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FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I look forward to getting to know all of you as your Interim Pastor at Gethsemane. While I finish up my current call at Bethany Lutheran Church in Longview, WA here are some conversation starters for our first conversations after September 1.

I was three months old the day of the Columbus Day storm and my parents and I had just arrived in Centralia from Moorhead, MN where I was born. The next year, with a new brother in tow, we moved to Albany, OR which is where I call home. Another brother arrived. I did Kindergarten, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, Stephen Ministry, Choir, Assisting Minister, and taught Sunday School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from 1965 to 1986. In 1974, my mom's funeral was there. Good Shepherd was founded an LCMS church, joined the AELC in 1977, and the ELCA in 1988. (This was Pr. Tom's journey as well.)

After graduating from OSU in 1986 in Business Administration I went to Seattle and worked in Accounting Software for 10 years. This included travel all over the U.S. and two years of living in the Washington, D.C. area to be closer to clients.

In 1996 I changed my life, first by going to Holden Village on staff for a year and then down to Berkeley for seminary at PCTS. I was ordained on Martin Luther King weekend 2003 and have served four congregations in Oregon and Washington since then.

My go-to prayer for most occasions is one I learned at Holden. I think it serves for our time together as well.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but trusting that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastor Shelley

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.** 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 or see us on Facebook.
- ◆ **Daybreak Families** will be here beginning August 30. Please keep these four families in your prayers. Thank you all very much. Patty
- ◆ **SnowCap Needs:** We are collecting back-to-school supplies for SnowCap. Please keep your eyes open and buy when and what you will. Thanks, D/D Bemrose.

- ◆ **SLOW FAITH** is the theme of the Women's Bible Study starting in September. The first session will be at **10 a.m. Thursday, Sept 17** in the Conference Room. It's entitled "Sabbath Keeping." (The study is found in **gather**, the magazine of Women of the ELCA.) Please join us if you can to learn more about Slow Faith.
- ◆ **Preschool Position Opening** beginning September 2015 for a music teacher. Hours are one morning each week 9:30 to 11:30, September through May, with some extra hours for staff meetings and programs. Applicants must (a) be able to share the Christian faith with children; (b) have a high school diploma; (c) have some experience working with children; and (d) love children. Submit a resume and cover letter to Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool, 11560 SE Market, Portland, OR 97216 or email to gethsemanepreschool@hotmail.com. You may call 503.256.1835 if you have any questions or would like to see the job description.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Vacation Bible School was a wonderful success! We ministered to 45 children from our congregation and the community. The children learned about the *true treasures* found in Jesus through skits, Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, and music. The week went very smoothly and the feedback we received was positive. It was exciting to see the smiles and enthusiasm from many of the kids as they engaged in Gospel-centered activities. This ministry was made possible through your prayers, donations, and volunteer support. A special thanks goes to the many Gethsemane members who shared their gifts and passions during Vacation Bible School week: *Karla Hills, Christie and Tyler Riehl, Dick and Diane Bemrose, Kim Stoffregen, Denise Johnson, Rachel Coughlin, Jessica Liberty, Richard Karin, Judy Rust, Alina Schelzke, Julie Revenko, Sharon Lee, Elizabeth Blohm, Clara Shortt, Lois Strong, Roseann Libonati, Jan Cumming, Matthew Burk, Ernie and Kim Butenschoen, Carolyn Graf, Katie Crouse, Gloria Kelsay, Mary Baxter, Jay Rector, Peggy and Todd Sloan, Kianna Florez, Makenzie Shepherd, Brandon Schie, Carol Blodgett, and Dale Van Horn. Thank you!*

Reflection on the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit this Summer:

Detroit was a ton of fun. We grew more spiritually aware and bonded with people we had never met. Each night we would go to Ford Field and party, dance and basically have a good time. The first day we got to Detroit we were supposed to go to Ford Field but our shuttle didn't come. We were stuck at a hotel for the whole night with another group from Missouri. That night we bonded with the other group. We live-streamed the event as much as we could. The night was awesome! We played Ultimate Frisbee and plenty of card games, but that was just the start.

The whole gathering was based around three days, Proclaim Story day, Proclaim Community day, and Proclaim Justice day. The first day was Proclaim Story day. This day, we were with our synod (all of the Oregon people) and met people and explored our stories. I met lots of people and it was most definitely my favorite. On Community Day, we were free day to explore the area. There were activities all around the area in the COBO center. On the last day, Proclaim Justice day, we helped out around the community. We were with one other group of 40, but we were split up into groups of 10. Kali and I were in a group with a few other boys and girls and two adults. We were sent to the kitchen in a shelter that provided housing and jobs for people who wouldn't be able to get jobs otherwise. The kitchen was tons of fun. First, six of us made bread including Kali and me (it was delicious). The next step was to serve the homeless people food. After that we helped Ronda (one of the chefs) make potato soufflé. That day I met so many people who I am still talking to. The days, like I said earlier, ended in a party at Ford Field with over 30,000 people. This consisted of speakers, artists, and dancers. It was such a good experience and I met so many people, all welcoming and kind! I'd like to thank everyone who donated - we really appreciate it. - Annie Strobel

Calling all Kids - You are invited to help lead us in worship on Sundays as an acolyte, communion assistant, usher, greeter, reader, or through special music. Contact Gloria or Jennilee to get signed up.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Sun, Sept 13th - Sunday School Kick Off** at 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Activity Room for a puppet show, music, snacks, and service project. We will also have lunch after second service and, if enough people RSVP, we will then play mini golf together! Please contact Jennilee to RSVP or do so on the Facebook event.
- ◆ **Fri, Oct 9th - Corn Maze on Sauvie Island.** Details TBD.
- ◆ **Sat, Oct 17th - Pumpkin Patch at Liepold Farm.** Details TBD.

PRESCHOOL'S YEAR BEGINS

A new preschool year is upon us. In a few weeks we will welcome children and their families to our community. We will continue to grow our program by keeping "PreK Monday" in our schedule. This is an additional day for 4-year olds who want a little more kindergarten readiness when they move on from preschool.

We are so happy to have most of our staff returning this year! Sherry Budge will return to teach our Senior and PreK class this Fall with Mary Baxter as her assistant. We will also have Tammy Gover returning to work with our Junior Buds. Hopefully our numbers will continue to increase and we will be able to bring back Mrs. Rebecca to help with the Juniors. What a blessing consistent staff are to the preschool. We are thankful for Tammy Gover, Sherry Budge, Mary Baxter and Rebecca Lueck and ask for you to keep them in prayer as we begin our new school year.

We are looking to hire a new person for our Music and Movement room. This is a one-day-a-week position but one of the highlights of the week for our preschoolers. If you have a love of music and want to share that with our children please submit a resume and cover letter to Katie Strobel at gethsemanepreschool@hotmail.com.

The annual **Trike-a-Thon** is set for Wednesday, Sept 23. We are going to sell some sort of dinner this year to try to increase the amount of money we raise for the scholarship fund, so we'll need help on this evening serving food, registration, counting laps, and passing out ice cream treats. Whether you are available to help or not, I encourage you to join us this evening. You will be delighted watching our preschoolers doing laps around our parking lot on their tricycles!

Please see or call Katie, 503-256-1835, if you can help with this event. Thank you.

As of this writing our classes are only half full. If you know a family with a child 3 or 4 years of age (by Sept 1), potty trained, and looking for an excellent preschool program, please tell them about us. They may call Katie at 503-256-1835 for more information and to schedule a visit. Please pray for more children to come our way so we can fill our classrooms.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Katie Strobel, Preschool Director

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger Facts:

868 million people – that's 1 in 8 – are chronically hungry and cannot lead active daily lives.

1.2 billion people live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day.

In the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from.

46.2 million Americans are living in poverty.

- ◆ See more at: <http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger#sthash.nHD04JhU.dpuf>

September Birthdays

2 Ginger Heater
4 Ron Stafford
5 Brody Nastasia
6 Ginny Barton
7 Jim Stafford
9 Darlene Lewis
 Cathy Myers
12 Tom Lewis
14 Karen Reagan
 Eric Qualheim
 Bailey Williamson
17 Joann Weaver
18 Jenece Butenschoen

19 Vanessa Lindstrom
21 Mary Curtis
23 Hal Hingst
27 Betty Hahn
 Virginia McCormick
 Jacob Hills
29 Galven Irby
 Dominic DeHoyos
30 Nicole Poole
September Anniversaries
4 Ken/Marilee Hansen
 (62nd)
4 Po/Rachel Peterson
 (5th)

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.)*

*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: 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; Carol Steele and her cousin Arlan Scott; Dwain Estes; Linda Babcock's grandson Josiah; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Galven Irby; John Skuzeski; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; Jennifer Peck; Tyler Riehl; Randy Treanor; Jeff Deetz; Lucille Langseth; Sharon Lee's niece Terri; and Virginia and Roland Haacke.*

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Bonnie Aplin; Rachel Coughlin's friend Pete and her friend's daughters Angela and Dawn; Kay Qualheim; Dorothy Shouse; Mary Curtis' friend Vanessa; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Magnuson's relative Michael Benson; Cindy Stead; Lori Howell Bond; Cameron Herbert; Jan Cumming's neighbor, Chris; and Darlene Kuehmichel.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Pr. Shelley begins</i> 8a-MensBkfst 7p-SwgBand	2 10a-StaffMtg. 5:30p-Clutterers 12:45p-TaiChi 6p-Work@ SnowCap	3 9:30a-Quilting	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5
6 8 & 10:30a-Worship <i>New Members Received</i> <i>Between services Mingle</i> Pr. Shelley's first Sunday	7 LABOR DAY <i>Office Closed</i>	8 8a-MensBkfst 7p-SwgBand Preschool Begins	9 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors 5:30p-Clutterers	10 7:45a-BibleStudy @AdvMedCafe 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 6p-Handbell Practice 7p-Choir	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 8:30a-Comm. Hall use/ Herberts
13 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-Sunday School Begins 2p-Pinochle/ Bridge	14 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors 6:30p-Finance Meeting 7p-Band Begins	15 8a-MensBkfst 9a-PreschoolBd 6:30p-CYFMtg. 7p-SwgBand 7p-Church Council	16 5:30p-Clutterers 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors	17 7:45a-BibleStudy @AdvMedCafe 10a-BibleStudy 1p-Orchestra 6p-Handbell Practice 7p-Choir	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19
20 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EducHr.	21 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors 7p-Band	22 8a-MensBkfst 7p-SwgBand 6:30p-MPNAMtg	23 5:30p-Clutterers 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors Eve:Trik-a-thon	24 7:45a-BibleStudy @AdvMedCafe 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 6p-Handbell Practice 7p-Choir	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26
27 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EducHr. Healing Services after each service	28 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors 7p-Band	29 8a-MensBkfst 7p-SwgBand	30 5:30p-Clutterers 12:45p-TaiChi for Seniors	Sept 1 7:45a-BibleStudy @AdvMedCafe 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 6p-Handbell Practice 7p-Choir		

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Income & Expense Budget Report through JULY 2015			
Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
<u>\$217,376</u>	<u>\$190,615</u>	<u>\$200,238</u>	<u>(\$10,323)</u>
Average Weekly Attendance: 2014: 128 2015: 143			
Cathy Myers, Fin.Man.			