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A Gift of Grace

Toward the final week of July I was working down a to-do-list before I get to enjoy some vacation with my brother and my nieces in August. Yet, the harder I worked, the more new things seemed to pop up that I hadn't thought of. Will there be enough time to get it all done prior to their arrival?



On top I felt 'work' was getting in the way of all the preparations at home. Secretly I started grinding my teeth while doing things because they had to be done. For whatever reason I had slowly begun to lose some of the joy by how I was doing things.

Until I came across an article on Grace written by a colleague in Atlanta. In it Michael states: "Whatever you do, do it either for yourself or as a gift, but never as a demand upon you or the other person. If it is a gift then go do it; enjoy it, and expect nothing in return. If you are doing it because you need it to be done, then let it go because you have done it to make yourself feel better."

How wise! Immediately it changed my mood. With a few strokes of a pencil my list decreased. What was I thinking? There will be as much time as I need. There always is! So early on Sunday morning I drove the I-15 south and wondered how I could let go the joy of being able to do 'the God stuff' while at the same time I am so much looking forward to being with family!

Now in his article Michael also added this: "If we could learn to live life, do things, and give money and gifts with grace then we would relieve our lives of so much pressure, resentment, and bitterness. None of that is needed if what you did or gave was an act of grace, a free unconditional gift. Learning to make life a gift of grace is a new challenge for most of us."

Eventually there might not be the amount of time I want but I am convinced after all there will be exactly the time I need because with the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1 and John 1:16 **there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven, and out of God's fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.**

Enjoy!
Yours
Pastor Karin

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



August
Happy
Birthday



Mindy Garcia	1st
Pam Howard	5th
Sheila Peterson	11th
Ann Larion	15th
Scott Miller	24th
Jeffrey Jenkins	24th

Transition Team Update

Let me begin with an honest feed back: For a while I was wondering about the fact that, beyond the Transition Team's discernment, there seems to be little conversation on the transition process and the interim journey. But the TT members assured me that the good people of Gethsemane learned to trust their leadership. Yet, in case you are having ideas, concerned or curious questions and want to know more, I can only encourage you to talk to the TT members: Roger Krauel, Jerry Albert, Jean Arneson, Debbie Attwood or Pastor Karin. Every voice counts!

Here is where we are in the process: While working on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), the TT continues to implement some of the previous work done by the Sustainability and Transition Planning Task Force. Also the TT had asked the Council members and the congregation to help with some input specifically re: GLC's current leadership style and what primary tasks/helpful gifts a pastor candidate needs to address and bring with him or her. The questionnaires used had offered the MSP's multiple choice options. Council and congregation served as a sample group to update and modify information gathered in 2016 and the assessment of the TT. Keep in mind that filling out the MSP is rather a conversation starter on what really matters at GLC and into which direction the ministry and mission should go. The result will be the MSP yet the process provides helpful information for the Call Committee. The actual conversation also contributes to distinguish between what the congregation might *want* in a new pastor and what the congregation might *need* in the future.

Speaking of the Call Committee—no, at this point GLC has not appointed/elected a CC because there is nothing more frustrating for a highly motivated group of people than to wait... there is a time for everything.

Meanwhile keep praying for all involved in the process and your next settled pastor who is already out there.

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The author Dan Hotchkiss writes in his recent article **Clergy Transition and the Power of the Past** that "Every congregation has some history with (or without) clergy. At time of clergy transition, that history influences the selection process and the partnership as it develops. Especially if the predecessor's ministry was long, people probably accepted certain compromises, leaving them with a pent-up desire for change. When that leader leaves, the compromises go away as well. What was settled is now open for discussion; postponed wishes become urgent needs. A great deal of what members say about the future stems from feelings about the past. And what is true of congregations holds also for clergy. The past exercises a strong influence on congregations—and clergy leaders' past experiences affect their choices, too. The point is not to achieve perfection but to remember, as the partnership begins, to look back at our own past conflicts, triumphs, and disappointments; to pay attention to our feelings and reactions as we enter; and to renegotiate from time to time."

(ask Pastor Karin for the full article)

Did you know...

Cyndi Jones will be preaching on August 6th and Ken Baker on August 13th. Thank you for covering while Pastor Karin is on vacation. We wish her a time of renewal.

Gethsemane Lutheran + Mission Village Christian Fellowship

Supporting Our Serra Mesa Food Pantry in a Fundraiser

Saturday, August 19, 5:40 PM

San Diego Padres vs. Washington Nationals, At Petco Park

Seats in Shady Toyota Terrace Pavilion Section 218: see seating chart on Narthex bulletin board

Hall of Fame Giveaway may cause parking problem at Omni Hotel garage across Tony Gwynn Drive and Convention Center parking garage (?), but not the Padres Parkade on 10th and K St. for advanced purchase of \$18.

3 Tickets remain @ \$40 each with \$9.40 going to SMFP

Buy from Jerry Albert or Church Office

Thank You Notes

- Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry shared their thanks for Gethsemane's participation in the house build for Jose Miguel in Tijuana. We were able to provide \$415.98 for dry wall on the project.
- Thanks to Philip Kuey for creating a video of this project and one for the 50th Anniversary. Please contact Peggy and she can forward you the email with the links if you are interested.

Lutherans at 500 Class

Please join us on Saturday, August 12 10:00 a.m.—Noon, as we discuss inter-religious relations between Lutherans, Jews, and Muslims. We will explore the roots of Judaism and Islam. Study materials will be distributed soon.



TACO Time Highlights from their July Volunteer Appreciation Issue

- 50+ volunteers gave their time and energy at **Homeless Treasures** raising over \$7500 and with a generous special gift from Geri Jenkins brought the total for this fundraiser to almost \$10,000.
- **From the Heart** is a new outreach that will be facilitated by Gloria Espeseth beginning in the fall. This group will share "from the heart" with congregations and other organizations what they have learned from their TACO experience and how it has impacted their Christian journey.
- **Save the Date!** An evening of food, friendship and fundraising. EAT, DRINK, AND BE SHARING is TACO's annual fall fundraiser. Saturday, September 23rd, 4pm-7pm @ Calvary Lutheran, Solana Beach. Tickets on sale soon at tacosd.org.

In Memory of ...



LCDR Dorothy J. Green, USN, Ret.

You might remember CDR. Ruth L. Flickinger, MSC, USN, Ret. She had passed in 2003 and left a very generous bequest to GLC. It was her best friend Dorothy who had come to tell you about Ruth and her life. In gratitude GLC had made sure that Ruth received a plaque on Mount Soledad.—Now Dorothy has passed in June, and the close friends are reunited in the presence of Christ. Military funeral honors were held on Miramar National Cemetery. Our country and congregation owe both women deep respect and gratitude.

Michael D. Collins, USN, Ret.



Also in June, Michael suffered a massive brain aneurysm and passed the same night, leaving behind his husband and GLC's former Music Director, Miguel Campo, and countless friends. A Funeral Mass was held at Holy Cross Chapel followed by military honors at the grave site.

May Dorothy and Michael rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their families and friends.

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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 August

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.

