

REMINDER:

Saturday is the Red Cross Blood Drive. There are still appointments available between 12:15 and 1:30.

Today, March 18, 2018

TODAY – THE THEME FOR LENT IS SHAPED BY PRAYER. We will use the Taizé style of worship throughout Lent. The candles (*battery operated*) set the mood for a more contemplative service.

TODAY – THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP we welcome into membership Lindalee Brownstein, Sam Gibson, and Don Mazza. Please extend a warm welcome to all of them.

TODAY – CHILDREN'S OFFERING: The Sunday School youth are collecting for Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS), which is a refugee resettlement agency serving the growing refugee and immigrant populations in Central Ohio. They are invited to bring their offering forward to the altar and place it in the glass jar.

TODAY – LIFETIME LEARNING THIS MORNING AT 10:45AM in the Multi-Purpose Room concludes the 5-week study: Shaped by Prayer. Robin Knowles Wallace, professor in the Taylor Endowed Chair of Worship and Music at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio will lead us through an examination of the history of individual and liturgical prayer, prayer through music, and other types of prayer. Participants will have an opportunity to pray and write their own prayers throughout the series.

TODAY – STORY-TELLERS NEEDED FOR EASTER VIGIL! Two story-tellers are needed to complete the line-up of readings for Easter Vigil. Passages to choose from are as follows: Gen. 1:1--2:4a; Zephaniah 3:14-20; or Daniel 3:1-29. If interested, please inform Joel Wildermuth ASAP at jlwildermuth@gethsemane.org or 937-638-7121.

TODAY – SALE OF SERRV CANDY BARS IN THE ATRIUM: Large chocolate bars NOW \$2.00; Small bars \$1.00. Get some now before they are ALL gone. Put money in the large envelope or give to Joyce Geary.

TODAY – VOLUNTEER TO BE AN USHER. We have an opening on Usher Team 5 which ushers the 1st Sunday of every odd number month. Next time to usher is May 6. Contact the church office at 614-885-4319 or glcoffice@gethsemane.org if you would like to join this team. Or talk to usher captain Jim Siebert.

MAR. 21 – SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES EVERY WEDNESDAY throughout the season of Lent. We start the evening with a soup supper in Trinity Hall at 6:30pm (*Note the later time than in previous years.*) The supper will be followed by an evening prayer service in the sanctuary at 7:30pm. Come for all or part of the evening.

MAR. 21 – VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR 6:30PM LENT SOUP SUPPERS. Sign up in the narthex to bring soup, bread, set up or clean up. Pick a date that best fits your schedule.

MAR. 23 – VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT THE LSS FOOD PANTRY: YOU are needed at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry on Friday, Mar. 23, from 10:30-2:30 OR if you can't do all day sign up for a half day. You will stock or organize the shelves of food, then take a tour with an LSS staff member to review or learn for the first time what to do when helping clients. Before opening the Pantry to clients you will join all of the staff and volunteers for a brief prayer circle to bless clients and workers. When the clients enter they are interviewed by a staff member and then join you to choose healthy foods from a variety of food types. The Pantry is located at 1460 S. Champion Ave. The phone number is 614-443-5130. Bring your lunch (refrigerator and microwave provided). Wear comfortable clothes, especially shoes. Rest if you need to during the day. Contact Joyce Geary with questions or need a ride to the Pantry - 614-885-3164 or <jgeary@columbus.rr.com> Sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex. **NOTE:** This will be your last opportunity to work at the Champion Ave. Food Pantry as LSS switches to mobile pantries to give more opportunities to clients for a variety of items, to save money so more can be available to help people! More information is coming soon. (You may have seen an article in the Dispatch recently about this innovative way to serve more people better.

MAR. 24 – MARCH FOR OUR LIVES: A nationwide march organized by high school students and supporters to protest gun violence and call for legislative action. Anyone interested in attending the Columbus march with Joel and Anna Wildermuth can meet at Gethsemane at 9:45am Saturday, Mar. 24, to take the 2L bus downtown.

APR. 4 – BROWN BAG BIBLE BUNCH RESUMES on Wednesday, Apr. 4, in the library at 12:00noon. Bring your lunch and favorite Bible. All are welcome.

APR. 13 – TRINITY SEMINARY CHOIR invites you to the Easter Choral Evensong on Friday, Apr. 13, at 7:30pm. Choral Evensong begins with an extended prelude and includes a wide variety of musical styles focused on the seasonal theme, followed by the service of Evening Prayer from Evangelical Lutheran Worship. The service includes hymns with instrumental accompaniment, psalmody, scripture, prayers, sung litany, and a major choral work. The service takes place at Trinity Lutheran Seminary's Gloria Dei Chapel, 2199 East Main Street, Columbus, OH 43209. Doors open at 7:00pm with a Meet & Greet taking place afterwards in the lobby.

MENTOR APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED. As part of Gethsemane's commitment to inter-generational faith formation, the implementation of a mentorship program is underway and we are currently accepting applications to become a mentor. Applications may be obtained at the Welcome Center in the narthex, and returned to Joel Wildermuth or Pastor June. Follow-up to the application will include a mentor workshop in April (TBA) and a picnic in May (TBA) for mentors, parents, and children/youth.

SILK TIES NEEDED FOR AN ART PROJECT: Do you have a lot of old ties hanging in your closet that you just don't wear anymore, but have not gotten rid of? Put them to good use for an art project. A box is located on the table by the church mailboxes. Only silk ties are accepted. The ties will not be returned.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

With Thrivent Choice®, you can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. **Based on member recommendations, Gethsemane Lutheran Church received \$3,779 in charitable outreach funding in 2017.** That amount could go higher if you are a Thrivent member and want to direct your Choice Dollars® to Gethsemane. Do so now because 2017 **Choice Dollars expire on March 31.** Click on <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/> and follow the directions OR call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say “Thrivent Choice.”

Activities Mar 18—24

TODAY

- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 10:45 am Education Hour
- 4:00 pm Ibada Ya Kiswahili

MONDAY

- 8:00 am Reflections Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Day Care Committee
- 7:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7:30 pm AA & Al Anon

TUESDAY

- 9:30 am P&L Chapel
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:45 pm Swahili Choir
- 7:00 pm CAC District 9

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 pm Food Pantry
- 6:30 pm Soup Supper
- 7:30 pm Evening Prayer Service

THURSDAY

- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 7:15 pm Vocal Choir

FRIDAY

- 11:00 pm Mkesha

We Remember in Prayer

New Concerns: Jan Berkhof (cousin of Don Huiner) ... Janice Dunham ... Arlene Hendrickson ... Diane Spink ... Eric Walton.

Members with ongoing concerns: Donna Baer ... Alice Gerken ... Bob Hagerdorn ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... Elaine Haines ... Arlene Hendrickson ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg ... Gary Rader.

Friends and family with concerns: Barbara Christel (cousin of Doug Sand) ... Monica McLean (daughter of Brian McLean) ... Khloe Pekar (granddaughter of Brian McLean).

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Process!

9:30 am Palm Sunday, March 25

Serve!

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday, March 29

Love!

12:00 pm Community Good Friday, March 30

7:00 pm Good Friday, March 30

Celebrate!

7:00 pm Easter Vigil, March 31

Rejoice!

9:30am Easter Sunday, April 1

Enjoy an **Easter Breakfast** served by Gethsemane's Youth prior to worship at **8:00am**.

Proceeds will be used for the trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer in Houston, TX.