



# The Olive Tree

October 2017



**GLC Highlights**

God's Work  
Our Hands  
EndHunger Event  
Sunday, October 22

Reformation 500th  
Celebration  
Sunday, October 29

Holiday Fair!  
November 11, 2017

SNHU Wind Orchestra  
Concert  
Friday, December 8

Dicken's Christmas Carol  
Sunday, December 10

Christmas Musical  
December 17, 2017  
10:30

Barnes & Noble Wrap  
Thursday, December 21



Church Office Hours  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

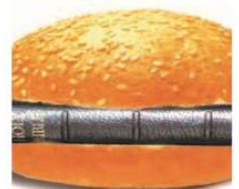
*Coming Soon...*

One Tomato  
Two Tomatoes  
Three Tomatoes  
4 = 400 Meals  
EndHungerNH &  
God's Work, Our Hands  
Sunday, October 22, 2017  
11:30 AM  
Volunteer & Donate!



What's in your

**LUNCH BOX?**



**Noonday Bible Study**

Wednesdays, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Get the word out.



Barnes + Noble  
Gift Wrap Event



**2017 Holiday Fair**



Saturday, November 11th  
9am-2pm

Crafts, Attic Treasures,  
Food and much much more!



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Gethsemane Presents:



SNHU Wind Orchestra

In concert

Friday, December 8, 7:00



*Mark Your Calendars &  
GET READY!*

# Sunday School & Bible Study

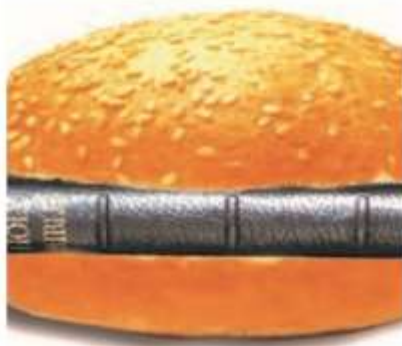
## Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 17th at 9:15 AM saw the front pews in the Sanctuary filled with young "uns and older ones for the beginning of the 2017-2018 Sunday School Year. This year the topic will be "Windows of Grace", using our beautiful stained glass windows to talk about God's grace. Everyone is welcome to join in - you don't need to be young in age, just spirit. The following Monday, our goal is to get out the lesson from the day before to everyone in the congregation, so that you too can learn more about God's grace at your leisure. Registration for our young members and their friends is on-going and we hope to see many more of you.



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## Weekday Bible Study

Based on feedback, the weekday Bible Study has been moved. Starting Wednesday, October 4th, the group will meet at 12:00 PM in the Café area. Everyone is to bring their lunch and we will all enjoy some food, fellowship and faith discussions. See you on the 4th!

# Pastor's Page



## The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation...

...will be celebrated here at Gethsemane on Sunday, October 29.

Yes, five hundred years have passed since that fateful day when Luther finished his 95 Theses and nailed them, in the usual fashion of displaying announcements, to the main doors of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany. They were posted in Latin as an invitation to local scholars to join in debate, but they were copied, translated into German, and printed for any literate German to read. The effect was electric, within weeks, the document had gone viral and it was being debated not just among scholars, but all over the Holy Roman Empire, and

had made its way even to the Pope, who was not pleased with what Luther had to say including such statements as, "Christians are to be taught that if the pope knew the exactions of the indulgence preachers, he would rather that the basilica of St. Peter were burned to ashes than built up with the skin, flesh, and bones of his sheep." This, of course, was not at all what Pope Leo X thought, and he wanted the Monk of Wittenberg to be silenced.

The following year, Luther appeared before Cardinal Cajetan, and was invited to recant his writings before the General Counsel. He refused. In 1520 the Papal Bull *Exsurge Domine* (Rise up O Lord) was issued, ordering the confiscation and burning of Luther's writings and invited Luther to recant. It took several months for Luther to receive the bull. The two emissaries, Eck and Aleandro, feared for their lives as they disseminated the copies of the bull. Luther's supporters often tore the copies down or defaced them. When Luther finally received a copy he at first thought it must be a forgery because some of what was condemned in the bull was accepted Christian doctrine.

In December 1520, Luther gathered with Phillip Melancthon, as well as faculty and students at Wittenberg and burned the bull as well as other documents. *Decet Romanum Pontificem* was issued in January 1521, excommunicating Luther. Luther was then given safe passage to the Diet of Worms in April of 1521, where he was invited to defend his writings before Emperor Charles the V where he refused to recant. In May he was declared an outlaw and a heretic and it was made illegal to possess his writings. Frederick the Wise, Luther's prince and protector "kidnapped" him and hid him at the Wartburg Castle for the next 11 months. During his time at the Wartburg, Luther translated the New Testament from Greek to German, and in so doing established much of the basic foundations of German writing.

This was just the beginning of the Reformation. For the next three decades Luther would continue pushing for the reform of the Church, and while he did not intend to found a new Church, the work that he began, joined by the other reformers, chief among them Phillip Melancthon, could not be stopped. His work was the beginning of the end of the Holy Roman Empire, and the beginning of a new way of thinking about faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, much has happened in the last 500 years, and the last 50 have seen a serious dialogue open up between Lutherans and Roman Catholics.

Perhaps Luther's greatest contribution was the rediscovery of the truth of the Gospel: *we are justified by grace through faith, apart from works of the law* (sola gracia, sola fide). It is this Lutheran doctrinal proposal "justificatio est articulus stantis et cadentis ecclesiae" (justification is the article on which the church stands or falls) that is at the heart of Christian faith and life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Peter

# Treasurer's Report - August 2017

## Summary for August 2017

### Monthly Total Contributions vs. Total Expenditures (includes C4G)

Monthly Contributions	\$14,049
Monthly Spending	\$22,672
Difference	<b>(\$8,623)</b>

### YTD Total Contributions vs. Total Expenditures (includes C4G)

YTD Contributions	\$161,935
YTD Spending	\$190,319
Difference	<b>(\$28,384)</b>

## Monthly Operating Income vs. Monthly Operating Expenses

Monthly Operating Income	\$12,989
Monthly Operating Spending	\$22,292
Difference	<b>(\$9,303)</b>

## YTD Operating Income vs. YTD Operating Expenses

YTD Operating Income	\$143,132
YTD Operating Spending	\$178,112
Difference	<b>(\$34,980)</b>

All giving and spending includes C4G

## Thrivent Investments

	Month	YTD
Total Account Value beginning of month	\$86,734.21	
Securities Transfers	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Additions and Withdrawals	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (15,000.00)
Income	\$ 271.46	\$ 2,666.07
Taxes, Fees and Expenses		(\$ 962.90)
Change in Investment Value	\$ (\$129.17)	\$ 4,684.23
End of Month Money Market Cash on hand		\$9,539.01
Total End of Month Account Value	\$81,876.50	



	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Month Budget</u>	<u>2017 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2017 YTD Budget</u>	<u>2017 Annual Budget</u>
<b>BUDGET INCOME</b>					
Giving Income	\$12,407	\$21,296	\$137,477	\$160,469	\$255,553
Operating Income	\$582	\$566	\$5,654	\$4,264	\$6,791
<b>SUB-TOTAL BUDGET INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,989</b>	<b>\$21,862</b>	<b>\$143,132</b>	<b>\$164,734</b>	<b>\$262,344</b>
<b>NON-BUDGET INCOME</b>					
Thrivent Withdraw	\$5,000	\$526	\$15,000	\$3,962	\$6,309
Withdraw from TD Bank Money Market	\$5,000	\$0	\$6,750	\$0	
Giving to Off-Budget Programs	\$710	\$0	\$10,022	\$0	
Giving to Capital Campaign	\$350		\$8,782		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,049</b>	<b>\$22,388</b>	<b>\$183,685</b>	<b>\$168,695</b>	<b>\$268,653</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$22,292</b>	<b>\$20,516</b>	<b>\$178,112</b>	<b>\$176,200</b>	<b>\$268,653</b>
<b>NON-BUDGET EXPENDITURES</b>					
Reimburse Investment Account Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures on Off-Budget Programs	\$380	\$0	\$4,940	\$0	
Capital Campaign Spending	\$0		\$7,267		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$22,672</b>	<b>\$20,516</b>	<b>\$190,319</b>	<b>\$176,200</b>	<b>\$268,653</b>

# EndHunger NH 2017

## *"God's Work. Our hands" EndHunger NH Event*

On October 22nd, after the 11 o'clock service, Gethsemane Church will once again host a food packaging campaign with EndHungerNE to help feed those in Manchester that are "food insecure." This is a wonderful avenue where we can actively make a positive difference in the lives of local families in need. This will be Gethsemane's fifth food packaging event!

Our goal is to fund and package 10,000 Pasta with Italian Tomato Basil meals. (<http://outreachprogram.org/our-meal-varieties/>) To do this we need to raise \$2,500. WE need your help. There are a few different ways to donate: online on the Gethsemane website, with your weekly donation envelope, with the special offering envelope in the pews or on the EndHungerNE website (type in #78).

You can then help with packaging on October 22nd! This has always been a fun community event for kids and adults! This event will be Gethsemane's way of participating in this year's ELCA "God's Work. Our Hands" Campaign ( <https://www.elca.org/dayofservice> ), and we really would like as many of our members who are able to be there, be part of the experience as well. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be going up shortly on the Café bulletin board. It is always great to work side by side with our members in the Mary Martha room creating these meals together for a good local cause.

All of our packaged meals will go to New Horizons where families in our community pick up meals. This, if only for a short time, will enable these families to have healthy, nutritious meals.( <https://newhorizonsnh.org/programs/food-pantry/> )

The goal of EndHungerNE is to give families, who may not know where their next meal is coming from, some piece of mind. Charlie Sherman (director of New Horizons) in the past has expressed the continuing need for these meals. This is Gethsemane's way to join our ELCA brothers and sisters in Christ, to continue our Outreach to our surrounding community and assist those that need the help so that they can find successes and achieve the goals in their own lives.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on October 22nd!!



**One Tomato, Two Tomatoes, Three Tomatoes, Four! = 400 MEALS!**

**As of September 24 we are at \$1710 and 6840 Meals!!!!**

# A round Gethsemane

## Mary Martha News

The ladies of Mary Martha met for the first time after a wonderful summer on September 11t. Elections were held and Carol Burgess (President) and Jane Scarlett (Secretary) were both re-elected. Thank you to both of them.

The meeting was chockful with the elections, a speaker from the Salvation Army who spoke about the many outreach programs the they do, Judie and Sarah reported on the trip to the WELCA convention (see September Olive Tree for details), plans and ideas were discussed for the Holiday Fair on November 11th, and Denise talked about the upcoming Ladies Nite Out.

The next meeting is October 16th (note the date change) at 12:000 noon. Bring your lunch, Dessert and drinks provided. All ladies are welcome.

Oct 16	Plan for the Fair
Nov 13	Clean up from Fair
Dec 11	Cookie Swap
Jan 2018	Game Day
Feb	Make valentines for shut-ins
	More to come!

Ladies Nite Out - Oct 10th  
**Just a quick reminder that your money for the dinner is due now into the office.**

## Religious Response to Hunger

Thank you all in advance for your response to the Religious Response to Hunger food drive to benefit New Horizons! Please remember that every first Sunday at Gethsemane is "food Sunday" (but your offerings of canned goods are welcome any time). The need is hugs and pogoing. Thank you for sharing!

Susan Edwards



## Dicken's "A Christmas Carol"

So many people said "let's do it again!" that we are doing it again!.

Be transported back in time to old England and Christmas. Join fellow members and friends on Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 PM at the Palace Theater (Manchester) for their annual performance of "A Christmas Carol". Tickets are \$30 per person and \$5 of that will be donated to the youth of Gethsemane funds for their funds to allow them to go to Houston for the ELCA

Youth Gathering. There will be a signup sheet on the Café board, or you can call the office and let Shelley know how many seats you want to reserve. Please make your check out to Gethsemane with "Christmas Carol" in the memo and please try and get the checks to us early as we have to pay the Palace before hand. Thanks.



# ITS HOLIDAY FAIR TIME

## 2017 Holiday Fair



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9am-2pm

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## *They're Ba-ack!*

The ATTIC GIRLS (aka: Karen, Kathy & Jane) are looking forward to receiving your "Attic Treasures" beginning October 1st thru November 5th. They are unable to accept large electronics, large sports equipment, books. Clothing shoes and



## Holiday Fair



Coming soon to the Café Board...  
signup sheets for volunteers  
to help with the Holiday Fair.  
This is a team effort!

We will be looking for...

- \* People to donate Raffle Baskets and items to fill additional Baskets (lots of baskets, lots of goodies)
- \* Set up and take down muscle
- \* Baked goodies for the Sale table
- \* Chili Makers
- \* Angel Floaters



# Ends

## Council Meetings

Council's monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month beginning at 7 PM. The opening 10 minutes will be an open forum for any member of the congregation to attend and have a discussion with the Council. We would appreciate it if you would let the office know in advance that you will be there, just to help us plan the timing and room arrangements.

Council minutes will once again be posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. They will be put up as soon as possible after the monthly meeting, along with a synopsis in the Olive Tree.

## Contacting Pastor

We posted this in prior bulletins and newsletters, but the Council, Communications Team and Pastor felt it was important to repeat this often...

Pastor Boehringer is available via his cell phone (603-325-1745) 24/7. Please, no call is too small or unimportant. He would rather have 10 calls telling him someone is in the hospital, or something else, rather than not know. Don't assume that someone else has already informed him, CALL! If a call comes in to the office over the weekend, we don't hear it until Monday and sometimes that is too late to be of help.

## Council Notes

The Congregation Council meet on September 19. There were no parishioners present at the opening of the session. Just a reminder that anyone from the parish may speak to the council. The first ten minutes of the meeting is an open session and you are encouraged to bring forward any concerns.

The agenda was adopted and Pastor Boehringer lead evening prayer and offered reflections. Minutes for August were approved and a brief review of Roberts' Rules as presented. Pastor Boehringer lead a presentation on the church's constitution and the duties of the council as they pertain to the constitution.

Sue Roma presented the treasurer's report which showed the income and the expenses of a deficit budget.

Both the president's report and the pastor's report touched upon the recent difficulties resulting from the listening team's report.

An update on the kitchen was offered and because of the late hour a motion was made to adjourn and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer





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**Monday, October 23rd, 2017 is the ABSOLUTE deadline for articles for the November 2017 Olive Tree.** If you would like to contribute, please email your news to the church office at [glemanchester@comcast.net](mailto:glemanchester@comcast.net).

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