

## Today, September 17, 2017

**TODAY – FLOWERS** decorating the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of Betty Guenther's birthday **TODAY**, by Dr. Tim Guenther.

**TODAY – CHILDREN'S OFFERING:** During the Fall semester the children's offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief. All Sunday School youth are welcome to place their offering in the jar at the front of the sanctuary. Thanks to all who supported the Water Project. \$700.70 was collected.

**TODAY – LIFETIME LEARNING** in the Multi-Purpose Room at 10:45 begins "Reading the Hebrew Prophets: What They Meant, What They Mean" led by Joel Wildermuth. This four-week series will include a basic introduction to the prophetic literature in our Bible. The prophets' clarion call for justice and peace is as clear, disruptive, daring and hope-inspiring today as it was to the Judean audience. Today: "Isaiah: Yahweh's Restoration – the World Remade". We hope you will join us for this timely and important discussion. Next week: "Jeremiah: Artifact of Hope, Artifact of Terror."

**TODAY – LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** It's that time of year again – school has begun and the GLC Nominating Committee (chaired by Barbara Ford) is abroad in the land! Being sought are candidates for the following elected offices: Vice-President, Secretary, and Council members-at-large. As if these weren't attractive enough, appointed positions are also available. These include: Assistant Financial Secretary and positions on the Audit, Day Care, and Mutual Ministry Committees. I know, right, seems too good to be true! The opportunities are for a limited time only, so act fast – put your name in nomination or, if you prefer, leave an anonymous note in Barbara Ford's mailbox and suggest someone you know for one of these positions.

**TODAY & SEPT. 24 FLYER DELIVERY FOR FALL SERVICE DAY:** Although this year's Fall Service Day isn't until Nov. 4, we need your help to deliver flyers. You can pick up flyers and your selected route after the worship service or education hour today or next Sunday. The flyers can then be delivered at your convenience. If you have questions, contact Jim Siebert (614-890-6820 or [jsiebert@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jsiebert@columbus.rr.com)).

**SEPT. 20 – BROWN BAG BIBLE BUNCH** meets in the library on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 12:00pm for lunch and a study of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed. All are welcome.

**SEPT. 23 – THRIVENT/COLUMBUS CREW REFERRAL EVENT:** Join Joe Reilly for a fun summer evening with VIP seating to watch the Columbus Crew Soccer Club and enjoy dinner before or during the game. The only cost of admission is bringing a guest or guests to introduce to Joe and Thrivent Financial. Children are welcome. Please bring a guest that is not familiar with Thrivent Financial. The registration deadline is Sept. 20. Call Meredith Kaminicki at 614-396-4131 or email [meredith.kaminicki@thrivent.com](mailto:meredith.kaminicki@thrivent.com).

**SEPT. 23 – OUR NEXT QUILTING WORKDAY** is Saturday, Sept. 23, 9-12noon. If you can tie a knot, you can help us with quilts! We will dedicate our quilts on Sunday, Sept. 24, in order to get them ready for shipping to Lutheran World Relief and parts around the world. Be a part of this great ministry to those who need some warmth and color in their lives. For information, see Quilting coordinator Terri Siebert, [tsiebert@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tsiebert@columbus.rr.com), 614-890-6820.

**SEPT. 23—OCT. 8 – REFORMATION RENAISSANCE FAIRE:** St. John's Lutheran, Marysville, has organized a Reformation Renaissance Faire, to be held at Pastime Park in Plain City (about 25 minutes from Columbus).

The Faire will be held on three consecutive Saturdays and Sundays, September 23 – October 8. A wide variety of activities and entertainment events are planned (renaissance market, period character actors, musical performances, jousting demonstrations, madrigal dinner, etc.) and Gethsemane's own Joyce Geary will participate in her Katie Luther persona. For more information, see the Reformation Renaissance Faire Facebook page or the following website: <https://www.refren.org/>.

**SEPT. 24 – CONCERT SERIES:** Everyone is invited to the first concert of the season at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2001 Northwest Blvd, Upper Arlington on Sunday, Sept, 24, at 4:00pm. Featuring pianist Jeff Daubemire and organist Joshua Brodbeck, they will be playing an afternoon of duets including favorite hymns and familiar favorites. A reception will follow. Free will offering to support the series.

**SEPT. 27 – BOOK GROUP** will discuss "Prayer" by Philip Yancey at their next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7:30pm in the church library. Jeanie Auseon will lead the discussion. All are welcome.

**OCT. 1 – BLESSING OF THE BEASTS:** Bring your pets to church (in a crate or on a leash) on Sunday, Oct. 1. We will have a special blessing for your beast along with the neighborhood beasts outside at the end of worship.

**OCT. 7 – BLOOD DRIVE:** On Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9:00-1:30pm the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Gethsemane. Please sign up in the narthex at the Welcome Desk. There is a great need for blood.

**OCT. 8 – HYMN FESTIVAL,** Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8, at 4:00pm. Dr. Tim Guenther and the Choir of Gethsemane Lutheran Church will present "Evening and Morning: Celebrating 410 Years of the Hymnody of Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)." The program features the hymns of Paul Gerhardt, who lived in Germany during the religious wars of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century (The 30 Years' War). Trained to become a Lutheran pastor at Wittenberg a century after Martin Luther, he is one of the most important authors of hymns since Martin Luther. He wrote a total of 123 hymns, 9 of which are included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You," "All My Heart Again Rejoices," "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," and "Evening and Morning" are all among the hymns authored by this important Lutheran hymn writer. Please join us as we celebrate the legacy of this important Lutheran pastor and hymn author. Bring your singing voice, and bring a friend or two! A free will offering will be collected for Faith Lutheran Church in Dickinson, TX that was flooded by Hurricane Harvey.

**SPECIAL NEEDS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:** Tuna ~ Peanut butter ~ Cereal ~ Soup *Thanks for your support!*

## **Activities September 17--23**

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### **TODAY**

9:30 am Worship Service

10:45 am Education Hour

4:00 pm Ibada Ya Kiswahili

### **MONDAY**

8:00 am Reflections Bible Study

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 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

### **SATURDAY**

9:00 am Quilting

10:00 pm Swahili Ministry Team

## **We Remember in Prayer**

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**New concerns:** Dan Carroll (brother-in-law of Gary Rader) ... Laura Leussing (daughter-in-law of Joanne Leussing) ... Monica McLean (daughter of Brian McLean) ... Ken Seidelmann (brother of Don Seidelmann) ... Howard Spring.

**Members with ongoing concerns:** Donna Baer ... Alice Gerken ... Bob Hagerdorn ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... Elaine Haines ... Sue Jones ... Mark Keller ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg ... Gary Rader.

**Friends and family with concerns:** Kathy Kapostasy (sister of Linda Mackov) ... Debbie Mitchell (co-worker of Gary Rader) ... Matthew Swallow (son of Beth Swallow) ... Susan Wilkins (aunt of Pastor June and sister-in-law of Carole Wilkins).

**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**

### ***Conversion and Separation for Luther and Judaism . . .***

Luther published an essay stating “That Jesus Christ was Born a Jew” (1523). He reminded his readers that Christianity had its roots in Judaism and that the Savior himself was Jewish at birth. He sought the conversion of Jews: “I hope that if one deals in a kindly way with the Jews and instructs them carefully from Holy Scripture, many of them will become genuine Christians and turn again to the faith of their fathers, the prophets and patriarchs.”

During the next decade, however, that call bore few results. Instead, members of the Jewish faith resisted Protestant efforts to convert them. Deeply disappointed, Luther realized his effort was in vain.

Between 1538 and 1543, using harsh language, he reversed his earlier views and called for the expulsion of Jews from German society. His goal was to separate the dominant Christian community from contact with Jews. Unlike his later call for the violent suppression of peasants, Luther never called for the killing of Jews. Indeed, his last public words about Jews again called for their conversion.

Nevertheless, the story of Luther and Judaism, as well as his response to the peasant uprisings, remain as sad chapters in the life of a man otherwise dedicated to a free and just society.

# **BOOK SALE**

**The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching!**

Learn about Martin Luther, his writings, and the impact of the Reformation for the church today.

Discover a variety of resources on the Reformation for readers of all ages.

**Stop by the Narthex**

**on Sundays, October 8—29**

**between 9:00am and 12:00noon**

**to receive up to 50% off ~ plus free shipping!**