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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many, summer time is a time for vacation. I myself have some vacation time planned in August.

Vacation time is connected to the concept of keeping the Sabbath, which we have inherited from our brothers and sisters, the Jews. God did something rather radical when God told the Israelites to take a day off. God extended this time off to foreigners living with the Israelites, to slaves, domesticated animals, and even to the land. It was radical because it was a testimony against and a resistance against the ways of the Pharaoh of Egypt who had so recently enslaved the Israelites. The pharaoh and the religious, political, and military system that supported him, insisted that everyone had to work all the time.

As conceived by God's command and Moses' implementation, the purpose of the Sabbath was to rest and to gather the community to recall God's saving acts on behalf of the community. So, Sabbath builds up the community. Pharaoh didn't care about the community, or about the neighbor, unless the community and the neighbor could build up Pharaoh and his power and prestige.

When we keep Sabbath in our times, whether it is the form of a day off, or regular daily rest, or extended vacation, or retirement, it serves our personal well being, but it also serves our neighbor's and our community's well being.

Sabbath-keeping also serves as a testimony to the society around us that some things are more important than the constant drive to produce more and more, to work, work, work, and to rush, rush, rush. We even have a tendency to turn days off and vacations into times of frenzied rushing to get things done.

As society encroaches more and more on our times of rest, it also is relentless in encroaching on our times for worship and for our mission to neighbors and the community. We are tempted to devote so much time to pursuing society's goals that we neglect gathering together to recall God's saving acts in history and in Christ. We neglect gathering together to work on behalf of our neighbors and community.

May your times of Sabbath rest be blessed by the God who created the Sabbath.

In the Name of the Christ of the Sabbath,
Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom will be on vacation August 16-28.

NOTES:

- ◆ **Gethsemane's 50th Anniversary** is coming fast. Mark your calendars for the celebrations October 4 and 5. And let Shar Giard know if you have names and addresses of former members. Thanks!
- ◆ **We Still Have Openings in Preschool** for the coming school year for 3s and 4s. Check our website or call the church office for more information.
- ◆ **Betcha Thought** I was never going to ask for anything again. But, here goes: It's past time to do a Snowcap drive for lunches for those kids out of school and not getting the school lunches. Please bring in peanut butter, soup, tuna, and whatever you can think of for a child's lunch. Please let's concentrate on this until the first of August. In August, we will do our annual school supply drive, but I'm putting in a good word for it now, because the back to school supplies are showing up on sale. Thanks in advance for all of your help. Dick and Diane Bemrose.
- ◆ **Mill Park Neighborhood Night Out** - The Mill Park Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring a BBQ at Mill Park, 1900 S.E. 117th Ave., on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, beginning at 5 p.m. There will be a fire truck, police car, ambulance, music, activities, FREE FOOD (while it lasts), bounce house, and raffled items. You're invited! This is Gethsemane's neighborhood.
- ◆ **Preschool Position Opening** beginning September 2014 for a classroom aide. Hours are Tues/Wed/Thurs, 8:30 to noon, 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 to Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool, 11560 SE Market, Portland, OR 97216 or email to gethsemanepreschool@hotmail.com. Call 503.256.1835 with questions.
- ◆ **Please Check Your Calendar** and sign up to serve as a Worship Assistant for August and/or September, as you are able. There are still a few positions that need to be filled. The sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board next to the coffee bar in the narthex. Remember, we need your help to make our new system a success!
- ◆ **GETHSEMANE** has a Facebook page — please "like" it.
- ◆ **Mill Park has Joined with David Douglas Food Pantry.** We need 2-4 people to help every Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. About 100 families come through; it is open to the whole community. Email dorap@metfamily.org or call (503) 528-4059 for more info.
- ◆ **Gethsemane Will Host Dinner for the Night Watch** at St. Stephens Episcopal, 1432 SW 13th Ave, Portland, on August 10 at 5 p.m. We need help with preparation and serving. If you have any questions, please call Todd Sloan or Patty Olson.
- ◆ **Gethsemane's 50th Celebration** will be capped November 2 at 3 p.m. when Gethsemane's choir is joined by the choirs of St. Luke, St. Timothy, and First Immanuel, totaling about a 100-person choir. You are invited to share in what's sure to be a grand and inspiring service.

| <p><u>AUGUST Birthdays</u> 2 Bev Sperling 3 Kelley Irby 8 Rian Kelsay Grace Hurlman Annelise Strobel 15 Roger Vidlund 16 Ethel Marsh Laura Kahler 20 Burke Strobel Adam Johnson 22 Roberta Vidlund Rob Cumming 26 Jay Rector 29 Don Giard Matthew Herbert</p> | <p><u>AUGUST Anniversaries</u> 2 Joe/Shirla Rapp (34th) 8 Kraig/Linda Fletcher (44th) 9 Todd/Peggy Sloan (45th) 14 Bob/Carol Law (61st) 14 Burke/Katie Strobel (21st) 15 Harvey/Carol Steele (55th) 15 Kim/Ernie Butenschoen (33rd) 22 RJ/Susie Treanor (5th) 27 Dale/Ann Van Horn (38th)</p> | <p>Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: <i>Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:</i> Doris & Harold Hansen; Elmer Schmidt; Dick Burgess; 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 and her grandson Josiah; Katherine Eshleman; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Rita Nesbitt's son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; Jennifer Peck; Tyler Riehl; Nettie Ubrick's nephew Troy, and her friends Tim, Juanita, Mary, and Ruby; Bill & Cameron Herbert's goddaughter Carey; Randy Treanor; Bonnie Aplin; Lucille Langseth; Colleen Barnett and her friend Ellen; Roland & Virginia Haacke; Ida Olson; Joe Rapp; Rita Nesbitt; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Jo Nelson's friend Greg; Carol Steele, Ginny Barton's friends Golda and Carolyn; Shar Giard's friend John; Sharon's Lee's nephew Kevin, and her niece Terry; Jonathan Herbert's friend, Mitch; Marian Aleckson; and Mickey Dochow.</p> <p>Urgent: <i>Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:</i> Darlene Kuehmichel; Karen Arendt; Betty Hahn; Connie Lelinski's nephew Alan; Pr. Don Voeks; Nettie Ubrick's brother Frank and daughter Catherine; Roberta Vidlund's friend's daughter Anna; Bev Sperling's brother Ron; Tiffany Herbert's mother Nancy and uncle Tim; and Patty Olson's nephew's daughter Greta.</p> | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Homebound Brothers and Sisters: Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, Mickey Dochow, Katherine Eshleman, Dick Burgess, Dorothy Shouse, Bev Sperling, Ida Olson, Jerry Tilkens, Wynn Stafford, and Harold & Dorothy Hansen (Refer to your directory or call the church office for contact information.)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH — Income & Expense Budget Report through June 2014</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Budgeted Expenses</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Actual Income</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Actual Expenses</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Actual Difference</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">\$181,914</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$175,978</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$173,199</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,769</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Average Weekly Attendance for February: 2013: 116 2014: 129 Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.</p> | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Income | Actual Expenses | Actual Difference | \$181,914 | \$175,978 | \$173,199 | \$2,769 |
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August 2014 — Gethsemane Lutheran Church
 (See the website (glcportland.org) for updates on the calendar.)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC | 2 |
| 3 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:30a-EdHr | 4 9:30a-MHCC 7p-Band | 5 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-BibleStudy 5p-MillPark Night Out BBQ 6:30p-CYFMtg. 7p-SwingBand | 6 9:30a-MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers 7-9p-Family Swim @ East Comm. Crr. | 7 9:30a-Quilting | 8 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC | 9 |
| 10 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:30a-EdHr | 11 9:30a-MHCC 10:30a-B-Team 6:30p-Finance Meeting 7p-Band | 12 8a-MensBrkfst 9a-PreschoolBd 10a-BibleStudy 1:30p-Mutual Ministry Mtg. 7p-SwingBand 7p-CHURCH COUNCIL | 13 9:30a-MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers 8:30-Noon-Fish Hatchery Youth Event | 14 9:30a-Quilting | 15 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC | 16 <i>Pastor Tom on vacaton thru Aug 28</i>  |
| 17 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:30a-EdHr DAYBREAK HERE THIS WEEK | 18 9:30a-MHCC 7p-Band | 19 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-NOBibStudy 7p-SwingBand | 20 9:30a-MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers pm-YouthPark Concert | 21 9:30a-Quilting | 22 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC | 23   |
| 24 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:30a-EdHr  | 25 9:30a-MHCC 7p-Band 7:30a-4p-DDHS (40 People) in Community Hall thru Thursday | 26 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-NOBibStudy 7p-SwingBand | 27 9:30a-MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers 9-Noon-Youth Zoo Event | 28 9:30a-Quilting | 29 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC | 30   |
| 31 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:30a-5th Sunday Mingle <i>Healing Services after each service</i> | September 1 LABOR DAY <i>Office Closed</i> | | | | | |

GREAT WAYS TO HELP SNOWCAP THIS SUMMER

Donation Opportunities:

- ◆ **The Gresham Art Festival**, Saturday July 19th, 9-5, Downtown Gresham where Gresham Ford is collecting peanut butter for SnowCap at their booth on 3rd & Miller. One jar of peanut butter can make a week's worth of sand-wiches for hungry kids this summer.
- ◆ **Drop off back to school supplies** at our donation door, 17788 SE Pine, 9-3 weekdays. Needed supplies are listed at www.snowcap.org.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ◆ **Volunteers needed for Mobile Food Pantry**, a weekly Thursday commitment. We need a driver and two lifters who can also get signatures.
- ◆ **One Time Opportunity: Volunteers** to work a booth for **National Night Out - August 5 in Corbett**. Contact Kirsten (kirsten@snowcap.org) if interested in volunteer opportunities.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

VBS was a success! Sixty kids from our church and the community came to learn about God's love July 14 thur 18. We received a lot of positive feedback from parents and stories about how much the kids were enjoying and learning from the experience. All this could not have been done without the help of our volunteers! From station leaders, to class guides, to kitchen assistants, to the skit team, to floaters, to our Friday BBQ helpers, and more. Everyone worked hard, had fun with the kids, and made VBS a memorable and impactful time for all who came.

There are lots of ways you can be involved with our Children and Youth Ministries. We have a number of events in August that won't happen without the help of wonderful volunteers like you :)

- ◆ **Aug 6 - Family Open Swim (7-9pm) @ East Portland Community Center**
- ◆ **Aug 13 - Fish Hatchery Trip (8:30-noon) Meet at GLC and Carpool**
- ◆ **Aug 20 - Park Event TBD**
- ◆ **Aug 27 - Zoo Trip (9-noon) Meet at GLC and Carpool**

ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

- ◆ **ELCA advocates for unaccompanied children entering U.S.**
An estimated 80,000 unaccompanied children will seek safety in the United States this year. The ELCA and its partners "are pursuing both the short-term efforts at achieving safety and relevant social services for these children of God, as well as long-term systemic solutions to stem the flow of children cast adrift," said the Rev. Stephen Bouman, executive director, ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission. See www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/7677.
- ◆ **Now you can make automatic monthly gifts by becoming a Monthly Partner**
Support the ELCA global missionaries, scholarships and ministries that mean the most to you through withdrawals from your credit card or bank account. View a list of ministries and sign up now at www.ELCA.org/monthlypartners. You can also sign up over the phone and choose a specific missionary or ministry to support by calling 800-638-3522, ext. 2638.
- ◆ **U.N. conference discusses climate change**
Mary Minette, ELCA director of environmental advocacy, was in Bonn, Germany, for a U.N. conference on climate change. For some of her thoughts and impressions, see www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/blogs/ELCAAdvocay/89.

WELCOME TO GETHSEMANE!

Several people have joined Gethsemane Lutheran in June and July. Here are a few paragraphs about some of them. More will be highlighted next month.

Jim and Diane Liefeld have returned to Gethsemane, after years of being away. Jim served as pastor here for ten years, from 1985 to 1995, and Diane was an active involved member as their children Kim and Mike were growing up. Diane grew up in Ohio and Jim in Illinois, each with fathers who were pastors. Both graduated from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, where they met. Diane got her B.S. degree in Nursing, they married, and Jim went on to seminary, doing an internship in Portland. He served two churches in inner-city Detroit, Michigan, followed by calls to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in North Dakota and Oregon. While in Medora, N.D., he was also elected as municipal judge of the city and served in that capacity until he came to the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry position in Oregon. Jim and Diane joined Gethsemane and later Jim was called to be our pastor when Pastor Frank Brocker left. Jim's last call was to Milwaukie Lutheran, where he served until retirement. Diane had a distinguished nursing career at OHSU, specializing in oncology administration. They are enjoying retirement with active involvement in SnowCap as volunteers and board members, periodic travel in the U.S. and abroad, golfing, biking, skiing and family time with their children and their four grandchildren, who all live in the area.

Bobbie and Dan Griffith bought a house at Summer Place two years ago, where they met close neighbors Judy Rust and Ken and Marilee Hansen, who encouraged them to visit Gethsemane. They visited our church and are now pleased to find a new church home, after years of living in Austin, Texas, where they also attended a Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Dan grew up in an Army family and moved around a lot while Bobbie grew up in a diplomat's family and also moved a lot. Both their families finally settled in Austin where Dan and Bobbie met, married and raised two sons. Dan had a career as an estimator for a large commercial printing firm and Bobbie worked for the county over 30 years. Their eldest son grew up, followed the music scene to Portland, met a girl, fell in love, married and decided to settle here. His younger brother followed him after he graduated from the University of Texas and also settled in Portland. So when retirement time came, Bobbie and Dan moved to Portland five years ago to be close to their sons and two grandchildren. Devoted RV people, Dan and Bobbie spend four to five days each month on RV trips with the local Good Sam chapter, where Dan is currently Wagonmaster and responsible for various trip plans and arrangements. When the clouds and rain of winter come to Portland, they and their two rescue dogs jump into the RV, take off for Arizona and spend the winter months in the sun with other RV friends.

Brandee and Paul Liebrand came to Gethsemane because of Brandee's long history with Pastor Tom. He baptized her at Pilgrim Lutheran, then she was a member of his congregation at Colton. Music and drama are important in Brandee's life. She has sung in choirs all her life; acting and musical theater has been a family affair for her with her father acting and directing, and the rest of the family involved. Brandee is appearing in "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Canby Community Theater, playing the eldest daughter to Tevye (played by her father). She's also starting rehearsal for the Stephen Sondheim play "Into the Woods," which opens soon in Beaverton. She has been in productions in Portland, Milwaukie, Boring and other places. She studied at the American Music and Drama Academy in New York and got her bachelors degree from New School University in New York. Paul grew up in Colton also, was a friend of her brother, and when she returned from New York they reconnected. They were married at Gethsemane in 2013. Paul is a bus operator for TrMet. They have both sung in Gethsemane's choir and Brandee often serves as assisting minister.

(Thank you, Carol Law)