
◆ THE OLIVE PRESS ◆

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2013

COUNCIL

President:

Dick Bemrose

Vice President:

Lyle Johnson

Sec/Treas:

Carl Perkins

Properties: Ernie

Butenschoen

Lutheran Liaison:

Tom Lewis

Evangelism:

Shar Giard

Worship:

Liz Blohm

CYFF Formation:

Karla Hills

CYFF Formation:

Christina Riehl

Community

Action: Patty Olson

Stewardship:

Harvey Steele

Fellowship:

Kim Stoffregen

STAFF

Pastor:

Tom Hiller

Child/Fam Min:

Maureen Hagen

Preschool Dir.:

Katie Strobel

Finance Mgr.:

Cathey Myers

Parish Admin.:

Judith Rykken

Choir Director:

Cameron

Herbert

Organist:

Brooke Benfield

Custodians: Dale

Pastor Tom's Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As many of you know, I'll be going on Sabbatical leave from April 1 through June 9. Pr. Dennis Marttala will be preaching every other Sunday beginning April 7. The other Sundays will be covered by other pastors. Pr. Marttala will also be teaching the Tuesday morning Bible Study, doing regular visitation of the sick and homebound, and emergency pastoral needs. If you would like to have Pr. Marttala visit, please contact Jude in the office. I thank Pr. Marttala for his willingness to serve during this time.

Many of you have said that you will miss me, and I will certainly miss you. I look forward to Sabbatical as a time of rest, reflection, and visioning. I might suggest to you that during this time you might also reflect and entertain visions concerning our work together at Gethsemane, especially as we re-dedicate the Community Hall and dedicate the new organ.

What work needs to be done on our buildings and grounds? How can our worship of God be enhanced? What work is God calling us to in our mission in our community? How can the spiritual formation of our children, young people, and older adults grow in effectiveness? How can we grow in the stewardship of our finances and in "greening" Gethsemane? What opportunities are there for fellowship and fun? These are the kind of questions on which we can reflect during the coming weeks. Oh, and I promised the Tuesday morning Bible study group that I would watch "Fiddler on the Roof"!

Keep safe. Keep praying. Keep loving each other. And may the Lord bless, and keep, you.

Pastor Tom Hiller

Needed by Palm Sunday:

Wrapped Easter candy and plastic Easter eggs. Please leave at the church office.

March 28 – Maundy Thursday – 7:15 p.m. – A service of absolution and communion.

March 29 – Good Friday – Noon – Stations of the Cross

7:15 p.m. – A service of Light and Darkness

March 30 – Easter Vigil – 7:15 p.m. – A service of Darkness, Light, Scripture readings, Renewal of Baptism, and Communion.

March 31 – EASTER – 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – A celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Council Highlights

It was a very brief meeting because of Lenten services. Minutes will be posted next week.

FaithWorks: Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families

Alleluia! Christ has risen!

The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!

As we embark on the 50 Days of Easter, joy and hope fill us. Following the solemnity of Good Friday, the Resurrection defines who we are – an Easter people. When I was at a recent conference, I heard how experiencing Holy Week helps us to understand that death is never the end. This is what we mean by Christian hope. May this season of hope enrich and nourish you as you lead a God-centered life in the world.

Looking Back:

Lent has been a powerful time for our families. Coming down from the excitement of Shrove Tuesday, we have spent much time in Sunday Chapel improving our understanding of Lent. We have learned that Lent is a journey that invites us to walk with Jesus to Jerusalem. On **Palm Sunday**, we will embark on the final leg as we once again undertake an experiential **Journey Through Holy Week**.

In mid-March, we held an **All Things Green – Welcoming Spring to Gethsemane** event. We had a lunch of green eggs (no ham), fruits, vegetables, and jello. Then we painted two recycling boxes (look for them around the church) and planted flowers in the garden. We discovered anew the beauty of God's creation and the need for us to practice good steward-ship so all can enjoy.

The first week of March, Christie Riehl, Karla Hall, and I attended a three-day interactive conference: The Vision and Practice of 21st Century Faith Formation. Its goals included:



- Understand the diverse religious and spiritual needs of all generations
- Understand the emerging vision in a connected, networked, digital world
- Discover a variety of approaches and resources for faith formation with all ages
- Learn how to design faith formation that addresses the religious and spiritual needs of all ages and generations, and use the new digital media and web technologies
- Develop the skills for becoming a faith formation curator

The three of us were so excited about what we learned that we held a special meeting on March 12 to discuss our next steps. We plan to meet with all members to find out how we can most effectively engage each in faith formation. Look for an invitation!

Finally, we held our first Day Camp meeting in March and we are already starting to make preparations. Karla, Christie, and I are very excited to have Camp Lutherwood return. We hope we can count on your support.

In April:

With Pastor Tom on sabbatical, I will be leading confirmation classes so our youth can stay on schedule. I am looking forward to working with them. Please keep Andrew, Annie, Brandon, Hailey, Kali, and Laurel in your prayers.

We are planning more youth activities for the coming months, including an overnight, a service project, and perhaps a trip out of town to join other Oregon youths. Look for a special **Earth Day** project on the second or third weekend in April.

Looking Forward:

- 3/24 Palm Sunday – Journey Through Holy Week (10:30-11:30)
- 3/31 Easter (brunch at 9:15; egg hunt at 10:00)
- 4/13 Youth Overnight (date still tentative) (Earth Day theme)
- 4/28 CROP Walk! (more information to come)
- 5/4-5 **Youth Trip to Camp Lutherwood!!** (Clean-up on Saturday; Bullwinkles on Sunday) – more to follow
- 7/14-19 Lutherwood Day Camp & Preschool VBS

Please continue to pray for children, youth, and families. Yours in Christ, Maureen

Weekly Faith Challenge

Have you noticed the WFC in your Gazette? The CYF² Committee invites everyone to participate in a weekly faith challenge designed to encourage people to try out spiritual practices. Our April WFCs focus on joy:

Week 1: God has blessed you with many gifts/talents/strengths. In what ways do they give you joy?

Week 2: God has blessed you with special people in your life. Spread joy in one way to a different person each day.

Week 3: God has blessed us with Creation. What in creation especially gives you joy?

Week 4: God has blessed us with loving people in our community. How do you share your joy with them?

After you try out a practice, take time to reflect on it. Was it helpful?

Did it help make you/your family more mindful about God's presence in your lives?

February Notes:

- * **Important Information for Thrivent Members! As a Faith-based Organization**, we're called to serve more people. Extending our common bond will allow us to help more Christians be wise with money and live generously. As members of a fraternal benefit society, we share something significant – a connection, such as ethnicity, occupation or religion. This common bond (being Lutheran) is one requirement of being a fraternal benefit society. This spring, benefit members can vote on extending that common bond to mean Christian. **Vote on Common Bond March 1 through April 30.** Thrivent Financial is membership-owned, so benefit members get to make this decision (generally, benefit members are those 16 and older who own a Thrivent Financial insurance or annuity product). You have a voice in the future direction of Thrivent Financial. Vote March 1 through April 30: Online at Thrivent.com, by mail, by phone 1-800-THRIVENT (847-4836).
- * **The Rummage Sale is just a month away, on May 3 and 4.** Signups will continue after Easter, so see where you can help! Everyone can do something—*Lunch and the Bake Sale are big draws, so please think of what you can bring.* Smaller items can be stored NOW in Room 6, as DayBreak won't be coming until after the sale. **Set Up has been changed to start on Sunday, April 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. Please sign up and come because it's where the fun begins!** A reminder: No mattresses, old TV's, or large appliances unless you contact the office or Clara Shortt. If you need to have items transported, we have men available to do that Monday, April 29. Call Clara to arrange, please. Help with advertising! Tell your neighbors now or, better yet, ask them to donate some of their "stuff" too. They are welcome to help during the work week. Later in April, we will supply you will fliers to hand out. People love Rummage Sales, and boy, do we have a variety of things to sell! Save grocery size paper and plastic bags. No hangers. Thank you for all you do! Which mission projects will receive the Rummage Sale funds is decided by our council. Let's make it a WOW fundraiser!
- * **DRESS FOR FREEDOM:** For every 10 underage girls trapped in the world of sex-trafficking, 8-9 have been in the foster care system. Adorned in Grace Design Studio is hosting an outreach event for girls ages 12-18 currently living in foster care, shelters, or working with a DHS caseworker. Last year, 48 girls attended. This year 75+ are expected. Each girl will take home a dress and gift bag. The event will be held at *Gethsemane Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 13, from noon to 5 p.m.* You are invited to donate a number of items: Prom or banquet dresses, gift cards toward event expenses, cosmetics, etc. Please contact Linda@compassionconnect.com if you'd like to help and/or donate. For more information, visit www.adornedingrace.org.
- * **Pr. Dennis Marttala** will be filling in for Pr. Tom during his sabbatical (April 1 thru June 10), preaching half the Sundays and providing pastoral care during this time. Pr. Dennis was at Gethsemane during the call process for Pr. Tom, so he is well known by this congregation and we again welcome his involvement with the people of Gethsemane.

Mission Endowment News: Leave a Legacy for Ministry

What is Abundant Life? Or living life abundantly as described in John 10? This was a recent topic of conversation with Luther Seminary's David Lose at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Even though I attended, I don't have any answers although I've been thinking about it quite a bit since then and have focused on "living life in all of its richness and fullness." Along the lines of abundance, many times we connect that with stewardship/giving and a giving out of our abundance. Most of us have the ability to give out of our abundance, something shown during the campaign for the roof and again during Consecration Sunday. Both of those represent two legs of the stewardship/giving stool. The third leg is Legacy giving.

You haven't heard a lot from the Endowment Fund in 2012 primarily due to the campaign, however, you should hear a little more from us in 2013. As many of you may recall, several years ago we established a Mission Endowment Fund, which has been collecting gifts and making distributions for several years now. Good things have happened because of the gifts given and the distributions made from the funds.

As we think about abundance, and giving out of our abundance, we want to remind you to consider naming the Gethsemane Mission Endowment Fund in your Will or Trust. It can also be named as a beneficiary of an IRA or Life Insurance Policy. If you have questions about a grant or about making a gift, please contact one of the Board Members: Rod Hills, Scott Bloom, Marion Burgess, Priscilla Nelson or Tonia Lindquist.

God's blessings, Tonia Lindquist

IRA Charitable Rollover

ATRA – the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 re-instated the IRA Charitable Rollover which allows individuals over 70 ½ who receive a Required Minimum Distribution in 2013 to give all or a portion of this to a charity, including religious organizations, up to \$100,000.00. These funds can be used to satisfy your 2013 annual giving commitment, your pledge to the campaign and/or to the Mission Endowment Fund. This is processed by your financial institution with the funds transferring directly to the charity. If you are interested in making use of this provision please see Tonia Lindquist.

Preschool Notes

In March we had our Dad and Me Construction Night at preschool, a very fun time where preschoolers come with their dad or other adult and build with cardboard boxes and duct tape. It is amazing what families build together. We saw boats, robots, castles, trains and a life-size flower.

We have also been using Godly Play curriculum for our Lenten chapels, which is a wonderful way for children to learn about Lent.

In the classroom we had dinosaur week and frog week and have been making Easter decorations for preschoolers to take home. On our last day before Spring Break, we'll have an Easter egg hunt. Eggs will be hidden by color and each child will find an egg of each of the six colors. We also "planted" jelly beans. Be sure to ask a preschooler what grows when you plant jelly beans, or look for pictures on the Facebook page.

Please remember registration is open for the 2013-2014 school year. If you know a 3 or 4 year old, consider our program for their preschool years. We are available for tours if you would like to come and visit on a school day. Call Katie at the preschool for any questions you might have.

If you are on "Facebook" "like" Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Sustainable Success: LWR Completes Post-Tsunami Work in Sri Lanka

While many of us were probably still celebrating Christmas in 2004, Sakunthala's life was turned upside down by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. Her home and thousands of others along Sri Lanka's eastern coast were destroyed in the blink of an eye. Thankful to have survived, Sakunthala and her family were left with no home and no access to clean drinking water or sanitation facilities. In December 2004, millions of people across Asia were affected by the tsunami, which was caused by an earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean that sent waves washing over Sri Lanka and 13 other countries in Asia, killing an estimated 230,000 people and displacing thousands more.

The island nation of Sri Lanka was hit particularly hard. More than 35,000 people were killed, and homes and livelihoods were destroyed — all while the country was struggling to overcome the devastating impacts of a long-standing civil war. In response to the needs of people in Sri Lanka, Lutheran World Relief opened an office in the country in 2005 to provide relief and long-term recovery support. Thanks to the support of people like you, Sakunthala and her family have a safe place to live with running water and sanitation facilities.

While families like Sakunthala's received some support from the government to rebuild their homes, this money barely paid for a new foundation. In response, LWR worked with 220 families, including Sakunthala's, to finish rebuilding their homes. The support gave Sakunthala's family, and so many others, a safe place to live with running water and sanitation facilities. LWR is thankful for what we've been able to accomplish in Sri Lanka with your generosity.

In addition to helping families rebuild their homes, LWR supported entrepreneurship skills training in tailoring, pottery-making, seed cultivation and milk and fish processing, as well as business skills training in basic accounting and savings. We helped households headed by women increase their incomes, enabling mothers to send their children to school and pay for family health emergencies. We also enabled communities to establish disaster risk reduction plans to protect themselves from future natural disasters.

Now, nearly a decade after opening our office in Sri Lanka, we are pleased to report that we've achieved our goals. Thanks to the generous support of people like you, we invested \$5.2 million in 34 relief and development projects that helped more than 360,000 people. Our office in Colombo officially closed on December 31, 2012.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity following the tsunami. We were able to achieve what we did because you shared your gifts with your brothers and sisters in need.

Loren Hyatt

Budget Report February 2013

Budgeted	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference	Average Weekly Attendance:	
\$63,656	\$64,493	\$59,954	\$4,538	2013: 136	2012: 148

Cathey Myers, Financial Mgr.

Birthdays

2 Amy Deetz
3 Casey Morton
4 Diane Bemrose
5 Wynn Stafford
11 Carl Perkins
12 Jan Brown
17 Virginia Irby
Randy Treanor
18 Vera Koosman
19 Dave Qualheim
Kyle Qualheim
23 Sonia Blohm
Aiden Lindstrom
25 Roland Haacke
27 Kay Qualheim
28 Mathew Burk
30 Doug Glenn
Cameron Herbert

Anniversaries

April 8 Harold/Doris Hansen (52nd)
April 4 Randy/Kim Treanor (26th)



Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Karen Stenberg; George & Louise Fogg; Jerry Tilkens; Aiden Lindstrom; Bea Jarvie; Joni Pokorny's father in law George; George Willett; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Linda Babcock; Vera Koosman; Dick Boro; Suzie Rector's father Keith; Katherine Eshleman; Stan Johnson; Kent Cumming; Rita Nesbitt's son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; the Butenschoen's friends Rebecca & Norm; Sharon Lee's niece Terri; Jo Nelson's friend Carol; Nettie Ubrick's nephew Troy, her friend Tim, and her friend Ruby; Randy Treanor; Rita Nesbitt; Mickey Dochow; Roland and Virginia Haacke; the Sloan's friend Francis; Sharon Lee's brother in law George; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Joan Ward; Marian Aleckson; Vanessa Lindstrom; Madge Buss; and Cathey Myers' friends Max and JR & his wife.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Paulette Kelley's brothers Larry and Randy; Tiffany Herbert; Darlene Lewis' mom, Margie; Shar Giard's friend John and her relative, Heather; Pr. Paul Teyler; Scott Morency; Dick Burgess; Lisa Hiller; Dorothy Shouse; Pr. Laurie Larson Caesar; Karen Arendt's daughter in law Karen; Colleen Barnett's friend Diane; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; Mary Curtis' Aunt Greta; Michelle McGilvray; Marilee Hansen; Joni Pokorny's son Luke and her daughter's friends Marissa and Rachel.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Julianne Quigley's friend Aaron; the family and friends of Vera Koosman's sister and sister-in-law.

Homebound Brothers & Sisters

Lucille Langseth, Pacific Gardens, 17309 NE Glisan, #402 97230, 256-0553
Karen Stenberg, 15521 SE Meadowlark Ln. Milwaukie 97267
Vera Koosman, 1280 NE Kane Dr. #211, Gresham, 97030, 661-0538
Marian Aleckson, 15727 NE Russell #1115, 97230, 254-4264
Madge Buss, 6125 SE Division, 97206, 257-0608
Mickey Dochow, Pacific Gardens, 17309 NE Glisan, 97230, 253-4920

April 2013

The Olive Press



Save a tree! Save a stamp!
Please send us your email if
we don't already have it.

Gethsemane Lutheran
Church Newsletter
11560 SE Market
Portland, OR 97216
Pastor Tom Hiller
(503)256-1835
glchurch@acweb.com
www.glcportland.org
Church Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs. 8a to 3p

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Small Item Storage in Room 6 for Rummage Sale	1 7p-Band	2 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 9a-FirRidge Video Group 7p-SwBand 6:30p-CYFF Mtg.	3 5:30-7:30p-Clutterers	4 7:45a-Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 1:30-2:30p-FirRidge 12:30p-Orchestra 7p-Choir	5 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	6 12:30p-RecovInc. Community Hall in Use-1-7 p.m.
7 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour 1p-Confirmation	8 7p-Band 10a-B-Team 6:30p-Finance Mtg.	9 8a-Men's Breakfast 9a-SnowCap Mtg.in Library 9a-FirRidge Video Group 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	10 5:30-7:30p-Clutterers	11 7:45a-Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 1:30-2:30p-FirRidge 7p-Choir 12:30p-Orchestra	12 <i>OfficeClosed</i> <i>Set Up for Dress for Freedom (contact is Patty Olson)</i>	13 12:30p-RecovInc. 12-4p-Dress for Freedom 7p-Youth Overnight?
14 8&10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour	15 7p-Band	16 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 9a-FirRidge Video Group 7p-SwBand	17 <i>3p-StewardMtg.</i> 5:30-7:30p-Clutterers 7p-Church Council	18 7:45a-BibleStudy 10a-Women's BibleStudy 1:30-2:30p-FirRidge 7p-Choir 12:30p-Orchestra Papa's Pizza Preschool Fundraiser	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20 12:30p-RecovInc. 2p-Wedding Shower in Community Hall (Butenschoen)
21 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour 1p-Confirmation	22 7p-Band	23 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	24 5:30-7:30p-Clutterers	25 7:45a-BibleStdy 9:30a-Quilting 7p-Choir 12:30p-Orchestra	26 <i>Office Closed</i> 7p-Band?	27 12:30p-Recov.Inc.
28 8&10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour Healing Service after each service 11:30a-Kay Qualheim's 90th BD Cake Recep. Noon-3p-KQ Family Luncheon 4-6p-Rummage Sale Set-Up	29 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP AND STORAGE THROUGH MAY 4	30 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study				



APRIL 2013
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
 (See the website (glcportland.org) for updates on the calendar.)