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CATHEDRAL CALLER FOR October 2009 GETHSEMANE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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THE PATHWAY TO ULTIMATE GREATNESS ALWAYS STOPS IN FRONT OF THE CROSS

Dear Friends in Our Lord Jesus:

The year was 1925, and the place was the city museum in Vienna, Austria. On exhibit was a piano used by the great composer Ludwig van Beethoven, who had died nearly 100 years earlier.

The display was impressive. Museum officials had roped off a large area around the piano and turned it into a shrine dedicated to the great German composer. Surrounding the piano were paintings, manuscripts, old music books, and other memorabilia.

One day, as the crowds passed by the display with great respect, a young American woman sauntered casually past the guard, pulled aside the rope, and sat confidently on the piano stool. Before the astonished guard could say a word, and before the crowd knew what was happening, the smiling young woman hammered out a loud and flowery air.

Finishing her 12-bar concert with great flourish, she turned to the dazed attendant and asked — in proper Ivy League German — if other accomplished pianists from around the world had come to inspect the instrument.

Still somewhat shaken by the woman's boldness, the guard nodded and said that a short time before, the brilliant Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski had made a pilgrimage to the museum. "Paderewski!" shouted the woman. "Surely he must have played

something most beautiful on this old instrument!"

The attendant looked down at the floor and was silent for several seconds. "On the contrary," he replied softly, "Mr. Paderewski did not feel worthy of touching it."

Humility.

It is becoming a rare treasure in a world that seems more and more dedicated to the pagan gods of pride, selfishness, self-centeredness, vanity and egocentricity. Everywhere we look — from the top corridors of economic power, to the smoke-filled rooms of political intrigue, to the non-stop talking heads on satellite television — we are bombarded by scenes of greed, pride, vanity, and self-centeredness.

The author of the Book of Ecclesiastes — probably King Solomon, David's son — was confronted in the 10 Century BC with similar images of pride and egocentricity. But his view, infused with the wisdom of the Lord, saw the futility of pursuing earthly greatness. Here is how he described his feelings: "All is vanity, and a chasing after wind . . . Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity" (Ecclesiastes 2:17b, 18-19).

Humility. The Lord Jesus put it this way: "For everyone who makes himself great will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be made great" (Luke 18:14).

Humility. As we continue our journey into the Fall, let us remember that the ultimate road to greatness always stops in front of the Cross.

— **The Very Rev. Dr. Steve Sellers +**

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, as long as ever you can. As for money, gain all you can without hurting anybody. With wisdom, save all you can. Then give all you can.”

— John Wesley



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED AT CHURCHES UNITED FOR THE HOMELESS IN MOORHEAD

A special THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU to those who helped prepare and serve the evening meal on Tuesday, September 29, at Churches United for the Homeless in Moorhead. Those who served were: Deacons Terry Overbo and Charlotte Robbins, Fr. John Peterson, Pam Chabora, Mary Gnahn, and Fr. Steve Sellers. In all, we served 125 meals. We were assisted by three beautiful young women, all freshmen, from Concordia. Gethsemane serves at Churches United on the fifth Tuesdays of months that have five Tuesdays.



CANON CARRIE BOREN FROM DALLAS WAS OUR GUEST PREACHER ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Gethsemane was blessed to have as our preacher on Sunday, October 4, Canon Carrie Boren, lay canon for evangelism in the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. Canon Boren was the guest speaker at Diocesan Convention in Bismarck on October 2 and 3. And we were blessed to have her with us over that weekend.



***Don't forget! Daylight
Savings Time ENDS
at 2 a.m. on Sunday,
November 1.
Remember to set your clocks
BACKWARDS
one hour!***



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

An early-morning women's Bible Study will begin at Gethsemane Cathedral at 7 a.m. on Monday, October 12. The class will be taught by Fr. Sellers, and it will be held in the Fireside Room. It will be the counterpoint to the men's Bible study which is held from 7 to 8 a.m. on Tuesdays. For more information about the class, please call the Cathedral office at 232-3394.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THROUGH THE BOOK OF REVELATION ON TUESDAY MORNINGS

Our Tuesday morning men's Bible Study continues its journey through the Book of Revelation during the month of October. The class — which read through the Acts of the Apostles last year — is now making a year-long journey through the last and most controversial book in the Bible.

The class meets from 7 to 8 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Fireside Room. Fr. Sellers leads the discussion, and this is at least the 10th study he has directed on the Book of Revelation.

If you are up and around on Tuesday mornings and would enjoy some hot coffee, donuts, fellowship and Bible study, then please join us on Tuesday mornings!

THREE SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES ON "LIFE AND DEATH" OFFERED THIS FALL

Three special Wednesday night classes will be taught this Fall by Dr. Steve Sellers on the subjects of death, dying, and life after death.

The classes will be held once-a-month — in October, November, and December — following the 6 p.m. Wednesday night meal. The classes will look at a variety of spiritual approaches to death and dying, but will focus primarily on what our faith as Christians says about these subjects. The classes will be as follows:

* **Wednesday, October 21, at
6:30 p.m. — "Why is life so difficult?"**

* **Wednesday, November 18, at
6:30 p.m. — "What is death?"**

* **Wednesday, December 16, at
6:30 p.m. — "What happens after
death?"**

Each class is designed for youth and adults, and the nursery will be open for children under the age of 5. For more information, please contact the Cathedral office. And please let us know if you will need child care that evening.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL GIFT TO CONCLUDE OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Over the last two years, two major capital projects were begun and concluded here at Gethsemane Cathedral — replacement of our hail-damaged roof and placing new steel siding around the entire exterior of the Cathedral. In all, the two projects cost more than a quarter-of-a-million dollars.

The roof project, which totaled a little more than \$100,000, was paid by our church insurance, since the roof was severely damaged during a hailstorm in October of 2007. The steel siding project cost close to \$185,000, and even though the project was structurally completed in the early part of the year, we still owe about \$109,000 to bring the project to final completion.

We will be receiving another \$30,000 for this project from the Cathedral Foundation later this Fall, which means that we still need to raise about \$79,000 by the end of the year.

Now that the Fall has begun and our weekly schedule is filled with programs and activities, we are calling for help in finishing the payment for these projects! If you would like to make a donation to the Capital Campaign Fund this Fall, your gift will be greatly appreciated! And if you have any questions, please call the Cathedral office or ask any of our Cathedral Chapter members.

CONFIRMATION CLASS CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN OCTOBER



Our Fall series of CONFIRMATION CLASSES continues at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights during the month of October. The classes, taught by Dr. Sellers, are designed to be fast-paced, uplifting, and entertaining — using video clips from contemporary movies and a wide variety of audio musical clips.

The classes are designed primarily for students in junior high and high school, but these are not arbitrary age divisions. Adults who would like a refresher course in the Christian faith are also welcome to attend. The classes serve as preparation for the service of CONFIRMATION, which is scheduled for the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 15.

There will also be two Saturday morning Confirmation classes during the month of October — 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 24, and 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 31.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, bishop of North Dakota, will be with us on Sunday, November 15, for his Fall visitation.

GEARING UP FOR FALL

Are you interested in getting more involved in the Sunday worship services? We are always looking for more Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Acolytes & Greeters. If you are interested in any of these ministries contact the Cathedral office or one of the following people:

Ushers - Jim Coomber

Acolytes - Deacon Terry Overbo

Greeters - Brandi Deutsch

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers - Dean Steve

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER; IN-GATHERING SET FOR NOVEMBER 8

Our Fall stewardship campaign continues through the month of October, with Sunday, November 8, scheduled for the blessing of the 2010 pledge cards.

Pledge cards were mailed the first part of this month, along with a letter from Fr. Sellers outlining some of the issues confronting us as we move into the second decade of the 21st Century. During the month, we will hear brief reports at some of our worship services (during the announcements) from several parishioners about their journey of faith. Even though the national and local economic situations are just now starting to recover from last year's financial meltdown, we remain hopeful and optimistic about our presence here on the south side of Fargo.

Unlike many churches in our area, Gethsemane has been here from the beginning — 1872 — and we hope to continue our ministries, programs, and worship services at a growing rate. But we need everyone to take part in the stewardship campaign if we hope to do this. Our budget for 2009 was cut from 2008 levels — with the elimination of one part-time position and three choral scholarships, and with the paring of other employee compensation items and maintenance items — and we hope to reverse that trend in 2010.

Please pray about Gethsemane! And about our programs, activities, and worship services! And please turn in your pledge cards during the Fall months so we can begin making preparations for 2010.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT 2009

Living in the Light IV - Giving in the Light
October 17-18
Open for Grades 6-12
Red Willow Bible Camp

Contact Deacon Terry Overbo for more information -
Registration forms at the information Desk



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AT FULL SPEED THROUGH MONTH OF OCTOBER

Wednesday nights around the Cathedral are wonderfully busy — with a variety of activities for everyone! We begin at 5:30 p.m. with our “make-up Mass” in the Chapel, and our children’s choir (directed by Jessica Rogstad) meets at the same time in the choir room.

Our Wednesday night meal is at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall, followed by Spirit Song rehearsal at 6:15 p.m. Our Fall Confirmation Class follows at 6:30 p.m., along with assorted committee meetings and prayer groups.

There are still a few openings on the Wednesday night calendar for those who would like to help out with the meals. If you are interested, please sign-up on the sheet in the Great Hall.

For more information on our “Wednesday Night LIVE” activities, please call the Cathedral office at 232-3394.

GETHSEMANE HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Friday, October 30
5-7**

Watch the EXTRA EXTRA for more details





Organ Concert – Sunday, October 11 4:00 pm

Dr. Peggy Johnson, cathedral organist and choir-master, will present a free organ concert to benefit the Cathedral Music Scholarship program.

Her program will consist of a myriad of compositions including John Cook's *Fanfare, Prelude and Fugue* (B minor) – J. S. Bach, several chorale tune settings, a lullaby by Alexandre Guilmant, and Dan Locklair's *Rubrics* – a five movement composition based on the rubrics of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

The Cathedral Music Scholarship program exists to provide scholarships granted on a yearly basis to deserving music majors. These scholarships assist the students with off-setting some of the tremendous costs involved with pursuing music study at the collegiate level; providing funds for musical scores or private study. Currently, Gethsemane Cathedral provides only two such scholarships, a significant reduction from the four offered in previous years.

In addition to her work at the Cathedral, Dr. Johnson is in demand as a recitalist and lecturer. This fall, she is serving on the faculty at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN where she teaches music theory. She also serves as board and faculty member for the nationally recognized Leadership for Parish Musicians Program, this year teaching courses in Resources for Ministry and Leadership of Congregational Song. Concurrently, she serves as Dean of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists as well as District VI Convener (State of North Dakota).

October Birthdays



Hegg, Lindsey	10/03
Clapp, Edwin	10/06
Olson, Kris	10/07
Frear, Clotine	10/08
Wagner, Tamara	10/09
Colquhoun, Thomas	10/10
Czernek, Chris	10/11

Overbo, Russell	10/11
Tiongson, Lori	10/11
Czernek, Alyssa	10/12
Schierholz, Stephanie	10/12
Annear, Gloria	10/13
Corwin, Charles	10/13
Nielson, Benjamin	10/13
Harvey, Mark	10/15
Horton, Kate	10/15
Krieg, Barbara	10/15
Larson, Marie	10/15
Clapp, Adam	10/16
Dalhouse, Doris	10/18
Fisher, Peyton	10/18
Footitt, Taylor	10/18
Dalhouse, Derick	10/19
Footitt, Margaret	10/22
Wilking, Eleanor	10/23
Brant, Gordon	10/25
Clapp, James	10/25
Stevens, William	10/25
Holman, William	10/26
Anderson, Patricia	10/27
Weaver, Tess	10/28
Simonson, Elias	10/29
Wagner, Michael	10/29
Colquhoun, Linda Lou	10/30
Haggart, Marjorie	10/30

**Choral Evensong for the Eve of All Saints Day
October 31 4:00 pm**

The Anglican service of Evening Prayer was the result of the joining of two of the ancient monastic daily offices – vespers and compline – into one service by Thomas Cramner, the first Archbishop of Canterbury. The prayers, when sung either by the congregation or on their behalf by the choir were called “Evening Song” or “Evensong” beginning in the Elizabethan period. The liturgy for Evening Prayer has changed very little over the centuries and consists of scripture readings, canticles and prayers, hymns, and anthems. Composers have been writing music for this Office for more than four hundred years, as well as adapting the music from the earlier monastic offices. In fact, there is so much music available that we could sing Evensong every Sunday for a year and never have to use the same music twice!

The Gethsemane Cathedral Choir accompanied by a string quintet will offer Choral Evensong on Saturday, October 31 at 4:00 pm. Music presented will include Daniel Pinkham's *Small Requiem*, and the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* in C by Charles Stanford.

Lasting approximately one hour, Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints provides us with the opportunity to remember those of our parish family who have passed in the past year, as well as look to the time when we too will attain our place with them. Plan now to attend this wonderful worship opportunity.



October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9:15am AA Meeting
				1	2	3
8am Traditional 9 am Contemporary 9am Choir rehearsal 10:10-10:50 Coffee Hour 11am Classical <div style="text-align: right;">4</div>	7-9 pm AA Meeting <div style="text-align: right;">5</div>	7am Men's Bible Study <div style="text-align: right;">6</div>	9am Morning Prayer 5:30 Eucharist 5:30 Children's Choir 6pm Meal 6:15-7 Spirit Song 6:30 Confirmation <div style="text-align: right;">7</div>	LPM Board Meeting <div style="text-align: right;">8</div>		9:15am AA Meeting 9:30-12:00 Safe Church <div style="text-align: right;">10</div>
8am Traditional 9am Contemporary 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:10-10:50 Coffee Hour 11am Classical 4pm Organ Recital 7-8:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30-8:30 Boy Scouts <div style="text-align: right;">11</div>	7am Women's Bible Study starts 7-9pm AA Meeting <div style="text-align: right;">12</div>	7am Men's Bible Study <div style="text-align: right;">13</div>	9am Morning Prayer 5:30 Eucharist 5:30 Children's Choir 6pm Meal 6:15-7 Spirit Song 6:30 Confirmation <div style="text-align: right;">14</div>			9:15am AA Meeting RED WILLIOW YOUTH RETREAT 17-18 <div style="text-align: right;">17</div>
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AHEAD TO NOVEMBER!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

- 8:00am Traditional Service
- 9:00am Contemporary Service
- 10:10-10:50 Coffee Hour
- 11am Classical Service

Wednesdays

- 5:30pm Chapel Eucharist

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