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November 2017

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Your Opportunities in Days Ahead

All Saints Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends

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

with commemoration of those who left us since November 2016

Monday, October 30 through Thursday, November 9

Take your chance to schedule when you would like to have a look at
Gethsemane's Ministry Site Profile

Saturday, November 11

Veterans Day—make sure you remember those who served our country

Sunday, November 12

Congregational Meeting at 8:45 a.m. between services
with election of the Call Committee

After the second service we will have an
informational meeting to have a
look at the Ministry Site Profile

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours



Did you know...

- Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 5th. It's time to fall back.
- Mark your calendar for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 12 between services.
- Looking ahead Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 will be ONE 9:00 a.m. Morning Service and a 6:00 p.m. Evening Service.
- Gethsemane activities are posted on our Facebook page regularly—Like us on Facebook and receive these reminders of what's happening...

Transition Team Update

Mid October the Transition Team completed its diligent work on the **Ministry Site Profile**, so that Council could adopt the MSP with minor changes on Oct. 16. Rest assured your input was considered. The work of the Sustainability and Transition Planning Task Force as well as the surveys taken and multiple conversations during this year played a significant role. If you'd like to study the MSP, please make arrangements with Peggy or Pastor Karin. Until Nov.09 there will be hard copies for you to look at in the office (NOT to take home!) Also, on Sun, Nov.12 the Transition Team invites you to see the MSP after the second service. All feed back is welcome.

Thank you for your prayers and your help! This is half of the transitional journey!

The second half will be accomplished by the **Call Committee**. According to GLC's Constitution and Bylaws it is you, the congregation that will elect this six member committee. Council functioned already as the Nominating Committee and will present you the candidates willing to serve on your behalf on the Call Committee. The election of the Call Committee will take place at a **Congregational Meeting** scheduled for **Sun, Nov.12, at 8:45am**.

All Saints Sunday

Nov.5 is All Saints Sunday. All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. Therefore the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's Table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the days to come. At Gethsemane we will specifically remember those who passed during the last year. If you would like to add a name other than Bill Burmeister and LaVerne Trousdale, please call Peggy at the office by Wed, Nov.1: (858) 277-6572.

November
Happy
Birthday



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David Pfizenmeier	11th
Paula Cummings	21st
Lily Wasiluk	21st
Virginia Morse	27th

From the Synod...

Pastor Karin & Members of Gethsemane,
As a member of Synod Council, I want to thank you for the ministry you do in San Diego, and for your support and contributions to the ministry we do together as the Pacifica Synod. You make it possible to "do church" together, and we give thanks to God.

As you consider year-end giving and next years budget, I hope you will keep Pacifica in your thoughts, prayers, and plans.

May God continue to bless you and the good works you do!

Blessings,
Angela Jackson
Synod Council Secretary

... BTW, Angela Jackson is also the Ministry Assistant for Administration at Clairemont Lutheran Church in Clairemont

When the Luther monument that normally stands on the Market in Wittenberg, Germany had been removed for cleaning and restoration in 2010, the artist Ottmar Hörl staged an installation of 800 smaller plastic "Martin Luther messengers" - And one of them made it to Serra Mesa!!!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our series of articles continue with our core ministries:

(2) Food Pantry When the housing bubble collapsed and California was hit with a recession in 2010, Pastor Gloria, Brenda Casey and Carl Demas (this is how GLC, MMACC and the Serra Mesa Community Council demonstrated their collaboration!) stuck their heads together on how to support and help the larger community. A grant from Ron Roberts (District 4 representative on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in CA) secured funds for a refrigerator and a computer. The rest is history; and ever since the Food Pantry is serving a number of folks in need within our zip code.

If you take the time to visit with the pantry's leader, Luisa Johnson and her volunteers (see picture) on any given Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. you will be amazed at their dedication and joy. There is happiness in that place! They know their clients, deeply care and do everything with love. Together with the volunteer drivers who gather rescued food from restaurants and companies/organizations like Jewish Family Service, Hill Crest bakery Bread and Cie and others as well as fresh produce from our Community Garden, it is a true team effort!

The pantry serves 80 to 100 customers per week; at Thanksgiving and Christmas the numbers climb to 120. They are accountable to the San Diego Foodbank Commodities and Feed San Diego Commodities. It files accurate reports on the activity, and lives up to the official standards required. What a meaningful ministry!

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Thanksgiving...

Remember that the original (and often overlooked) purpose of the **offering** was to collect money and food for those who are poor.

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(3) GLC's Social Ministries With a Walking Twist

Social ministries at Gethsemane come in very diverse forms and activities, two of which are being highlighted this month as part of an occasional series to familiarize (or re-familiarize) our Witness readers with Gethsemane's impactful and important work in the larger world.

This month's featured ministries both involve "pounding the pavement" (in a positive way): the Pride Parade and the NAMI Walk.

The annual San Diego **Pride Parade** is among the largest in the United States, attracting over 100,000 cheering spectators.

GLC's participation in the Pride Parade started a few years ago when we accepted First Lutheran's invitation to walk with them and others in the San Diego Lutheran community (this was the 25th Anniversary of First Lutheran's becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation).

More recently, GLC members and friends have joined MMACC in a collaborative marching effort which visibly demonstrates our commitment as a Lutheran Christian congregation welcoming to all.

Our marchers carry "Gethsemane" signs to communicate our welcoming presence to the LGBT community, which has resulted in many warm hugs and thank you's along the parade route.

Another annual event, the **NAMI Walk**, is a fundraiser for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Past member Helen Bergen (now living in Minnesota) was very involved in the local NAMI chapter, and GLC has embraced supporting NAMI's efforts to destigmatize mental illness.

GLC fields a team of walkers (the "Gethsemane Gardeners") to raise funds for the NAMI Walk through pledges. The walkers sport their team T-shirts to show GLC's support for NAMI's mission and to gain exposure in the community.

When GLC has offered Candlelighting for Mental Illness during worship service, nearly everyone came forward and lit a candle to show their support and solidarity with family members and/or friends who live with mental illness. GLC has also supported NAMI by inviting them to use the Garden Room for their programs.

We thank and appreciate all at GLC who have supported the Pride Parade and NAMI walk ministries!

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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 November

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Communion Service with
Word and Music

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.