



A FAMILY IN CHRIST CARING FOR ALL PEOPLE

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Holy Week and Easter: There in God's Garden

Sunday, March 28th 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

There in God's Garden: the Garden of the Passion

We begin outdoors for the Procession with Palms. During worship services, we welcome five of our young people to the Lord's Table for their First Communion. The Sunday School and Choir will sing at the 11am service.

Thursday, April 1st 7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

There in God's Garden: the Garden of Gethsemane. This first liturgy of the Three Days has no ending; it continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Vigil of Easter. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Friday, April 2nd 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

There in God's Garden: the Garden of Betrayal and Rejection

Saturday, April 3rd 7:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

There in God's Garden: the Garden of Resurrection

Lighting of the First Fire; Affirmation of Baptism; the First Communion of Easter

Sunday, April 4th 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

There in God's Garden: the Garden of Paradise Festival Worship with Holy Communion
Easter Breakfast will be served between services; a \$5 donation per person is requested; additional donations are welcome and will go towards the Building Renovation Capital Campaign. If you are able to bring a breakfast sweet, please let us know!

Building a House Where All Are Welcome **Gethsemane's Capital Fund Campaign** **For Accessibility & Building Renovation**



Campaign Events

Sunday, April 11

Between Services: Welcoming Hymn Sing

As we drink coffee & eat donuts, we will sing hymns that speak of welcoming!

Sunday, April 18

Between Services: Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share

Around tables of fellowship, we'll share stories of giving, receiving, and inclusion.

Sunday, April 25

Small Group Gatherings for more information & consideration.

Saturday, May 1

Prayer Vigil Watch for an opportunity to sign up to pray for 30 minutes for Gethsemane's ministry and mission.

Sunday, May 2

Commitment Sunday

During worship, you will be invited to make a commitment to help support the Renovation project.

What will this Building Renovation accomplish?

- ◆ Provide handicapped accessible restrooms for both men and women on the main level
- ◆ Replace our "elevette" with a state safety approved elevator
- ◆ Provide for an "area of refuge" outside the sanctuary for emergency egress
- ◆ Reconstruct the rear entrance off the parking lot to be more welcoming and attractive
- ◆ Live out our mission of welcome and caring

How much will the project cost?

In January, the congregation approved a program of \$350,000 which includes construction, contingency, and costs for conducting a capital fund campaign using a leader from the ELCA Stewardship Key Leader Program. The congregation also approved using the Alvar Carlson Trust of \$93,000 and \$15,000 from the Gift & Memorial Fund. These amounts, plus the Health Cabinet's designation of \$80,000 from the Mary Ann Costa estate, mean that we have \$188,000 on hand. Our Capital Fund Campaign goal is \$175,000.

When will the work begin?

All permits have been completed, and work may begin any time.

If I currently use the "elevette," how will I be able to get into church?

One of the first items to be done will be building a temporary ramp off the parking lot into the sanctuary. We will be exploring options for how to offer coffee and donuts upstairs as well as downstairs during that time. We are hopeful that it will be only a short period of time. We will work hard to keep everyone advised, and we appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility!

Building a House Where All Are Welcome **Gethsemane's Capital Fund Campaign**

Special Ways to Give at this Special Time
By Pastor Philip Reitz, Stewardship Key Leader

This is an exciting time in the life of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Your congregation has prepared for this time with solid ministry and a desire to be a place of Gospel hospitality. The generosity of the Mary Ann Costa Estate and the Alvar Carlson Trust has given you the opportunity to accomplish a part of your vision as a congregation where your love of God flows out through your ministry in the community. The rich ministry of Gethsemane continues to be blessed and grow. To make the most of these possibilities, it is vital that Gethsemane Lutheran Church ask, receive and give thanks for the gifts of the faithful in order to do the ministry God has given you to do in your church and community.

Faced with this opportunity, members of Gethsemane Lutheran Church are asking, "How can I give as much as possible?" This article provides some possible answers to this important question.

One important way to give to "Building a House Where All Are Welcome" is out of regular income. Most people give to the ongoing ministry of the congregation out of regular income. That is, a portion of household income is given to the congregation on a weekly or monthly basis. Over the next three years, many members of Gethsemane will make generous weekly or monthly gifts to "Building a House Where All Are Welcome" out of their regular income in addition to their ongoing support of the congregation's ministry.

There are other ways to make even larger gifts.

Some people will make a gift from their savings, recognizing that this is an opportunity that must not be missed.

Many people will give stock, mutual funds or other securities that have appreciated in value.

Still others will give all or part of the cash value of an insurance policy.

Some will consider taking advantage of appreciated property values by taking out a home equity loan to make a one-time gift.

Combining these gifts with giving from regular income can produce a level of generosity that might not otherwise be possible.

There can be considerable tax advantages to giving in these ways, especially to giving stock and other appreciated securities and the cash value of insurance policies. You should always consult your tax advisor or financial planner about such gifts.

"Building a House Where All Are Welcome" presents members of Gethsemane Lutheran Church with an incredible opportunity. This opportunity calls for each member to take steps to be as generous as possible so that the ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church can be expanded and enhanced. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you plan your joyful gift in response to God's blessings and invitation to ministry at Gethsemane.

Building a House Where All Are Welcome: Stories to Tell, Gifts to Share

Mark Cutelli is co-chair of the Spiritual Emphasis Team of the Campaign Leadership Committee. On March 28th, he shared these remarks as an inspirational talk during worship:

My mother and her brothers spent ten years of their lives at an orphanage. In those days many of the orphanages were very strict and not as well regulated as they are today. In my mother's situation they segregated the girls from the boys, so she was separated from her brothers by a chain link fence. This separation had a profound effect on my mother and her brothers especially later in their lives. Many years later as my mother and one of her brothers had their own children, both of them insisted on including everyone in the family for many of our family's functions, regardless of what might be going on within our family. They did not care who was fighting with whom. All were welcome; even friends of the family were treated like family members, and extended family members were always welcomed. Late in my mother's and my uncle's lives, I sat down with one of my cousins and she shared with me something that had never really dawned on me. The reason why both her dad and my mom were so close and inclusive when it pertained to family was because they were separated watching each other grow up through a chain link fence at the orphanage. They could not play together as brother and sister should have been able to do.

I was taught a valuable lesson; we should never put up a fence, especially when it comes to family. Should this not stand true for our church family? I don't know about you, but I find myself often putting many fences up. The fences might be invisible but they are just as real as the fence that my mother and her brothers had to deal with. Don't we all tend to separate or put up a fence or fences from others because we are different or they are different? Like between rich, poor, male, female, young, old, black, white, red, brown, yellow, gay, straight, healthy, sick, able, and disabled? We can go on and on. Is it not about time we all take down our fences we have made in our hearts and have installed in our lives? Should we not accept each other? Christ has accepted us. Christ is our example. We were all separated from God by a fence or a wall made of sin. Jesus removed this barrier with his own death and resurrection. Before us now we have a Capital Improvement project here at church. I hope and pray we come together as a church family and support this project. Many will say, "I support this project 100 percent," but do we really support it, if we are not willing to invest our time, money, and talents toward this project? Let us all take down our own personal walls. Let us build together a house — no, not a house but a home — where all are Welcomed, because in a home there is love.



the forgiving place.



the caring place.

Joanne Grana has been a member of Gethsemane for many years. Currently, she is caring for her mother at home. She enjoys writing, and has even written a children's book about Bianca the Bear. Here, she shares her thoughts on what the Building Renovation Project means to her. Thanks, Joanne!

I was afraid to come to church. I know you are asking yourself, "Why would she be afraid to come to church?" The reason is simple. I was afraid of the elevette. I use a motorized wheelchair and have gotten stuck in the elevette several times. I never felt safe in it. It made strange noises and was very rickety. My mother and I said a prayer and held our breath each time we had to use it.

Several years ago, on Palm Sunday, my mother and I got in the elevette, pushed the button only to have the elevette stop halfway between floors. I had no idea how we were going to get out. Finally, they were able to get the gate and door open, help my mother out of the elevette and lift me out to safety.

Another time we were at a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall when it was announced that the elevette was sparking and smoking. It took five men to carry me up those long flights of stairs. Two on each side and one in back in case one man slipped. That is an experience that I definitely would not want to go through again. I'm sure the men who assisted me that day feel the same way.

Those were the major experiences I have had with the elevette not working. There were however, countless times when the door would not open because someone neglected to close the gate. One Sunday we made it to church only to be told the elevette was out of order. In one instance, if I remember correctly, it was out of order for several weeks. We had to call someone or someone would have to call us to tell us if the elevette was operating or not.

I looked into getting a new chair because mine is quite old. The new chairs are bigger and wider. One reason I did not get a new chair is I knew a bigger, wider chair would not fit into the elevette.

I have not been able to attend church for a while. I hope to be back some time in the future. The proposed renovations would make it a lot easier and safer for me and older members to attend church. There should be restrooms for both men and woman on the first floor. It would be easier and safer for older members. The Area of Refuge is a fantastic idea. It alleviates the fear of being trapped should the elevator break down. A new elevator would make it possible for any disabled person, no matter what size their chair is, to attend church. If Gethsemane is to be a truly accessible and safe church, these renovations must be made. I hope that everyone in the congregation will support them.



the growing place.



the welcome place.

Health Cabinet

Peace to all,

John 10:10 states *"I have come that you may have life and have life more abundantly."* Spring is finally here and Easter is celebrated. The Redeemer is victorious. This month of April is noted as National Volunteer, Environmental, Immunization, and Cancer Control Month. It is fitting to concentrate on cancer control as cancer is the second leading cause of deaths in America. The American Cancer Society (ACS) defines cancer "as a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells."

In this newsletter, let us focus mainly on two types of cancer. Hopefully, let us be encouraged to take heed to our faith and body because as Proverbs 4:20-22 states, *"Listen closely to my words. Keep them in your heart for they are life to those who find them and health to the whole body."* Prevention is key.

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men, and the highest incidence is in our African-American men. Men should begin annually to have the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test and digital rectal exam done by age 50. Men at high risk, having a first-degree relative diagnosed with prostate cancer, and African-American men should have these tests done beginning at age 45. It is recommended to reduce fat in the diet (ACS, 2002).

It is estimated more than one million cases of **highly curable** basal and squamous cell cancer occur annually. The most serious is melanoma, found mostly in the white population. It is highly recommended to use a Skin Protectant Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Limit exposure to sun during the hours of 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and wear a hat, sunglasses, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts to protect the body from the sun. Adults should practice skin self-exam and see their physician or health care provider promptly if a suspicious area is found or a change in moles or freckles is noted. Regular visits to your physician are recommended.

The ACS objectives for 2015 are: reduce adult and youth use of tobacco, eat healthy foods with an increase in fruits and vegetables, increase physical activity for all, increase sun protection prevention methods, early breast cancer detection, early colorectal cancer detection, and early prostate cancer detection, The ACS number is 1-800-ACS-2345.

"For I am the Lord who heals you" (Exodus 15:26)

Thanks to all who participated in the Gethsemane Blood Drive on Sunday, March 7! Your time and incredible donations are very much needed and appreciated.

On March 7, 13 people registered to give blood and 12 units were drawn. Gethsemane's drive goal was 12, so we were right on the money! With cold and flu season in full swing, we surely appreciate those healthy donors who rolled up their sleeves to give the "Gift of Life" at our Church.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center wants you to know that they depend on volunteer donors like yourselves to meet the local blood needs at SSM Healthcare. They are incredibly thankful for donors who believe in the mission of giving blood and care enough to take action and make sure units are on the shelves when needed.

We never know who will need the next transfusion, but we do know that blood donors are always there to meet the need. Collectively, you may be a quiet, caring minority, but your generous actions speak loudly. Simply put, your donations save lives. Thank you for your blood drive partnership and all you do to make lifesaving possible.

~Mary Jane Thomsen, Gethsemane Lutheran Blood Drive Coordinator

Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee is putting out a HUGE plea for people to help serve the church!

Enjoy Your Donuts? This is a very easy task and a great way to contribute to helping provide the Fellowship time each Sunday morning.

We are in need of more people to HELP PICK-UP DONUTS for Sunday morning Fellowship Hour. Our current drivers sign up for usually two months of the year but if you can sign up for one month that would be great. Shirley Roberts has been one of our long time dedicated drivers and will no longer be able to do this task.

It basically consists of going to Donut Drive-In at 6525 Chippewa (corner of Chippewa and Watson) - just around the corner from church

- Drive into the parking lot - behind the building to pick up donuts (rear entrance)
- Knock on the back door and they will bring them to you
- Usually at least 2-3 large boxes and sometimes more (count of donuts varies with events at GLC)
- Deliver to church before first service, if possible; place on the tables in the Fellowship Hall
- You can help cut the long donuts ONLY (rounds do NOT get cut) or the "Coffee Hour" host/hostess is willing to do this task also
- If you cannot make a week during your month the other drivers are more than willing to change weeks

If you have any questions or would graciously like to volunteer please call Lois Wind at 314-487-5755 or e-mail loja2@charter.net. It only takes an extra 10-15 minutes on Sunday morning. Thank you for considering to help!

COFFEE HOUR EXPENSES

If you are paying for your coffee and goodies – THANK YOU. If you are not paying for these please HELP. This event each Sunday does cost money and more than it did years ago.

Donut prices along with the prices of coffee cups to enjoy your hot coffee, hot chocolate, and tea as well as the sugar, sweeteners, creamer, stirrers, napkins and spoons that are all being used each Sunday morning.

It has been considered to go back to the use of china cups but the cost of using the hot water sanitizer and soap to cleanse them, along with someone's time commitment, does not offset the cost of recyclable paper cups.

We want to continue to have the "Coffee Hour" so please consider the challenges of the costs. See you next Sunday with a hot cup of coffee, tea or chocolate.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

There are a very limited number of people volunteering for Coffee Hour Hosts. Some people find they like to split the task between setup and clean-up otherwise the time commitment is from before 8am until after 11am for the Coffee Hour Hosts (if you want to do both that would be great).

So if you enjoy that special cup of coffee and the Fellowship time please consider helping out with this task. Even though "Signup" is by the month people are adaptable to change a week with someone, if needed.

Please remember it takes a group of people to prepare for Coffee Hour each week (set-up, clean-up, donut delivery, and having supplies available)

P.S. The "Host Signup" monthly list is in the hallway to the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to sign up for Donut Delivery also.

Thanks for your help!

LIFE AT GETHSEMANE

Easter Breakfast

Make plans now to attend! The Fellowship Committee will serve a breakfast feast between services on Easter Sunday, April 4. This special event will mostly be catered this year so everyone can relax and enjoy food, family, friends and fellowship! A \$5.00 per person donation is suggested. This is our cost. Additional donations are welcome and will go towards the Building Renovation Capital Campaign.

The menu includes: Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Crisp Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown Casserole, Biscuits and Gravy, Fresh Fruit Salad, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee, (and of course, donuts). Where else can you find such bounty for a mere \$5.00? Our youth will be assisting that day. *The only request we have of you is to bring your favorite baked coffee cake or other yummy sweet.*

Please help us plan ahead and mark the blue attendance card or call the office by March 28th with the number of adults/children over 5 and also children under 5 years old who are planning to come to enjoy this Easter feast. If you are able to bring a breakfast sweet would you let us know! We look forward to seeing you there!

The Fellowship Committee

Drop In For Cards and Board Games

Starting Wed. April 21st and every 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 1:00pm
Fun For All Ages
Cards and Games Will Be Provided Or
BYOB (Bring Your Own Board)
All Are Welcome For A Time Of Fellowship and Fun!

GLCW

RACHEL CIRCLE

We welcome anyone who would like to join Rachel Circle.
Meeting will be Monday, 4/26, 11:00 a.m.
Pietro's Restaurant
3801 Watson Rd.
Call Claudine Hensel at 314-894-8335 for your reservation!

Tuesday Morning Women's Group

Join us on Tuesday, April 6th at Kim Elliott's house (3161 Harlequin Lane) from 10-11:30am to discuss our next study/topic. We've just finished "Chocolate for Lent" and want to continue meeting! So bring your ideas and interests — kids are welcome to come and play.

Church Council Highlights

March, 2010

(Note: Official minutes are placed on the hall bulletin board after approved at the next Council Meeting)

1. Heard from Dawn Schuessler, chair of our Capital Fund Campaign. Dawn introduced the theme of the campaign: Building a House Where All Are Welcome. Her team members are Jean Chouquette, Sharon Salerno, Mark Cutelli, Linda Gustafson, Damien Gustafson, John Sandberg, and Blaine DeCambaliza. She encouraged Council members to support the Campaign.
 2. Received a Treasurer's Report for January and February which showed that year-to-date giving is on track with budgeted needs.
 3. Considered information about loan possibilities for the Renovation project and received an update on when construction may begin.
 4. Voted to hire Dell Roth as a nursery worker for one Sunday per month.
- Approved a bid from Harster Heating and Air Conditioning for fixing the unit that heats and cools the Sunday School rooms. Money will be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund (former Tholozan House monies).

Thanks, Thanks, and More Thanks...

Everyone would like to thank Shirley Roberts for her many years of service to help with the Fellowship Coffee Hour by picking up everyone's favorite donuts. **THANK YOU Shirley** and we hope you are truly enjoying your new lifestyle at your new home. We know you will be making lots of friends and many people will be blessed by knowing you. You have always been very dedicated to GLC! Blessings!

Fellowship Committee and All GLC Members

...to Jack Wind and Conrad Otto for tackling the paint room. The room had to be completely emptied to make room for some new HVAC equipment. After filling one and a half dumpsters, the remaining items will be organized and returned to new shelving.

...to Ken Bauer and Don Thus for installing a pulley system for easy access to the hymn board in the sanctuary. No more climbing ladders for the Altar Guild!

...to Mark Cutelli for donating new communion kits for lay Eucharistic ministers to use in visiting the homebound

...to Mike Elliott for constructing the wooden cross for Lenten prayer, and to Don Thus for making a stand

...to Ella Rothgangel, tour guide extraordinaire, for her "Art with Ella" experience in February. Over 25 people gathered for lunch and the tour, in spite of traffic difficulties in Forest Park!

...to all those who hosted students from Grand View University during their Concert stop here at Gethsemane! Special thanks to Dawn Schuessler and crew for arranging dinner, and to Jane Kurt for making all the phone calls to line up housing. What a wonderful night of music!

...to Mary Jane Thomsen for repotting our Peace Plants!! They look happier!

Reconciling In Christ

Reconciling in Christ—Gethsemane March update

Following is a “copy” of the slides that were presented and discussed at the session between services at Gethsemane on Sunday, March 7, 2010. It was wonderful to have so many people taking an active role in this process (35 – 40 people!). Thank you to everyone who attended, listened, commented and asked questions. Notes were taken and the questions and comments will be posted in the May Messenger.

We look forward to seeing you at future RIC events (coming in May)!

Reconciling in Christ 101: Educating ourselves in preparation for a vote

The RIC decision: who, what, when

Eventually the **congregation** will be invited to vote to adopt an Affirmation of Welcome statement (we have not already voted on this!)

GLC will go through an educational process over the next several months so that we are all able come to a decision for voting that we are comfortable with

Everyone will be able to participate in the process of writing the statement.

To be accepted as RIC, however, it must include people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

The Process

1. Congregation writes our own Welcoming Statement (must include people of all gender identities and sexual orientations)
2. Congregation votes at a special congregational meeting to accept or reject the Welcoming Statement
3. If statement accepted by a majority vote, statement is sent to Lutherans Concerned North America for approval.

GLC is already a welcoming church, why do we need to become RIC? This is a labeling process- why do we need special designations or emblems? All people are welcome here. Why we single out gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people?

Because we as a congregation are writing our own Welcoming Statement, we have the opportunity to specify whomever we want in that statement (whether they have always felt welcome or also have a history of not feeling welcome). Our statement can be all encompassing- it is up to us to determine how welcoming that statement is! Again, to be RIC however, we must include people of all gender identities and sexual identities in our statement- **BUT WE ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE OTHER GROUPS!**

There has been a history of exclusion and persecution of GLBT people by Christians and it is necessary to specifically and outwardly reject this history. This history of rejection has never been so strong or accepted towards any group like the history of people who identify themselves as GLBT in the Christian church. There has never been an advocate for GLBT people like other groups might have. As a congregation we are not seeking special treatment for GLBT people nor are we excluding other groups. The fact that there are some objections to GLC becoming RIC and fully welcoming to all GLBT people, may show that in fact we are NOT fully welcoming.

Are we voting to be RIC because of the recent church-wide assembly decision?

The RIC process at GLC is occurring in light of the recent church-wide synod assembly decision but it is not our guiding light. This is a different question and issue from the assembly decision. It is something that would have been brought forth in our congregation regardless of the assembly decision

?Questions?

Notes/slides from presentation are available in hard copy or electronic form.

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH

AGAPE IN CONCERT

Saturday, April 10th at 7:00pm

The Mead Center at Christ Lutheran Church

17 Selma Ave., Webster Groves, MO 314-962-6011

This is a free event with an offering taken for ongoing ministry and relief effort in Haiti.

Agape (aka David Scherer) has been well received at both Youthquake and the ELCA National Youth Gatherings. This is a special night of inspiration and renewal for youth, as well as supporting a good cause! It's also a time to reconnect with folks from other churches who rode the bus to New Orleans, went to ConfirCamp, or attended Youthquake. Confirmation youth will meet at church at 6:30 pm to drive together...but ALL youth and adults are welcome!

GYG on Facebook!

Stay Connected to Fellow Youth and Events at Gethsemane

Respond to Your Invitation or If You Have Any Questions,

Ask Mrs. Yemm or Luke Borkowski

Confirmation Classes Resume...

On Mondays, April 12 and 26 from 6:30-8:00pm

Keep those Sermon Notes coming...remember to answer ALL the questions!

Lutheran School of Theology Spring Classes

Lutheran School of Theology offers biblical and theological courses for everyone, from interested lay persons wanting to learn more, to professional church workers and students. You are cordially invited to enroll in the following upcoming Easter term courses which begin April 5: "Israel in Exile: A Crisis of Faith" (Dr. John Bracke), "The Life and Letters of Paul" (Dr. James Kelhoffer), and "Seeing God in the Movies" (Peter Mead and Travis Scholl). Brochures with registration forms are on the LST poster in the narthex. You may also call 314-725-9710 or email <registrar@lststl.org> or register online at <http://www.lststl.org>.

VICISSITUDES

(The changes or events that occur in our lives)

Pastor Kendra and Members of Gethsemane, I would like to thank Pastor Kendra and the church family for their prayers and cards. I believe prayers make a difference and feel that was true for me and my healing. In addition I would like to thank you for the lovely bouquet of multicolored altar flowers that provided a lift to my spirit and a lovely reminder of the church family. I appreciated Pastor Kendra's visit with the serving of the Eucharist and also being able to keep connected with the congregation through HUGS hearing Sunday Morning worship service and following the journey through the Lenten services. Thank you for your prayers and support. God Bless You.

Joan Williams

Thank you to the people of Gethsemane . Your prayers, thoughts, calls, cards, visits and milk shakes were all appreciated. The flowers were beautiful. Pastor Kendra and the others bringing communion and encouragement were certainly an aid in my recovery
Shirley Roberts

Welcome, Stephanie!

On Sunday, February 28th, we officially welcomed Stephanie Lenhart as a part of the Gethsemane faith community. Stephanie has been worshipping at Gethsemane with her husband Paul. They live here in the neighborhood. Stephanie substitutes as a school guidance counselor and also works as a case worker for the state. She's eagerly waiting the start of Cardinal baseball!

April Birthdays

- 1 Martin Oberfeld
- 2 Ally Abell, Susan Loscuito,
Elizabeth Oberfeld, Jeanette Swallow
- 3 Dorothy Bergmann, Nathan Burge,
Paul Meuser
- 4 Bill Burmeister, Soila Sukupolvi
- 5 Mark Manary
- 6 Madge Ogan
- 7 Thomas DeCambaliza
- 9 Lillian Yemm
- 10 Sally Kurt, Ronald Liesner
- 11 Justin Flaxbart
- 13 Lillie Niebuhr
- 14 Richie Frohlichstein, Don Holmstrom,
Adam Sandberg
- 16 Janelle Davis
- 19 Johnny Frohlichstein, Joanne Grana
- 20 Kim Elliott, Maria Haritatos
- 23 Ruth Hanson
- 27 Don Heyn
- 28 Todd Boehlje, Peggy Lewis,
Michelle Morgan
- 29 Paul Fehr
- 30 Paul Lenhart, Sara Schier-Hanson

April Anniversaries

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| 7 | Roger and Wilma Shaw | 60 yrs |
| 28 | Conrad and Sue Otto | 37 yrs |
| 28 | Ted and Megan Yemm | 9 yrs |

WORSHIP LEADERS: April 2010

Ushers (8:30): Jon Begley, John Loscuito, John McElwee, Ted Yemm

Ushers (11:00): Nathan Burge, Bill Burmeister, Steve Hetager, Pauline Farmer

Altar Guild (a/k/a "Ecclesiastical Stagehands"): Mary and Don Thuss

Doughnuts: Carolyn Schainker Coffee Hour:

April 4	8:30	11:00
A.M.	Ken Bauer	Victoria Hermann
ACOLYTE	Julia Epplin-Zapf	Peter Schainker
LECTOR	Tom Meuser	Mike Fenton
BREAD	Claudine Hensel	
WINE	DeCambaliza Family	
VAN DRIVER	John Sandberg	
GREETER	Mary Scanlan	Jack Jaworski
GREETER	Bill Scanlan	Kathy Lee

April 11	8:30	11:00
A.M.	Lory Bowman	Todd Boehlje
ACOLYTE	Zoe Bowman	Luke Borkowski
LECTOR	John Sandberg	Janelle Davis
BREAD	Norm/Virgie Hopfer	
WINE	Shirley Roberts	
ALTAR FLOWERS	Shirley Roberts	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Steve Hetager	
VAN DRIVER	Don Kurt	
GREETER	Fred Tatum	Carol Frohlichstein
GREETER	Howard Watson	Rose Lubbes

April 18	8:30	11:00
A.M.	Fred Tatum	Carol Frohlichstein
ACOLYTE	Carmen Lampkin	Christine Burmiester
LECTOR	Lindsay Schuessler	Gary Borkowski
BREAD	Don/Jane Kurt	
WINE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	Lois Pfeiffer	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Ruth Johnson	
VAN DRIVER	Jeff Hopfer	
GREETER	Jack Wind	Justin Henson
GREETER	Colene Benad	Jennifer Paulson

April 25	8:30	11:00
A.M.	Jeanette Swallow	Phyllis Saathoff
ACOLYTE	Jocelyn Lampkin	Paul Meuser
LECTOR	Ken Bauer	Elizabeth Hetager
BREAD	Theresa Lamczyk	
WINE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	Marilyn McGuire	
FLOWER DELIVERY	Rose Lubbes	
VAN DRIVER	Jack Wind	
GREETER	Mary Lou Young	Don Kurt
GREETER	Christopher Kleine	Sharon Ryan

In Our Community and World

**LFCS “Light the Way”
Family Picnic
Saturday, April 24, 2010
5:30-8:30pm
Creve Coeur Park**

An old-fashioned family picnic to benefit children awaiting adoption in the state of Missouri. Free admission. Family friendly. Live Music. Food and Drink. Carnival games and prizes. Races. Lighting of Luminaries at Dusk (\$25 to sponsor a luminary representing a child waiting to be adopted into a forever home. Visit www.lfcsmo.org for details.

**St. Louis March of Dimes
Saturday, April 24, 2010
Forest Park, Muny Lot
7:30am 5KRun
9:00am Walk**

Put together a team and raise funds that help March of Dimes give every baby a chance to be born healthy. The dollars you raise encourage pregnant moms to quit smoking, enable young women to get better prenatal care, fund life-saving research at Missouri public and private universities, and allow March of Dimes to advocate for access to health care for moms and babies. Visit www.marchofdimes.com/missouri.

CHADS Coalition – (Communities Healing Adolescent Depression & Suicide)

The **2010 Kids Walking for Kids** event is set for **Sunday, May 2nd** at Creve Coeur Park. This is the 4th year for KWK, an event that brings together thousands to raise money for research and programs about teen suicide. These programs have already made a huge difference in our community, with more than 30,000 teens through Signs of Suicide (SOS), an evidenced based, in-school peer-to-peer program that empowers our children to recognize and respond to the warning signs of suicide in themselves and their friends. CHADS is also funding exciting research that focuses on early indicators of depression in children, and the Dora Project, which links families with children at risk with a trained individual who has been down this road with their child and helps them navigate the all-too challenging mental health resources.

Kids Walking for Kids is our primary fundraising event, and I'm hoping YOU will join us this year. Your support will help us further our mission of saving teen lives through education, awareness and research! Please join us, bring your family, friends, bring your group, bring your school! School team spirit awards will be given as well as other awards.

Sunday School

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Sunday school Health Kits for Haiti project a great success. This past Sunday the Sunday school children, along with their teachers and some confirmation class helpers, assembled 50 kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. In addition, we will be sending \$100 to help LWR with shipping costs. We concluded the project with a prayer that God will watch over the people who receive the kits.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project.

On Sunday, March 28, several Gethsemane 2nd graders will celebrate their first communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this important step on their faith journey: Connor Boehlje, Aiden Jenson, Conner Lawrence, Ben McElwee and Royal Wobbe.

All children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Children preschool and younger will hunt near the north entrance (sign side) and children kindergarten through 3rd grade will hunt by the parking lot. The hunt will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Keep an ear out for Gethsemane children's voices during church services. The older children will be singing with the adult choir on Palm Sunday. The younger children are practicing and writing their own verses for a song to sing later in April.

During April the Sunday school children will be studying lessons related to stewardship in conjunction with the congregation's capital fund campaign. They will be making banks to collect their own offerings to contribute as a "noisy offering" on Sunday, May 2. If you have a child in Sunday school, look for a letter to parents to come home each Sunday of April, which will include notes and discussion points related to the week's lesson.

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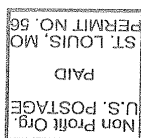
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WEEKLY E-NEWS

If you are not receiving our weekly e-news and would like to receive it, let us know by sending an email to gethsemane@swbell.net (and make sure that you put our address in your address book so that your spam filters let it pass through!).



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