



The Olive Tree

May 2019



GLC Highlights

Worship Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM
Education Hour
9:20 AM

Spaghetti Supper
May 31

Women's Retreat
Calumet
May 31- June 2

Confirmation
June 9, 10:30 AM

VBS
June 24-26



Church Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Save the Dates!

GRACELAND - God's Kingdom Rocks



Come sing, dance,
have lots of fun
make lots of noise!

Vacation Bible School
June 24-26 5:45-8:00 pm
Registration opens May 6th.

GRACELAND

God's Kingdom Rocks

Join us June 24-26 from 5:45 - 8:00 PM for a rockin' and rollin' Vacation Bible School. There will be singing and dancing. We'll make our own musical instruments and make a lot of noise with them. We will do a world tour of the Bible from Genesis to Jesus and we will have lots of games and crafts and fun!

Registration will be opened as of May 6th on the website www.glcmanchester.org. Volunteers are needed and a sign up sheet will appear soon on the Café board. There are two bins up on the counter across from the nursery for needed supplies. Please help out where you can.

Supplies needed are:

Toilet Paper Rolls

Paper Towel Tubes

Medium sized cardboard boxes (i.e. cereal boxes, snack cracker boxes)

Rubber bands in various sizes and thicknesses

Jingle bells in various sizes

Paper plates

Aluminum pie tins

Stickers for decoration

Large diameter paper or plastic straws

Dowel sticks, 1/2" or thicker, various lengths

Dried beans or peas



Congregation Council

Wish List



At the meeting on March 19th, the Council approved to put in place a "Wish List" that will be kept on the members locked area of our website. This list will

contain items that different groups would like to have or see done that hopefully some wonderful members would be willing to help defray the cost of (similar to what has been going on with the plowing). Items must be approved by the appropriate committee and then brought to Council for approval.

GLC Mug Club

Have you seen our new wooden coffee/tea mug rack on the wall in the Café area? It's still looking a bit bare. In our efforts to be more sustainable and be good stewards of the earth, not to mention reducing our costs with one time paper cup use, we are asking members to consider bringing in a mug from home, hanging it on the rack and using your own mug on Sunday mornings. You can fill your cup, have your coffee, rinse it out in the upstairs kitchen and hang it back up. As more people join in the Mug Club we will add another rack. So, be a good steward of the earth and the Gethsemane wallet and bring in your mug.



Council

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Christian Ed: Katelyn Shaffer
Abby Kelly

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Diane Fortier
Ron Jones
Jeanne Manseau
Sue Roma
David Smith

Outreach: David Smith
Tyler Tafelski

Stewardship: Theo Groh
David Smith

Worship & Music: Carol Burgess

A Note from Stewardship & Congregation Council

A Less Taxing Way To Give

As many of you did the past three years, the Stewardship, Finance and Council are asking each and all of us to consider tithing our Federal Income Tax Refund to Gethsemane. For many of us our refund comes as extra income that enables us to do some extra things around the house or take a little vacation. It can also be a way to help Gethsemane meet our 2019 ministry goals.

This is above and beyond normal giving and should be designated once again as a "Generous Heart Gift" so that we may track it. Thank you all for being "Generous Hearts" during 2016-2018. They say only two things in life our sure, "death and taxes." Not so we say, because here at GLC, the generosity of our members remains sure. We live in the light of God's overwhelming generosity, and therefore, we are also generous.

Pastor's Page



Many of you have probably seen the lawn signs posted all over Manchester that Franklin Graham is coming to here on May 23, with his *Decision America* tour. The purported theme of the tour is to get Americans to stand up for the truth of the gospel.

That Franklin Graham is on tour under such a theme is problematic and rather disingenuous.

At the heart of the gospel stands the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, and it is Jesus who speaks to truth of the gospel as he literally embodies God's will for all of creation. It is this Jesus who quoting scripture says that the two greatest commandments are these: 1. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength." 2. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Unfortunately, this is not what Franklin Graham is about. It almost seems as if Graham has forgotten the Incarnation, and with it, that part of the Christian message that Lutherans hold so close; that we are justified by grace through faith as a gift. Yet, it is not only that this central tenet of faith is missing from Graham's language, it is that he cherry picks the scripture to condemn those with whom he disagrees, while ignoring the Holy Scripture's call to do justice, support the widow and the orphan, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, succor the poor in their poverty, work for peace, etc. Graham focuses on the narrow field of personal, and often, what he considers sexual sins, while ignoring the 2000 plus scripture verses that address our responsibility to those in poverty. Further, as a Reconciling in Christ congregation that recognizes that all of God's children are part of God's marvelous creation, Graham's singling out of LGBTQia+ brothers, sisters, and siblings as being especially in need of repentance is abhorrent to us, as is his propensity for judging others.

Additionally, Graham espouses the theology of millennial dispensationalism, an aberration and heresy of the Christian faith. This theology posits that when Christ returns, he will essentially destroy the earth and the Jewish people. The theology is based on a few hand-picked verses in scripture taken wholly out of context and used to turn Christ's saving work in the Incarnation upside down. The New Testament is very clear. When Christ returns, the earth will be made new, in the image of God, "adorned as a bride to meet her husband."

There is much more to say, but suffice it to say, my pastoral advice is to avoid Franklin Graham and his graceless theology.

Peace,

Pastor Peter



Treasurer's Report - March

Summary for March 2019

Monthly Total Contributions vs. Total Expenditures

Monthly Contributions	\$23,524
Monthly Spending	\$32,350
Difference	(\$8,826)

YTD Total Contributions vs. Total Expenditures

YTD Contributions	\$77,392
YTD Spending	\$78,025
Difference	(\$633)

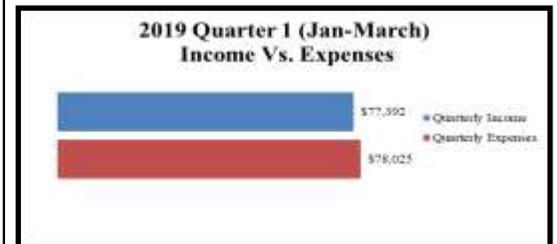
Monthly Operating Income vs. Monthly Operating Expenses

Monthly Operating Income	\$22,604	\$19,667
Monthly Operating Spending	\$32,350	\$23,069
Difference	(\$9,746)	

YTD Operating Income vs. YTD Operating Expenses

YTD Operating Income	\$72,902	\$55,598
YTD Operating Spending	\$76,682	\$66,710
Difference	(\$3,780)	

Thrivent Investments	Month	YTD
Total Account Value beginning of month	\$66,398.44	
Securities Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Additions and Withdrawals	(\$10,000)	(\$25,000)
Income	\$655.29	\$887.01
Taxes, Fees and Expenses	\$0.00	(\$213.60)
Change in Investment Value	\$0.00	\$23,621.46
End of Month Money Market Cash on hand	\$14,889.87	
Total End of Month Account Value	\$57,053.73	



	<u>Month</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Month</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Annual Budget</u>
BUDGET INCOME					
Giving Income	\$22,506	\$19,194	\$71,318	\$54,261	\$230,323
Operating Income	\$98	\$473	\$1,584	\$1,337	\$5,676
SUB-TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	\$22,604	\$19,667	\$72,902	\$55,598	\$235,999
NON-BUDGET INCOME					
Thrivent Withdraw	\$10,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
Withdraw from TD Bank Money Market	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0
Withdraw from TD Bank Memorial Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Giving to Off-Budget Programs	\$920	\$633	\$4,489	\$1,760	\$7,469
Giving to Capital Campaign	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$33,524	\$20,300	\$103,692	\$57,358	\$243,468
SUB-TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES					
	\$32,350	\$23,069	\$76,682	\$66,710	\$268,768
NON-BUDGET EXPENDITURES					
Reimburse Investment Account Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures on Off-Budget Programs	\$0	\$577	\$1,343	\$1,401	\$5,605
Capital Campaign Spending	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$32,350	\$23,646	\$78,025	\$68,111	\$274,373

Upcoming Happenings

New Horizons Walk against Hunger



Save the date - Sunday, May 19th for the 29th Annual 5K Walk against Hunger. Can we make it three in a row! Best Walking Team. Signup sheets are on the Café board and April 28th is the deadline for being able to get a t-shirt. Get your tootsies ready and walk, walk, walk!

Confirmation

Several of our young people will be confirmed on Sunday June 9th at the 10:30 service. There will be a celebration cake for them after the service.



We Hate to Say Goodbye



The Tafelski family will be moving to Michigan the middle of June for Tyler's new assignment. We hate to see them go and want to wish them all the best in their new home. There will be a

small get together to send them on their way on June 9th in between the two services. Please stop by and give them your wishes. If you have any questions, please see Carol Burgess.

May Spaghetti Supper

Can You Say **MANGIA!**



Spaghetti Supper
May 31st, 5-8PM

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
65 Sagamore St. RSVP by May 24th
623-3451 or glomanchester@comcast.net
\$10 - Individual, \$20 - Couple, \$30 - Family
Open to the Public

May 31st is the date for the next Spaghetti Supper. We know that a lot of the ladies will be at Calumet, but it was the only date we could work in to the calendar. David Smith is spearheading this event and it will be open to the public. You will need to RSVP by May 24th and we would like all GLC attendees to purchase their tickets in advance if possible. The time will be 5-8 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$20 per couple and \$30 for a family. Volunteers will again be needed to help set up, decorate, prep the meal, serve and clear (if there are a lot of people coming, we will need to reset places during the evening), and clean up. Sign up sheets are on the Café board. Any questions, check in with David.

Women's Retreat



You are invited to come join other ladies from GLC and their friends for the Gethsemane Women's Retreat at Calumet June May 31 – June 2. Carol Burgess needs to know by May 1st if you plan to attend as she needs to let Calumet know the final count on how many will be there. Do not let the word retreat scare you, this will be a relaxing, fun weekend. The cost is \$165 for the weekend. If you want to go but the cost is prohibitive, please

speak privately with Carol Burgess or Pastor Boehringer.

The topic for the retreat will be “The Healing Power of Laughter” and we will go from there with our program. The planning is still going on, and the committee will be meeting soon to finalize all the plans. We look forward to a weekend of friendship and fun.

Most of you know about or have been to Calumet. If you haven't you will be in for a treat, spending time at a beautiful place on the shore of peaceful Lake Ossipee. We stay in the conference center, have very comfortable rooms and are well fed by a dedicated staff who are fantastic cooks. And if the weather permits, we will have a pontoon boat ride on the lake taking in the unbelievable scenery around the lake and probably seeing a loon or two.

If you have already spoken with Carol, you are on the list to go, so don't worry you don't have to sign up again. We look forward to hearing from more of you and joining us for the weekend. Any questions, please call Carol (225-7226) or find her in church. Thank you.

Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday, May 12 and we know many members of Gethsemane will be shopping for gifts for Mom and that many of you just **LOVE** to shop Amazon. This is a great opportunity to increase Gethsemane's AmazonSmile donations. Please do your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com. Even easier...click on the link below, and it will take you right to our location on AmazonSmile. Thanks and Happy Mother's Day ladies!

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Easter Offerings

EASTER FLOWERS GRACING OUR SANCTUARY

- * **Paul and Gretchen Agresti** in memory of Ruth Rollins
- * **Carol Burgess** in memory of Albert P. Burgess
- * **Hank and Judie Chary** in memory of our parents
- * **Janine Danzi** in memory of my mother, Kathleen Kretchko
- * **Margaretrose Farland** in memory of Margaretrosetta and Herman Jaeger
- * **Theo and Holly Groh** in memory of Trauger Groh
- * **Ruth Higgins** in memory of Malcolm Higgins
- * **Ruth Higgins and Dagny Fecht** in memory of Rev. and Mrs. L.J. Heggem, Warren Heggem, Alma Nordby, Deborah Doyle and Vitus Fecht.
- * **Ron Jones and Marsha Journay** in thanksgiving for our families
- * **Roy and Sara Kjendal** in memory of our son, Pastor Karl Kjendal
- * **Janice Koch** in memory of Leonard C. Koch Sr.
- * **Judy Lange** in memory of my mother
- * **David and Jeanne Manseau** in memory of Leonard C. Koch Sr. and Roger and Gilberte Manseau
- * **Ed and Monica Moquin** in memory of our parents, and in thanksgiving for family and friends
- * **David Reinke** in thanksgiving for family and friends
- * **Jo & Mark Sad** in memory of family and loved ones
- * **David and Susan Smith** in memory of Clifton and Lois Rawcliffe and James and Doris Smith
- * **The Tafelski Family** in thanksgiving for our Church family
- * **Kathy Zimmermann** in memory of Otto Zimmermann

OFFERINGS MADE TO HUNGER APPEAL

- * **Carol Burgess** in memory of Albert P. Burgess
- * **Hank and Judie Chary** in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren
- * **Ruth Higgins** in memory of Malcolm Higgins
- * **Roy and Sara Kjendal** in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.
- * **Judy Lange** in memory of my mother
- * **Bonnie Ramsey** in memory of Joe and Leona Ramsey
- * **David Reinke** in thanksgiving for family and friends
- * **Jane Scarlett** in memory of Walter, Charlotte, Ernest and Aurore
- * **The Tafelski Family** in thanksgiving for our Church family
- * **Kathy Zimmermann** in thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

- * **Hank and Judie Chary** in thanksgiving for our families



Easter 2019

HAPPY EASTER

What a beautiful, meaningful service; lovely, fragrant flowers; and a most delicious brunch.

A special thank you to all who helped set up the sanctuary or cook for the brunch. The food was plentiful, and everything was delicious. I truly appreciated everyone who pitched in and I can't forget the clean-up crew who did a great job. And thanks, Shelley, for your behind the scenes work, couldn't do it without you.

What a wonderful church family we have here at Gethsemane. Everyone rises to the task and we work as one, making it extremely easy for those who do the planning. Happy Spring!

Thank you again.
Carol Burgess



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Wednesday, May 22, 2019 is the ABSOLUTE deadline for articles for the June 2019 Olive Tree. If you would like to contribute, please email your news to the church office at glemanchester@comcast.net.

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We have gluten free communion wafers for those people who would prefer them. Please notify Pastor or the Assisting Minister before the service and they will get the proper wafers.

GLUTEN FREE

What's in your
LUNCH BOX?



Noonday Bible Study
Wednesdays, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Get the word out.



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