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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Change is a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight or winter turns to spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after." We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while others are forced upon us.

In the weeks, days, and hours before Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples also experienced change: a change of venue as the gates of Jerusalem approached; a change of plans as their long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried; a change of circumstance as the crowds shouted "Crucify!"

Change is hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. We cannot predict how things will turn out. The hymn writer Joachim Neander proclaimed God's steadfast love in the midst of life's inevitable changes: "All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own." (ELW 757)

Link to Sunday worship: The gospel readings for the Sundays in Lent for year A are filled with stories where Jesus creates the possibility of change and new life. He challenges Nicodemus to be born from above. He offers the Samaritan woman the living water that quenches all thirst. Jesus gives sight to the blind man and raises Lazarus from the grave.

"Making Change" will be the theme of our mid-week Lenten gatherings. As always, soup and bread will be served. You will find sign-up sheets for the soup and bread in the narthex.

May Christ accompany us as we change, Pastor Tom

## INTRODUCING JENNILEE PORCH

Greetings, GLC family! I am excited to join the team in serving Children, Youth, and Families. I grew up as a pastor's kid in upstate New York (ironically, near where Maureen is from). I loved the beauty of New York, but it was just too cold! I went to college at a university north of Philadelphia, PA. There I earned a B.S. in Biblical Studies. Almost immediately after graduating I packed up my car and moved to Texas. I started seminary in Dallas, but eventually transferred to George Fox Evangelical Seminary in Portland (where I currently study). I enjoyed my four years in Texas as the people are wonderful, but eventually decided it was too hot! I have been living in Portland for about two months and am continually reassured that this is the place for me...not too hot, not too cold, just right.

I am also a nature lover. I frequent Tryon Creek Park since I live near there. I am fascinated by trees, animals, and ecosystems in general. On my way to Oregon, I drove up through California to see the Coastal Redwood trees. Next time I plan to visit the Sequoia trees, which apparently are a separate species. A few other random facts: I'm a gluten-free vegetarian, my favorite color is purple, and I think llamas are the funniest creatures.

I look forward to getting to know everyone. Please feel free to stop by the office (I have candy!). But, I also would be happy to come to you. There are a number of ways to contact me if you would like to set up a visit: email [JennileePorch@gmail.com](mailto:JennileePorch@gmail.com), phone 315.573. 4901, Facebook, postal mail, and carrier pigeon (his name is Bob...just kidding). Blessings! Jennilee Porch

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Rummage Sale Dates are May 2 and 3**, and the sale is coming up quickly. It's encouraging to feel the excitement brewing! Families that are spring cleaning are anxiously waiting to move things to church. Please wait until the second week of April. Meanwhile, save paper and plastic bags. We can sell most anything: Books, kid things, tools, bedding, jewelry, furniture . . . keep collecting stuff! No mattresses, old TVs, or large appliances. We don't need more hangers, as Goodwill brings those with the racks. If you have larger things, we can arrange a pickup. **Reminder: Lots of workers are needed the week of sale and, of course, on sale days (Fri-Sat, four-hour shifts). Sign-ups begin in April.**

There are multiple ways to participate. Flyers need to be handed out at places you frequent. Bake sale goodies sell fast and we don't want to run out. Invite friends to help! That's how it grows into something BIG!

As always, council decides which mission(s) the proceeds fund. Did you know we've helped dig water wells in Africa? Amazing, all the ways there are to help those in need. I've heard, "It's a lot of work, but lots of fun too." Just be a part of it! Portlanders LOVE church rummage sales and we're on their "hit" list already. Come! See!

## NOTES

- ◆ **Shrove Tuesday** is March 4, the day before Ash Wednesday. You and your family are invited to come for fun Mardi Gras projects at 5 p.m. Pancakes and other rich and yummy items will be served at 6 p.m. The repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love of the Lenten season begin the next day. *Many thanks to Todd Sloan and his crew from The Fellowship Opportunities Committee for providing the pancake meal.*
- ◆ **Pastor's Class** If you would like to learn or re-learn about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian, you are invited to the "Pastor's Class." We will be meeting in the Pastor's office between services beginning on Sunday, February 23, and at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 24. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tom.
- ◆ **We are Forming a Handbell Choir!** If you can read music and are interested in learning to play handbells, we are gathering on Friday, March 14, at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary to give you a chance to try out and indicate your interest. Please RSVP to Jay Rector 402-987-7191 or Shar Giard 503-860-7264. We look forward to seeing you!
- ◆ **The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) spring ingathering** is the first week in May, an opportunity to send quilts, school kits and personal care kits to people in need throughout the world. YOUR HELP is needed to contribute various items for the kits. Every three weeks until the ingathering we will list needed items. For the first period, February 16 to March 2 *please bring light or medium weight bath towels, (~52 x 27, dark colors recommended), metal nail clippers, and/or bath sized bar soap.* Items may be placed in designated box in the narthex. THANK YOU SO MUCH!
- ◆ **LARGE DRUM ROLL PLEASE!** We took 248 pounds of soup and a \$50 cash donation to SnowCap today! A special "shout-out" to the preschool families. Their class contest brought us many, many cans of soup. We also took 95 lbs. of other food and some clothing. Thank you, thank you for your never-ending generosity! Dick/Diane Bemrose
- ◆ **SnowCap's 12th Annual Dinner and Auction** is rescheduled for Saturday evening, March 15. Please mark your calendars and plan to come. Contact Diane Liefeld for tickets.
- ◆ **Dress for Freedom:** We are hosting the Dress for Freedom event Saturday, March 8, through Adorned in Grace. If you would like to volunteer please contact Patty Olson.
- ◆ **Important Reminder for Thrivent Members--** All member Choice Dollars for 2013 must be designated by March 31, or they will be lost. If you're a member and are unsure whether you have Choice Dollars to designate, go to Thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836 to find out. Gethsemane Lutheran Church or Preschool are both options for the direction of your choice dollars which, in the past, have purchased new carpeting, white boards and cabinets.

### Worship Plans for March and April – You Are Invited!

**March 2 – Transfiguration Sunday** Bring your palms from last year to be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**March 4 – Shrove Tuesday** – *(see elsewhere in this newsletter for details)*

**March 5 – Ash Wednesday**

- ◇ Noon – Worship Service with imposition of ashes
- ◇ 7:15 p.m. – Worship Service with imposition of ashes

**March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9 – Lenten Gatherings**

- ◇ Noon – Soup and bread lunch with worship in the Community Hall
- ◇ 6:30 p.m. – Soup and bread meal in the Community Hall
- ◇ 7:15 p.m. – Worship in the Activity Room

**March Birthdays**

05 Alec Eason  
Josephine Crouse  
07 John Skuzeski  
John Hurlman  
spencer Letmate  
09 Joan Ward  
10 RJ Treanor  
13 Michelle Schie  
15 Jim Liefeld  
19 Henry Juilfs  
20 Doris Hansen  
21 Randi Bateman  
Carter Letmate  
22 Bob Magnuson  
23 Tyler Riehl  
27 Ken Hansen  
Dick Burgess  
29 Carter Poole  
30 Roseann Libonati

**March Anniversaries**

24 Christina and Steve Riehl  
(7th)  
24 Gavin and Raechel Hills  
(2nd)



**Prayer Concerns—Ongoing:** *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* 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; Sharon Lee's daughter Karen, her niece Terry, and her great niece Stephanie; Marilee Hansen; Marian Aleckson; Mickey Dochow; Doris & Harold Hansen; Elmer Schmidt; George & Louise Fogg; Christina Woods' husband Sam; Dick Burgess; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Ida Olson; Lillian Huston's son Jim; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Colleen Barnett's niece Linda; Carol Steele's cousin Arlan Scott; Dwaine Estes; Dorothy Shouse; Jerry Tilkens; Linda Babcock; Ginny Barton's friend Carolyn; Dick Boro; and Katherine Eshleman.

**Urgent:** *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Gary Urbach; Jo Nelson's friend Greg; Jennifer Peck; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Lillian Huston's sister, Adeline; Bob and Audrey Magnuson; a pre-school family; Flodine Loe's sister-in-law Sharon; Cooper Rassmussen; the Kalkhoven's friend Bob; and Joni Pokorny's daughter's friend Marissa;

*Those who are grieving:* The family and friends of JoAnn Larson's friend Finn.

**Homebound Brothers and 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.)

## — GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —

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

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$30,319	\$27,342	\$27,979	(\$636)
Average Weekly Attendance for December: 2013: 135 2012: 125			

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our Daybreak group (Dale Van Horn, Tom Lewis and Patty Olson) have been off to a running start this year. We are only two months into the year and we have hosted our Daybreak guests twice so far. It was very gracious of our members to step up and handle the emergency situation when we were called, and then follow through with love and warmth again when it was our turn in the rotation. Our next schedule week to host Daybreak is April 20-26.

For those who don't know what happens and how we prepare for our guests here is a short run down:

- ◇ **On Sunday morning**, we pick up mattresses from the previous church and prepare rooms for the guests; we set out linens and towels; set up tables for dinner and areas for games and watching TV. This could not be done without Dale Van Horn and Tom Lewis. We also get the van from the previous host church.
- ◇ **For the next seven days** the guests are picked up at 5 p.m. from the day center (with the exception of Sunday) and brought to GLC. Dinner is at 6 p.m. The dinner hosts arrive any time between 5 and 5:30 and stay until 8:30, when the overnight host comes to stay through the night and wakes the guests around 6:30. The guests leave in the morning at 7:20 to return to the day shelter.
- ◇ **On the last morning** of their stay the guests return to the day shelter and Dale, Tom and Patty return the community hall to its usual state. Dale, Tom, Clara and Patty do the laundry, washing towels, sheets, and blankets. It is a lot of work, but with all of us pitching in we are able to set-up, tear down, and clean up done quite efficiently. But we can always use more help because, let's face it, we're not as young as we used to be!

We are in need of Dinner Hosts and Overnight Hosts. The volunteers who stay the night have been doing this for many years and they also sign up for more than one night. Thank you to Hal Hingst, Tom Lewis, Ernie Butenschoen, and Pastor Tom. Stewart Dedlow volunteered for the first time and we hope he will continue to be part of the team. However, we need a few more good men or women! Dinner Host: I am hoping that a few more people will give of their time to serve as dinner hosts. This job is familiar to most: Set the table, set out the food and juice/milk and wash the dishes and clean up. You do need to stay until the overnight host arrives. We really need help in this area to make this work (I know this first hand!).

We all know that Gethsemane plays an important role in Daybreak Shelter and Human Solutions. These families depend on us. One week every nine weeks is not too much to ask, especially when you look into the eyes of a single mother who is homeless with a couple children or a mother and father who have not only lost their jobs, but their home as well, and their children now rely on us to shelter and feed them in the dark of night.

I hope you can find some time in your schedules, one evening out of the week, once or twice a year. Let us be the loving hands of Jesus, a candle and a light in the world. Blessings and Peace, Patty Olson

### **Go Light Your World** by Chris Rice

Carry your candle, Run to the darkness. Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.  
Frustrated brothers, see how he's tried to light his own candle some other way.  
See now our sister, she's been robbed and lied to; still holds a candle without a flame.  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness. Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.  
Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.  
We are a family whose hearts are blazing. We raise our candles and light up the sky.  
Praying to our Father, "In the name of Jesus, make us a beacon in darkest times!"  
Carry your candle, run to the darkness. Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.  
Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.

## STEWARDS OF GOD'S LOVE

I'd like to help you affirm your decision to support Gethsemane's financial stewardship campaign for the coming year. I'm told that politicians have often only nine seconds to gain voter attention and also that the greatest speech ever given on this continent, the Gettysburg Address, took just three minutes and 20 seconds. Therefore, my remarks will be brief and offer no challenge to Mr. Lincoln's oratorical masterpiece.

Each year we individually think about whether we should estimate our financial and personal support to this church and, if we do, how it will make a difference. Many of us have a hard time getting excited about supporting a “bricks and mortar” campaign and staff salaries. We take solace in the knowledge the “lights are not going out at this church” — not at Gethsemane. If it ever reaches that point we will all step forward.

Well, about those lights, you are right. They are not going out even momentarily unless some local car or wind gust knocks down a transformer. I am not going to talk about the current economy or forecast the weather, but offer you some thoughts about financial stewardship.

First, we ought to respond because Christ asked us to — directly, he clearly defined those in need around us as our neighbor, then told us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

During his ascension, Jesus tells his disciples — us — to refocus our gaze from the heavens to those all around us, those in need. He directly asked us to create his kingdom here on earth and this church is His primary instrument to accomplish that task. In Acts, Peter invites the disciples — again, us — to care for one another, to provide food, clothing, and shelter to those in need.

Stewards of God’s Love. That is our slogan as we head towards Consecration Sunday on March 16. It is not complicated. God is with us, as always. Christ has asked us to be there. Will you be there?

Dates to remember:

- ◇ **March 14** (Deadline for signing up the the Consecration Sunday brunch)
- ◇ **March 16** (Consecration Sunday brunch following the late service)

Respectfully, Harvey Steele, Stewardship Chair

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Jennilee Porch, our new Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, has begun her work at Gethsemane and we are so excited to have her working with us. Please be sure to introduce yourself to her and warmly welcome her to our Gethsemane family.

As we begin our work together, we need to remember this is not Jennilee’s ministry alone. It is our responsibility as a congregation to support and nurture our youth and their families, as we also support Jennilee and the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Committee. There are many ways you can help but the most urgent need right now is for people to serve on this committee. We appreciate our current members and the work they have done. However, we also need the fresh ideas and insights new members can provide. Please let me know if you feel called to serve in this special way. As always, please keep our youth, their families, Jennilee, and this ministry in your prayers.

Karla Hills, Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Committee

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

If you haven’t heard by now, the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on February 23 was a huge success. We made over \$4300, which will go toward operating expenses for the preschool. Thank you again to everyone who donated items for the auction and raffle. Also thanks to those who donated their time and labor for the success of this event. We could not have done this without you. What a blessing the community of Gethsemane Lutheran Church is to the preschool ministry. We were thrilled to have the BIG turnout and are grateful that so many preschool families were able to come and meet some of our church families.

March will be a busy month at preschool. We will talk about God’s world in the springtime and make some wonderful crafts to go along with this theme. As well, we begin the penitential season of Lent and will use Godly Play during chapel to learn about how much Jesus loves us.

Thursday, March 13 is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Dad and Me Construction Night at preschool where we invite dads, grandpas and uncles to come with their preschoolers for a night of cardboard box and duct tape building. It’s always a fun night for everyone.

Please remember we are enrolling for our 2014 school year. We will continue to have our 3-day per week program for 3’s and 4’s as well as our 4-day a week PreK Monday for 4’s. All the information is in the church office or on the website, [www.glcportland.org/preschool](http://www.glcportland.org/preschool). Spread the word! Katie Strobel

## March 2014 — Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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

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