

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

A FAMILY IN CHRIST CARING FOR ALL PEOPLE

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“For All That Has Been... Thanks!
For All That Will Be... Yes!”

This quotation by Swedish diplomat Dag Hammarskjöld conveys my feelings about recent events here at Gethsemane. We are sorry to see two beloved staff members move on to new ventures. Jean, our church secretary, has taken another position that is full-time. Mardi, our Parish Nurse, has resigned to spend more time with her parents and support the work of Project Peanut Butter. Both Mardi and Jean were here to greet me when I came to Gethsemane five years ago; they helped me get acclimated and find my way around with everything from names, directions, and history to where to eat lunch! Their collegiality, skill, commitment to Christ’s church, and love for God’s people have been immeasurable support to the mission and ministry of Gethsemane. “For all that has been...for Jean and Mardi...thanks!”

What will be? A first priority is staffing the church office. Temporarily, Gary Borkowski is filling in to give us some continuity until we hire a new secretary. Mardi exhorted us at the “Mardi Party” Potluck to watch out for and take care of one another! We will look for ways for people to pitch in with various tasks in this time of transition as the Health Cabinet and Church Council consider filling the Parish Nurse position. Pray for the Spirit to lead us. Come to one of the Partnership for Missional Church “Brainstorming with the Holy Spirit” small group gatherings to discern what God is up to in our congregation and community. One of the great insights of the Reformation (which we celebrate in October) is that we are a priesthood of believers where everyone has something to give! “For all that will be...yes!”

I encourage you if you have any questions, thoughts, or feedback to let me or a church council member know. Any kind of change is stressful. Yet every day affords us the opportunity for repentance and forgiveness, a daily dying to self and rising to new life in Jesus Christ, which is the best kind of change – a re-formation of our minds to the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).

Live Christ. Love Christ. Share Christ. Be Christ.

Pastor Kendra

SAVE THE DATE

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3
1:00 pm

New Member Orientation

Sunday, October 4
3:30-7:00pm

PMC Small Groups

Sunday, October 4 OR 11 in
between services OR
Wednesday, October 7 at 7pm

Healing Service

Bread for the World Sunday

Sunday, October 18
Festival of St. Luke, “beloved
physician”



Blessing of the Animals Service

Saturday, October 3 at 1:00pm – On The Front Lawn



Animal companions blessed by Pastor Kendra Nolde.
Prayers for health, long life, and happiness
for our beloved animal friends.

Songs of thanksgiving.
Light refreshments, including dog and
cat treats, following the service.



All are welcome, even if you don't bring a pet.

Monetary offerings benefit the Humane Society of Missouri.



For everyone's safety and sanity ... Please keep your pet on a leash or in a carrier!

LIFE AT HOME ...



Stewardship:

Changed By Love – Sent in Love – To Serve

As our 2009 “God’s Work, Our Hands – Sharing the Gift of God’s Grace” journey draws to an end, I hope you have all enjoyed the journey and look forward to many more opportunities to share your gifts with others in 2010. As we continue to grow in our giving, **Changed by Love – Sent in Love – To Serve** is our congregation’s mission this year for focusing on Christian stewardship. In 2010, we will continue to share our gifts and grow in our spiritual relationship with God.

On Sunday, October 18th we will begin a four week focus on how each of us is Changed by Love – Sent in Love – To Serve. The four weekly themes are:

- October 18th – Focus on Healing (Changed by Love)

- October 25th – Reformation Sunday & Everyone Has Something to Give (Sent in Love)
- November 1st – All Saints Day (To Serve)
- November 8th – Commitment Sunday

Since many of you are St. Louis Cardinal Fans, we are planning on our Stewardship “First Pitch” to be watching a Cardinal Playoff game on a big screen in the Fellowship Hall. This will include popcorn, hotdogs, soda pop, and as the manager of Gethsemane’s Stewardship team I’ll give a pep talk on stewardship between innings.

More details to come in the next few weeks.

In Christ’s Service, Keith Paulson – Stewardship Chair

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

A **New Member Orientation** will be held on Sunday, October 4 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 Small Group Discernment

On Sunday, September 20th, members of the Steering Team presented a report of what they had heard through the Congregational Timeline Event, Interviews, and Demographic Fact-finding. Now, it's time to listen again – to God and to one another. Everyone is asked to sign up for an opportunity for a Small Group Spiritual Discernment – Brainstorming with the Holy Spirit!-- conversation on either Sunday, October 4 from 10-10:50am, Sunday, October 11 from 10-10:50 am, or Wednesday, October 7 from 7-8pm. We will review the summaries from the Steering Team and then consider the questions: What might God be calling our church to be and to do in God's mission in our location? What is God up to here and now for us? This information will then be taken to the next PMC Cluster Event which will be October 16-17.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Sisters Bible Study for Women

Six Tuesday mornings, beginning October 6
10:00am-11:30am

Are you ready to: deepen your relationship with God? strengthen your spiritual walk? develop friendships with other women? experience growth through a small group? discuss connections between Scripture and everyday life? Sisters is a Bible-based video study designed for women on topics such as knowing God, growing closer to Christ, finding balance, learning from the Proverbs, and walking with Old Testament women.

Childcare will be provided.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class

10:00-11:30 am each week

We're working our way through Paul's Letters to the Corinthians. Come join us! *Nellie Hohnsen*
Please Note: There will be no Bible Class on 10/21 & 10/28

Faith Sharing Group

Thursday Evenings

(talk to Joe Epplin for schedule)

A group that reads and discusses books on a variety of topics related to spirituality, reflection, and action. Current book is *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* by Eboo Patel.

Reconciling in Christ Program **What is the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program?**

To say that a congregation is Reconciling in Christ (RIC) means that it has publicly declared that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people are welcome in its full life and ministry. It bespeaks a spirit of hospitality and a willingness to live out that welcome in meaningful ways. Our sister congregation Bethel Lutheran in University City has been an RIC congregation for more than 18 years!

Gethsemane already says we are “a family in Christ caring for all people.” All people are welcome here. Why should we single out gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people?

Too many GLBT people and their families live with the pain of having believed that “all people” meant them, only to discover otherwise. No one should have to guess about the boundaries of inclusion of a congregation. A clear welcome matters to GLBT adults who, seeking to share their faith and gifts with the church, often wonder if they will meet with silence or condemnation. It matters to GLBT youth who need the guidance of faith relationships, but fear the same disapproval. It matters to families which too often hid the fact that they are cut off from support and sharing which would enrich them and the congregation. It matters to all Christians who believe that God's affirmation of the gifts of loving relationships are not restricted to those who are heterosexual and who look to their church to witness to God's inclusive love and to help them to better understand and live it.

Gethsemane is beginning the discussion about becoming designated as RIC. The Social Action Committee is looking for folks interested in learning about the process for a congregation to be designated as RIC: who may be interested in assisting in the planning, implementing and even the leadership processes. We want to send several representatives to the “Welcoming Church Program Training,” Oct. 9-11 at Bethel Luth.

If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Kendra in the church office (314-352-8050), Lindsay Schuessler, Rollie Walston, or Linda Ford Also, check out www.lcna.org/ric.shtm

POSITION OPEN:

Applications are being received for the position of **Church Secretary**, Gethsemane Lutheran Church. This position is 25 hours/week, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Monday-Friday, and is open to either a member or non-member of the congregation. The Church Secretary serves as a receptionist and office administrator, maintains church records, and produces weekly and monthly publications. Qualifications for this position include: proficiency in Microsoft Word, familiarity with Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint, Publisher, and church-based software, proficiency in use of internet and e-mail, excellent organizational, communication (written and verbal), and interpersonal skills, ability to maintain confidentiality, ability to work independently and as part of a team. A copy of the job description can be obtained from Pastor Nolde or Council President Carolyn Schainker, and applications must be received by Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

Confirmation and GYG

Confirmation Classes will be held on Mondays, October 5 and 19th. We will also be attending the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event on Saturday, October 10th from 9:30-11:30 am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Manchester.

Reminder: \$65 registration fee for YouthQuake is due by Sunday, October 18th. (Checks payable to Gethsemane)

CHILI & COOKIE COOKOFF Moved To November!

Get your favorite recipes ready for taste testing and share your special ingredients!

Watch for more details to come.....

MUSIC

Calling all singers and ringers!

A new choir season has begun!!!

All choirs rehearse on Monday evening.

If you have any questions, call Ann at 314-963-0934 or e-mail at ptlall4@earthlink.net

Belladeers Bell Choir (5:00pm - 6:00pm) - Have you always wanted to learn to play bells or are relatively new to playing bells? Belladeers is looking for new ringers!

Angel Wings Bell Choir (6:00pm - 7:00pm) - Have you played bells before or do you read music? Angel Wings would love to have you ring!

Choir (7:00pm - 8:00pm) - If you love to sing and want to be a part of a fun group of musicians, choir is for you! The balcony will still accommodate more voices. Child care is provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

4th-5th Grade Faith Stepping Stone: 4th and 5th graders and their parents are invited to participate in the Bible Survey faith journey marker. On Sundays, October 4, 11, and 18 during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Kendra will lead you through the Bible, underlining a verse in each book. Then, on Reformation Sunday, October 25th, Bibles will be presented to the young people.

MOMS

MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) meets Friday, Oct. 16th (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

Look for these upcoming events at Gethsemane:

October 9 -11: Gethsemane members Lindsay Schuessler, Rollie Walston & Linda Ford attending the **Reconciling in Christ** leadership training at Bethel Lutheran. We will be bringing back what we learn! For more information on RIC, see separate article elsewhere in this Messenger.

October 10: **Joint Neighborhood Ministries Trivia Night** at St. John's United Church of Christ. If you are interested in being on one of 2 Gethsemane teams, please contact Rich or Paula Brown. Cost of entry is just donation of 1 or 2 canned good items (the admission price has been paid by a generous donation).

October 18: **Bread for the World Sunday at Gethsemane.** There will be an opportunity between services: Drop by between 10:00 and 10:45 am to call your senator and leave a message of support for Senate Bill S1524 the Foreign Assistance Revitalization & Accountability Act. We will provide the script and a cell phone if you don't have one. The phone call will take 2 minutes! There will also be freshly baked bread for participating callers courtesy of baker extraordinaire, Peggy Zapf! Charge up your cell phone! This is an easy, fast, fun way to make your voice heard in Washington D. C. in support of hungry people around the globe.

October 25: Social Action Committee meeting, 10:00 am

November 14 & 21: **Saint Louis Area Food Bank event.** This is a chance to work elbow-to-elbow in a warehouse setting with other folks from Gethsemane & other local ELCA congregations, packing boxes of food for local hungry people. It is a commitment of about 3 hours plus 1/2 hour training. More than 30 people from Gethsemane participated last year and it was a great event. Details to follow, mark your calendar today: you can pick either date to participate. Look for a sign-up sheet coming soon.

Late November: **Joint Neighborhood Ministries Holiday Adopt-A-Family & blanket/gift card donations.** Details in the November Messenger!

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.

Since I attend a public high school without any organized religious curriculum, it is sometimes hard to find God at school, but I know if I look close enough, I'll always find him. For example, once a year, there is a student led event at my school called "See you at the pole," where Christians from all around my school gather around the flag-pole to sing, talk, and pray for things ranging from government leaders to prayer requests brought about by individuals. The most amazing part about this event is that the number of kids has grown each year, and last year we even had to break into two groups because the circle was stretching too far.

I have also witnessed God through the general care, by the students, for the well-being of our peers. This is shown through the student-led canned food drive, the blood drive, and most recently, Christian volunteers at my school collected money at lunchtime for the family of one of our peers whose house burned down.

The most awesome way I have seen God at work in my school is through some of the individual transformations that have occurred. One example in particular is just amazing. I have a friend who, about a year ago, was into some very bad things like drugs and alcohol. He is a good kid, but he got involved with the wrong group of people and got pressured into these vices. My group of close friends and I thought that it was our duty as Christians to bring others to Christ, and we had all known him since we all started school, so we decided to talk to him about attending our youth group at Southwest Christian Church. At first he was very reluctant, but eventually, he decided to go. He had a great time and a long chat with the youth director. Eventually, he was attending every week. Now, he's baptized and attends a youth group at his own church.

These are just some of the ways I have seen God at work at my school, and I know that no matter what happens, He will always be there to help me if I need it. I know this because of 1 John 5:14-15 where it says. ¹⁴"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." This means that God promises us that if we ask for something we need, He is always there for us.

By Scott T.

Health Cabinet

Flu Awareness

With the threat of both seasonal flu and the H1N1 virus, the Red Cross wants you to stay safe. Despite the hectic rush of our daily lives, there are simple, easy ways to keep from getting sick. As a Ready Rating Member, we are passing along these important ways to prepare for and prevent the flu. I hope you will share this information with your co-workers, family and friends, during September, which is National Preparedness Month.

The Red Cross is encouraging everyone who wants the seasonal flu vaccine to make plans now to get a shot. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that an H1N1 vaccine may not be available until later this fall, and will first be distributed to high-priority groups. So to protect yourself, the Red Cross urges you to remember these simple actions:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective when soap and water aren't available.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are feeling sick.

If families are asked to stay home during this outbreak, it's important to have a plan and supplies in place before that happens. The Red Cross recommends:

- Stock extra food, water and supplies at home to reduce the need to go out should H1N1 flu become more widespread, limiting potential for exposure to the virus.
- Be sure to include household necessities such as laundry detergent, toilet paper, etc. Select foods that are easy to prepare and store.
- Make sure you have an adequate supply of essential medications and medical items for all family members. Include non-prescription medications as well.
- Other preparedness steps that can be taken include:
- Plan for what you would do if you had to stay at home for a period of time.
- Talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick.
- Find out your employer's plans to keep the business open if key staff can't come to work.

- Ask your child's school or day care if there are plans to encourage sick children to stay home to reduce the spread of the disease.
- Identify how you can get information, whether through local radio, TV, internet or other sources.

Flu Shots: Get Vaccinated!!!

When: Sunday, October 18, 2009 8:30 am -12:00 noon

Where: St. Joan of Arc Cafeteria (across street)

Cost: \$30.00 FREE for Medicare B*

Who: ANYONE Age 9 years or over

(children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent)

*Receipts will be available to send to insurance for a refund

IN OUR
COMMUNITY ...

Marriage Enhancement Workshop

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

(Every Journey Needs a Good Compass)

Sundays, November 1, 8, 15

3:00pm to 5:45pm

At the Arden Mead Center for Youth and Community
#17 Selma Ave. (across from Webster Groves HS)

Join Us to:

- Learn how to talk about the tough stuff
- Learn ways to keep your relationship fresh
- Get the most out of your relationship
- Enjoy life together

Registration: Sign up soon – it's already half full!
Call (314) 754-2758 (or contact Pr. Kendra)
Space is Limited!!!!

(Refreshments and Childcare are free.)

Presented by Lutheran Family and Children Services of Missouri and Saint Louis Healthy Marriage Coalition.

Joint Neighborhood Ministry

October 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!

Get out of the house!

A place to gather for unemployed people.

Free Coffee & Conversation, Networking, Skill sharing, Mutual Support

TUESDAYS 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Where: @ St Mark's Church, 4712 Clifton Avenue, St. Louis MO 63109 www.saintmarks-stl.org

For details, call 832-3588 or send message to saintmarksstl@saintmarks-stl.org

All Welcome! Open to people of all religions and people of none.



Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.
Proverbs 22:9

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

Friday, October 9 – Sunday, October 11
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
327 Woods Mill Road, Manchester

Every day, 18,000 children die from starvation. But you can fight hunger from right here in Missouri. To sign up for a volunteer shift, call 636-391-6685. Check out more information at www.fmssc.org.

AND IN OUR WORLD

Greetings dear friends.....

What a busy summer! In our Rafiki Bible Study we all are studying about David, his renown for having a heart for the Lord. May we follow his example! We all are grateful to God for you! Please pray for these women: our Rafiki mothers! Praise God for all He accomplished these past months:

- 1) Two women began as Rafiki Mothers: Mama Rebecca (Becky) and Mama Christiana (Christi). I train them two hours a day Monday through Friday.
- 2) Two mother assistants, Letisha and Pat, began September 1 (The assistant's job is to help the Rafiki mother with playtime, mealtime and cleaning the cottage/home.)
- 3) Our new land acquisition is final. We have twenty five more acres of land. Our Farm just began with mothers and children planting maize in perfect rows marked off with string.
- 4) Our Rafiki mothers began basket weaving lessons six months ago. Now they are knowledgeable and can add colored straw to design their basket creations.
- 5) MiniMissionaries tutored; gave ballet, singing, reading lessons; taught new sports and games to Rafiki children and mothers.

Prayer Requests: God will give skill and wisdom as I train Becky and Christi, Rafiki mothers, and Letisha and Pat, mother assistants. God would enable these four women to learn quickly and love working at Rafiki. God would enable our newest girl Gifty to adjust quickly to Rafiki Mother Constance, her nine sisters, and new surroundings. She celebrated her sixth birthday on August 21st with singing and a cake for 77 people. We have twenty nine girls and thirty eight boys. God will bring more orphaned children. Currently Social Welfare is investigating five potential children.

May God give rain for our newly planted maize seeds. The planting season is almost over.

My latest newsletter and pictures are here: <http://www.rafiki-foundation.org/ros/Bond/bond.html> .

With Love,

Nancy Bond

See Page 9 For A Picture From Nancy

VICISSITUDES*

* The changes or events that occur in our lives.

*Thank you so much for your support during this most difficult time in our family's life. The outpouring of support, donations and prayers has been a very humbling experience for us. Because of your generosity and love, our family will be able to recover. We will never forget all that you have shared with us. We will keep you in our prayers of thanksgiving. Scott, Karen, and Brooke Fleming
(Note: The Fleming family lost their home in a fire; Gethsemane folks contributed gift cards.)*

*Thank you to Pastor Nolde for her pastoral care, support and concern through emails, phone calls and visits in August and September as we deliberated and eventually decided upon Randy's stem cell transplant. We very much appreciate her counsel, direction and spiritual guidance as Randy prepares to enter the hospital
Thanks to Nurse Mardi and Mark Manary for their help, direction and support in Randy's preparation for stem cell transplant
--Kathleen, Randy, Carolyn and Christopher Moe*

*Thank you to all the staff and people of Gethsemane for all your encouraging words, support and prayers as I embark upon the stem cell transplant as well as all you have done for my family and me the past almost 8 years since diagnosis. My family and I would not be where we are today without you. To paraphrase Pastor Nolde, I will enter this process with all the power of God's grace and the support and love of the Gethsemane community leading the way.
--Randy Moe*

NOTE: You can check on Randy's progress and leave encouraging thoughts and prayers by visiting his Caring Bridge website:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/randymoe>

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!!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you!

I am at a loss to thank you for the wonderful and slightly "over the top" farewell you gave Mark and I on Sunday. Everything was so wonderful! And the song-I will treasure it always!

Thank you for seven wonderful years! I have loved this job. I have loved caring for you. I have loved you all.

Perhaps it was God's gentle mercy that Sunday was also my parent's anniversary. It helped me to focus not on all I was losing, but why I need to go. Regardless, I will miss you all so very, very much.

Love each other! Reach out to each other! See Christ in each other!

Remember that I will love you always and forever.

Love,

Mardi

Dear Friends,

Nothing could have honored me more than for you to recognize in my wife all I have seen for these thirty years.

Thank you for your support of Project Peanut Butter! Thank you for your support during some difficult years at the church. Thank you for caring for my family when I was away.

Thank you for letting Mardi leave you to share more fully in my ministry.

In Christ,

Mark Manary

OCTOBER 2009

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:45pm Property Committee	2	3 1:00pm Blessing Of The Animals Service
4 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am PMC Small Groups 3:30-7:00pm New Member Orientation	5 5:00pm Belladeers Bell Choir 6:00pm Angel Wings Bell Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00am SISTERS Bible Study	7 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Health Cabinet 7:00pm PMC Small Groups	8	9 Pastor's Day Off	10 Hopfer/Lamczyk Wedding
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18 Bread For the World Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship 9:45am Sunday School	19 5:00pm Belladeers Bell Choir 6:00pm Angel Wings Bell Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	20 10:00am SISTERS Bible Study 7:00pm Worship Comm. Messenger Deadline	21	22 7:00pm Mutual Ministry Committee	23 Pastor's Day Off	24
25 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Social Action Committee	26 11:00am Rachel Circle Marie Mueller, hostess 5:00pm Belladeers Bell Choir 6:00pm Angel Wings Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	27 10:00am SISTERS Bible Study	28	29	30 Pastor's Day Off	31

LAGNIAPPE

"a little something extra"



The Gethsemane Entry in the St. Joan of Arc Homecoming Parade!

Thanks to Mary Kelly for donating her jeep; to Keith Paulson for driving; to Alex P. for throwing candy. We played VBS "Studio Go" music throughout the neighborhood!

It Was A Good Day For A Swim

On September 12, Ella Rothgangel successfully swam a 2.5 kilometer open-water race in Chicago. The event - known by its name "Big Shoulders" - is a popular open-water race that takes place each September in Lake Michigan. Swimmers leave from Ohio Street Beach, near Navy Pier. The water was cold, but a wetsuit not needed. Next year, Ella hopes to return and swim the 5 kilometer event.



Congratulations

To Jennifer Dieringer and Keith Paulson on their marriage at Gethsemane on Saturday, September 19th.

To Laura May and Don Bergstrom on their marriage at Laur'a's home congregation in Indiana on Saturday, September 26th.

Thanks...

...to Don Thuss and Ken Bauer for painting the Fireplace Room.

...to Phyllis Saathoff and Dawn Riske for trimming plants and bushes

...to Jim Mantia and Gary Borkowski for acquiring and installing new exit and emergency lights.

Nancy Bond and the Ladies of Ghana



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MESSENGER NEWS

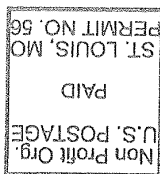
You can send your news and notes for the Messenger to glc-messenger@swbell.net. There is also a Messenger drawer by the church office. For best results, news should be in by the 20th of each month, but we'll do our best to get your news in whenever you submit it.

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!).



“Return Service Requested”

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