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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Twenty-five years ago on February 6, 1989, Gethsemane Lutheran Church began its involvement with **Stephen Ministry**. On February 9, we will be having a service of thanksgiving for that ministry as it comes to a close.

As you may know, the purpose of Stephen Ministry was to provide trained lay ministers who could care for individuals who were in need of physical, mental, spiritual, or emotional healing. This ministry was confidential and on-going, depending on need.

Over the years much has changed both for Stephen Ministers and for those being helped. After reviewing our situation, the present leaders, Dick Bemrose, Roseann Libonati, and I, decided that it would be best to bring this ministry to a close.

The need for a ministry of healing, of course, continues. All of us as caring, compassionate Christians have a role to play in that ministry, whether we are specifically trained or not. All of us as vulnerable human beings are in need of healing, from time to time. I pray that when God calls you to care for another person who is in need of healing, that you will answer that call, and that you will ask me and/or others to help you with that ministry. I also pray that when you are in need of healing, that you will ask for help from me, other trained people, or from loving friends and family.

The original trained leaders were: Pastor Jim Liefeld, Nikki Martin, Carol Law and Carol Summers (deceased).

Stephen ministers over the years: Karen & Harold Arendt (deceased), Colleen Barnett, Mary Curtis, Doug Glenn, Roland & Virginia Haacke, Bob Law, Audrey & Bob Magnuson, Sharon Magnuson, Cathey Myers, Ginny Barton, Pat Edwards, Lois Boro, Kim Butenschoen, Marion Burgess, Karla Hills, Tonia Lindquist, Karen Reagan, Jo Rispler (deceased), Bev Sperling, Helen Tilkens, Shirley Treanor, Louann Anderson, Feral Bjur, Marge Gillam (deceased), Jean Grant (deceased), Nancy Heil, Ron Hicks (deceased), Sally Hicks, Pamela Hill, Gil Holum (deceased), Georgia Keiper, Julian Langseth (deceased), Diane Liefeld, Susie Matulich, and Debbie Olson.

Recent leaders: Dick Bemrose, Roseann Libonati, Carol Law, and Lucille Langseth.

Thanks be to God for all these caring people. I invite you to personally thank any of these people as you have opportunity. I invite you to participate in our Service of Thanksgiving on February 9.

May God continue to bless our personal and congregational healing ministries.

Pastor Tom

— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —

Income & Expense Budget Report through December 2013

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$381,936	\$343,959	\$345,115	(\$1,156)

Average Weekly Attendance for December: 2013: 139 2012: 167 Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.

NOTES:

- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Portland is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. This position requires education or experience in the area of ministry to children, youth, and families in a Lutheran or other Christian congregation. Please send a cover letter and a resume to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 SE Market, Portland, OR, 97267, or by email to glchurch@aceweb.com by January 31, 2014. For more information email the same address or call 503/256-1835.
- **Come to Women's Bible Study** on Thursday, Feb 13, at 10 a.m. to learn about more interesting women of the Bible.
- **SnowCap's Main Fundraiser** is the annual auction on Saturday, Feb 8, at the Airport Holiday Inn. Please consider if you have items to donate or possibly a timeshare that you would be willing to donate. The auction is fun with a great dinner and an opportunity to learn more about the work that SnowCap is doing. Contact Diane Liefeld, 503-666-9366 for more information.
- **Our Annual SOUPER BOWL Sunday** is upon us, which is a national, inter-denominational drive to collect soup for the period around the Super Bowl. We have been supporting this effort for many years. Please bring your cans and boxes of soup and put them in the container provided in the narthex. We will run this one week beyond the Super Bowl, to maximize our efforts. We have always done really well in this national endeavor. Thanks in advance for your help. Dick and Diane Bemrose

PRESCHOOL NEWS

This January's theme was "It's a Small World." We talked about the arctic and tropical areas of the world, did ice experiments, and played with sand. We learned that people live in all different places and that many love Jesus.

It's February and time for our annual **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** to benefit the preschool, which is **Sunday, February 23, at noon in our Parish Hall**. This year things will look a little different. We'll have BINGO for families with prizes for children under 8. We will continue to have a raffle of gift cards so gift cards are always a welcome donation. There will of course be a spaghetti dinner served by our Fellowship Opportunities Committee, with donations requested for the meal and for our preschool. Another change: Our auction items will be a little different. In addition to baskets we would like to auction off skills and talents.

- If you sew and could offer alterations or lessons as a service, please add this to the auction.
- If you are a handyman or love yard work and could offer a few hours of your time to be used in this way, please add this to the auction.
- Maybe you could teach someone to knit, quilt, or cook.
- Maybe you would like to host a party and people could pay a set amount to be on the guest list.
- Perhaps you love wrapping gifts, or organizing spaces, or decorating spaces.
- Maybe you love to bake and could make fresh baked goods for someone.

These are all gifts that have value and could be auctioned. The skills and talents at Gethsemane are many. Please try to think of something you could place a value on for us to auction off. If you would prefer to put together a basket, please do. Also remember that time at time shares or vacation homes can be donated.

If you would like to donate a talent, skill, vacation home, or basket for this event, please let me know. We are asking for donations to be turned in by Sunday, February 16. Having them the week before will give me time to get them ready for the auction.

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will begin for current and alumni preschool families on Monday, February 3. Registration for families new to our preschool will be accepted starting Monday, March 3. Our preschool will operate on the same schedule as the current school year and our tuition will also remain the same. Registration is \$50 until June 1 and \$60 after June 1.

Katie Strobel, Preschool Director

February 2014 — Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 12:30p- RecovInc.
2 8 & 10:30a- Worship/ 9:15a-EdHour 1-2:30p- Confirmation	3 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 7p-Band	4 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-BibStudy 6p-CYFF Bd. 7p-SwBand	5 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 11a to 2p-Self- Defense Class/ FirRidge 5:30p-Clutterers	6 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	7 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise <i>Office Closed</i>	8 12:30p- RecovInc.
9 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour <i>Daybreak here this week</i> ←	10 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 10:30a-B-Team 7p-NO Band	11 8a-Men's Breakfast 9a-Preschool Bd. 10a-Bible Study 7p-NO SwBand	12 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 5:30-Clutterers	13 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 10a-Women's Bible Study 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir	14 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise <i>Office Closed</i>	15 12:30p- RecovInc.
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23 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour <i>(Healing services after each service)</i> Noon: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Preschool	24 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 7p-Band	25 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 1:45p-Mutual Ministry 7p-SwBand	26 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers	27 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir	28 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise <i>Office Closed</i>	

February Birthdays

- 01 Kelly Rasmussen
- 02 Christine Wong
- 03 Priscilla Nelson
- 05 Po Peterson
- 07 Lyle Johnson
Hailey Long
- 12 Diane Kovach
- 16 Lois Boro
- 19 Miel and Sander Nelson
Eric Letmate
- 20 Kim Stoffregen
- 26 Denise Johnson
- 29 Kathryn Eshleman



February Anniversaries

- 04 Roger/Roberta Vidlund (47th)
- 07 Kelly/Mrs. Garrett-Irby (27th)
- 11 Jack Lumber/Nancy Carpenter
(14th)
- 15 Jack/Randi Bateman (39th)
- 24 Brian/Paulette Kelley (35th)

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:* Bea Jarvie; Linda Babcock; Dick Boro; Katherine Eshleman; Stan Johnson; Rita Nesbitt's son John; 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; Joe Rapp; the Sloan's friend Francis; 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 Hansen; Elmer Schmidt; George & Louise Fogg; Christina Woods' husband Sam; Dick Burgess; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; 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; Cooper Rasmussen; Dwaine Estes; Dorothy Shouse; and Jerry Tilkens.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Jennifer Peck; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Harold Hansen; Galvin Irby; Shelly Prem Wati;; Joni Pokorny's daughter's friend Marissa; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; and Jo Nelson's friend Greg.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Rachael Peterson's friend's daughter Grace; The family and friends of Betty Hahn's granddaughter; and the family and friends of Doug McDowell; the family and friends of the Butenschoen's relative, Claudia.

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.)

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