

Fall in the church year often brings about a heightened awareness of stewardship, or the annual plea for money! Ugh! Necessary, but ugh. And I don't want to go there. There is however, an aspect of stewardship that is not often discussed.

That aspect is caring for what we have already been given. Being a good steward means being a good giver, but also being a good consumer.

So why bring this up? The most obvious reason is that we can become complacent with regard to what we have and think we will always have it, and therefore no special care needs to be taken to preserve it. Our depression era parents would have been horrified with that thought.

The other reason is like taking inventory and maybe considering repurposing some resources for newer challenges. That also brings awareness to the fact that resources are finite. Meaning they may come to an end and need to be replaced with another source.

As we consider what our future mission is to be, we will find it helpful to open our minds to new possibilities. Not only in future activities and mission but also in supplying those new possibilities. Sometimes it is necessary to say 'good bye' to some activities that have been around for a long time.

I am not making specific suggestions here save being open minded. And being open minded is more than listening to new ideas. It is also considering new possibilities for the sake of others. It is part and parcel of God's open umbrella of loving one another. Who will we serve, and why?

Bottom line, folks, if you hear new decisions or new policies being bandied about, do not assume you know everything behind their consideration. Ask. Get informed. Do not be judgmental. Ask who benefits. Be part of the conversation so we may grow in service to God. Have these conversations with those who are bringing them forth. Do not have the behind the scenes conversations that foster misunderstandings and then generate hurt feelings.

And remember, Pastors have feelings too!



Pastor Carol Reed

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NEWS FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

The call committee has been eagerly awaiting additional candidates from the Pacifica Synod, and on August 20 we had an in-person meeting with Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen, Assistant to the Bishop.

At this meeting, Pastor Terry provided helpful information on her “behind the scenes” activities in identifying, reviewing and assessing suitability of candidates before presenting them to a congregation’s call committee.

While Pastor Terry has been in conversation on Gethsemane’s behalf with potential candidates and with others involved in the candidacy process, she is awaiting further responses and discernments before she can release any candidate profiles. She is optimistic that she will be able to resume her conversations once the peak vacation season has passed.

The call committee appreciated Pastor Terry’s prayerful and positive presence in sharing information with us and in answering our questions.

Bible Study Continues

We are back to our regular schedule of the second Saturday of the month, September 8, 10:00 a.m.—Noon. Contact Paul Sanderson if you have any questions.



With Regret

It is with regret that we share with you the passing of Joan Porter on August 21, 2018. Her memorial was held on August 25. Please keep her family in prayer as they mourn her loss.

September Happy Birthday



Maryella Cheek	1st
Jordan Cummings	5th
Sydney Cummings	5th
Riley Wasiluk	10th
Andy Attwood	13th
Linda Trousdale	15th
Maureen Miller	21st
Lee Wolf	23rd
Linda Peters	27th

THIRD AVENUE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION -TACO

The Event is Imaginary.

The Need is Real!

No Ticket to Buy, No Shoes to Shine,
No Sitter to Hire.

Your gift today can go twice as far! Thanks to a matching challenge gift from a small group of donors, any NO-Show Gala contribution you make to TACO from now until September 10th will be matched—up to \$12,500. Send your gift today for the chance to double your donation!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Are you available to usher, be a reader, communion server or help with fellowship hour on Sundays?
Contact Linda Juhasz.
- Friendship Lunch outreach can always use help with food donations (sign up in the Narthex) and come set up, clean up, or just share a meal with our neighbors.
- Choir—Join us Wednesday, September 5 in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. or see Ken Baker for details.
- Visitation Ministry—do you have a heart for visiting our shut-ins?—see Pastor Carol.

MANY THANKS

I want to thank all the folks that helped with the August 11th Concert. You were amazing. Many helped and they know who they are, but I especially want to thank the group leaders: Jeffrey J. and Alan N., Tom T. and Jerry C., Susan and Jenny M. and Mary E., Jerry A., Maryella and Earline, Roxanne and Ian R. and Dave P. Thanks also to all the folks that brought great amounts of food. And, of course our musicians, Debbie and Andy that put on an awesome show.

*Thank
You*

Linda Juhasz

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Gethsemane's project will be helping out the refugee shelter in Tijuana, **Instituto Madre Asunta**, by coordinating with Clairemont Lutheran's Pastor Nate Allen! Pastor Nate collects supplies and cash for quarterly trips across the border to the shelter. We expect this will be an ongoing support project as the need continues, well after September 15th. All San Diego churches are invited to help.

Each quarter, we will announce specific items to collect. **Our first donation goal is cash which we will collect between now and September 15th.** Pastor Nate will use this money to purchase fresh food.

Instituto Madre Asunta has been working with refugees and deportees since 1994. For many years their work focused on reuniting women deportees from the United States with their children to live in Mexico. More recently they have had large increases of refugees from Central America as well as internally displaced peoples from other parts of Mexico. They provide much needed assistance, including help finding work, a place to live, legal assistance, and sustenance. Currently there are about one hundred residents at the shelter including women and children.

Make checks payable to: **Gethsemane** with the memo notation "**refugee shelter**," or mark the "special offering" space on your envelope. We will maintain a designated account for these donated funds.

Future needs we will help with could include diapers, feminine hygiene, underwear and socks.



Debbie & Andy Attwood

Jeanie & Aaron Williams

August 11 Concert Potluck

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

is preparing for our new pastor. We don't know who that is, or when they will arrive. The Holy Spirit is working on that, and She hasn't let us know yet.

IN THE MEANTIME:

we have entered an extended period of
SPRING CLEANING!

We are looking into all the nooks and crannies, drawers and cupboards, closets and bookcases,

and we are asking,

"why are we keeping this?"

If the answer is, "**I don't know,**"
that item will land on a table in the garden room.

If you would like to give any of these items a new home at your house, please be our guest!

Periodically, these orphaned items will be donated to the Salvation Army or otherwise disposed of.

**What's Inside? Calendar,
Birthdays, events & updates
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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 medita-
tion is in our front yard and availa-
ble to all. 24/7

Weekly Opportunities

Worship with us each Sunday in September

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

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Word, Prayer, and Meal
with September 23 being Gospel Sunday

Monday

10:30 a.m. Text Study for next Sunday

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Centering Prayer