

September 2010

Volume 43, Issues 9

The Leaf – a monthly
publication of GLC



Gethsemane Lutheran Church
The Leaf



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

35 East Stanton Avenue ♦ Columbus OH 43214 ♦ 614-885-4319

www.gethsemane.org

Interim Pastor

Pastor John Stroup

pastorjohn@gethsemane.org

Music Ministries

Lucas Weiss

lweiss@gethsemane.org

Learning & Family Ministries

Terri Siebert

tsiebert@gethsemane.org

Child Care Center

Brenda Weilbacher

bweilbacher@gethsemane.org

Parish Secretary

Diane Gutgesell

glcoffice@gethsemane.org

Custodians

Mike and Kate Bumster

In this Issue

Interim Pastor—P. 2

Music Ministry—P. 3

Call Committee—P. 4

Rally Day—P. 6

Service Day—P. 8

Service Trip—P.9



**(for Gethsemane)
Sunday, September 12, 2010**

Exciting Worship, then ...

Potluck Brunch in the Great Hall

Fun Activities for all ages

GLC Ministry Teams in review

Youth Program through their eyes

Call Committee plans

Deliver flyers for GLC Service Day

Come to the Great Hall to hear our youth share their experiences in the Gethsemane Youth Program. Join with the Sunday School in fun activities for all ages. Learn about the work and service of our Ministry Teams. Enjoy a potluck brunch. Reconnect with other members and meet new ones – so wear your team clothes (GLC shirts, hats, or something green) and your NAME TAG! Sign up in Atrium Way.



To the People of God at Gethsemane Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace be to you from our Lord Jesus. It is a real pleasure to have been appointed to serve as your interim pastor during this time of transition. To help you get to know me, I want to share some information about myself and my family.

My hometown is Springfield, Ohio, where I lived with my parents for the first 25 years of my life. I graduated from Wittenberg University in 1963 and from Hamma School of Theology in 1966. Following graduation from Hamma, I was ordained into the Lutheran ministry on May 22, 1966. My wife, Carol—from Dayton, Ohio—and I were married on June 4, 1966, and we began ministry in my first parish—a two church parish in Tuscarawas County—on June 16. So those weeks after graduation from Hamma were filled with a frenzy of activity. In addition to this basic education for ministry, I also earned a doctorate in Psychology and Pastoral Counseling from Andover Newton Theological School in Boston in 1979.

Following a 40-year career in the active ministry, I retired in 2006. My wife and I now live in Groveport, Ohio, where we moved on June 30, 2006. We enjoy retirement and our two dogs—Kasha, a Samoyed, and Beau, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Our interests are the classical arts, dining out, traveling, boating and showing Kasha in dog shows—she has a few points toward a championship.

During our lives together, Carol and I are parents of a daughter, Elizabeth, who now lives in Seattle with her family, and a son, David, who lives in Land O' Lakes, Florida, with his family. God has blessed us with four wonderful grandchildren—two granddaughters ages 6 and 9 in Seattle and a grandson, age 3, and another granddaughter, age 6 months, in Land O' Lakes, Florida. Living so far from the rest of our family, we miss seeing our grandchildren very much.

My emphasis in ministry is proclaiming the Good News of God's Grace through Jesus Christ. I attempt to proclaim that Good News not just during Sunday worship but in all that I do as a pastor—in pastoral visits, in meetings, in administrative duties, in conversations and the way I live my life in general. In the midst of this I also really enjoy having fun. A life without humor can be rather dull. I like to encourage a sense of humor in others too.

I look forward to getting to know the members of Gethsemane and providing pastoral leadership for you during this time of transition. May God bless us as we make this journey together.

The Peace of Christ Be With All of You,
Pastor John Stroup
Interim pastor

When in Our Music God Is Glorified...

By Lucas Weiss, Director of Music Ministries



***When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!***

***How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!***

***So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue:
Alleluia!***

***And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!***

***Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise;
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!***

ELW, 850-1

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

These words are so rich with musical and theological imagery... Where do you find your musical artistry coming through this text? What is your place in the

Musical Ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church? Will you ring, will you sing, or will you play an instrument? The opportunity to experience small group ministry and all of its benefits is right here under this sloped roof with the shining cross perched high! So come and share, come and grow, come and be filled with the spirit of life and peace.

Come... ring, sing and play!

Music Ministry @ Gethsemane Wednesday, September 8

(and every Wednesday after)

**Bell Choir
6:00-7:00pm**

**Praise Team
7:00-8:00pm**

**Choir
8:00-9:00pm**

See you Wednesdays!

PASTORAL TRANSITION



CALL COMMITTEE NOTES & NEWS

Mike Siddall, chair, and six others (Judy Kulikowski, Becky Lickfelt, Harry Lyatuu, Dick Lyndes, Rachel Murphy, and Paula Sauer) have met several times already, and now are asking for your voices to be heard. Coming this Rally Day, September 12, there will be a pot luck and an opportunity to engage with other fellow members about the various ministries we have in place here at Gethsemane. Prior to that gathering, the Call Committee will be sending out to you via email and snail mail a few questions as it relates to our church's need to call a new pastor. At the pot luck, the committee hopes that you will share your answers to those questions during their part of the program. If you cannot attend the pot luck, the committee hopes that you will place your question/answer sheet in the box in the Narthex at the Welcome Center. There will be one more opportunity to "hear your voices" collectively in October during the education time slot following worship. Watch for that date as well.

Meet The Call Committee

- Judy Kulikowski – former Council president
- Becky Lickfelt – current coordinator for weddings held at GLC, member of the handbell choir and GLC orchestra, member of Mom's group
- Harry Lyatuu – member of Council, member of Swahili service planning team
- Dick Lyndes – Co-leader of Bible study group
- Rachel Murphy - member of High School Youth group, member of senior choir and GLC orchestra
- Paula Sauer – former Council member and president, current member of nominating committee, current vice-chair of Day Care committee
- Mike Siddall – High School youth ministry leader, volunteer sound technician for Sunday services

**Swahili Eucharist Service
for the Columbus Community
Sunday, September 5, 2010, 3:30pm**

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

mchungaji@gethsemane.org

(a joint ministry of Gethsemane and Ascension Lutheran Churches)



***Haleluya! Yesu amefufuka!
Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!***

Please join us on Sunday, September 5, 2010, for a Eucharist Service in Swahili. The service begins at 3:30pm with African music. Holy Communion will be served and all baptized and believing Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to share in this meal. There will be a food and fellowship time after the service. Gethsemane Lutheran Church is located at 35 E. Stanton Ave., ¼ mile off North High Street behind Tim Horton's. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the church at 614-885-4319 or email at mchungaji@gethsemane.org.

LEARN



Adult Education Opportunities

Story Time in the Library Sunday, Sept 5 at 10:45 am

Story Time for adults (teens are welcome too!) concludes today. The Story Time series this summer initiated stimulating discussion and faith sharing. Thanks to the many storytellers.

RALLY (for Gethsemane) DAY Sunday, Sept 12 – Education Hour

Rally: to summon for a common purpose. **RALLY (for Gethsemane) DAY** summons ALL of us to come together to kick off the Fall Season for the common purpose of worship, education, service and activities for all ages. We are also summoned during this new program year to work with Interim Pastor John and our leadership to plan and dream of new beginnings and exciting ventures for our community when our new pastor is called.

There is SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE at the intergenerational rally in the Great Hall.

- Potluck Brunch after worship: bring your favorite recipe or try one from the GLC 50th anniversary cookbook.
- Hands-on activities and stories for kids and adults alike centering around Prayer, the Sunday School theme for the program year. Remember Jonah praying?

- Youth will share their experiences, including the Service Trip to Michigan this summer.
- Learn from our various ministry teams about ways to serve and share the Gospel message.
- Connect with new people. Show your team spirit and that you're a fan of Gethsemane by wearing your Gethsemane t-shirt, hat, etc. or anything green or with trees or leaves – and of course, your NAME TAG!
- Hear about the work of the Call Committee for our new pastor.

You get the idea – a day to share laughter, meal, fellowship and to learn something too.

The Evangelizing Church Sept 19 and 26

“The Evangelizing Church” based on a book by Richard H. Bliese and Craig Van Gelder.

What is unique about the Lutheran approach to evangelism? How can it be applied today?

Mark S Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, writes in the Foreword that “To be Lutheran is to be an evangelizing church! To be a believer is to be justified by grace *and* to “proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.” This Adult Education series taught by Chris Lutz is about how to do the “*and*” part. What we hope to find are fresh insights, valuable motivation, and new practices for our community of faith.

Looking Ahead

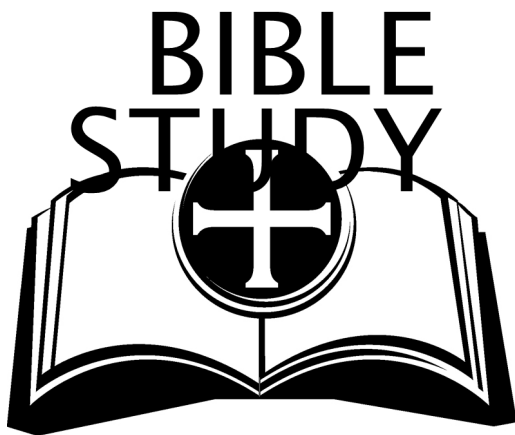
Save these dates during Education Hour at 10:45 am

Oct 3

Call Committee Report to Congregation

Oct 31

**Reformation and Confirmation Sunday
Celebration for everybody**



**Adult Bible Study
continues in the library
at 8:15am
Sunday mornings
following the
Bible Reading Plan
of the
Lutheran Study Bible.**

Sunday School Returns!

Classes will begin again for children and youth of all ages on Sunday, Sept. 12, Rally Day. Join us in the Great Hall!

Classes will meet in regular classrooms starting Sunday, Sept. 19. Check the education hallway door for location. Preschoolers meet in the first day care classroom on the lower level. All other ages are on the upper level. See you on the 12th! Welcome back!

Monday Bible Study -- First Reflections Restarts Sept. 13

First Reflections Bible Study Group will pick up again this Fall beginning September 13. Anyone who would like to study the gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday is welcome. Bring your Bible and yourself to La Chatelaine in Worthington at 627 High Street, Monday mornings at 7:30am. You can order a breakfast, just a beverage or nothing at all. If you are off to work from there, you be the judge of when you need to leave. Most Mondays we end around 8:45, sometimes 9:00. You can find us in the back room at the big table. For information contact Paula Sauer at 888-4625 or paulagsauer@yahoo.com. Join Us! Add your voice to the study!

Vacation Bible School Report "Friends of the Lord"

There were 15 active bubbly little ones singing, playing, and learning this year at our Gethsemane Vacation Bible School. To have fun with these wonderful children, we had a fantastic staff. Morgan Melton, Judy Kulikowski, Becky Lickfelt, Sandra Evans, Jill Woods, Joyce Geary and Lucas Weiss were on hand with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks. The message the children learned and exemplified was that of love and giving to others. On the last day of VBS the children brought in more than 15 items to give to the LSS Food Pantry, and they gathered in enough coins and bills (\$39.65) to purchase two flocks of chicks through Heifer International. My thanks to the staff, parents and children who helped to make this summer's VBS a fantastic event.

Paula Sauer, VBS Coordinator

Gethsemane's Fall Service Day: God's Work. Our Hands.

The Outreach Ministry Team is bringing this theme to the area around our church again this year with our Second Annual Fall Service Day on Saturday, October 30th. We will be reaching out to our neighboring homeowners with God's love by helping them with small repair and maintenance tasks that they may not be able to do themselves. These jobs may be indoors or outdoors, ranging from cleaning and painting to raking leaves and clearing garden beds.



2009 Service Day Volunteers

For our Service Day to be a success, we need the help of many folks from the Gethsemane family – not just those who are good with a rake, hammer or paint roller!

First, we need help “Getting the Word Out” and finding our potential projects. On September 12th and 19th we will deliver Service Day fliers to homes in our neighborhood. Anyone can do this! Kids, adults, teens! The walking will be great exercise, too. We want to get fliers to as many houses as possible so that, even if they don't need a project done, our neighbors will know that there is a church here on Stanton Ave. that cares about the people around it.

Second, of course, we need workers for the actual Service Day; how many and with what skills will be determined after we get our project list.

And **third**, we need some folks to make lunch for our workers when Service Day is finished. Service work makes people hungry, and we want to provide a time for reflection and fellowship after a morning of being God's hands for our corner of the world.

Watch the bulletin for all the opportunities to volunteer for Fall Service Day. **It's all God's work, but it's our hands.**

Thank You For Your Help !!

Many members have helped with the care and maintenance of our church property this year. This Spring, volunteers met several times a week for a month to complete various painting, repair and cleaning projects and spent time giving the upstairs Kitchen its annual, and very thorough Spring cleaning. This Summer, volunteers have planted and watered the flowers, cut the grass and spread mulch on the playgrounds and flower beds. And our computer systems are always kept functional in spite of what the network throws at it. Volunteers have included Bill Darlage, Bob Davis, Don Dell, Paul Feldman, Steve Gutgesell, Bob Hagerdorn, Rick Langner, Jeff Luedke, Manfred and Gottfried Maeffert, Brian Murphy, Dick Reuning, Mike Siddall, Paul Siebert and the members of Care Group 1. We offer them our thanks and gratitude for it is because of their service that the church looks well maintained and inviting for our visitors and the community. Thanks to all of you !!

And we are always appreciative and welcoming of those who wish to help out in the future – there's always grass to cut and something needing paint.

Jim Sauer, Properties Manager

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Youth Group Service Trip Benton Harbor, Michigan July 25-30

Going into this service trip, we really didn't know what to expect. We knew that we would get to help others by doing service in some way but other than that we weren't completely sure. When we arrived we were a little shocked by the number of people that were there. There were churches from five different states and from different denominations. We were the only Lutherans and the only church from Ohio. Our group was divided in half and then placed in two of the five groups that were named after the Great Lakes. Rachel Murphy, Emily Gardner and Adam Siddall were in Huron with Mike Siddall as the adult leader. Emma Siddall led Katlin Hiller, Rosa Prigan and I (Morgan Melton) in Ontario. These were the groups that we were in when we went to the service sites. It was nice to be divided because we got to meet other people and then share our different stories with our church group later that day.



Each day we had morning devotions where we spent half an hour with God before going out for the day. We then went to our service assignments. When we

got back from them we had some free time before dinner and then after dinner we had an evening activity. For our evening activity we did different things each night. We went to the nearby city for a scavenger hunt, we went out to get ice cream, we went to a church service and we went to the beach. The night we went to get ice cream, a hip hop dance crew called I'm Saving Myself came and we got to listen and watch them as they sang and danced for us. At the end Adam Siddall from our group joined others in learning a section of one of crew's routines. Their message was to stay away from drugs, guns and sex and to devote yourself to God.

After our evening activities we had CLUB. CLUB was a time where we worshiped God and reflected on our day. While we were there each group had two days of working on painting and another two working with a program called Kid's Club. Rosa, Katlin and I scraped paint off of a porch for five hours the first day and were glad to get to paint the second. Adam, Rachel and Emily had Kid's Club the first two days and went to a senior center before Kid's Club the second day. On the third and fourth day the two groups switched. Rosa, Katlin and I got to go to the daycare that was at the Salvation Army we were staying at before Kid's Club the last day. Adam, Rachel and Emily went to the house we worked at and finished painting and worked on other parts of the family's yard and home to help out. The family was so thankful that we could help them out.

They also met a woman named "Mama" Wilder. She was a woman in the community that though she wasn't the best off, helped others. She was so kind, welcoming and full of faith. She was such an inspiring person and even though she had fewer possessions than many of us, even though they were there to help her, she taught everyone about being humble and knowing that everything really belongs to God.

continued

Continued from previous page

Our youth were so willing to do anything we were asked and though some of the jobs weren't our favorite, like scraping paint of a porch for five hours, we did it because it needed to be done and others wouldn't. We listened to what God wanted of us and not just to what we wanted. This trip allowed us to not only experience service to others but to also explore our relationship with God. We spent six hours doing service but we were awake for sixteen hours total. That gave us a lot of time to spend in fellowship with other Christians and to have spiritual growing. It is hard to let everyone know what we experienced on this trip because words can't describe the people we met or experiences and feelings we had and how they impacted us. All we can do as a youth group is talk with you about what we did and encourage you to experience God's work through service yourself. If you want to know more about our trip, come and talk to one of us. We would be more than happy to share with you!

Morgan Melton Relates Faith Trek Experiences

As some of you might know, I have been given the opportunity to be in a program called Faith Trek this past year. Though it has been mentioned a few times, it has never really been explained. I got into Faith Trek because Pastor Karen sent in an application last year and I was chosen by the Bishop of our synod to participate. Faith Trek is made up of me and twenty other youth from different Lutheran churches across the Southern Ohio Synod. Throughout the past year we have been meeting to explore our faith and develop leadership skills. We each have a mentor that works with us and my mentor is Jen Tatz. Jen went with me to the retreat that we had in February and to

one of the Leadership Days in April. Just recently I got to go on a service trip with Faith Trek in Wisconsin.

During this past year I have grown in my faith in ways that I never would have thought possible thanks to Faith Trek. Not only have my experiences with the Bishop and one of his employees, Gary, been a big part of my spiritual growth but it has also led me to meet other Lutheran teens who are strong in their faith. I have made bonds with these people that have impacted me in ways I can't explain that will last a lifetime. I have also gotten to know Gary and the Bishop and have a close bond with them.

One of the requirements as a Faith Trekker is to lead a service project. I have decided that for mine I want to take stuffed animals to Children's Hospital and to the Ronald McDonald house here in Columbus. The details for this project haven't been made but be looking for more information about it because support from the congregation would be helpful in so many ways. I am going to get our youth group involved with this project and if you have any ideas or thoughts, I am happy to listen and would

appreciate the help. Also if you want to know more about my experiences with Faith Trek this year, I would love to share them with you. I can't thank Pastor Karen enough for giving me this opportunity along with Jen for being my mentor, Gary, the Bishop and the other twenty Faith Trekkers.



Small Group Ministries

**First Reflections
Monday Bible Study**
Paula Sauer
paulagsauer@yahoo.com

Saturday Bible Study
glcoffice@gethsemane.org

Connections: Faith in the Workplace
Judy Reuning
jreuning@lifecrossings.com

Men's Breakfast
Bob Davis
ridjr@wowway.com

Habitat for Humanity
Bill Darlage
Darlage_bill@hotmail.com

Mom's Group
Doris Ing
dor_ing@yahoo.com

LWR Quilts
Ruth Fortis
ruthfortis@sbcglobal.net

Prayer Shawls
glcoffice@gethsemane.org

OR
Call the
Church Office
614-885-4319

P&L Seeks Donations of Computers and Clothing

It's the beginning of a new school year at Play and Learn! Play and Learn is in need of some computers for their pre-school classrooms. If you have a computer you can donate, please contact Brenda Weilbacher at 846-7576. Also, Play and Learn keeps extra clothes for children who need a change during the day. At this time, they need used or new children's clothing size 18 months to size 5. Please leave any clothing donations outside the Play and Learn office door.

**Blood Drive
Saturday, October 16
8am-2pm
In the Great Hall**

HEADS UP!!! Mark your calendars now! Your Health Ministry will have a Red Cross blood drive on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 8:00am -2:00pm in the Great Hall. (We promise chicken sandwiches!)

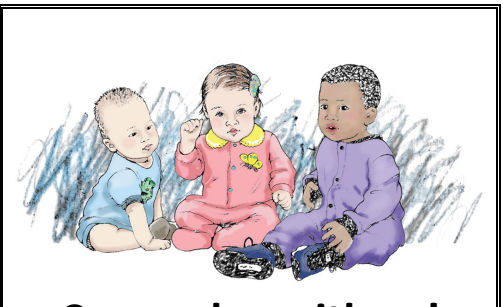
And on Sunday, Oct. 17, Life Care Alliance once again will work with us on a Flu Shot Clinic from 10:45-11:45am Cost will remain at \$25.00

**Quilt Dedication
Sunday, September 26.**

The quilts that Gethsemane members have been working on for the past year will be dedicated on Sunday, September 26. The finished quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief who in turn sends the quilts to disaster areas around the world.

To finish the quilts for dedication Sunday, two quilting days remain, Saturday, August 28 and Saturday September 25, both from 9-1:00pm. Come and join the group of quilters (knotters) in the multi-purpose room in service and fellowship.

For more information, call Ruth Fortis at 337-9332 or Terri Siebert at 890-6820.



Come play with us!

Nursery service is offered for our worship service for children kindergarten and younger. Adults and youth (grades 5 and above) are needed to help staff our nursery. To help us provided this caring ministry, contact coordinator Patsy Carringer at 846-3734.

September Birthdays

- 1 Janice Dunham
- 2 Pam Seidelmann
- 3 Dorothea Koch
Isaac Lyatuu
- 4 Bill Darlage
Naomi Fortis
- 5 Byron Ford
Rick Langner
- 7 Lucas Weiss
- 8 Samuel Ankrom
- 11 Dorothy Grewe
- 12 Rachel Oldaker
- 13 Linda Mackov
Paul Siebert
- 15 Ruth Ann Norris
- 16 Denise Frashier
- 17 Tony Moyer
Kenzie Worrall
- 19 Marcia Rees Conrad
- 21 Lee Ann Perin
- 23 David Reutter
- 24 Scott Ralls
- 25 Adrienne Hine
Alexandra Hine
- 29 Michael Jung
Jim Sauer
- 30 Charles Goetsch
Tiffany Hagerdorn
Bethany Keller
Karen Melton

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

Members we continue to pray for:

Marilyn Bosen (Arlington Court ... Peg
Crowell ... Jean Fritchen ... Ken Gerken
... Elaine Haines ... Mary Manship (The
Forum) ... Eleanor Nagy ... Phyllis
Nelson ... Rebecca Oldaker ... Joe Reilly
... Paula Sauer ... Reva Woodruff

Family and friends:

Art Becker (father of Barbara Ford)
Ruth Fleck (great-aunt of Andrea
Mayer)
Shea Family (friends of Lucas and
Amanda Weiss)
Nancy Sweiggert (mother of Karen
Melton)
Ruth Vollrath (cousin of Jane Sieberth)

Hospitalized:

Carrie Large (Riverside)
Carolyn Fergus (Dublin Methodist)

Births:

Rebecca Marie Burchfield
(granddaughter of Rick and Diane
Langner born on July 14).

Colton August (great grandson of Ben
and Phyllis Nelson) born on August 13.

Our love and compassion for the family
of Winnifred Zeid (friend of Bob and Jan
Davis) who passed away.

Family and friends serving overseas:

Grady Driver (nephew of Jim Driver) ...
David Frashier (son of Mike and Denise
Frashier) ... T.J. Smith (friend of Morgan
Melton) ... Colin Steffa (son of Meredith
Dobyns) ... Nick Swenson (nephew of
Barb Driver).

Would you like to add your prayers?

For Sunday Prayers:

Contact church secretary, Diane, at 885-
4319 or glcoffice@gethsemene.org
before 12:00 noon on Friday. After that
time, please bring your prayer request to
church and give it to the assisting
minister for inclusion in the prayers that
day.

For prayers during the week:

Call Beryl Cumberland (471-0408) or
Barbara Nelson (888-6257).



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Congregation Council

OFFICERS:

President

Don Dell

Secretary

Heidi Hiller

Treasurer

Jeff Luedke

MEMBERS:

Janice Dunham

Paul Feldman

Harry Lyatuu

Don Seidelmann

Jim Siebert

Highlights of Council Meeting – August 12, 2010

A copy of the Council and Committee minutes and Financial Report is posted in Atrium Way. PLEASE READ BUT LEAVE POSTED. Take home copies (minus attachments) are available in the Welcome Center.

REPORT OF GLC'S ENERGY USE

Steve Ing presented a report from the Environmental Stewardship ministry team on GLC's energy usage. He also presented a list of proposed activities they wish to encourage. They have been monitoring utility usage and energy savings based upon improvements made in 2008 (compact fluorescent lights) and 2009 (improved insulation and roof repair). Recommendations are to continue monitoring utility usage, continue with energy efficient improvements (insulation of attic space upgraded to R-38), catalogue appliances and plan for Energy-Star replacements when needed. The committee would like to enroll in the Interfaith Power and Light 10% Challenge that tracks energy usage and conservation projects within the congregation, possibly engaging the HS youth (\$1000 prize will be awarded to top 5 congregations). Other plans to research rainwater collection systems, plant native trees and create a rain garden were in the proposal. The hope is to invest savings to further energy conservation at GLC.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor John Stroup has been serving Gethsemane since August 1st. All necessary paperwork has been received from the Bishop regarding this assignment. The current contract will be evaluated at the end of 6 months. Pastor Stroup is at the church on Tuesday and Wednesday (9-4), as well as Sunday. He has gone on one hospital visit, and meets weekly with the GLC staff. He has written an article of introduction for *The Leaf*.

ELECTED OFFICERS' REPORT

President

Jan Davis has agreed to be the kitchen coordinator for both the upstairs kitchen and coffee area in the atrium. She is NOT responsible for making coffee and providing snacks.

There has been a change in custodial services. The church custodians have switched responsibilities with the Play and Learn custodians. Jim Sauer and Brenda Weilbacher will review the scope of these duties.

Council would like to acknowledge and thank Dave and Darlene Norman for assuming the role of sacristan. Their service is greatly appreciated.

continued

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

continued from previous page

FINANCIAL REPORTS

GLC has a net shortfall of \$2,827 for the month of July; yet is ahead of budget. Year-to-date results are the same, as July is the first month of the 2011 fiscal year. The cumulative shortfall is \$23,096. At month end, working cash totaled \$52,318. GLC requires approximately \$35,000 each month to cover typical cash flow requirements.

Play and Learn reports were not yet available. Preliminary indication is that there was a significant loss in tuition income in July. Other areas remain consistent. Day Care committee will meet 8/16. It was noted that other day care facilities are currently experiencing similar decreases in enrollment.

The audit review was performed on the records for calendar year 2009. A written report received by council indicated that the approval process needs to be tightened, and supporting documentation for approvals must be available for review. In general, the financial reports to the congregation are in line with the bank statements and documentation of expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

Rally Sunday will be September 12th after the church service. Terri Siebert is coordinating hands on activities and stories for the children, Mike Siddall will have the HS youth present their servant trip to Michigan, and Janice Dunham will contact ministry teams so that they may share their ministries with the congregation. The care group, Noah's Family, is sponsoring a pot luck brunch. A sign up will be in Atrium Way. Council will set up tables on 9/9 following the council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Call Committee

Jim Sauer presented the revised GLC Facility Use Guidelines as it relates and coincides with the GLC stated mission. Changes focused on functions, fees for building use, and security of the building, property and those within.

MOTION: (D Seidelmann, P Feldman) **to approve revision of the GLC Facility Use Guidelines. Carried.**

The Call Process

The Call Committee is beginning to explore the *Ministry Site Profile* form. They will meet on 8/15, then again on 8/29 with Pastor Wong.

Council and staff will meet on Sunday, 8/22 @ 10:45am to further clarify its mission and vision to share with the call committee. Pastor Stroup encouraged council to explore the area around Gethsemane to help discern God's call for us. Beyond Maintenance to Mission, was offered as suggested reading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council and Staff will meet August 22nd @10:45 am to look at mission statement.
- The Swahili Worship Service is scheduled for September 5th at 3:30pm.
- The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 7:30pm.
- Outreach Ministry Team community work day is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th.