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The Pastor Ponders...

When a congregation has "Confirmation", it is not just for the young people invited front and center on that day. Everyone is invited to recommit to their journey of faith, spirituality, discipleship, and missional outreach. We have this opportunity on Sunday, June 5, when Jordan and Sydney Cummings are given the opportunity to say "Yes" to "God's Yes" to them when they were brought for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, September 14, 2003. On that day, they were "washed" in the name of the Holy Triune God, marked with the sign of the cross of Jesus Christ, blessed through and through in the Holy Spirit, and entered into the Christian community here at Gethsemane.



Pastor Gloria

Jordan and Sydney have been exploring their Christian faith in conversations with Pastor Gloria along with their mother, Paula, and grandmother, Barbara Gandolfo. They experienced Christian community with their peers at Confirmation Camp and Middle School Retreats at Luther Glen and Middle School Youth Gatherings in Los Angeles. When they are asked whether they want "to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church", all who have assembled for worship that day also will also be invited to do so.

Then, a very specific question is asked,

"Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth?"

"I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

And then we pray, *"...for Jesus' sake, stir up the gift of the Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life".*

And all God's people said, "Amen!"

GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERTS

It's summertime and that means the return of the Gospel Music Concerts by Andy and Debbie Attwood and Salad Bar Suppers by us. Invite friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers, and strangers to come with you on Saturdays June 25, July 30, and August 27. Richard Norton will be our tossed salad chef with other kinds of salads by others. We will need dedicated set-up and clean-up crews to have these wonderful events run smoothly. Volunteer sheets come out in June.

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JUNE 19TH "VOCATION SUNDAY"

June 19th is not only Fathers' Day but Gethsemane will also celebrate "Vocation Sunday" as we focus on God's call to daily life. Sydney and Jordan Cummings are being promoted to high school (Patrick Henry) on June 20 while Jenny Mendoza will graduate from Serra High School with plans to attend UC Davis this fall. We also will celebrate and bless Carly Pfizenmeier, a May graduate from SDSU in Public Health and Julia Miller, a June graduate of UC Santa Cruz in Environmental Studies. We also will recognize Pat Wiedower who retired in May as a Chaplain at Grossmont Hospital, the most recent leg of a long vocation/career of ministry in and out of the church.

"Vocation" happens when we live out God's call to love our neighbor in and through our daily lives, in the church and the world. God calls most people to vocation "in the world" in the care of creation and our neighbors...come and celebrate with us!

Ministry of Music Appreciation Sunday

Martin Luther once said, "The one who sings prays twice." We are blessed at Gethsemane with a long history of gifted musicians who not only bring their gifts to us but also enable us as a community to unite our voices in song in order to pray, to praise, and to confess our faith. At this place called "Gethsemane", we do indeed pray often!

On the last Sunday of June, the choir will sing some of their favorites from this year and then take a well deserved two month break. We will thank and bless them for generously sharing their gifts.

Choir members are David Pfizenmeier, Jerry Albert, Richard Norton, Debbie Attwood, Judy Nagy, Joanne Driskill, Virginia Morse, Linda Peters, Eileen Neuman, Roxanne Rosengarten, Ann Larion, and Ellen Wagner. Richard, Virginia, and Ellen are new this year and have been wonderful additions. Also part of the choir but currently on a restful break are Judy Albert and Jeanie and Aaron Williams. The choir is directed by Ken Baker, a joyful practitioner of barbershop music, who seeks excellence in sound and harmonization. There are times the choir thinks Ken has "over expected" but ends

up singing on Sunday morning to God in prayer and praise with grace and wonder. Thanks, thanks!

Andy and Debbie Attwood bring their many gifts and talents on the keyboard and guitar to us nearly every Sunday. (It's hard to schedule Andy off for his deserved vacation!) Their harmonies, the new music they find, the support of the Assembly's song, and more are vital components of our experience of worship. Words of thanks seem less than adequate when we consider what they bring to us.

So...you all come! Sunday, June 26, for special music at the 9:30am

...two more June Celebrations and one for July!

...the Preschool will celebrate "September to June" with "We Love the U.S.A." on Friday, June 10, at 4pm. While we are open year round, some Pre-K children with older siblings will be departing soon for summer activities at home, and our summer program is at a different pace. All are invited to come and experience the joy of the children's celebration.

...Jenny Mendoza will be awarded the Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest award, at Symphony Towers on June 4 at 2pm. To earn this coveted Award, Jenny developed and implemented a project where community members shared their excess fruit with the Serra Mesa Food Pantry. Well done!!

...for the past five years, we've celebrated the 4th of July with a "Come for Breakfast and Take a Hike/Stroll" in Shawn Canyon in conjunction with the Serra Mesa Community Council and Friends of Ruffin Canyon. This year the 7-9am event will move to the Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden at the entrance to Ruffin Canyon next to Taft Middle School. If you are willing/able to help make this event happen in 2016, talk with Pastor Gloria. Next question, "Will it continue in 2017?"



Happy Birthday in June

Jerry Albert 6th
Linda Juhasz 7th
Mark Mendoza 25th

Pacifica Synod Bishop Election

Pastor Andy Taylor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in San Diego was elected Bishop of the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor Andy, as he is known, has been Senior Pastor at St. Andrew's since 1997. He has a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary and is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry in Missional Leadership. He also served in La Habra and Tulare.

Known for his good sense of humor, passion for the gospel, true-to-life stories, and clear vision for the missional nature of God's church, Pastor Taylor was elected on the 5th ballot after a prayerful and thoughtful election process.

Bishop Murray Finck's last day in office is July 31. Pastor Taylor will begin in July and be installed on October 23, likely in Orange County since Pacifica Synod covers San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties in California and the state of Hawaii.

You are invited to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of Bishop Finck, for Bishop-elect Taylor, and for the people of St. Andrew's for whom an unexpected transition in pastors will be taking place.

Name Tags

In response to a request from some of our newer members, the Council made name tags for our members and friends who attend regularly. While it may seem "strange" to have name tags in a small membership church, it can be quite a challenge to learn the names of 80+ people. We will experiment and adjust as we go along.

(P.S....long time members have also been known to ask, "Who is _____?")

Around the property and grounds...

PARKING LOT/FRONT SIGN......we're getting close! We have bids that are thorough from contractors with whom we are confident we can work. Last week, a letter was sent to members and friends of Gethsemane with a status update which includes the need for gifts or pledges of \$10,000 to proceed. We'll keep you posted! The Council's plan would be to sign contracts in late June and have the job done sometime this summer.

PAINTING CONTRACTOR WHO "PREPS"?...we found our Front Sign Contractor through a personal referral. Now we need a painter who is willing to tackle hard prep work. The beams and posts on the walkway to the Garden Room are showing lots of wear. It will not be enough just to paint but scraping and sanding will be necessary. If you know of a painting contractor who is not "reluctant to work hard and thoroughly", leave a message in the church office for Chuck Cheek.

CAROL STROUD DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB tending the Sin and Grace Garden on Sunday morning before Contemplative Communion. Might there be a person or two who would do the same for the Palm Tree Gardens at the corner of the Garden Room at a time that works for you? Talk with Pastor Gloria if interested.

Liturgy and Worship Conversation

Our use of Setting Eight in Evangelical Lutheran Worship for the 9:30am Liturgy in the season of Easter created an opportunity for reflection and conversation on our practices of liturgy and worship. The original conversation has been rescheduled for June 12 at 11am.

Bulletin inserts were provided for several weeks for written comments for those who could not attend in May. From those responses (you may still provide written comments if you are not able to attend on June 12), our discussion will address at least this:

1. *Responses were mostly positive to Setting 8. The question is whether "Easter Season" should be dedicated to its use? Should the first Sunday of every month be set aside (+Easter?)? Should we learn other musical settings of the Holy Communion Liturgy?*
2. *"Passing of the Peace" evokes a small but strongly negative response. Might we see the time before and after the Liturgy as time for "sharing the peace"?*

What else is on your mind about worship and liturgy, including Contemplative Communion?

Thanks...thanks...thanks!

The House Building Mission Trip Team from Gethsemane and Ascension (and "assorted" friends!) thanks one and all who made the May 21 Pop Concert and Fiesta possible—all those who came and, with deep gratitude, all who donated to the Mission Trip Fund. We especially thank Andy and Debbie Attwood for the Concert, Joetta and Bobby Koishor for the "Taco Cart", Earline and Bob Trinkle for the decorations, and Richard Norton for helping all evening. We could not have done it without all the food brought for the Fiesta Buffet Table...we don't know who you all are but this we do know...you are both generous and awesome cooks!

While we do not have all the bills in yet, the initial donations through the two churches was over \$2,600. This enables us to consider doing a two story house again. If you were not able to attend the Fiesta but would like to be a "Mission Trip Partner" through financial support, simply use your offering envelope and write "Mission Trip" on Designated Fund line.

A video of last year's trip may be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq400xZkKcs&feature=youtu.be. This year's trip will be October 1 with the possibility of staying over on Saturday night to worship with the people of San Pablo Iglesia Luterana on Sunday. If you are interested in joining the team (Roxanne and Ian Rosengarten will be going for the first time), come to the Friday, June 10, meeting at Ascension at 7pm.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church +
Mission Village Christian Fellowship

supporting our
Serra Mesa Food Pantry



SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1:40p.m.
SAN DIEGO PADRES VS.
CINCINNATI REDS
@ PETCO PARK

Tickets are \$40 each with \$10.75 going to SMFP

Seats in Shady Toyota Terrace Pavilion Section 218
Buy tickets NOW from Jerry Albert or the Church office.



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grounded in the gospel, anchored in Word
and Sacrament, traditional yet creative,
seeking to be God's people in this time
and place.

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3rd Annual Summer

Gospel Music Concerts

Save these dates—

June 25...July 30...August 27

**5pm Gospel Music Concert by
Andy & Debbie**

**6pm Salad Bar Supper
by “us”**

(volunteer sheets out June 1 or before)

