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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Many of you are familiar with a Lutheran pastor and theologian named Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He was one of the few pastors or theologians who resisted the Nazi regime in Germany in the 1930's and 40's. Eventually he was arrested for taking part in a plot against Adolf Hitler. He was executed on April 9, 1945, days before the arrival of U.S. Army troops.

While he was in prison, Pr. Bonhoeffer corresponded with family and friends. Lately, I've been reading a collection of his letters. In one of his letters Pr. Bonhoeffer wrote, "We are witnessing the leveling down of all ranks of society, but at the same time we are watching the birth of a new sense of nobility, which is binding together a circle of men from all the previous classes of society. Nobility springs from and thrives on self-sacrifice and courage and an unfailing sense of duty to oneself and society. It expects due deference to itself, but shows an equally natural deference to others, whether they be of higher or of lower degree. From start to finish it demands a recovery of a lost sense of quality and of a social order based upon quality. Quality is the bitterest enemy of content in all its forms. Socially it implies the cessation of all place-hunting, of the cult of the 'star.'" It requires an open eye both upwards and downwards, especially in the choice of ones closest friends. Culturally it means a return from the newspaper and the radio to the book, from feverish activity to unhurried leisure, from dissipation to recollection, from sensationalism to reflection, from virtuosity to art, from snobbery to modesty, from extravagance to moderation. Quantities are competitive, qualities complementary."

That is such a rich paragraph. There is so much that can be said for it. It applies to our own society in many ways, even after it is updated in terms of technology and a more modern translation into English.

What I notice the most is a concern for and pursuit of refinement in society. There is so much that is crude, vulgar, and coarse, whether it is in government, the entertainment industry, or even in our own lives. We are so easily distracted by polarized positions in politics, celebrity worship, and the rush, rush, rush, of everyday life.

I think Pr. Bonhoeffer is saying that we can combat that distraction and focus on what's most important by taking the time to read, rest, think, reflect, and create. This is something that we can do in solitude, but it must also be done in company with friends, family, and comrades from many levels of society.

I believe that our life in the church is a natural place where much of this can happen. In our worship, our studies, our fellowship, and in our service together, we are able to take a deep breath away from the pressures and distortions that surround us.

But that does not mean that we isolate ourselves from public life. Pr. Bonhoeffer plunged into the messy world of his day. Eventually it cost him his life. We may or may not be in such extreme circumstances. But we cannot make a difference in that messy world, unless we are involved in it, and we cannot be involved in it unless we have a solid footing in a place where we are nurtured by God and each other.

May God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit refresh and enliven you, singularly and plurally.

Pastor Tom Hiller

Pastor Tom will be at Confirmation Camp July 28 through August 2.

Jude will be out of the office July 25, and August 19-22. Many thanks to Darlene Kuehmichel, Diane Bemrose, Peggy Sloan, and Liz Blohm for answering morning phone calls on the days I'm not here. Jude.

FAITHWORKS: MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

What a wonderful summer we have had this year. The weather has been wonderful and we had an exceptionally Spirit-filled Day Camp/VBS. We have five weeks before school resumes and we hope this time provides refreshment for all of our families.

Looking Back:

Our children have been collecting money every week as part of their Christian Formation. They decided to have the funds go toward the **ELCA Good Gifts** program, where they allocated the funds for a goat, 20 chicks, a pig, and a duck.

Day Camp/VBS was a wonderful experience! Over 60+ kids participated in the week-long program. While Gethsemane coordinated and staffed Day Camp, four Camp Lutherwood counselors took charge. The kids loved them! Gethsemane developed the curricula and did all the staffing for the Preschool VBS, which was very popular. Christie, Karla, and I worked for months to prepare, but we needed the Gethsemane community to make it work. People gave generously of time, talents, and treasure. At the risk of forgetting someone (and please let me know if I missed you), we thank:

Ginny Barton, Mary Baxter, Diane & Dick Bemrose, Kevin Blohm, Liz Blohm, Ernie & Kim Butenschoen, Dave & Katie Crouse, Kali Crume, Amy Deetz, Pat Edwards, Maureen Hagen, Bill & Cameron Herbert, Pastor Tom Hiller, Karla Hills, Hal Hingst, Paulette Kelley, Gloria Kelsay, Lyle & Denise Johnson, JoAnn Larson, Bob & Carol Law, Sharon Lee, Martha McMinn, Priscilla Nelson, Patty Olson, Heather Ottis, Carl & Jan Perkins, Rachel Peterson, Christie Riehl, Tyler Riehl, Emma Ritter, Jude Rykken, Brandon Schie, Mandie Schie, Michelle Schie, Lee & Clara Shortt, Todd & Peggy Sloan, Carol Steele, Kim Stoffregen, Burke & Katie Strobel, Annie Strobel, Laurel Strobel, Nettie Ubrick, Dale Van Horn, Jacque Williamson, Taylor Willman, and Christine Wong. Thank you, all!

During Day Camp, our campers put together **Life Pax** for their service project. Each Pax contains a can of protein, granola bar, juice, coffee, and information on social services. Pax can be handed out to hungry people and offer us a way to meet their needs. The kids not only put the bags together; they added a message of love to each bag – either a hug or a personalized heart. Thanks to **Gloria Kelsay**, who wrote the grant that paid for the items.

Looking Forward:

We have many **excursions** planned in the weeks ahead – trips to Bonneville Fish Hatchery, swimming at EPCC and Blue Lake, an outing at the Springwater Corridor (including an ice-cream social at Gresham Main City Park). We invite all members of Gethsemane to attend. We are always looking for drivers and chaperones.

On August 6 we will have a **Young Families Picnic** to discuss hopes and dreams for the coming year. We hope to have almost everyone turn out for this important gathering. Games and activities available for children.

Please continue to pray for children, youth, and families.

Yours in Christ, Maureen-Elizabeth Hagen

Upcoming Activities:

- **7/30 Gethsemane goes Swimming!** (11:30-2) Nothing is more fun than swimming on hot summer days. We will meet at East Portland Community Center at 11:30 for Family Swim. We need to have adults accompany the children so everyone is safe. **RSVP by 7/29** so we can know how many to expect. \$3/child; \$8/family. Family Swim ends at 1, but we can stay later.
- **8/7 Garden Gathering @ Gethsemane** (6-7:30) Join other Gethsemane families for an informal picnic. There will be activities for the kids. It will be a time for us to discuss our hopes and dreams for the coming year. (Details to follow.)
- **8/9 Gethsemane goes up the Gorge!** (9-2) A guided tour of Bonneville Fish Hatchery with Burke Strobel. We will travel up the Gorge and admire its incredible beauty, and have a picnic. Please pack a lunch and water. \$3/child; \$8/family. **RSVP by 8/5.**
- **8/13 Gethsemane goes to the (Blue) Lake!** (11-3) We're going to picnic by the Lake! Pack a lunch and we will head up to the Lake, leaving Gethsemane at 11. We will be going swimming!! **RSVP by 8/12.** \$3/child; \$8/family, as able.
- **8/22 Gethsemane goes to Springwater!** (5; 6 to 8) Meet at Gresham Main City Park – bike or walk the Springwater Corridor, or stay at the park for games. Please pack a picnic dinner. Ice-cream social follows. Come anytime after 5 p.m. **RSVP by 8/19.** \$3/child/ \$8/family, as able.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

A new preschool year is soon here. We're 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.

Entertainment books will no longer be available for us to sell. Please watch for information about other fundraisers, including another day at Papa's Pizza.

The annual Trike-a-Thon is set for Thursday Sept 26. We need help that evening for registration, counting laps, and passing out ice cream treats. Whether you are available to help or not, I encourage you to join us. It is so fun watching our preschoolers doing laps around our parking lot on their tricycles! *Please call me at the church office, 503-256-1835, if you can help with this event.*

Both 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 Sept 1), toilet-trained, and looking for an excellent preschool program please refer our preschool program to them. Call me for more information and to schedule a visit.

Enjoy summer! Katie Strobel

NOTES

- **Mill Park National Night Out** at Ventura Park, 117 & Stark, Tuesday, August 6, at 6 p.m. Music, neighbors, food!
- **Attention Theatre Patrons!** August 16-18, 2013, the Metropolitan Performing Arts Academy will be performing its first community theatre production of *Les Miserables* at Portland's Newmark Theatre. Our own **Leslie Johnson** has been cast in the women's ensemble! If you are interested in attending, you may purchase tickets at the PCPA box office, go online at the following site: <http://pcpa.com/events>, or call 503-248-4335. The PCPA calendar is also showing a second weekend performance August 23-24, but this hasn't been confirmed yet and tickets are not yet available for those dates. The closest Tickets West outlet is the Safeway at 122nd & Glisan.
- **Did You Know?** In October 2014 Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be 50 years old. Therefore, what I need is a task group of 3- 5 people to begin planning an event worthy of a golden anniversary. The most important thing to establish right now is the celebration date. Let me know if you are interested. Leave me a note in my council box in the office, e-mail me at dnrbemrose@comcast.net, or call me at 503-667-0480. Dick Bemrose.
- **Habitat for Humanity Rummage Sale:** Donations are accepted 2-7 p.m. on August 22. Sale is August 24-25 from 9 to 4 at Redeemer Lutheran, 795 E. Powell in Gresham. Volunteers welcome!
- **Very Awesome Job, Gethsemane!!** We collected 179 pounds for Snowcap during our lunch item drive for neighborhood kids receiving "free and reduced" lunches during the school year, but not in summer. We received many, many pounds of peanut butter, jelly, and noodle soup.
- **The Next Challenge:** A back-to-school drive for underwear and socks. Thrivent has given us a \$500 grant, so we will wait for the early August sales to buy lots of underwear and socks!! Thanks to Marion Burgess and Gloria Kelsay for applying for the grant. Let's buy lots of school supplies, so we have lots to take to Snowcap. Start looking now, though the sales really start at Office Depot in August with many loss leaders. (I've purchased backpacks for under \$5.) If you are compelled to buy socks or underwear, they will be gratefully received. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Dick and Diane Bemrose
- **Student Names Needed:** If students you know are headed to Oregon State, Linn-Benton Community College, or Western Oregon, Luther House would love to know who they are so they can be welcomed and included in student programming this coming year. Send contact info to Luther House at info@luther-house.org or by snail mail to 211 NW 23rd Street, Corvallis, OR 97330.
- **Home Football Parking Supports LutherHouse** Will you be coming to Corvallis for home football games this fall? Park at Grace Lutheran Church (corner of Kings and Harrison) and support Luther House ministry at the same time. Cost is \$10 per game. The lot will be available all six home games -- Aug 31, Sept 7 and 28, Oct 26, Nov 1 and 23. A new feature this year allows those who pay-to-park four times to get the fifth time free.

- **St. Francis Goes Swimming with the Salmon:** In collaboration with the St. Mark (Salem) visiting theologian series, Luther House is sponsoring Prof. Barbara Rossing on campus at OSU Thursday, Oct 3 (7-8:30) where she will speak at the OSU Native American Longhouse. There she will offer words of wisdom for a planet in peril based on the life, teachings, and lifestyle of St. Francis of Assisi. You're invited to hear her lecture, which is free and open to the public. See <http://luther-house.org> for more detailed information.
- **Beer & Cheese Pairing Benefit, Feb 23, 2014** Save the date. Planning for the second Beer and Cheese Pairing benefit for Luther House, and building on the success of last year, a new and improved event will be held at Linn-Benton Community College from 2-4 pm.

DEAR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH

You are doing something really, really important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant carseat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you beg your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important. When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about Bible Study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in ten years when your kids are old enough to sit quietly and behave in worship. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echos of Amens just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of those mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know, it matters. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that their worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are enough right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly timed depending on who you ask) cries and whines are a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family - with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy - are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <i>Pr. Tom at Confirmation Camp</i> ←	29	30 11:30a- Gethsemane goes Swimming	31 DAYBREAK HERE →	1 9:30a- Quilting	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3 12:30p- RecovInc.
4 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour	5	6 8a-Men Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-Swing Band	7 5:30p- Clutterers 6-7:30p- CYFF-Hosted Gethsemane Garden Party	8 9:30a- Quilting	9 <i>Office Closed</i> 9a-Youth to Gorge	10 12:30p- RecovInc. 
11 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour	12 10a-B-Team 6:30p- Finance Mtg.	13 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand 3p-CYFFMtg 11a-Youth to Blue Lake	14 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers 	15 9:30a- Quilting	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17 12:30p- RecovInc.
18 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 2-6p- Community Hall in use	19 Jude on Vacation Aug 19-22	20 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 5p-Mutual Ministry 7p-SwBand	21 3p-Steward- ship Mtg. 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers 7p-Church Council	22 9:30a- Quilting  5p-Youth to Springwater	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 12:30p- RecovInc.
25 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour <i>(Healing services after each service.)</i>	26	27 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	28 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	29 9:30a- Quilting Preschool Parent's Night	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	31 12:30p- RecovInc.

Birthdays

2 Bev Sperling
 3 Kelly Irby
 8 Grace Hurlman
 Annie Strobel
 15 Roger Vidlund
 Carrie Berg
 16 Ethel Marsh
 Laura Kahler
 18 Travis Halvorson
 19 Rian Kelsay
 20 Burke Strobel
 Adam Johnson
 22 Roberta Vidlund
 Rob Cumming
 26 Jay Rector
 29 Don Giard
 Matthew Crume Herbert

Anniversaries

2 Joe/Shirla Rapp (33rd)
 8 Kraig/Linda Fletcher (43rd)
 9 Todd/Peggy Sloan (44th)
 14 Bob/Carol Law (60th)
 14 Burke/Katie Strobel (20th)
 15 Harvey/Carol Steele (54th)
 15 Kim/Ernie Butenschoen
 (32nd)
 27 Dale/Anne Van Horn (37th)

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Vera Koosman; Dick Boro; Katherine Eshleman; Stan Johnson; Rita Nesbitt's son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; 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; the Sloan's friend Francis; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Joan Ward; Marian Aleckson; Madge Buss; Mickey Dochow; Karen Stenberg; George & Louise Fogg; Dick Burgess; Darlene Kuehmichel; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Carol Steele's cousin Arlan Scott; Dorothy Shouse; Jerry Tilkens; Aiden Lindstrom; Bea Jarvie; Joe Rapp; George Willett; Linda Babcock;

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Jo Nelson's friends Greg & Carol; Kim Butenschoen's friend DeeAnn; Mary Baxter's sister Joan; Kent Cumming; Jennifer Peck; Liz Blohm's brother Dan; Tom Gustafson; Vera Koosman's brother-in-law, Martin Schmidt; Rachel Hills' aunt Kathleen; Shar Giard's friend John; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Pr. Laurie Larson Caesar; Christie Riehl and Katrina Myer's father Clint Myers; Pr. Dennis Marttala's wife Annie; Michelle McGilvray; Sharon Lee's daughter Karen; Carl Perkins & the Perkins' daughter-in-law Valerie; Patty Olson's friend Laurie, Wynn & Jim Stafford, and Joni Pokorny's daughter's friend Marissa.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Ida Olson's brother Larry.

Homebound Brothers & Sisters

Lucille Langseth, Karen Stenberg, Vera Koosman, Marian Aleckson, Madge Buss, Mickey Dochow (Please refer to your directory or call the church office for contact information.)

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JULY COUNCIL MINUTES

Opening devotion/prayer by Dick: "Comfort" Isaiah 40 & 66, Jeremiah 31.

MSC to accept minutes of last meeting as written.

Finance Report: Carl submitted **audit report** from Bill Blose and Mary Curtis, to be filed with council minutes.

Old Business

Properties: West narthex doors and painting of the fire lane: Completed. **Narthex upgrade:** In progress. **Painting gable ends** of Community Hall planned for July 22.

Daybreak Shelter Coordinator: Patty is serving as the interim coordinator until someone else, an individual or team can be found. It was stressed that the job is to coordinate, not to do everything else as well. Many thanks to Dale Van Horn for his years of service. **Next Daybreak is the week of July 28.**

MSC that Rummage Sale Proceeds (\$10,265) to be parsed out thusly: Half to the Capital Campaign; the other half to be divided, with \$1,000 going to Shepherd's Door and the remainder to Adorned by Grace (part of Compassion Connect).

Stewardship: Returns of Estimate of Giving cards and Belief in Action forms from this year's Stewardship emphasis is disappointing. Harvey would like to stress the joy of giving.

New Business

Linda Tribett to speak at Gethsemane about **Adorned by Grace**, which helps young girls caught in child abuse and sex trafficking, at a Temple Talk and during the Adult Education Hour. The date to be determined.

Patty is investigating the best way to show our **appreciation to our local fire and police** officers.

MSC to allow the Herbert family to use the community hall on Sunday, Aug 18, from 2-6 p.m. for a baby shower.

MSC to allow use of community hall on Sept 7, 2-7 p.m.

Pr. Tom discussed **a policy regarding solicitation of petition signing** in the church.

VBS: About 60 kids came this week, went well, a total of 27 volunteers. Thank you, everyone!

Other Items:

Liz asked council approval for alcohol at Brandee Palmblad's wedding Oct 12. **MSC** to allow.

Request that **handicap signs** in parking lot be upgraded to comply with local guidelines.

Heil Electric completed necessary tasks to pass **the electrical inspection of the organ**. Organ concert in October.

MSC to allow Human Solutions to host a benefit concert featuring Michael Allen Harrison at Gethsemane on Sept 3 in the evening.

MSC to allow Dickens Carolers to practice in the sanctuary Sunday evenings, Sept 8 thru the end of November.

MSC to make a \$60,000 payment by Aug 31 towards the principal on the loan for the community hall remodel.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2013 (jwr:7/18/2013)

DAYBREAK COORDINATOR NEEDED

Living in the world today is both challenging and exciting. Everywhere we look we see God's activity in the world. In response to the opportunities and challenges we see, we at Gethsemane have a perfect chance to make a difference right here in our community.

Day Break Shelter is a program in which Gethsemane participates; a unique partnership between Human Solutions and 30 area faith congregations. It is one of the very few homeless family shelters that keep families together. Daybreak Shelter is open seven days a week, year round, to meet the needs of homeless families in our community.

Facts about the Daybreak Shelter:

- Daybreak Shelter provides shelter 365 days and nights each year.
- Daybreak ensures that most families coming into shelter move directly into housing in about 45 days.
- Single parent, two parent, same sex parent, extended families, families headed by mothers, fathers, grandparents, etc. are welcome at the shelter.

How it works: Host congregations take turns housing homeless families overnight, while other congregations assist by providing services and volunteers. Volunteers cook meals, plan activities to engage children in play and learning, and assist in transportation. *(continued)*

At Gethsemane we've been so blessed to have wonderful people such as Dale Van Horn, who recently decided to take a break as Gethsemane Day Break coordinator. His time and commitment to the project is a true testament to Dale's compassion and love for those in need. At this time, Gethsemane is looking for someone who would like to take over this position. If you are interested or have questions please contact the church office for details.

ADORNED IN GRACE

This project is one I am deeply interested in. I have talked about *Adorned in Grace* to many and wrote about it last month. This organization is such a blessing. It raises awareness and advocates for at-risk girls. It is a ministry arm of Compassion Connect, Inc., uniting churches, organizations and civic partners to share the love of Christ in their own communities. Their mission: *"As followers of Jesus, his love compels us to use all of the many gifts we have been given, whether in the form of fabric, talent or compassion. By uniting and serving alongside others we can most effectively communicate the love of Christ to those who are searching for hope and purpose. Many of the precious young girls in our communities need to hear and know that they are priceless."*

Some of the proceeds from the rummage sale have been donated to *Adorned in Grace* to help with their monetary needs to continue this wonderful ministry.

As Christians, we are to follow the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and show compassion to others. This is difficult to do sometimes, because we all struggle to be compassionate at times. It is easier to show compassion for certain people than others because, well, we are human. We are all children of God, and we want God's goodness and compassion to shine in our community.

Peace and Joy, Patty Olson

— Gethsemane Lutheran Church —				
<u>Income & Expense Budget Report through June 2013</u>				
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Difference</u>	
\$190,968	\$177,798	196,773	(\$18,976)	
Average Weekly Attendance for June:		2013: 116	2012: 153	Cathey Myers, Fin.