



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*

"The more things change, the more they stay the same." Alphonse Karr, French writer

Twenty-two people were killed in El Paso a few weeks ago--murdered by someone filled with hate, rage and fear.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, speaking shortly after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, said this . . .

"In this difficult day, in this difficult time for the United States, it is perhaps well to ask what kind of a nation we are and what direction we want to move in. For those of you who are black--considering the evidence there evidently is that there were white people who were responsible--you can be filled with bitterness, with hatred, and a desire for revenge. We can move in that direction as a country, in great polarization--black people amongst black, white people amongst white, filled with hatred toward one another.

Or we can make an effort, as Martin Luther King did, to understand and to comprehend, and to replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand with compassion and love.

For those of you who are black and are tempted to be filled with hatred and distrust at the injustice of such an act, against all white people, I can only say that I feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed, but he was killed by a white man. But we have to make an effort in the United States, we have to make an effort to understand, to go beyond these rather difficult times.

My favorite poet was Aeschylus. He wrote: 'In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awesome grace of God.'

What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence or lawlessness; but love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or they be black.

So I shall ask you tonight to return home, to say a prayer for the family of Martin Luther King, that's true, but more importantly to say a prayer for our own country, which all of us love--a prayer for understanding and that compassion of which I spoke.

We can do well in this country. We will have difficult times; we've had difficult times in the past; we will have difficult times in the future. It is not the end of violence; it is not the end of lawlessness; it is not the end of disorder.

But the vast majority of white people and the vast majority of black people in this country want to live together, want to improve the quality of our life, and want justice for all human beings who abide in our land.

Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world.

Let us dedicate ourselves to that, and say a prayer for our country and for our people."

We are not to be afraid, for we have been given the good news of Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate that, and pray for our people and our country. Let us live in Christ and live like Christ.

⁹"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Curtis



What a busy and exciting few weeks we have had in the preschool. The new floors were installed in record time and they look amazing! I was on vacation when they were completed, but I was kept in the loop by Logan and Jacky. Linda and I have been working hard getting the furniture and toys to the correct classrooms before the teachers come back on the 19th.

We had our annual parent night on August 20th and it was so much fun to see all the families, new and old, ready for a new school year. School starts on August 26th and it is going to be a great year. I cannot wait for the classrooms to be filled with children and the campus to be super active again!

This year we are using all the available classrooms and had to adjust our library and Spanish classes to fit into the daily classroom time rather than having a different classroom to travel to. Many of you may have noticed the change as the children's library has moved to the church library. Thank you so much for accommodating us and adjusting as we fill the preschool with children. What a blessing it is to teach over 100 children each week about Jesus.

We are also going to change up the parking for our teachers this year. Since our preschool is full we are going to ask all teachers to park in the church parking lot to accommodate all the mom's and dad's dropping off and picking up their little ones from our program.

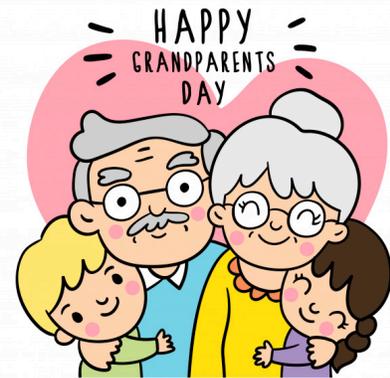
On August 25th, the day before school starts, we will have a blessing for the teachers and children's lunch boxes at the church service. We would love to have everyone join us in welcoming the teachers and students back on campus. We will also have the preschool building open and would love to show you the new paint and floors!

We are excited to see what this year brings and all the blessings we will be able to bestow on the children in our care.

In His Service,
Kim Perry



**THE PRESCHOOL INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE & SWEET TREATS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 @ 9 AM**



Sunday Morning Bible Classes (10:30 am)

"Philippians"

Led by Doug Pennekamp, meets in the Life Center

"Living A Chocolate Life"

Women Only – meets in the Library

"Joy"

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. Pastor Jerry is teaching the class. The topic is titled, "The Lord's Prayer". Prayerfully consider making the choice to participate. Every one is welcome.



SAVE THE DATE!!

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2019

TIME: 12:00 PM

COST: FREEWILL DONATION



In our thoughts & prayers

The following people are experiencing problems with their health – Sue Jackson, Herta Adams, Tanoa Parker, Lucille Stolp, JoAnn Milton, Francisco Briones, MaryAnne Lee, Doris & Fritz Warncke, Ella Vernon, Bill Reed, Barbara Marburger, Stacy Mooney, Carmen Bartarse, Evelyn Gersch, Mark Byerley, Brenda Criss, AnnaBella Heckmann, Jason Johnson, Wyatt Riner, and Donna Romeo.

Please pray for the following seven families of our congregation:

Week of September 1st

*Brandt & Laura Kelley ; Kaitlin, Brooke, and Taylor
Douglas Kelley
Farrell Kelley
Jonathon & Lauren Dawson
Len & Jan Kelley
Ryan Kelley
Travis Kelley*

Week of September 8th

*Clint & Megan; Bryce and Liam
Steve & JayJay Kettler
Christopher & Stephanie Kieschnik
Ron & Anne Kieschnik
Johnnie Kolkhorst
Denise Konvicka
Edwin Konvicka*

Week of September 15th

*Neal & Peggi Konvicka
Nolan Konvicka
Mike Kottong
Jennifer Krause
Julie Kriegel
Brittany Landry
Nicholas Landry; Gavin*

Week of September 22nd

*Nelda Lawrence; Christopher and Kristen
T.K. & Clarice Lee; Theodore
MaryAnn Lee
Sheila Lee
Christina Lee
Andy & Lora Lewis; Kaitlyn and Emme
Jerald & Ivy Linsley*

Week of September 29th

*Diana Look
Don & Pat Look
Gavin Look
Gregory Look
Jerry & Barbara Marburger
Quentin & Abigail Marien
Bryan & Rachel Markworth; Nathan and Jackson*



September 1st

The Bible readings are:
Prov. 25:2–10
Heb. 13:1–17
Luke 14:1–14

September 8th

The Bible readings are:
Deut. 30:15–20
Philemon 1–21
Luke 14:25–35

September 15th

The Bible readings are:
Ezek. 34:11–24
1 Tim. 1:5–17
Luke 15:1–10

September 22nd

The Bible readings are:
Amos 8:4–7
1 Tim. 2:1–15
Luke 16:1–15

September 29th

The Bible readings are:
Dan. 10:10–14, 12:1–3
Rev. 12:7–12
Matt. 18:1–11 or Luke 10:17–20



God Bless & Keep Our Members & Friends in the Military

Taylor Lowe (Alan Lowe's son and Jim & Jan Taylor's nephew), Freddy Mendoza (Bill & Marcia Reed's grandson), Joshua Goldsmith (Melissa Aasgaard's brother), Caleb Becker and Adam and Ethan Heckmann, (Joyce Heckmann's nephews), Valarie Sparks (Don Look's niece), Christopher Kieschnik, Courtney Sharp, Doug Yates (Cheryl Yates' nephew), Andrew Fair (Dolores Karkoska's nephew), Kiera Vernon, Adam Fingleman, Crystal Briones, Curtis McDonald, Erica Lewandowski (granddaughter of Ken & Pat Herbrich), Christopher Ambrose, Tala Raus (granddaughter of Charlene Raus), and Chris and Mike Handy, and Tyler Copeland (Megan & Simon Martin's cousins and family friend).

The Houston Lutheran Chorale is seeking new and returning singers to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in music and song. Please join us.

For More Information call 832-489-6773 or, for a proposed rehearsal schedule, visit the web site at www.hlc-tx.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 186th Oktoberfest will officially kickoff in Munich on

Saturday, September 21st. In tandem, as part of the monthly brunch series, Gethsemane will be hosting an Oktoberfest themed brunch. Think sausages, pretzels, and traditional gingerbread hearts - lederhosen encouraged!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESL CLASSES!

(ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

NO teaching experience required - English only speakers, OK!

Houston is now the most diverse city in the United States. It is vital to know how to speak English. Learning English as an adult is necessary, but difficult. Gethsemane is looking for English-speaking volunteers with a heart for helping other.



Volunteer training workshops and the ESL classes will be held at Gethsemane. The teacher training workshops will be led by a certified ESL teacher and will begin in August. Once you are trained, you can volunteer for as much or as little time as you want.

The free classes for new language learners will begin in September. The classes will be held in the daytime, during school hours. Each session of classes will meet three days per week for three weeks.

For more information or to help out, text or call Lisa Sitz at 713-410-5427 or email Lisa at: lisa.sitz@gmail.com.



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.

Our thanks and appreciation to everyone who provides the cookies enjoyed each Sunday morning in the gathering area.



Gethsemane Adult Choirs Are Resuming Rehearsals Soon!

Anyone high school age or older is invited to participate in the Gethsemane Adult Choir or the Gethsemane Adult Handbell Choir.

The Gethsemane Adult Choirs resume practicing on **Thursday, August 29, 2019**.

Adult Choir begins rehearsing at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Handbell Choir begins rehearsing at 8:45 p.m.



HOUSTON LUTHERAN CHORALE



"Please join us August 24th as we host a back to school brunch for our preschool and community families. This will be the first Saturday monthly brunch to be hosted and we'd love to have a great turnout (all ages welcome)! If you can help with cooking, set-up, or kids activities, please contact Kim Hendrix at 406-690-6696. Additionally, fliers will be available in the Narthex; we ask you distribute them to friends, co-workers, and neighbors to help spread the word."



THERE IS STILL TIME TO GIVE!!!!

You have been seeing school supplies on sale in all the stores. This is the time for you to buy school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. As in the past, Ruth Circle will assemble these kits. You may put the supplies you buy in the plastic container at the coffee bar. If you prefer we do the shopping, you may give cash or check to Susan Wasson. (Make checks payable to Susan Wasson.) Thank you for your generous support of this LWR project.



MANNA FOOD PANTRY is gladly accepting food items and appreciates all donations of non-

perishable items, as long as they are not out of date. Items greatly appreciated are flour, sugar, shortening, oil & oatmeal. For some reason, we never receive these items from the Food Bank. Thank you for all donations! Place them in the box near the flower chart. They will be taken to the Manna pantry by Junelle each Monday. The Manna Resale Shop is also open! We are accepting donations now, so feel free to bring your donations. We also have a pickup service for heavy items like furniture.

Address: 6760 Antoine Drive, Houston, TX 77091



LWR MISSION QUILTS & KITS

TIE-QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Wednesday, September 4th
Wednesday, September 18th
9:30 am in the GLC

Everyone is welcome!

We are so thankful for all of the sheet donations, and are now fully stocked for a few months. We have a lot of work ahead of us, as we put together all of the material we have received! Thank you for being so generous!



Cleaning closets?
Remember to save your re-sellable items for the next Yard Sale coming in October!
Ask Lisa for more details

Fun & Fellowship Trip

The next planned trip is to Mount Rushmore & the Black Hills of South Dakota.

When: September 7 - 15, 2019.

Cost: \$849 per person (double occupancy)

Includes: Transportation, lodging and 14 meals Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park and much more!

Please contact: Susan Wasson - 713-248-9661 or wassons@sbcglobal.net



Autumn Group Trips

Please reserve your seat for the next Autumn Group trip.

October 2nd, 2019

Richmond, TX
Enchanted Gardens
Ft. Bend Museum and cottage



Autumn Group

Welcome back! The Autumn Group resumes on Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00 am. Come early to visit with friends and play games. The menu is potluck so bring your favorite dish to share at noon.

See you then!



Defensive Driving Course for Seniors

7:00 AM
Saturday,
September 28, 2019
@ Gethsemane Lutheran Church

