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GETHESEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Gethsemane Witness

What would you do to get a second chance?

What would you do to get a second chance? A chance to make it right. A chance to do it better this time. We all make mistakes, but the real mistake is that we often don't realize that we *can* have a second chance - no matter how big a mess we have made.

Believing that we don't have another chance is a strong illusion. But, when we think in terms of small steps, we will discover that each new day brings new opportunities - because each new day gives each of us new chances. With each new dawn, we can change our life and our world for the better, by the smaller and greater steps we choose to take.

But, unfortunately, day in - day out, we often awake full of worries, with little hope. We let ourselves be so distracted by daily demands that we cannot see the gifts we receive each day. Sometimes, we even believe that the bad things in our lives are the way they are because they have to be that way. We just accept them. The same is true for the church. Especially smaller membership congregations can get consumed by worries, with little hope. Human "scarcity-thinking" takes over God's abundant promises and the result is a rather depressing outlook.

But, when we begin the new day seeing the new chances before us, begin the new day thankfully, then we can seize new hope. Out of this hope comes courage and creativity. They empower us to take the necessary, simple steps. The simple steps by which we can change the world.

Calling a new pastor is such a new chance! There is an abundance of possibilities waiting for us. God is still speaking. What if...? What if the best days of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in San Diego are yet to come? My outlook is stunningly positive. And my prayers are filled with deep gratitude and well wishes for all of you and the ministries in this place. There will be life!

May God bless your journey into God's realm.

Yours, Pastor Karin

Auf Wiedersehen!

It seems like yesterday that we had celebrated the beginning of the interim journey during worship. And here I am sitting at my desk in the pastor's office preparing for my departure. Time flies indeed! My final service here at Gethsemane will be on May 13. Part of this service is a liturgical Goodbye. This part reflects that an interim is called by the church at large (the Synod) and is supported by the local church (the congregation). Therefore I invited Pacifica Synod's Secretary, Angela Jackson, to assist us. We are church only by being together within the larger body of Christ.

Looking back I thank Gethsemane Lutheran Church, members, friends, and staff, for your love, kindness, and support in these past 17 months. I ask for your understanding and forgiveness for mistakes I may have made and for expectations unmet. I thank you for accepting my leadership. I thank God with joy for the many things we have been able to accomplish together and with sadness the things we were not able to do. I will carry with me many good memories!

"Auf Wiedersehen"—see you again.

Our Thanks...

- Pastor Karin Boye for leading us thru this Interim period
- Richard Norton for deicing the freezer and organizing our kitchen cabinets
- Jeffrey Jenkins and Chuck Cheek for taking on the challenge of ridding the property of weeds

T.A.C.O. Presents Empty Bowls 2018



\$25 Suggested Donation

Fight Hunger, Find Beauty

Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger and here is how you can help: **CHOOSE** a handmade bowl, donated by local artisans. **FILL** it with delicious

soup and bread from your favorite local restaurants.

GIVE...all proceeds go to TACO (Third Avenue Charitable Organization)

SATURDAY, May 12—11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

La Jolla United Methodist Church

6063 La Jolla Blvd.

May
Happy
Birthday



Marta Brown	5th
Helena McGinley	6th
Nick Mulcahey	10th
Brad Trousdale	11th
Dianne Smalligan	16th
Mary Erlenborn	18th
Tami Bergen	23rd
Paul Sanderson	23rd
Joanne Driskill	25th
Roxanne Rosengarten	26th
Amy Trousdale	26th
Kathy Layritz	29th
Joetta Koishor	30th
Barbara Gandolfo	31st

News From The Call Committee

In mid/late April, the Call Committee interviewed the first three candidates provided by the Synod. All initial interviews were conducted via Skype, which is a video chat where the candidate can see us and we see them (on our respective screens). This format was used with all candidates for consistency, even if they are located within driving distance from Serra Mesa.

On May 6th, the Call Committee will meet to prayerfully review and consider all three candidates and determine if any of the candidates will progress to further discussions. Our options at this meeting are to (a) place candidate(s) in our "interested" category, or (b) release them if we consider them to not be a good fit. The possibility exists to request more candidates from the Synod, but this step would only be taken should none of the current candidates remain in the process.

The Call Committee invites questions about the interview process itself, although candidate details must remain confidential. Please contact any of us: Jerry Class, Mary Erlenborn, Jeffrey Jenkins, Linda Juhasz, Mark Mendoza, Earline Trinkle, and Aaron Williams. LJ/ME



SYNOD ASSEMBLY

THE 31st PACIFICA SYNOD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

will gather **May 18 & 19**. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is the seventh-largest religious body in the U.S. and is made up by 65 regions, called Synods. Our **Synod's territory** includes Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties in California and all four counties in Hawaii. Together we are Pacifica!

Once a year, the Synod comes together to take care of her annual business. This year the assembly will gather at Hope Lutheran Church in Palm Desert. The theme will be "Go & Tell—giving voice to faith, justice & blessing"

GLC is represented by her **voting members** Jeffrey Jenkins and Joanne Driskill. Please, keep them, our bishop and synod staff, and our larger church in your prayers

And if you'd like to go too, you are able to attend as a guest. Online registration is available—please talk to Debbie Attwood.

Bible Study Continues

A visual roadmap for the Biblical journey. "**See Through The Scriptures**" is a continuing Bible study class that helps people make sense of it all by laying out the entire Bible narrative in captivating graphics and illustrations. Knowing this "big story" allows us to fully grasp the life and teachings of Jesus, and see where we fit into God's plan.

We meet the second Saturday of each month...Our next meeting is

May 12, 10:00 a.m.—Noon.

SERRA MESA FOOD PANTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran + Mission Village Christian Fellowship

Supporting Our Serra Mesa Food Pantry in a Fund-raiser

Sunday, August 19, 1:10 PM

San Diego Padres vs. Arizona Diamondbacks, At Petco Park

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

Parking at Omni Hotel garage across Tony Gwynn Drive and at Convention Center parking garage, or by *advanced \$12 purchase of ticket for the Padres Parkade on 10th and K St.

20 Game Tickets remain @ \$36 each with \$7 going to SMFP

Buy from *Jerry Albert or Church Office.



HOUSE BUILD MISSION

TRIP FUNDRAISER

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta & Concert

With Debbie & Andy Attwood

Saturday, May 5th

Come Celebrate with us

3:30 p.m. Chips, Salsa,

Margaritas, & Beer

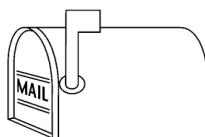
4:00 p.m. Concert

5:15 p.m. Taco Salad

& RAFFLE



A "Mission Trip Donation Envelope" will be provided at the event.



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

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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

24/7

Weekly Opportunities

Worship with us each Sunday in May
8:00 a.m. Communion Service with
Word and Music

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Word, Prayer, and Meal
with May 27 being Gospel Sunday

Monday

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

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Centering Prayer