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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2014

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## FROM THE PASTOR Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



You may have noticed before that the design pictured at left is pressed into the communion bread that we often use. The “stamp” we’ve used to make that design cracked, so I needed to get a new one. It’s not surprising. That stamp is almost 30 years old! But the design is even older.

Since the design is of Orthodox origin, I ordered the new stamp from a company in Athens, Greece. The man who runs the firm personally greeted me in the confirmation e-mail. I took the opportunity then to ask

him about some of the symbolism that I didn’t understand. Here are the results of his information and what I knew already.

The round shape is for the world, or the “cosmos”, the Greek word which means both world and universe. Then you will notice the cross shape. The vertical portion of the cross consists of three squares which have these letters: ICXC and NIKΑ.

IC is a Greek abbreviation for “Jesus” and XC is a Greek abbreviation for “Christ”. NIKΑ is the Greek word for Victor or Conqueror. So, together, they mean “Jesus Christ is the Victor”. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Victor over death, for example. NIKΑ is where the word “Nike” comes from.

On the left-hand side of the horizontal portion of the cross is a square that has several symbols. We can see a triangle for the trinity. At the bottom of the triangle is a letter M for Mary. The upper portion of the triangle has a diamond shape with a cross bar which represents the Greek letter “theta” θ. Theta is the first letter in a title for Mary in Greek which is “Theotokos”, which means “Mother of God.”

On the left hand side of the square is a spear which represents the spear that pierced Jesus’ side on the cross. On the right side is a stick with a sponge soaked with gall that was given to Jesus on the cross. On the right hand side of the horizontal portion of the cross is a square that has nine triangles which symbolize the traditional nine ranks of angels. Behind the cross is a sunburst.

I don’t know whether I should encourage you to look at the design on the bread next time you come for communion, but feel free to drop by the sacristy before or after worship sometime and see the design stamped into a loaf of bread or see the stamp itself.

Have a great month of June! Pastor Tom

PASTOR TOM WILL BE AT CONTINUING ED. JUNE 17-19

AND AT CONFIRMATION CAMP JUNE 22-27.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

**Save The Date and Spread The News: *SonTreasure Island VBS is July 14-18 from 9 to 11:45 a.m.*** Kids between 4 years and 6th grade are welcome to participate; all others are invited to volunteer. A few important volunteer positions still need to be filled: Class Guides and Assistants (help your group move through the Bible Lesson, Craft, Games, and Music stations), Games Leader, Kitchen/Snack Helpers, Clean-Up Crew (after noon each day), and Friday Picnic Crew. Please sign up at the VBS display or contact Jennilee Porch. Registration forms are at the church and on the website.

**VBS Volunteer Orientation** is Monday, June 30 at 7 p.m. VBS Work Days are Wednesday, July 9 and Saturday, July 12 (to decorate and set up the church).

## RUMMAGE SALE WRAP

Interesting happenings at the Rummage Sale: Wow! We had people outside our church community donating plants, a tree, prom dresses, baked goods, miscellaneous merchandise, and then helping with the sale! Our youth fundraiser (selling donuts and coffee @ 7a.m. each day) was also a money-maker. Snippets, below:

- ◆ A 'Habitat family' looking for furniture for their new home was given "a really good deal" on five large pieces of furniture. They were so happy!
- ◆ About 100 prom dresses were given to us from the outdated inventory we store for Dress for Freedom. We sold many for \$10 each but also, when the bag sale time came, multiple dresses got stuffed into ONE bag for \$2. What a joy to behold!
- ◆ Two years ago, an organization took our leftover sewing machines after the sale. This year we had three to sell. By midmorning Saturday none had sold. A phone call to Marie at "Adorned in Grace" who, when asked if she was interested in machines again, said yes. I asked where in Portland she was, and I couldn't believe it when she said, "I'm at your sale, by the machines!" I walked about 10 feet to find her. Now those machines are being repaired for free by someone in their organization and will be used to teach teenage girls to sew. Some are given to the girls. How about that for divine intervention?
- ◆ At end of sale, men's shoes and clothes were given to a Ukrainian lady, who herself pays to have them shipped to the Ukraine.
- ◆ Men's leftover shirts are being used for 'paint shirts' for our Sunday School kids.
- ◆ A very nice clock, which didn't sell, DID fit into a bag for \$2 during bag sale. Being a grateful person, he made an extra donation!
- ◆ Magic happens during the bag sale time! We had triple the number of people from last year! Everyone got a deal!
- ◆ The Narthex now has two wool, blue area rugs and a rocking chair. Also a blue floral "couch for THIS year." We sold last year's!
- ◆ Pastor Tom now has a train clock in his office--he likes railroad stuff, so we surprised him by replacing his dead clock.
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity is having a Rummage Sale in Gresham at the end of July. We helped them gather enough things to fill a pickup!

Lots of work, lots of fun! It can only happen when we all work together and that's what we did! It was amazing to hear our total sales were \$10,175.34. However, upon review, last year's total was \$10,265.59. We were indeed blessed to be a blessing! Clara Shortt

<p><b>JUNE Birthdays</b></p> <p>1 Elmer Schmidt  3 Mary Baxter  Laura Britzius  Leslie Johnson  6 Jerry Tilkens  Marion Burgess  7 Kali Herbert  9 Jan Perkins  11 Jan Cumming  12 Joe Rapp  15 Brian Kelley  Patty Olson  Katie Strobel  Sydney Rasmussen  16 Alma Crouse  17 Marilee Hansen  18 Cooper Rasmussen  26 Jonathan Herbert</p>	<p>29 Deb Postlewait  30 Steve Olson</p> <p><b>JUNE Anniversaries</b></p> <p>16 Dick/Marion Burgess (57th)  18 Jim/Diane Liefeld (48th)  19 Al/Ethel Marsh (60th)  20 Jan/Carl Perkins (56th)  22 Kim/Larry Stoffregen (40th)  24 Jacob/Kaitlyn Hills (2nd)  25 Laura Britzius/Mary Curtis (33rd)  27 Wayne/Frances Rippon (22nd)  28 Pr. Tom/Lisa Hiller (34th)  29 Karen/Patrick Reagan (51st)  29 Bill/Cameron Herbert (40th)</p>	<p><b>Prayer Concerns—Ongoing:</b> <i>Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:</i> Shar Giard's friend John; the Butenshoen's friends Rebecca, Michael, and Norm; Ginny Barton's friends Golda and Carolyn; Sharon Lee's daughter Karen, her niece Terry, and her great-niece Stephanie; Marian Aleckson; Mickey Dochow; Doris and Harold Hansen; Elmer Schmidt; Dick Burgess; Lillian Huston's son Jim; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Colleen Barnett and her niece Linda; Carol Steele's cousin Arlan Scott; Dwain Estes; Dorothy Shouse; Jerry Tilkens; Linda Babcock and her grandson Josiah; Katherine Eshleman; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Rita Nesbitt's son John; Galvin and Virginia Irby; Bob and Audrey Magnuson; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; Jennifer Peck; Tyler Riehl; Nettie Ubrick's nephew Troy, and her friends Tim, Juanita, Mary, and Ruby; Bill and Cameron Herbert's goddaughter Carey; Randy Treanor; Bonnie Aplin; Lucille Langseth; Colleen Barnett and her friend Ellen; Roland and Virginia Haacke; Ida Olson; Joe Rapp; Rita Nesbitt; and Wynn and Jim Stafford.</p> <p><b>Urgent:</b> <i>Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:</i> Jo Nelson's friend Greg; and Carol Steele.</p>
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**Homebound Brothers and Sisters:** Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, Mickey Dochow, Katherine Eshleman, Dick Burgess, Dorothy Shouse, Bev Sperling, Ida Olson, Jerry Tilkens, Wynn Stafford, and Harold & Dorothy Hansen (Refer to your directory or call the church office for contact information.)

— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —

**Income & Expense Budget Report through February 2014**

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$121,276	\$124,468	\$115,831	\$8,637

Average Weekly Attendance for February: 2013: 134 2014: 169  
Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.

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**JUNE 2014 — Gethsemane Lutheran Church**  
 (See the website (glcportland.org) for updates on the calendar.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour	2 9:30a-MHCC Ex. 7p-Band	3 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-BibleStudy 6:30p-CYFMMtg. 7p-SwingBand	4 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30p-Clutterers	5 9:30a-Quilting	6 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	7
8 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour <b>Noon-Church Picnic @ Blue Lake</b>	9 9:30a-MHCC Ex. 10:30a-B-Team 7p-Band	10 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-BibleStudy 1:30p- MutualMin. 7p-SwingBand	11 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30p-Clutterers	12 9:30a-Quilting	13 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	14
15 <b>Father's Day</b> 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9a- Marsh60thAnniv. 9:15a-EdHour 1p-Confirmation	16 9:30a-MHCC Ex. 7p-Band	17 8a-Men's Breakfast NOBible Study 7p-SwingBand  <b>PR TOM @ CONT. ED.</b> →	18 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30-Clutterers <b>7p-Church Council</b>	19 9:30a-Quilting	20 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	21
22 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour  <b>CONFIRMATION CAMP @ LUTHERWOOD ALL WEEK</b> →	23 9:30a-MHCC Ex. 7p-Band	24 8a-Men's Breakfast NOBible Study 7p-SwBand	25 9:30a-MHCCEX 7p-Clutterers	26 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra Dinner	27 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	28 <b>6p-Cake Decorating Night</b>
29 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9-10a-5th Sunday Mingle 9:15a-EdHour <i>Healing Services after each service</i> <b>DAYBREAK HERE</b> →	30 9:30a-MHCC Ex. 7p-Band 7p-VBS Mtg.					

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

May was a wonderful time of celebration at preschool. We had a Mommy and Me Tea just before Mother's Day. The preschoolers got to have a special evening tea with their moms, grandmas, aunts and other special women. It was a fun evening of crafts, snacks, and songs.

We also had some fun themes which included camping and water week. Our children loved the tents and pretend campfires as well as painting the fence with water. We also had a birthday party for all of the Summer Birthday children who don't have a day to celebrate during the school year.

We finished the year with graduation. The promotion ceremony was followed by a "finger food" potluck to celebrate.

I can't believe the school year is ending. It is the time of year to say goodbye to some of our preschoolers and their families so it is always a bittersweet time. Some students are going on to kindergarten and other school programs. We wish them the best as they leave us and will continue to pray for their growth as they take the next step. Most of our juniors will be back in the fall and we can't wait to watch as they grow.

We've had a great school year. Our preschoolers have learned and experienced so many things. During our weekly chapel lessons children consistently heard the message that God loves and cares for them. Our M&M room was run by Mrs. Christina and she taught them songs and led them in active play which, of course, is one of the favorite parts of any preschooler's day. Mrs. Sherry and Mrs. Tammy taught our curriculum and practiced shapes, colors, counting, number recognition, sequencing, patterning, letter recognition and sounds. Each child learned to write and recognize his/her name.

The dedication of Christina Woods, Tammy Gover, Sherry Budge, and Mary Baxter make our program remarkable. Their energy and patience are truly a blessing to the children and families. I cannot thank them enough for their devotion.

I also had a wonderful board to support me this year. Thanks to Pastor Tom, Kim Butenschoen, Gloria Kelsay, Jay Rector, and Erika Rasmussen for their commitment to the preschool and their willingness to serve. I appreciate them and the congregation for its support of the preschool.

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

Happy summer! Katie Strobel

## NOTES:

- ♦ **Al & Ethel Marsh** will be serving cake between services on Sunday, June 15, and invite you to join them in celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary and Father's Day.
- ♦ **Gethsemane's 50th Anniversary** is coming up. Mark your calendars for the celebrations October 4 and 5. And let Shar Giard know if you have names and addresses of former members. Thanks!
- ♦ **Please Save** the following for VBS crafts: (Leave in the office or on the counter in narthex.) Empty paper towel tubes, shoe boxes with lids (smaller ones preferred), and baby food jars.

## GETHSEMANE: THE TWO CHURCHES

**Mt. Olivet**, the first Lutheran church in east county, was a realized vision of several members of Bethel Lutheran in north Portland. Seeing a need in the growing population of Russellville, they began holding Sunday School in the Russellville Grange Hall at 102 and Stark. In 1948, the Russellville church was re-assigned to the Lutheran Free Church by the American Missions of the National Lutheran Council. Officially organized in 1950 and named Mt. Olivet, it was located at 103 and Davis.

The only remaining directory we have for the church was that of 1954-55, a year when the church served 68 families totaling 202 members.

**Hope Lutheran Church** was established at the urging of local pastors and residents who saw a need for a congregation in the rapidly developing southeast area. When a church building and parsonage at 122 and Mill was offered for sale, the American Lutheran Church purchased the property. The first services were held in 1950, and in 1951 the congregation was officially established under the name Hope Lutheran Church.

By 1964, the Hope Directory listed 212 families and 936 members (many more than at Gethsemane today) with Pastor Jacque Schweiss. Bill Buschert was the congregation president and names such as Hopp, Agee, Stoffregen, Arendt, Butenschoen, Keiper, Langbecker, Maki, Olson, Piel, Shouse, and Van Horn were listed.

In August 1961, the Oregonian announced "Hope Lutheran Outgrows Church, Remodels Hall." At that time the congregation hoped to move in August to a site at 1737 SE 117. The building on the five-acre site, Tiny Dumont's Dance Hall, was converted into a temporary church, which is now the Community Hall.

By the summer of 1962, the church was getting bids for a new church building estimated to cost \$100,000. Negotiations were underway for the old Hope Church to be purchased by Lents Free Methodist Church.

As Vern Hopp noted, by 1962 volunteer labor had completed two-thirds of the work of converting the hall. Plans for the new church building, by architect W.H. Vahn, were being drawn, and it was anticipated that the new church would be completed in late 1962.

**The Merger** of the Lutheran Free Church Synod and the American Lutheran Church in effect made sister congregations of Hope and Mt. Olivet, both serving the same area. During the 60's, the quick pace of suburban development and its demographic mobility made it apparent that these two congregations might better serve their overlapping areas as one congregation. So, in 1964, after a 14-month planning period, the two became Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Hope was already committed to a new building plan. The dance hall was the parish hall as of 1962. Its expansive hardwood floor space proved adequate for the combined churches and they began joint committee plans for the building program.

The history of Gethsemane will continue. Stay posted. Harvey Steele.

## DAYBREAK NEWS

After a long break the past few months, Gethsemane will be hosting our Daybreak guests once again the week of June 29. The schedule for the rest of the year will be the following weeks:

- ◆ June 29 through July 6
- ◆ August 17 through August 24
- ◆ September 7 through September 14
- ◆ November 16 through November 21

We are in serious need of **Overnight Hosts and Dinner Hosts**. I hope you will take time to consider the possibility of filling one or two of these positions during our Daybreak week(s).

Please contact me if you would like more information or have any questions. The sign up for June 29 will be out June 8. Thank you all for your support and volunteering of your time.

Peace, Patty Olson

