

# Gethsemane Gleanings

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Never being a huge fan of insects, or other creepy crawly things, I was a bit unnerved to open my eyes and find one of the biggest and ugliest bugs of my life sunning itself on my napping rock in the boundary waters. I tried to play it 'cool' and not jump up or scream, "It is only a bug," I told myself, "and I am not a skittish-girl," but it was so very big and the 'heebie-jeebies' got the better of me as I clumsily and quickly scooted away.

My dad, who had been fishing near by, looked over and said, "Those water bugs are kind of cool, aren't they?" My mind immediately wondered how long my dad - a child's night-in-shining-white-armor against all monsters and other things that go bump-in-the night - had known that monstrous bug was sleeping with me and why on earth hadn't he done anything about it! "Water bug?" I thought, humph, "Then what was it doing on my rock, clearly well out of any 'water'?"

Well, come to find out it, was just about to morph into one of the most amazing, and my personal favorite insect - let's see if you can guess who I'm talking about...

*This insect flaps its wings 10 times slower than a bee but has been clocked at speeds as fast as 45 mph.*

*This insect's great-great...great grandparents (300 million years ago) had a wingspan of 2 ½ feet.*

*From the time this insect hatches, it can live up to six years (unfortunately all but a few months of this time are spent in the really ugly bug stage).*

*As a nymph (the water bug stage of its life) it can eat more food in 30 minutes than the equivalent of what we could eat in a week.*

*In this insects nymph-stage, it catches its prey via a 'hyper-thrust' mechanism - they eject water from their 'bum' acting like a jet propulsion system.*


So, what insect was my ugly li'l friend about to become? If you guessed a dragonfly - you are correct! After learning a bit more about who it was that was sitting next to me, I have to admit I appreciated it a little more and it made me think,...the dragonfly's not-so-attractive-side is not that different from the world's not-so attractive-side.

So often we wonder if the world isn't just getting uglier and uglier: tornadoes that scientists can't explain, earthquakes and tsunamis like we've never seen before; war and violence that seemingly escalates with every newscast; cancer destroying lives like an epidemic; home foreclosures on every block; and an overwhelming sense of helplessness - is there anyone we can depend on; anyone here with truth, honor or integrity? If you guessed "Jesus", you are correct!

As ugly as the world, our lives and even ourselves can get, Jesus isn't 'skittish', he doesn't scurry or scoot away. Jesus actually joins us even in our not-so-attractive-side and is the power that transforms the world and our lives into the beautiful-dragonfly-side. No matter what the world or our brokenness may bring - no matter how ugly, uncertain, scary or overwhelming things may get - Jesus is with us.

Psalms 46 - God is a safe place to hide, ready to help when we need him. We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom, courageous in sea storm and earthquake.. Before the rush and roar of oceans, the tremors that shift mountains...God fights for us, God-of-Angel-Armies protects us. (1-5)

JULY	3	10	17	24	31
HOST &/or HOSTESS	Leone Hagstrom & Marlys Atkinson	Dean Ebsen & Carol Douty	Steve & Claudia Enderson	X	Dean Ebsen & Carol Douty
USHER	Doris Lampert	Doris Lampert	Steve & Claudia Enderson	Help Needed	Help Needed
LAY READER	John Atkinson	Dean Ebsen	Nadja Jorgenson	X	Dean Ebsen
NURSERY CARE	Austin Jorgenson	Danica Cheney	Rachel Anderson	X	Jodi Morrison
COMMUNION SETUP	Doris Lampert	Carol Douty	Carol Douty	Mitch Jorgenson	Carol Douty
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jerry Johnson	X	Pam Schoon	X	X
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	X	Cory Bengston	X	Cory Bengston	Cory Bengston
ACOLYTE	Evan Milbrandt	McKenzie Barth	Cody Depa	Devin Guse	Kailee Janssen
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Charlie Gunderson	Dan Cheney	Dean Ebsen	John Morrison	Randy Nilson
POWER POINT	Kayla Sobiech	Jeff Barth	Mitch Jorgenson	X	Austin Jorgenson
CELEBRATION BAND	Practice: Sheila & Beth	Sheila & Beth	Practice: Kae & Nadja	Kae & Nadja	TBA
FELLOWSHIP	LOVE	JOY	PEACE	HOPE	CHARITY




2 Jay Pazik	13 Scott Brown
3 Jean Martinson	14 Andy Paavola
3 Logan Lee	14 Todd Trettel
4 Larry Johnson	17 Rylen Paavola
4 Loren Gunderson	18 Melissa Ebnet
4 Tara Skinner	20 Joe Hruska
5 Donald Koehn	23 Karl Gunderson
6 Devin Guse	25 Annika Gunderson
6 Gerry Bjorlo	25 Philip Suek
7 Alissa Bengston	31 Dan Hovland
8 Steven Schoon	
12 Alicia (Hovland) Lahr	

Dean Ebsen/Carol Douty  
Richard & Cindy Stueve  
Steve & Claudia Enderson  
Laurie Titel  
Renee Titel  
Doris Lampert  
Mike & Jan Kiley  
John & Marlys Atkinson  
Bruce & Lisa Bartkovicz  
Leone Hagstrom  
Mel Ehrenberg

JULY  
FELLOWSHIP  
GROUP is  
PEACE



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY

July	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
3	Zech 9:9-12	145:8-14	Rom 7:15-25a	Matt 11:16-19, 25-30
10	Isa 55:10-13	65:[1-8] 9-13	Rom 8:1-11	Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
17	Isa 44:6-8	86:11-17	Rom 8:12-25	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
24	1 Kings 3:5-12	119:129-136	Rom 8:26-39	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52
31	Isa 55:1-5	145:8-9,14-21	Rom 9:1-5	Matt 14:22-33



**SAVE THE DATES!**

**SPECIAL SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES**

**July 24th at 9:30am**

Gethsemane Outdoor Worship in Garden of Gethsemane

**August 14th at 10:00am**

Upsala Heritage Days Community Worship at Upsala School

**August 28th at 9:30am**

Gethsemane Summer Watering Outdoor Worship Celebration (behind bell tower)

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA**

**Women's Brunch at the Lake**

Thursday, July 7th at 9:30am

LaVern Hruska's Home on Little Birch Lake

(Meet at church at 9:00am to carpool)



**Ladies' Nite Out**

Thursday, July 21

Janet Koehn, Contact Person

And

Thursday, August 18

Jackie Johnson, Contact Person

Meet at church at 6pm

*Thank you, for making the 2011 garage/bake sale a huge success. Thanks to help from the DAV, we were cleaned up in about 45 minutes. We appreciate the donations, the help throughout the week, the clean up crew and especially our buyers who were waiting in line for the sale to start. We continue to have a wonderful reputation for good quality items well organized and low prices. It is a labor of love to our community. Next year's sale is a long way away but think of it and put aside items that could be used for it. We have donated money to getting the light at the end of the driveway, to the new computer and the Jeremey Pazik fund.*



Join us for  
**2011 Community Vacation Bible School**  
 At Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
 August 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday – Wednesday 6:00pm – 8:30pm**  
**Thursday 5:30pm – 8:00pm**

Please call Karin Nelson to register your children, to sign up to help, or if you have questions 573 2775

AUG	7	14	21	28
HOST/ESS	Andre & Wendy Rene	X	Cindy Baggenstoss	X
USHER	Cory & Desiree Bengston	Help Needed	Kayla Sobiech	Andre & Wendy Rene
LAY READER	Wendy Rene	X	Wendy Rene	X
NURSERY CARE	Laurie Anderson	X	Austin Jorgenson	X
COMMUNION SETUP	Desiree Bengston	X	Wendy Rene	Desiree Bengston
ASSISTING MINISTER	Signe Gray	X	Mitch Jorgenson	X
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	X	X	X	Pam Schoon
ACOLYTE	Rachel Anderson	X	Jeffrey Halverson	Danica Cheney
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Denise Cheney	John Morrison	Andre Rene	John Morrison
POWER POINT	Kimmy Mrozek	X	Kayla Sobiech	X
CELEBRATION BAND	Please contact Denise if interested in playing or	singing with the bank for Community Worship	Practice Mitch & Nadja	Mitch & Nadja
FELLOWSHIP	FAITH	Community Worship	LOVE	Stewardship Team & Youth Picnic Fundraiser

Cory & Desiree Bengston  
 Andre & Wendy Rene  
 Larry & Robin Johnson  
 John & Jodi Morrison  
 Cindy Baggenstoss  
 John & Marilyn Gerlach  
 Del Kiley  
 Arnie & Gail Barthel  
 Kayla Sobiech  
 Bruce & Sandy Clear  
 Martin & Janet Strom  
 Jim & Diane Erickson



# August




- 1 Annaliese Odden
- 1 Logan Janssen
- 6 Riley Morrison
- 7 Doug Mrozek
- 9 Vicki Pangrac
- 10 Amy Clear
- 11 Desiree Kuhl
- 12 Jeanette Pangrac
- 12 Nancy Pfeffer
- 13 Evan Milbrandt
- 19 Michael Trettel
- 23 Ashley Clear
- 23 Janet Strom
- 23 Steven Clear
- 23 Shawn Hovland
- 24 Jay Holmberg
- 24 Lisa Bartkowicz
- 24 Martha Suek Nelson
- 25 Riley Filmsmyer
- 25 Trudy Trettel
- 26 Judi Stevens
- 27 Kemp Johnson
- 28 Patti Gunderson
- 29 Mary Kiley




SCRIPTURE READING FOR AUGUST

Aug	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
7	1 Kings 19:9-18	85:8-13	Rom 10:5-15	Matt 14:22-33
14	Isa 56:1, 6-8	67	Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matt 15:[10-20]21-32
21	Isa 51:1-6	138	Rom 12:1-8	Matt 16:13-20
28	Jer 15:15-21	26:1-8	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 16:21-28



Bentley Leon Schlieff  
 Born January 24, 2011  
 Baptized May 29, 2011  
 Parents are Tyler Schlieff &  
 Jennifer Boecker  
 (Great-Grandson of Mike and Gloria Pazik)



*In Loving  
 Memory  
 of*

**Jeremy Michael Pazik**  
 December 12, 1975 - June 17, 2011

Funeral services were held  
 Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Gethsemene  
 Lutheran Church; Internment following at

*Please Keep in Prayer...*



Lois Donat, Connie Statz, Virginia Thompson, Ed Nelson, Bob Holmen,  
 Roger Nilson, Martha Nilson, Elsie Clear, Mamie Thompson, Glen Swan-  
 son, Luke Letellier, Dean Hruska, Mary Brooks,  
 Todd Line & Family, Dale and Monica Monson, Mike Tisch,  
 Lois Gunderson, Lenore Jenc,  
 Bev Johnson, Jackie Dordahl (Sister of Steve Enderson),  
 Duane Milbrandt (Father of Grant Milbrandt),  
 Family & Friends of Jeremy Pazik..  
 Our Service Men & Women:  
 Brandon Ortmann,  
 Jeremiah Webb & Brian Douty.

Please note: unless otherwise noted, it is our policy to keep an individual's name on tor

**THINKING** about attending the  
**2012 ELCA  
Tri-annual Youth Gathering**

In New Orleans

July 13, 2012 - July 23, 2012

CALL PASTOR TRISH for more info or to SIGN UP

\$250.00 non-refundable deposit will be  
due September 2011



**Brat & Hotdog  
Fundraiser**

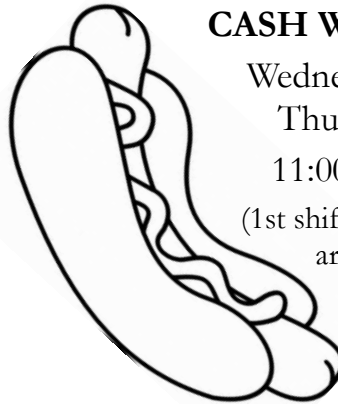
**CASH WISE** - Waite Park

Wednesday, July 20 &

Thursday, July 21

11:00am - 6:00pm

(1st shift will leave church  
around 10am)

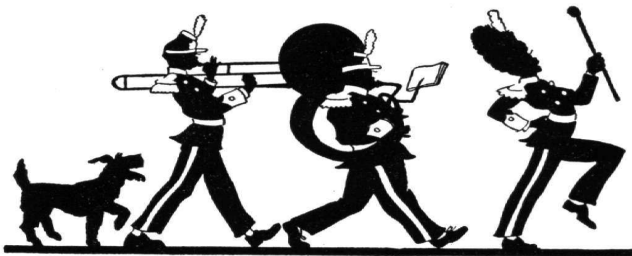


**UPSALA HERI-  
PTAGE DAYS  
SOUTH BOUTH**

Float Building - Aug 12th at 6:30pm

Parade - Aug 13th

Youth Bouth in Park - Aug 13th *following parade*



**5th Annual Qahal**

**Friday,  
August 5th  
& Saturday,  
August 6th**

**Summer Watering Worship**

**Youth Brat Picnic Fundraiser**

*following worship*

This will be the KICK OFF for  
our 2012 ELCA Tri-annual  
Youth Gathering in  
New Orleans, LA  
Fundraising



## Finances at Gethsemane

*as of June 2011*

**Income = \$54,208.00**

**Expenses = \$57,034.00**

Thank you for your generous giving of  
self, time, and resources!

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# Summer Watering

Stewardship Focus Sunday  
Sunday, August 28, 2011  
9:30am



**Outdoor Worship followed by  
Ice Cream Floats &  
Youth Picnic Fundraiser**

**Games, Cake Walk (with prizes), Water activities & Fellowship  
(This is one of the fun-est worship & fellowship Sunday's of the Year!)**

*A wonderful opportunity for us to worship God in  
gratefulness for all the many blessings God 'rains-down' in our lives.*



PROPOSED CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 21, 2011

**Present:** Pastor Trish, Jerry Johnson, Cory Bengston, Pam Schoon, and Dean Ebsen. **Absent:** Katie Bollig, Mike Trettel, Marlys Juhnke, and Elaine Mrozek.

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 P.M. Pastor Trish opened with prayer.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved with the correction under New Business that Jerry Johnson would advise the Council when a laptop can be purchased for the Pastor's use. Gethsemane has no purchasing committee at this time.

The treasurer's report was accepted and filed for the auditors.

**Book Discussion:** *Church in the Inventive Age* by Doug Pagitt

In chapter four, Mr. Pagitt explains his definition of the Inventive Age. It's an age when we have no idea what's coming next or where it will come from which allows for much creativity. Much of what we have known for certain in the past few years has been turned upside down. The social media has changed the way we communicate with each other. We are no longer asking what will we be when we grow up? But instead we are asking what do I want to do with my life? What impact will I have? We now live in a global community and are interconnected with others. The role of the church and pastor will change; we just aren't sure what that change will be or how it will happen. And one last question – How is the church relevant to each person on a day-to-day basis?

**Read Chapter five for July.**

**Pastor's Report:**

May was a busy month with Upsala and Holdingford graduations and parties. All visits were completed for May, but June visits have been slowed down for a while due to an illness and a death. The church garage sale was a huge success. A BIG thanks to Marilyn Gerlach and her team for their hard work. On June 4, the Robert Mahood burial took place. A special thanks to Nadja and Austin Jorgenson for providing music. Pastor Trish took 4.5 vacation days in June. Thanks to Pastor Jan Nairn for preaching while Pastor Trish was gone. The Youth had a successful Brat sale at Paul and Kathy's. Pastor Trish did radio devotions for a week in June. One funeral was held on June 21 for Jeremy Pazik. And finally Pastor Trish reported that she is feeling much better physically.

**Team Reports** were sent to Council members.

**Old Business:**

Thank you to the Women's group for the \$600 donation towards the purchase of a laptop for the Pastor's use and duties.

**New Business:**

1. The church received a form letter from the Morrison County Sheriff's department asking for a donation towards a child safety education program. MSC to not donate any money at this time.
2. Since Social Ministry no longer meets before Council meetings, Council **will now meet at 7 PM instead of 7:30 PM each month.**
3. A concern was brought to Council dealing with the assignment of Fellowship groups. When a new member joins church, s/he is automatically placed in a group. Some new (and old) members, for a variety of reasons, may not be able to do one or more of the duties Fellowship groups assume. After much discussion, it was decided to schedule a meeting of Council members, the Worship and Music team, and the Evangelism team to brainstorm new ways to form Fellowship groups and redefine their function within the church.
4. The Property team is making a recommendation that the top set of cupboards in the kitchen facing the dining room in the Parsonage be removed and lights put in that space. The Jorgenson's will remove the cupboards and absorb the cost of removal and repair to the ceiling. The church will pay for the lights. The Jorgenson's will research light costs and report their findings to the Council. MSC to approve the removal by the Jorgenson's and the church pay for new lights.
5. A few questions were brought to the Council's attention concerning budgets for the teams. In response to those questions, the Council decided the following concerning usage of budgeted money:
  - All team members agree on what will be purchased for team use before the purchase is made
  - For reimbursement, all receipts must be turned into Jerry Johnson within 30 days of purchase
  - For any expenses over \$250, Jerry Johnson must be informed before the purchase is made to make sure he knows the expense is coming and adjustments can be made if necessary

Dean led us in the Lord's Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Schoon  
Church Council Secretary

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Music Directors: Marlys Juhnke  
& Denise Cheney  
Sunday School: Education Team  
Church Council Chair: Dean Ebsen  
Custodian: Jason Anderson  
Groundskeeper: Mitch Jorgenson  
Cemetery President: David Gunderson  
Gethsemane Gleanings Staff  
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Duplication and Mailing: Joyce Swanson

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See weekly updates and upcoming events Blog with Pastor Trish  
Check out ministry opportunities and Just learn more about Gethsemane and our life together

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE!!**

- Education Team - 1st Sunday of Month (following worship)
  - Youth Leadership Team - 4th Wednesday of Month (7:30pm)
  - Worship & Music Team - 2nd Sunday of Month (following worship)
  - Stewardship Team - 3rd Sunday of Month (following worship)
  - Social Ministry Team - 4th Sunday of Month (following worship)
  - Evangelism Team - 1st Thursday of Month (10:30am)
  - Property Team - TBD
  - Church Council - 3rd Tuesday of Month (7:30pm)
- If you are interested in helping with various projects or in joining one of our leadership teams, please join us at any of the meetings - *we can use all the help we can get....*

Our mission is to:

Come to **KNOW CHRIST** through the Word of God.  
Come to **GROW IN CHRIST** through worship, prayer and service.  
Come to **SHOW CHRIST** in all that we do.  
Dial a Prayer 573-2525, Do it Daily!