

MESSENGER

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A FAMILY IN CHRIST CARING FOR ALL PEOPLE

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Spark the Spirit!

ELCA Southside Cluster Revival Event

Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7

A weekend to renew body, soul, and mind together as we

Spark the Spirit within us!

Friday, February 6, 7:00 pm—St. Thomas/Holy Spirit hosts the opening worship celebrating Baptism. An evening filled with the light of candles, the sound of water, bells, prayer stations, etc. Worship will be preceded by a spaghetti dinner at 5:30 pm. St. Thomas/Holy Spirit is located at 3980 S. Lindbergh, south of Watson Rd. in Sunset Hills.

Saturday, February 7, 8am-12:30pm – A servant event will be held at the St. Louis Food Bank, followed by a brief service of the Word. Gethsemane will be providing leadership and food for this morning, along with the Crossover Praise Group from St. Thomas/Holy Spirit. *All ages are welcome; children, however, must be supervised by an adult at all times. Dress warmly because we will be working in the warehouse! Bring a lawn chair, and your reusable water bottle or coffee mug.* The St. Louis Food Bank is located at 70 Corporate Woods Drive, off St. Charles Rock Rd. west of I-270.

Saturday, February 7, 5:30 pm – A closing worship service will be held at Christ Lutheran-Webster Groves, focused on Holy Communion. The service will be followed by a closing dinner. Christ Lutheran is located at 1 Selma Ave. in Webster Groves, across from Webster Groves High School.

Guest preachers will join us from the ELCA, special folks with the gift of preaching for renewal and revival. Rev. Rayford Grady from the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Chicago and Rev. Mary Anne Nelson-Loetke from Niagara Falls, New York will be our guests.

Sign up for all events in the entryway at church! Or just come!



"SOUPER" BOWL OF CARING: Vote for Kurt Warner and the Arizona Cardinals or Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Joint Neighborhood Ministry "Souper Bowl of Caring." This coming Sunday, February 1, bring in your donation of canned soup and add it to your team's box.

Donations of soup (and other canned goods) can be placed in the boxes in the Narthex. Even if your team loses the Super Bowl, it may still win the "Souper" Bowl with your help! The winning team will be announced in the Feb. 8th bulletin. There will also be a **'noisy offering'** on that day to benefit Immanuel Lutheran Church's breakfast program. Thank you from Joint Neighborhood Ministry and all the people who are fed with your donations.

SAVE THE DATE

"Healing Power of Personal Stories"

Sunday, Feb. 1, 10:00am
In the Chapel

"Spark the Spirit" Weekend

Fri., Feb. 6 and Sat., Feb. 7

Partnership for Missional Church (PMC)
Weekend Event
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14

Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, Feb. 14
5:00-8:00pm

"Healthy Relationships/ Healthy Communication"
Sunday, Feb. 15, 10:00am
In the Chapel

"Healthy Ways to Manage Stress"
Sunday, Feb. 22, 10:00am
In the Chapel

New Member Orientation
Sunday, February 22
3:30pm-7:00pm

Ash Wednesday
February 25
9:00am White Breakfast
10:00am Worship
7:00pm Worship

A Healing February at Gethsemane

FEBRUARY SUNDAYS

Sunday, February 1: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Our readings begin to follow Jesus' healing ministry in the Gospel of Mark, and how he teaches as one with authority.

Sunday, February 8: 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Conclude the "Spark the Spirit" weekend of Renewal and Revival with worship at Gethsemane!

Sunday, February 15: 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

An opportunity for the Laying on of Hands with Healing Prayer will be offered. Jesus' ministry of healing continues in the community of faith.

Sunday, February 22: Transfiguration

Sunday On this final Sunday before Lent begins, we will celebrate with a more contemporary service, singing songs such as "Shine, Jesus, Shine" and "We Are Marching in the Light of God." Sunday School children will sing at the 11:00am service. Pancakes will be served between services!

Lifelong Learning
Sunday Mornings
from 10:00-10:45 am

Sunday, February 1: "Healing Power of Personal Stories" Presented by Tom Meuser, PhD. This is a follow-up to Tom's presentation on Life Review and Aging last Fall. This session will focus on how even brief encounters between "strangers" can heal and promote growth.

Sunday, February 15: "Healthy Relationships/Healthy Communication" led by Jennifer Lewis. Jennifer is one of the LFCS Counselors who has an office here at GLC.

Sunday, February 22: "Healthy Ways to Manage Stress" led by Jennifer Lewis.

COOKIES NEEDED!

Can you provide a batch of cookies? Gethsemane is sponsoring breakfast and lunch for the Southside Cluster Revival event at the St. Louis Food Bank on Saturday, Feb. 7. We need to feed 90 hungry workers. Please **bring the cookies to GLC's kitchen between now and Friday, Feb. 6th. Please mark them "Cluster Event."** Questions? call Linda Ford: 863-1806. Thanks for your help!

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday, February 25th

9:00 a.m. **White Breakfast:** A time of simple food and fellowship at the beginning of Lent. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church or on your worship form.

10:00 a.m. **Worship** with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. We gather around tables that are in the shape of a cross in the Fellowship Hall for this more informal service.

7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Worship** with Confession, the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

will be held on
Sunday, February 22, 2009
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.

Partnership for Missional Church (PMC)

Partnership for Missional Church is coming! Hope, Shepherd of the Hills, Good Shepherd (Manchester), Good Shepherd (Hazelwood), Christ, Living Christ, Living Lord, St. Thomas/Holy Spirit, Atonement, Zion, St. Mark, Kent Memorial (Sunset Beach), St. Paul (Cole Camp), and Gethsemane will be a part of this Cluster. Each congregation forms two teams for the first year: a **Steering Team** and a **Listening Team**. The first cluster event will be Friday-Saturday, February 13-14, 2009 at Hope Lutheran Church in St. Charles. Be open to conversation with a Council member about how you may be called by God to participate! Pray for this first Cluster event.

We are looking forward to being a part of this network of congregations listening to God's specific call to us, letting God send us and, through the Holy Spirit, empower us to participate in God's mission in the world, so that both our outreach and our life together as a church are a witness to Jesus Christ.

LIFE AT HOME ...

Church Council Highlights

January 13, 2009

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

1. Oriented Council members as to the role and function of the Church Council.
2. Re-elected current officers for the coming year:
President-Carolyn Schainker;
Vice-President-Mike Elliot;
Secretary-Denise Buehrer; Exec. Committee Member At-Large-Lory Bowman.
3. Re-confirmed Rich Schuessler as Treasurer.
4. Determined that the following council members would serve as committee liaisons:
 - a. Communication: Lory Bowman
 - b. Education (Sunday School) & Youth: Peggy Lewis
 - c. Health Cabinet: Ted Yemm
 - d. Gift & Memorial: Denise Buehrer
 - e. Property: Norm Hopfer
 - f. Social Ministry: Peggy Zapf
 - g. Staff Support: Carolyn Schainker
 - h. Stewardship: Jim Mantia
 - i. Welcoming: Roger Shaw
 - j. Worship: Mike Elliott
 - k. Fellowship: Rich Brown
 - l. Finance: Richard Schuessler
5. Spent time identifying potential team members for Partnership for Missional Church, both Steering Team and Listening Leader Team.

6. Distributed Planning Calendar and List of Time & Talent Volunteers

Thrivent Thanks... During 2008, \$1600 in matching funds supported the following projects at Gethsemane: Vacation Bible School; school supplies for children in need; CHADS (Communities Healing Adolescent Depression and Suicide); Christmas Baskets for families in need, both at GLC and through Joint Neighborhood Ministry. Thanks for your support of these outreach ministries!

MUSIC

RINGERS WANTED! Have you ever wanted to try ringing bells? Now is the time to take that step! The Bell Choirs would love to have more ringers! Bell Choirs meet at 5:00 (until 6:00) and at 6:30 (until 7:30).

TRUMPET WANTED! Is there a trumpet collecting dust at your house??? Do you know of someone willing to donate a trumpet?

Call or e-mail Ann Luciani: (314) 963-0934 or ptlall4@earthlink.net!

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Folks ask...
"What's going on in YOUR neighborhood?"

Every neighborhood has fun, free or low cost events. Concerts, trivia nights, community or scholastic theatre, lectures, you name it, it's out there. But where? If you know of an event in your neck of the woods that you'd like to share with your Gethsemane friends, let us know!

Maybe we can get a group up to go, even help out with a ride if someone needs it. Sound like fun? Call us or email: Paula Brud-Brown: 314.603.6627 or ruralgurl@gmail.com; Lois Wind: 314-487-5755 or winjbirdie@charter.net. Or bring your event information to the next Fellowship Folks Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 22, between services, 10am in the Library.

We'd love to see you there!

Small Groups, Bible Study, and Book Discussions

- > A new **Faith Sharing Small Group** has begun which meets every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Jack Jaworski at 352-7737 or ljackj@sbcglobal.net. It meets next on Wednesday, Feb. 4.
- > The **Wednesday night Bible Study** group will meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 7:00 pm. This group is studying the Gospel of Mark and will continue to meet every other week, alternating with the Faith Sharing Small Group.
- > The **Thurs. Faith Sharing Group** also continues to meet. Call Joe Epplin at 351-6598.
- > Have you read the best-selling book *The Shack*? If so, would you be interested in getting together to talk about it – its presentation of the Trinity, forgiveness, heaven? Let Pastor Kendra know by phone (352-8050) or e-mail (prkendra-glc@swbell.net) so that you can help get a discussion organized!
- > The **Wednesday morning Bible Study** continues to meet at 10:00am on Wednesday mornings. This Study is led by Nellie Hohnsen and also reads through the Bible with side trips down other interest areas!

Children / Sunday School

2009 is a busy year for Sunday school! We are starting off the year with new curriculum. The students are sure to enjoy what the teachers have planned. The second half of the school year we will be doing many of the things that worked in years past and adding a few new things. Just like last year we are planning on honoring the women in our church. On Mothers Day (May 10th) we are looking for a few good men to help teach the lesson that Sunday. Last year we had a speaker who was able to talk about mothers and woman hood. We hope to continue this tradition.

Some of the new things that are going on are a "Be Like Jesus" service event for 3-6th graders that our youth will be participating in. We ask that you take a little time March 6th and 7th and pray as these children grow at this event.

Spring is approaching and even though it might be cold now we are in need of volunteers to help CLEAN HOUSE...or at least clean the Nursery, Sunday School Office, Craft room and Fireplace room. We are looking for volunteers who want to make these areas a great place for children and their activities to be. No experience is necessary -- just show up on Saturday March 14th, 9:00am until we finish. It is our hope to clean the fireplace room and then paint it so that when our children meet to sing before Sunday school they have a room that reflects their joy!

Thank you for all your support as we make 2009 a great year to be involved in Sunday school at Gethsemane !

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes will be held on Mondays, February 9 and 23, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Confirmation youth and families are encouraged to participate in the "Spark the Spirit" Renewal Weekend Servant Event at the St. Louis Area Food Bank.

GYG



Coming soon!!! Our youth will be heading to New Orleans in July for the Youth Gathering. To help offset the costs of the trip, our GYG members will be asking for your support with their "**Beads for the Bus**" event which will run from February 1st to February 22nd. The youth will be asking for your donations in exchange for Mardi Gras Beads. Their goal is to raise \$2,000 – an average of \$200 per person for bus fare and food for the trip. We will have a progress "bus" poster showing each person getting on the bus once their fare is funded.

Also coming soon - "**Butter Braids for our Beds**" will start the first week of Lent (March 1) and continue, with a planned delivery on Palm Sunday. "Butter Braids for our Beds" will offset our hotel costs for the trip.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Health Cabinet

BREAST CANCER WALK VALENTINE'S DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, February 14, 5:00pm-8:00pm

Again this year, the Health Cabinet will host a romantic spaghetti dinner to raise funds for Gethsemane's Team in the breast cancer walk in June.

Adults-\$8 Children (3-12)-\$5 Children under 3-Free.

The Menu includes Spaghetti, Meat Balls, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Pink Lemonade, Coffee
(Carry-Outs available.)

Volunteers Are Needed:

Spaghetti Cook and Kitchen Assistants

Singers and Musicians

Dessert Makers: Your Favorite Recipe

Decoration Committee

Clean-up Committee

Sponsors: Make a donation in honor/memory of
your favorite Breast Cancer Survivor

Contact Lory Bowman (314-727-2979) to volunteer!

Check out the flyer enclosed to see how you can be a sponsor of this fun event.

TAI CHI FUNDAMENTALS continues on Sundays thru Feb. 15. Those wishing to learn or review, the first section is at 6:30pm, and those continuing on to the second and third sections meet at 7:30pm. Contact: Ted Yemm at 314/623-1802.

IN OUR COMMUNITY ...

Lutherans Concerned/St. Louis

Are you committed to the acceptance and full participation of all sexual orientations and gender identities within the Lutheran communion? Join us for an evening of worship, dinner and discussion to initiate increased advocacy within St. Louis congregations and at the upcoming Synod Assembly. Change begins by addressing the unacceptability of exclusion! Lutherans Concerned Advocacy Meeting is Sunday, Feb. 8th, 5:30pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 7019 Forsyth Blvd. (at Big Bend). We need your help! The most influential voice often comes from those not excluded. Allies, this means you! For more information or to get immediately involved, contact Todd Koch, region 4 Co-Coordinator, LC/NA at tkoch@lstc.edu, pastor.toddk@sbcglobal.net, 314-863-8140, or 918-728-0660.

WANT TO GET CLOSER TO THE ONE YOU LOVE?

You can do that on a **Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!** You will experience greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship in this special workshop. The next Weekend in St Louis is Feb. 13-15. More info or to register, contact Tom/Kathy VonBebren, 636-343-9453 or email vonbeb@sbcglobal.net.

Lutheran Campus Ministry's 6th Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, February 28th Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Road in Chesterfield

Trivia begins at 7:00pm; doors open at 6:30pm
The cost is \$15/person (\$120/table of 8). Reserve your table now by contacting LCM at 314-863-8140 or lcm@sugroups.wustl.edu. Evening includes silent auction, raffles, and door prizes. Soda and snacks provided; pizza available for purchase. You may bring additional food or drinks (including beer and wine). Proceeds support LCM's spring service trip to build a library in Costa Rica, with matching Thrivent funds.

From Care and Counseling: "You Are Not Alone: Solo Parenting:" Saturday, February 7th, 8:30am-2:30pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 15800 Manchester Road, Ellisville. This is a FREE workshop with lunch and child care presented by Brian Kuhn, MA, LPC, and includes the topics Managing the Single Parent Journey, Effective Parent/Child Communication, Building Healthy Relationships, and Safety in Our World. To register, call 314-505-7160.

Project COPE seeks Executive Director:

This interfaith organization engages congregation-based teams of volunteers in providing holistic care and support for ex-offenders as they return from prison to the St. Louis metropolitan area. A job description is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Lindenwood Neighborhood Association

along with the Watson Business District is hosting a Candidate Forum for the aldermanic candidates of the 23rd Ward. It will be at Southwest Baptist Fellowship Hall, 6401 Scanlan at 7pm, on Thurs. Feb. 12th.

AND IN OUR WORLD ...

ELCA Bishops Visit the Holy Land: During January, we prayed for our Central States Bishop Gerry Mansholt and the other ELCA Bishops who were traveling in the Holy Land. The visit focused on supporting the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), learning about what life is like for Israelis and Palestinians, and advocating for peace and justice for all people there. You can read their message about their trip at <http://www.ELCA.org/bishopstatement>.

VICISSITUDES*

* The changes or events that occur in our lives.



All the heartwarming and supportive thoughts through the years from so many of you have helped us get through difficult times. Now that God has chosen Mom for her everlasting place in Heaven we want to thank you for taking the time to attend the visitation/funeral and for the many cards, thoughts and prayers you have given us. This support has meant so much to the family and us. Pr. Kendra, a special thank you for your compassion, visits, prayers and thoughts of Mom Wind. Your personal touch for her funeral helped to comfort all of us. *Jack and Lois Wind and Family*

FEBRUARY 2009

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship "Souper Bowl" Sunday 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am <i>"Healing Power of Personal Stories"</i> 6:30pm Tai Chi (Beginning) 7:30pm Tai Chi (Continuing)	5:00pm Belladeers Bell Choir 6:30pm Angel Wings Bell Choir 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Worship Committee	10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Faith Sharing Small Group 7:00pm Health Cabinet	6:45pm Property Committee	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> "SPARK THE SPIRIT" ELCA Southside Cluster Revival Event </div>	
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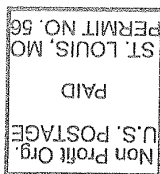
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MESSENGER NEWS

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

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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.



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