

It is hard to believe that November is already upon us and we are about to become immersed in the holidays and all its myriad activities. But before we dive in head first, lets take a breath and give thanks for all the blessings received thus far this year. November is a good month for that!

I am thankful for a wonderful congregation with which to share worship and the work of God. Surely the coming year will bring many chances for each of us, but I always want to be appreciative of what has already been. Sometimes it takes deliberate effort to set aside the things that did not go according to plan - and rejoice in the change of plans. God works that way, you know.

I am thankful for a period in my life to be involved in parish ministry with all its trials, frustrations and problems. It also has many warm, poignant moments of sheer joy and love. When God's plans come together we all get to enjoy the results. Each of us have different stories to tell but they contain a common thread of care, compassion, and love. That's the way it is for God's people.

Case in point. There is a growing stack of diapers and feminine hygiene products staking up in my office for the women and children refugees in Mexico. My shelves have collected a few new teddy bears and even a moose! I promise to find a use for the moose. Somewhere there may even be a goose for the moose and what fun it will be when all get loose! Outside my office window there is much hustle and bustle as the preschool gets ready for their annual Fall Festival. I have been invited - and so are you. How fun.

I am thankful for a sense of humor to balance out the taking ourselves too seriously moments. I am thankful for joyful music and songs raised on Sunday mornings here. I am thankful for gathering around the table to share in the body and blood of our Lord. I am glad we have that in common.

I am thankful for the joyful chatter of little voices and to experience their boundless energy. I love the songs they sing to me in morning chapel. I love their eager faces and attentiveness as they listen to a Bible story. I love their fearlessness as they tackle long, almost unpronounceable names of Bible characters as through they were as common as Dick, Tom, and Mary. Much is well with my life as it took winds down its professional era. The memories are priceless, precious, and provocative! Everyone should be so fortunate.

Yes, there are bumps along the way. There always will be but our traveling companions are the very best. Glad to have you all along for the ride.

There is important work ahead. A congregational meeting. An important bylaws change. Wrapping up this year and planning for next. We are privileged to have an endowment fund that supports many other ministries. We are small but we are important and our work is powerful.

I am thankful we have a God who so blesses us.

Pastor Carol



Pastor Carol Reed

GLC Endowment Committee

Grants Announcement

GLC's Endowment Committee (Mary Erlenborn, Earline Trinkle, Joanne Driskill, Dottie Burger, Debbie Attwood) is pleased to announce the list of Endowment Fund grant recipients following the Council's ratification at their October 22 meeting.

The Endowment Fund is a perpetual investment fund (separate from the general Church budget) used to further worthwhile ministries and organizations on behalf of our Church. The amount available for Endowment Fund grants is limited to capital appreciation and earnings from investments. Therefore, all amounts donated to the Endowment Fund remain intact.

The following grants totaling \$5,000 were selected to align with the three purposes specified in the Endowment Fund's charter:

1. Outreach into the community and synod

- \$1,000 general contribution to the Third Avenue Charitable Organization (TACO) to support TACO's important ministries to San Diego's homeless and working poor;
- \$500 addition to GLC's designated fund for community outreach projects to sustain and enhance our Church's caring presence in the community;
- \$500 for "Food Fridays" at Agape House (Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at SDSU) to aid students who are food insecure by teaching them how to cook healthy, low-cost food and, in the process, preparing enough food to get them through the weekend;
- \$500 general contribution to HairToStay, to honor and remember those in our community, including past Endowment Committee Chair Francie Krauel, who have experienced the challenges of chemotherapy-induced hair loss;
- \$250 general contribution to Fisher House San Diego to support their mission of providing sanctuary to families of our military's wounded, ill and injured at their locations on the grounds of Navy Medical Center San Diego;
- \$250 general contribution to Warrior Foundation Freedom Station to support their mission of providing overall assistance to successfully transition our wounded military heroes from a career in the military to a successful career and quality of life in the civilian world.

2. Missions of the ELCA

- \$1,000 general contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response to support their important work of bringing God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

3. Gethsemane Lutheran Church capital improvements

- \$1,000 for future capital improvement projects at GLC, which include replacing the outdoor shade structure over the walkway outside the Garden Room.

If you are interested in furthering our congregation's outreach, please consider donating to the Endowment Fund. The process is simple, just write a check to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, designate "Endowment Fund" on your check or offering envelope, and the money will be transferred to that account. Contributions to the Endowment Fund are oftentimes made as memorial gifts, but general contributions (other than memorials) are also welcome.

If you have any questions about Fund donations or distributions, please contact Mary Erlenborn or Pastor Carol.

NEWS FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee continues to receive updates from Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen, Assistant to the Bishop at Pacifica Synod, as she continues to be in conversation with potential candidates and with others involved in the candidacy process.

The Call Committee is eager to resume our work in identifying and calling our next settled pastor once additional candidates have been provided, and we appreciate the congregation's ongoing prayers and words of support.

November Happy Birthday



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

Bylaws Changes

Pick up your copy of the proposed Bylaws Changes
Sunday, October 28th from the Narthex.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 4th. It's time to fall back.
- Mark your calendar for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 11th following the 9:30 a.m. service.
- Looking ahead, Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 5:00 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.
- God's Work. Our Hands.—continues by collecting diapers and feminine hygiene products through the month of December for **Instituto Madre Asunta** refugee shelter in Tijuana.

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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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thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
november

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 November

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

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Word, Prayer, and Meal
with November 25th being Gospel Sunday

Monday

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

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Centering Prayer