



# The Olive Tree



June, 2017

## GLC Highlights

### Summer Worship Hours

Sundays

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Beginning June 4th

Ending September 3rd

### Women's Retreat

June 2-4

### NE Synod Assembly

June 9-10

### Vacation Bible School

Volunteer Meeting

June 13 7PM

### Vacation Bible School

June 26-29

5:45 - 8:00 PM

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Grab your parkas and snow boots!

Gethsemane's Vacation Bible School is heading to the Arctic Circle June 26-29. 5:45 - 8:00 PM

We will explore the "coolest" place on the planet and the coolest book on the planet - The Bible!

Registration is open at [glcmanchester.org](http://glcmanchester.org) or call the church office at 603-623-3451

# OPERATION ARCTIC

## Welcome to Operation Arctic!



Every day, our kids are bombarded with the message that the Bible isn't the true Word of God, that it can't be trusted to tell us the truth about the past or, more importantly, about how we can receive the gift of eternal life. At Operation Arctic, your kids will warm up to the Word as they explore the coolest Book on the planet and discover how we can know for sure that the Bible is God's written word to us!

Grab your parka and snow boots! For VBS 2017, we're headed deep into the breathtakingly beautiful Arctic Circle that is filled with treasure and thrilling to explore! And be sure to pack your Bible—we'll be learning all about that breathtakingly beautiful book that is filled with treasure and thrilling to explore! As we venture into the cold tundra, we'll discover the **BIBLE**:

Is the **Book** of books, unique in every way!  
Has had an **Incredible Impact** upon our world!  
Is the **Bedrock Base** of our lives!  
Is a **Letter of Love** in which God tells us how we can become His children!  
Is **Exciting to Explore** as we learn it, love it, and live it!

Let's plunge on in to this cold world and God's wonderful Word! It promises to be a flurry of fun and excitement at Operation Arctic! Let's go!

Vacation Bible School is geared for all kids ages 4-12. We will have a special program for the 2-4 year old kids who would like to participate, with age appropriate crafts, games and projects. Join us on this adventure, June 26-29th from 5:45-8 pm. You can register on-line at [www.glcmanchester.org](http://www.glcmanchester.org). Everyone who registers will receive a free CD with the songs that you will be singing during this trip.



We always need some guides and helpers for our journey. Volunteer for the trip. It will be fun!! There will be an informational meeting for all volunteers on Tuesday, June 13th at 7:00 PM at the church.



# New Horizons Walk against Hunger

## The Walk a Huge Success! Gethsemane Wins Top Honors!



Sunday, May 21st, 2017 was a beautiful day and the weather couldn't have been better for 35 walkers from Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The sun was shining and the temperature was in the perfect low 70's. The energy and enthusiasm was electric! Gethsemane walkers and donators raised \$4900 for New Horizons, a record for us. The cherry on the top to quote Karen Wynn our team leader... "Gethsemane placed 1st in our category". We will be receiving a plaque. Thank you to all who walked, donated, cheered on our team and came out to enjoy the day.



# Pastor's Page



## The Other Half

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the beginning of the Season of Pentecost. It ought to be one of the great days in the church year, but in years like this, coming the week after Memorial Day, the beginning of summer is upon us, and it is understandable after a long winter and a very late spring that people are longing to get away. Nevertheless, the day comes, and we remember in our mind's eye tongues of fire resting on the heads of the apostles, the mighty wind blowing past our ears, the astonishment on the faces of the witnesses, and Peter's speech, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you..."

It is Peter raising his voice that most impresses me; tongues of fire and loud rushing wind get my attention, but Peter, who just as often said the wrong thing ("Lord, let us make three booths, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah), who was not known for his erudite use of language, and who was so flummoxed under pressure that his denial of Jesus is at once unconvincing and disjointed, stood up in front of an indifferent to hostile crowd and gave meaning to what everyone was experiencing.

His speech was no easy piece of work. The crowd included the perplexed, the amazed, and scoffers who disparaged the apostles as drunks. He dismissed the derision of the scoffers and called the crowd's attention to the words of the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh..." and from there Peter offered an inspired exposition of the life and ministry of Jesus, with an invocation of David and the prophets, the implication of all humanity in his crucifixion, and the promise of Christ's resurrection. In a matter of moments, Peter turned scoffers into believers as he invited them to the new life in Christ, "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Jesus had promised his disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit, and Peter's inspired speech is one of the first examples of the result of the fulfilment of the promise. Peter arose and addressed the crowd without a single note, with no Torah unrolled before him, yet he quoted the prophets, invoked David, outlined the salvation history of Israel, offered a convincing soteriology (the way Jesus saves), and forged a powerful connection between the risen Christ and the crowd... so powerful a connection that three thousand people were baptized in the aftermath of his speech.

While we celebrate Pentecost, we are not unaware that the inspiration and even the intervention of the Holy Spirit continues in the life of the church and the life of the world. Day after day, I witness the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of God's people. Out of nowhere someone comes forward to sing, or assist in worship. People who did not think they could do something are willing to try. Musicians are inspired to play and inspire us to sing. Children raise money to feed children they do not know, and retirees decide that this is a good place to share their expertise, time, and faith...and people are inspired to give.

Not long after his speech, Luke writes in the Book of Acts (4:34), "There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need." People at times suggest that they haven't seen the kind of inspiration that was evident in the early church, but I disagree. Over and again people give to feed the hungry, to provide clothing and shelter for needy families, to buy farm animals for people striving to build farms in developing countries, and they do it continually. Knowing the problems will not easily go away, and that even our best efforts will not solve them, people are still inspired by the Spirit to recognize their role as the body of Christ in the world, lifting others up.

As the summer unfolds, I invite you to look for the signs of the Spirit in your own life. What are you being moved to do? To what new thing have you been inspired, or in what way has your hope been renewed. That sound you hear just may be the Spirit moving in your life.

Pentecost Blessings,  
Pastor Peter



# Treasurer's Report - April 2017

## Summary for April 2017

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

Monthly Contributions	\$26,038
Monthly Spending	\$23,212
Difference	<b>\$ 2,826</b>

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

YTD Contributions	\$88,836
YTD Spending	\$98,021
Difference	<b>(\$ 9,185)</b>

## Monthly Operating Income vs. Monthly Operating Expenses

Monthly Operating Income	\$22,790
Monthly Operating Spending	\$20,319
Difference	<b>\$2,471</b>

## YTD Operating Income vs. YTD Operating Expenses

YTD Operating Income	\$78,354
YTD Operating Spending	\$92,410
Difference	<b>(\$14,057)</b>

All giving and spending includes C4G

## Thrivent Investments

	Month	YTD
Total Account Value beginning of month	\$84,187.65	
Securities Transfers	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Additions and Withdrawals	\$ 0.00	(\$10,000.00)
Income	\$ 267.38	\$ 1,405.15
Taxes, Fees and Expenses	\$ (305.39)	(\$ 640.04)
Change in Investment Value	\$ 482.60	\$ 3,385.64
End of Month Money Market Cash on hand		\$3,385.64
Total End of Month Account Value	\$84,632.24	



	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Month Budget</u>	<u>2017 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2017 YTD Budget</u>	<u>2017 Annual Budget</u>
<b><u>BUDGET INCOME</u></b>					
Giving Income	\$21,876	\$21,296	\$75,305	\$79,465	\$255,553
Operating Income	\$914	\$566	\$3,048	\$2,112	\$6,791
<b>SUB-TOTAL BUDGET INCOME</b>	<b>\$22,790</b>	<b>\$21,862</b>	<b>\$78,354</b>	<b>\$81,577</b>	<b>\$262,344</b>
<b><u>NON-BUDGET INCOME</u></b>					
Thrivent Withdraw	\$0	\$526	\$10,000	\$1,962	\$6,309
Withdraw from TD Bank Money Market	\$0	\$0	\$1,750	\$0	
Giving to Off-Budget Programs	\$1,753	\$0	\$5,186	\$0	
Giving to Capital Campaign	\$1,495		\$5,297		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$26,038</b>	<b>\$22,388</b>	<b>\$100,586</b>	<b>\$83,539</b>	<b>\$268,653</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$20,319</b>	<b>\$21,532</b>	<b>\$92,410</b>	<b>\$85,514</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	\$1,146	\$0	\$2,721	\$0	
Capital Campaign Spending	\$1,746		\$2,889		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$23,212</b>	<b>\$21,532</b>	<b>\$98,021</b>	<b>\$85,514</b>	<b>\$268,653</b>

# A round the Church

*Oh The Places You'll Go!*

Congratulations Michelle Cox!



Michelle Rose Cox, Class of 2017, and daughter of Bob & Janis Cox of Mont Vernon NH, has graduated with a 3.8 GPA from Southern New Hampshire University. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education along with a Certification in Special Education. She has been

named to the SNHU President's List in recognition of outstanding academic achievement, and is a member of Pi Lambda Theta (the most selective National Honor Society for Educators) and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

## Photo Directory

It appears we have a congregation of camera shy people! We have only received 8-10 photos so far. Please start getting yours in. We would like to have this completed this summer.

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.

## Council Notes

The church council met on May 16 for its monthly meeting with eight members present. The agenda was approved and Pastor Boehringer led the group in meditation and prayer. A motion was made to accept the minutes for the March and April meetings.

The treasurer's report showed that the year to date of operating income versus spending showed a negative balance of \$14,057. The president's report consisted of areas: outreach, stewardship, building, and other items including work on the back of the church and signage. The pastor's report once again showed the pastor to be hard working and deeply involved in the life of the church, even doing hospital visits during the busy Holy Week schedule.

Sue Capano provided updates on the restoration of the kitchen area complete with diagrams and estimates of cost. It was reported that the church insurance policy with Utica was about to expire and that Church Mutual had given a quote for a new policy. The council voted to accept the offer from Church Mutual.

The meeting was adjourned and a closing prayer ended the meeting.

# Mary Martha News



## *Women's Retreat*

It's time! Are you packed and ready to go? Sixteen women are signed up for this year's retreat. Once again, we are so fortunate to meet at Camp Calumet and Conference Center in Freedom, NH on beautiful Lake Ossipee.

We have a wonderful program in store for everyone that our planning committee headed by Clare Tino has been working on for quite some time. The theme is Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality and the book by that same name written by Tim Sned is available on

the Kindle. Hope you all have read the book!

The weekend will cost \$161 per person for the two nights, and all the meals through Sunday noon meal. As before, check-in will be at 7PM on Friday and no meal will be served that day. Several of us get together and eat at a local restaurant on our way there and always welcome more to the crowd (it turns out to be lots of fun and a great way to start the weekend.)

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying a wonderful weekend of fellowship, friendship and spirituality. See you on the 2nd!

## Mary Martha on the Move! (again)

Watch out everyone... the ladies of the Mary Martha group are taking to the highways and byways again this summer. After their last "regular" meeting of the year, they will be hitting the road. July 17<sup>th</sup> will find them at Sara Kjendal's in Deerfield and on August 14<sup>th</sup>, all will be heading to Meredith to Denise Merrill's home.

The June meeting is the annual "let's celebrate everyone's birthday". Don your party gear and prepare to eat cake. Bring your lunch and meet here at noon.

Have a wonderful summer ladies, and see you in September.



## Thank you to those who shop Amazon Smile!

We have some wonderful shoppers within our church community who love to shop on Amazon and love to help out Gethsemane. Thank you to all of you.

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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, June 23, 2017 is the ABSOLUTE deadline for articles for the July/August 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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### The Congregation Council

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