



The Olive Tree

January 2018



GLC Highlights

Worship Services
Sundays
8:30 & 10:30 AM
Education Hour
9:20 AM

Stewardship Campaign
January 12-21, 2018

Annual Meeting
January 28, 2018
11:30 AM

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018

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



2017 in Photos



Stewardship 2018



In the Footsteps of the Magi

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Magi made their long and difficult journey from the East, guided by a star, and full of hope that the star would lead them to the newborn king. They encountered obstacles along the way, and Herod did his best to subvert their plan and bring their journey to nothing. However, they recognized the promise that lay before them, and they would not be denied the opportunity to honor the King and present their gifts.

In a very real way, the journey of the Magi is a model of how we can respond to the blessing of the incarnation of Jesus. Upon understanding that the star would lead them to the king, they undertook the journey, and coming into his presence they did two important things. First, overwhelmed with joy, *they worshipped him*, and then, in grateful response for being held worthy to witness the rising of God's chosen one, *they offered their gifts*.

Our stewardship program for 2018 comes at the beginning of the new year, as well as at the beginning of the Epiphany season, and we will follow in the footsteps of the Magi, offering our gifts and pledges for 2018 during the month of January as the Epiphany unfolds.

Early in the week of January 14th you will receive your pledge information, pledge card and a return envelope. **It will be critical to return your pledge immediately by mail, or bring it to worship on January 21st.** With our annual meeting taking place on the last Sunday of January (January 28, 2018), we will have a very short window to receive pledges and put together a full budget for 2018.

Like the Magi who first worshipped and offered their gifts, we have made the journey, we have faced obstacles and difficulties, but we arrived at the manger, and now we live in the presence of Jesus. In our own time we have the opportunity to be like those who have gone before us, to open up our treasures, and offer our gifts. It is our hope that every member and friend of Gethsemane will, from abundance of our own treasure, make a gift worthy of our savior, Jesus Christ.

New Year Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Peter

Treasurer's Report - Nov. 2017

Summary for November 2017

Monthly Total Contributions vs. Total Expenditures (includes C4G)

Monthly Contributions	\$26,361
Monthly Spending	\$21,425
Difference	\$4,937

YTD Total Contributions vs. Total Expenditures (includes C4G)

YTD Contributions	\$233,118
YTD Spending	\$264,056
Difference	(\$30,937)

Monthly Operating Income vs. Monthly Operating Expenses

Monthly Operating Income	\$17,689
Monthly Operating Spending	\$20,732
Difference	(\$3,044)

YTD Operating Income vs. YTD Operating Expenses

YTD Operating Income	\$197,572
YTD Operating Spending	\$246,015
Difference	(\$48,443)

All giving and spending includes C4G

Thrivent Investments

	Month	YTD
Total Account Value beginning of month	\$82,689.77	
Securities Transfers	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Additions and Withdrawals	\$ 0.00	(\$15,000.00)
Income	\$ 266.54	\$ 3,684.96
Taxes, Fees and Expenses	0.00	(\$ 1,275.90)
Change in Investment Value	\$64.72	\$ 5,179.53
End of Month Money Market Cash on hand		\$10,761.10
Total End of Month Account Value	\$83,021.03	



	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Month Budget</u>	<u>2017 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2017 YTD Budget</u>	<u>2017 Annual Budget</u>
<u>BUDGET INCOME</u>					
Giving Income	\$17,227	\$21,296	\$190,192	\$160,469	\$255,553
Operating Income	\$462	\$566	\$7,380	\$4,264	\$6,791
SUB-TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	\$17,689	\$21,862	\$197,572	\$164,734	\$262,344
<u>NON-BUDGET INCOME</u>					
Thrivent Withdraw	\$0	\$526	\$15,000	\$3,962	\$6,309
Withdraw from TD Bank Money Market	\$0	\$0	\$7,250	\$0	
Giving to Off-Budget Programs	\$729	\$0	\$15,313	\$0	
Giving to Capital Campaign	\$7,943		\$20,233		
TOTAL INCOME	\$26,361	\$22,388	\$255,368	\$168,695	\$268,653
<u>SUB-TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES</u>	\$20,732	\$21,834	\$246,015	\$246,001	\$268,653
<u>NON-BUDGET EXPENDITURES</u>					
Reimburse Investment Account Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures on Off-Budget Programs	\$635	\$0	\$10,486	\$0	
Capital Campaign Spending	\$57		\$7,555		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$21,425	\$21,834	\$264,056	\$246,001	\$268,653

Gethsemane Notes

December Council Notes

The Congregation Council of Gethsemane Lutheran Church met on Tuesday December 19. All members of the council were present. The agenda was adopted and Pastor Boehringer led council in prayer. The treasurer's report followed and there was discussion about the upcoming pledge campaign to begin in January. The pastor presented his report and ministry updates were presented. Discussion followed centered on the problems of the parking lot. Neighbors have been parking in the lot and not moving their cars. Parking spaces have been taken up on Sunday mornings and have not been removed for snow plowing. A vote was taken and passed that going forward the lot will be restricted to members of the church and those individuals who are using the church. Signs will be erected stating that cars may be towed if they are in violation of the parking rules. An update of the kitchen: the church had received the insurance money from damages and work will begin shortly. An update of the strategic planning committee was given. Search for a music director continues. A move for made for adjournment, and the meeting ending with prayer.

Reminder: The council holds an open session from 7:00 to 7:10 for anyone who wishes to speak with the council. Council minutes are available on the downstairs bulletin board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018 11:30 AM

The Property Committee has had a lot of work to do this year. However, we are still waiting for the 'BIG' project, that is the re-installation of our kitchen. The contractor has us on his list, and it appears that work will begin soon, possibly by the time this issue of the Olive Tree is published.

The kitchen has been re-painted mint green, by Council President Ron Jones and his team of painters: Theo Groh, Marsha Journay, and Sue Capano. The cabinets are back in the kitchen temporarily, due to the Holiday Fair needing the Mary-Martha Room space. It is safe to assume that they will all be moved back into the MM room when the re-installation begins. Please bear with us and our contractor as this project moves through its stages.

We hope to get an electrician to wrap some pipes in the ceiling of the addition wing with heating tape, to prevent any further ruptures. This will require an electrical box to be added, for sourcing current to the tape.

We have contracted with a snow plowing company for the months of December, January and February, to keep our parking lot and pathways/entries clear. Please note that buckets of Ice Melt have been placed just inside each door. Feel free to use the scoops provided to sprinkle the granules onto any icy patch that you notice.

As usual, we encourage any member who wishes to help with these expenses (kitchen re-install, pipe wrapping, or snow plowing) to make an additional contribution to the church. And we thank you in advance.

Susan Capano
Property Committee Chair

A round the Church

Gethsemane Prayer Partners

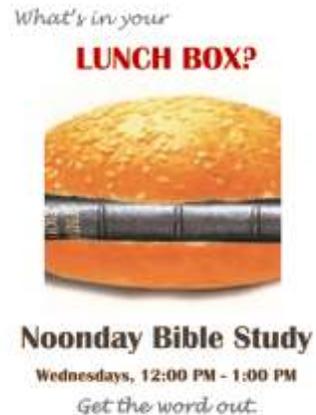
Interested in deepening your prayer life? Are you willing to share your prayer insights with others? Are you willing to try something different? Are you willing to commit to daily prayer?

Pastor is putting together a six-week prayer/study group that will use the book, "Grounded in Prayer" as its basis. Rather than meeting at a specific time, the group will meet on Gethsemane's Facebook page under the group "Gethsemane Prayer Partners." Using our Facebook page will enable us to communicate with one another each day to offer our insights, questions and have conversation about prayer and the questions around prayer raised in the book. The group is just beginning, and using Facebook is an experiment in communication and fellowship without having to drive to the church on cold snowy days. If interested, speak with the pastor. The books are available to anyone interested and we will teach you how to use Facebook if you need help.

Mary Martha News

The Mary Martha Group will meet on January 8, 2018. All ladies are invited to join in the fun. The group meets at noon and everyone brings their lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided.

Next Up: It 's Game Day!



Music

As most of you already know, Diane Destrempe has given her notice of resignation as Music Director at Gethsemane. Her wish is to spend more time with her family, especially those grandkids! Council voted to accept her resignation at their November meeting.

We would like to thank Lynne Dapice for filling in while we search for a new Director of Music.

Our hope is to have a celebration in honor of Diane when the kitchen is done and she is in town. We will keep you posted.



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