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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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As you read this, I shall be in Southern Africa (Capetown and Zambia), grateful for the opportunity to spend time with my niece who is a second-year Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana. Having spent two years as a PCV in my 20's, I know how difficult (and rewarding) this experience can be. I will be returning to Gethsemane in time for the picnic.

Looking Back:

This was a great May. I spent the first weekend at Camp Lutherwood with confirmation students **Kali Herbert, Hailey Long, Andrew Morency, and Brandon Schie**. We helped prepare the camp for summer, held confirmation class, ate and played together, and had a campfire chat with some counselors. After spending the night, we drove to Bullwinkle's and spent a few hours there having lots of fun. Next year, it might be fun to have a larger contingent from Gethsemane.

On Mother's Day, **Dick and Diane Bemrose** brought flowers for kids to plant in decorated pots – thanks!

Perhaps the most fun was Pentecost! We brought out the processional kite and had an Everything Red lunch for all. Many thanks to all who helped with the balloons to make the service extra special.

It has been fun spending the past two months with the Confirmation class. A great bunch of kids. Please keep Andrew, Annie, Brandon, Hailey, Kali, and Laurel in your prayers!

Coming Up:

Church Picnic: Put June 9 on your calendar. During Sunday services, we'll show our appreciation to all who have been part of Gethsemane's Lifelong Formation. Then, we'll head to Blue Lake Park for a picnic! You won't want to miss out...please bring either a side dish or a dessert to share at the picnic. Parking is \$5/car.



End-of-School-Year Celebration at Oaks Park! On June 22, we welcome all kids to Oaks Park. Bring your dinners and we will first picnic together and then spend the next few hours having fun. 5:00-10:00 pm; \$4/youth. (If children are under 10, we need to have a responsible adult to accompany them.)

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

Yours in Christ, Maureen-Elizabeth Hagen

Summer Day Camp and VBS News!

Registration is open for all kids ages 4 through grade 5 to attend VBS July 15-19! Preschool children (ages 4-5) will have a tailor-made VBS program. Last year, we had to close registration, so please register early. (\$15/child; 9-11:45) For kids entering grades 1-6, Camp Lutherwood counselors will lead the Day Camp. (\$25/child; \$40 max/family; 9-3, M-Th, 9-12 Friday). You will find registration forms at www.glcportland.org or in the narthex. Questions? Contact Maureen Hagen (maureenhagen@gmail.com), 971.219.8219), Karla Hills (khills80@gmail.com), or Christie Riehl (criehl23@gmail.com).





YOU can help this community ministry

- Share registration information with family, friends, and neighbors
- Volunteer - work with kids, snacks or other support
- Pray for this program and the Holy Spirit's work among all the participants.



We Did It!

We recently re-dedicated the community hall! We finished what we set out to do, to make our community hall a safe and welcoming place for folks to meet. So now what? Well, we need to stay committed to this project to see it through to the end.

THE NUMBERS

In 2012 we voted and approved spending \$475,000 to accomplish this project. We secured a loan through MIF for \$450,000 knowing that we could cover any expenses beyond this amount. Once the project started, we began to pay interest monthly based on the funds that were drawn. Now that the project is complete (all but the organ as of this writing) we have drawn all \$450,000 and, beginning soon, the monthly payments will include principal as well as interest. By my rough calculations the total cost of the project will be around \$470,000 with the completion of the organ. I defer to the church Secretary Treasurer and Finance Manager for exact numbers. Last November it was reported that the three-year campaign commitments were \$243,385. This commitment will go a long way to help us repay our loan. Stay focused. Stay committed.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your support, whether it is financial, manual labor, or spiritual through prayer. Laura Britzius

Rummage Sale . . . Passing It On!

Because things happen so fast during the sale, I thought it of interest to 'pass on' some events during and after the sale. Mostly, 'giving' was approved prior to the sale. We helped multiple interest groups. Clothes and shoes were gathered by a couple who ship to the *Ukraine*. *Habitat for Humanity* has a sale at the end of July so they filled a truck to overflowing, then brought in a second truck. *Multnomah County Aging Services* were given two walkers that didn't sell. Flower vases were given to a *florist shop*. Some unsold Christmas items were saved for a November Bazaar at another *Lutheran church*. *Goodwill* was wonderful. They loaned us 10 racks and several boxes of hangers, then picked up all the remaining goods with one of their huge trucks, and it was FULL! It was so inspiring to have 31 people come from 4 to 6 p.m. the Sunday before to start setting up! Thank you to all the people who 'pitched in' all week. Clara Shortt

Defibrillator Purchased

We've got a new AED (defibrillator) in our narthex, something we hope we never have to use. Special thanks to Tom and Dale for getting it mounted. The AED is in an unlocked cabinet (for obvious reasons), but an alarm will go off if the door is opened, and will shut off when the door is closed.

Many of us have already been trained to use an AED, but the directions are pretty easy. Open it up, turn it on, and it tells you what to do. We will have a formal demonstration by the rep on Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 between services. Please note: this is not a certification class, but just a demonstration of how to use it. You do not need to be "certified" to use it. Questions? Please call Dick or Diane Bemrose. Thanks.

Weekly Faith Challenge: The CYF2 Committee invites everyone to participate in a weekly faith challenge designed to encourage people to try out spiritual practices.

June's focus is on gratitude:

Week 1: God has blessed you with many gifts/talents/strengths. Each day this week, give thanks for one of these gifts.

Week 2: God has blessed you with special people in your life. Each day this week, give thanks for these special people.

Week 3: God has blessed us with Creation. Each day this week, tell God you are grateful for something in Creation.

Week 4: God has blessed us with loving people in our community. Each day this week, tell God how much you appreciate these people in your community.

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?

Birthdays

- 1 Elmer Schmidt
- 3 Mary Baxter
Laura Britzius
Leslie Johnson
- 6 Jerry Tilkens
Marion Burgess
- 9 Jan Perkins
- 11 Jan Cumming
- 12 Bernice Hull
Joe Rapp
- 15 Brian Kelley
Patty Olson
Katie Strobel
Sydney Rasmussen
- 16 Alma Crouse
- 17 Marilee Hansen

- 18 Cooper Rasmussen
- 26 Jonathan Herbert
- 29 Madge Buss
Deb Postlewait
- 30 Steve Olson
- Anniversaries**
- 16 Dick/Marion Burgess
- 19 Al/Ethel Marsh
- 20 Carl/Janice Perkins
- 22 Larry/Kim Stoffregen
- 22 Maureen Hagen/Rob Greene
- 24 Jacob/Kaitlin Hills
- 25 Laura Britzius/Mary Curtis
- 28 Pr. Tom/Lisa Hiller
- 29 Patrick/Karen Reagan
- 29 Bill/Cameron Herbert

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Jerry Tilkens; 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; Cathey Myers' friends Max and JR & his wife; Mickey Dochow; Karen Stenberg; George & Louise Fogg; Dick Burgess; Doug Glenn; Darlene Kuehmichel; Karen Arendt's daughter-in-law Karen; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; and Darlene Lewis' mother, Margie.

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**, 6125 SE Division, 97206, 257-0608
- Mickey Dochow**, Pacific Gardens, 17309 NE Glisan, 97230, 253-4920

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Shar Giard's friend John; Pr. Paul Teyler; Scott Morency; Dorothy Shouse; Pr. Laurie Larson Caesar; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; Michelle McGilvray; Joni Pokorny's daughter's friend Marissa; Jo Nelson's friend Greg; Tiffany Herbert; Carol Steele's nephew, Randy; Joe Rapp; Kim Butenschoen's friends Gaye and Launa; Mary Baxter's sister Joan; Kent Cumming; Jennifer Peck; Penny Thoreen; and Jeff Deetz.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 26 DAYBREAK HERE this WEEK	May 27 Memorial Day Office Closed <i>No Band</i>	May 28 8a-Men'sBkfst. 10a-BibleStudy <i>No Swing Band</i>	May 29 5:30p-Clutterers 7p-Church Council	May 30 7:45a-Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra	May 31 <i>Office Closed</i> 	1 8a-Endowment Bd. Meeting 12:30p-RecovInc. 7p-Starlight Parade
2 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 1p-Confirmation	3 7p-Band	4 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 6:30p-CYFF Mtg. 7p-SwBand	5 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	6 7:45a-Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra	7 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	8 10a-Noon-Piano Recital (Bubka) 12:30p-RecovInc.
9 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour Noon-Church Picnic @ Blue Lake Park	10 10a-B-Team 1p-Stephen Ministers 6:30p-Finance Mtg. 7p-Band	11 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 5p-Mutual Ministry 7p-SwBand	12 <i>3p-StewardMtg.</i> 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	13 7:45a-BibleStudy 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra	14 <i>Office Closed</i>	15 12:30p-RecovInc.
16 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 1p-Confirmation	17 7p-Band	18 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	19 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers 7p-Church Council	20 7:45a-BibleStdy 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra 6p-Wedding Rehearsal	21 <i>Office Closed</i>	22 12:30p-RecovInc. 11a-SetUp 4p-Butenschoen Wedding 5p-Youth to Oaks Park
23 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour	24 7p-Band	25 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	26 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	27 7:45a-BibleStdy 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra	28 <i>Office Closed</i>	29 12:30p-RecovInc.
30 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 1p-Confirmation Healing Service after each service	July 1	2	3	4	5	6