

# Gethsemane Gazette

**1 John 4: "We love because He first loved us."**

*Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis*

## Weekly at Gethsemane

### Sundays:

**9:00 Breakfast**

**10:00 Worship Service**

**10-3:00 pm Youth Group**

**11:00 Sunday school**

### Wednesdays:

**10:00 Bible Study**

**4:00-9 pm Youth Group**

**6:00: Free Community Meal**

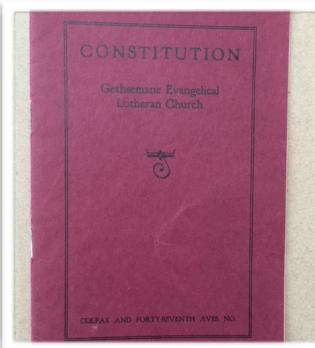
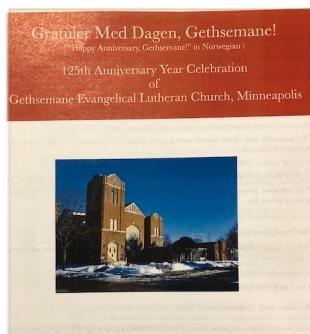
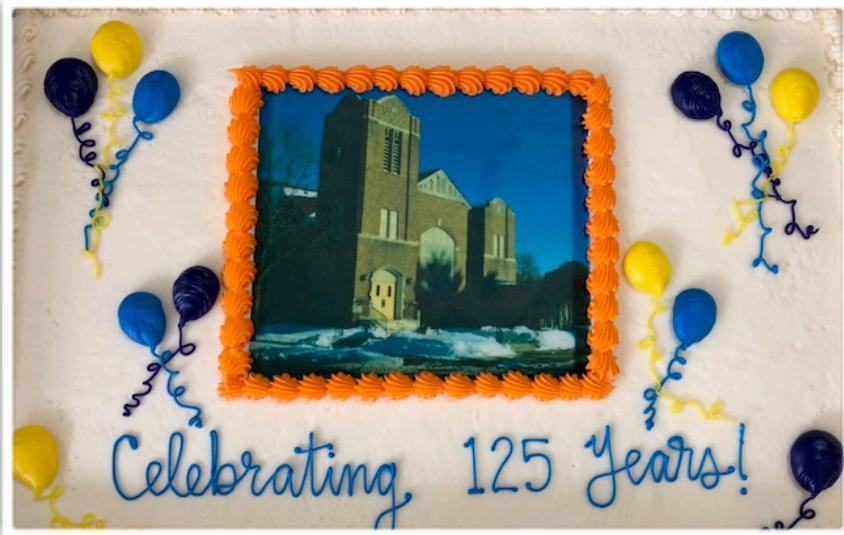
## Camden Promise Food Shelf/Produce Distribution

### Food Shelf Hours:

**1st/3rd Saturdays** of the month: 12:30-3:00 pm \* free lunch provided

### Food Distribution:

**Weekly** Mondays/Fridays @ 9:45am; Wednesday @ 6:00 pm; Saturday @ 10:00 am; & Sunday before Service.



## Gratuler Med Dagen!

Sunday, April 8th we gathered together to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the signing of our church's constitution (program/booklet pictured left). On April 6, 1893, 33 members founded our church with desire to worship together, grow in numbers, and the faith that they could make a difference in the Camden neighborhood where most of them called home. It was a predominantly Norwegian group of 18 adults and the rest children whose Scandinavian influences and traditions most assuredly filtered into the way they forged their path.



We honored their legacy with a special service to remember our founders' journey and rededicate ourselves to carrying on their walk in God's world. Descendants of the founders read words John Nelson (pictured left top), Jim Erickson (middle), and Brittany Schiebe from scripture, the Legacy of Faith booklet and the original constitution. Longtime member, John Wicklund (middle), was present to read about the lost tradition of Gethsemane's lutefisk dinners. Traditional hymns were sung and Beverly Tipton Hammond graced our presence with her gifted voice in renditions of Let Us Break Bread Together and O' Happy Day.



Pastor Jeff showed us all the constitution (side below) and the church's first letter to the neighborhood requesting assistance (\$2,500, bricks, and labor) to help raise the first building and sanctuary. In his message, he reminded us of all the rich heritage we have in our midst with the physical gifts from members past that fill our worship services each week. Times have changed and although our congregation, building and worship services may be very different today, the passion for ministry in our neighborhood is still strong. With our rededication prayer we agreed to continue on in God's journey for us as long as he needs us.



After service, we gathered together to look at memorabilia and eat cake (photo below), reminiscing about the legacy Gethsemane continues to leave going into the future. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it a special day! It was the first of many celebrations and special services throughout 2018! Stay tuned to the Gethsemane Gazette for more save-the-dates to come!

*(Cindy Nerbass -Editor)*



## **Gethsemane's 125 Year Legacy**

### **Pastor Marcus Mork: A Special Memory by Linda Omark**

The giggles...



August 2nd, 1986 was our wedding day. Plans had been made and were being carried out, guests were in the sanctuary (even though it was terribly warm), doors were open.

Pastor Marcus Mork had met with us previously, and all seemed to be going along smoothly. We knew the order of service, where to stand, when to go to the Unity candle, etc.

The service was going along smoothly, when we came to light the Unity candle. Pastor Mork, Steve and I moved down the three steps and took our candles. Pastor Mork was speaking and we tilted our candles into the Unity candle to light it. Nothing happened. We tried again. And again. The Unity candle wouldn't light!

We all started to giggle. Our candles shook as we tried again to get that candle to light. Of course the guests had no idea what was going on. It took some time (seemed longer than it actually was) before Pastor Mork, ever the down-to-earth, practical man, reached into his pants pocket and pulled out a nail clipper! He used the file part of the clipper to dig into the Unity candle and fish the wick out of the wax.



We were then able to light our Unity candle, pull ourselves together and continue with the ceremony.

The rest of the day was wonderful with no mishaps. And, we have been married 31 years.

**Share Your Stories:** If you have any special memories or photos (even stories passed down the generations) about any of Gethsemane's pastors, services, events or programs that you would care to share with our congregation and community, please contact Cindy Nehrbass (Gethsemane Gazette Editor) and you can bless us all by your words!

## Pastor's Page: Re-Purposing.....



the East wall has given members who missed taking communion at the rail an opportunity to do so once again. When we moved the altar to the East wall and removed all the candles, flowers and altar clothes, we noticed more fully (and some for the very first time!) that the altar has an inscription "Watch and Pray." And now the altar has had a re-purposing, as congregants and visitor alike are coming regularly to the rail and altar during the service to ask for and receive prayers and special anointing for healing and wholeness.



In some very important ways we have been re-purposing all along as a community of faith in North Minneapolis. As a mausoleum of our great past as a congregation, we were pretty to look at from a distance but falling apart as a congregation from the diminishing use and lack of access. Like the floor, altar and rail, how do we serve God as a relic to a time that is no more? But once we decided to be re-purposed by God for our neighborhood in our time, we have discovered that there is vitality and growth and energy in being re-purposed. And beauty too.

We have also discovered that we did not have to throw out the old. Just like the fount and table, we can connect our own gifts with a taste and style that reflects who we have been as faithful disciples in the past 125 years at Gethsemane. And just like the rail and altar, we can once again be used in the manner for which we have been designed, but now more accessible in this new time of our life as a congregation.

My prayer for our congregation in our anniversary year as we walk through these changes and more is that we might be continually re-purposed as God's people in God's sanctuary in God's neighborhood...and focus, like the Gethsemane of of old, on the growth, vitality and energy that has and is yet to come!

*Pastor Jeff*

## Stewardship Schedule: May 2018

	5/6	5/13	5/20	5/27
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dianne Sch.	Dianne Sch.	Dianne Sch.	Dianne Sch.
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Linda O.	Matt S.	Linda O	Matt S.
<b>Coffee</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Rochelle N. John N.	Arlene D. Rose Reeves	Dianne & Dale Szach	Norma R. Maryann Case
<b>Greeters</b>	Ella K.	Norma R.	Maryann C.	Jill Taitt
<b>Money Counters</b>	Dianne & Dale Szach	Linda O. Jill T.	Dianne & Dale Szach	Linda O. & Jill T.
<b>Power Point</b>	Ian K.	Anthony	Youth	Anthony
<b>Ushers</b>	Ben K. Ella K.	Earl R. Darrel T.	Greg Sz. Darrel T.	Anthony Darrel T.
<b>Van Drivers</b>	Ben K.	Randy Sch.	Randy Sch.	Randy Sch.

### **Prayer From Our Rededication Service :**

Almighty God, 125 years ago our founding members adopted a constitution, and began our church's journey with faith and a calling into service for You and your people. Throughout a century and a quarter our congregation has continually been transformed and molded by your hands to be what is needed in the neighborhood and world. You and your love have always been constant. Through hills and valleys you have brought us, and into the future you send us. Of course much is uncertain in this earthly life, but on this we stand: Lord, you are with us and our trust is in you. With gratitude, we reflect on the our brothers and sisters in Christ who started our little church on the corner, their visions for growth, all the members who served selflessly before us, the leaders who discerned our path, and those of us now who follow you into the years to come. We promise You, Lord, that as long as you need us we will be here to spread the good news of your love and new life in Christ. Protect us on our journey and continue to mold us into the church of your calling. AMEN

# Who's Who at Gethsemane

**Senior Pastor:** Jeff Nehrbass

**Youth Group (GYG) Director:** Brandon Fleming

**GYG Assistants:** Anne Johnson, Dick Mork, Matt Strauman

**Camden Kids Director:** Carrie Asanji

**Building and Grounds:** Darrel Taitt

**Confirmation Teacher:** John Nelson

**Sunday School Leader:** Brittany Schiebe

**Newsletter Editor/Communications:** Cindy Nehrbass

**Technology & Social Media Specialist:** Ben Knaus

**Bulletin/Stewardship Coordinator:** Linda Omark

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**Altar Guild Coordinator:** Arlene Dohrn



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**\*Camden Promise:** (612) 521-5216

Website: [www.camdenpromise.org](http://www.camdenpromise.org)

**Emergency ONLY:** ( 612) 964-0881

**\* Prayer Chain Request:** (612) 805-5711

**\*Volunteers Needed!** We are always looking for volunteers for our weekly Camden Promise Food Shelf, Food Pick Up, Community Meals, Special Events, Worship Services, Sunday School and MORE. Please consider the gift of your time!

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