



# THE GETHSEMANE GRAPEVINE

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Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jer 33:3  
*"It's déjà vu all over again."* Yogi Berra

Fall is my favorite time of the year. The weather finally cools off; football is in full swing; Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner; and, maybe, just maybe, the Astros are in the play-offs.

But, every two years, it's election time. I must admit, it really troubles me now. Remember when the two parties could debate an issue, disagree and then go to dinner together? That wasn't so long ago. Today, if Party A doesn't see what Party B sees, it's because they are Nazis, socialists, communists, bigots, homophobes, or murderers. What has happened? There seems to be so much public hate.

*"For where God built a church, there the Devil would also build a chapel."* Martin Luther

We must be doing something right. Why else would Satan spend so much time and effort trying to divide us? Not just in the halls of our government, but also in the churches across the country.

Last year, in early November, I took my car to get an oil change and have the tires rotated. My preferred shop is in Stafford, just off the Southwest Freeway. It's a bit far from my house, but it is within easy walking distance of my favorite sports bar where I could wait and pass the time. I left work a little early that Friday, dropped my car off and went to the sports bar. As I walked in, I noticed that the place was packed. The crowd was rowdy and having a very good time. I could tell that even though it was early in the afternoon, some of the patrons had been there for quite some time.

Then I noticed that all the televisions in the bar were tuned to the Astros' parade and celebration. The Astros had just won the World Series and they were being honored for their achievement. Harvey was still fresh in our minds, so this was a nice diversion for the city. As each player was introduced, the crowd stomped and beat on the tables, whooping and shouting their names. One player after another, the cheering and clapping grew louder and louder until finally George Springer, the series MVP, was introduced. Mayor Turner and other dignitaries were up there with the players and coaches, but before the speeches and congratulations began, a choir appeared onstage. As the choir began to sing the national anthem, everyone in the bar stood up. Hats off, hands on their hearts. The only sound in the room was the choir on the TV, and a few people singing along.

Never forget that one of the greatest blessings God has bestowed on us is that we live in the greatest city, in the greatest state, in the greatest country in the world.

*"The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children."* Dietrich Bonhoeffer

We are all one people. We all want the same things. Peace, happiness, health and a secure future for our children. Those are the things God has promised us. Those are the things, and more, that God has given us by giving us his Son, Jesus Christ.

*"Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is."* Amos 5:14

*"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."* Matt 5:43-45

*"Pray, and let God worry."* Martin Luther

Yours in Christ Jesus, Curtis



**Sunday Morning Bible Classes** (10:30 am)

**“The Book of John”**

Led by Doug Pennekamp,  
meets in the Life Center

**“Peter, from Fisherman to Fisher of Men”**

Women Only – meets in the Library

**“The Life of Joseph”**

Led by Pastor Jerry  
meets in the Sanctuary

**Tuesday Morning Bible Class**

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the library to study God’s Word. The class is studying Luther’s Small Catechism. Pastor Hilsabeck is the leader of this class. Prayerfully consider making the choice to participate in this class; everyone is welcome.



Enjoy dinner and fellowship  
in the Life Center  
on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm  
through November 28<sup>th</sup>  
**(no meal on November 21<sup>st</sup>)**

**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



**Autumn Group**

The November meal is a turkey dinner in celebration of Thanksgiving! There will be turkey, ham, dressing, salads, cranberries, vegetables, bread or rolls, and desserts. We start at 10:00 am so come visit, play games and join everyone for the delicious meal at noon.



**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Bible readings are:

- Revelation 14:6-7
- Romans 3:19-28
- John 8:31-36

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Bible readings are:

- Revelation 7:2-17
- 1 John 3:1-3
- Matthew 5:1-12

**Do you have a picture** from a Gethsemane event? Email it to Marissa at [mpennekamp@earthlink.net](mailto:mpennekamp@earthlink.net) with a caption to be featured on the Gethsemane social media pages. This is a great way to show our community the events happening at Gethsemane!



**DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2018**  
**TIME: 12:00 TO ???**  
**COST: FREEWILL DONATION**

### Congregational Meeting

Every fall the Gethsemane church council presents a work program for voter approval. Our congregation will meet on Sunday, November 18, 2018 after the Sunday School hour to approve the 2019 work program. A light lunch will be served.

The work program is a guide that helps the council prudently plan how to manage the gifts that God gives.

Our church constitution asks us to make the program available for review by the congregation at least two weeks prior to the congregational meeting. Copies of the 2019 work program will be available in the church office.

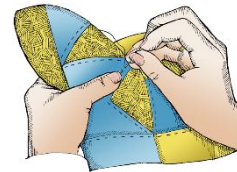


I am so excited about this fall weather! It was nice to have less humidity and a little cooler weather last week.

We have a few upcoming events to look forward to. The first is our fall festival. It will be held on Oct. 31st from 9-10:30 am. The children will come in costume and have a chance to trick or treat in the gym. The next is our annual walk-a-thon. This will be held on Nov. 13th and 14th. This year we are raising money for additional enrichment activities. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donation to the church office.

I hope and pray you all are enjoying the fall weather as much as I am. Have a blessed week.

In His Service  
Kim Perry - Director.



**LWR MISSION  
QUILTS & KITS**

### **Tie-quilts for Lutheran World Relief**

Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am in the GLC

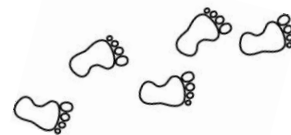
***Everyone is welcome!***

### **Tie Quilters in need of sheets**

The quilting group is in need of more sheets. If you have **clean, gently used sheets with no stains or holes** that you no longer need, please donate them to the quilters. They will turn them into quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you have questions, contact Loretta Schlobohm.

### **Gethsemane Preschool Walk-a-Thon**

Little feet are walking to raise funds to benefit the preschool. This fun event will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 am. Come cheer them on!



## Pastor appreciation

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

Encourage your pastor by assuring him or her of your prayers and love.

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Please sign-up in the gathering area to bring three dozen cookies for everyone to enjoy with their coffee & juice between the worship service and Sunday school. Your help with this project will be greatly appreciated!

## Box Tops for Education

Mary Oyer is collecting Box Tops for Education for Wainwright Elementary School. She is one of the chairmen for this project at Wainwright. Please clip the box top coupons and bring them to church. They can be left in the collection basket in the narthex or drop them in the church office.

This is a great way for schools to get additional funding. Mary's daughter, Nicole, started Kindergarten at Wainwright this year. Any help you can give with this project is greatly appreciated.



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ANNUAL BARBEQUE & PICNIC

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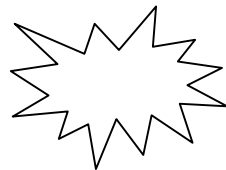
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COME ONE, COME ALL AND ENJOY THE DAY  
WITH US!!!!!!

**WORSHIP WITH US AT 9:00 AM AND STAY FOR  
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR AND THEN:**

A DELICIOUS BARBEQUE MEAL WITH ALL  
THE TRIMMINGS  
(FREEWILL DONATION)



SILENT AUCTION  
(To benefit missions)

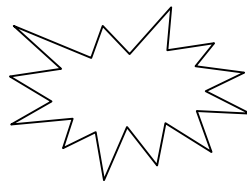
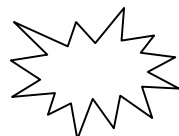


TABLE GAMES FOR THE ADULTS





## Immanuel Hamburger Fry

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
306 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

\$3.50 for hamburger & fixings  
\$ .50 each for drink and chips,  
\$ .75 each for potato salad and pie

## Lutheran High North Presents "ARSENIC and OLD LACE"

Lutheran High North will present the classic comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace," on **Saturday, October 20, at 7:00 pm**, and again on **Sunday, October 21, at 3:00 pm**. Tickets are \$10 for adults, **FREE for students and children, and donation only for senior citizens**. This is a full length, three act comedy. Expect to spend 2+ hours enjoying yourself.

### CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



### CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Daylight saving time ends

**Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2 am**

Turn your clocks back one hour.

## 'Town Hall' Meeting – Available on CD

The 'Town Hall' meeting held on Sunday, October 14 with Pastor McNamara was recorded. Please contact the church office if you want a copy of the recording.

If you would like to listen to Pastor McNamara's Sunday message from a previous week, go to Gethsemane's webpage at [gethsemanelutheran.org](http://gethsemanelutheran.org) and click on the media tab. The messages are posted weekly.



*For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me.*

—Martin Luther

## Women of the Reformation

Although the names most often associated with the Reformation are male, women also played key roles in maintaining the integrity of the church. "Most were wives and mothers," professor Justin Holcomb writes. "Some were also authors, apologists, ex-nuns and queens. All were faithful servants of Jesus."

Women who made notable contributions include:

- Katherine von Bora, the former nun who married former-priest Martin Luther
- Argula von Grumbach, a Bavarian noblewoman who published letters and debated with university faculty
- Olympia Fulvia Morata, an Italian scholar who lectured on the teachings of Luther and Calvin — and was persecuted and imprisoned
- Jeanne d'Albret, queen of Navarre and a leader in France's Huguenot movement, who tried to peacefully resolve tensions between Catholics and Protestants
- Marie Dentière, an aristocrat who left an Augustinian monastery to speak in public — even on street corners! — about church reform

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