



# The Olive Tree



September 2017

## GLC Highlights

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BACK TO REGULAR  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
Beginning Sept 10th  
8:30 & 10:30 AM  
9:15 Education Hour

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Rally Sunday  
September 17th

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

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Holiday Fair!  
November 11, 2017

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Christmas Musical  
December 17, 2017  
10:30



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

Welcome Back!  
We've Missed You!

**NEW BEGINNINGS!**

How Was Your Summer?

Let's Catch Up!

All the answers to these questions  
and more when...

Fall Worship Services  
begin  
Sunday, September 10th  
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Adult Ed  
Sept 17th 9:15 AM

# Sunday School

**RALLY SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 17TH 9:15 AM...**

## *Windows of Grace*



This autumn we're doing something different in our Sunday School. With this coming year being the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, the Christian Education Committee is looking to focusing on stories of grace, and it occurred to us that many of those stories are told in Gethsemane's stained-glass windows. Among the things we will do each week, will be to share the Bible stories highlighted in our windows and explore how each of these stories is rich in God's grace and how Jesus shares God's grace with us.

One of the more significant changes is that Sunday School will be more relevant to our Sunday Worship. With some brainstorming, we decided that this year, during our Sunday School opening, we will be learning songs that will be sung at the JJJ worship service in the coming weeks. Our children will also be involved in writing prayers, learning to be readers, and playing a greater role in worship

The Sunday School team is also trying to be more responsive to our families who want to participate in Sunday School and Worship, but are pressed for time on Sunday mornings, or who have younger children for whom a longer stretch of time is challenging. We have set the schedule so that families can worship at 8:30 a.m. and go immediately to Sunday School which will be 45 minutes long, so that worship and Sunday School together are about an hour and a half. It is hoped that with all the different activities, there will be enough to keep even small children interested. Our JJJ worship band will be on hand to help with the music.

A Sunday Morning for our children will look something like this:

September 24      8:30 a.m. JJJ Worship  
                         9:15 Sunday School Opening  
                         Window: Jesus and the children (note: Choir starts this week)  
                         Bible story: Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:16  
                         Music: Jesus Loves the Little children, Jesus loves me  
                         JJJ preparation: Children make Prayer petitions for October 1st JJJ worship

Doing Sunday School this way is a change in our format, so we are hoping that all our parents will choose to be involved. We can learn the Bible stories together and explore them as families. In addition, Sunday School lessons will be sent out via email ("The Olive Grove"!) each week so that each family can continue to learn at home, or if a Sunday is missed do the lesson on their own.

More information will be coming in the weeks leading up to Rally Day, so be watching. We're looking forward to a new year, and a new way of learning together!

# Pastor's Page



“So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them...”  
Genesis 1:27

It is one of the basic tenets of the Doctrine of Creation. Each and every human being is created in God's image. It is one of the blessings and mysteries of the Triune God that God would declare, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness.” Thus each of us bears within us one holy image. It is from that image that we receive all of the dignity and grace that makes us fully human. It is wondrous that each of us can say, especially in the light of the Incarnation, that God is like me. Yet, it is a terrible thing when sin enters into our hearts and we assert that God is *only* like me.

The sin (turning away from God, turning in on ourselves, seeking to replace God on the throne of the human heart) of racism is that it makes an explicit claim that some people do not bear the image of God in its fullness, while others, based upon the color of their skin, ethnicity or race, manifest the divine image most fully. (Racism—a mix of power, privilege, and prejudice which seeks to advance the interests of a group of people based on skin color, ethnicity, or culture at the expense of others.) In making either side of this claim one must turn away from God in denial of the truth at the heart of creation and propose our own doctrine for the creation of humanity. In doing this, one must usurp God's authority, and claim that the right to decide who is fully human belongs to them...so God is replaced.

In themselves, these usurpations are the beginning of racial violence, for it is, in itself, violent to tear away from another the core of their humanity. As one asserts the lack of divinity in another, asserting that the image of God is not present, the human being from which the dignity is stripped becomes objectified. Once the human being is objectified, almost any atrocity is possible, and we have seen too many, including the Holocaust and chattel slavery here in the United States. In order to justify slavery in this country, the image of God was stripped from African Americans by asserting among other things that they were descendants of Ham, or the offspring of Cain and thus deserving of the punishment of chattel slavery. Even Abraham Lincoln could not fully escape the rationalizations, once saying “in his present state the negro is not the equal of the white man.” Looking seriously at the story of Jesus and the Canaanite woman who asked that her daughter be healed, even Jesus found himself having to wrestle with race, “it is not right to give the children's food to the dogs.” One can argue that the Canaanite woman's insistence on her daughter's behalf led Jesus to discern the Father's greater purpose.

When historians speak of slavery being America's “original sin,” they speak of the disavowal of the central tenet of the Declaration of Independence, “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights...” Even 18<sup>th</sup> century Deists recognized the image of God in each human being. The sin, of course, is that they broke faith with the nation's founding document and failed to end slavery. It took nearly a century of untold suffering and four years of war to bring slavery to an end. However, as I have said before, the slaveholder religion, which posited its own doctrine of creation of white supremacy did not disappear. Rather it became an insidious part of much of Christianity across the heart of America, so that even today, many people across this nation still believe that God is *only* like them.

So it is that the sin of Racism continues. The “other” is objectified. The self is aggrandized and the image of God in each of us is defiled.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has published a social statement entitled, *Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture* which speaks powerfully to the issue of racism in our nation and our church. It is definitely worth reading, however, each of us, and especially those of us who are white should spend some time reflecting on the privilege our status brings and how we might do more to create the just society envisioned by the Gospel. And, while statements are a starting point, the most powerful witness is living the Gospel with thoughtfulness and integrity. Each of us bears the image of God and our call as the Church of Jesus Christ is to call all people to the freedom of the Gospel.

# Treasurer's Report - July 2017

## Summary for July 2017

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

Monthly Contributions	\$21,763
Monthly Spending	\$21,119
Difference	\$ 645

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

YTD Contributions	\$147,886
YTD Spending	\$167,647
Difference	(\$19,760)

## Monthly Operating Income vs. Monthly Operating Expenses

Monthly Operating Income	\$17,118
Monthly Operating Spending	\$20,643
Difference	(\$3,525)

## YTD Operating Income vs. YTD Operating Expenses

YTD Operating Income	\$130,093
YTD Operating Spending	\$155,820
Difference	(\$25,727)

All giving and spending includes C4G

## Thrivent Investments

	Month	YTD
Total Account Value beginning of month	\$85,394.71	
Securities Transfers	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Additions and Withdrawals	\$ 0.00	(\$10,000.00)
Income	\$ 271.26	\$ 2,396.55
Taxes, Fees and Expenses	(\$332.86)	(\$ 962.90)
Change in Investment Value	\$ \$1,391.1	\$ 4,813.40
End of Month Money Market Cash on hand		\$4,533.84
Total End of Month Account Value	\$86,734.21	



	<u>Month</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Month</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Annual Budget</u>
<b><u>BUDGET INCOME</u></b>					
Giving Income	\$16,582	\$21,296	\$125,020	\$143,851	\$255,553
Operating Income	\$536	\$566	\$5,072	\$3,823	\$6,791
<b>SUB-TOTAL BUDGET INCOME</b>	<b>\$17,118</b>	<b>\$21,862</b>	<b>\$130,093</b>	<b>\$147,674</b>	<b>\$262,344</b>
<b><u>NON-BUDGET INCOME</u></b>					
Thrivent Withdraw	\$0	\$526	\$10,000	\$3,551	\$6,309
Withdraw from TD Bank Money Market	\$0	\$0	\$1,750	\$0	
Giving to Off-Budget Programs	\$3,245	\$0	\$9,337	\$0	
Giving to Capital Campaign	\$1,400		\$8,457		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,763</b>	<b>\$22,388</b>	<b>\$159,636</b>	<b>\$151,225</b>	<b>\$268,653</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$20,643</b>	<b>\$20,516</b>	<b>\$155,820</b>	<b>\$155,400</b>	<b>\$268,653</b>
<b><u>NON-BUDGET EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
Reimburse Investment Account Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures on Off-Budget Programs	\$475	\$0	\$4,560	\$0	
Capital Campaign Spending	\$0		\$7,267		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$21,119</b>	<b>\$20,516</b>	<b>\$167,647</b>	<b>\$155,400</b>	<b>\$268,653</b>
TD Bank Money Market	\$0		\$1,000		

# 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 - we are only at \$100 right now! 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!



# Community Outreach

## RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO HUNGER

### BRING YOUR DONATIONS ON OCTOBER 1st!

The annual ecumenical religious community's food drive for the New Horizons Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry will again be coordinated by Temple Adath Yeshurun. GLC has supported this drive since its inception. Over the years, the religious community has delivered many thousands of pounds of food to New Horizons from this fall food drive.

You are invited to bring your donations of **non-perishable items (no glass, please)** to GLC on **Sunday, October 1st**, or any time prior to that date. Items most needed: **peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, tuna fish, pasta, tomato/spaghetti sauces, canned fruits and vegetables, diapers (large sizes), and baby formula,**

The **RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO HUNGER** can be New Horizons' largest single day's delivery of the year---if we all respond. The need is great. Please support this ecumenical event with your donations of non-perishable goods. As always, GLC will continue its appeal for the Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Your donations are always welcome anytime; just place them in the baskets in the rear of the sanctuary. We, as a religious community, can make a major impact in meeting an urgent need in our larger community. Thank you for caring and sharing!



Dear GLC Family,

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to so many of you for the cards, get well wishes and most of all, your prayers! My surgery in late July was successful and for the most part has had a good outcome. Minus a few bumps and hurdles...the healing process is coming along.

And so we count our blessings as many... May God's abundant grace and peace be you always. ~Cindy Kaufmann

## BEST WALKING TEAM 2017 Walk Against Hunger



Presentation of the plaque  
by Charlie Sherman  
CEO of New Horizons for New Hampshire

## Mary Martha Meetings

Beginning September 11th, the Mary Martha Group will be reconvening at GLC on the 2nd Monday of the month at noon for their monthly meeting. All ladies are invited to come whenever you can. Bring your lunch. Coffee and tea and dessert will be provided. The September meeting will have a speaker from the Salvation Army, along with election of officers and discussion about the Holiday Fair. Come and share some fellowship!

### Upcoming Meeting:

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|----------|------------------------------|
| Oct 9    | 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!                |

# WELCA & Mary Martha

## WELCA Triennial Gathering 2017



On July 13-16 over 3,300 people attended the WELCA 10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis. The theme was “All Anew”; exploring the ways in which the Holy Spirit changes us, acknowledging that reformation and transformation have happened and continue to happen within the faith-filled community of women known as Women of the ELCA. Two members of Gethsemane, Sarah Dorsch and Judie Chary joined the small New England group for the offerings of inspirational speakers, workshops, servant events, spiritually uplifting worship services and optional events. Activity was non-stop, starting with opening worship with Bishop Eaton preaching and Bishop Anne Svennungsen of the Minneapolis Synod presiding. This was followed by Bible

study conducted by Kelly Fryer, author of more than a dozen books on mission and leadership. Friday’s session highlight was a speech by Leymah Gbowee, a Nobel Peace Prize winner from Liberia, asking “With whom is God asking us to align today?” All speakers were truly inspirational. The servant events and workshops were scheduled during the afternoons, and provided so many options it was difficult to choose. We had an opportunity to attend the best hymn sing ever with the National Lutheran Choir at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and wrapped up our visit with a tour of historical St Paul and St Paul Cathedral, the third largest church in the country.

If anyone would like more details, just ask Sarah or Judie. And we both encourage other ladies to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Triennial in Phoenix in 2020.



## Mary Martha Road Trips



In July, the Mary Martha Ladies were invited for their annual outings at Sara Kjendal’s home in Deerfield and in August to Denise Merrill’s home in Meredith. Both ladies set a wonderful table. There were many kinds of food to choose from such as salads, chips, all kinds of handpicked berries made into delicious desserts. Different cold drinks and hot drinks to choose from. Mary Martha ladies got to see many species of birds come to the various feeders. Squirrels and chipmunks were seen scurrying around, and the many flowers around each home were spectacular! The colors were absolutely beautiful. So, a BIG THANK YOU goes out to these two gracious hostesses for giving the ladies wonderful relaxing afternoons.

## LADIES NITE OUT

Tent. Date Tuesday Oct 10th.

## NE Women of the ELCA Reformation Celebration

Save the Date: October 14, 2017  
Christ the King - Holliston MA 9am-2pm

Featuring “Katie Luther” tells all...  
And an update on human trafficking in New England.

More information and registration sheets are on the Café board and table



# Odds

August 19th found Ron Jones, his daughter, nephew and a few other hearty and crazy souls participating in the Tough Mudder Half at NH Motor Speedway. This is a 5 mile, 13 obstacle challenge course (no official winners—it's you challenging yourself).

This is a charity event with the money going TM's official US charity, Team Rubicon. They are the only nonprofit disaster response organization that mobilizes military veterans to support communities devastated by natural disasters. They deliver disaster response services to mitigate hazards, clear dangerous debris and provide emergency home repair. By tapping into the valuable skills of veterans and giving them an opportunity to continue their service, Team Rubicon fosters a newfound sense of purpose, community and identity.

Way to go Ron! But where's all the mud?



The following is a letter the church received last week along with a donation. Thought you all might like to see the outreach of one of our members.

Dear Gethsemane,

Please find enclosed a check for \$25. I am sending this on behalf of all the outstanding and hard work that one of your members did for me (Sue Capano).

I had purchased a Hitchcock chair on eBay. I wanted this chair in the worst way to remember my late father. Mrs. Capano decided that she would see that I received this chair. She took it upon herself to find all the materials needed for shipping. Mrs. Capano packed this chair—box (24'x24'x36'), bubble wrapped the chair, hauled it to the shipper. This is all the “easy” steps - if you can call hauling a 30 pound heavy-duty cardboard box all over the place. She took it upon herself to find me the very best and least expensive means of shipment out here to the “Wild West” - Colorado. Mrs. Capano was doing all of this for me, “total stranger” - while in the midst of helping her daughter prepare for a major move to attend graduate school in St. Louis, Missouri.

I have gone on much too long but Sue Capano is one outstanding woman. I hope that she will always be my friend.

This donation is very small but please know how much I appreciated all this kind work and effort.

Also, to the person that donated the chair (Heavenly Treasures), “thank you so much!” - it is lovely.

God Bless You

Sincerely

Karen Richards



# 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.

*Shhh...it's a Surprise!!*

**Jo Sad is turning 95 on September 12th. We want to surprise her with a cake after the 10:30 service on the 10th. Mark has promised to get her here. We are ordering a cake and let's celebrate!**



## Calumet Camping

The GLC's Calumet weekend on August 11-13 turned out to be a beautiful weekend filled with fun, good food and fellowship. Mother nature was kind! Attendees this year: The Herman's, Tino's, Kaufmann's, Roma's, Edie Hudak, Elaine Murphy and Dave Kane. It's a pleasure to rekindle friendships on the shores of Lake Ossipee.

...and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake ... Philemon 1:6

Hope to see your smiling faces next year! ~Cindy Kaufmann

## 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.

## Weekday Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, September 21st, Pastor will be holding a Bible study class in the Café area at 10AM. Please come join in each week, or whenever you can. Coffee and tea will be provided, and the topics will vary.

## Attic Treasures

Keep an eye on the bulletins—beginning October 1st, you will be able to drop off items for the Attic Treasures area of the Holiday Fair. We will keep you posted.



Welcome Back Choir and Bells

September 13th 7PM - is the first practice of the season for Bells

Choir will start back the next evening, the 14th at 7PM



Attic Treasures



## Thank you to those who shop Amazon Smile!

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Gethsemane Lutheran is registered as a charitable 501(c) (3) organization with AmazonSmile. Please check with the office if you have any questions. We look forward to having you shop AmazonSmile and having their foundation give back to Gethsemane.



**Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 is the ABSOLUTE deadline for articles for the October 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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