17th so we will have an idea of how many people to plan on.

Registration can be accomplished through the Risen Savior Web Site: www.rslc.org. Registration by mail should be directed to Harriett Oehlkers, c/o Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 3031 W 144th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80023.

ROOF REPAIR FUNDRAISING

Gethsemane has a new roof over the school and offices! We need help replacing the funds for this project. A letter was mailed to Gethsemane families about the roof repairs and to give to the Roof Fund. Also, a green envelope labeled "Declare Prepare Share" can be found in the pews if you would like to give on Sunday mornings. Co-Chairs of the Committee are Cindy Devillier and Chris Fay. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact Cindy devillier1@juno.com or Chris cfay8388@hotmail.com. A gauge is located in the Narthex to show our progress in meeting our **goal of \$20,000**. THANK YOU for your support!



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.

*September 16—Annual Church Picnic. Senior High Youth will not meet this month. All youth who are willing to help set-up and take-down the sound equipment are invited to meet us at EB Rains at 8:00am Sunday, Sept. 16th to help carry equipment from the cars to the pavilion. Please stick around after the service to help us carry equipment from the pavilion to the cars.

*September 27—Middle School Youth Group -- parent volunteer needed to attend & bring snacks

*October 14—Youth Group Burrito Sales

*October 21—Senior High Youth Group

*October 25— Middle School Youth Group -- parent volunteer needed to attend & bring snacks.

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

Carl Christensen
Board of Elders

Kevin Mullet
Board of Trustees

Matt Harkness
School Board President

Bob and Judy Svenson
Board of Missions

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:

- September 20th
- 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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Vendor Event



Sponsorship Opportunities

5K ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Gethsemane Green and Gold 5K run will be held on Saturday, September 15th from 8:00am—2:00pm. The 5K is one of our largest fundraisers for the school.

Registration is open! Visit Active.com and search Gladiator Green and Gold to register online.

There are many and various ways you can volunteer to assist with the 5K. Also, there are Sponsorship opportunities available for individuals and businesses. Please contact the school office at 303-451-6908 for Sponsorship information or general 5K information.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2018/2019

Enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year is open.

The school provides a quality well-rounded Christian education for children ages 2.5 years—8th grade.

We also provide before and after school care, sports, after school activities, music, art, and more! Register today to become part of our amazing family. Call the office at 303-451-6908 to set-up a tour or if you have any questions please contact Mrs. Stacy Folkmann, principal, at 303-451-6908 or email at sfolkmann@glutheran.com.

COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM

Our school is part of the Coca-Cola Give program. This funding opportunity for our school will help to improve our learning environment.

The best part? Donations do not come out of your pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <http://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and our school receives a donation. Help Gethsemane make the most of this program and learn more at Coke.com/give.



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QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, & COMMENTS...

- ⇒ Spiritual care, theology, preaching/sermons, confirmation, baptisms, funerals, the District and Synod, etc.: Pastor Ryan Oakes
- ⇒ Church business and administrative issues: Tracey Maruyama, Church Council Chairperson
- ⇒ The budget/finances: Bill Owens
- ⇒ Church membership, church services, etc.(Board of Elders): Carl Christensen
- ⇒ The building, church property, repairs, custodians, etc. (Board of Trustees): Kevin Mullet
- ⇒ Christian Day School: Stacy Folkmann (Principal) and/or Matt Harkness (School Board)

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, September 5: Board of Elders monthly meeting at 7:00pm.

Thursday, September 6: Senior Club (50 and older) at 12:00pm noon.

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

Wednesday, September 12: Adult Bible Study at 9:00am. Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

Saturday, September 15: Green & Gold 5K School Fundraiser, 8:00am-2:00pm.

Sunday, September 16: Worship in the Park and Annual Church BBQ at 10:30am.

Wednesday, September 19: Dorcas Guild meeting from 9:00—11:00am.

Thursday, September 20: School Board monthly meeting at 5:30pm.
Church Council monthly meeting at 7:00pm.

Saturday, September 22: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30am.

Sunday, September 23: Pre-School—5th Grade Sunday School classes at 9:30am.

Wednesday, September 26: Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.

Thursday, September 27: Middle School Youth Group; parent volunteer & bring snacks 6:30-7:30pm

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