

Experience God's Welcome!

The mission of Gethsemane is to gather, empower, and send persons into the world as disciples of the living Christ.
In Christian community we are called to...

Worship – Learn – Serve – Connect

Today – January 8, 2012

Blood Pressure Checks Today

Sub Sale Begins Today in the Narthex

Sign up to be a Caring Contact in the narthex

We Remember in Prayer

Members we continue to pray for: Donna Baer (Oak Leaf Village) ... Marilyn Bosen (Arlington Court) ... Sibylle Custis ... Dotty Edwards (Laurels) ... Carolyn Fergus ... Jean Fritchen (Worthington Christian Village) ... Ken Gerken ... Bob Hagerdorn ... Mary Manship (Wesley Glen) ... Eleanor Nagy ... Rob Needham ... Phyllis Nelson ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) ... Reva Woodruff ... Harry & Vickie Lyatuu, their children Ian & Evelyn for immigration issues.

Family and friends: Elmer and Marian Ahlberg (father and stepmother of Terri Siebert).

Family and friends serving overseas: David Frashier (son of Mike and Denise Frashier) ... T.J. Smith (friend of Morgan Melton) ... Colin Steffa (son of Meredith Dobyys) ... Nick Swanson (nephew of Barb Driver).

Prayers for Sunday: For prayers to be included in the bulletin on Sunday, please contact church secretary, Diane, at 885-4319 or glcoffice@gethsemane.org before 12:00 noon on Thursday. After that time, you will have an opportunity during the prayers of intercession to name silently or aloud those you wish to pray for. Family and friends stay on the Gethsemane prayer list for one month. Please contact the church office if continued prayers are needed.

Prayers on our Prayer Chain: Call Beryl Cumberland (471-0408) or Barbara Nelson (888-6257).

Worship

FLOWERS decorating the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God by Bob and Sibylle Custis.

EPIPHANY FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS: Please join the ALCM Columbus Cantor Connection for the third annual Epiphany Festival of Lessons and Carols today at 5:00pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 766. S. High St., Columbus. Celebrate the coming of Christ's light into the world with a variety of festive presentations of seasonal hymns and readings in which musicians from throughout the region will share their creative gifts.

KNEELERS: No, not the people, the pew attachments. You may have noticed that several of these are broken. Efforts to repair these are hampered by the fact that replacement parts are no longer available. The observation that it has been a very long time since we actually used these, together with the difficulty in repairing them, has led the Worship Ministry Team to the following conclusion. As kneelers become unusable, they will be removed and not replaced. If you have questions or comments about this, please contact the Worship Ministry Team.

Learn

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS ON HIATUS.

LIFETIME LEARNING AT 10:45AM IN THE MUTI-PURPOSE ROOM: Beginning today, Don Dell will lead a 4-session study of Paul's letter to the Galatians using the Book of Faith series published by Augsburg Fortress. Stay after worship for a look at what is considered by some authors to be the most radical book of the New Testament. Today: "What happens to people pleasers?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY.

REFLECTIONS BIBLE STUDY meets weekly at 8:00am at La Chatelaine in Worthington. If you are interested in joining the group and would like more information contact Paula Sauer at paulagsauer@yahoo.com or 614-888-4625.

Serve

BECOME A CARING CONTACT: Many of you are already aware of/involved in Health Ministry's Caring Contacts Ministry. We have several members who are ill and homebound or who have recently suffered a loss. As a Caring Contact "caregiver" you are paired with one of these folks for a one-year commitment. Your "duties" could involve visits, phone calls, cards on special occasions, transportation to a doctor's visit, going out to lunch, and also taking Home Communion. After one year you decide if you wish to continue the relationship, opt out, or choose a new client. As a result of all this, the rewards are usually yours! Starting today watch for Health Ministry members in the narthex who will answer any questions and help you sign up to be a part of this very valuable ministry!

QUILTING: With the cold and snowy weather setting in, it's a great time to sew! Quilt tops are needed! Rolls of quilt squares can be found on the Welcome Center. Directions are included. When finished, quilt tops can be returned to the Welcome Center. Batting will then be added and a backing sewn to both. This makes our quilts ready for knotting at our next quilt workday sometime in February. Your help is needed! For further information, call Terri Siebert at 890-6820 while Ruth Fortis is in El Salvador.

HEALTH CARE KITS BECOME PERSONAL CARE KITS: We have been collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief to make health care kits for LWR to send to disaster areas around the world. They have now requested a change in the supplies we furnish and with it a change in name. The personal care kits will now include 2 (4-5 oz.) bars of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 comb, 1 metal nail clipper, 1 large (approx. 53" X 27") dark colored bath towel. We no longer need hand towels, wash cloths, metal nail file or band-aides. If you wish to donate any or all of these items there are plastic bins for your contributions on the shelves behind the Welcome Center in the narthex.

LSS "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY IS FEB 5! "Souper" Bowl Sunday is an opportunity to help families in our community who struggle with hunger. We will be collecting food items, personal care items and baby products on this day to help Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio stock the shelves at their Food Pantries. We will also have a soup pot set out for any monetary contribution that you would like to make. LSS will use the money to purchase needed food items at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank at a greatly reduced cost.

Connect

MEN'S BREAKFAST NEXT SATURDAY at TeeJaye's, Morse and High, at 8:00am. It's breakfast time! A healthy breakfast refuels your body and jump-starts your day. Come and enjoy the breakfast and conversation. We order from the menu.

SUB SALE STARTS TODAY: The Senior High Youth begin their annual sub sale in the narthex this morning. The sale will end on Jan. 29 with pick up of the subs on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5. Each 6" sub contains 3 meats (turkey ham, pepperoni, salami) and 2 cheeses (American, provolone) for only \$4.50 per sub. Mild peppers and sauce are on the side. Money raised will help fund their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Help their cause by ordering your game-time food from the youth today.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 6:30-9:30pm: Bring the whole family or come by yourself. Bring your board games or card games. Bring a snack to share in the Great Hall. There will be activities for the little ones as well.

ORDER YOUR SCRIP – NEXT DEADLINE JAN. 15: A list of participating merchants and order forms are at the Welcome Center. Proceeds from this scrip card fundraiser benefit the church. Contact: Wendy Luedke (764-2515). Also **ENROLL IN KROGER'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM** to benefit Gethsemane. Kroger will give Gethsemane 5% of your total purchases every time you use your Kroger card as long as you have signed up for the program. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to enroll. If you have questions on how to enroll please contact Wendy Luedke at wluedke@columbus.rr.com or 764-2525.

Activities January 8 — 14

TODAY

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Education Hour

MONDAY

8:00 am Reflections Bible Study
8:00 pm A.A. & Al Anon

TUESDAY

10:30 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Play & Learn Chapel
6:30 pm Adult Ed Ministry Team

THURSDAY

6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:15 pm Choir

SATURDAY

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
1:30 pm Swahili Choir

THE DAILY LECTIONARY AS PRESENTED IN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Monday 1/09/12	Tuesday 1/10/12	Wednesday 1/11/12	Thursday 1/12/12	Friday 1/13/12	Saturday 1/14/12	Sunday 1/15/12
Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Genesis 17:1-13 Romans 4:1-12	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Exodus 30:22-38 Acts 22:2-16	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Isaiah 41:14-20 John 1:29-34	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Judges 2:6-15 2 Corinthians 10:1-11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Judges 2:16-23 Acts 13:16-25	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Samuel 2:21-25 Matthew 25:1-13	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

Go to www.gethsemane.org to see the recent issue of the newsletter or pick one up at the Welcome Center.

Deadline for the newsletter is the second Sunday of the month. Next deadline – Sunday, January 8, 2012.

To submit an article, send it to newsletter@gethsemane.org or put it on the secretary's desk.

2012 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2012 have been placed in your church mailbox. If you are interested in giving through automatic withdrawal from your bank account, please contact treasurer Rick Langner (889-6665) or the church office (614-885-4319).