

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

A FAMILY IN CHRIST CARING FOR ALL PEOPLE

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*Hello  
Summer!*

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# Pastor's Page

*“Those who find their life will lose it,  
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”*  
--Jesus (Matthew 10:39)

What are you willing to die for? Faithful Christians frequently remember the saints and the martyrs in our prayers, grateful for their witness and their strength of faith. Have you thought to yourself, *I could never do that!*

Most of us won't be called upon to literally die because of our faith in Jesus. We say that we “die to sin” when we are baptized, but that isn't painful...unless we consider that baptism means we are chosen by God and called as disciples, and that means every day we are invited to die to our own will and to live into God's will. It may not physically hurt, but baptized life will cost you everything!

It will cost your time, as you prioritize worshiping God by participating in worship. It will cost your energy as you discern where you find your unique joy in serving others with the gifts God gave you. It will cost your money as you share with others what God has provided for you!

And what do you get out of the deal? Well, relationship with God is not transactional, because we cannot repay God for the life God has given us. But you can receive the gift of grace, and you can receive the gift of freedom, which comes from aligning your purposes with God.

Summer is a good time to contemplate this, as you travel or take vacations. But even if you never leave your own home: you notice the longer hours of sunlight, the change of seasons, the invitation to step into a different schedule. What would it be like to live in God's time?

For kids and youth attending faith-building summer camps, they spend days living in community with others and exploring who God calls them to be, living in God's time as they begin and end each camp day with worship! Have you ever attended a church camp, or a retreat? How did that experience shape your understanding of faith?

And how do we live in this world, broken as it is? God has not given up on this world! And God has not given up on us, but indeed is forming us for the work of healing, the reconciliation of all creation. All in good time!

*Pastor Cheryl Walenta Gorvie*

# Worship in July

**Sunday, July 2nd, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

9:30am In-Person and Online Worship  
10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship

**Sunday, July 9th, 2023**

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

9:30am In-Person and Online Worship  
10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship

**Sunday, July 16th, 2023**

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

9:30am In-Person and Online Worship  
10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship and  
“The Beauty of Motherhood” book talk  
with author Pr. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

**Sunday, July 23rd, 2023**

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

9:30am In-Person and Online Worship  
10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship

**Sunday, July 30th, 2023**

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Christmas in July**

9:30am In-Person and Online Worship  
10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship



If you would like to request a Christmas hymn, contact the church office with the name and hymn #.

## Musical Reparations

The worship and music committee is currently looking at a musical reparation program for the use of African-American spirituals.

In short, usage of music in liturgy gets reported and royalties go to the composer and arranger or a publisher. Since the composers of spirituals never received compensation for music often sung during enslavement, reparations to a designated program is one way we can live out our mission statement for justice.

Join us for facilitated discussion in the chapel on

**Sunday, July 2nd from 10:45 to 11:15, and again on  
July 9th, 10:45 to 11:15.**

We want to hear your voice - as we make this a congregational endeavor.



## June Attendance

**June 4th**

75 In-Person 95 Online

**June 11th**

93 In-Person 50 Online

**June 18th**

76 In-Person 23 Online

**June 25th**

116 In-Person 35 Online

## Semicontinuous Old Testament Readings

Have you noticed that the Old Testament readings this summer seem to focus on a singular story in the book of Genesis instead of “bouncing” around the Old Testament with lessons that tie in more with the gospel readings? There is a reason for that. Ask Pastor!



# Community Life



## Isaiah 58 Back To School Supply Drive

Gethsemane has volunteered to donate 200 boxes of **12-count colored pencils**. Brand does not matter. These items must be at the church by Sunday, September 3rd, so that they can be delivered to Isaiah 58 by September 5th. These items will be used to fill backpacks for the 2024-2025 school year.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as activity hosts at Isaiah 58's Back To School Fair on Saturday, July 22nd. Other opportunities for volunteers are also available for this event. Contact the church office for additional information.



**July:**  
peanut butter,  
jelly,  
and cereal and  
school supplies

Please bring products to the church before the last Sunday of the month!



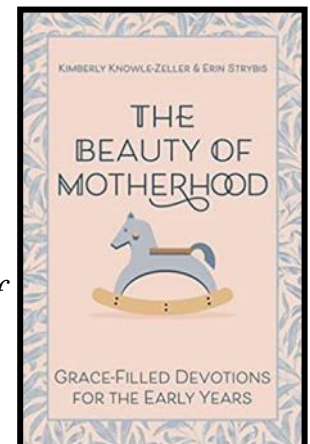
Don't forget to send in your Flat Jesus pics!  
#FlatJesusGLCSTL23



You're invited to join St. Phillip's Evangelical Lutheran every Saturday this summer between 10 am and 2 pm for a free barbeque. St. Phillip's is located at 2424 Annie Malone Dr. in North St. Louis, 63113. They are participating with the Urban League to bring communities together in hopes of bringing down violence.

## Attention: Parents of young kids!

Thank you for your faithfulness in bringing your little ones to worship! We would love to share some conversation about the joys and challenges of parenting little children and how God is present to you in this particular calling! On **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** we are hosting Pastor Kimberly Knowle-Zeller as our preacher and presider in worship. Pastor Knowle-Zeller is also the author of *"The Beauty of Motherhood: Grace-Filled Devotions for the Early Years"* (you may have received a copy of this book as a gift for Mother's Day!). After worship, Pastor Knowle-Zeller will join us to talk about her book and lead conversation about parenting and how the church can be supportive. Grown-ups will gather in the sanctuary while kids will be welcome to hang around the toys in the narthex (extra supervision will be provided!).



*Are dads welcome?* If you love little kids, please do stick around! *What if my kids are grown?* Even if you don't have small children, you can show your support for parents by listening to their concerns and praying for these families.

# Connections Corner



✉: [glcstlsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:glcstlsocialmedia@gmail.com)

☎: 314-518-6978 (ok to text)

\*if you send me a friend request on Facebook I will accept you!

**Office hours: Mon –Thurs, 10am—2:30pm**

## Ways to stay connected:

Utilizing these resources can help you feel closer to Gethsemane!



**Give online**  
(Vanco Mobile App)

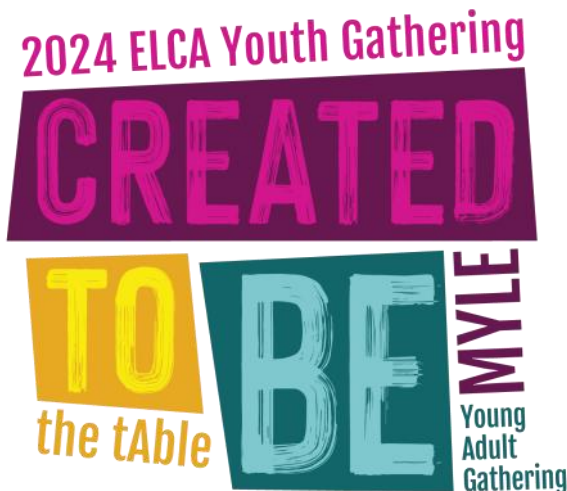


**Access the Church Directory**  
**Online** (Instant Church Directory)



**Watch Worship Services**  
**Online** (YouTube)

## The 2024 Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024.



We are making plans and figuring out who can go! All youth who will be rising 9th graders the summer of '24 to those graduating in '24 are age eligible to attend. There is also a Young Adult Gathering at the same time for those who missed out on the 2022 gathering! (In partnership with ELCA Young Adult Ministries open to those 18-35)

If you are curious about the Youth Gathering, you are invited to join in an in person discussion at the Yemm house on **July 2 from 11:30-1:30pm**. There will also be an informational Zoom meeting on **July 16th at 7:00 p.m.** (contact the office for the Zoom meeting login.)

## Find Gethsemane on Social Media:

**Website:** [www.gethsemanestl.org](http://www.gethsemanestl.org)

**YouTube:** [gethsemanestl](https://www.youtube.com/gethsemanestl)

**Instagram:** [gethsemane\\_elca\\_stl](https://www.instagram.com/gethsemane_elca_stl)

**Pinterest:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church

**Facebook:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church - ELCA, St. Louis, MO



# Around the Church



## July GLCW Luncheon

*All women are welcome to join us at our next luncheon:*

**Date:** Monday, July 24  
**Time:** 11:30 AM  
**Place:** Favazza's  
**Hostesses:** Carolyn Schainker  
**RSVP:** Please call 314-306-8461

Blood pressure monitoring will continue in a new location on the first and third Sundays of each month over the summer. Look for the sign in the church library after worship in July, and August.



## Offering Counters Needed

Gethsemane is in need of additional offering counters. Duties include counting Sunday offerings (checks and cash), tracking amounts, and assigning the funds to which they are assigned. Information is confidential. Counters currently count on Monday mornings between 10 and 11 am. If you are interested and available, please contact the church office.

## Summer Lite Fellowship



Summer Single Services at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings, equals a return to a more relaxed summer version of Fellowship. We will continue to encourage casual discussions following worship, but instead of coffee and donuts, we are offering cookies and lemonade. Snacks and beverages will be available for 30 minutes and can be consumed in the halls and outside.

As always, we are in need of fellowship hosts. Duties include making up pitchers of lemonade and preparing cookie trays. All needed items are stored in the refrigerator and on the counter to the right, in the downstairs kitchen and. Items are served in the hall next to the elevators.


















## From Your Cart to Ours Little Free Pantry Update

Gethsemane did it again! We filled the grocery cart with donations again in June! Thank you for your continued support. We encourage your continued support of our efforts financially or physically with food items placed in the grocery cart between the food pantry collection shelves and Church Council bulletin board. We go through a lot of 1 lb or less jars of peanut butter, cereal, shelf stable milk, meat (canned tuna, spam, sausages, etc.), jerky, mac-n-cheese, canned pasta, crackers, and toilet paper. Pop top cans are encouraged. No glass jars please. Do you have a garden? This is also a great way to share your bounty. A basket for fresh produce will be placed next to the pantry later this summer.

# July 2023

## Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Office Closed for Holiday 	<b>5</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting	<b>6</b>  National Fried Chicken Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship and Social Action Team Meeting	<b>10</b>  National Kitten Day	<b>11</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>12</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  9:30am Worship 10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship and Book Talk	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>19</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> *Messenger info. due	<b>22</b> National Hammock Day 
<b>23</b> <i>Return to Camp</i> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship	<b>24</b> 11:30am GLC Women's Luncheon	<b>25</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>26</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>Christmas in July</i> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Summer Lite Fellowship	<b>31</b>  National Avocado Day	<b>No, you're not missing anything. Church Council and Worship and Music Committee are taking the month of July off. Both groups will meet again in August.</b>				



## July 2023 Worship Leaders

					
	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am
Greeter	D. Schaller	K. Hartz	A. Crotty	C. Reinhardt	K. Paulson
Usher	D. Buehrer	J. Mayhaus	G. Finazzo	S. Hetager	R. Schainker
Usher	C. Morice	S. Walentik	G. Borkowski	Yemm Family	B. Scanlan
Assisting Minister*	N. Fontana	M. Olson	P. Saathoff	M. Yemm	A. Fulton
Lector	A. Fulton	M. Yemm	S. Walentik	C. Schmidt	A. Crotty
Children's Sermon	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wine	Olson-Fulton Family				
Bread Baker	Lima Family	Fontana Family	Tepe/McFarlane Family	Wisch Family	Elliott Family
Summer Lite Fellowship Host**	Needed	Schmidt Family	Needed	Needed	Needed
Altar Flowers	Johnson Family	Breed Family	Szyman Family	Olson-Fulton Family	Scanlan Family
Altar Guild	Schaller Family				
Camera	G. Jensen	L. Christian	G. Jensen	Needed	

\* Assisting Ministers are **not** to wear robes this summer (June 4 – September 3). Please dress appropriately.

\*\*Fellowship hosts are needed to make and serve lemonade. Cookies are provided, but hosts are welcome to supply additional lite snacks. Fellowship will be held in the hall at the top of the landing near the elevators and will last approximately 30 minutes.



# Welcome New Members



Garrett Finazzo



Sue Hackmann



Kayla McCrea



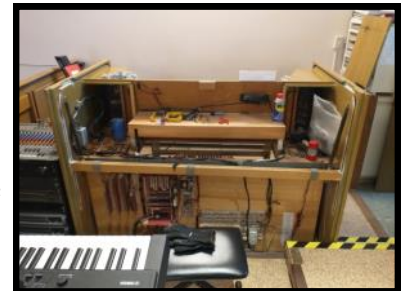
Taylor Schmidt



Tim and Vickie Gaines, their daughter, Grace Tullock and her children (not pictured) Charlie, Hannah, and Caroline.

## Organ Repair Update

Last fall (October 2nd, 2022 to be exact) the congregation voted to approve the church to spend \$22,046 on organ repairs. The repairs would include the removal and of five regulators and two concussion bellows, the stripping and re-leathering of the regulators, the replacement of those items and checking the pressure of the organ once the pieces were replaced. We also had the MIDI system removed and replaced six pistons. The work started on June 5th and was completed on Wednesday, June 14th. So far, we have collected \$9,823.00 of the \$18,149.00 pledged. We are still almost \$4,000.00 short of the total bill. Please continue to honor your pledge. There is still time to give if you were unable to make a pledge before. Thank you!



# Announcements & Anniversaries

## Congratulations...

to Ciera and Mitchell McElroy upon the birth of their daughter Petra Joan. Petra was born June 4th. As you can see, Foster loves being a big brother and the family is settling in nicely.



## Save the Date...

Gethsemane will once again have a **Blood Drive on August 7** in the Fellowship Hall. A link to book your preferred time slot is already on Gethsemane's website.



**God's work. Our hands.** day of service is August 27th following the 9:30am worship service. We are still looking for ways to help in the community. A form can be found on Gethsemane's website—click on the God's work. Our hands. logo.



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

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www.gethsemanest.org



## July Birthdays

- 1 Rosalind Roberts
- 2 Stina Roach  
Sharon Salerno
- 3 Jacob Boehlje
- 4 Kendra Nolde
- 8 Cindy Breed  
Barb Johnson  
Missy DeVore
- 10 Rowan Elliott
- 11 Mike Schmidt
- 13 Tina Reyes
- 15 Noel Nahm  
Ciera McElroy
- 17 Sarah Bohnert
- 20 Mike Fenton  
Shelly Star-Hunter
- 21 Jane O'Neill
- 23 Maryn Olson
- 26 Adam Rentchler
- 27 Jean Chouquette  
Megan Yemm

## July Anniversaries

- |                                      |                               |                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 10 John and Melissa DeVore           | 30 24 Fred & Margaret Lenhart | 52                  |
| 16 Britt & Julie Wisch               | 7 26 Caitlin & Can Sungur     | 13                  |
| 17 John Sandberg & Celeste Vossmeier | 41 29 Mike & Cindy Fenton     | 37                  |
| 23 Dan & Emily Szyman                | 12 30 Jane & Matthew O'Neill  | 40                  |
|                                      |                               | 68                  |
|                                      |                               | Bill & Mary Scanlan |



# Dates to Remember

## Coming Up:

Weekend, July 21-23	Saint Joan of Arc Flea Market
Sunday, August 27	God's Work. Our Hands. day of service
Weekend, September 9-10	Saint Joan of Arc Homecoming
Sunday, September 10	GLC Mission Fair
Weekend, September 23-24	Tower Grove Pride Festival

## Don't Forget

Every Wednesday -  
Bulletin Items Due

Second Tuesday -  
Church Council Meeting

Third Friday -  
Messenger Articles Due

December First -  
Budget Requests Due

## SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

July 30th: - Christmas in July! Traditional Christmas hymns will be sung throughout the service.

One Month Prior to the Annual Meeting in January -  
Committee Reports Due



# Get Connected @ Gethsemane

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Gorvie

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**Instagram:** [gethsemane\\_elca\\_stl](https://www.instagram.com/gethsemane_elca_stl)  
**Pinterest:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
**Facebook:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church - ELCA, St. Louis, MO

## 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 a message to:

**[messenger@gethsemanestl.org](mailto:messenger@gethsemanestl.org)**

## WEEKLY E-NEWS

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

## MESSENGER NEWS

You can send your news and notes for the *Messenger* to **[messenger@gethsemanestl.org](mailto:messenger@gethsemanestl.org)**. There is also a *Messenger* drawer by the church office. For best results, news should be in by the third Friday of each month.





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Return Service Requested

## Month in Review

