



Gethsemane Guidepost

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Mid-Week Lenten Services
Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
thru March 24th

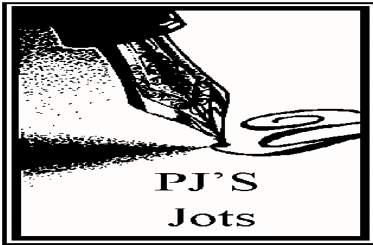
*Preceded by Soup and Sandwich
Suppers at 6:00 p.m.*



Watch for Upcoming Holy
Week and Easter Schedule

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As we are involved in our Lenten Pilgrimage, I want to focus this month's Jots on some aspects of worship. I was reading an article recently excerpted from The Work of the People: What We Do in Worship and Why, printed by Alban Institute. The authors have three very interesting steps that we should do in preparation for worship. They are: slowing down, making a transition, and warming up.

The slowing down as I read the article entails what we do on our way to worship. Our attitude about the Sunday morning worship begins before we ever leave the house. If our Sunday morning is cluttered with rushing around and barely arriving in time for worship, this will prevent us from making a transition, warming up, and entering worship well. All people that gather for worship need time to prepare. All of us can benefit from slowing the pace of our Sunday morning down as part of or preparation for worship.

Secondly, we have to make a transition. We must recognize that worship is not separate from our daily lives, that it is a special event within the patterns of life. We move from self-directed, outward-focused activity to a time of structured and active listening and openness to God's presence and guidance. The authors say: "As

a special event, worship is liminal: it names and addresses the "limits" of our lives, where the edges of our ordinary lives meet the limitless reality of God." Because worship can do this we may experience many and varied emotions during worship. The range is limitless. Hymns and prayers may touch our sadness, certain readings or parts of the sermon may make us angry as they open us up to self-examination and expose the way we have been harmed or wounded. Or, we may experience moments of great joy as we hear the gospel and know it is reaching people and letting them know about God's love.

In this transition we depart from the routine of our daily lives and enter a different pattern. The more attention we give to making this transition, the more natural it becomes. Our daily lives and our worship life are flowing into one another: we are bringing into our lives what we do on Sunday mornings, and what we do on Sunday mornings affects and drives what we do during the week. Moving from being alone or with a small circle of loved ones to being with our family of faith and greeting one another as we enter the church building completes our transition from every day to special day and begins our warm-up, getting us ready to worship.

Thirdly, is our warm-up. This begins as we approach our worship center. We greet one another in the Narthex or we attend educational events or choir rehearsal before worship. All of us are worship participants and need to warm up.

At the appropriate time, we make our way to the worship

center. We get a what we need for worship; our name tag, a bulletin, children may grab one of the children's bags with crayons and such. We try to make sure that all the things we need for worship are easily accessible for the appropriate time in worship. The opening of worship, whether it is an instrumental prelude, a time of silence, or a time of chanting or singing, gives us time to complete our warm-up and ready ourselves to participate fully.

These are just three steps we participate in before worship actually begins. I think they are a good reminder for us and things we need to practice when each of us come to our worship.

Shalom,

PJ

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A reminder to lift up in prayer the individual or family listed on the calendar on the day indicated. A congregation that is engaged in prayer for one another will be a congregation that loves one another as Christ has first loved us!

Minutes of Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Preliminary:

- A. Bill Akers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- B. In attendance were: Bill Akers, Vickie Brubaker, Paul Davidson, Jolene DeLong, Alan Farmer, Duncan King, Meghan Knapp, Amy Minarik, Art Nonneman, Wesley Swan, and Bob Williams. Absent were: Charley Doerge and Pastor John Hawkins.
- C. Bob Williams welcomed new members of the Council. Art Nonneman provided cookies and candy in recognition of the meeting falling on “Fat Tuesday” and to provide needed sustenance for pondering ‘weighty issues’.
- D. Bill Akers led a Bible study based on the ‘Good Samaritan’ parable reported in Luke 10: 30-37. He divided the Council into three discussion groups. Discussion questions were: “In what ways has the Church (Gethsemane) been like the priest, the temple assistant, and the Samaritan?” (of the parable) “In what ways have you?” This provided the context for later discussions on the mission of the Church and possible responses to a deficit budget.
- E. Bob Williams moved approval of the January 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Amy Minarik seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.
- F. Bob Williams presented the current financial report indicating that receipts for January were approximately \$1500 below budget and expenses were about \$400 below budget.

II. Action and Discussion Items:

- A. Bill Akers indicated he has received information from our insurance agent regarding a method for determining the value of property housed within the church building. He is awaiting a quote on a \$1,000 deductible policy to cover property replacement costs.
- B. Bob Williams led an extensive discussion of the deficit budget approved at the Annual Meeting, challenging each Council member to evaluate priorities within their individual areas of responsibility considering our mission, current fiscal realities, and possibilities.
- C. Pastor Barry Neese will serve as supply pastor for Feb. 28, 2010 as Pastor John Hawkins will be with our confirmands that weekend.
- D. We have received a request for payment of 2010 East Kentucky Conference Dues. After discussion Art Nonneman moved, Bob Williams seconded a motion to table a decision on payment until additional information can be obtained. The motion to table passed.
- E. Gethsemane has been invited to join ROSM (Resource Office for Social Ministry) which provides information about requests for church assistance within the Fayette County area. Bill Akers will discuss this with Pastor Hawkins and report at the next Council meeting.
- F. Wes Swan reported that a contract has been signed with Youth Works for a July 4-9 Youth Mission Trip to Charleston, WV. Participants will stay at Canaan United Methodist Church. Fifteen spots are available. A ‘garage sale’ fundraiser is planned for April 17, 2010.

III. Pastor’s Report: Bill Akers reported that Pastor Hawkins’ daughter is moving, so Pastor stayed in Indiana today to help the family. He expects to return to Lexington to lead the Ash Wednesday service. Soup suppers preceding Lenten services will begin next week, Wednesday, February 24.

IV. Closing Business:

- A. In March, the Christian Education Committee will be responsible for refreshments.
- B. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Art Nonneman moved, Amy Minarik seconded the motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Garden Springs Backpack Program

Just a reminder that we continue each month to collect food to be sent home with 30 children from Garden Springs Elementary.

Here is a list of the foods we use: Shelf stable milk, juice boxes, shelf stable jello and puddings, microwavable Chef Boyardee or kroger meals in small sizes, small cans of beans and weinies, cereal bars, small boxes of cereal and snack size fruit cups.

You can also donate cash or checks, please make checks payable to the church and mark them for the backpack program. Thank you for all your help and God Bless.

Help is Needed for Soup Suppers

Our mid-week Lenten services which are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., will be preceded by soup and sandwich suppers at 6:00 p.m. We need your assistance in providing soup, side dishes, and set-up and clean-up with these light suppers. To make sure there is enough food and support each Wednesday, please see the sign-up sheets on the kiosk in the narthex to offer your help. If you have questions, please call Vickie Brubaker at 299-4018.

ChurchWomen United

Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer on Fri., March 5, at Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 1070 Lane Allen Rd. Fellowship will begin at 9:30 am. and the service will start at 10:00 a.m.. Prepared by the women of Cameroon, the 2010 World Day of Prayer service will begin at the first sunrise on March 5th in the Pacific region, and follow the earth's orbit, shining its light on the continent of Africa and the rest of the world. The worship service emphasizes the importance that the people of Cameroon place on music and celebration in their praise to God. Here in Lexington, we will hear an audio tape of their music and learn about their lives by viewing a slide presentation, as well as join in a series of prayers of confession, praise and intercession. All women are invited; to car-pool call Barbara Herbener at 277-8054.

VBS Volunteers Needed!

On Sat., March 6, the Christian Education Committee will be having a planning session for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. and a light breakfast will be served. We need volunteers to head the four stations. The stations are Bible study, games, crafts and songs. We also will be planning the breakfast and lunch meals along with snacks. The theme this year is Lava Lava Island. The date for this year's VBS is June 12, at 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. We encourage all to volunteer for this exciting community outreach. Please contact Amy Minarik at 272-5266.

OFFICERS:

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Bill Akers - 797-0071

Vice-President

Charley Doerge - 619-3349

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Outreach

Reminder:

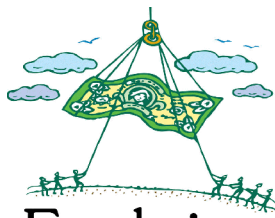
In March snacks will be provided following our worship services by the Christian Education Committee.

Women's Bible Study

Beth Moore is one of the best-selling Bible study authors, and she has focus on how Christians can live triumphantly in today's world. A number of her studies focus on the battle Satan is waging against Christians. About a year ago a group of Gethsemane women met and worked with her material and completed the study of Daniel. We were so impressed with her and the quality of the study that we are about to begin to study her new Bible study on Esther. If you are interested in joining us we will be meeting the Fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. every month. We will spend about 30 minutes discussing the previous material, and then watch the introduction to the next session via a one hour video. You then have a month to do your study guide. We will begin the trip through Esther on March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Ruth Green's home. In order to get off to a good start, after our meeting on March 22 we will then meet again on March 29. After those two meetings the next one will be on April 26, and once a month thereafter. Call Vicki Brubaker at 299-4018 or Ruth Green at 278-7016 for more details.



Don't forget to spring forward on March 14th!



Fundraiser

Youth Yard Sale
- April 16 & 17

When you start your spring cleaning this month, remember the Youth Yard Sale! The Youth of Gethsemane are on the look-out for your used and gently used household items, furniture, clothing, toys, books, and anything else that someone out there might truly appreciate. We are starting to collect items this month for our sale to be held on Fri. & Sat., April 16 and 17. All proceeds will be used to help fund our Summer Mission Trip. If you would like to help us out, or have any questions, please contact Wes Swan at (859) 455 6823 or Jolene Delong at (502) 867-9953.



We recycle aluminum cans at Gethsemane for the benefit of the Youth Enrichment Fund, and at this time we are now using these funds to go towards the Youth Mission Trip. Currently we have moved the drop off for aluminum cans to the youth room entrance. This continues to be a great way to bring in extra needed funds and "go green" at the same time! NOTE: We also recycle glass, please see designated receptacle outside.

Lexington Community Seniors

The Lexington Community Seniors is planning a trip to the Cincinnati 21st Anniversary Flower Show on Tuesday, April 20. You will leave Gardenside Baptist Church at 8:00 a.m. and spend the day looking at the hundreds of dazzling floral designs with acres of buds and blossoms. You will return around 4:30 p.m. The cost will be \$30 plus you will be responsible for your own lunch. You will be free to wonder the show at your leisure. If you are interested in this venture, please put it on your calendar and contact Ruth or Bill Green at 278-7016. We will need to collect the \$30 by April 11.

Easter Flowers

Easter flowers are available for purchase. This year we have a choice of yellow tulips, red tulips, lavender tulips and white Easter Lilies. The cost of each plant is \$8.00. Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. Deadline for placing orders is March 29th.



March Birthdays

- 1 Jolene DeLong
- 2 Nancy Frantsvog
- 3 Howard Musgove
- 6 Elijah Lewis
- 7 Pat Schwantes
- 7 Jim Musgove
- 10 Green Miller
- 15 Eva Okerstrom
- 18 Jean Davidson
- 22 Angela Roberts
- 23 Ted Latham
- 25 Jennifer Kohonen
- 25 Paul Davidson
- 26 Duncan King
- 26 Kathy King
- 30 Bill Akers
- 30 Julie Gessler
- 31 Debbie Haller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 21 David & Dawn Mitchell
- 23 Bob & Chris Williams

Read *The Lutheran* on the

World Wide Web! The address is www.thelutheran.org



Deadline is 20th of Each Month

In order to allow time for publication, all items submitted to the Guidepost must be in the church office no later than the 20th of the month. Your consideration and cooperation in honoring this deadline are greatly appreciated.

The Guidepost staff reserves the right to edit any article submitted for reasons of space, grammatical errors, or unclear content. We will make every effort to preserve the meaning of the message.



Altar Guild for March

Marilyn Roe, Nina Latham

Each Sunday we need volunteers to prepare and to clean up for our worship service. The tasks are quite simple but obviously important to our worship. User-friendly instructions are provided. Sign-ups are by the week. The sign-up sheet is posted on the sacristy cabinet in the kitchen area. If you would like to do this and/or if you have questions, please contact Vickie Brubaker at 299-4018.



Contact Barbara Herbener: 277-8054 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The prayer chain is a group of volunteers who have promised to pray for others when requested. When a prayer request comes to the chairman, she calls the second person, who calls the third person, etc. The last one on the list calls the chairman to report that the entire chain has been alerted to pray for the concerned. The prayer chain prays regularly for Gethsemane's homebound members and for all congregational meetings and is willing to pray for

individual and group concerns. The prayer chain also respects everyone's preferences for privacy. To request a prayer either phone the contact person or write it and place in the Prayer Box in the narthex.



- 7 Eldred & Nancy Frantsvog
- 14 Bill & Ruth Green
- 21 David & Jaci Williams
- 28

Flowers are \$18.50 per bouquet (NOTE NEW PRICE). Please see the sign-up sheet in narthex. Place your check marked "Flowers" in the Sunday offering plate or use the offering envelope designated for flowers.

Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet on Wed., Mar. 17 at 9:30 a.m., at church. We will be studying from the March issue of Lutheran Woman Today, Session 7, titled "The Renewing of Our Minds". All women are welcomed and encouraged to join us!

Project Day

Project Day will be held on Wed., Mar. 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. We will be working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and remember to bring stamps and can labels (please be sure the bar code shows on the label). All women are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join us for lunch!

Please call changes of address to the church office, 277-6096, whenever you move. It saves the church a fee that the U.S. Postal Service charges for giving the church a change of address. Thanks for your help.

Habitat for Humanity,
Lutherans of Lexington
and Thrivent Financial
Announce:
2010 Lutheran Build

DATES: May 3rd to June 26th
(weather permitting).

PLACE: new subdivision off
Georgetown Road.

TIME: 8:30 AM start time to 4:00
p.m. clean-up.

WHO? anyone who can yield a
hammer, saw, rake, paint brush,
install insulation, cook,
sweep, clean up, etc. The work
can be easy or hard, but it is all
rewarding and a blessing, both
to the giver and receiver.

AGE: 16 to ?

Please check out the information
located on the kiosk in the
church narthex.

GLCW
Project Day

This is a day of work, fellowship,
good food and fun. We put
together quilts that are sent to
many places, some overseas and
some to organizations in
Kentucky. If you can use a
needle, sewing machine,
scissors or iron come join us. You
can also come and just visit and
see what we do, and find out if
you would like to be a part of
this busy group. We often have
work that can be done at home,
if you prefer that. **COME SEE
HOW WE SERVE GOD WITH
OUR HANDS AND HEARTS.**



*Garden of Gethsemane for
Prayer and Reflection*

We have been planning our own
Garden of Gethsemane to be a
most peaceful place where anyone
can come to spend some quiet
time in prayer and reflection. The
lovely fence has already been
donated and built by David and
Jaci Williams. We've worked with
a landscaper to design a garden
that will require little maintenance
(so you see only perennial plants),
withstand draught, and utilize
native Kentucky plants. We will
continue to use one rain barrel and
to add a second so that the project
will be as green as possible. We
will use pine straw in place of
mulch (since mulch encourages
termites).

On Feb. 21st we distributed
individual flyers with a more
detailed description of the plants
and small color photos to give you
an idea of how lovely the space
can be. If you didn't get your copy,
please let us know and we'll get
one to you.

Ventures such as these are not
inexpensive, so we anticipate
developing the garden only in
phases and only as funds are
available. We hope you will
consider donating funds in honor
or memory of a special family
member, relative, or friend. A list
of person(s) so honored will be
visible on a plaque in the garden.
Of course you can also donate
anonymously.

In order to have these items
under warranty, they must be
planted by the nursery.

Beginning the first Sunday in
March, we will have a poster in
the narthex with more specific
information about costs and
about donation procedures.

Please keep this project in your
prayers. If you wish to be part
of additional planning and
implementation, contact Nancy
Frantsvog (276-0112) or Enid
Waldhart (277-6836).

Needle Workers - We
Need Your Help!

Project day ladies are hoping to
help veterans at the Leestown
Veterans Hospital. The need is
for someone to crochet small
covers for Veterans who have
had to have a tracheotomy. We
have the yarn and a crochet
hook, so if you crochet and can
help please contact Nancy
Frantsvog at 859-276-0112.

Thank You

We do not want to forget to
thank and give our appreciation
to those who help get the
newsletter in the mail each
month by collating, stapling,
sealing and sorting:

Edith Haller
Debbie Haller
Enid Waldhart
Amy Minarik
Janet Koerner
Dorothy Lowther
Bob Smith

Thanks!!



Giving our time is often harder than giving our money. When Ron Windorpher, one of our church members, suggested that our congregation start a soup kitchen ministry at noon on Sundays, he knew he couldn't do it alone. Additional hands would be needed to prepare and serve the food on a day when the local Salvation Army kitchen was closed. The need was clear. Hungry folks needed to eat on Sundays, too. Money alone would not feed empty stomachs. Ron knew he needed both hearts and hands to work together.

So he announced his plan from the pulpit, prepared a sign-up sheet for volunteers, and asked for prayers of support and seed money to help his vision grow. Still, it took a while for the idea to take hold. Questions and concerns were raised and addressed. After all, this was new territory for our small northern Michigan parish. The new ministry would take a lot of menu planning, preparation, and prayer. And time.

Soon enough, though, volunteer teams appeared. And they have stayed faithful to Ron's call for over fifteen years. Soup kitchen lunches have ranged from soup to nuts to holiday feasts of turkey, dressing, and yams; from peanut butter and honey sandwiches to baked pineapple and glazed ham. Whether the food is simple or sublime, it fills

an empty stomach and warms a lonely heart.

We need each other. What's more important than giving our time, our most precious commodity, to a hungry person?

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Something to Think About...

The other day someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farm house in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?" I replied: "I had a drug problem when I was young:

- I was drug to church on Sunday morning.
- I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.
- I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.
- I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.
- I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.
- I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word.
- I was drug out to pull weeds in Mom's garden and flower beds

and cockleburs out of Dad's fields.

- I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed."

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place!

Source Unknown

The Red-faced Usher

When an elderly woman asked a church usher to seat her close to the pulpit, he tried to talk her out of it. "If you sit up front, you won't be able to sleep," he said. The woman looked the usher square in the face and asked, "Do you know who I am?" "No, I don't," he responded. "Well," she said firmly, "I'm the preacher's mother." Fully embarrassed, the usher asked, "Do you know who I am?" "No," she answered. "Good!" whispered the fellow. "Sit anywhere you want."

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