

LAW AND GOSPEL

In this 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation we're digging deep into Martin Luther and his theology. For Luther, nothing is more important than law and gospel. Sometimes we've misunderstood Luther and assumed that law and gospel is just another way to say Old and New Testament. But that couldn't be farther from the truth. For Luther, law is a human creation by which we manipulate one another and God. On the contrary, gospel is God's unbounded initiative that reaches out to us with unending grace and love to turn our sinful rebellion into joyful obedience to God's will and way.

The Ten Commandments have often been wrongly categorized as law. In contemporary culture wars the Ten Commandments have become politicized as some have mounted campaigns to post the Ten Commandments in courtrooms and to erect stone monuments to them on courthouse lawns. No one has gained more notoriety for doing that than has Roy Moore. He recently won a run-off election for Alabama's upcoming special Senatorial election in December to fill the seat vacated by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Roy Moore served as the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court from 2001 until 2003 when he was removed by the Alabama Court of the Judiciary for refusing to remove a stone monument to the Ten Commandments that he had had installed on the lawn of the Alabama Judicial Building.

For our faith, the Ten Commandments are not law. They are gospel. They set forth a vision of a society where God's justice prevails with mercy; a commonwealth where God's will is expressed in love. For my sermon on October 8, I recast the Ten Commandments as gracious invitations to life with God. So here it is; my invitational interpretation of the Ten Commandments:

- I. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; let me be your God in every circumstance and season of your lives!
- II. Love and serve me as I love and serve You.
- III. 1 am Compassion. 1 am Hope. 1 am Love. Call me by my name!
- IV. Give me a part of your day at least once a week so I can tell you how much I love you and remind you of my hopes and dreams for you. I need to spend time with you. And you need to spend time with me!
- V. The love of your parents is an echo of mine. Love and honor them, and let the best of their love remind you of me.
- VI. Magnify and dignify each of my children. Protect and humanize them in every way.
- VII. Embrace your commitments fully. Be faithful and true to others as I am faithful and true to you.
- VIII.The gifts I give to you overflow in abundance. Be satisfied with them! Use these things of the world for your needs and for the needs of others.
- IX. Encourage your neighbors with honesty. Lift them up with integrity.
- X. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, bear one another's burdens, celebrate one another's joys. Do not give back evil for evil, but

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WORSHIP 10:00 AM OCTOBER



Scripture: Philippians 4:1-13 Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon: Pillars of the Reformation: Joy Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize



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SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM SUNDAY

"Spiritual Life Team Sunday" is a gift from the Twelve spiritual Life Teams at GCC to the Glenview Community Church Community.

REFORMATION SUNDAY 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Scripture: I Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-39

Sermon: Pillars of the Reformation: Matchless Love Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

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always offer compassion and care to everyone.

Religion rooted in the law and its threats and consequences is very expedient and effective at enforcing obedience with fear. Perhaps Luther's greatest gift to us is a Christian faith that has been set free from the law: a living faith rooted deeply in our good and gracious God. As we celebrate this pillar of the Reformation from 500 years ago, may we be open to the future of God's transforming love. That's the heart of the gospel...the good news that God gives to us in the Ten Commandments. So let them be a persuasive invitation to life...the life of love that is God's greatest hope for us... the life of love that never ends. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

THERE'S A NEW ACRONYM IN TOWN – THE CWG

CWG stands for Constitution Working Group, which the Spiritual Council approved in June 2017 and appointed the following members to serve: Tom Aldrich, Paul Bauerschmidt, Debby Fosdick, Stephen Isaacs, Megan McClung, Bob McGee (chair), Nancy Mullarkey, and Sally Sargent.

The CWG's task is to refine our current Interim Constitution and Bylaws, capturing feedback from the congregation and revising as needed during our 2-year transition period. The CWG will revise and submit the final GCC Constitution and Bylaws to the congregation for vote at the May 2019 Annual Meeting. The CWG is also empowered to propose more urgent revisions to the congregation if needed before May 2019.

The CWG will periodically update the Spiritual Council, regularly report at congregational meetings and submit articles, from time to time, in the Broadcaster. As we now fully embrace living into the new governance structure, please send your written suggestions, thoughts and concerns about it to Bob McGee at <u>bmcgee750@gmail.com</u> or contact any of the members of the Constitution Working Group listed above.

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT 09/26/17

The Spiritual Council kicked off the church year with its September meeting. Highlights included reports from the Ministries and updates from the Generosity Team and Construction Committee.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE: We are nearing the next phase in the construction process: design development. The Spiritual Council voted to hold a Special Congregational Meeting on November 5 after services so that the congregation can vote on taking this next essential step, which will allow our building experts to lay out the finer details of the budget and keep us on pace to begin construction next summer. Before the meeting, everyone is invited to take one of the Construction Committee's tours after services. This will be the first of two Special Congregational Meetings, with the second held in the spring for a vote to approve the final design and budget. There was also an informational meeting with representatives from our building and architectural firms October 8 after services.

GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN: The 2018 Generosity Campaign has kicked off with a goal of \$1 million in pledges. The Generosity Team has a positive, energetic campaign planned. There will be just one ask this year, so congregation members will be encouraged to pledge generously because they will not be approached a second time. Look for posters and presentations over the coming weeks highlighting the many ways GCC nourishes and uplifts our congregation.

MINISTRY REPORTS: All five Ministries are actively moving forward to recruit volunteers for teams and team leadership. The Ministry Steering Groups have been meeting since June to discuss how the teams will be structured and how they can work together to support all of GCC's missions.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS: The search for a new facility director is underway, and the Human Resources Committee will begin interviewing candidates soon. The Leadership Committee welcomes three new members: Meredith Estes, Margaret Ludemann, and Diane Silca.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Year to date, our revenues v. expenses are \$54,000 favorable to budget, but it is important to keep in mind that we are still in a deficit position and relying on reserve funds.

PASTORS' REPORTS: Elizabeth reported that the Labor Day all-church retreat was a great success and that the youth programs are off to a strong start. Pam noted that Rally Day was well attended and that several new groups from the church have been getting involved in organizing and running Rally Day. Chuck reminded the group that this year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and that we will be celebrating Reformation Day on October 29.

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Spiritual Council of the Glenview Community Church has called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to consider approving the design development phase of our building project.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

2018 CAMPAIGN: WE ARE A GENEROUS COMMUNITY

With our continuing stories of inspiration from Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and the Women's Association-- be inspired to pledge your support for our Generous Community! Your generous pledge of 5% of AGI makes Ministry, Missions and Message possible. Let's BREAK A MILLION DOLLARS! And let's do it by November 12!

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMANDII

Myra Loris will discuss the impact of what are considered *Six Years that Shaped America1946-1952*

NOVEMBER 7: And Justice For All! examines the Civil Rights advances made during the Truman Administration and the aim and consequences of both the Nuremberg and Tokyo War Crimes Trials.

DESSERT will be served at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 p.m. and speak for an hour.

TICKETS will be sold at fellowship hour on Sundays beginning in August and at the door the night of each lecture. To reserve tickets, call Beryl Bills 847-724-1694. Single ticket--\$15.00.

DO YOU LIKE PEOPLE?

Would you like an easy job with a 20 minute time commitment? We need more Ambassadors (a fancy name for greeters)! Here is what this job entails: you arrive 20 minutes before church and stand at an assigned door, welcoming everyone that crosses your path. That's it! You are only scheduled approximately every 5-6 weeks. If you're already an usher or serve communion, it's easy for me to schedule around that. Please consider this opportunity – it's a good way to help the church and it's fun to see so many people! Please contact M-J Carlson at 847-431-5657 or email M-J at *mjcd2223@gmail.com*.

VOLLEYBALL ANYONE??

The long-standing GCC Friday night Volleyball Group is organizing for the coming year. You are invited to join us. The format is play at 7:00 and adjourn later to a person's home for an informal "after party". There will be volleyball two evenings a month, January through May, and three fall evenings as a warm-up when the "social" will be held at a local restaurant. The first evening will be October 13.

Questions? More information? Please contact Susan and Dick Mann, 847-724-9448 or *akiteman@aol.com*.

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Beginning with General Synod 2017 in Baltimore this summer, the United Church of Christ will begin the transition to a new logo for the denomination. The logo, last re-designed in 2004, has been updated to reflect both tradition and innovation within the church as it faces the challenges and opportunities of Christian witness in the coming decades.

The new logo's design and colors are intended to complement the graphic representation of "A Just World for All," developed to illustrate new Purpose, Vision, and Mission Statements adopted by the national setting of the church last fall.

The new logo's colors were chosen to work with both 'A Just World for All' and the '3 Great Loves campaign — Love of Children, Love of Neighbor, Love of Creation,' which was rolled out during General Synod in Baltimore (June 30 – July 4). Blue has replaced red, with black retained as the second color, in the new design, to visually and symbolically represent Creation elements of water and earth.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

Are you interested in taking an active role in our Sunday worship service? The Communion team is looking for volunteers to help serve Communion during our worship service. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month and you can sign up to serve as seldom or as often as you wish. We will have one introductory meeting on Saturday, November 4 to familiarize you with the procedures.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Communion team, please email or call Sally Hicks at <u>Sarahhicks70@gmail.com</u> or 847-729-3162.

Thank you! We look forward to having you join our team!

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for our longtime member Harriett Ostlund, who passed away on October 10, 2017, even as we hold her family in our prayers. A memorial service will be held in the GCC Chapel on Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Village Treasure House was founded 20 years ago by members of our church's Women's Association? Today over 100 volunteers from GCC and the larger com-

munity help make its mission of assisting local women and children in need a reality. \$2,350,000 in grants has been awarded to date with \$250,000 donated in 2016 alone! On Sunday, October 15 we will give thanks during worship and at Fellowship Time following for the amazing difference the Village Treasure House has made in countless lives. We urge all past and present VTH volunteers to be with us and invite everyone to attend!

NAME BADGES

Alive Together With Christ

We will be ordering the blue name badges in October for our new members as well as others who have requested one. If you need a new name badge, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler.

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	
Thursday, 12 Octob	er 2017		Friday, 20 October 2	017		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor	
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room	Saturday, 21 October 2017			
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156	Founders	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym	
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
Friday, 13 October 2017			7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing to Live Concert	Sanctuary	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	Sunday, 22 October	2017		
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Volleyball	Gym	8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor	9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201	
Saturday, 14 Octob	er 2017		10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet In Sanctuary	SanctuaryM	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Mens Open Gym Resale Shop Open	Gym Plymouth Room	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary	
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11:05 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship & Refreshments	Mayflower	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room	
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Spiritual Council Meeting	Founders	
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201	Wednesday, 25 October 2017			
Monday, 16 Octobe	r 2017		9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201	9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room	
Tuesday, 17 Octobe	er 2017		10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room	
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room	11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room	
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor	
5:30 PM to 6:58 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room	4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower	
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Construction Meetings	Chapel	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	6th - 12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group	Youth Room	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room				
Wednesday, 18 Oct	•		The next De	adline for the Broadca	ster is	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room				
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room	Uctober 18,	2017 at 9:00 AM		
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Parlor

Chapel

Narthex

Bell Room

Mayflower

Sanctuary

Mayflower

Youth Room

Plymouth Room

GIVING GLIMPSE

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount* Pledged	Over/ Under
August	\$ 71,235	\$ 60,000	\$ 11,235
YTD	\$621,166	\$595,446	\$ 25,720

* Note: The amount pledged reflects the approved 2017 Budget.

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9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

6:15 PM to 7:20 PM

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, 19 October 2017 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Resale

Music & Movement Class

Music & Movement Class

6th - 12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group

Bible Study

Common Ground

Resale Shop Open

Bell Rehearsal

BSA Troop 156

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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Yoga

CHANGE TO PAGEANT TIMES FOR 2017

Yes, school just started and you are already hearing about the Pageant! This year's performances will be on Sunday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please note these times are slightly later than last year. There is also an important practice in the afternoon of the day before, Saturday, December 2. Please mark your calendars now! Church school, confirmation and high school youth will be getting more information in the coming weeks, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact C.J. Sultz at 312-933-0413.

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CROP HUNGER WALK

Ready to take a walk for good? *Glenbrook CROP Hunger Walk 2017* steps off at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday October 15 from the St. Giles Episcopal Church in Northbrook at 3025 Walters Avenue (Northbrook). Registration starts at 12:30 p.m.. On an average year there are over 1,300 *CROP* walks raising over \$1.2 MM for projects to ease hunger in America and around the world. If you would like to walk or contribute to the event visit <u>www.crophungerwalk.org/northbrookil</u> to register as a walker or make a donation. You can also reach out to Linda Crowder at <u>lccrowder@comcast.net</u> or 847-922-6827 with any questions.



PYF LEARNS ABOUT DISASTER RELIEF

PYF started this year by helping to challenge the church to raise money for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Maria. This year PYF will learn about what disaster relief involves and how people can help when disaster strikes. Church World Service is a relief organization that is supported by our church and the UCC denomination. Church World Service has a project we can do on site at GCC. We can assemble Emergency Clean Up buckets that are stored and then sent when there is a disaster. The following link will take you to a google spread sheet asking for you to donate an item and then the quantity. We will not be able to do this with out these donations. *Click Here to Donate*.

PYF

We continue to explore what it means to be open to new ideas, to question our assumptions, and to learn about being an open community. Below is a list of our October activities. All activities will begin and end in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted.

OCTOBER 15

We will assemble disaster relief buckets. Please watch for details for needed donations. We will also learn about *Hands of Peace* and the application process.

OCTOBER 22

Tie Dye – please bring a shirt, pillow case, etc. to tie dye.

OCTOBER 28

Richardson's Farm (Corn Maze, Bon Fire, & Hay Ride)

We will meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. The cost will be \$30. Please send or bring in your check to hold your youth's spot on this outing. We need your check no later than OCTOBER 22. It is nonrefundable and covers the cost of transportation and our evening activities. More information to follow about dinner. The check for \$30 should be made out to GCC and the envelope should say attn: Chris Calandra. This is a joint PYF – Middle School youth trip. Space will be limited and I will keep a waiting list. At the same time we need a minimum of 30 people. I am sure we will get the minimum but if we have to cancel the trip your money will be refunded. Questions elizabeth.ciccolini@ gccucc.org.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS...

Alive Together With Christ

Mrs. Shellard is planning to direct a piece for the Sunday, October 15 worship service combining high school singers with 6th -8th graders and Voices of GCC. Come and hear them sing *I Believe in Someday* based on the poem by Mattie Stepanek.

Christmas Trees

ANNUAL PYF & CONFIRMATION CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

All trees are **Fraser Firs** - fresh cut less than one week prior to delivery and transported to Chicago via refrigerated trucks. The Fraser Fir has strong branches for decorations, beautiful dark green needles, full shape, wonderful aroma, and the ability to stay fresh the longest. Because of the size and fullness of the Fraser Fir, a substantial tree stand is needed. For those interested, Cinco tree stands are available at \$20.00 for the medium stand (holds up to an 8' tree), or \$25 for the large stand (up to 10'). These stands are durable, made of a material that will not crack or rust, easy to put the tree in and fill with water.

<u>Tree pickup will be Saturday, November 25, 2017 - 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM.</u> If you will be unavailable on this date, please arrange for your tree to be picked up by a friend or delivered by PYF. For Glenview residents wanting tree delivery, trees will be delivered by PYF on Saturday, November 25, for a fee of \$15.00. Please indicate address and any special delivery instructions below.

The Christmas Tree Sale is one of PYF's most important fundraisers as 40% of each tree purchase goes directly to supporting PYF and Confirmation programs including scholarships for mission trips.

3'	\$35.00	6'	\$60.00	9'	\$110.00
4'	\$40.00	7'	\$75.00	10'	\$130.00
5'	\$50.00	8'	\$90.00		

Questions, email Meredith Morgan at meredith@chicagomorgans.com

ORDERS DUE BY OCTOBER 29, 2017

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MAIL TO: Glenview Community Church Christmas Trees 1000 Elm Street, Glenview, IL 60025

NAME_			Home/Cell Phone		
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	TREE SIZE	TREE PRICEST	AND SIZE	STAND PRICE	
DELIVERY: YES NO DELIVERY CHARGE \$15 Check (#) enclosed in the amount of \$ Please make payment at time of order to GCC. Thank you for your support.					

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS (ex: driveway, back yard, side yard, front porch):

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PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Associate Pastor for Children and Youth

OFFICE HOURS

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God doesn't love us because

of our worth, we are of worth because God

loves us.

Martin Luther