



Gethsemane Guidepost

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Ash Wednesday Service and Imposition of Ashes

**February 22, 2012
at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Mid-Week Lenten Services
Begin on February 29th
at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On February 14, 2012, many within our society will celebrate Valentine's Day. A day which we celebrate love between individuals. In the English we have only one word for love.

I love my husband.
I love my parents.
I love hotdogs.
I love to watch comedies.

In the Greek language, there are different types of that word, love. Love between a man and a woman in Greek is called Eros - It is a physical type of love. Love between friends or brotherly love is "Phlios" - Like the city of brotherly love, "Philadelphia." Love of a parent for a child is "Philoteknos." Jesus spoke of people and their love of money, "Philarguria." Jesus also spoke of and demonstrated another type of love, God's deep love for us, love which is sacrificial and giving - "Agape" (pronounced ah gah pay) love.

In the church, we are called to have agape love for one another, for God and for those in the world. Paul wrote of this type of love in 1 Corinthians, which is read at many wedding ceremonies. But Paul was writing to the church in Corinth and to the church today. He tells us that:

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so

as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; Love is kind; Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant

⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; It is not irritable or resentful;

⁶It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;

¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

As we enter into this month with Valentine's Day, may we also remember how Jesus showed us and demonstrated the best form of agape love, and then, may we share God's unconditional love with all. I end quoting 1 John 4:

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live

through him .

¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us!

With Christ's Love, Pastor Laura

PASTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

For any emergencies or hospitalizations, please contact Pastor Laura on her cell phone. She can also normally be reached at Gethsemane, Tuesdays through Thursday during church office hours and meeting nights. She typically works half days at home on Monday and has Saturdays clear for sermon preparation. Friday is her day of Sabbath.

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Garden Springs Backpack Weekend Lunch Program

A reminder that we continue to help provide food for 30 children each week at Garden Springs Elementary School. The cost for the food from God's Pantry is about \$200 a month. Your help is needed to continue this program. Keep bringing in snacks, pudding, jello, pop-tarts, cereal bars, etc. If you can help financially, mark your donations "backpack program". Thanks for your continued support!

BIBLE STUDY

The Beth Moore - Revelation Bible study group will meet on Monday, Feb. 13th at 7:00 p.m., at the home of LuAnn Schmuck, 3276 Drayton Place, Lex., KY. Please contact Ruth Green at 278-7016 if you have questions or need additional information.

GLCW Annual Meeting

Come join us on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, for our annual meeting of fellowship. This year our speaker will be Ginny Ramsey of the Catholic Action Center. She will talk about the center and how we can help. The meeting will begin at 11:35 a.m. with a light lunch. We hope you can join us at this time.

Congratulations to Amanda Manuel on her new position. We bid her, Eric and Doree a fond farewell! Their new address is: 106 Bay City Trail, Houghton Lake, MI 48629.

Church Women United

Church Women United will meet Wed., Feb. 8th, at Catholic Action Community Inn, 824 Winchester Road, beginning with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. The program, featuring a speaker from Community Action, will start at 10:00 a.m. Church Women United has the high aim to show how women can work together to transform communities. Why not join women from churches all around Lexington who Agree to differ, Resolve to love, and are United to serve.....in Christ's name! To carpool, call Nancy Frantsvog at 276-0112, or Barbara Herbener at 277-8054.

Lexington Community Seniors

The Lexington Community Seniors will be hosted by Broadway Baptist Church for a luncheon on February 16th at 11:30 a.m., at 2500 Harrodsburg Road. The cost will be \$10 per person. *The deadline for reservations will be February 12th.* Make checks payable to Ruth Green. The speaker for the luncheon will be a special presentation by retired Minister, Wayne Smith. Mr. Smith is one of the most accomplished and revered names in Lexington. Come and enjoy a wonderful lunch and enjoy listening to Wayne Smith's stories.

Super Bowl Party

A Super Bowl party will be held at Bob and Myrtle Clarks' house on Sunday, Feb. 5th. Pre-game begins at 4:00 p.m., game at 6:15 p.m. Bring friends and family to enjoy the Super Bowl game. There will be lots of fellowship and things to do, even if you don't watch football. Bring a game to share, and a snack if you like.

OFFICERS:

President

Charley Doerge - 619-3349

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Darrell Gosnell - 879-9552

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Fellowship

David Williams - 299-8873

Outreach

(Vacant)

Property

Paul Davidson - 225-4268

Worship & Music

Norma Akers - 797-0071

Youth

Denny Roberts - 885-2783

Reminder:

In February coffee will be provided following our worship services by the Executive Committee.



Worship In Lent

In the church year, we celebrate three major festivals to mark Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost.

As Advent prepares us for Christmas, Lent prepares us for Easter and Holy Week. Lent an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring," is a 40 day period (excluding Sundays) similar to Jesus' time in the wilderness. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and works of love (service) which begins with Ash Wednesday. On this particular evening, we will receive crosses of ashes upon our foreheads as a reminder of our own mortality and a symbolism of our repentance for sin. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return" will be spoken to each of us.

Then as we journey into Lent, God invites us to turn back again and again to God who desires our undivided attention. Some may give up things like television, food/candy or internet access in order to turn to God for comfort or advice. Some may give up things in order to make more time and space in order to spend that time with God. Some may take on more acts of service, in order to see Christ in the one we help. No matter what you chose to do for Lent, may it help you to grow closer and deeper in your relationship with God.

For our part, we will provide you with Lenten devotions written by members of the ELCA churches in the East Kentucky Conference. Be sure to pick one up on Sunday, February 19th in the church lobby. We also invite you to our special midweek services beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22 thru Holy Week (the first week in April).

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SPECIAL MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES "The Body of Christ"

Please join us each Wednesday for our special midweek services.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., for the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. (No Supper will be held this night.)

Each Wednesday, beginning February 29 through March 28, 2012. Come and enjoy a Soup Supper served at 6:00 p.m. beginning Wed., Feb. 29th, followed by Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Week by week during the season of Lent God's people, who are the Body of Christ in God's world today, will be invited to meditate thoughtfully on the human body with which our Lord first brought God's saving love to the world during our Midweek Lenten services. Each week we'll look at another topic to help us more fully understand all Jesus did for us.

Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who sent cards and the many prayers during Karen's recent heart valve surgery. With all of your thoughts and prayers miracles did happen, and we really do appreciate all of our friends at Gethsemane being with us at this time.

Mike & Karen DeLong



**8th Annual Ecumenical
Worship Service
Feb. 12th at 7:00 p.m.
Pax Christi Catholic Church
4001 Victoria Way
Lexington, KY 40515**

**2012 Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity
Theme: 1 Cor. 15:51-58**

**Bishop Bill Gafkjen will be
participating.**

*"We will all be changed by
the victory of our Lord Jesus
Christ"*

50th Anniversary

Getting in the spirit of Gethsemane's upcoming 50th anniversary, I thought it might be interesting to have a monthly trivia question about people and events at Gethsemane. I must admit that going through past Sunday bulletins and Annual Reports has revealed some interesting bits of information. So for February:

QUESTION: What current member of Gethsemane was baptized on Sunday, September 8, 1963 in Gethsemane's newly completed sanctuary?

Submitted by Linda Doerge.



February Birthdays

- 1 Cory Bricking
- 7 Cathy Cook
- 10 Laurie Roberts
- 10 Brian Williams
- 13 Pernie Jennings
- 15 Amy Minarik
- 16 Amy Blake
- 26 LeeAnn Musgove

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Lynn & Pat Schwantes
- 5 Bruce & Diane Klockars
- 6 Pernie & Peggy Jennings

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address is
www.thelutheran.org**



In order to allow time for publication, all items submitted for the Guidepost must be sent to 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. Thank you!



Altar Guild for February

Nina Latham, Barbara Herbener,
Kathy Nonneman

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 Norma Akers at 797-0071.

Prayer Chain



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.

5Bruce & Diane Klockars

February Altar Flowers

12 Paul & Jean Davidson
19
26

Flowers are \$18.50 per bouquet. 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 for their monthly Bible Study on Wednesday, Feb. 15th. We will begin with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Our February lesson will be Session 6, "Tough Questions", from the Jan./Feb. issue of "Gather" magazine. Subscription information is available from Marilyn Roe (879-8178), and copies will be available at each circle meeting. If you need transportation, please call Nancy Frantsvog (276-0112) or Barbara Herbener (277-8054). We hope that you can join us.

PROJECT DAY

– Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m. –

Please join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month for a morning of work on various projects, a lunch (bring your sandwich - coffee/tea and dessert provided), and great fellowship with other women of our congregation. We have projects that involve sewing (hand-stitching fleece blankets, hand tying quilt blankets, some machine stitching) and lots of others that require no sewing at all (labels for church *Guidepost*, projects for teachers, trimming stamps, etc.). We'd like to have you join us.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

On the weekend of February 24-26, our confirmands and Pastor Laura will be on retreat with 6 other ELCA congregations at the Aldersgate Retreat Center, Rowena, KY. This should be a great time as we explore the Apostles Creed. Be sure to ask them about it when they return. Our confirmands include: Ashton Combs, Kelsey Haub, Abigail Lewis, Austin Omgvig, and Lily Vossekuil.

February Service Project

Since February weather often means that it's hard to get around easily, Gethsemane's service project of the month asks you to bring in items for the **HopeMobile**. The Hope Center has a special van that goes through the city on a regular pattern to reach out to homeless women/men. Items are collected and put into backpacks to distribute from the van.

The items requested are: backpack or other sturdy carrying bags, travel size toiletries, soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, disposable razors, toothbrush/toothpaste, lotion, winter caps, gloves, scarves, chapstick, feminine products, band-aids, alcohol-free medicine (aspirin, etc.), and white tube socks.

Please bring these items to church and place in the basket near the Welcome Center. Thanks in advance for your help.



On Sunday, January 15, 2012, we welcomed Liam Volland into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We celebrate this joyous event with his parents Lindsey & Brian Volland; Sister Norah, Grandparents Vickie & Lynn McDaniel, and Pamela & Don Volland; and Sponsors Heather Volland & Adam Schreck.

Christmas Auction Results

For those who have been asking, the GLCW made \$2,877.74 from our Christmas Auction. We want to thank everyone who gave their time, talents and donations to our 2011 Auction. Thank you!

Youth News

I would like to begin by inviting all of you to come to the youth room and check out the chess set that I bought at the auction. Not many people have ever made me speechless; Darrell Gosnell has joined that elite group. The chessboard is breathtaking. Thank you, brother.

We have hit the ground running in 2012. We had a movie night for the younger kids (pre-RELYers). We previewed the movie "Dolphin Tale", and will be showing it as our third installation of dinner and a movie with the girls of the Florence Crittenton Home.

We were just ten days from our ski trip when we had a change of plans. We will be going to Paoli Peaks instead of Perfect North. The rates are about the same, and we would like to invite any of you to join us at the church on the morning of Saturday, February 4th. We plan to eat a bite of breakfast, and hit the

road by 8:30 a.m.

There is also one thing I'd like to say about the RELY kids. I had suggested that they pray about serving the meal at the budget meeting. When I got out of the sanctuary that day there they were, all lined up serving soup! What a great bunch of kids.

Serving Christ and families,

Don Altman ("Do")
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Thank You

Thank you so very much for your kind donation of baby blankets. Thoughtfulness, such as yours, has enabled the Florence Crittenton Home to serve Kentucky's young women and children for over a century. Know that your generosity and efforts inspire us and are appreciated by the home's residents, staff and board. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers, and thank you for continuing to think of the girls! *From the Florence Crittenton Home.*

We celebrate with Pastor John Hawkins (interim at Christ Lutheran, Valparaiso, IN) and wife Cathy, who rejoice in the birth of their granddaughter, Evangeline Eloise Bennett, born January 7, 2012. Welcome, brand new child of God!

Steward's Corner

In 2011, I began describing the ministries of the various committees in the church. My goal was to help us all understand how the council and its

committees use our resources to support the mission of the church. This month I will highlight the Fellowship Committee.

David Williams and the Fellowship Committee support our mission to build up one another as a people of God by helping us come to know and love one another. For many of us worship can be a private affair, even in the public setting of the sanctuary. By sharing in conversation, fun, and the obligatory food we grow to know each other as individuals and share our talents with one another. The fellowship committee arranges for our weekly coffee fellowship each Sunday and the small budget the committee uses helps supply the hot beverages. The committee also makes arrangements for special lunches such as the Thanksgiving dinner and Easter Brunch as well as Lenten soup suppers. You may remember that summer was ended this past year with a cookout using committee member talents. This past year arrangements have been made for Zumba or Square Dancing, however these will only continue if there is expressed interest from the congregation. The committee will be focusing on fellowship opportunities that come at no cost and use the talents of the congregation. For example, there are rumors of a pool party later this summer, and the annual New Year's Eve Party is sure to continue! This past year the committee also helped other committees with Super Saturday and Halloween activities.

If you have ideas for fun for the congregation, or if you have skills they can put to use, contact David Williams.

Amazon Fundraiser

The "Gift Wrap Your Holidays with a Smile" program was a huge success! At the final count we had

20 volunteers who worked 45 shifts and wrapped over 3,300 packages. This translated into \$2,852.45 to be divided into different youth ~~fundraising categories and a title to~~ the general fund. One of the nice things about this type of event is that it doesn't cost you anything to do it other than your time. You don't even have to set up or clean up at the end. I want to say a special thank you to all who participated: Bill and Norma Akers, Don and Pastor Laura Altman, Jon and Jolene and Jacob DeLong, Kathy Gosnell, Meghan Knapp, LJ and Janet Koerner, Amy Minarik, Art and Kathy Nonneman, Glenn and LuAnn Schmuck, Christine Sisken, Carol Stuckert, Enid Waldhart and Chris Williams. Lastly, this was a Thrivent matching project as well, so we received an additional \$200. Way to go wrappers!

-- Jolene DeLong

Gethsemane Lutheran Church would like to acknowledge and thank the following who have given gifts to the church in memory of Muriel Charley:

Linda



Frazier

Helping Others

As Enid pointed out in the town hall meeting, we do several outreach projects that have little or no cost involved. Here's an update on some of them:

Aluminum Can Recycling:

In 2010 we collected over 332

pounds of cans for a total of \$162.34. In 2011 we received an additional \$119.42 just for taking our cans to recycling instead of putting them in the trash.

Ink Cartridge Recycling:

From June – In December of 2010 we earned \$74.00 from Staples to spend on school supplies for the kids next door at Garden Springs. In 2011, we earned \$108. I love to be able to call Tiffany at the Resource Center and say I have money for you, can you tell me what you need?

Labels for Education:

These are those soup labels that have points on them that schools can redeem. The women of the church clip and organize these on Project Day. I have over 134 points to turn in to the school.

Box Tops for Education:

These are on several different products and again the school can redeem these. I have 212 box tops to turn in to the school.

Thanks for taking these simple steps that really do add up to help others. These programs continue throughout the year, so keep bringing these items in.

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 Congregational Council Meeting
Wednesday January 11, 2012**

- I. Preliminary and Committee Reports:
 - A. Charley Doerge called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Also attending were Pastor Laura Altman, Norma Akers, Paul Davidson, Darrell Gosnell, Kathy Gosnell, Meghan Knapp, Art Nonneman, Denny Roberts, Kim Toohey and David Williams.
 - B. Pastor Altman used an article in The Lutheran titled “The economy and evolving church” as the basis for a devotional on the purpose of the church. She then closed with prayer.
 - C. Darrell Gosnell moved and Denny Roberts seconded approval of the minutes from the December 21, 2011 meeting as presented by Kathy Gosnell. The motion passed.
 - D. Denny Roberts reported that the congregation raised approximately \$2,800 wrapping gifts for Amazon.com. A \$280 tithe will be given to the operating budget. Most of the remainder will fund the next youth mission trip to Brimingham, AL.
 - E. Paul Davidson presented a preliminary list of persons who should receive a new, numbered building key. Dorenda will maintain a log of key recipients and key numbers. PRP Architects presented a preliminary design for repair of the sanctuary wall for discussion at a 10:30 a.m. meeting at the church on 1/18/2012. An LGE/KU energy audit report is available for review.
 - F. Meghan Knapp encouraged committee chairs to examine the Time and Talent Survey results to identify potential committee members. She also noted the need for a link on the GLC webpage for on-line giving.
- II. Pastor’s Report:
 - A. Pastor has asked an individual to prayerfully consider the Outreach Committee Chair position.
 - B. Pastor Laura’s Jan. 10, 2012 class on Lutherans and Lutheranism at Pax Christi went well. The 8th Annual Ecumenical Worship Service will be held at Pax Christi, 7:00 p.m. Feb. 12, 2012.
 - C. Pastoral ministry with individuals having significant, confidential, pastoral needs continues.
 - D. Bi-weekly meetings with other ELCA pastors and monthly meetings with Pastor’s Spiritual Director in Louisville continue to provide valued continuing education and spiritual growth.
- III. Action and Discussion Items:
 - A. Pastor Altman received a request from YMCA to use our facilities for after school programs to serve children 5-10 years of age bussed from Picadome, Wellington, and Rosa Parks schools. The “Y” also hopes to host a summer program at Gethsemane for special needs students. Darrell Gosnell moved, Kathy Gosnell seconded formation of a task force, chaired by David Williams, to further explore and possibly negotiate a rent and use contract. The motion passed.
 - B. Honoring the strong desire expressed by the congregation at the 1/8/2012 Town Hall Meeting for a balanced 2012 budget, Kathy Gosnell and Charley Doerge independently provided draft proposals that substantially slashed projected expenditures. These proposals guided discussions leading to a revised 2012 budget that eliminated most of the previously proposed deficit. This proposed budget revision will be considered at the January 22, 2012 Annual Meeting.
- IV. Closing Business:
 - A. The Executive Committee is responsible for coffee setup in February.
 - B. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.
 - C. Denny Roberts moved, Kim Toohey seconded the motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 9:18 p.m.