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## *Vacation Bible School 2010*

# **HERO HEADQUARTERS™**

**Hero Headquarters** is this year's Summer Vacation Bible School at Gethsemane. This five session program meets every day from 9 a.m. to noon, on **July 26 to July 30, 2010**. Children from age 3 (before July 1 and fully potty trained) through completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Children who have completed grades 6<sup>th</sup> or above are welcome to join us as helpers.

This year we are looking for Super Heroes (AKA: the kids) to soar on into VBS. Kids will enjoy the excitement at Hero Headquarters. Each day they will be meeting one of five unlikely Bible heroes. These heroes were unnamed, not famous, and often overlooked, yet their small acts were used by God to perform amazing miracles. Through each of the daily themes the children will learn how we can all be heroes with Jesus when we are willing to **DO THE UNEXPECTED!** - **TAKE ACTION!** - **STEP OUT IN FAITH!** - **SAVE THE DAY!** - **AND - STAND FOR TRUTH!**

It's not too late to volunteer to help! Please contact Debbie Schaller, Kate Hartz, or Kim Elliott as soon as possible.

# Life at Gethsemane

## Church Council Highlights June, 2010

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

1. Began with devotions and Dwelling in the Word.
2. Received a Treasurer's Report which showed that while expenses are within budget, year-to-date giving is \$8000 under what is needed. It was noted that close to \$22,000 has come in for the "Building a House Where All Are Welcome" Renovation Fund.
3. Received the Pastor's Report, which noted the upcoming memorial service for Don Heyn, who served many years as treasurer of Gethsemane. Pastor Kendra noted that the South Cluster churches are planning another Revival/Renewal weekend this fall, with the theme of "Called to Prayer." She gave a report on the Central States Synod Assembly.
4. Discussed progress on the building renovation and noted communication concerns with the architect and construction company. We will ask that weekly check-in meetings be scheduled now that the indoor work has begun. A concern was raised about how the renovation work will affect Vacation Bible School.
5. Welcomed Blaine DeCambaliza to the Council to fill the remainder of this year's term that had been held by Carolyn Schainker.
6. Decided on two Council members to assist with this year's Staff Review process.
7. No recommendation yet from the Health Cabinet about the Parish Nurse position as they have not yet met.
8. Heard plans from the Social Action Committee to focus on hunger and homelessness issues during the month of July.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

A New Member Orientation will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2010 from 3:30-7:00pm (including a light supper). This orientation is for all who are considering joining Gethsemane and will offer an opportunity to learn more about Gethsemane and its ministries, to get to know other folks, to explore our spiritual gifts, and to share our faith.

## IT'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL TIME!

*Enjoy Fun, Treats and Good Times!*

**FRIDAY, July 30, 2010**

**5:30PM – 9:00PM (The VBS Closing Program is at 7:00 p.m.)**

Gethsemane will be wrapping up Vacation Bible School with the annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL. The Fellowship Committee is coordinating this Community Event and we **NEED YOUR HELP!** Our committee membership is small, but this event is BIG. We are in need of **volunteers** to help scoop and serve Ted Drewes frozen custard, serve desserts and soft drinks, as well as supervise games and give out prizes for the kids, and help clean up. If you can squeeze in an hour of volunteering, there's a dessert in it for you! Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex to claim your hour of service or tell Paula Brud-Brown 314-544-5036 or Lois Wind 314-487-5755.

We also will need donations of fresh baked goodies like cookies, brownies and cupcakes so please sign up or call to let us know what you can bring. This is a fun event and even though there may be construction in our midst there will be the excitement of VBS and the ICS.

(Please Note: there will **not** be a BBQ at the Ice Cream Social this year!)

## Central States Synod Assembly Report by Rollie Walston

It was my pleasure to once again attend the Central States Synod Assembly as a delegate from Gethsemane.

The Synodical Motto: CHANGED BY LOVE, SENT IN LOVE, TO SERVE permeated all the goings-on, the voting, the wonderful worship, the Bible Studies, even the great entertainment! Our Bible Study leader, Diane Jacobson, had a very entertaining, but interesting way of interpreting the scriptures. Her presentations were enjoyed by all!

Bishop Mansholt announced the launching of a Synod-wide Mission Appeal, effective June 4, called: Changed by Love, Sent in Love, to Serve—Shaping the Church for God's Mission. The goal for this appeal is \$7.9 million! I'm sure we will be hearing much more about this. On a lighter note...I had the pleasure of seeing the Bishop do the Hip Hop (Pastor Kendra almost joined the group!).

Everyone needs to be a delegate sometime!!

P.S. Our very own Pr. Kendra was elected to be a delegate to the Churchwide Assembly from Area 10 for the year 2011!

### RACHEL CIRCLE LUNCHEON July 26, 2010 at Pietro's Restaurant

We are continuing our luncheons through the summer so please call our hostess **Billie Chamblin at 314-335-7405** and make your reservation.

## Fellowship

### SAVE THE DATE: September 12<sup>th</sup> CHURCH PICNIC and RALLY DAY

The Fellowship Committee invites you to be a part of the Gethsemane Church Picnic. Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, join us at Tilles Park, just blocks north of church, after first service for coffee and donuts 'al fresco! Then stay for the 11:00 a.m. devotion under the park pavilion and after that the picnic begins! Food, Games, and Fellowship with your church family – can't beat that! Stay tuned for more details!

The Fellowship Committee will meet on Sunday, July 11th between services in the Library. Please come and help plan for the Ice Cream Social and Picnic -- food, games, and fun! We need everyone's opinions and ideas.

*Thanks, Paula & Lois*

### COFFEE HOUR EXPENSES

Reminder – Please donate to the "money jar" for your cup(s) of coffee/tea/hot chocolate and your sweet tooth on Sunday mornings. We have not been receiving enough funds in the past few months to cover our expenses so we may need to make some changes in the future.

*Thanks for listening!*

**P.S. HELP! Volunteers are needed to sign up for August coffee hour!!**

**Something's Missing???** Several tables have been moved or removed from the fellowship hall. Also missing are card tables and glass round serving platters. If you have borrowed any items please return them to the church.

## **JULY IS SOCIAL ACTION AWARENESS MONTH AT GETHSEMANE**

The Social Action Committee has several events planned during July to help all of us remember that God has given extraordinary gifts to each of us and that it is our grace and privilege to share those gifts with others. We hope that every person at Gethsemane will choose to participate in some or all of these activities, as we try to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**JULY 4TH** - As you celebrate the freedom of religion given to each of us under our Constitution, please pray for those people who are not able to worship as they choose. If you are able, visit a person who is not free to get to church on this day, due to illness or lack of access.

**JULY 11TH** - Nancy Bond will be speaking about her work with the Rafiki Foundation in Ghana on this day. I remember listening to Nancy speak once about her feeling of guilt, simply because she had food in her refrigerator, because she knew that some of her Ghanaian neighbors did not. In our congregation, we all enjoy more material things than the vast majority of the world's peoples.

To raise awareness of the hunger felt by many of our American neighbors, Social Action is sponsoring a week in which we try to survive only on the amount of food that can be purchased with the Missouri weekly allotment of food stamps (EBT). The average food stamp recipient, without other income, receives \$33.50 weekly. In Missouri, the average recipient runs out of food stamps on the 19th of each month. After that date, many rely on food pantries to get them through to the end of the month. To date, seven people have agreed to try to live on this amount. Participants will write about their experiences and these results will be posted on the Gethsemane website. If anyone else would like to participate, please contact Peggy Zapf, or any other member of the Social Action Committee, or the Church Council.

**JULY 18TH** - "I stand before you humbled by your courage, with a heart full of love." Nelson Mandela. On July 18, Nelson Mandela will be 92 years old. To honor his work with the poor, Social Action is sponsoring a letter-writing campaign to urge our senators and representatives to continue and strengthen tax credits for poor Americans which help to feed them, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit. Please join us in the Library for this. Packets will also be available to take home, if you would like to write a letter, but cannot stay on the 18th.

**JULY 25TH** - Did you know that Gethsemane's **Partnership for Missional Church** committee has chosen to reach out to Mallinkrodt School (across the street on Hampton) as our primary missional work? The PMC Committee and Gethsemane members have already helped Mallinkrodt with Kite Day and its First Annual Family Picnic. School is out for the summer, but the Mallinkrodt kids will be back before you know it, and **SOME OF THEM WILL BE HUNGRY WHEN THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL**. A large percentage of the Mallinkrodt students come from low or low-middle income households. Their teachers know that students do not learn well when they are hungry; so, on past Friday afternoons, teachers had slipped donated food into the backpacks of children who would not have had enough food at home over the weekend. This food was provided from donations made by a more affluent school in the county. That school withdrew from the program last year, so there was no Friday afternoon food for the children this year. Mallinkrodt's principal, Mrs. Denny, asked if Gethsemane can help to reinstate the Friday food donations. They need nonperishable food items that are not too heavy for the small children to carry home, such as fruit snacks, breakfast bars, peanut butter and jelly, etc. **We will have a food drive for these donations on July 25th**, but we know that more will be needed during the year. In order to **spread the grace around** we are asking each Gethsemane member to consider whether any outside group to which you belong would be willing to help with donations for Mallinkrodt -- your Scout troop, workplace, sport league, family reunion, etc. Please contact Mary Kelly or Peggy Zapf if you can help in this way.

**VBS is coming.** VBS begins July 26th. One of its many traditions is a service project for 5th graders. This year they will be making sandwiches for an area homeless shelter. Donations of money are needed to fund this. Please consider donating in the collection cans at coffee hour this week.

## Health Cabinet

### *Gethsemane Receives Outstanding Achievement in Emergency Preparedness Award from the Red Cross Ready Rating Program.*

Check out the award on the Welcome Center Table in the church entrance. Thanks to Ted Yemm for attending the Awards Ceremony.

## Confirmation & Youth

Two of our Gethsemane youth, Jacob Luciani and Julia Epplin-Zapf, were chosen to participate in the Missouri Scholars Academy this summer at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Jacob and Julia joined 325 other high school students from around the state for three weeks of courses on many subjects. In addition, all the students participate in extra activities designed to expand their views and experiences. One of those experiences tied directly into Gethsemane's current project to make our church a place of welcome for all people. In her Politics and Policy class, Julia had a discussion about the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, where she was surprised to be in a minority of students who felt that public places should be required to comply with the Act. She then tried to navigate a wheelchair around the accessibility ramps on the campus. A reporter from the Columbia Tribune was on hand to cover the event. To see a picture and read Julia's comments, go to [www.columbiatribune.com/2010/jun/23/scholars-explore-new-terrain](http://www.columbiatribune.com/2010/jun/23/scholars-explore-new-terrain)

## Joint Neighborhood Ministry

July emphasis for the JNM Pantry is...*Peanut Butter & Jelly*. As is always the case, Joint Neighborhood Ministry is delighted to accept any and all non-perishable food and personal care items. So, if you find a "buy one-get one free" or "on sale" item or two this month, please place in the grocery cart in the upper level hallway. Your generosity is appreciated!

Other items on the JNM "Wish List" include: toilet paper, plastic grocery bags, and soap. You might also start keeping an eye out for good prices on school supplies!

**Women's Bible Study to continue on Tuesday mornings in July.** A group of young (er) women and moms gather on Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30 am. Currently, we are watching DVD's in the Nooma series on faith and daily life. The next gathering will be Tuesday, July 13th at Leslie Wobbe's home. For more info, talk to Leslie, Ami Boehlje, Gretchen Jenson, or Kim Elliott.

# Reconciling In Christ

1. Coming this summer--movies & videos! Look for announcements in upcoming Sunday bulletins and emails regarding opportunities to view and discuss videos related to this topic
2. Questions? Concerns? Anxieties?

Lindsay Schuessler invites you, at a mutually convenient time & location, for coffee and an opportunity to express and discuss what's on your mind regarding the Reconciling in Christ program. You can call Lindsay at 314-496-1382 or send her an email [lindsayschuessler@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayschuessler@gmail.com) or talk to her on Sunday mornings, or place a note for her in the RIC mailbox on the table in the narthex.

## **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY?**

*This is a brief synopsis of the material presented by Rev. Don Thuss during several classes at Gethsemane. It will be useful to have a Bible available as you go through this.*

### **Part 1-(Part 2 will follow in your August Messenger)**

#### **SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE**

1. The word "homosexuality" was first coined in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and does not occur in any of the original manuscripts from which the English Bible is descended. So, while the Bible does make some references to homosexual acts, it says nothing about homosexuality as we use the word today.
2. The King James version of the Bible does not include the word "homosexual" or any of its cognates. The first time the word appeared in an English Bible was in 1946 in the Revised Standard version.
3. Out of the approximately 1,000,000 passages in the Bible there are only about a half dozen that refer to homosexual acts, and those references are associated with rape, wanton sexual acting out, or pagan and idolatrous temple practice.

#### **SOME PRINCIPLES OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION**

It is obvious that different people approaching the same Bible passage can come up with significantly different meanings. Some Bible passages, taken literally while ignoring the context, have led to some disastrous results. A sampling follows: the Crusades, the Spanish inquisition, manifest destiny in the U.S., the Salem witch trials, subjugation of women, slavery, and apartheid in South Africa. The proponents of these behaviors often felt that they were following God's word and doing God' will.

Because of the dangerous consequences of misinterpreting the Bible, the church has drawn up some principles of biblical interpretation. These principles help people interpret Scripture in a way that enriches understanding and avoids the "proof text" approach that often feeds a destructive prejudice. The following are a sampling:

1. The genre of the material will determine whether the passage is to be interpreted literally or figuratively.
2. It is important to determine if a passage is to be understood as applying to its own time, culture, people and setting, or to all people at all times in all places.
3. Clear passages should be used to interpret unclear passages.
4. Original meanings should be used to interpret contemporary meanings by asking what the author was trying to say to the original audience, and under what circumstances.
5. Context, word etymology (a study of word meanings), and syntax all shed light on the meaning of a passage.
6. The central messages of the Bible interpret the peripheral messages (example, law and gospel).
7. Interpretation of the Bible is a public act, not a private one, that is, it should be done in the fellowship of believers.

## THE PASSAGES

Many Christians consider the Bible as a lens through which they can catch a glimpse of God, particularly as they take in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The graciousness and inclusiveness they discover there is the start-point and end-point when considering homosexuality or any other biblical issue. Others use the Bible as an end in itself and point to selected passages which they feel condemns all homosexual activity. These reference passages and some comments, using the church's principles of interpretation, follow. I will use a "point, counterpoint" format to distinguish the differences.

### GENESIS 1 & 2 - CREATION STORIES

Point – A literal interpretation

God created humankind male and female and told them to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. Through this God determined what is natural, and, by extension, what is unnatural. Therefore, relationships that are not heterosexual are unnatural.

Counterpoint – A contextual interpretation

The creation stories are essentially about God and God's power to create the world and everything in it. God created us and said, "It's good." The creation stories were not written to be a treatise on sexuality.

Heterosexuality is a privileged form of relationship in the creation stories because it is the only way to procreate. That does not suggest that other relationships (not leading to procreation) are to be considered unnatural. Should couples who are unable to have children, too old, choose not to have children, or homosexual/lesbian couples be condemned because they are not procreative?

### GENESIS 19:1-9 – SODOM AND GOMORRAH

Point – A literal interpretation

The men of Sodom intended to have homosexual relations with the two men Lot was hosting. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of the wickedness of homosexuality.

Counterpoint - A contextual interpretation

The Lord had decided to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah before the incident at Lot's house. (Read Gen.18:20,21) The men (actually angels) whom Lot hosted went there to determine if Sodom was, in fact, as wicked as the Lord had heard. (Read Gen. 18:22)

All the men of Sodom came to Lot's house to "know" the strangers Lot was hosting. (Read Gen.19:4) It would be unrealistic to assume that all the men in Sodom were homosexual. Rather, they were heterosexual men intending to carry out homosexual rape.

Rape, homosexual or heterosexual, is always condemned in the Bible. In antiquity homosexual rape was used as a means of overpowering and humiliating other men, as soldiers often did after a military conquest.

The behavior of the men of Sodom was not intended to be an act of sex, but an act of violence and humiliation.

There is nothing in this passage that actually indicates what the wickedness of Sodom was.

Sodom's wickedness is, however, indicated in other biblical passages. Several times her sin is named as "pride". Ezekiel describes the sin of the sodomites as "people who had an excess of food and prosperous ease, but did not help or encourage the poor and needy." (Read Ezekiel 16:48,49) Nowhere does the Bible refer to the sin of Sodom as homosexuality.

Jesus refers to the wickedness of Sodom when he chastises the people who fail to welcome the disciples and their message of peace. (Read Matt.10:14,15 and Luke 10:10-12)

*The second half of this material, discussing passages from Leviticus, Romans and I Corinthians & I Timothy will be available in your August Messenger.*

## In Our Community...

***Lutheran School of Theology Summer Course:  
“Music in the Church: Discovering Our Foundations, Expanding our Horizons”  
Four Wednesdays: 7-9:30pm on July 7, 14, 21, and 28***

This class offers a unique opportunity to grow in understanding and appreciation of music in the church through the discussion and performance of music by Dr. Stephen Mager, conductor, composer, and organist. Topics to be covered include the history of the communion liturgy, Martin Luther as musician, and the way music works to express theology and inspire faith. This class will enrich anyone interested in Christian worship and music, including choir members and professional church musicians, as well as laypersons not necessarily involved in leading worship. Tuition: \$54. Register by calling 314-725-9710 or online at <http://www.lststl.org>.

*The staff at Mallinckrodt ABI would like to thank you and your committee for donating hot dogs, buns, condiments and service with a smile to our BBQ fundraiser. As you may know we are trying to fund playground equipment for our students and your donations were of great help to us. We raised almost \$600 to put towards our new playground.*

*It is wonderful to have a supportive community member and we feel fortunate to have formed a partnership with Gethsemane Lutheran Church.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ms. Merry Denny, Principal*

*Ms. Lorna Morris, PSS*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and families we serve, I want to thank you for your gift of \$3046.56. Your gifts will go a long way to help our neighbors. JNM has seen an increase in the need in our community...We are an organization that works in the neighborhood and knows first hand the level of poverty that exists in our city. We are neighbors helping neighbors.*

*Thank you for supporting us!*

*Joan E. Hensley*

*Executive Director*

***BEYOND ABBEY ROAD, Beatles Tribute with Peter Mayer  
Whitaker Musical Festival, Missouri Botanical Garden  
Wednesday, July 21 7:30pm FREE admission after 5pm  
Come join Gethsemane friends and claim a spot on the grounds  
for a picnic and concert!***

*Anyone willing to coordinate a gathering?? Please talk to Pastor Kendra.*

## VICISSITUDES

*(The changes or events that occur in our lives)*

***We extend the hope and comfort of the Resurrection to the family and friends of Donald Heyn.***

A memorial service for Don was held on Saturday, June 12th. We give thanks for Don's legacy of volunteerism and service for others: as a Meals on Wheels deliverer for over 20 years, as a volunteer at Forest Park Hospital, as treasurer of Gethsemane, as a member of the Senior Bell Choir, and much more. In honor of Don's commitment to "feed the kids," memorials have been designated for Gethsemane's support of the Joint Neighborhood Ministry Food Pantry.

***Rest eternal, grant him, O Lord; and let Your Light perpetual shine upon him!***

**Congratulations to Joanne Grana** on the publication of her children's book: *The Busy World of Bianca Bear*. You may contact Joanne for copies of her book.

### Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...

...to Roy Geers for his work in Pastor Kendra's office repairing the water damaged plaster.

...to Blaine DeCambaliza for lawn maintenance while Charlie is recovering from surgery.

...to Conrad Otto for researching, configuring and installing the new computer equipment in the office and getting the library computer back in shape.

...to Jack and Lois Wind for cleaning out the storage closet in the lower hallway. The room needed to be completely emptied for the bathroom renovation work.

**And one more time...volunteers are needed to serve and clean up coffee hour in August!**

## July Birthdays

- 1 Jackson Burgard, Christine Burmeister, Rosalind Roberts, Janet Schottel
- 2 Stina Roach, Sharon Salerno
- 3 Jacob Boehlje, Ruth Johnson
- 4 David Hackmann, Rosemarie Lubbes, Pr. Kendra Nolde
- 6 Colene Benad, Nickolas Fehr
- 8 Barbara Johnson
- 10 Rowan Elliott
- 16 Samuel Begley
- 17 Sarah Bohnert
- 20 Michael Fenton
- 21 Jane O'Neill
- 25 Pamela Huffman
- 26 Amy Schoenherr, Howard Watson
- 27 Jean Chouquette, Lancelot Fordyce III, Joann Olander, Robert Przetak, Megan Yemm
- 28 Billie Chamblin
- 29 Florence Frederickson
- 30 Werner Dallman

## July Anniversaries

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|----|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1  | Ron and Lory Bowman               | 21 yrs |
| 6  | Bob and Cynthia Tanner            | 19 yrs |
| 8  | Jennifer Meyer and Geoffrey Strom | 15 yrs |
| 14 | Jon and Laura Begley              | 9 yrs  |
| 19 | Lawrence and JoAnn Mattson        | 25 yrs |
| 24 | Fred and Margaret Lenhart         | 39 yrs |
| 26 | Michael and Cynthia Fenton        | 24 yrs |
| 29 | Jane and Matthew O'Neill          | 27 yrs |
| 30 | William and Mary Scanlan          | 55 yrs |

# Memorials

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest...*

We give thanks to God for these blessed ones and their memories. Gifts in their honor will continue to serve Christ's mission at and through Gethsemane.

—the Gift and Memorial Committee

## **Memorials Given in Honor of Don Heyn:**

Tom and Laura Traber  
Christel Holzloath  
Margret Sontgerath  
Anna Moser  
Paul Hof  
John and Joan Dougherty  
Joan Clarke  
Joe and Bonnie Mueller  
Richard and Mary Jotte  
Mary Lou Anderson  
Fred and Margaret Lenhardt  
Florence Frederickson  
Jan Bornemann  
Ron And Sharon Hof  
Tom and Laraine St. John  
Eleanor Cox  
George and Barbara Giudici  
Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.  
Dan and Chris Capstick  
St. Louis Association of Realtors  
Robert and Joan Zerega  
Thomas and Linda Muller  
Levi and Regina Schepers  
Kurt and Janet Studt  
Stephen and Barbara Fitzgerald  
Jeanette Hof  
Valerie Smith  
William and Rita Mitchell

## **Memorials Given in Honor of Lillian Kerls:**

Pamela and Kenneth Kerls

## **Memorials Given in Honor of Don Holmstrom:**

Charles Schriefer  
Florence Frederickson  
Ken & Cheryl Bauer  
Jean Chouquette  
Wendell Holmstrom  
Edna May Otto  
Rollie Walston  
Wayne and Inez Holmstrom  
Mary Wegman  
Beulah Mattson  
Herb and Gail Jacobus  
Joseph and Janis Spiguzza  
Anheuser-Busch Bus. And Wholesaler  
Ruth Dillard  
Rose Lubbes

## **Memorials Given in Honor of Gus Niebuhr:**

Irma Godfrey  
Michael Godfrey  
Linda & Damian Gustafson  
Jean Chouquette  
Richard Swatek  
Fred and Alice Meyer  
Mary and John Riddle  
Ken and Cheryl Bauer  
Florence Frederickson  
Denise Buehrer



Ella Rothgangel and Christopher Naum were married at Gethsemane on Sunday, June 13th. Congratulations to them both! Ella and Chris' address is 5045 Shaw Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63110. What an awesome celebration!



**ConfirCamp 2010:** Jocelyn Lampkin, Paul Meuser, Mitchell Paulson, and Pastor Kendra spent June 21-25 at Camp Wartburg, IL with youth from seven St. Louis area churches. The theme was "Living in the Sonlight" and covered topics such as "Facebook 101," "Your Body is a Temple," and "Sex, Love, and Relationships."

**GLCW Spring Luncheon** was held June 2nd at The Sands restaurant on Watson Road. Everyone ate, drank and was happy.



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## MESSANGER NEWS

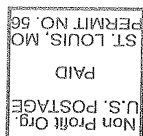
You can send your news and notes for the Messenger to [glc-messenger@swbell.net](mailto:glc-messenger@swbell.net). There is also a Messenger drawer by the church office. For best results, news should be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, but we'll do our best to get your news in whenever you submit it.

## eMESSENGER

Please consider helping us save a tree and save on the cost of paper and postage. This happens if you choose to receive your Messenger only by e-mail. Just send us a message at [glc-messenger@swbell.net](mailto:glc-messenger@swbell.net).

## 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](mailto:gethsemane@swbell.net) (and make sure that you put our address in your address book so that your spam filters let it pass through!).



“Return Service Requested”

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