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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2015

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### **Interim Pastor:**

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## AN OLIVE TREE GROWS AT GETHSEMANE

**An Olive Tree Has Been Planted in Honor of Pastor Tom.** As many of you know, this publication changed from The Messenger to The Olive Press several years ago. That change came about when Pastor Tom shared that Gethsemane means "olive press" in old Aramaic. He also expressed that it would be fitting to have an olive tree in our garden. That desire was reiterated several times over the last three years.

The Properties Committee grounds/gardening contingent were in agreement that no more trees should be planted in the central garden which presented a dilemma in wanting to fulfill that "dream." The solution presented itself recently when an old and rotten cherry tree had to be taken down. An Arbequina Olive tree was purchased to replace it, just south of the narthex. This variety of olive tree is hearty enough to grow in our climate and will produce olives in late summer or early fall. It should reach about 20 feet in height and thus provide some shade for both the narthex and rooms in the community hall.

Thank you, Pastor Tom, for your insight and foresight. The tree has been planted in your honor for your service to Gethsemane.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Dear Friends in Christ,

On June 30, we officially completed year three of our capital campaign. Thank you for your generosity and support. The total amount pledged against the \$450,000 was \$249,335. As of the end of May, we received \$239,157 of the pledged amount and an additional \$27,285 in unpledged contributions for a grand total of \$266,442. This leaves a balance of \$186,558 to be carried forward into our annual operating budget.

Principal and interest payments associated with the capital loan will have a significant impact on our annual operations. Since we are already operating with a budget short fall the loan payments will affect our ability to fund ongoing and new mission and ministry activities. To minimize the impact the monthly payments will have on operations, I ask each of us, as we are able, to renew our pledge for at least one more year. Any funds received in excess of those needed to pay off the capital loan will be put into the capital repair account to cover costs we will be incurring to fix ongoing roof problems.

Once again, thank you for generously supporting Gethsemane. Together we can continue to grow our ministry to the neighborhood and beyond.

The Capital Campaign Team

## NOTES:

- ◆ **Like Us on FACEBOOK.**
- ◆ **Gethsemane Work Group at SnowCap:** A group from GLC meets at SnowCap Community Charities, 17805 SE Stark St., to work on projects from **6 to 8 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month.** This activity is open to anyone but we need to know who is coming each month as SnowCap plans the activities for the evening based on how many are coming. If you would like to participate in this service project, please contact Diane Liefeld.

- ◆ **Register for Preschool Now.** If you have a 3 or 4 year old (by Sept 1, 2015) come by and visit our program. We would love to show you around on a school day. Tell family and friends about our great program. View our website at [www.glcportland.org/preschool](http://www.glcportland.org/preschool) or see us on Facebook.
- ◆ **After Much Discussion with Council,** Q/A with interim candidate Shelley Willem and Asst. to the Bishop Susan Kintner, it was MSC to call Pr. Shelley Willem as Gethsemane's Interim Pastor. She accepted and will be here on September 1. Bishop Dave Brauer-Riecke will preach August 16. Contact the church office if you need emergency pastoral help during August.
- ◆ **SnowCap Needs:** We will be collecting back-to-school supplies for SnowCap. Please keep your eyes open and buy when and what you will. Thanks, D/D Bemrose.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

The National Youth Gathering was a whirlwind of activity, community, and service. During our first day we met with youth groups from all over our synod to talk about our stories and God's story. Bishop Dave led our service with humor and encouragement. Day two was spent in the Community area where we discussed racism, prayed together, wrote postcards to immigrant children waiting in the foster care system, played in bumper cars, tied our names to the RIC wall to show our support of LGBT youth, created faith trees and peace puppets, sent an email to our representatives to support the Lutheran hospital in Israel serving Palestinians, and shared many hugs and high-fives with fellow ELCA youth. Day three was our service day. We went to Cass Community Center, which serves Detroit through a residential facility, soup kitchen, and a "green" building where they create recycled products and general clean energy. Kali and Annie helped in the kitchen to bake bread and cook food. I helped in the single Mom shelter to paint doors and railings. Our small group was intermixed with a large youth group from Minnesota. They were great to work with!

Every night we met in Ford Field to hear inspiring and moving speakers share their passion for the immigration of displaced children, fighting racism, acting on our faith, mission work, ending child poverty, and so much more. Amazing music and top-notch performers got everyone up and dancing each night. The Gathering also raised well over \$300,000 through Walk for Water and made the local and national news due to our service in Detroit.

This experience was impactful for not only the city of Detroit, but for thousands of youth that participated in this experience. Kali, Annie, and myself thank for your generous support both financially and spiritually. You made this possible for us - thank you! Jennilee Porch

### Upcoming in August

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School, Monday thru Friday, August 3 - 7, from 9am to 11:45 a.m.** featuring **SonRise National Park** Children will learn that true treasure is found in Jesus through music, crafts, games, Bible stories, and more. [Register now](#) to participate or talk to Jennilee about volunteering.
- ◆ **Tuesday, Aug 11, Trip to the Zoo, from 9:30 to 3:30.** Bring \$2 for the entrance fee and a lunch. Drop off and pick up at GLC by 3:45 at the latest.

## PRESCHOOL STILL HAS OPENINGS

We just finished the final week of our four-week summer program. While the program wasn't overflowing with kids it was great for the families that came and was a successful first year. It was wonderful for some of our new students to be there, get familiar with the classrooms and meet some friends that will be in their classes this fall.

A new preschool year will be here soon. I am beginning to prepare and plan for the upcoming year. I have been busy setting our preschool calendar, meeting with prospective preschool parents and their children, ordering supplies, and taking care of items that get "put on the back burner" during the school year.

WE STILL NEED KIDS. Our Seniors (4's) class and our Juniors (3's) class still have openings. If you know a family with a child 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, toilet trained, and looking for an excellent preschool program please refer them to our preschool program. They may call me at 503-256-1835 for more information and to schedule a visit.

Please pray that we fill our classes with students. Enjoy the last days of summer!

Katie Strobel, Preschool Director

**August Birthdays**

2 Bev Sperling  
 3 Kelley Irby  
 8 Rian Kelsay  
 Grace Hurlman  
 Annelise Strobel  
 10 Carolyn Graf  
 15 Roger Vidlund  
 16 Ethel Marsh  
 Richard Karin  
 Laura Kahler  
 20 Virginia Karin  
 Roberta Vidlund  
 Burke Strobel  
 Adam Johnson  
 22 Rob Cumming  
 26 Jay Rector  
 29 Don Giard  
 Matthew Herbert

**August Anniversaries**

2 Joe & Shirla Rapp  
 (#35)  
 8 Kraig & Linda  
 Fletcher (#45)  
 9 Todd & Peggy Sloan  
 (#46)  
 14 Bob & Carol Law  
 (#62)  
 14 Burke & Katie  
 Strobel (#22)  
 15 Harvey & Carol  
 Steele (#56)  
 15 Ernie & Kim  
 Butenschoen (#34)  
 22 M/M RJ Treanor  
 (#6)  
 27 Dale & Ann Van  
 Horn (#39)

*Unless otherwise requested, people named in the prayers will stay on the Urgent list for 30 days. Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers: Connie Smith's friend Joe; Virginia and Roland Haacke; Ida Olson; Joe Rapp; Dorothy Shouse's daughter Robin; Tiffany Herbert; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Jo Nelson's friend Greg; Ginny Barton's friend Golda; Marian Aleckson; Dick Burgess; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; Kay Qualheim; Carol Steele and her cousin Arlan Scott; Dwain Estes; Linda Babcock's grandson Josiah; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Galvin Irby; John Skuzeski; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; Jennifer Peck; Tyler Riehl; Randy Treanor; Marilee and Ken Hansen's daughter Beth; Jeff Deetz; Lucille Langseth; and Sharon Lee's niece Terri.*

**Urgent:** *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers: Darlene Kuehmichel; Alicia Quigley; Nettie Ubrick's brother Frank; Bonnie Aplin; Todd Sloan; Hal Hingst; Rachael Coughlin's friend Pete; and Dorothy Shouse.*

*Those who are grieving:* The families and friends of Lillian Huston and of Rita Nesbitt.

**Homebound Brothers and Sisters:**

Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, Dick Burgess, Jenn Peck, Dorothy Shouse, Bev Sperling, Ida Olson, and Wynn Stafford. *(Refer to your directory or call the church office for contact info.)*

## August 2015

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 Please send us your email if  
 we don't already have it.*

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# AUGUST 2015 — GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(See the website (glcportland.org) for updates on the calendar.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY								
						<i>August 1</i> <b>VBS Set Up at 10 a.m.</b>								
<b>2</b> 8 & 10:30a- Worship <b>11:30a-VBS SetUp</b> Pastor Maas Preaching	<b>3</b> 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors  <b>Vacation Bible School Week</b>	<b>4</b> 8a-MensBkfst 7p-SwgBand	<b>5</b> 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors 5:30p-Clutterers 6p-Work@ SnowCap	<b>6</b> 9:30a- NOQuilting 6p-Handbell Practice	<b>7</b> <i>Office Closed</i> <b>VBS BBQ</b> <i>(8 round tables in use)</i>	<b>8</b>								
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<b>23</b> 8 & 10:30a- Worship	<b>24</b> 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors	<b>25</b> 8a-MensBkfst 6:30p-MPNAMtg 7p-SwgBand	<b>26</b> 5:30p-Clutterers 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors	<b>27</b> 9:30a-Quilting 6p-Handbell Practice	<b>28</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Metals Fundraiser</i> (dumpster in parking lot) for Loaves&Fishes thru Aug 31	<b>29</b> 9a-4p-East Portland Action Plan								
<b>30</b> 8 & 10:30a- Worship <i>Healing Service after service</i>  <b>Daybreak here this week</b>	<b>31</b> 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —</p> <p><b>Income &amp; Expense Budget Report through JUNE 2015</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Budgeted Expenses</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Actual Income</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Actual Expenses</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Actual Difference</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>\$186,322</td> <td>\$168,266</td> <td>\$173,550</td> <td>(\$5,283)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Average Weekly Attendance: 2014: 129 2015: 127</p> <p>Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.</p> </div>					Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference	\$186,322	\$168,266	\$173,550	(\$5,283)
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