

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

An Additional Outdoor Worship Opportunity

We will gather in the parking lot on **Saturday, Oct. 23, at 5:00pm** to have a short worship service. This is in ADDITION to our existing Sunday morning worship service, which will remain unchanged. The Saturday service will focus around the readings for that week and will include songs, discussion, communion and prayer. We will plan to meet each Saturday where there is not an already planned outdoor Sunday service.

The Saturday service will also be minimalistic in nature. There will NOT be a sound system, it will NOT be streamed and there will be limited handouts.

This minimalist approach will allow us to gather and worship in ANY weather condition, so please plan accordingly. We will do our best to provide shelter and warmth in such situations. Please bring a chair and a mask, as masking and social distancing guidelines will also be adhered to.

We look forward to trying new things and hope that you will be a part of these new experiences.

PLEASE NOTE: *The parking lot is being sealed on Saturday, October 23, so park at Tim Horton's or the Cremation Society and use the sidewalk from the alley to gather on the front lawn.*

Worship Service Policies

In-Door Sunday Worship

- **FULL MASKS** for **ALL WORSHIPERS**, both vaccinated and nonvaccinated.
- Maintain physical distancing inside the church.
- Sit as family units only at marked pew locations.
- Wait until you are outside the building before socializing with others.

Out-Door Sunday Worship

- **FULL MASKS** for **ALL WORSHIPERS** while arriving and leaving the worship area. Worshipers may remove their mask only while remaining seated.
- Sit in marked locations only (blue painted dove) and stay put.
- Maintain physical distancing.

Live-Streaming Video Worship

The link to our live video worship service is emailed each week. See below. OR Go to <http://YouTube.gethsemane.org> to watch our Sunday worship service at a later time.

Outdoor Worship This Sunday, October 17, 2021.
Blessing of the Beasts – Bring your pet for a blessing

Bring your pets to church (in a crate or on a leash) Sunday, Oct. 17, 9:30am.

We will have a special blessing for your beast at our Outdoor Service during worship.

THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IS ON YOUTUBE: Here is the livestreaming link for this Sunday, Oct. 17, <https://youtu.be/FodLGQ-SkEc> or you may go to <http://YouTube.gethsemane.org> and watch at a later time.

ADULT EDUCATION: Beginning Sunday, Oct. 17, and continuing through Nov. 7, Dr. Cheryl Peterson will lead a study on the Holy Spirit. The Rev. Dr. Peterson holds the Trinity Endowed Chair in Mission and Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. She serves as Professor of Systematic Theology and Associate Dean for Academics. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Peterson for this special four-part series at 10:30am in the Great Hall. Please note: We are making this change to accommodate the majority of participants who also attend in-person worship. If you prefer meeting on ZOOM, let Carol Prigan know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN meets in person outdoors every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month weather permitting. On the 2nd Sunday of the month Sunday School will have a virtual lesson. Supplemental packets can be found in the large classroom across from Miss Kendra's office. **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE COLLECTING TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 7. DROP OFF IN ROOM 212 UPSTAIRS.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR TEENS (6th grade and up) meets the 4th Sunday of each month (10/24; 11/28; 12/19?) Meet outside with your mask at 10:30am weather permitting otherwise indoors.

"LIVING LUTHERAN" SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL: It is time for Gethsemane to renew the group rate subscription to "Living Lutheran" for all members who wish to receive the magazine. Due to the pandemic we will depend on you contacting the church either by email (glcoffice@gethsemane.org) or by phone (614-885-4319) to let us know if you wish: to **STAY ON THE LIST**; be **REMOVED FROM THE LIST** or be **ADDED TO THE LIST**. If you would like to help offset Gethsemane's cost (\$8.95 per family subscription) you may mail your contribution to Gethsemane at 35 E. Stanton Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214. Make checks payable to **Gethsemane Lutheran Church** write "**Magazine**" in the memo.

OCT. 30 – TRUNK OR TREAT, 5-6:30 PM. We are having a Trunk or Treat event in our parking lot for children from Gethsemane, Play & Learn, and Food Pantry families. We need YOU to decorate your car (or table) and hand out candy or other treats to children. If you don't want to decorate anything, you could just come and help too. Halloween fun for our kids! To volunteer contact Elise Meyers.

NOV. 7 – ON THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. In addition to those who have died in the congregation this past year, you are also invited to lift up friends and family members that have died since last All Saints, Nov. 1, 2020 and they will be remembered in worship. Please send their name to glcoffice@gethsemane.org along with their date of death and their relationship to you by Tuesday, Nov. 2.

NOV. 13 – FALL SERVICE DAY is Saturday, Nov. 13. If you can help with outdoor (only) cleanup jobs such as leaf raking, please contact Jim Siebert.

Food Pantry Need: Toilet Paper

We Remember in Prayer

New Concerns: Joan and Debi (mother and sister of Char Jessie) ... Susan Wilkins, (sister-in-law of Carole Wilkins) ... Robert Lantz (brother-in-law of Bob Davis ... Michelle Castrogiovanni ... Hilda Lyatuu.

Members with ongoing concerns: Dan Bonarrigo ... Bob Brugler ... Don Cumberland ... Howard Feole ... Gene Fisher ... Joyce Geary ... Dr. Tim Guenther ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... Elaine Haines ... David Lagerberg ... James Laspisa ... Dick Lyndes.

Friends and family with concerns: Barbara Christel (cousin of Doug Sand) ... Shirley Speedy (mother of Michelle Castrogiovani) ... Ruth Stackhouse (mother of Sharon Minot) ... JL Draganic (relative of Sharon Minot).

Homebound: Donna Baer (Crown Point) ... Marie Cooper (New Albany) ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen).

<i>To fulfill God's mission here at Gethsemane</i>		
	September 2021	Fiscal Year to Date (3 months)
Budgeted Contributions:	\$28,235	\$88,235
Contributions Received:	\$20,182	\$82,163
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$8,053)	(\$6,072)
Contributions needed for the remainder of the fiscal year.		
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$277,837</u>	
<u>Average Per Month:</u>	<u>\$30,871</u>	
<p><i>Note: The amounts listed above reflect contributions to Gethsemane's Operating Fund; they do not include contributions to Special Funds, such as the Remembrance Fund and they do not include contributions for IYK.</i></p>		

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2021: These are the various options that you can use to make your contributions to Gethsemane to keep our ministries going. Everyone will continue to get credit for their contributions no matter which option they choose. **Gethsemane Online; Electronic Transfers from Your Bank; "Giveplus Church" App on Your Smart Phone; Text from Your Smart Phone; Write a Check and Mail It to Church.**

LIMITED PARKING SUNDAY—OCT 24

Parking will be available in front of Gethsemane along Stanton Ave. Additional parking is available in front of the Infant Toddler House (on grass), along the alley, at Tim Hortons (north side facing Stanton Ave. only), and at the Cremation Society. The church parking lot is being sealed and striped on Saturday and needs an additional day to cure. We apologize for the inconvenience.

NO PARKING SATURDAY—OCT 23

There is no parking available on Gethsemane's parking lots Saturday. Workers will be sealing and striping all the paved surfaces. We apologize for the inconvenience.