

**Reminder:**  
**GLC's Food Pantry need this week is Tuna and Beef Stew. If you can bring something with you on Sunday.**

**Today, May 21, 2017**

**TODAY – CHILDREN’S OFFERING:** The Sunday School youth are welcome to put their offering money in the jar up front throughout the summer months. It will go to the “Water Project”. A new charity will be selected in September for the new Sunday School year.

**TODAY – FLOWERS** decorating our chancel this morning are given to the glory of God by Dr. Tim and Betty Guenther on the occasion of their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**TODAY – LIFETIME LEARNING IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AT 10:45AM** – *Faith and Public Policy* led by Rev. Dan Clark and Amanda Hoyt from Faith in Public Life will give us instruction about how people of faith can navigate politics and mobilize to create change in our policies to better reflect God's vision of the Kingdom. Next Week: Summertime in the Library begins the series *Reformation Roots*.

**TODAY – NEW MEMBER CLASS:** This morning Pastor June will lead a New Member class in the church library on the upper level at 10:45am following worship. If you are interested in this class, please join the group. New members will be received during worship on June 4.

**TODAY – CONGREGATION DIRECTORY UPDATE:** The church directory is being updated, please check out the sample at the Welcome Desk to be sure all your information is correct.

**MAY 22 – OHIO SENIOR EXPO** is Monday, May 22, from 9:00-3:00pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin. Local seniors, boomers, caregivers and family members are encouraged to attend this exciting event that will feature free health screenings, informative seminars, entertainment, and hourly door prizes. Visit with residential communities and local hospitals so you can make educated decisions. Meet local professionals who offer expertise in financial planning, health, fitness, insurance, home improvement, recreation and more. There’s so much to experience so mark your calendar and get ready for fun, at this special one-day event dedicated to seniors. Gift bags for the first 100 guests! Free admission and free parking. For more information, please visit [www.ohioseniorexpo.com](http://www.ohioseniorexpo.com).

**MAY 24 – BROWN BAG BIBLE BUNCH** meets Wednesday, May 24, at 12:00pm in the church library to discuss Luther’s Small Catechism—The Fifth and Seventh Commandments.

**MAY 25 – DEADLINE FOR ORDERING YOUR GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL T-SHIRT.** The Gay Pride Festival Parade is Saturday, June 17, starting at 10:30am. However the **deadline** for ordering T-shirts is this Thursday, May 25! If you would like to order a T-shirt, please contact Pastor June or the church office with your name, the size you need, and your payment. Sizes are men’s from XSmall to 4XLarge. Cost is \$10.00. If you want to participate in the event, but don't want to purchase a t-shirt you may wear one from a previous year or any shirt at all. Even if you don’t buy a T-shirt we need to know who is going to march in the parade – call (614-885-4319) or email [pastorjune@gethsemane.org](mailto:pastorjune@gethsemane.org).

**MAY 26 – WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will perform at Ascension Lutheran Church on Friday, May 26, at 7:00pm. The choir is a group of African children based in [Kampala](#), Uganda, at [Watoto Church](#). (*Watoto* means "Children" in Swahili.) The children have lost one or both parents to the [AIDS](#) epidemic or to war. Their performance will be a blend of native African rhythms, contemporary gospel music and ethnic dance. If you would like to host some of the children and adults in your home, please contact Imma Lyatuu at 614-806-7636.

**MAY 31 – BOOK GROUP:** On Wednesday, May 31, Gethsemane's Book Group will discuss the book *The Edge of the Orchard* by Tracy Chevalier. Sharon Walton will lead the discussion in the upper level library starting at 7:30pm.

**JUNE 4 – GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST:** Each year we decorate the chancel with geraniums on Pentecost Sunday to fill the space with red. Would you like to sponsor a pot(s) in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion? The geraniums will be planted outside after worship for everyone to enjoy throughout the summer. The cost is \$20.00 per large pot. Complete an order form at the Welcome Desk and deposit it with your payment in the labeled jar. Checks should be made payable to *Gethsemane Lutheran Church*. **ORDERING DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28.**

**JUNE 4 – GRADUATION RECONGNITION:** On Sunday, June 4, we will recognize our high school and college graduates in worship. Students and/or parents please contact the church office if you are graduating ([glcoffice@gethsemane.org](mailto:glcoffice@gethsemane.org)).

**JUNE 4 – CONGREGATION MEETING & POTLUCK:** We will meet to approve the fiscal budget for 2017-2018 immediately following worship on Sunday, June 4, at 10:45am in the Great Hall. Following the meeting we will enjoy a potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk. We also need people on Saturday, June 3, at 10:00am to help with set up and people on Sunday to help with clean up. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk.

**JUNE 11 – HYMN FESTIVAL:** ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection will present their final Hymn Festival in their series of five celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The festival "Here I Stand" will take place on Sunday, June 11, at 7:00pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Dublin. Jamie Bobb, organist, Dr, Zebulon Highben, choral director, and Dr. Joy Shroeder, professor at both Capital University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, are featured guests.

**The Outreach Ministry Team**, under the leadership of Char Jessie, would like to add team members so that it can be more effective in bringing Gethsemane's message and presence into our community. If you have the desire to help with this effort, please contact Char ([cjessie@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cjessie@columbus.rr.com) or 614-262-1708) or Pastor June ([pastorjune@gethsemane.org](mailto:pastorjune@gethsemane.org) or 614-885-4319). Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MOW CHURCH LAWN.** You can sign up for the week(s) of your choice on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. A self-propelled lawn mower, gas, and a battery operated trimmer are stored in the garage for your use. It will take about 2 hours to complete. If possible, cut grass on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Questions: Contact Jim Sauer (614-888-4625) or Bill Darlage (740-881-4372).

## **Activities May 21---27**

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### **TODAY**

9:30 am    Worship Service

10:45 am    Education Hour

10:45 am    New Member Class

4:00 pm    Ibada

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

### **MONDAY**

8:00 am    Reflections

7:00 pm    Youth Education Task Force

7:30 pm    AA & Al Anon

### **TUESDAY**

9:30 am    P&L Chapel

10:30 am    Staff Meeting

6:45 pm    Swahili Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm    Worship Ministry Team

### **WEDNESDAY**

12:00 pm    Brown Bag Bible Bunch

6-8:00 pm    Food Pantry

## THURSDAY

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

7:15 pm Vocal Choir

## FRIDAY

7:00 pm Watoto Children's Choir

at Ascension Lutheran Church

## **We Remember in Prayer**

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**New concerns:** Carol Carder (friend of Bob and Jan Davis) ... Kyle McLean ... Glenn Palomaki (son-in-law of Frank Bunk) ... Jason Petri (nephew of Anita Gardner) ... Gary Rader ... Philomena Scanga (mother of Anita Gardner).

**Members with ongoing concerns:** Donna Baer ... Bob Hagerdorn ... Alice Gerken ... Elaine Haines ... Sue Humbert ... Dick and Sue Jones ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg ... Jeff Luedke ... Gary Rader ... Howard Spring.

**Friends and family with concerns:** Lois Aspinwall (friend of Peter Lund) ... Kathy Finnie (friend of Joanne Leussing) ... Kathy Kapostasy (sister of Linda Mackov).

**Homebound:** Marie Cooper ... Beryl Cumberland ... Carolyn Fergus (Wesley Glen) ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Phyllis Nelson ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) ... Joanne Vollrath (Worthington Christian Village) ... Phyllis Wei ... Reva Woodruff (Columbus Colony).

## **Reformation Anniversary 1517—2017** ***History Fact – Encouragement Pushes Martin***

After the trip to Rome, Martin Luther returned to Wittenberg to resume his teaching duties. There, on Oct. 19, 1512, the University appointed him Doctor of Theology, a position that senior members of the faculty had encouraged him to pursue.

One such individual, for example, was Johann von Staupitz, dean of theology and a renowned scholar of the Bible, who also counseled the young monk on many occasions. Luther later remarked that "if it had not been for Dr. Staupitz, I would have sunk in hell."

Encouraged to seek new meanings in Scripture, Luther greatly expanded his knowledge of the Bible. He began with a series of lectures on the Psalms. In these ancient writings, he discovered fresh insight into how they prophesized the coming of Christ.

His work at the University was demanding, at times exhausting. At the same time, his tasks proved critical in helping him rethink basic doctrines and practices of the medieval church.