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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2014

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The week that begins on Palm Sunday, April 13, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 20, we call "Holy Week." We might call it that because it is a time to recall the last week of Jesus' life. Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble king on a donkey on Palm Sunday. He participated in the Last Supper with his disciples and instituted for us the sacrament of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday Jesus was tried by religious and political authorities, was crucified, died, and was buried. The disciples maintained vigil on Saturday night and, finally, the next morning, Jesus was raised from the dead. These events, for us, make this week holy.

The Hebrew word for "holy" means "set apart." Bread and wine are set apart in the Eucharist, and water in Baptism, for God's use in blessing us with forgiveness, and so they are holy. This year the week of April 13 through April 20 and its observances are set apart for God's use in blessing us with many gifts, and so it is holy.

God also sets us apart so that we might be instruments of God's blessing of others. That makes us holy. We are not holy because we are better than anyone else, but because God wants to work through us so that all might be holy.

You could say then that God wants every week to be holy, even every day, and every minute. All of these periods of time are set aside by God to be times when God's blessings are made available to all people and to all of creation.

We thank God that he has made us holy so that holiness can be God's gift to all people and all creation.

May your times be made holy by God, in Christ, and in the Spirit — Pastor Tom

Worship Plans for April – You Are Invited!

April 2 and 9 - Lenten Gatherings

- Noon – Soup and bread lunch with worship in the Community Hall
- 6:30 p.m. – Soup and bread meal in the Community Hall
- 7:15 p.m. – Worship in the Activity Room

April 13 - Palm Sunday - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - A Procession of Palms and Holy Eucharist

April 17 - Maundy Thursday - 7:15 p.m. - A Service of Absolution and Communion

April 18 - Good Friday - Noon – Stations of the Cross

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

April 19 - Easter Vigil - 7:15 p.m. – A Service of Darkness, Light, Scripture Readings, and Renewal of Baptism

April 20 - Easter - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – ***A Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!***

April 27 - The Easter Season continues - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - The Word and Holy Eucharist

Pastor Tom will be on vacation April 23-24.

NOTES

- ◆ **The Fifth Sunday Mingle is Sunday, March 30, at 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship with participants of both our worship services. We'll celebrate and welcome Jennilee Porch, our new Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, who will be commissioned that day.

- ◇ **We've Recently Received a Start Up Grant** from an organization who sells equal justice trade free coffee, tea, and hot chocolate through participating congregations. Is there anyone who would be interested in working with me on getting this started? If so, email me at LMSTOFF@comcast.net or call me at 503-661-3440. Thanks. Kim Stoffregen
- ◇ **Bibles Needed!** SnowCap has requests for Bibles, but do not have any to give away. Do you have unused Bibles? We can use all translations and all languages. People who come to SnowCap are often in the midst of stressful situations and are trying to see meaning in difficult life events. We usually have a Bible or two on the shelf in the lobby, but there are none now. Bring Bibles to GLC and they'll be taken to SnowCap.
- ◇ **FINE TUNE YOUR BRAIN!** So much is being learned today about how our brains work. Gethsemane is lucky to have an opportunity to hear another presentation by Roger Anunsen, who brought us a series on Brain Wellness a few years ago. He's offering us a free lecture on **"This Is Your Brain on PURPOSE"** – **Monday, April 7, 2-3 p.m.** in the Activity Room. Roger taught a well-attended series on Brain Wellness at Gethsemane a few years ago and will update us on new information about brain function. Currently, he teaches "The Aging Mind" at all five of the Portland Community College campuses, as well as consulting and speaking on a variety of current brain health topics. Put this event in your calendar and plan to come!
- ◇ **Gethsemane's 50th Anniversary** is coming up, and the celebration is October 4 and 5. Mark your calendars now, and please let Shar Giard know if you have names and addresses of former members. Thanks!
- ◇ **Rummage Sale Sign Ups** today in the narthex to participate in this special community event. Everyone is needed! You don't want to miss all the fun, do you? Smaller items may be brought NOW to Room 6; but save larger pieces a bit longer. Please make sure items are clean (we don't have time to wash things). If you have questions, ask. Again, someone can pick up things in late April. Also, please save as many grocery-sized bags as you can. No hangers needed. Keep on spring cleaning, because we need lots of "stuff" to sell.
- ◇ **VERY IMPORTANT!** This is the last request for items for Lutheran World Federation's spring ingathering. The quilts are ready to go but we still need items to complete the personal care and school kits. Please share in this worthwhile project by donating the following items: **#2 pencils with erasers; blunt scissors; ballpoint pens; metal nail clippers; bar soap in wrapper; rulers (inches & centimeters); bath towels (colored, medium weight, bath size).** Please bring donations by APRIL 20 and place in box in narthex.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Announcement & Call for Volunteers:

Confirmation Camp Fundraiser: Confirmation students and family will be selling **donuts & coffee** at the Rummage Sale this year to raise money for Confirmation Camp. Students and family are encouraged to please sign up for one of the shifts listed below.

⇒ **Friday, May 2 shifts - 7:30-9am & 9-10am**

⇒ **Saturday, May 3 shifts - 8:30-9:30am & 9:30-10:30am**

Please contact Jennilee Porch to sign-up (jennileeporch@gmail.com or 315.573.4901).

****Also, seeking donut donations - 12-count variety pack at Winco is \$4.98****

VBS Volunteer Call: Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. This year we plan to hold VBS July 14 - 18. VBS has been a wonderful opportunity for Gethsemane to share the love of Christ with our families and neighborhood children. However, we will only hold VBS if we have enough volunteers. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in whatever way possible. This year's exciting theme is SonTreasure Island. Volunteer list and sign-up coming soon. Please contact Jennilee Porch for more information or to help.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We had our **Dad and Me Construction Night** at preschool in March. This is a very fun night when 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 airplanes, robots, castles, horse stables, helicopters, and a butterfly.

We have been using the Godly Play curriculum for our Lenten chapels, which is a wonderful way for children to learn about the Easter story and, in the classroom we learned about God's creatures, big and small. Dinosaurs, snakes, lions and lambs were some of God's creatures interwoven in our themes this month.

Spring break is March 24-27. When we return we will begin getting ready for Easter and warmer days (we hope).

Please remember **registration is open for the 2014-2015 school year.** If you know a 3 or 4 year old please consider our program for their preschool years. We are available for tours if you would like to come and visit us on a school day. Call Katie at the preschool for any questions you might have.

April Birthdays

- 2 Amy Deetz
- 3 Casey Morton
- 4 Diane Bemrose
- 5 Wynn Stafford
- 11 Carl Perkins
- 12 Jan Brown
- 14 Andrew Morency
- 17 Virginia Irby
- 19 Dave Qualheim
 Kyle Qualheim
- 23 Sonia Blohm
 Aiden Lindstrom
- 25 Roland Haacke
- 27 Kay Qualheim
- 28 Matt Burk
- 30 Doug Glenn
 Cameron Herbert

April Anniversaries

- 08 Harold/Doris Hansen
 (53rd)



Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* the Butenschoen’s friends Rebecca & Norm; Nettie Ubrick’s nephew Troy, her friend Tim, and her friend Ruby; Randy Treanor; Rita Nesbitt; Roland and Virginia Haacke; Joe Rapp; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Shar Giard’s friend John; Kent Cumming; Kim Butenshoen’s friend DeeAnn; Ginny Barton’s friend Golda; Sharon Lee’s daughter Karen, her niece Terry, and her great niece Stephanie; Marilee Hansen; Marian Aleckson; Mickey Dochow; Doris & Harold Hansen; Elmer Schmidt; Dick Burgess; Ida Olson; Lillian Huston’s son Jim; Paulette Kelley’s brother Randy; Bill Herbert’s sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Colleen Barnett’s niece Linda; Carol Steele’s cousin Arlan Scott; Dwaine Estes; Dorothy Shouse; Jerry Tilkens; Linda Babcock; Ginny Barton’s friend Carolyn; Dick Boro; Katherine Eshleman; Stan Johnson; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Rita Nesbitt’s son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Bob and Audrey Magnuson; and Roseann Foster-Mikhail’s mother Rose.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Flodine Loe’s sister-in-law Sharon; Becky Keiper’s brother-in law Dick; Tyler Riehl; Carol Steele; Bill and Cameron Herbert’s god daughter Carey; Linda Babcock’s grandson Josiah; Colleen Barnett; Bonnie Aplin; Jo Nelson’s friend Greg; Nettie Ubrick’s friends Juanita and Mary; Dick Boro; Jennifer Peck; Colleen Barnett’s friend Ellen; Bud & Kay Qualheim’s neighbor Marissa; Lucille Langseth; and Christina Woods’ husband Sam.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Donald Poochke Sr.; the family and friends of Stan Johnson.

Homebound Brothers and Sisters

Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, Mickey Dochow, Katherine Eshleman, Dick Burgess, Dorothy Shouse, Elmer Schmidt, Bev Sperling, Ida Olson, Jerry Tilkens, Wynn Stafford, and Harold & Dorothy Hansen (Please refer to your directory or call the church office for contact information.)

— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —

Income & Expense Budget Report through February 2014

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$60,638	\$55,898	\$54,127	(\$1,770)
Average Weekly Attendance for February: 2013: 136 2014: 134 Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.			

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April 2014 — Gethsemane Lutheran Church
 (See the website (glcportland.org) for updates on the calendar.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwingBand	2 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers Noon & 7:15p- Lenten Soup & Services 8p-Choir	3 7:30a-BkfstBibSt 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	4 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	5
6 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour, PrClass 10:15a-SunSchool	7 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 1p-Roger&Brain Class/ActivRoom 3p-Mutual Ministry Mtg. 6:30p-PrClass 7p-Band	8 8a-Men's Breakfast 9a-PreschoolBd 10a-BibleStudy 6:30p-CYFMtg 7p-SwingBand	9 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30p-Clutterers Noon & 7:15p- Lenten Soup & Services 8p-Choir	10 7:30a-BkfstBibSt 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	11 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour, PrClass 10:15a-SunSchool 1p-Confirmation 3p-DDHS Mtg.	14 9:30a-MHCC Ex 10:30a-B-Team 6:30p-Fin. Mtg. 6:30p-PrClass 7p-Band SALE STORAGE BEGINS →	15 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwingBand	16 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30-Clutterers 7p-Church Council 8p-Choir	17 10a-Women's Bible Study 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7:15p-Maundy Thursday Service	18 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i> Noon and 7:15p-Good Friday Services	19 7:15p-Easter Vigil
20 EASTER 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9a-EasterBreakfst 9:30a-EggHunt SALE STORAGE CONTINUES →	21 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 6:30p-PrClass 7p-Band	22 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	23 9:30a-MHCCEX 7p-Clutterers Pr. Tom on vacation April 23 & 24.	24 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir	25 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	26 2p-Bowne Memorial Service
27 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour, Pr Class 10:15a-SunSchool <i>Healing Services after each service</i> 1p-Confirmation SALE STORAGE →	28 9:30a-MHCC Ex 6:30p-PrClass 7p-NOBand	29 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-NOSwngBnd	30 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	MAY 1 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 9:30a-NOQlting 12:30pNOOrch 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir	MAY 2 9:30a-MHCC Ex <i>Office Closed</i> RUMMAGE SALE	MAY 3 11a-Rootbeer Float Youth Sale RUMMAGE SALE