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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: This was the second lesson on Sunday, December 22nd, from Romans 1:1-7:

“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

As you can see, that paragraph is all one sentence, at least in English. The original Greek didn’t have punctuation anyway, so sentences and paragraphs didn’t matter so much.

But the interesting thing to me is that that paragraph is a pretty good description of what we are all about during the season of Epiphany which extends from January 6th, Epiphany Day, through Transfiguration Sunday, March 2nd. Epiphany means “appearance” and the season of Epiphany is a time when we learn more about who this Jesus is that was born on Christmas Day, and what he does.

So we see in the Romans passage that Jesus is descended from David as a human being, has been declared to be Son of God, that he has power and holiness because of his resurrection from the dead, and that he is Lord.

But it’s not all about Jesus. Who we are and what we are able to do also “appears” during this season. Paul says in the above passage that we have received grace and apostleship and a calling to belong to Jesus Christ. That means that God’s love is a free gift to us and that God now calls us to be apostles, people who are sent, in the world where we live and among the people we live with. We are sent to bring that same Gospel, Good News, about God’s grace, and we are sent to live as Christians in our world, fostering peace and justice in a broken world.

Lisa and I thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts that you have given us. I pray that during the Epiphany Season, more and more may appear to you about Jesus, and about yourself.

As Paul concludes our passage, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Pastor Tom

**Pastor Tom will be at a continuing education event
from Sunday evening, January 12th through Sunday evening January 19th.**

Pastor Tom will be on vacation Tuesday, January 28th, through, Wednesday, January 29th.

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN MISSION ENDOWMENT

Marion Burgess, one of our Mission Endowment Committee members, has been a long time supporter of the Mission Endowment Fund and we asked her to share some of her thoughts about why she gives to this fund: "When the Endowment Fund was started at Gethsemane, Dick and I thought it would be wonderful to be part of a legacy that would live beyond us and our time at Gethsemane, so we began to support the fund with our "birthday and anniversary" dollars each year along with "blessing" dollars for family and friends. What a nice surprise for us to attend a prayer and Sabbath seminar supported by the Endowment Fund!" *(continued)*

Wouldn't you like to begin your legacy at Gethsemane, too, with your "birthday" dollars in 2014 or remember Gethsemane on its 50th Anniversary in the coming year? We hope you will continue to consider gifts to the endowment fund and we hope that you will remember Gethsemane Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund in your Estate Plan. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

Tonia Lindquist

DECEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

During this brief meeting before the Advent service, council discussed and took action on several building requests. Three approved use requests were for a Middle School Choir Festival with 17 area choirs in March; an exercise class meeting M/W/F in the mornings (talk to Harvey Steele if you're interested in attending); and the return of the Norwegian Christmas Service next December. Bill Herbert recommended the establishment of a Memorial Fund Committee consisting of the Executive Committee and the Stewardship Chair. Shar Giard, chair of the 50th anniversary committee, has lots of ideas coupled with lots of enthusiasm for the 50th celebration. Hal Hingst is planning an eight-week Grief Support class. And, finally, the sanctuary roof is being repaired (we hope) on December 26. More detailed minutes will be in the narthex by the first week in January. *(JWR)*

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.
- **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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

For our Christmas preschool program, the children practice songs long before we sing on Dec 17. There is much excitement as they anticipate the program, as well as Christmas itself. I am so thankful for the staff of women who willingly go above and beyond in getting everything ready for this program: Christina Woods, Tammy Gover, Sherry Budge and Mary Baxter, all of whom do a wonderful job with the children in our preschool.

The preschool has an annual Giving Tree where we gather items for babies and then donate them to SnowCap. It is a way to remind the children of the Baby Jesus born at Christmas, and also to teach them about the joy of giving to others.

A Reminder: Our annual spaghetti fundraiser dinner for the preschool will be Sunday, Feb 23, after the 10:30 service. We will hold a silent auction. Please remember that we need items to auction and, if you have something to donate, please let me know. This has been a popular fundraiser the past several years and we look forward to this fun and worthwhile event this year again. There will be a few changes and new activities, so mark your calendars now.

Like Pizza? We continue to offer Papa Murphy Peel-a-Deal discount cards for \$5. 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*. The books come directly to the preschool and for every order that is placed online the preschool earns a \$3 book credit and bonus points. Our book credits are used to add books to our preschool library and our bonus points are used to replace supplies. This year we got a new microwave and CD player for one of our classrooms. Please consider this if you need books for younger children. There are many titles that you can access through their website.

Happy New Year! Katie Strobel

FAITHWORKS: CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Christmas Pageant: This year we decided to try something new for our annual Christmas Pageant. On Dec 8 we held the pageant at both worship services. Youth and congregational members were invited to join in and, as each part of the Christmas story was read by our older youth, participants with simple props joined around the manger. Despite a change of venue (we used the Activity Room due to heating problems in the sanctuary) we feel it was a success, a great intergenerational Christmas pageant without the stress of rehearsals and costuming.

CYFM Coordinator Search Begins: Maureen's last day with Gethsemane was on Dec 8. The youth presented her with a stole featuring handprints of the youth of Gethsemane. Many thanks to Katie Strobel for organizing the project and making the stole. Maureen was very appreciative.

Our committee is moving forward in searching for a new staff person. We have changed the term in the job description to be "Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries" of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. We have posted the job opening among our congregation, as well as other congregations and online. We are accepting resumes through Jan 31, 2014. In early February, we will begin looking at resumes.

As we move through this transition process, we would like to request that you pray for our youth, their families, and our committee. We can use your support and help. As a ministry of Gethsemane, we all need to be working together to support our youth and families. The congregation of Gethsemane has a history of supporting our youth. We can continue this during this transition phase, but it needs to be a team effort by many.

Can you help with Sunday School?

- **Sunday School Teacher or Assistant** for Preschool through 5th grade: Once a month, 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Sunday School Teacher** for Youth 6th Grade through High School, on Confirmation Sundays (usually every other Sunday), 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- **Supplying Sunday School Snacks** for 15 youth. Sign up on narthex counter for a certain date and have them in Parish Hall by 10 a.m. on that Sunday. Please mark for "Sunday School."
- **Serving on the Children, Youth, and Families Committee.** We appreciate those currently on our committee, however, new members bring fresh ideas and encourage us to think in other ways.

Can you help with our youth programs?

- If possible, support our fundraisers. We encourage our youth to be responsible by helping to raise funds so they can participate in such things as camp and attending assemblies.
- Be involved with events sponsored by our committee. Some of our events are designed to be intergenerational, i.e. the Advent E-vent. Join us! Get acquainted with our youth and families. They are delightful! Offer also to help at these events. We can always use extra hands.
- Help with youth outings. We often need help with driving and chaperoning youth.
- Sometimes we just need a donation of time and effort, i.e. a recent request for cupcakes to be made for Happy Birthday Jesus party. Please watch your Gazette/Olive Press and let us know if you can help out.

Please pray for this ministry

Pray for our children, youth, and families. Pray for God to lead us in our search for a staff person who will work well with us in carrying out this ministry. Pray that God helps us discern the best way to minister to our youth and families. *God's blessings to all as we begin the New Year! Christina Riehl and Karla Hills, CoChairs*

— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —			
Income & Expense Budget Report through November 2013			
Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$350,108	\$305,370	\$338,796	(\$33,426)
Average Weekly Attendance for October:		2013: 141	2012: 151

Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.

January 2014 — Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 29 8 & 10:30a- Worship/Healing Services 9:15a-EdHour 5th Sunday Mingle 1p-Confirmation	30 Band	31 New Years Eve 8a-MenBrkt 10a-BibStudy 7p-Swing Band	January 1 New Years Day <i>Office Closed</i> 5:30p-Clutterers	2 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 7p-Choir	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 12:30p- RecovInc.
5 8 & 10:30a- Worship/ 9:15a-EdHour 10a-SunSchool 1p-Confirmation	6 7p-Band	7 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-BibStudy 6;30p-CYFF Bd. 7p-SwBand	8 5:30p-Clutterers	9 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 12:30p- RecovInc. 3p-80th BD Party
12 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour	13 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 10a-B-Team 6:30p-Finance Mtg. 7p-Band PT @ Cont. Ed. thru Jan 19	14 8a-Men's Breakfast 9a-Preschool Bd. 7p-SwBand	15 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 5:30-Clutterers 7p-Council Mtg.	16 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 10a-Women's Bible Study 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir	17 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise <i>Office Closed</i> <i>In-Betweeners to Sunriver thru Jan 19</i>	18 12:30p- RecovInc.
19 8 & 10:30a- Worship — 9:15a-EdHour	20 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 7p-Band MLK Holiday <i>Office Closed</i>	21 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-BbleStdy 1:45p-Mutual Ministry Mtg. 7p-SwBand	22 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 7p-Clutterers	23 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 6p-50thAnniv. CommMtg. 7p-Choir	24 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise <i>Office Closed</i>	25 12:30p- RecovInc. Friends of Trees here in the morning
26 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour <i>(Healing services after each service)</i> NOON-Annual Meeting	27 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 7p-Band	28 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand PT on Vacation thru Jan 29	29 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 7p-Clutterers	30 7:45a-Brkfst Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir	31 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise <i>Office Closed</i>	

January Birthdays

- 01 Raelyn Berry
Calvin Peck-Dobson
03 Robert Schmorl
04 Kayda Carpenter
Andrew Gillen
09 Stanley Johnson
Sentney Lindstrom
10 Adam Dinsmore
11 Helen Tilkens
12 Kim Butenschoen
15 Sharon Lee
Tracey Letmate
Daniel Wong
16 Gary Urbach
17 Flodine Loe
Paulette Kelley
Alexis Riehl
20 Erika Rassmussen
21 Rachel Peterson
23 Jack Bateman
Thomas Crouse
30 Tonia Lindquist

January Anniversaries

- 01 Lois & Dick Boro #14
01 Bruce & Alanna Wakeman #8
02 Dave & Theresa Qualheim #12

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:*

Tiffany Herbert; Carol Steele's cousin Arlan Scott; Dorothy Shouse; Jerry Tilkens; Aiden Lindstrom; Bea Jarvie; Linda Babcock; 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; Joe Rapp; the Sloan's friend Francis; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Shar Giard's friend John; Kent Cumming; Kim Butenschoen's friend DeeAnn; Ginny Barton's friend, Golda, and her son, Mark; Sharon Lee's daughter Karen, her niece, Terry and her great niece Stephanie; Marilee Hansen; Marian Aleckson; Mickey Dochow; Harold and Doris Hansen; Lillian Huston's sister, Sylvia Overland; Elmer Schmidt; George & Louise Fogg; Christina Woods' husband Sam; Dick Burgess; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Ida Olson; Lillian Huston's son Jim; Carl Perkins; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; Shari Giard's friend Carolyn; and Bill Herbert's sister Judy.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's friends Jeannie and Patricia; Amy Deetz' brother Jeff; Jo Nelson's friend Greg; Kent Cumming's brother in law Jim; Julieanne Quigley's friend's son Henry; Colleen Barnett's niece Linda; Joni Pokorny's daughter's friend Marissa; Cooper Rassmussen; Dwaine Estes; and Jennifer Peck.

Homebound 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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