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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Tom's Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A common image used in January shows the Old Man with a long beard representing the passing year and a baby representing the new year. We think also of the phrase, "Out with the old, in with the new." We experience the dormancy of much of the life around us in Winter, and anticipate the resurgence of life in the Spring.

Even as we experience both death and life in our own physical lives, we also experience death and life in our spiritual lives. St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "*We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death, that, like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*" Every day the "Old Adam or Eve" in us dies, and the "New Eve or Adam" is born and grows. We trust that Christ will walk with us daily so that, in the end, we will experience his newness completely.

Personal thanks to all of you for your expressions of love and good cheer, the cards, and the gifts. Final thanks go to God for all the Merry Christmases we celebrate.

May you have a healthy, prosperous, and blessed New Year. May you be daily reminded that Jesus is with you, that the Father watches over you, and that the Spirit is empowering you.

Pastor Tom (the old man with the beard)

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of our congregation will take place after the second service on Sunday, January 27, 2013. A light lunch will be provided.

Who is eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting?

According to our constitution, "Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year." Our constitution also states, "Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted." If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact Pastor Tom.

Oregon Synod Assembly

Along with Pastor Tom, we are allowed one male and one female person to serve as voting members at the Oregon Synod Assembly, which will take place May 17-19 in Eugene. Our voting members will be chosen at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to be chosen please contact Pastor Tom.

Pastor Tom on Vacation in January (Thursday, Jan 17 through Sunday, Jan 20).

November Council Highlights

As the year comes to a close, council gets busy reviewing the past and projecting plans for the year to come. The Vice President reviews the Long-Range Plan and makes recommendations to keep us on track. Each Committee Chair writes a summary of its activities for the past year and submits a budget for the coming year. This council meeting was dedicated to reviewing the 2013 budget that we will recommend to the congregation at the annual meeting on January 27. We also discussed the community hall and its improvements and the safety concerns in the activity room (we no longer have the unbreakable light fixture covers). Safety first! The purchase and placement of an AED (defibrillator) was presented and more information is to be gathered before a decision is made on its purchase. We discussed and approved a few more building use requests by members of our community. If you "re-build it" they will come!

A big thanks to all those who've been involved one way or another with the construction project. This was a huge undertaking and we would not have been able to do it without your help. When the contractors are gone, there will still much work to be do. Many hands and hearts have been involved. I will try my best to reach out to each and every one of you but please know that your kindness and generosity has not gone unnoticed.

The construction is scheduled to be completed by mid-January, at which time we will put the finishing touches on the kitchen, a few more furnaces, and painting all around. Cleaning and moving the stored items from the containers back into the building are scheduled for the end of January. Please lend a hand if you are able. Contact Ernie or Dale.

Bless you all and Happy New Year to everyone! Laura Britzius

FaithWorks: Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families

We are blessed that the school schedule allows us to take full advantage of the 12 Days of Christmas which end on the eve of Epiphany. As we enter 2013, perhaps some have made a commitment to be more intentional in providing family faith formation in the home. To help you in these efforts, we have a series of resources tailor-made for your family. If you would like to receive these resources, please let me know.

Advent at Gethsemane was very full. The Advent E-vent brought together many children and youth. After three rehearsals, the children and youth put on a very popular pageant which looked at the Nativity story as told by Matthew and Luke. The Happy Birthday Jesus! party will be a lot of fun as we celebrate the Reason for the season. The family-friendly service for Christmas Eve will engage and enchant all who come. We hope many attend our Gethsemane goes to the Grotto event – everyone is welcome!! Because the pageant involved so many people, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all who participated and helped:

Cast

Dick Bemrose, Alma Crouse, Josie Crouse, Thomas Crouse, Angelina Deo, Christian Deo, Adam Dinsmore, Anna Dinsmore, Ava Goldbacher, Madison Goldbacher, Raelyn Harding, Kali Herbert, Parker Letmate, Spencer Letmate, Sentney Lindstrom, Carter Poole, Anna Quigley, Emmett Quigley, Peyton Quigley, Zane Quigley, Cooper Rasmussen, Jack Rasmussen, Sydney Rasmussen, Lexie Riehl, Tyler Riehl, Brandon Schie, Owen Solberg, Erika Steele, Annie Strobel, Laurel Strobel, Bailey Williamson, Mikayla Rasmussen, Ryan Yuen

Crew

Mary Baxter, Liz Blohm, Katie Crouse, Anya Dinsmore, Roseanna Foster-Mikhail, Karla Hills, Tracey Letmate, Andrew Morency, Kelly Morency, Alicia Quigley, Julieanne Quigley, Christina Riehl, Clara Shortt, Michelle Schie, Melissa Solberg, Kim Stoffregen, Jacque Williamson, Jasmine Yuen.

Save the dates!
We will be hosting Love & Logic on Tuesdays
during January (8, 15, 22, 29) from 6 to 7:45 p.m.
Sign up now!

Upcoming Activities:

12/27 Family Potluck at Gethsemane (6:00), followed by **Trip to the Grotto**

1/6 Epiphany celebration!

1/8,15,22,29 Love & Logic (6:00-7:45)

1/13 Celebration of Baptism! Swimming after the 10:30 service

1/19 Paint-a-thon!! Youth will paint the Sunday School & Youth Rooms. Pizza served!

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. January's WFCs focus on service:

Week 1: God has blessed you with many gifts/talents/strengths. How can you use them to help others?

Week 2: God has blessed you with special people in your life. In what ways can you help them out?

Week 3: God has blessed us with Creation. What gift can you give to help creation?

Week 4: God has blessed us with loving people in our community. What can you give to show them God's love in the world?

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?

January Notes:

- * **Become a Love and Logic Parent:** Gethsemane is offering a four-week class for parents with ideas about natural consequences; handling kids without anger, lectures or threats; and having fun parenting! Parents will learn to handle situations like bedtime, homework, tantrums, talking back, rude behavior, picky eating, entitlement issues, sibling rivalry and much more! January 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6 to 7:45 pm. Childcare provided. The cost for Gethsemane members is \$40/family for all four sessions. **Please register by 12/27** to assure a space. Registration forms are in the narthex and online (www.glcportland.org)
- * **Take a Leap of Faith** ... into a living-learning community! Who am I? What are my gifts? What do I believe? What am I called to do in this life? What is important to me? What's next? A new ministry of the ELCA. To learn more, go to living-learning.net.
- * **Epiphany Choir Concert** is Jan 6, 3-5 p.m., at Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda.
- * **The Preschool is Hosting a First Aid and CPR Training** on Sat, Jan 12, taught by Metro Child Care Resource and Referral, in the community hall. CPR and First Aid is \$45 from 10 to noon; RRCAN is \$15 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. A food handler's packet can also be picked up at the class for \$12. See Katie Strobel to sign up.
- * **Thanks to Pastor Tom** and all of you for the comforting words, prayers and support shown to our family that made the memorial service for Ralph so special. It is comforting to have such a caring church family. Jo Nelson and family.
- * **I Want to Thank** all of you who made my birthday celebration so very special. A special thank you to all who donated to Daybreak. The table was overflowing with gifts and \$145 in cash. Many, many thanks. What a fantastic church family. Bless you all, Becky Keiper.

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

Preschool Notes

Our annual Christmas program is coming up Thursday, December 20. The preschoolers are practicing their songs and are all so excited for Christmas. We anticipate this being a wonderful event. Our theme this year is **The Greatest Gift**. I am so thankful for a wonderful staff of women who are so willing to go above and beyond in getting everything ready for this program. Christina Woods, Tammy Gover, Margie Fletcher and Sherry Budge are a wonderful part of the Gethsemane community and do wonderful things with the children we reach through our preschool.

The preschool sponsored its annual Giving Tree for SnowCap again this year. We gathered items that babies might need and will donate them to SnowCap. This is a wonderful tie-in to bringing gifts to the Baby Jesus and teaching our children to give to others.

A reminder that our annual spaghetti fundraiser dinner for the preschool is Sunday, Feb. 17, following the 10:30 service. We'll hold a silent auction for baskets, so begin thinking about a theme basket you'd like to put together for the auction. We get some pretty creative donations. This has been a popular fundraiser the past several years and we look forward to this fun and worthwhile even. Mark your calendars now.

The Entertainment Book 2012 sale is over. We made about \$200 this year from this sale. Thank you to everyone who bought books!

We continue to offer Papa Murphy Peel-a-Deal discount cards for \$5. Like pizza? These are a great deal with eight small coupons on a punch card and no expiration date. See Katie in the preschool office to purchase a card.

It is also possible for you to order Scholastic Books online at www.scholastic.com. *Our classroom code is GT8XC*. These books come directly to the preschool and for every order that is placed online the preschool earns a \$3 book credit and bonus points, which we use to add to our preschool library. This year we also got a new microwave and CD player for one of our classrooms. Please consider this if you need books. There are many titles that you can access through their website.

Happy New Year! Katie Strobel

Budget Report November 2012			
Budgeted	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
\$326,942	\$305,964	\$282,928	\$23,035
Average Weekly Attendance:		2012: 151	2011: 139
Cathey Myers, Financial Mgr.			

Birthdays

- 1 Raelyn Berry
- 3 Lilli Schulz
- 4 Kayda Carpenter
Andrew Gillen
- 9 Stan Johnson
Sentney Lindstrom
- 10 Adam Dinsmore
- 11 Helen Tilken
- 12 Kim Butenschoen
- 15 Sharon Lee
Tracey Letmate
Daniel Wong
- 16 Gary Urbach
- 17 Flodine Loe
Paulette Kelley
Lexie Riehl
- 20 Erika Rasmussen
- 21 Rachel Peterson
- 22 Brian Kovach
- 23 Jack Bateman
- 23 Thomas Crouse
- 30 Tonia Lindquist



Anniversaries

- 1 Dick & Lois Boro (13th)
- 1 Bruce & Alanna
Wakeman (7th)
- 2 Dave & Theresa
Qualheim (11th)



Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; the Butenschoen's friends Rebecca & Norm; Sharon Lee's niece Terri; Nettie Ubrick's nephew Troy & her friend Tim; Randy Treanor; Roland and Virginia Haacke; Michelle McGilvray; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Joan Ward; Marian Aleckson; Cathey Myers' friends Max and JR & his wife; Karen Stenberg; George & Louise Fogg; Jerry Tilken; Scott Blohm; Aiden Lindstrom; Bea Jarvie; Joni Pokorny's father in law George; George Willett; Scott Morency; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Lillian Huston's sister Sylvia and her son Jim; Penny Thoreen's brother Bud; Nettie Ubrick's friend Ruby; Linda Babcock; Vera Koosman; Dick Boro; Suzie Rector's father Keith; Katherine Eshleman; Stan Johnson; Kent Cumming; Darlene Lewis' mom, Margie; Rita Nesbit's son John; and Galvin & Virginia Irby.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Tiffany Herbert; Karen Arendt's granddaughter Michelle; Jo Nelson's friend Carol; the Perkin's granddaughter Madeline; Shar Giard's friend John; Anna Quigley; Alicia Quigley's mother Isabel; Sharon Lee's brother in law George; Anya Dinsmore; Pr. Laurie Larson Caesar; Colleen Barnett's friend Diane; June and Allen Kalkhoven's friends Kathlene, Sam, and Danielle; Kayda Carpenter; Cooper Rasmussen; Audrey Magnuson; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; the Sloan's friend Francis; Joni Pokorny's son Luke and her daughter's friend Rachel; Roberta Vidlund; Paulette Kelley's brothers Larry and Randy; and Rita Nesbit.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of those killed at Clackamas Town Center and in Newtown, Connecticut; and the family and friends of the daughter of Peggy, Kim Stoffregen's friend.

Homebound Brothers & Sisters

Lucille Langseth, Pacific Gardens, 17309 NE Glisan, #402, Portland, 97230, 503/256-0553

Karen Stenberg, 15521 SE Meadowlark Ln. Milwaukie 97267

Vera Koosman, 1280 NE Kane Dr. #211, Gresham, 97030, 503/661-0538


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 JANUARY 2013 Gethsemane Lutheran Church		1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers 6:30p-CYFF Mtg. @ 205McM.	3 7:45a- BibleStudy 1:30-2:30p- FirRidge 7p-Choir	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 12:30p- RecovInc.
	6 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour	7	8 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 6-7:45P- LOVE&LOGIC	9 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	10 7:45a-Bible Study 1:30-2:30p- FirRidge 7p-Choir	11 <i>OfficeClosed</i>
13 8 & 10:30a- Worship 10:30 SERVICE 9:15a-EdHr 9:15a-Budget Forum <i>1p-Confir- mation</i>	14 10a-B-Team 6:30p- Finance Mtg.	15 8a-Men's Breakfast 6-7:45P- LOVE&LOGIC	16 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers 3p- Stewardship Meeting 7p-Church Council	17 7:45a-Bible Study 10a-Wom- en's BibleSt. 1:30-2:30p- FirRidge 7p-Choir <i>Pr. Tom on vacation thru January 20</i>	18 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	19 12:30p- RecovInc. Afternoon: BD Party/Sharon Lee Youth Serv- ice Project - Painting the Youth Room
20 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour	21 7p-Band?	22 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p- SwingBand 6-7:45P- LOVE&LOGIC	23 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	24 7:45a- BibleStudy 1:30-2:30p- FirRidge 7p-Choir	25 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Friends of Trees Tree Delivery</i>	26 12:30p- RecovInc. 8:30a-Friends of Trees
27 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour Noon-Annual Meeting <i>1:30p-Confir- mation</i>	28	29 <i>8a-Men's Breakfast</i> <i>10a-Bible Study</i> <i>6-7:45P- LOVE&LOGIC</i>	30 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	31 7:45a-Bible Study 1:30-2:30p- FirRidge 7p-Choir	<i>February 1 Office Closed</i>	<i>Feb 2 12:30p- Recov.Inc.</i> <i>Groundhog Day</i>