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# June 2017

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## The Gethsemane Witness

**“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”** *Galatians 5.22-23*

Leaving the Season of Easter, we now move on into God’s wholeness and shalom. First we will celebrate the Spirit ascending onto the followers of the crucified and risen. Then we will remember that God comes to us in ways we can understand best in the various situations we find ourselves in: God as the parental guide, Jesus as our brother, teacher and ultimate friend, and Spirit as the passionate power of life within and around us.

In his 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of the letter to the congregation in Galatia, Paul lists the 9 fruits of the spirit. That is: living in the Spirit and the Spirit in them means that they will do what is right and what is good. You will recognize Spirit-led people by what they say and do. Their words and acts will reflect the Spirit of God.

Paul lists the 9 fruits of the spirit for us, too. I cannot think of a better metric by which one should measure their growth in the Christian faith. In fact I encourage each of you to find some time for quiet prayer and meditation and lift up these 9 fruits of the Spirit. Ask the question, “where have I shown love?” And then ask the question, “where have I erred against love and lived contrary to the faith that is me?” Do the same with joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Take a fearless spiritual inventory and pray for the Holy Spirit to encourage, strengthen, correct and admonish your behavior and your production of these divine fruits that we are called to bear. If you are like me, you’ll find yourself lacking in some and pleasantly proficient in others; but remember this is not a litmus test for salvation but an assessment of how we are living out the faith in regards to blessing others with the gifts of our lives in a world that increasingly emphasizes hatred, conceit, provocation of the other, and envy.

May the Spirit dwell within you and lead you day by day.

Yours,  
Pastor Karin



**WEAR RED!!!** - That is what Lutherans do when they worship on Pentecost. The color of red stands for love, the blood of the martyrs of the church, for passion and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we invite you to wear red when you come to worship at Gethsemane Lutheran on **Pentecost Sunday, June 4**. Also, we will use the occasion to take a **group picture** of our worshiping community.

## Synod Assembly Highlights

May 11-13 the 30th Annual Pacifica Synod Assembly was held here in San Diego. Mary Erlenborn, Tom Templeton and Pastor Karin attended as GLC's voting members, and Kelly Greason and Richard Norton joined them as guests on Friday.

Here are some highlights of the 3-day event:

- Learning about inspirational and innovative ministry programs within the synod that were recognized during the assembly (including TACO).
- Hearing the latest on the synod's activities and priorities in supporting congregations from Bishop Dr. Andy Taylor.
- Participating along with Pastor Karin as communion servers at the uplifting Thursday evening worship at the First United Methodist Church in Mission Valley.
- Gaining an understanding of the importance of spiritual practices from Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander, including an enlightening "chocolate meditation".
- Rev. Alexander also shared the fascinating story of her Omaha congregation's discernment process leading up to their upcoming groundbreaking for a new church building at the Tri-Faith Campus in Omaha. (The Tri-Faith Campus has a mosque and synagogue already established on-site, so having a Christian congregation there will complete the "Tri").
- Attending workshops a) to become more educated in the complex political and religious history and influences surrounding the Islamic faith; and b) to get a grip on our church budget.
- Having fun at the Dinner including music and presentations by the team of Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences and a pie-throw between Bishop Andy and Rachel Line.



Mary Erlenborn and Tom Templeton



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## Happy Birthday

<b>Kelly Greason</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Jerry Albert</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Linda Juhasz</b>	<b>7th</b>
<b>Barby Waters</b>	<b>24th</b>
<b>Mark Mendoza</b>	<b>25th</b>

## News from the Preschool

All is well and flourishing at the preschool. Our garden classroom is a work in progress, the plants are producing a small crop and we are hopeful that the melons will produce this year. The butterfly garden was a huge success, four caterpillars did their thing and completed the life cycle turning into four beautiful Monarch Butterflies, which the children released.



The flooring project was completed in January, and they look great! Our next project will be refinishing the classroom cabinets and replacing the classroom countertops.

The children will be performing "Farm Fun" on Friday June 9 @ 4:00, followed by a short recognition of the pre-k students leaving for kindergarten in the fall. The event will also host a petting zoo and refreshments. All are welcome

Vicki and Becky, Co-Directors

## IT'S BASEBALL SEASON...

We have two opportunities to support worthwhile causes.

**Saturday, August 12**

Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium in support of Lutheran Social Services. Padres vs Dodgers—Game time 6:10pm

**Saturday, August 19**

Gethsemane Lutheran + Mission Village Christian Fellowship  
Game time 5:40 PM

San Diego Padres vs Washington Nationals, At Petco Park

See fliers in the Narthex and upcoming bulletin inserts.



## Did you know...

Linda Peters is retiring from our Preschool teaching staff. Thank you, Linda for your years of service. Please keep Linda and Bryan in prayer as they strike out on their retirement adventure as well as for Linda's upcoming surgery June 22.

Serra Mesa Community Garden and Orchard has plots for rent if you are interested in growing your own food. Contact Karl via email—smcgo.org.

## Transition Update

The Transition Team (TT) convened and began revisiting and revising the work accomplished by the Sustainability and Transition Planning Team (STP). This valuable work helped the good people of Gethsemane and their long-time pastor to end well. There is great comfort in being able to look back onto 21 years of ministry, thus realizing how healthy, vibrant and meaningful this ministry turned out to be today.

Now is the time to translate the findings into the so-called Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP serves as the 'business card' of GLC as well as the 'job description' for the next settled pastor. A potential pastor candidate interested in GLC's ministry will find ample information on who GLC is as a community of faith and what is going on in this little corner of the world. Secondly the MSP summarizes gifts and needs expected from a new pastor to lead GLC into future ministry.

Identified sections of the MSP will be presented to the congregation after their completion so you will stay informed. The TT will appreciate your input.

Once the MSP is completed, you will get to see it and be asked for feed-back. Council will have to approve the MSP before it will be submitted to the bishop's office and then out to the nationwide database of the ELCA.

All of this looks like a for-ever timeline. But the experience shows that the more accurate and detailed the MSP is the better a fit between pastor and congregation turns out to be.

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## In Our Community...

### NAMI Walk

Congratulations to Gethsemane! Our fundraising exceeded our goal of \$1000! Our final fundraising total was \$1200 with almost half of it due to the efforts of that guy in the green T-shirt. Once again we have shown we are the little engine that could!



### Lutherans at 500 Class

Will resume on Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.—Noon, with a discussion of selected articles from Living Lutheran magazine. Copies of the articles will be sent in advance by email. For questions, call Paul Sanderson @ 760-799-0081.



### **"HOMELESS TREASURES" RUMMAGE SALE**

All Proceeds go to TACO  
Saturday June 24, 2017  
Clairemont Lutheran Church  
4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92117



Donations can also be dropped off at the church  
Monday-Thursday, June 19-22  
from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

### AED Training

REMINDER: AED SEMINAR - On Sunday June 4, The seminar will be in the Garden Room after MMACC's service and all are welcome. Estimated start time 7:00pm (+-).



### **MINI SILENT RETREAT FOR CONTEMPLATIVES ON THE GO SPONSORED BY CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH SD JUNE 21, 2017**

**FROM 5:30PM TO 7:30 PM**

Come and enjoy two hours of Silence! The COSD community will do (x4) 30 minutes of Centering Prayer with a meditative walk in between; followed by a short Lectio Divina and sharing. Enjoy taking time to walk the beautiful labyrinth on the grounds of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. To register for this event please contact Ardy @ [aew92123@aol.com](mailto:aew92123@aol.com). Free will offering.

### June Celebrations

Flag Day—June 14  
Father's Day—June 18  
Graduations



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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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## Weekly Opportunities

Worship with us each Sunday in June

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Contemplative Communion

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Word, Prayer, and Meal

### Monday

10:00 a.m. Text Study for next Sunday

### Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

### 24/7

A Labyrinth for prayer and meditation is in our front yard and available to all.

