

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

A FAMILY IN CHRIST CARING FOR ALL PEOPLE

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“Thanksgiving ~ Right Now!”

Dear God,

I want to thank you for what you have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards. I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves; I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet; I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job; I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; I am thanking you right now.

I am thanking you because I am alive. I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties. I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles. I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I'm thanking you because, God, you haven't given up on me!

Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

All Saints Sunday
Sunday November 1st

Blood Drive
Sunday, November 1st

**Stewardship Sunday &
Pancakes During Fellowship**
Sunday, November 8th

**Youth Rake & Run and
Mission Trip Meeting**
Sunday November 15th, 12:30-
2:30pm

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday November 25th,
7:00pm St Marks Episcopal
Church

First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 29th

Sundays in November :

Sunday, November 1st : All Saints' Sunday

(Daylight Savings Time Ends)

We give thanks for the communion of saints—past, present, and future.

We remember those members of Gethsemane who died during the past year: **Pete Carter, Henrietta Hegdahl, Marshall Henson, Gladys Mohl, Fred Praechter, Hilda Reinhardt, and Patricia Terry.** *Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

And those who were baptized: **Thomas DeCambaliza, Owen Lang, Isabelle Lawrence, Spencer LeCorgne, Hailey Taylor, Kaitlyn Taylor, Kyle Taylor, and Lillian Yemm.** *Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, may you be clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.*

Sunday, November 8th

Stewardship Celebration Sunday

In worship, we will distribute pledge cards for 2010 and prayerfully consider and offer up our commitments. Singing songs of celebration, we will be led by piano, guitar, and drums. *In between services, join us for pancakes in the Fellowship Hall!!*

Sunday, November 15th : 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 22nd : Christ the King Sunday

A special service entitled "In the Year of Our Lord" will celebrate the drama of our salvation as symbolized in the church year. We will sing hymns from every season of the church year, learn the significance of the different colors used for each season, and remember our journey with Christ from Advent through Christ the King.

Sunday, November 29th : 1st Sunday in Advent

During Advent, we will be using Setting 4 "Light of Christ" from the *With One Voice* hymnal.

We begin hearing our Bible readings from Year C in the Lectionary, the year of Luke. In Luke's gospel, people are always breaking out in song. Our theme for this Advent, then, is "A Season for Singing."

"God's Standard or Gold Standard?"

Sunday mornings, November 15, 22, and 29

10:00-10:50am

This 3-week study on Proverbs was written by former Gethsemane members **Pastor Ron Glusenkamp and Peter Mayer** as a part of the ELCA Book of Faith Initiative. Within the sound-bite format of the book of Proverbs we find some surprisingly sound investment advice as far as the "gold standard" is concerned. But God's counsel in Proverbs is more than where or how to invest one's money or time, even though that is very important for our good stewardship of our resources. Proverbs is more about how to best invest one's whole self in ways that make for a blessed future. We are called to live according to the God standard.

Sign up on your Worship Information Form if you would like a copy of the study book. And come join Pastor Kendra in the chapel to hear some new songs by Peter Mayer and delve into Proverbs as introduced with the wit of Pastor Glusenkamp.

Reminder to Committee Chairs:

Annual Reports are due to the Church Office by November 15th!

(Electronic format is the best.)

LIFE AT HOME ...

Church Council Highlights October 13, 2009

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

1. Opened the meeting with “Dwelling in the Word” on Philippians 2, one of the theme passages for the first year of Partnership for Missional Church.
2. Met with Rick Schuessler, treasurer, and compared 2009 and 2008 Treasurer Reports. While giving has been higher in 2009, it has not been enough to meet our budgeted needs. Giving is currently **\$12,500 behind** what is needed to make our budget.
3. Pastor Kendra reported that 4th and 5th Graders will be receiving their “Stepping Stone” Bible during worship on October 25th. She will also be attending the Central States Synod Bishop’s Convocation from November 3-5. ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will be one of the speakers.
4. The Partnership for Missional Church Steering Team and Council members will be attending the next PMC Cluster Event on October 16-17.
5. Heard that all staff reviews had been completed.
6. Thanked everyone for their help with Mardi’s Farewell Service and Luncheon. Special kudos to Rich and Paula Brown for the song and all the luncheon help.
7. Approved asking Simone Richardson to be the 2nd Nursery Staff person, working one Sunday a month.
8. Approved asking Deaconess Phyllis Saathoff to be a Parish Visitor with homebound members for November-January while Health Cabinet and Council assess next steps for the Parish Nurse position.
9. Updated Council members on the search for someone for the church secretary position.
10. Reminded Council members and Committees that all budget requests are due to Dan Flaxbart of the Finance Committee by October 20th. If any information is needed about this year’s spending, please contact Rick Schuessler, treasurer.
11. Heard that the Nominating Committee has been meeting to prepare the slate of candidates.
12. Announced that the Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, December 6th. There will be one service only, followed by a meal and the

meeting. It is hoped that we will have bids for the Building Renovation Project to be approved at that meeting.

Parish Visitor

The Health Cabinet and the Church Council have given their approval to a covenant relationship with Phyllis Saathoff to help in making sacramental and supportive visits to the homebound. Phyllis is a Deaconess and Social Worker, and has received training in making communion visits. She will be making visits at the request of the pastor for the next three months (November-January) as we continue to make decisions about filling the parish nurse position.

Blessing of the Animals

On October 3rd, we gathered on the front lawn for our 5th Annual Blessing of the Animals. The Blessing of the Animals is traditionally done near the feast day of St. Francis. 35 people, 15 dogs, 1 rabbit, and 1 cat met together to receive God’s blessing. There were lots of smiles, and over \$69 was raised for the Missouri Humane Society.



Financial Report
Year-to-Date thru September 30, 2009

<u>YTD Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Regular & Loose Giving	\$165,194	\$152,695	\$ (12,498)
*Total Year-to-Date Income	\$190,694	\$167,759	\$ (22,935)

<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Year-to-Date Expenses	\$196,124	\$191,104	\$ 5019

Income Shortfall YTD at 9/30/2009 **\$23,345**

**Note: Total Year-to-Date Income also includes Special Offerings, Interest, and Support from the Endowment Fund.*

As the end of the year quickly approaches and discussions of the budget for 2010 begin, it is important to focus on the remaining months as we as a church face a budget shortfall. We encourage each one of you to reflect and pray on your 2009 financial pledge to the church. We as a congregation have the opportunity to bridge this budgetary gap as we enter the remaining months. Any recommendations towards expense reductions as well as ways to increase giving/income can be directed to any council member.

Finance Fact: Through October the church has spent over \$4,000 on yard and grounds maintenance (this includes snow plowing, grass cutting, mulching, trimming).

Confirmation and GYG

Confirmation Classes will be held on Mondays, November 2nd and 16th.

Confirmation and GYG Youth are invited for our annual Rake and Run on Sunday, November 15th.

Special Notice: We'll have a meeting for all 8th-12th grade youth and their parents over lunch on November 15th to talk about joining other Southside ELCA churches in a Youth Mission Trip next summer to do work in Memphis, TN. The dates are July 10-17. Check your calendars and come to hear more about this special opportunity.

- **Pictures to the right are from the Feed My Starving Children Servant Event held on October 10, 2009 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Manchester. Don't faithful servants look glorious in hairnets?**



CHILI & COOKIE COOK-OFF

Postponed until January, 2010. We are sorry for the delay but feel it is best to move the date so more people can bring their favorite chili and/or cookies. Everyone's schedules seem to get very busy around this time of year, including the church schedule, so hopefully no one will mind the delay to January. This will give you plenty of time to get your favorite recipes ready for the taste testing.

--GLC Fellowship Committee

Reconciling in Christ Program

What is the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program?

In 1984 Lutherans Concerned / North America started the Reconciling in Christ ("RIC") Program to recognize Lutheran congregations that welcome lesbian and gay believers.

The Reconciling in Christ Roster now exceeds 400 settings, including congregations, synods and organizations, including Bethel ELCA congregation in University City, MO, who became designated RIC more than 18 years ago.

All people are welcome here. Why should we single out gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people? The RIC Program doesn't seek special treatment for GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) people. The reality is, however, that we live in a time where the voices of fear and ignorance dominate the public discussion of human sexuality issues in our society. Most often these judgmental voices of irrational fear are all that is heard. In fact, Lutherans Concerned continues to learn of Lutheran churches that shun GLBT people. Sometimes their parents and family are even vilified and attacked by church members.

As a result, it is assumed by most GLBT people that they are not welcome in any church unless told otherwise. Even a general statement of welcome is heard as really meaning "everybody but me," so it takes a special effort to communicate the same welcome. The RIC Program seeks to make clearer the policy of churches where all people are welcome as full members, regardless of their sexual orientation, their gender identity or that of their children, siblings or friends.

The Social Action Committee is initiating the RIC discussion at Gethsemane. You will have many opportunities beginning in January, 2010, to learn about what those letters, "glt" mean, about RIC, and to learn and discuss why the Social Action Committee believes that adding the RIC designation at Gethsemane will help us to live out our mission statement:

*"A Dynamic Place for All Peoples,
where God's Grace is Shared in the Community and in
the World."*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This has been a busy and exciting fall for Gethsemane's Sunday school. The Sunday school program continues to expand and thrive. Thank you to all of the teachers, helpers and music leaders who have volunteered to make this possible. Here is a brief recap of the events so far this fall:

On Sunday, September 20 we welcomed a new class of three year olds to Sunday school at Gethsemane. Students were presented with their own beginner's Bible. Three year olds enrolled in Sunday school this year include Riley B., Lancelot F., Otto O., Avery W. and Samantha Y.

There are 39 students enrolled in Sunday school this year, so we decided to divide the opening music into two groups. Paula Brud-Brown continues to work with the youngest children (age 3 through 1st grade) in the "green room" on Sunday mornings. They have been heard singing, as well as baa-ing, moo-ing, purr-ing and woof-ing! Ann Luciani has been rehearsing with the older children in the fireplace room. They are working on a piece they will be singing with the adult choir in the coming weeks.

Finally, the 4th and 5th graders spent the month of October learning about the Bible. Pastor Kendra and Kim Elliott helped them read and highlight verses throughout the Bible, and on Sunday October 25 they each received their own new, highlighted Bible. The students in this class are Jacob B., KT E., Alex M., Aaron M., Julian M. and Peter S.. If you see one of these students, ask them this question: **"Why is the Bible like a library?"**

Thank you to all of Gethsemane's parents who share your children with us each Sunday in Sunday school. Please pray for our teachers, helpers and leaders that they may be empowered to share the message of God's love with our children.

Christy Scheidt, Sunday School Coordinator

MOMS

MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) meets Friday, November 20th (3rd Friday of each month) from 7-9pm at the St. Louis Bread Co. at Chippewa/Lansdowne. Need a night out? Just want to have a cup of coffee and talk with the girls? Want to get to know more of the women in our GLC community? Come any time. No reservation necessary. We'd love for you to join us any month you can. Oh, and leave the kids at home. This one's for YOU! More info? Call Leslie Wobbe at 314-481-0708.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Help needed to pack food boxes at Saint Louis Area Food Bank! A fun way to be "sent in love to serve"!

Saturday, November 14th, 8 am to 12 noon

This is a chance to work elbow-to-elbow in a warehouse setting (dress for the weather!) with folks from Gethsemane and other local ELCA congregations, packing boxes of donated food for area food pantries. It is a one morning commitment which includes a brief training. More than 30 people from Gethsemane participated last year and it was a great event. Unfortunately this year we can only send a dozen people from Gethsemane so sign up on the sheet posted in the upper level hallway to save your place! If you have questions, you can contact the Gethsemane church office.

JNM "Adopt –A-Family" Christmas Ministry

Yes, it really is time again to kickoff the Joint Neighborhood Ministry "Adopt –A-Family" Christmas effort. The day you get to select your family will be announced shortly. What a great way to share our gifts with those who have so little. We're counting on you to continue this wonderful Christmas tradition at Gethsemane.

Joint Neighborhood Ministry

November emphasis for the JNM Pantry is .. **Your Choice**

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!

STORIES OF LIFE, HOPE, AND FAITH

On Labor Day Weekend, our worship focused on connecting faith and daily life. Four members of Gethsemane shared their testimony on how they saw God at work in their daily life. It was a powerful time to hear the difference faith makes! During the next couple months, we will re-print their testimonies.

Remarks given by Tom Meuser, Sunday, 9/5/09, at the 8:30 Service:

When Pr. Kendra asked me to share a few thoughts this morning, I was rather taken aback. I've not been feeling all that spiritual or active in my faith of late. God is there, no doubt, but often hidden (to me at least) in the "busy-ness" of my days. Her invitation sparked quite an internal dialogue. My first response was "No" – I have too much else to think about – but then I reconsidered. Maybe this is what I need to think about most

I have always felt God's presence; mostly in the quiet moments and small events of my day. God is present in moments of achievement, kindness and joy among my boys: Jeremy's wonder at the world around him; Aaron's amazing gifts of athleticism and empathetic awareness; and Paul's gifts for music and math. It is present in my marriage with Christy, in how we bend to each other and share in the expression of our values and dreams. Christy's faith never ceases to amaze me. She has taught me a lot about what it means to be a person for others.

I was raised in the Catholic Church, by devout, "by the book" parents. I attended Catholic schools, including Jesuit High School and College. I made the short version of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola (a silent retreat), twice as a young man and once more last winter. The Jesuits taught me the importance of being a man for others, and I strive to live this ideal; and sometimes I succeed.

Pr. Kendra's invitation got me thinking, in part, I believe, because of my experience of God these days is not occurring so much within these walls as outside. It is most evident in my life as a parent and spouse, but also in my work at UMSL.

An important part of my job as a Professor is serving as a mentor. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a mentor as "a trusted counselor or guide." Jesus was a mentor to his disciples and many others. He built marvelous relationships of trust, and guided his friends to know God in their daily activities and human interactions – *in the breaking of the bread*, so to speak.

I have come to love teaching these past two years. The most gratifying aspect for me is witnessing learning, growth and resolve in my students. I'm a demanding instructor. I expect a lot of myself and my students. It is not enough, however, just to set high expectations as a teacher. You must provide a solid base for achievement. Trust and fairness are critical components. Not all students look to me as a mentor, but some do. And these relationships are ever so important to me (and hopefully for them). I am a man for others in these relationships and making a difference. I know God's presence in this work, and I am grateful for it.

--Tom Meuser

Health Cabinet

Cherishing the Gift of Breath

November is recognized for several different observances, ranging from All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, the beginning of the advent season, and the Great American Smoke Out. This month, we would like to visit with you on **Cherishing the Gift of Breath** and what we can do to decrease lung cancer rates.

God's word provides many references to the gift of breath. In Genesis, we learn, that Adam was not a fully alive person, until God breathed into him (literally, the word for *breath* means *spirit*). God is the source of our breath and graciously sustains our life (Acts 17:25). We are invited to use our breath to praise our great and good God.

Fast Facts on Lung Cancer

- ✓ Lung cancer is now the *number 1 cancer killer* of both men and women
- ✓ 1/3 of all cancer-related deaths are attributed to lung cancer
- ✓ Over the last 15 years, the number of women being diagnosed with lung cancer has steadily grown
- ✓ 90% of all lung cancers are smoking related
- ✓ Not all people with lung cancer have symptoms
- ✓ Treatments for cancer can include surgery, chemotherapy and radiation
- ✓ Exposure to second-hand smoke is a major risk factor for SIDS deaths, as well as for the increasing rates of asthma and emphysema

What can I do to Cherish the Gift of Breath?

There are several actions we can take to cherish the gift of breathing. First, **if you smoke, please consider quitting**. You may want to see this as a gift you can give yourself and your family, rather than only a sacrifice. If you quit smoking, the health benefits begin *right away!* If someone in your family smokes, encourage them to quit smoking. We need not overly focus on smoking, despite that it is a poor and dangerous health practice. It is not the only dangerous lifestyle. We all have improvements we can make in our health lifestyles. Second, encourage businesses in your community to be **smoke free establishments**. Third, consider doing a **personal devotion/Bible Study on Biblical**

references to breath and breathing, and find ways to thank God for the gift of life, breathing AND His Spirit. Fourth, we can **develop breathing as a spiritual discipline**. We can all try to not take for granted the gift of breathing, practice breathing from our diaphragm periodically throughout the day as a great stress management technique, and to be mindful of God's presence as we breathe in and ask for an indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings on cherishing the gift of breath, in physical and spiritual ways. Please contact Teri Wallis or a member of the Health Cabinet if we can be of any assistance to you. Thank you for the sacred privilege of serving as your Health Cabinet.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, November 1, 2009 8:00am-12:30 pm

We are hoping to make this the best blood drive of the year! Please give! It is relatively painless, simple, and a great way to care for another. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact MaryJane Thomsen at 314-644-3091.

IN OUR COMMUNITY ...

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship

Wed., Nov. 25th 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark Episcopal

4714 Clifton (near Nottingham)

This year's service will gather our ecumenical partners—UCC, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian-- in the St. Louis Hills area and include a Blessing of the Bread. Come to see St. Mark's newly renovated worship space and hear their newly built organ. Please bring an offering of non-perishable food or cash or check for **Feed my People**, an interdenominational ministry in South St. Louis County.

Autism Workshop
Wednesday, November 4 6-9pm
Union United Methodist Church

(Watson & Pernod)

Union Family Outreach of Union United Methodist Church and Union Preschool in conjunction with Touchpoint Autism Services and the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis is offering a FREE informative workshop on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Mustard Seed Theatre Presents:
Fiddler on the Roof

October 30 – November 22, 2009

Celebrate the lives of Tevye and his family as they navigate tradition, progress, love and hate. You'll see this well-loved musical in a new light: staged in an intimate setting, focused on the characters and the melodies of their relationships.

Tickets: VIP (includes priority seating, an MST coffee mug and one baked item): \$35

Regular: \$25 Senior/Student: \$20

Visit www.mustardseedtheatre.com or call (314)719-8060 to purchase tickets. You may also watch a rehearsal clip on Youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAj-iQZrJyg>

St. Mark's Chancel Choir and Bell
Choir Concert

November 1, 2009, 6:00pm

6337 Clayton Rd. St. Louis, MO 63117
314-721-6974

St. Mark's Chancel and Bell choir will present an evening of music, both spiritual and popular. A reception featuring wine and cheese, dessert and coffee will immediately follow the vent. A free will offering is requested with proceeds to cover costs associated with much needed bell refurbishment.

AND IN OUR WORLD

The following is information regarding a local ministry project called the Kenya Water Project. If you would like more information, please visit their website at <http://shoeman.org/file/Home.html>

My name is Pastor George Hutchings, also known as The Shoeman! Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Kenya Water Project.

I want your old shoes! I need lots of old shoes to make the fresh water flow! Shoe drives are started by schools, businesses, churches, temples, scout troops, and even motorcycle groups have gotten involved in collecting used shoes for the Kenya Water Project.

What happens to the shoes I collect? I sell the shoes for 35 cents per pound. This is how I fund the purchase of water drilling equipment to drill for fresh water in Kenya. The shoes eventually end up in South America where people can buy them for pennies.

In 2008, I collected 154,000 pairs of shoes and was able to buy 3 drilling rigs to take to Kenya. I was in Kenya the month of August 2009 and the wells drilled will provide fresh water for 120,000 people! There was a school of 600 students who had not had clean water in 10 years and we drilled a well right on the school property. The pure joy that day is hard to put into words!

Amazing, isn't it? Old Shoes Turned Into Fresh Water! The goal for 2009 is 200,000 pairs of shoes! Can it be done? Yes, it can!

Please note that Gethsemane is not a shoe drop location. Visit the website mentioned above for current drop locations.

VICISSITUDES*

* The changes or events that occur in our lives.

Good-Bye Gladys!

My most vivid memory of Gladys Mohl occurred at the bedside of Eleanor Larson. Eleanor had recently broken her hip and was struggling with severe pain. Gladys rushed into the room with that intense energy that was her trademark. "Eleanor, I know just what you want!" Gladys announced and delivered a plate of chocolate chip cookies. Eleanor, who up until that moment had been weeping from the pain, burst into a smile. Gladys always knew what to do!

Gladys and Marvin Mohl had many roles over the years at Gethsemane. They raised three sons, who are by their lives, a great tribute to their parents. They contributed to the life of Gethsemane in many roles.

In their later years, Gladys and Marvin were among the great visitors of our church, visiting the homebound, ill, and hospitalized of our church.

In the last few years, Gladys has taught us about living with dignity. After the loss of Marvin, Gladys resiliently continued their work of visitation. She delivered cookies, bread, and casseroles until her own health prevented her from driving or even walking alone. In her final days, Gladys was a witness of the grace of God. Her body failed her, much to her chagrin, but her faith strengthened. Gladys needed constant help to perform even simplest tasks. She did not let this keep her from attending church or the weekly hymn sing at Laclede Groves. Gladys loved "the good old songs" and would have her workers wheel her down for any singing event that was available to her.

Gladys is among the last of a generation. These women were the "ladies of the church", women who survived the "Great Depression", who sent husbands and boyfriends to war, who watched the world and church change rapidly over the years, and yet who saw and still see their mission in life to love God and to love Gethsemane.

Good-bye Gladys, we will miss you!

(Note: A Memorial Service for Gladys will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 11am.)



NEW FLAGS in the church entrance have been given in loving memory of Fred Praechter by his wife Gerry. Fred served in the Air Force during both WWII and the Korean War. Thank you to the Praechter family!

NEEDED: A Gethsemane "Webmaster!" We know you are out there – someone who enjoys and knows how to communicate through the web! We are looking for someone who could update our site on a regular basis, as well as bring their own creativity to the site. A great way to serve from the comfort of your own home and computer!! Many of our guests find their way to Gethsemane via our website!!

Pastor Kendra will be out of town November 3-5 at the annual Central States Synod Bishops' Convocation. This year's presenters will include ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson.

An Ode To Mardi

(words by Rich Brown)

(Sung to the tune of Puff The Magic Dragon)

Oh Mardi L. Manary
A gentle soul is she
And she became our parish nurse
At the church Gethsemane

And all the Lutheran people
Thanked God that Mardi came
She brought a healing ministry
To glorify His name

She tended sick and injured,
Of the body and the soul

She came and sat by bedsides of
Those of us who have grown old

She worked to keep us healthy,
She worked to keep us fit,
She worked at times all by herself,
And with Health Cabinet

And then one day God called her,
To be faithful as He asks,
As a reward for her hard work,
He assigned her greater tasks.

The church was filled with sorrow,
But God told us to be glad,
For He used us as his training ground,
Now she's become a Grad.

So she leaves to help her family
This flock she'll no longer tend,
But we won't forget her ministry,
She'll always be our friend,

Gratitude is hard to speak of
The words just all get stuck,
So we followed Lutheran ritual,
And threw her a Pot Luck

Oh Mardi L. Manary
A gentle soul is she
And she became our parish nurse
At the church Gethsemane



LAGNIAPPE

"a little something extra"

Where Did the Worship Committee Dine This Month?

Before each monthly meeting, members of the worship committee gather at a local restaurant for dinner. In October, our monthly routine changed. We did go out to dinner at The Shaved Duck, 2900 Virginia Ave. at Pestalozzi (theshavedduck.com). It was an excellent dinner, and we highly recommend the smoked pork loin, baby back ribs, and the macaroni and cheese (stay away from the cornbread). After dinner we adjourned to the home of Florence Frederickson, who graciously offered to host our meeting and served us a dessert of warm homemade caramel rolls and fresh coffee. Everyone was quite excited about the prospect of caramel rolls and attendance was excellent. Meeting around a cozy dining room table kept everyone involved in the conversation and we accomplished a lot, fortified by the hot coffee and tasty treats. There were a few rolls left over after the meeting and we divvied them up to share with lucky family members. What a great way to have a committee meeting! THANKS FLORENCE – YOU'RE AWESOME!



Charlie Wallis Meets Hall of Famer

During a United Way rally at Charlie's employer, Wells Fargo, he had the opportunity to meet Baseball Hall of Fame member Lou Brock. This was an exciting moment for a huge Cardinals fan like Charlie.

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MESSENGER NEWS

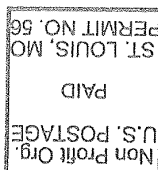
You can send your news and notes for the Messenger to glc-messenger@swbell.net. There is also a Messenger drawer by the church office. For best results, news should be in by the 20th of each month, but we'll do our best to get your news in whenever you submit it.

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.

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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