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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2013

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In my April newsletter article I said that my Sabbatical would be a time of rest, reflection, and visioning. One of the 'visions' that I had has to do with emergency preparedness. Recently, Tori, Lisa, and I got together with some nearby friends of ours and talked about ways in which we could prepare for a community emergency, specifically earthquakes.

We shared ideas and resources and put together some action plans. I'd like to share a very helpful resource with you with you. It's called "Family Emergency Supplies Calendar." It gives you a simple step-by-step procedure for gathering supplies for your family should an earthquake strike. By doing a little bit every week, in a short time you will have enough food, water, and other supplies to tide you and your family over until basic services begin to be restored. You can get a hard copy of the calendar at the church office or go to this link on line: [www.multco.us/em/](http://www.multco.us/em/). Click on "Preparedness Documents" under "Quick Links." Click on "Family Emergency Supplies Calendar."

As I reflected on this preparedness activity, I began to realize that in a community emergency, people from Gethsemane's neighborhood may begin to gather here for material and spiritual support. Not only that, during the preschool year, we have a number of children and adults in our building that could be stranded for several hours, or even days, depending on the severity of the earthquake.

Should we be gathering supplies for our own church's emergency preparedness for use by our preschool and neighborhood? I believe we should. Where would we store the supplies? What kind of procedures do we need to establish for our preschool? Shall we gather some volunteers who can be part of an Emergency Preparedness Task Force? I believe that we should. If you would like to be a part of this group please let me know.

May the love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit shield and protect you, and give you peace.

Pastor Tom Hiller

P.S. Won't you come home, Bill Herbert? Won't you come home? We need you.

**Pastor Tom will be on vacation from July 12 through July 15.**

## FAITHWORKS: MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

We have now entered the Season after Pentecost, sometimes referred to as Ordinary Time. From Advent through Pentecost, we focus on Incarnation, Ministry, and Resurrection. During Ordinary Time, Mission is our focus as we live out our faith in the world. We embody the faith we have inherited and become Christ's hands and feet in the world.

### **Looking Back:**

June is full of celebrations – the end of the school year, graduations, weddings, and more. At Gethsemane, we honored those who dedicated themselves to the ministry of Christian Formation: *Mary Baxter, Dick Bemrose, Marion Burgess, Ernie Butenschoen, Kim Butenschoen, Roseanna Foster-Mikhail, Bill Herbert, Tom Hiller, Karla Hills, Hal Hingst, Tracey Letmate, Alicia Quigley, Christina Riehl, Clara Shortt, Melissa Solberg, Harvey Steele, Laurel Strobel, and Christine Wong.* Their faithfulness in this ministry is inspiring. Later the same day we went to Blue Lake for our second annual picnic. Everyone had a great time playing, eating, laughing, and singing together. I hope to see you next year.

### **Looking Forward:**

Although it is summer, there are plenty of activities for our children, youth, and families (and you!). While we are taking a break from Sunday School, we decided to hold **Children's Chapel** during the summer (except for first Sundays), immediately after the Children's Message. All kids are invited.

**Day Camp & VBS** are only two weeks away. Last year the Gethsemane community rallied to make the week a success. We hope you will come through again. We still need four teachers and assistants for the preschoolers, three guides for the day camp, three people to help in the kitchen, three dinner hosts, and donations of food and drink. Brochures, registration forms, and sign-up sheets for volunteers and food are in the Narthex (and online).

After VBS, we have loads of fun activities in store for this summer. In addition to what we have done in the past, we plan to take a day trip to the Gorge, where Burke Strobel will provide orientation to the hatcheries, a swimming day at Blue Lake, and a biking-walking-and-picnic event at Springwater Corridor. We'd love to have as many people participate as possible.

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

Yours in Christ, Maureen-Elizabeth Hagen

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- 6/30 Light brunch for those volunteering at Day Camp/VBS
- 7/15-19 Lutherwood Day Camp & Preschool VBS
- 7/23 Gethsemane goes to the Zoo!! (9-2)
- 7/30 Gethsemane goes Swimming!! (10-1)
- 8/9 Gethsemane goes up the Gorge!! (9-2)
- 8/13 Gethsemane goes to the (Blue) Lake!! (11-2)
- 8/22 Gethsemane goes to Springwater!! (5-8)

## NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

**Wi-Fi is coming to Gethsemane.** The Council approved a Cat 5 cabling system which will increase the internet speed by at least 10 times, be secure for office use, and cover the preschool, conference room activity room and the community hall areas at a cost not to exceed \$2,500, with funds from Special Gifts. The Hills family (Rod, Jacob, and Gavin) along with Russ Solberg will manage the project. The next step is to use some borrowed equipment to test connectivity in the various areas of the church.

**Narthex upgrade continues.** The old sound tiles have been removed; the ceiling has been repaired and retextured. The plan is to drape cloth swags on the ceiling to soften the noise in the narthex. Friends of Gethsemane, the group doing this project, will meet soon to select the fabric. Afterwards, a section of cloth will be installed as a test. The goal is to have the project completed by September.

**We are seeking a Day Break Shelter Coordinator.** Dale Van Horn who, with Tom Lewis, has been the coordinator for Gethsemane for a number of years, is stepping down. He will continue to assist with set up and take down during the weeks when Gethsemane hosts the shelter. Patty Olson and her Community Action Committee are handling the process to fill this key position. If you are interested, contact Patty or Dale for additional details.

**The Fire Lane/No Parking zone is coming.** As the weather improves, we will be painting the curbing in front of the church to provide better access for fire trucks responding to emergencies at the church.

**Vacation time is here.** Enjoy your time away but, if possible, please drop off or mail your offering to the church. That will help cash flow during the summer as we continue to meet monthly financial obligations.

## PRESCHOOL YEAR IS OVER

May was a wonderful time of celebration at preschool.

- We had a Mommy and Me Tea just before Mother's Day where the preschoolers had evening tea with moms and grandmas, doing crafts, eating snacks, singing songs, and hearing stories. Thank you to Dale Van Horn for all his extra work.
- In May our weekly themes included camping and water. The children loved the tents, the pretend campfires, and "painting" the fence with water.
- We finished the year with "graduation:" A special promotion ceremony and a finger food potluck. Thank you to Gloria Kelsay for the adorable bug and bee cupcakes, which were beautiful and delicious. Be sure to look at the Facebook page for a picture.

I can't believe the school year has ended and we say goodbye to some preschoolers. It is always a bittersweet time. As they move on to kindergarten and other school programs we wish the best for them and their families, and pray for their continued growth. Most of our juniors will be back this fall and we can't wait to watch them grow and change.

We've had a great school year. Our preschoolers have learned and experienced so many things. At our weekly chapels, children consistently heard the message that God loves and cares for them. Our M & M room was run by Mrs. Christina, who taught them songs and promoted active play. It is a favorite part of the preschooler's day. Mrs. Margie and Mrs. Tammy used a curriculum teaching shapes, colors, counting, number recognition, sequencing, patterning, letter recognition, and sounds. They all learned how to write and recognize their name.

The dedication of these three women and aide Mrs. Sherry is remarkable. Their energy and patience are truly a blessing to our program and the children and families we serve. I cannot thank them enough for their devotion to our program.

I want to thank the wonderful board that supported me this year: Pastor Tom, Kim Butenschoen, Gloria Kelsay, Jay Rector, Erika Rasmussen and Maureen Hagen. Their commitment and willingness to serve Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool is terrific. I appreciate the value this congregation places on the preschool.

As we move on to a new school year I am excited about the potential to grow our program and show the love of Christ to families in our community.

Happy summer! Katie Strobel

## NOTES:

- **September 8, 2013 is "God's work, our hands" Sunday**, an opportunity to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Whether it's cleaning up a neighborhood park, delivering meals or helping a child learn to read, let's join together for a dedicated day of service Sept 8 as 4 million members and nearly 10,000 congregations. You work every day to welcome your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together as one church, freed in Jesus Christ to serve and love our neighbor. For 25 years we have been a church that does God's work in the world – restoring and reconciling communities. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are a church that is resilient and *always being made new*.
- **Now That School is Out for the Summer** lunch items are needed for kids who won't be getting "free or reduced" lunches at school. We challenge you to bring a jar of peanut butter or jam, some Ramen noodles, individual fruit cups, or other items for kids' lunches. If everyone brings just one item, that would be a lot of food; if you can bring more, even better. We'll keep this going until after July 4. If we have to make a few trips and just keep track of the overall weight, we won't complain. Let's get busy. Dick and Diane Bemrose.
- **We Still Have Preschool Openings.** If your child will be 3 or 4 by September 1, or you know a child that will be, please visit us. We are here in the summer for tours and to answer questions, or call Katie Strobel in the preschool office. **The preschool playground needs a sandbox.** If you have one with a lid that you're not using, please consider donating it to our program. Thank you, Katie Strobel.
- **Spend the 4th of July at Camp Lutherwood Oregon!** Save \$15 when you register for any session during the week of June 30-July 5! We'll have a blast with fireworks, a parade, carnival and special activities for all campers. **Pioneer 1 (grades 3-5) \$325** Blaze a trail of memories this summer through all that camp has to offer. Learn new skills, make new friends, sleep under the stars, cook over a fire, play great games and grow in your faith! **Explorer 1 (grades 5-6) \$325** Explore faith, friendships and the earth around us in a fun-filled week of laughter, conversation and games. In addition to your favorite camp activities, experience the world from the perspective of an owl and spend a night on the new property in a hammock! Life's different at camp, come explore it! **Discovery 1 (grades 7-9) \$415** This week of land based adventures includes climbing a 130 year old redwood tree, rock climbing, hiking, frisbee golf and hiking! New discoveries await you this summer at Camp Lutherwood! You'll explore that faith and adventure are inseparable--just like camp friendships! **REGISTER HERE TODAY** Receive your \$15 discount for Pioneer 1, Explorer 1 or Discovery 1 (June 30-July 5 only) using the coupon code: 4 of JULY15
- **Madge Buss** has a birthday June 29. Her NEW address is Lawrence Convalescent Center, 812 SE 48 Ave. in Portland, 97215. Phone is 503.236.2624. Her family says she'd love cards!
- **Become a Tree Scout** Tree scouts work in their neighborhoods to register productive and underutilized fruit trees! This is a fun opportunity to serve as a vital liaison between Portland Fruit Tree Project and fruit tree owners. We provide all necessary training and materials. This volunteer position begins in mid-June and ends at the end of October of each year. We're now accepting applications for 2013 Tree Scout volunteers! For the complete position description, call 503-284-6106 or email [bob\[at\] portlandfruit.org](mailto:bob[at]portlandfruit.org), with the subject line 'Tree Scout Interest' and we'll be sure to send you an application. Ally Parzych, 503-284-6106, [outreach@ portlandfruit.org](mailto:outreach@portlandfruit.org); [www.portlandfruit.org](http://www.portlandfruit.org).
- **Band Concert on Sunday, July 7, at Noon** with great music, fellowship, and food. This year we're serving fajitas. Everyone is welcome, so we hope to see lots of people there. If you'd like to help the fellowship committee, we will be preparing on Saturday, July 6, at 10 a.m. We can also use help for set-up on Sunday morning and again for clean-up and dismantling Sunday afternoon. Thanks, Kim Stoffregen.

## DRESS FOR FREEDOM

On Saturday, April 13, Gethsemane Lutheran Church had the honor of hosting DRESS FOR FREEDOM, an event for girls who have been rescued from human trafficking or who may be at risk. When Pastor asked me to be the contact person for this event, I was not quite sure of its purpose: Young girls getting a prom dress and makeovers? Sounds kind of fun! Well, it was a lot more than that.

The event was brought together through wonderful and loving people from Compassion Connect and Adorned in Grace. Compassion Connect is an organization that unites churches to bring the love of Christ to hundreds of young teens and at-risk girls. You may not be aware, but human trafficking is right here in our own backyard, neighborhood, and community.

Compassion Connect and Adorned in Grace work hard and courageously to combat this evil. Adorned in Grace Design Studio is an outreach to at-risk girls where they can learn to re-purpose and re-design the silks, satins, lace, and beading from donated gowns into fun fashions, accessories, and gift items. The Bridal and Formal Wear shop sells the majority of new and gently used bridal and formal wear with all proceeds going to raise awareness and provide support and safe shelter for the victims of human trafficking. The Design Studio is located within minutes of Gethsemane.

The day of the event was exciting, exhilarating and a whirlwind of activity. About 50 girls arrived within the first two hours. These young girls are currently living in foster care, shelters, or are under the guidance of a DHS caseworker. Some were very shy and quiet, but as the day went on, the shyness and quietness turned into smiles and laughter. The girls selected dresses and had their hair and makeup done, ate, and enjoyed one another's company. There were areas for hair styling, makeovers, alterations, dressing rooms, and an area with racks and racks and more racks of dresses and gowns. Tables were set up for accessories, manicures, and fabulous food. This definitely was NOT the ordinary makeover that you might see on TV. It was and is an event to bring joy and self-worth to these beautiful young women. This event, through Compassion Connect/ Design in Grace, makes that very important connection to these at-risk teens at a most vulnerable time in their lives and conveys the message that they are valuable - uniquely created by God and deeply cared for and loved.



Two young women who were volunteers gave testimony as to what happened to them in their young lives when they were exploited through supposed "acts of friendship." One of the young women was tired of foster care and was approached by a "friend" who promised her a trip to Disneyland and fun. That never happened - she was forced into a horrid life for 2-3 years before she could escape. My friend Theresa and I listened to these testimonies as our eyes filled with tears. It just broke our hearts to hear of such travesties and that such evil could exist. We were told many do not escape - they just disappear. That is why it is imperative to reach out to these girls before they are enticed with lies and forced to live and work in conditions that they cannot leave. I looked around the room and saw all these precious young girls who are so blessed to

have such a wonderful outreach program made available to them through the volunteers from Compassion Connect and Adorned in Grace. They know that God will always love them.

This whole experience affected me greatly. I feel blessed to have been a part of this wonderful event. Gethsemane was able to provide a perfect venue for DRESSED FOR FREEDOM. My hope is that Adorned in Grace will consider hosting this event again next year at our church. Thank you, Linda Tribett, for opening my eyes.

Thank you to all who donated items and money for this event. Thank you to Liz and Matt for helping with the set up the day before, and to Theresa Qualheim and her daughter Melissa for helping out the day of the event! And many thanks to Dale for his help locating things!!!!

Blessing and peace,  
Patty Olson, Community Action and Outreach

### — Gethsemane Lutheran Church —

#### Income & Expense Budget Report through May 2013

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$159,140	\$150,990	166,824	(\$15,833)
Average Weekly Attendance for May:	2013: 124	2012: 141	Cathey Myers, Fin.

## JULY 2013 — Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>July 1</i>	2 8a- Men's Bkfst. 10a- Bible Study 7p- <i>Swing Band</i>	3 5:30p- Clutterers	4 Fourth of July  <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6 12:30p- Recov Inc.
7 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-Ed Hour Noon-Band Concert	8	9 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 6:30p-CYFF Mtg. 7p-Sw Band	10 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	11 9:30a- Quilting	12 <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Pr. Tom on vacation July 12-15</i> →	13 12:30p- Recov Inc.
14 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-Ed Hour ←	15 10a-B-Team 6:30p- Finance Mtg.	16 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 5p-Mutual Ministry 7p-Sw Band	17 <i>3p-Steward- ship Mtg.</i> 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers <b>7p-Church Council</b>	18 9:30a- Quilting	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20 12:30p- Recov Inc.
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS WEEK</b>					→	
21 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-Ed Hour	22  	23 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-Sw Band <b>Youth go to the Zoo</b>	24 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	25 9:30a- Quilting	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27 12:30p- Recov Inc.
28 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-Ed Hour  <b>DAYBREAK HERE CONFIRMA- TION CAMP</b>	29  	30 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-Sw Band <b>Youth go Swimming</b>	31 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers			

**Birthdays**

- 1 Brandon Schie
- 2 Sue Gillen  
Gavin Hills
- 5 Karen Arendt  
Shar Giard
- 6 Clara Shortt  
Shannon Kelsay
- 8 Elaine Kahler  
Penny Thoreen  
Scott Blohm
- 12 Bob Law  
Katie Crouse  
Braden Kelley
- 13 Kevin Blohm
- 14 Anna Dinsmore
- 15 Vernon Hopp

- Jack Hurlman
- 16 Alaura Kinneer
- 17 Bea Jarvie
- 19 Marian Aleckson
- 20 Melissa Solberg
- 21 Joyce Woods
- 22 Pr. Tom Hiller
- 31 Larry Stoffregen  
Mikayla Williamson

**Anniversaries**

- 7 Bud/Kay Qualheim (67th)
- 7 Ray/Melissa Natasia (6th)
- 16 Jerry/Helen Tilkens (64th)
- 19 Rod/Karla Hills (33rd)
- 22 Tom/Darlen Lewis (35th)
- 30 Russ/Melissa Solberg (7th)

**Prayer Concerns—Ongoing:** Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers: Aiden Lindstrom; Bea Jarvie; George Willett; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Linda Babcock; 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; Sharon Lee's niece Terri; Jo Nelson's friend Carol; 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; Sharon Lee's brother in law George; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Joan Ward; Marian Aleckson; Madge Buss; Mickey Dochow; Karen Stenberg; George & Louise Fogg; Dick Burgess; Doug Glenn; Darlene Kuehmichel; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; and Darlene Lewis' mother, Margie; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Carol Steele's cousin Arlan Scott; Dorothy Shouse; and Jerry Tilkens.

**Urgent:** Those who are ill or in need of other prayers: Scott Morency; Pr. Laurie Larson Caesar; Michelle McGilvray; Joni Pokorny's daughter's friend Marissa; Jo Nelson's friend Greg; Joe Rapp; Kim Butenschoen's friend DeeAnn; Mary Baxter's sister Joan; Kent Cumming; Jennifer Peck; Karen Arendt's daughter-in-law, Karen; Cathey Myers' friends, JR and wife Denise; Liz Blohm's brother Dan; Tom Gustafson; Vera Koosman's brother-in-law, Martin Schmidt; Rachel Hills' aunt Kathleen; and Shar Giard's friend John.

**Homebound Brothers & Sisters**

- Lucille Langseth**, Pacific Gardens, 17309 NE Glisan, #402 97230, 256-0553
- Karen Stenberg**, 15521 SE Meadowlark Ln. Milwaukie 97267
- Vera Koosman**, 1280 NE Kane Dr. #211, Gresham, 97030, 661-0538
- Marian Aleckson**, 15727 NE Russell #1115, 97230, 254-4262
- Madge Buss**, Lawrence Conv. Ctr., 812 SE 48, Portland, 97215, 236.2624
- Mickey Dochow**, Pacific Gardens, 17309 NE Glisan, 97230, 253-4920

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