



THE GETHSEMANE GRAPEVINE

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Tomorrow and Today

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jer 33:3

When I was a kid, I loved comic books, especially Superman comic books. Every week, my mother would take me to get a haircut at Star Barber Shop, a fixture in downtown Temple, Texas. Fritz Goldman was the owner and ran the shop for over 65 years. My cousins, uncles and even my future father-in-law, Raymond, got haircuts there. Fritzie was my mother's cousin, but they grew up on farms so close to one another, they were like one big family. Fritzie loved to torment Mama. While he was cutting my hair, he would pretend to whisper in my ear, and then he would point at Mama and chuckle and laugh. Her name was Wilma, but he called her Wimpy. She would get so mad at him, but she loved him like her brother. He loved her like his sister.

When my haircut was done, I'd give Fritzie a dollar and he would give me 25¢ back. Mama let me go to the nearby comic book store and I would buy two comics- Superman or Superboy, maybe Batman. One day I saw a paperback book that cost a quarter and it had three Superman stories in it. What a deal! Three stories for the price of two, plus it was a book. A paperback book, but nonetheless, a real book.

Please understand, this was a long, long time ago, and I still clearly remember one of the stories. It was titled *Superman's Three Mistakes*. One day, Clark Kent, Superman's secret identity, received a letter in the mail. The letter read simply, "Clark. I know who you are. Look back through your life to find the mistakes that gave away your secret." Clark was very disturbed. Who knew that he was Superman?? What clues had he left?? Using his super memory, he recalled all the things he had ever done and found three mistakes. After a few days, he had corrected everything, erasing the clues he had left. Superman couldn't think of anything else. *Was there anything else??*

A week later, Clark got a second letter. It said, "My dear son. By now you should have found and corrected any mistakes you may have made. Be safe and be careful. Love Pa." Jonathan Kent, Superman's human father, had written the two letters with instructions that they be sent ten years after his death. After all those years, Jonathan was still watching over his child. That's what parents do. They take care of their kids.

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." Gal 3:26

"And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me," says the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor 6:18

"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Rom 5:8

Our Heavenly Father knows we can't correct our mistakes, our sin. He knows we will sin again. He sent the only One who could fix everything, forever. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us.

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him." 1 John 3:1

God loves Jesus and God loves us. Jesus loves the Father and Jesus loves us. Amen.

Yours in Christ Jesus, Curtis

Bible Classes

Sunday morning at 10:30 am

“The Book of Luke”

Led by Doug Pennekamp,
meets in the Life Center

“A Study of Abraham: Created to be God’s Friend”

Led by Pastor Jerry
meets in the Quilt Room

“The God of All Comfort”

Women Only – meets in the Library

Various topics, led by Simon Martin

For Young Adults – meets in Room 201 (upstairs)

Tuesday Morning Bible Class

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the library to study God’s Word. The class is beginning a new study to be led by Pastor Hilsabeck. The topic is the Pastoral Epistles: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. Prayerfully consider making the choice to participate in this class; everyone is welcome.



Autumn Group

The Autumn Group is on break for the summer. The next meeting will be September 11th. The fun begins at 10:00 am, so plan to come early to visit and play games with your friends and then join everyone for the meal at noon.



May 27, 2018

The Bible readings are:

Isaiah 6:1-8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 17:11b-19

June 3, 2018

The Bible readings are:

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6



The church office and preschool will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.



It is so hard to believe that there are only two weeks left in the school year. We have had quiet the adventure this year. It began with a hurricane and in the middle of the year, we threw in some ice days. But despite the weather challenges, this has been a great year; I have really enjoyed watching the children grow and change.

You may have noticed our new pre-school sign. Last fall we raised money at our annual Walk-a thon for the sign. It was installed on Monday.

We will celebrate the pre-k kiddos on May 24th at 1:30 pm. We would love to have you join us and see all the things the children have been practicing.

Summer camp is right around the corner. Our enrollment started out slowly; however, we have had a big jump in the last few weeks. We are excited to welcome 66 kiddos to our campus this summer. Summer camp starts on June 4th and runs through July 26th.

I pray you are all doing well.

In His Service,

Kim Perry

Congregational Meeting

Our next congregational meeting will be on Sunday, May 20th, immediately following the Sunday school hour. We will begin with a light lunch followed by the business portion of the meeting. The main agenda items for consideration are: the election of the 2018-19 council members; the election of new endowment committee members; and approval of the endowment committee's proposal. Since these are important issues concerning our congregation, please make every effort to attend.

Fun & Fellowship Trip

The next planned trip is to the Garden of the Gods, Royal Gorge & Colorado Springs. The date is September 8-16, 2018. Details are coming soon!



Autumn Group Trip

The next trip Theresia is planning will be to Lake Jackson to view daylilies in the gardens of two members of the daylily club. The date is Tuesday, May 22 and **THE DEPARTURE TIME IS 8:00 AM**. This will be a relaxing day and there will be opportunities to purchase daylilies at the second stop. Please note that **lunch is scheduled for 1 PM at River Point Restaurant**. (no eating on the bus, so plan breakfast and snacks accordingly) Call Theresia if you are interested. Future trips in the works: June 9 – Seaport Museum & harbor tour in Galveston; October 6 – Round Top.

March 2018

Dear Pastors and Congregations of the Texas District,

Greetings in the name of our risen and victorious Savior, Jesus!

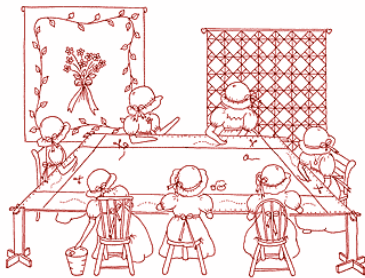
On behalf of the Texas District, thank you for your generosity in 2017. After Hurricane Harvey, we experienced a decrease in giving by a number of congregations in the Houston area. Through December, the Texas District was behind in its overall anticipated congregational giving. However, January 2018 receipts were abundant—the largest ever received for this month. Your tremendous outpouring of generosity has allowed the district to end the fiscal year with a balanced budget. With your support, the district can continue to reach the lost, disciple the saved and care for people.

Over my 12 years as president of the Texas District, I have been encouraged by your ongoing support of a very aggressive mission movement in our district. Throughout its history, the Texas District has responded to the need for mission and God has blessed our faithfulness in sharing the Gospel with many new people moving to Texas.

Thank you again for your tremendous generosity and for your continued support of our mission in Texas.

Your partner in mission,

Rev. Ken Hennings, President



Tie-quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Wednesday, June 6 and
Wednesday, June 20

9:30 am in the GLC

Everyone is welcome!



Family Night will be back in June & July!

Enjoy dinner and fellowship in the Life Center
on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm from
June 6 through July 25th
(No Family Night on July 4th)

Prices

Adults - \$4.00

Children ages 5 to 11 years - \$2.00

Children under 5 years - Free

"To go's" for homebound and caregivers - \$4.00

Other "To-go's" - \$5.00

Volunteers are needed for the cook teams!
Get your team together and sign up on the poster in the Narthex.

Collection for Manna's Food Bank

Support the MANNA food bank! Bring donations of non-perishable food to church and leave them in the container located in the Narthex. Junelle Nittsche delivers the donations to MANNA on a regular basis. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share God's blessings with our community.

Readers for Sunday Morning

There is a sign-up sheet for lay readers for Sunday morning worship services just to the left of the Women of the Church shelf on the south wall in the narthex. The readings can be picked up in the church office on Thursday morning or call the office to ask for an email copy. Thank you for your participation in the Sunday worship service.

Cookies for Sunday Morning

Every Sunday cookies and coffee are enjoyed by our members and visitors in the gathering area prior to Sunday School. Help provide these cookies! **The sign up sheet** is on the table in the gathering area. Approximately six dozen cookies are needed each week.

Evangelical Life Ministries

"Engaging Truth" Broadcasts for May and June 2018

Broadcast on 100.7 KKHT "The Word"

May 6

- 7 pm Michael Steele, "Board Member and Businessman"
7:30 pm Mike Goeke, "Same Sex Attraction—To There and Back"

May 13

- 7 pm Dr. Ben Phillips, Director of Darrington Penitentiary Seminary
7:30 pm Darrington Penitentiary Seminary Seniors—Alvin, George, and Michael

May 20

- 7 pm Becca Jones, Executive Director at Texas District Church Extension Fund
7:30 pm "Serving the Lord with Gladness" Debbie Curry, President, LWML Texas District

May 27

- 7 pm Jan Brunette, VP of Christian Life, LWML Texas District
7:30 pm "Abortion-Could It Really End?" Dr. Larry White

June 3

- 7 pm Robert Goerner, BOD ELM, Elder, and Adult Bible Class Leader
7:30 pm Darrington Penitentiary Seminary Freshmen - Ryan, Daniel and Jason

June 10

- 7 pm Rev. Michael Newman, Mission & Ministry Facilitator, LCMS Texas District
7:30 pm Rev. Stephen Demik, "Engaging the Unengaged"

June 17

- 7 pm Rev. Robert Scudieri, LCMS World Missions
7:30 pm Rev. Michael Newman, "Hope When Your Heart Breaks"

June 24

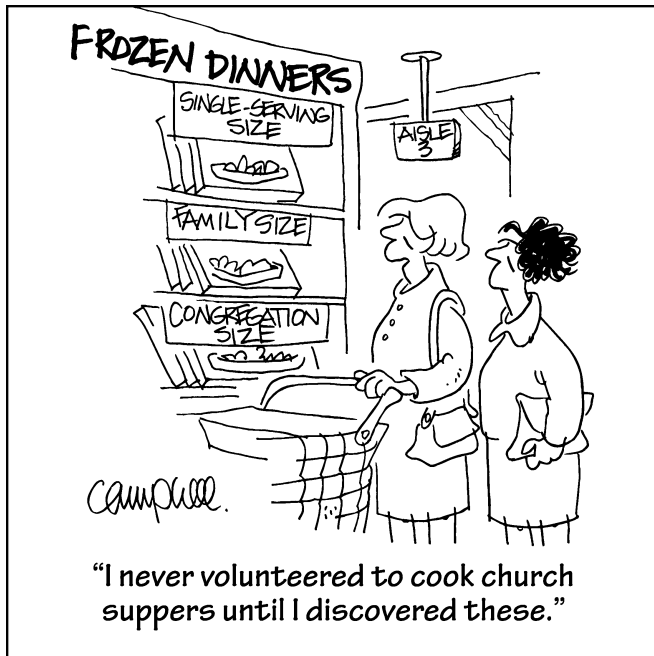
- 7 pm Rev. David Leeland, LCMS Pastor and Blogger, "Resurrection"
7:30 pm Rev. Greg Finke, "Show Me How"

Register for Summer Camp at Lutheran High North

Camps	June 4-7	2018-2019	Times
<u>Football</u>		Grades 5-9	8-11 am
<u>Robotics</u>		Grades 4-9	8-11 am
<u>Drama</u>		Grades 4-9	8-11 am
<u>Girl's Volleyball</u>		Grades 3-5	8-11 am
<u>LUNCH BUNCH</u>		Grades 3-9	11a-1p
		\$90 w/lunch	
<u>Band/Praise Band</u>		Grades 5-9	1-4 pm
		5 DAYS June 4-8	
<u>Robotics</u>		Grades 4-9	1-4 pm
Camps	June 11-14	2018-2019	Times
<u>Boy's Basketball</u>		Grades 3-6	8-11 am
<u>Baseball</u>		Grades 5-9	8-11 am
<u>Robotics</u>		Grades 4-9	8-11 am
<u>LUNCH BUNCH</u>		Grades 3-9	11a-1p
		\$90 w/lunch	
<u>Boy's Basketball</u>		Grades 7-9	1-4 pm
<u>Robotics</u>		Grades 4-9	1-4 pm
<u>Soccer Boy's & Girl's</u>			
		5 DAYS June 11-15	Grades 6-9 6-8 pm
Camps	June 18-21	2018-2019	Times
<u>Girl's Basketball</u>		Grades 7-9	8-11 am
<u>Cheer</u>		Grades 3-5	8-11 am
<u>Movie Making & Keyboarding</u>		Grades 4-9	8-11 am
<u>LUNCH BUNCH</u>		Grades 3-9	11a-1p
		\$90 w/lunch	
<u>Girl's Basketball</u>		Grades 3-6	1-4 pm
<u>Cheer</u>		Grades 6-9	1-4 pm
<u>Art</u>		Grades 4-9	1-4 pm
<u>Track & Field</u>			
		Boy's & Girl's	Grades 6-9 6-8 pm
Camps	June 25-28	2018-2019	Times
<u>Girl's Volleyball</u>		Grades 6-9	8-11 am
<u>Robotics</u>		Grades 4-9	8-11 am
<u>Mom's & Daughter's Fitness</u>		Grades 5+	1-4 pm
		FREE for Moms!	
<u>Boy's Volleyball</u>		Grades 6-9	1-4 pm
<u>Robotics</u>		Grades 4-9	1-4 pm

If you miss a broadcast, you can listen to it through the ELM website. Go to www.elmhouston.org/ and click on the Engaging Truth button.

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GOD'S FAVORITE
JULY 13 – AUG 5

Business tycoon Joe Benjamin and his family live a comfortable life on Long Island, until they receive a visit from Sidney Lupton—who claims to be a messenger of God. The jokes and tests of faith fly fast and furious in Neil Simon's contemporary morality tale of a modern-day Job with troubles aplenty, thanks to the Almighty.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

DAVID, THE BEST SLINGER IN THE WEST
JUNE 06 - JUNE 23

The Biblical story of shepherd boy David and Philistine giant Goliath is set in the 1870s and retold as a classic western showdown in this final children's show of the season. Will Sheriff Saul protect his citizens? Will sheep herder David stand up to the notorious leader of the Philistine gang? Discover what happens when David leaves his six-shooter at home and goes up against Goliath with nothing but a slingshot in his hand.

To purchase tickets call 713-526-2721 or go to www.adplayers.org The theater is located at 5420 Westheimer Road Houston, TX 77056.