



The Olive Tree



February, 2017

GLC Highlights

First Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2017

Youth Led Sunday
March 26, 2017

Easter Sunday
& Breakfast
April 16, 2017

Hymns & Hops
Sunday, April 23, 2017

New Horizons
Walk Against Hunger
Sunday, May 21, 2017

Women's Retreat
June 2-4, 2017

Vacation Bible School
June 26-29, 2017

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



Never too late for pics from the Christmas Pageant! Check out the website for more!

Gethsemane Council

The January 2017 Council meeting was the final meeting for Marty Sink, Alex Krantz and Council Secretary Marsha Journey. Continuing forward into the new Council year are Ron Jones, Matt Noon, Dave Reinke, Kate Shaffer and Steve Stanley. Joining them will be Sue Capano, Lynne Dapice, Abby Kelly, Sue Roma (Treasurer) and Tyler Tafelski. Blessings and many thanks to those who are finishing up their time on Council and those who are moving forward to carry on the good work we do at Gethsemane.

We would like to introduce to you four of your new Council members. Next month we will introduce you to Lynne.

Susan Olson Capano began attending Gethsemane in 1980, shortly after her arrival from her native Minnesota. Her previous congregations had been Our Savior's Lutheran in Kelliher, MN, and Den Norske Lutherske Mindekirke in Minneapolis. She and her husband Peter raised their two children, Neil and Lucia, in the church, proudly seeing them through Christmas pageants, Santa Lucia Fests, and confirmation.

Susan is a retired Concord High School teacher with a robust math tutoring business run out of her Manchester home. Currently she serves the parish as chair of the Property Committee, seeing that the parking lot and the building are well-maintained, among other duties.



Susan Roma

Born and raised in New Jersey, Susan moved to New Hampshire in the fall of 1975 after making the acquaintance of her later to be husband, David. David and Susan were married at Gethsemane in 1977, and together have raised two sons, Matthew & Daniel.

Susan has worked for the State of New Hampshire for the past 41 years in various positions; most recently in data management for the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation within the Department of Education. She received an Associate's Degree in Business from Granite State College in 2004 and is looking forward to her duties as Treasurer of Gethsemane.



Hello! My name is Abby Kelly. My family (Jeff, husband, Jeffrey 13, Jaelyne 10 and Jaya 8) and I have been members of Gethsemane since 2008. My mother (Lynne Dapice) has also become a member of the church within the last year. I was raised in the Lutheran church, mostly at Ascension Lutheran in South Burlington Vermont. I was baptized, confirmed, married and had one of our children baptized there. I love the Lutheran church and the mission of the church and we have chosen to raise our children here as well. I am employed by the American Red Cross and teach children health, safety and preparedness classes. I enjoy spending my free time with our family, scrapbooking, reading, and crafting. I am really excited to become a member of the council and work together with the church towards fulfilling our mission!



Major Tyler Tafelski is currently the Deputy Director of Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) BAE Systems located in Nashua, NH. DCMA BAE Systems is a streamlined Contract Management Office (CMO) under DCMA Boston Command and includes major programs for the US Army, Airforce and Navy and Marines.

Tyler graduated from the United States Military Academy and received his commission as an infantry Lieutenant in 2001. His first duty assignment was at Fort Drum, NY where he served as an infantry Platoon Leader and Company Executive officer for 2-14 Infantry Regiment in the 10th Mountain Division (Light). Upon completion of the Infantry Captain Career Course, Tyler Tafelski served as a Mechanized Company Commander for 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, and Headquarters Company Commander for 5th Brigade, 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, TX. Following his Company Commands, Tyler Tafelski was selected for the Acquisition Corps and attended graduate school at Webster University. Tyler was then assigned as an Assistant Product Manager for the Ground Combat Vehicle project, and then an Assistant Product Manager for Project Management Stryker Brigade Combat Team (PM SBCT) located at Detroit Arsenal, MI. Following his branch qualifying assignments, Tyler was assigned as a Program Integrator for DCMA and was subsequently assigned as the interim Commander of DCMA BAE systems located in Nashua, NH. After a civilian Director was hired for the lead position, Tyler assumed the Deputy Director position to aid in the transition.

He holds a Bachelor's in Human Factor's Engineering from the United States Military Academy, and a Master's of Business Administration from Webster's University. He is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Level III certified in Program Management and a member of the Acquisition Corps.

His awards and badges include the Ranger Tab, Airborne Badge, Combat Infantrymen's Badge, Expert Infantrymen's Badge, Bronze Star (Oak leaf), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (Oak Leaf), Army Commendation Metal (Oak Leaf), Army Achievement Metal (Oak Leaf), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Metal (Three Stars), Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Army Overseas Service Ribbon, and Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Tyler married to his wife, Monica, in 2002 and has four children: Viviana, Landon, Jameson, and Owen.



Pastor's Page

Let Your Light so Shine before others...

Over the years, many people have complimented me for my singing ability, and of course, as a Lutheran, compliments are very difficult to accept, and when I listen to myself in recording, (again as a Lutheran) all I hear are the mistakes. Recently, I've begun to look at this a little differently and after 55 years of singing, I've come to accept that it is one of the gifts God has given to me to share.

Interestingly, other people recognized the skill long before I did. My first grade teacher (Mrs. Coleman) chose me to sing a solo in the only song the first grade was singing at our school's Christmas program. At age 8, I went with my two older brothers each week to sing in the church junior choir. It was 35 kids strong with a waiting list to get in, but the choir director (Mr. Carlson) let me in. From there I went on to sing in our youth group choir, adult choir, and three high school groups, and one year I was selected for the Connecticut All State Chorus (ah, tawdry glory)...and then in one of the choirs of Pacific Lutheran University.

Yet, the thing is that this gift would never have been developed if a lot of other people hadn't been letting their lights shine as well. There was Renny Kidder our pastor's wife and gifted musician, who put in hours with us teaching new songs, there was also her husband John, my mentor, who was the most gifted liturgist I have known. There was Walter Angus, my cello teacher, albeit he had a nasty way of hitting my hands if I was sharp or flat, and John Oblon the orchestra leader, who got so mad at me one day in rehearsal, he crinkled the music into a ball and threw it at me. (Teachers didn't worry as much about your self esteem back then.) There were Dace Hodkevics and Glenn Orkney, my high school music teachers who allowed me to sing in three high school groups, and gave me and some others, hours and hours of extra voice lessons, took us on tour, and helped us develop our gifts. Then there was John Harmic at PLU who taught me to strive for a new level of excellence. Truth be told, it was music that kept me going in high school; it was worth bearing with Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and chemistry, if I just had the opportunity to sing at the end of the day. Music for me, has always been one of the ways God's light shines through me.

So, yes, I have a gift, but the shining of that light, meant having to overcome a variety of difficulties (like learning algebra, which I have never used since...please no calls from math teachers, I respect what you do, and certainly have benefited from the end result of your work), making time, constantly practicing. Developing the gift also meant being willing to accept help, encouragement and critique from others. It also meant accepting the gifts God has given to others. I still struggle with timing; I get dreamily lost in the music and lose the count. One teacher told me if I could learn to keep the count I could be a real musician. Alas, I will keep my day job. Truth be told, Diane Destrempe is wonderful at covering my timing mistakes, and she never complains.

The point is, that in order for our lights to shine more brightly, we all must be willing to accept help and offer help to others. My story would be so different if others had ignored me, or if I wasn't encouraged by so many people along the way. The fact is that we all need help, and we all have gifts, and it is up to all of us to discern them and help one another to develop them. Letting our lights shine brightens the world so that others may see more clearly and give glory to God.

Peace,
Pastor Peter

Treasurer's Report - Dec 2016

Summary for December 2016

Monthly Total Contributions vs. Total Expenditures

Monthly Contributions	\$28,691
Monthly Spending	\$19,306
Difference	\$9,385

YTD Total Contributions vs. Total Expenditures

YTD Contributions	\$278,405
YTD Spending	\$301,335
Difference	(\$22,930)

Monthly Operating Income vs. Monthly Operating Expenses

Monthly Operating Income	\$21,559
Monthly Operating Spending	\$18,941
Difference	\$2,618

YTD Operating Income vs. YTD Operating Expenses

YTD Operating Income	\$236,837
YTD Operating Spending	\$277,774
Difference	(\$40,937)

Thrivent Investments	Month	YTD
Total Account Value beginning of month	\$87,196.16	
Securities Transfers	\$0.00	\$2,997.66
Additions and Withdrawals	\$0.00	(\$4,039.02)
Income	\$780.28	\$5,330.22
Taxes, Fees and Expenses	\$0.00	(\$1,341.67)
Change in Investment Value	\$2,043.31	\$7,790.06
End of Month Money Market Cash on hand	\$2,470.60	
Total End of Month Account Value	\$90,479.80	



NUMBERED OFFERING ENVELOPES

To those of you that haven't received any envelopes recently, there was an overlap with Augsburg Fortress during our Stewardship campaign. Several families didn't check whether or not they wanted envelopes for 2017 so were deleted from the list. We have straightened this out and everyone who wants envelopes should be receiving the Mar/Apr batch in mid-Feb. You may also see a new envelope #. If you have any questions or don't receive your envelopes, please give Shelley a call. Thanks for your patience.

	Month Actual	Month Budget	2016 YTD Actual	2016 YTD Budget	2016 Annual Budget
BUDGET INCOME					
Giving Income	\$20,919	\$26,502	\$230,046	\$193,025	\$193,025
Operating Income	\$640	\$1,112	\$6,791	\$8,102	\$8,102
SUB-TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	\$21,559	\$27,614	\$236,837	\$201,127	\$201,127
NON-BUDGET INCOME					
Thrivent Withdraw	\$0	\$10,333	\$0	\$75,259	\$75,259
Withdraw from TD Bank Money Market	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Giving to Off-Budget Programs	\$1,132	\$0	\$19,567	\$0	
Giving to Capital Campaign	\$5,965		\$21,751		
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,656	\$37,947	\$278,155	\$276,386	\$276,386
SUB-TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES	\$18,941	\$28,443	\$277,774	\$287,114	\$276,386
NON-BUDGET EXPENDITURES					
Reimburse Investment Account Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures on Off-Budget Programs	\$365	\$0	\$15,707	\$0	
Capital Campaign Spending	\$0		\$7,854		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$19,306	\$28,443	\$301,335	\$287,114	\$276,386



Outreach



Hymns & Hops



Planning is underway for Gethsemane's first ever "Hymns & Hops" songfest. The event will be held at the Stark Brewery (the old Milly's Tavern) on Sunday, April 23rd from 4:30 -6:00 PM. How does this work? You come, join in and sing...if you want a burger or a beer or anything else, you order it and pay for it yourself! John Read, Music Director at First Lutheran of West Barnstable leads Hymns &

Hops events throughout New England. He makes the evening fun with lots of laughter and great music. No reservations will be needed and there is no cost to attend. Look for more information in the coming months.

Blood Drive

Another Red Cross Blood Drive is being planned for March/April with Abby Kelly leading the way. Even though we had to postpone the blood drive from January, you can still donate now and be able to give again in the March/April time frame.



More Outreach Opportunities

The New Horizons Walk Against Hunger will be held on Sunday, May 21st. The Outreach Team is challenging the members of Gethsemane to ALL join in an walk and /or contribute. We want to be the #1 participating church this year. Rather than do a meal packaging event in the Spring, Outreach would like to make the Walk the big Spring project.

Thank you to Karen Andersen who has volunteered to take on the role of coordinating Gethsemane's annual Christmas involvement in the Barnes & Nobel Gift Wrap program.

If you would like to become involved in the Outreach Ministry of Gethsemane, please feel free to come to a meeting held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, or contact Matt Noon, chair.

Photo Directory

Plans are underway to produce a new updated Gethsemane Photo Directory. Please take some time and find that "perfect" photo that you would like to have in the Directory. Send the photo **as an attachment** to the church office via email (or you can give us a hard copy to scan -not as good, but will do). Include the name(s) of the people (and pets if included) in the photo. If you don't have that perfect photo, let us know. Matt Kronos has offered his services to take photos of anyone without one to submit. Any questions, please see Janis Cox or Matt Noon.

What's the Buzz!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPERATION ARTIC BRRRR!!!



Don your parkas, thermal underwear, goggles and snow shoes for the adventure of a lifetime! From June 26th through the 29th, Gethsemane kids and friends will trek through the Artic Circle learning about the

coolest Book ever! The BIBLE! We will meet all manner of animals, play on ice caps, climb glaciers and explore the treasure that is the Bible. Mark your calendars and get ready for a flurry of fun.



Lots of white sheets are needed for the icebergs. If you have any to spare, JoAnn Wegman and Allison Krones would be very thankful. They are already starting on the bergs. Drop the sheets off with the office and thanks.

Annual Women's Retreat



The annual Women's Retreat at Calumet will be June 2nd through the 4th. All ladies of Gethsemane and their female friends are invited to join in. This year's program has not been set yet, but keep your eyes out for more information in the Olive Tree, Olive Leaf and the bulletin board.

SNOW CLOSING POLICY

In the rare event that the church worship services and/or Sunday school is cancelled (Pastor Boehringer will be the person to make the decision) due to weather conditions, an announcement will be made on WZID radio (95.7 FM), and on WMUR television. The cancellation will also be posted on the GLC Facebook page and the following web-sites:

www.glcmanchester.org
www.wzid.com
www.965themill.com
www.wfea1370.com
www.wmur.com



There will be an announcement on the church phone and we will also try to get an emergency Olive Branch out to all members who have supplied the church with an email address.



Mary Martha News

Once again, Mary Martha Group had a very successful Holiday Fair and at their last meeting, made decisions on where the money will go this year.

They had challenged the youth to raise money so that they can attend the Youth Convention in 2018 in Houston. The Youth raised \$300.50 and Mary Martha matched that amount. Congratulations to the youth on their hard work and Mary Martha is looking forward to matching that last \$200 this year. Good luck!

Mary Martha is also giving the Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$100 each month during the year and gave Good Gifts to the ELCA. They gave 40 chicks and 4 roosters, 10,000 water tables, school fees and uniforms for 4 girls and 10 mosquito nets -totaling \$520.

The NH Food Bank will receive donations for men's & women's socks, gloves, hats and back packs.

THANK YOU MARY MARTHA LADIES!

Ends



AmazonSmile Gives Back to Charitable Organizations



New Amazon Program Enables Shoppers to Easily Donate to Their Favorite Nonprofits

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

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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.



Friday, February 17th, 2017 is the ABSOLUTE deadline for articles for the March 2017 Olive Tree. If you would like to contribute, please email your news to the church office at glemanchester@comcast.net.

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