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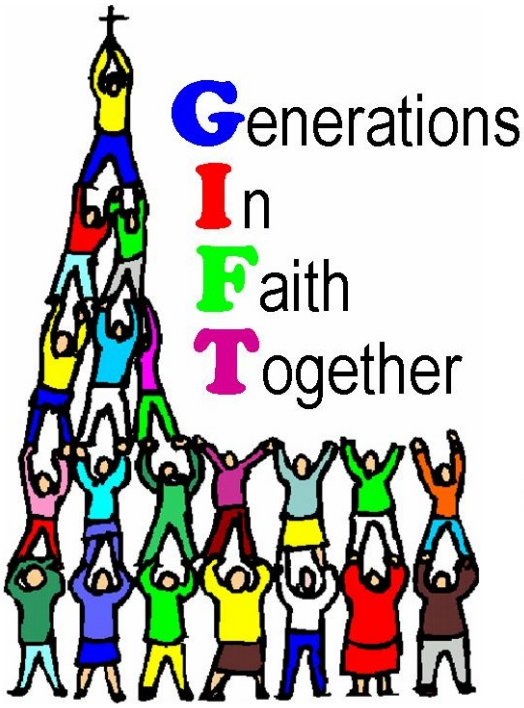

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Intergenerational Class for all Ages

(G.I.F.T.)

Sunday, February 2, 10:45am
in the Great Hall

Work for Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.— Matthew 5

In January, with the killing of an Iranian general by the US, we seemed closer to war than we've been in a long time. The reality is, though our country has been at war for more of our lives than it hasn't. People who were born in the 1970s have spent more than half of their lives with the US at war and those born in 2000s have never lived in a time when the US was not at war. Only 21 years of our 244 years as a country have we been at peace. War is a constant in the life of this country. Since almost all of the wars we've been involved in have been on other soil, they probably seem safely removed from us. Unless we have a loved one in the military or are somehow otherwise involved, we may not even notice it until we end up in a stressful situation like we did in January. War is just something that can just fade into the background of our lives. But make no mistake about it, wars don't fade into the background for the people in whose country they're fought.

War is a scourge on our planet and its people. People die, they're maimed, livelihoods are destroyed, infrastructures, buildings, homes, farms, roads, economies are destroyed. People are forced to leave their homes and flee to other countries. It devastates generations both psychologically and physically. War is evil. And yet, Americans have often seemed ready and even eager to engage in war. And sadly enough, some American Christians seem to be the ones beating the drums of war the loudest. Christians, who should be working for peace, have often advocated the most for war. Some of this might seem justified by the fact that large portions of the Hebrew Scriptures revolve around war and combat. And in these stories, success in war seems to be a marker by which God's favor is often measured for God's people. But, thankfully, times have changed since then, war has changed, God's people have changed, and we have changed. And one of those changes for us is Christ.

As Christians, we are called to a new reality and a new way of being in the world. In Bishop Eaton's pastoral message on the Iran conflict, she reminds us of the words in the ELCA social statement, "For Peace in God's World", *We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share with the Church of Jesus Christ in all times and places the calling to be peacemakers …. The basis of the Church's peace-calling is in God's final peace, the peace of God's eternal reign. That calling is to proclaim the Gospel of God's final peace and to work for earthly peace.*

We are called to make peace. In our own homes and neighborhoods, and also to demand it from our leaders – no matter what party is in power at the time. We are called to recognize the human cost of war. We are called to recognize the humanity of those we disagree with. We are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

On the cross, Jesus shows us the futility and injustice of violence. Whenever we have the opportunity, Christians should be working to end violence and advocate for earthly peace whether it's on our soil or someone else's.

A street in Homs, Syria 2011 and 2014.

All Happening in Worship on February 2

On Sunday, Feb. 2, we conclude our **"Water & Spirit" study of Baptism** in worship and education. And, also conclude our emphasis on **Stewardship for 2020**.

Did you pick up your pledge card and letter from your church mailbox. If not, get it now and then after you prayerfully discuss with your family:

- fill out the pledge card
- put the pledge card in the envelope with your name on the front
- return the pledge card to Gethsemane during worship on Sunday, Feb. 2.

The envelopes will not be opened. Your Giving Goal is between you and God. In July, your envelope will be put back in your mailbox so you can open it and see how you are doing with your goal.

Also Sunday, Feb. 2, is **"Souper" Bowl Sunday** when we collect food and money for both Gethsemane's and Lutheran Social Services food pantries. Bring your food items to put in the grocery cart and your money to put in the soup pot.

Ash Wednesday
February 26, 7:00 PM

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26, with worship at 7:00pm. We will have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

The following Wednesdays we begin with soup supper and study at 6:00pm in the Great Hall followed by worship at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. We will use the popular Holden Evening Prayer Service.

Gethsemane Kids! (PK-5th grade)

Sunday School Happenings

For the next two months, we will study with the children a series called "Who's Coming for Dinner?" which explores many different stories about meals in the Bible including the sacrament of communion.

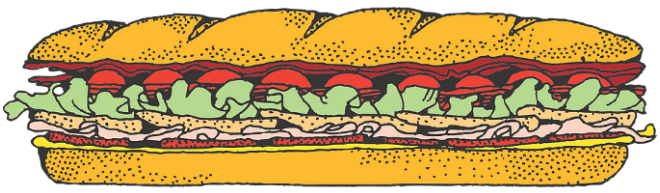
Kids Night Out!
Friday, March 20th
6:00-8:30 PM

This spring I would like to try something new with our children at Gethsemane! Kids are welcome to wear their favorite PJ's and bring a sleeping bag or blanket for a memorable evening of snacks, games, maybe a craft, and even a movie! I will need a few helpers for this event so if you or someone else you know may be interested, please let me know. Hope to see you then!

Gethsemane Teens! (6th grade & up)

Super Bowl Sub Sale Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! Come buy a sub (or two or three!) and support the Gethsemanes youth group . . . you don't even have to watch the Super Bowl to participate! Proceeds from, this sale go to fund youth events such as regional Lutheran gatherings, lock-in events, fellowship activities, service projects, and even the ELCA national youth gathering! Subs cost $7 this year and will be available the February 2.



Sub Night—Game Night
Saturday, February 1, 5:30-8:30pm

Speaking of subs, since we will already be getting together the night before to make them, why not make the most of our evening together? I will bring the pizza and games, you bring yourself! After we get done making the subs, the fun will begin! I will need at least one adult helper to stay afterwards as well so let me know if you are interested. I'm looking forward to a great night (after I finish helping put a whole bunch of meat, cheese and salami on buns of course). See you then!

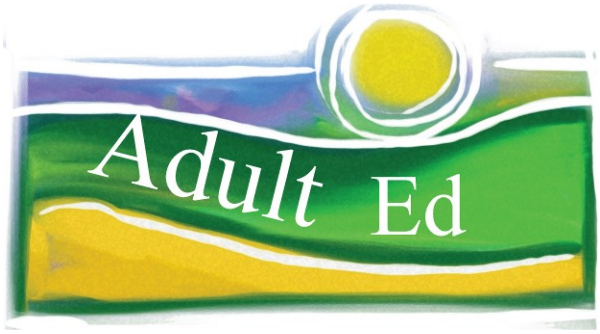
Intergenerational Classes (G.I.F.T.)–February 2 and April 5

Other Education News

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Do you think you would like to instruct some bright inquisitive minds after church for our next quarter in 2020? The schedule is up but I still could use a little help! If you are interested, please email or give me a call at 330-604-7269 ASAP as I will be starting the signup soon. For those of you that have already volunteered, THANK YOU!

Questions? Concerns? Want to help?
Text/call **Miss Kendra 330-604-7269** or
email kstickel@gethsemane.org.



LIFETIME LEARNING HOUR

Christian Education about life,
for life, and for a lifetime

SUNDAYS at 10:45 AM

February 2

Intergenerational Class for all Ages

(G.I.F.T.)

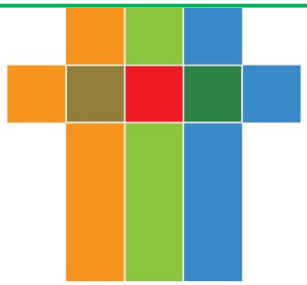
All members of all ages meet in the Great Hall for this intergenerational project on Baptism.

February 9 & 16
"Talk Back"

This will be a time to discuss the readings and/or sermon of the day in a deeper way. The session will be co-facilitated by a member and Pastor June. Please join us to explore the information heard in the service and have an opportunity to ask questions / share insights / hear other perspectives on the topic.

February 23
Ohio Innocence Project

A guest speaker will talk to us about how The Innocence Project exonerates the wrongly convicted through DNA testing.



CONNECTIONS
Faith at Work

Meets Friday, February 7 at 7:00am at Bob Evans on Olentangy River Road.

The group meets Tuesday February 25 at 7:00pm.
Joanne Leussing leads a discussion of *The Pioneers* by David McCullough.
Watch the Welcome Center bulletin board in the narthex for the next book.

"The Second Time Around" with Synchronicity

Synchronicity Trio

Dick Reuning - violin, Sharon Walton - piano, Denise Spires - clarinet, Bruce Posey – cello

Save the date! On Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Synchronicity Trio and guest artist Denise Spires will present classical and light classical music in their 15th Benefit Concert for Faith Mission Homeless Shelters. The program titled **THE SECOND TIME AROUND** will include favorites from the past plus new ones. Enjoy a wide variety of music by Franz Schubert, Astor Piazzolla, Rick Sowash, Brian Joyce and others as Synchronicity plays old favorites and new challenges. A reception will follow.

There will be a flyer in the Sunday bulletin. Please share it and invite your neighbors and friends for a pleasant Sunday afternoon while supporting a good cause.

Last year this event raised over $9000 from free will donations by the 185 in attendance. Can we match that or do even better? The need is greater than ever.

Gethsemane first assumed a leadership role at Faith Mission in 1976 when Pr. Gerry Miller became a member of the Faith Mission Board of Trustees. Since then several members (Nancy and Howard Feole, Dick Reuning, John Jacob, Roy Hilsabeck) have served on the Board of Directors and subsequent Advisory Board. In the following years Faith Mission grew from serving one supper daily in a small empty church on Long Street to providing housing and meals three times daily at two men's shelters, one women's shelter, and the Choices center for abused women and children. In addition, Lutheran Social Services Faith Mission facilities provide medical, dental and vision care plus veteran services. The Faith Mission Resource Centers offer clients assistance in finding employment, learning computer skills and writing a resumé.

P.S. Gethsemane's next time to serve a meal at Faith Mission is **April 10**. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex to serve or to send a dessert.

New Ministry Team Forms Out of Sabbatical Committee

During Pastor June's Sabbatical, the Sabbatical Team realized the need for an Inreach Ministry Team at Gethsemane. As you may have read, a new Inreach Ministry Team was approved by the Congregation Council at their November meeting. The first meeting of this team took place in early December.

To better care for our church members, this team will have personal contact with members, make phone calls to members, and organize social events. To begin, this team will pick three families for the church to pray for every week throughout the year. The three families will be called by an Inreach Ministry Team member to get their prayer requests. The team will then let Pastor June know of the prayer requests and the prayers of these three families will be offered on the next Sunday. We will be calling you.

Another responsibility of this team will be to organize social events during the church year. The Sabbatical Team had a lot of positive feedback about the social events that occurred during Pastor June's Sabbatical, which were an ice cream social, Chris and Crew and the Swahili Swingers, and a potbrunch. These kinds of social events will continue this year.

Any questions or concerns about the Inreach Ministry Team can be directed to Donna Darlage at donnadarlage@hotmail.com or call 740-816-4488.

Inreach Ministry Team Brings Back the 2014 Chili Cook-Off on Sunday

March 1, 11:15am

And the **2014 Winners** were Ian Lyatuu. Char Jessie, Jan Davis, Dr. Tim with the top prize going to Emilie Hagerdorn.

Who will win this year?

Update on Gethsemane's Food Pantry

The congregation's support continues to be much appreciated by the clients of the GLC Food Pantry. During the fall, the pantry served an average of 170 households (510 people) each month. In addition, in November, about 50 families were given turkeys and other menu items for a Thanksgiving "feast," and, in December, 24 of our pantry children received very nice Christmas gifts through the Tree of Needs program.

Thanks to the recent donation of a freezer (housed in the garage) by Bob and Jan Davis, we are now able to take advantage of special opportunities to obtain extra meat that can then be used when there is less meat available. Recently, we also received a generous monetary donation from Clinton Heights Lutheran Church. In addition, since last summer, we've been in a cooperative relationship with the Worthington Resource Pantry, picking up extra meat and, sometimes, other items beyond what they can use. Your weekly donations of toilet tissue, canned good, plastic bags, etc., are very helpful, and the clients love the warm meals provided by congregation and community members. We are pleased that a number of community members have become involved in volunteering and donating.

If you'd like to see what goes on Wednesday evenings, feel free to stop by, either to volunteer or just to take a peek.

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry Renovation Near Completion

The LSS Food Pantry at Champion & Frebis on the South side has been going through many changes—including a total renovation of the facility to better serve clients on site at various times of the day except for Tuesday when it is closed. Changes have been made so that clients may pre-order via phone or on computers at home or the library, then come in and pick up with the help of volunteers the items ordered and save much waiting time of the past. They may also come in for only produce as early as 9 am and as late as 5 pm depending on the day. The renovation of the Pantry and warehouse areas is nearly complete and Champion & Frebis will soon be open.

Paul Rich from LSS is eager to have GLC volunteers return. He says we are one of the longest volunteering units they have. He'd like to give a group tour either with no clients there or when it's a full working day and we can see it "in use." Our choice, no commitment, but an opportunity to consider returning to a volunteering location enjoyed by many over the years. And "new blood" is accepted also. Call or e-mail Joyce Geary if interested in having a look/tour the next month or so - 614-885-3164 or jgeary@columbus.rr.com.

Play & Learn Is Turning 40!

As an outreach of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Play & Learn first opened its doors to provide quality child care and early education to the children in the community on September 2, 1980. We will be taking time throughout 2020 to celebrate this milestone anniversary.

Please mark your calendars now and save these very important dates:

- **Sunday, April 26—Play & Learn Celebration Sunday at Gethsemane (starting at 9:30 am)**
- **Friday, May 1—Fundraising Dinner & Raffle with Mr. Puppet Presentation (5-7:00 pm)**

Many special activities will be incorporated into these celebration events, and for all who can attend, we look forward to seeing you!

As part of the celebration and a stroll down Memory Lane, we are wanting to collect and compile as many photographs, written memories, and video messages and interviews from any and all who have had any connection to Play & Learn over the years. If you have paper or digital photos and memorabilia that you would like to give or lend and/or if you would be interested in providing a video message or interview, please contact Play & Learn Committee Chair, Diane Langner, or Vice-Chair, Anna Wildermuth, or the Play & Learn office by phone (614-846-7576) or email (playandlearnccc@gmail.com).

At Play & Learn our mission is to provide quality child care and early education in a safe and supportive Christian environment where young children are able to grow in body, mind, and spirit. Learning through play and actual experiences is a cornerstone of the program. Children use play to test and understand the world in which they live. During play, children have the opportunity to interact with others, build their social and intellectual skills, and explore their individual surroundings. It helps them learn about independence as well as caring and sharing with others. It allows them to problem solve while critically thinking about their effects on their world. We value play and encourage it through our curriculum, and we look forward to many more years of playing and learning together!

Brenda Weilbacher
Director

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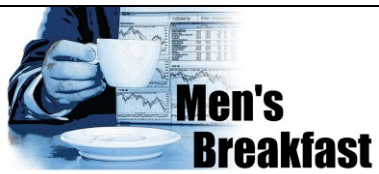
REFLECTIONS

Every Monday at 8:00am at La Chatelaine-Worthington



Second Saturday of the month at 8:00am at TeeJaye's

CONNECTIONS
Faith at Work

First Friday of the month at 7:00am at Bob Evans on Olentangy River Road

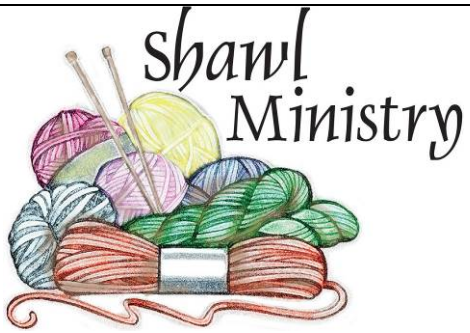
Thrivent Builds
Habitat for Humanity | Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8-3:00pm.

Saturdays to be announced from 9-12:00pm in Trinity Hall.

BOOK GROUP

Last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the church library.



Second Monday of the month at 1:30pm in the library.

Gethsemane Welcomes New Members

On Sunday, December 22, Gethsemane received into membership the following:

Carl and Pat Tews
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pat@tewsfamily.com

Lifelong Lutherans Carl and Pat Tews married in 1968 and have 3 grown children—Wanda, Carl and Richard and 4 grandchildren—Lilly, Carl, Charlotte and Jackson who is autistic and has had a liver disorder since birth and will be needing a liver transplant.

Both Carl and Pat have been actively involved with church activities—Sunday School teachers, Youth Leader, usher, council, treasurer, women's circle leader and president of church women.

Carl graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh with a degree in Civil Engineering and worked as a Stress Analyst for Babcock and Wilcox in the Naval Nuclear Program. When he retired from the company he worked as an agent for AAL (later to become Thrivent). In 1998 he took a job with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation until 2012.

Pat was a Registered Nurse and worked in a variety of fields—home health, hospital and as a Lactation Consultant. She loves to read, cook, bake, sing, and swim. Pat helped start up a local food pantry and has continued helping with pantries.

They are looking forward to getting to know many of us at Gethsemane saying we have been super welcoming.

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Jack grew up in the south end of Columbus, but moved to Delaware, OH when he was a junior in high school. He has BS and MA degrees from The Ohio State University. Jack was a chemistry and physics teacher at Delaware Hayes HS (1 year) and Bexley HS (31 years) and retired in 2015. He currently works as a full-time seasonal election support specialist with the Delaware County Board of Elections.

Sharon and Jack met at Ohio State, married, and stayed in central Ohio. They have two children, Jonah (33 years old) and Sarah (31 years old). They have rescue kitties, Artie and Odin. They "right-sized" from our Worthington home in 2015 and currently live in the Woods at Polaris Condominiums, where Jack is the President of the Board of Directors.

They were members of North Community Lutheran Church for 29 years. They joined Gethsemane because it is the perfect fit for them.

Sharon grew up on a seed-grain farm in north central Ohio where her jobs included de-tasseling corn and hoeing corn out of soybeans. She majored in agricultural economics and ag journalism at OSU, then worked on the editorial staff of the Ohio Farmer magazine for 8 years.

After their second child was born, she was able to leave the wage-earning workforce to be a full-time mom and volunteer. When their oldest child was a high school senior Sharon went back to work as a licensed customer service representative at an insurance agency.

They have been blessed with close family ties and the time to enjoy being with their parents and children. They have been welcomed by the people of Gethsemane Lutheran Church and look forward to being a part of a new church family.

February Birthdays

1 Bill Seifarth
Sharon Walton
2 Donna Baer
Don Mazza
5 Scott Conlon
7 Tim Guenther
8 Sharon Minot
11 Lew Jones
13 Bob Brugler
14 Cindy Baer
Andrew Keller
17 Alice Gerken
Phyllis Wei
21 Jan Davis
22 Emi Klukas
24 Patty Gerken
25 Diane Spink
26 Dorian Norstrom
27 Claire Bullwinkle
Marie Cooper

Our Prayers and Concern Are With . . .

***"Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints."* Ephesians 6:18**

New concerns: Mike Arick and family (friends of Anita Gardner) … Alice Gerken … Mary Moore Gibson … Hope Leussing (granddaughter of Joanne Leussing) … Mindy Richards Adams (niece of Alice Siddall) … Eugene Hirschfeld (father of Alice Siddall) … Miriam, Bernice and Cindy (mother, aunt and sister of Gary Rader) … Michael Padgett (former member) … Claire Reilly … Joe Reilly.

Our love and compassion to the family of Rev. Herbert Chilstrom, Bishop Emeritus of the ELCA who passed away Jan. 19 … JoAnn Stob (cousin of Don Huiner) who passed away Jan. 16.

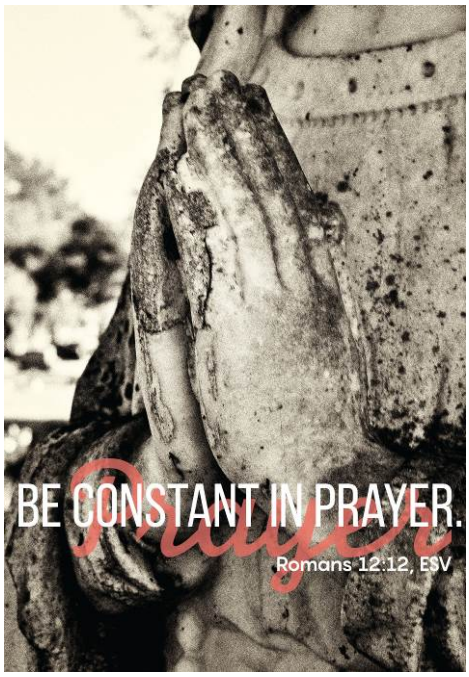
Members with ongoing concerns: Don Cumberland … Anita Gardner … Tyler Hagerdorn … Elaine Haines … David Kibble … David Lagerberg … James Laspisa … Debbie Miller … Donna Roush … Eric Walton.

Friends and family with concerns: Barbara Christel (cousin of Doug Sand) … Dorothy Dell … Sarah Dressel (relative of Rick and Patti Nelson) … Quentin Jung (husband of Cathy Jung) … Myra Miller (friend of Char Jessie) … Linda Paparodis (cousin of Char Jessie).

Homebound: Donna Baer (Crown Point) … Marie Cooper … Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) … Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) … Phyllis Wei.

Would you like to add a name to the Sunday prayers?

Contact the church office at 614-885-4319 or glcoffice@gethsemane.org before 10:00 am on Thursday to have the name printed in the bulletin. After that time, you will have the opportunity in worship to name those silently or aloud during the prayers.



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Highlights of Council Meeting – January 20, 2020

Copies of the Council Minutes and Financial Report are posted in Atrium Way. PLEASE READ BUT LEAVE POSTED.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor absent. No report.

Officers' Reports

President's report

- Tim thanked the council for their willingness to serve.

Vice President's report

- No report.

Secretary's report

- Jeff K moved approval of the December minutes as distributed by email. Seconded by Jeff L, the **motion passed**.

Treasurer's report

- Jeff L gave a brief orientation to the reports that he sends and the expectation that the council will review those before the meeting so that we don't have to read the reports in the meetings, but can just address questions. Each month there is a general overview and a more detailed profit & loss report. Jeff L also maintains an additional tier of even more detailed reports, but these are generally not relevant to council and are not regularly distributed. He also reviews detailed financial reports from Play and Learn each month and brings any concerns to council as needed.
- We are currently midway through fiscal year 2020, which ends June 30, 2020.

Liaison Reports

- Jeff K, liaison for the Worship Ministry Team, discussed some history of the effort to procure a new font and reiterated Pastor June's announcement on Sunday that we have received two final bowls from our glass artist. The team is now going to move forward on commissioning a stand.

Old Business

- Constitution – Jeff L. brought up that he has not seen a final corrected copy of the letter from the synod accepting last year's constitutional amendments.
- Gifting of cemetery plots – council previously agreed to give away the two cemetery plots and Tim asked for input on how to move forward with that.

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- Stewardship program – Tim reports that we are halfway through the program and that Kelly Seifert and Judy Kulikowski will be giving the final two Sunday morning stewardship talks.

New Business

- Meeting dates for 2020 – We will be meeting on the third Monday of each month.
- Council Orientation – Tim brought up the training available through the synod; Lindalee and Bill S showed interest in attending. Jeff L highly recommends that everyone read through the constitution, particularly the section on responsibilities for council.
- Annual Council Calendar – Tim distributed by email an overview of what major items to expect will come before council each month through the year; these items will show up in the "New Business" section of the council meeting each month. Tim encouraged us all to keep track of what we do this year so that we can improve this sort of calendar for future councils. Others also discussed a need for greater documentation of policies and procedures across functions in the congregation to allow for better shared understanding across teams and for better continuity as members change. Sharon asked for details of how committees are formed, based on an experience of the education team being disbanded; Jeff L gave an overview of committees and ministry teams and how they are formed. Bill S asked about what level and frequency of strategic planning happens since it sounds like there is a need for more coordination; he has seen non-profits move to shorter periods (18 months) for strategic plans; Jeff L responded that the council president can choose to set strategic goals for council, but this is not the same as strategic planning at the entire congregation level. Roughly every five years, we review vision, purpose statement, and guiding principles, but that is cultural planning, which is at a higher level than a strategic plan.
- Liaison assignments – Tim distributed by email a draft list of appointed officers and committee liaisons. Tim stepped us through the list in order to discuss open liaison positions and ask for volunteers. In the process, we discussed some changes to committees compared to what is listed on the sheet. Jeff K will follow up with Mike Siddall and Margaret Murphy about current status of the Youth Ministry Team (for older youth) and the proposed Youth Education Ministry Team which would oversee the full range of youth ministries. The Fellowship Ministry Team no longer exists and we discussed that coffee fellowship budget should potentially be moved under the Inreach Ministry Team.

Bill S moved, seconded by Jeff L, to adjourn the meeting; **meeting adjourned**. The next meeting will be February 17. Pastor June will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Siddall, Secretary

SERVING THIS MONTH – FEBRUARY 2020

	February 2 9:30 AM	February 9 9:30 AM	February 16 9:30 AM	February 23 9:30 AM	Ash Wednesday February 26 7:00 PM
Assisting Minister	Bill Seifarth	Bill Seifarth	Bill Seifarth	Bill Seifarth	Bill Seifarth
Projectionist	Paul Siebert	Brian McLean	Mike Siddall	Kate Lutz	
Sound Monitor	Mike Siddall	Rick Langner	Jim Sauer	Mark Geary	Jim Sauer
Readers	Gary Rader Brian Murphy	Margaret Murphy Michael Murphy	Carol Prigan Scott Prigan	Joe Reilly Doug Sand	Dick Reuning Judy Reuning
Ushers (*Captain)	Bob Abdou* Jim Driver Carol Taylor Bill Darlage	Michelle Castrogiovanni Howard Feole Rick Langner Diane Langner	Dave Reutter* Scott Conlon Jim Sauer Paula Sauer	Brian Burdette* Hugh Geary Joyce Geary Mark Geary	Jim Siebert* Judy Reuning Jim Sauer Paula Sauer
Nursery	Diane Langner	Pam Hagerdorn	Karen Obee Jeff Klukas	*Contact Diane Langner if you would like to volunteer to be a nursery attendant. 312-361-4048 OR dlangner@live.com*	
Communion Bread	Joyce Geary	Joanne Leussing	Carole Wilkins	Brian Lutz	
Communion Care	Betty Guenther Cathy Jung	Betty Guenther Cathy Jung	Betty Guenther Terri Siebert	Betty Guenther Terri Siebert	Betty Guenther
Counters	Joyce Davis	Joanne Leussing Hugh Geary	Brian McLean	Dave Reutter	

Would you like to serve in worship?

We are in need of more projectionists, sound monitors, ushers, and counters. If you are willing to serve in one or more of these positions please contact Diane in the church office at 614-885-4319 or glcoffice@gethsemane.org.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 **5:30-8:30 PM** Sub Night/ Game Night
2 **"Souper" Bowl Sunday** **9:30 AM** Worship **10:45 PM** G.I.F.T. class for all ages **4:00 PM** IbadaYaKiswahili	**3** **8:00 AM** Reflections **7:30 PM** A.A. & Al Anon	**4** **9:30 AM** P&L Chapel **10:30 AM** Staff Meeting	**5** **6:30 PM** Food Pantry **6:45 PM** IYK Choir	**6** **6:00 PM** Handbells **7:15 PM** Vocal Choir	**7** **7:00 AM** CONNECTIONS: Faith at Work	**8** **8:00 AM** Men's Breakfast
9 **9:30 AM** Worship **10:45 PM** Education **4:00 PM** IbadaYaKiswahili **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**	**10** **8:00 AM** Reflections **1:30 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry **6:00 PM** Child Care Committee **7:30 PM** A.A. & Al Anon	**11** **9:30 AM** P&L Chapel **10:30 AM** Staff Meeting **6:00 PM** P&L Staff Meeting	**12** **6:30 PM** Food Pantry **6:45 PM** IYK Choir	**13** **6:00 PM** Handbells **7:15 PM** Vocal Choir	**14**	**15** **10:00 AM** Swahili Ministry Team **6:00 PM** IYK Seminar & Dinner
16 **9:30 AM** Worship **10:45 PM** Education **4:00 PM** IbadaYaKiswahili	**17** **8:00 AM** Reflections **7:00 PM** Council **7:30 PM** A.A. & Al Anon	**18** **9:30 AM** P&L Chapel **10:30 AM** Staff Meeting **7:00 PM** CAC-District 9	**19** **6:30 PM** Food Pantry **6:45 PM** IYK Choir	**20** **6:00 PM** Handbells **7:15 PM** Vocal Choir	**21**	**22**
23 **9:30 AM** Worship **10:45 PM** Education **4:00 PM Synchronicity Benefit Concert for Faith Mission**	**24** **8:00 AM** Reflections **7:30 PM** A.A. & Al Anon	**25** **9:30 AM** P&L Chapel **10:30 AM** Staff Meeting **7:00 PM** Book Group	**26** **6:30 PM** Food Pantry **7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship**	**27** **6:00 PM** Handbells **7:15 PM** Vocal Choir	**28**	**29**

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: *Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*

"Y_ _ _r_ my fr_ _nds _f

y_ _ d_ wh_t _ c_mm_nd. …

Th_s _s my c_mm_nd:

L_v_ _ _ch _th_r."

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command. … This is my command: Love each other." John 15:14, 17, NIV

A Lenten history lesson

Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning "March") and *lencten* (meaning "spring").

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and "the Lenten fast" to the pre-Easter period.

Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus' time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren't counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they're considered "mini-Easters."