

One more Sunday to support our local shelter

The February Need of the Month is supplies for the Sojourner Shelter, whose mission is “to provide safe shelter for women and children, advocacy and education for individuals and communities victimized by domestic violence.”

Place your donations of any or several of the following items in the barrels near the church entrances:

- Twin bed linens, blankets, and pillows
- Towels and washcloths
- Paper products (Kleenex, paper towels, paper plates, cups)
- Lip balm, Deodorant, Hand sanitizer
- Women’s socks and underwear (all sizes), Slippers

It is estimated that there are approximately 3 million incidents of domestic violence reported each year in the United States.

Some of those victims are right here in our neighborhood.

Thank you for making a difference

Fair Trade Coffee and Hot Chocolate

Yes, it’s the 3rd Sunday of the month and that means bags of Fair Trade coffee will be sold in the lobby between services. We also want to alert you that, due to increased ordering costs, our prices will go up in March. You may want to take advantage of the lower prices today. It’s a perfect time to discover how good Equal Exchange coffee is ... and maybe try the cocoa too.

Saturday Night Club

The Saturday Night Club meets February 25 beginning with dinner at 5:30 PM. Vocal and string musical entertainment will be provided by Reuben & Diane Ristrom. Reservations are required. Please call Amy Adamson at 952-944-6536 by Tuesday evening, February 21. Cost is \$12 per person payable at the door. Everyone is welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening.

Avoiding scents makes sense

Due to allergies and sensitivities of others, please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne or scented lotions while in the church building. Thank you.

View the current Calendar of Events at glconline.org

Sunday, 19 February

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
9:40 AM Mission Celebration
Kid's Art Show
HOUSE Discussion
Sunday School
10:45 AM Traditional Worship
3:30 PM People Serving People

Monday, 20 February

9:00 AM Fitness Group
10:00 AM GCW Board
4:00 PM Girl Scouts
6:00 PM Girl Scouts
6:30 PM Hymnus rehearsal
7:30 PM GA

Tuesday, 21 February

4:30 PM SIS meeting
7:00 PM Women's Book Club

Ash Wednesday, 22 February

9:00 AM Quilting
9:30 AM Master Builder's Bible Study
11:30 AM Ash Wednesday Worship
12:15 PM Congregation Meal
2:00 PM Staff Meeting
5:30 PM Congregation Meal
YOUth Choir
6:00 PM Children's Choir
6:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
7:45 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Behold Bible Study
8:00 PM Senior High Journey

Thursday, 23 February

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
10:00 AM Behold Bible Study
4:00 PM After School Kids (ASK)
5:00 PM Children's Bells
Telecare
6:00 PM Jubilation Ringers
7:15 PM Voices of Praise

Friday, 24 February

9:30 AM La Amistad Latino Outreach Group
9:30 AM *Harold and the Purple Crayon* at Children's Theater

Saturday, 25 February

10:00 AM Sewing Guild class
4:00 PM HYMNUS rehearsal
5:30 PM Saturday Night Club

Sunday, 26 February

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
9:40 AM Sunday School
HOUSE Discussion
Adult Education
10:45 AM Traditional Worship
4:00 PM Hymnus Angelicus Concert



Health Fair volunteers needed

We’re planning a Health Fair at Gethsemane on Sunday, March 11. Volunteers are needed to help with setup on Saturday and during the event on Sunday. Sign up on the blue sheet in your bulletin if you can help.



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Global Mission Celebration Today

Join us between services in Fellowship Hall for a festive conclusion to our Start> Mission Initiative.



We will be sharing the story of Latino Outreach at Gethsemane with the help of some of the Latina women that are part of our Friday morning La Amistad group – see some of the projects they have made, share ethnic treats and hear about the impact that this special ministry has had in the lives of the people involved. We’ll also learn about our interest in establishing a global relationship with a Lutheran congregation in Guatemala.

Prayers for Healing today

Just as Jesus healed many and sent his followers to carry on this work, God entrusts the church with the ministry of healing. On the third Sunday of each month, during our regular worship services, all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives are invited to come forward for a personal moment of prayer with one of the pastors. The prayer request may be on behalf of yourself, a family member or friend, or any concern that is in your heart. Prayers remain confidential.

Kids Art Show reception today

The Kid’s Art Show is on display in the Fireside Gallery through February 26. Stop in today between services for a reception and to view creative talents of our youngest members!

Welcome to Gethsemane

If you are a visitor and looking for a new church home we invite you to pick up a **Visitor Packet** in the gathering space.

Elevators are located by the north and south entrances.

Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Enhancement Units for use during worship are available from the ushers.

The **Nursery** is available during worship. Diaper-changing stations are in the nursery and both restrooms downstairs.

We invite you to sign in and include your **Prayer Concerns** on the blue sheet in your bulletin and place them in the offering plate. Concerns are kept confidential if requested.

Lent Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 22

11:30 am Worship

12:30 pm & 5:30 pm Congregation Meal

7:00 pm Worship

Wednesdays, Feb 29 - Mar 28

5:30 pm Congregational Meal

7:00 pm Lent Worship

Need a ride to Ash Wednesday worship?

One of our volunteer drivers is available to provide transportation to anyone who would like to attend the Ash Wednesday worship at 11:30 am. Contact the church office at 952-935-1753.

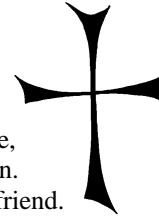
Lenten Meals

The congregation is invited to join together for a simple meal of homemade soup, bread and salad on Wednesdays before worship beginning Ash Wednesday. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, serving and cleanup. Sign up on the blue sheet in your bulletin if you can help.

A Lenten Journey

Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 pm

Hymnus Angelicus will present seasonal music with instruments with guest tenor, Aaron Humble, works by Walter, Monteverdi and Jeremy Hanson. Free-will offering. Reception to follow. Bring a friend.



Art and Architecture Tour

Nearly 600 years old, popularized by *The Da Vinci Code*, and covered with hundreds of exquisite stone carvings, Rosslyn Chapel is undergoing extensive renovation to protect its treasures. See this beautiful church with the Celtic Art and Architecture tour in September. See Paul McKenzie for a registration form and join your Gethsemane family and friends.

Are you a Thrivent member?

Did you know you can direct ‘Thrivent Choice dollars’ to a ministry of your choosing? In 2011 Gethsemane was blessed with an additional \$5,000 for ministry through this program It’s no cost to you, but a huge blessing for the church.

If you are a Thrivent member and have not yet filled out these forms, please look for the information table in the gathering space. You can also sign up online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or by calling 1-800-847-4836.

Women’s Book Group on Tuesday

The third-Tuesday women’s book discussion is this week from 7-8 pm in the Gallery. All are welcome. This month’s selection is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. The book for March 20 is *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman.

Men’s Ministry Breakfast

The next Men’s Ministry breakfast is Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker is Dr. Mark A. Throntveit, Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, where he ministers to the “dead-language impaired.” His goal when teaching Hebrew is to help students understand the original language of the Old Testament. The title of his talk is “*Genesis One: The Purposeful Pattern in God’s Creation.*”

A hot breakfast is served with a \$8.00 contribution requested. Sign up on the blue sheet in your bulletin if you plan to attend.

Silent Auction and International Dinner Event

Saturday, March 3, 6-8 pm

We’ve had some great auction items coming in for “It’s a Small World,” but we can certainly use more! If you have something to donate, drop it off at the front desk in the next week (but fill out a donation form so we know where it came from and what it’s worth!) If you need ideas, see Bob Windels.

And, if you have an ethnic dish to provide, contact Kelly Emerson at Kelly.emerson@biworldwide.com or 952-906-3023, so we can add it to our international buffet!

Sign up on the blue sheet in your bulletin if you can help in some way, and PLEASE— start inviting friends and neighbors!

Day on the Hill - March 20

“*And What Does God Require?*” is the theme for the JRLC (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition) annual and empowering Day on the Hill. Last year 850 people participated in this faith-based event at the Capital. Register by March 2 and get significant savings. You can find registration flyers on the bulletin boards in the narthex and near the office. The Social Ministry Team will organize carpooling from GLC. Contact Donna at 952-933-0453. Learn more at jrlc.org.

Be sure your offering goes to the right place!

Our new offering envelopes allow you to designate what your contribution is for. It’s important that you indicate your designation in order to be sure your money is used for the proper purpose.

If your contribution is a payment on your pledge or “regular offering” to support the general work of the church, put that on the *Ministry Support* line. Do not use the *Need of the Month* line, even if you make your contribution monthly. The *Need of the Month* is a special fund supporting the work of the Social Ministry Team’s designated charity for each month. *Need of the Month* money does not support the ministries of Gethsemane.

Building Fund is also known as the Capital Appeal, for payments on our mortgage.

Other is for any other ministry you’d like to contribute to. BE SURE to indicate what you want that to go for.