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PASTOR TOM'S LETTER Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I'm reading a book called "The Mystery of the Last Supper." In this book the author tries to resolve several questions about the events of Holy week. Why do Matthew, Mark, and Luke say that the Last Supper was a Passover meal, and John says that it occurred before Passover? Is there enough time for all the events that are depicted to have occurred on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday? Is it possible to determine the exact day and year of the crucifixion on Good Friday? The book is a fascinating read.

Of course, if we are able to be more exact about the timing and dating of the Last Supper and Good Friday, then we know when the first Easter was, and we know that Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after that, and we know then that the Holy Spirit was given on Pentecost, 10 days after that.

But even if we know those kinds of exact dates and times we only have the "chronos" of those events, "chronos" being the Greek word for the kind of time that has to do with clocks and calendars.

The kind of time that is even more important about such events is what the Greeks call the "kairos," the "right" time. I proposed to Lisa on a certain day and at a certain time not so much because the "chronos" was important, but because the time was right ("kairos").

The "kairos" for the Last Supper for you is when you are at the Eucharistic meal with your brothers and sisters. The "kairos" for Good Friday for you is when you trust that on the cross Jesus exchanged his righteousness for your sin. The "kairos" for Easter for you is when you fully live your new resurrected life in Christ. The "kairos" for Pentecost for you is when you are aware of and use your Spirit given gifts in company with all of the church, in all of its diversity.

In other words, all of these events occur in your "kairos," and your "kairos" is right now! Today!

In the Kairos of the Risen Christ, Pastor Tom

Pentecost is May 27! Wear red! If you are able to read the Bible in a foreign language on Pentecost, please contact Pastor Tom. He'll provide the Bible.

APRIL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS by Laura Britzius

Does little business mean not much is happening? I don't think so! Just read the Olive Press to see what's going on. Council met on a beautiful spring evening to discuss the business at hand. The drawings for the community hall building project are underway. The core group in charge of the capital campaign met and has a plan of action. The loan documents have been sent to the Mission Investment Fund in Chicago. Gloria Kelsay presented the sign design selected by a committee of folks for the brick wall in

the northeast corner of the property; council accepted their recommendation and the sign will be ordered and installed soon. Watch for it!

Under new business, we continue to have building use requests by outside groups that love our facility. We are blessed! Some groups we can accommodate but others, due to the pending construction and other scheduling conflicts we cannot. Karla Hills has found a new home for the puppet stage; we hope to have it moved within the month. A preschool board member is needed.

Summer brings VBS in July, when young adults from Camp Lutherwood will lead the lessons and activities. The neat thing is that the Camp Lutherwood leaders need housing for the week they're here! We are being asked to be involved by hosting them in our homes. Read more about this in the CY&F news!

Stop, Shop, and Buy should be the slogan for the rummage sale. Clara Shortt and her hard working group has it all under control, but your help is appreciated, especially during the three set up days (mornings) prior to the sale. Here's wishing for great success. See you there!

God's Peace, Laura Britzius, President

PRESCHOOL UPDATE by Katie Strobel

April at the preschool was filled with Lent, Easter and springtime activities. We had an egg hunt the last school day before Easter, where families brought in enough "treats" for each preschooler to find nine eggs. They had a great time and the weather even cooperated a little. Thank you to our families and parents for making this event so fun. The theme was "God's Creatures Great and Small." We've had many lessons about animals and bugs. Some caterpillars are changing into butterflies as the children watch and we should be able to release them at our end-of-year celebrations.

It's hard to believe that the end of the year is coming so quickly. May will be a busy month. May 10 we have a Mother's Day Tea for preschoolers and their moms, grandmas, and aunts, with crafts and treats. At the end of the year our Senior Bees graduate and our Junior Bugs are promoted. They are getting very excited. It's amazing to see the progress these little children have made in our program this year.

Teacher Appreciation Day is also in May, so if you're at the church and see a teacher please thank her for her hard work. They really are amazing ladies and do fantastic work with our little ones. Thank you so much to Mrs. Margie, Mrs. Tammy, Mrs. Christina, Ms. Jenece and Mrs. Ashley. The preschoolers and their families are blessed by you.

Registrations are being accepted now for the coming school year. If you know of someone interested in a preschool program, please tell them about Gethsemane Preschool. Students need to be 3 or 4 years of age by Sept 1, 2012 and toilet trained. Visitors are encouraged to come prior to May 24 so they can meet the teachers. I can be contacted in the church office, 503-256-1835 or gethsemanepreschool@hotmail.com. Registration information is also online at www.glcportland.org/preschool.

SHORT NOTES:

- **Rummage Sale Volunteer Sign Ups** are looking good and May is now here! If you need pick-up, men and trucks will be available the Monday, April 30. Proceeds of the sale will go to various missions. Questions? Call the office or Clara Shortt (503)252-0568.
- **A New Preschool Board Member is Needed.** Our thanks to Carol Steele, who especially supported me (Katie) this first year as preschool director. The new member will need to commit to a three-year term. Our board is comprised of Katie Strobel, Pr. Tom, Diane Bemrose, and Kim Butenschoen. Talk to one of us if you're interested.
- **My Heartfelt Thanks** to all my friends here at Gethsemane for all the well wishes and prayers during my recent illness. I am truly grateful and blessed. God bless each and every one of you. Many thanks to God and all of you. Peggy Sloan.

- **NEEDED:** Housing for four people, two men and two women, who are part of the Camp Lutherwood VBS staff. They will be here July 15-19 and GLC is looking for two places for them to stay. Please contact Karla Hills or Christina Riehl if you can help. Also, they need dinner hosts during that time frame as well, as a way to get to know the community here.
- **Consecration Sunday Results:** A total of 89 families and singles filled out *Estimate of Giving Cards* for Consecration Sunday. These givers estimated that they would be giving a total of \$240,052.00 to the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran Church for 2012. This represents a 5.9% increase over the totals for 2011. Thank you very much for your generosity. Thank you very much also to Cathey Myers for providing the data for these figures. Thanks most of all to God for all of God's gifts to us.

CYFF NEWS

Have the flamingos landed in your yard yet? We have two flocks of flamingos that are traveling around to the yards of our congregational friends/families. If you peer out your window and see these beautiful, pink birds in your yard, you're not imagining things. This is a fundraiser for our middle and high school youth's summer mission trip. We suggest a \$25 donation to send a flamingo flock to your "best friend's" house. You don't want these birds in your yard? We have insurance to purchase for \$15 and the birds will stay away. Please contact Christina Riehl (503.804.6334) or Michelle Schie with questions or to arrange a flocking.

The Bunco Party on April 14 was fun and raised \$225 for our youth events. Thanks to all who participated in this and for the donations of food and prizes.

Our Mission Trip this year for our middle and high school youth will be at Seashore Literacy Center in Newport the week of June 18. The youth worked at this center last year and found this to be a valuable experience. We are busy involving our youth in fundraising events to make this trip possible. Thank you for your support of our fundraisers as we work towards this goal.

Sunday School will be wrapping up for the school year at the end of May. Please watch for news as we celebrate the end of the year with teacher recognition.

Have you heard of the Cradle Roll? Marion Burgess sends material to parents of baptised children during the child's first three years. The information is designed to help new parents start the building blocks of faith formation in their little ones. Material is sent as children reach different developmental milestones. Thank you, Marion, for taking care of this important ministry.

"We've Got Spirit!" is our Day Camp theme this year, the week of July 15. Instead of offering our traditional Vacation Bible School program, we are having a team of college-age staffers come from Camp Lutherwood to lead our program. We are excited about the new possibilities this will offer our youth and Gethsemane family. ***The staffers will be leading much of the program but we still need your help!***

Some ways you can help:

- We will have four staffers (2 female, 2 male) that will need **housing** for nights of July 15-19. We need two houses to host, one for the women and one for the men, within close proximity to the church. Transportation to and from the church is provided by Camp Lutherwood. Staffers need to be at church during the day; however we may ask that breakfast and possibly dinner be provided by the hosts. Host houses should not have children who attend the camp.
- We will need a **registrar** responsible for registrations from youth.
- **Volunteers**, 18 or older, to be in charge of groups of 12 youth. The staffers will lead the youth at stations but volunteers will accompany youth as they travel to stations. We can also use middle/high school youth in volunteer positions.

- **We Need Volunteers to:**
 - a. Purchase food
 - b. Prepare food for snacks and lunches
 - c. Clean up, either from meals or rooms
- **Supplies to Donate:** (watch for a box in narthex)
 - a. Giant, gently used puzzle pieces, about 2" by 2" (usually 150-500 piece puzzles)
 - b. Used plastic soda or milk jugs with screw tops
- The **Day Camp program is designed for children of elementary school age.** We are designing our own curriculum for preschool age children to coincide with the day camp experience. Watch for more information on this!

Questions? Eager to volunteer? Contact either Maureen Hagen at the church office or Karla Hills at khills55@comcast.net. **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

OFFERING, INCOME & BUDGET REPORT THROUGH FEBRUARY 2012			
INCOME NEEDED	RECEIVED	ACTUAL EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE
\$89,166	\$92,865	\$77,962	\$14,903
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:	2012: 140	2011: 138	CATHEY MYERS, FIN. MAN.

MEET OUR NEWCOMERS

Bill and Anya Dinsmore have become enthusiastic members of Gethsemane after visiting other churches because "it worked well together for us." Anya grew up in Slovakia in the Catholic tradition; Bill was a Presbyterian, a native Californian who moved with his parents to a ranch in Umpqua. They met and dated in Portland when Anya came to visit a cousin. She returned to Slovakia and, after a courtship by correspondence, she and her six-year-old son Filip came to live here in 2000; soon she and Bill were married. She knew almost no English and, while Filip learned the language quickly in school, it was harder for Anya. Bill and Anya now have Adam 9, who attends Portland Christian School and Anna, who will be 5 this summer and goes to Portland Christian Pre-School where Anya works. Filip is 19, a senior at David Douglas High School, who is now thinking about what he will do next. Both Adam and Anna were baptised by Pastor Tom at Gethsemane during the Easter Vigil in 2011, and later Bill and Anya attended the pastor's class for new membrs. Bill works in Quality Assurance with Fred Meyer/Kroger in the home office in Portland. While Anya misses her family in Slovakia, her mother and sister have come to visit in Portland. Anya is an artistic person who loves arts and crafts, and especially drawing, while Bill loves to garden and to fix things around the house. They are glad to be at Gethsemane -- "It's a great place," they said.

Roseanna Foster-Mikhail followed her daughter, Vanessa Lindstrom, to Gethsemane. She did attend this church for a short time when her children were little, then moved on. When Vanessa wanted to bring her children up in the church she remembered as a child, her mother came also. Roseanna grew up in The Dalles and did much traveling as a young person. Her husband, Farouk, who is a Coptic Christian, was her pen pal and eventually they were married in London. Roseanna is now retired from work at the Post Office and helps her husband in his pest control business. They have three children, two daughters in the Portland area and a son who is in Eastern Oregon. It's obvious that Roseanna loves children; she helps with Sunday School, she volunteers at Menlo Park School and she baby-sits her five grandchildren. She feels it is important for children to have multi-generational experiences. In her free time she enjoys reading, particularly English history and Biblical history.

May Birthdays

3 Linda Babcock
Cory Cumming
7 Theresa Qualheim
10 Bill Herbert
12 Dick Bemrose
13 Virginia Haacke
15 Daniel Walter
23 Linda Fletcher
Brianne Kelley
24 CJ Butenschoen
30 Maureen Hagen
Ernie Butenschoen
31 Laurel Strobel

May Anniversaries

May 8, 63rd Anniv.
Roland & Virginia Haacke

May 15, 18th Anniv.
John & Christine Hurlman



Prayer Concerns/Ongoing: Shelly Prem Wati's son Jitendra; Penny Thoreen; Debbie Olson's friend Paloma; Linda Babcock and her grandson Justin; Vera Koosman; Dick Boro; Katherine Eshleman; Lillian Huston; Scott Blohm's friend Pr. Doug Brushell; Stan Johnson; Roland Haacke; Wynn & Jim Stafford and their daughter-in-law Jennifer; Joan Ward; Marian Aleckson; Karen Stenberg; Maureen Hagen's friend Beth; Jo Nelson's relative, Heather; Alfild Anderson; Jerry Tilkens; Bea Jarvie; Marilee Hansen; George Willett; Peggy Sloan; Cathey Myers' friend Beth; Kim Stoffregen's nephew Rick.
Urgent: Norm Thoreson; Tiffany Herbert; Ida Olson; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Scott Morency; Alice Burnett; Russ Solberg's sister Dani; Sharon Lee's niece, Terri; Kim Butenschoen's mother Flo; Nettie Ubrick's nephew Troy; Jackie Rispler; Randy Treanor; the Herbert's friend Brian; Verla Langbecker; Julianne Quigley's friend Mandy; Ralph Nelson, Collette Gill; Beth Deters; and Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry. *Those who are grieving:* the family and friends of Kent Cumming's father, Lyle and the family and friends of Gerald Shouse.

Homebound Brothers & Sisters

Lucille Langseth Pacific Gardens, 17309 NE Glisan St., #402 Portland 97230 503/256-0553
Karen Stenberg, 15521 SE Meadowlark Ln. Milwaukie 97267
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	April 30 11a-Service for Gerald Shouse RUMMAGE SALE SET UP	May 1 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7:30p-NO Band 6:30p-CYFF @McMenamins	2	3 7:45a-BBS 9:30a-NO Quilting 1p-NO Orchestra	4 <i>Office Closed</i> RUMMAGE SALE	5 12:30p-RecovInc. RUMMAGE SALE
6 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHour 5:30p-Confirmation	7 7p-Band	8 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 5p-Mutual Min.Bd. 7:30p-Band	9	10 7:45a-BBS 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 7p-Choir 10a-Preschool Mother's Day Tea	11 <i>Office Closed</i> 7:30p-Band Make-Up Practice 8a-3p-Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (Multnomah Cty.)	12 12:30p-RecovInc.
13 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHour DAYBREAK HERE THIS WEEK	14 7p-Band 1p-Preschool Board 6:30p-Finance Mtg. 10a-B-Team 1p-Stephen Supervision	15 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7:30p-Band	16 7p-Church Council	17 7:45a-BBS 10a-Women's Bible Study 1p-Orchestra 7p-Choir Ascension Day	18 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	19 12:30p-RecovInc. 1-6p-Piano Recital here
20 8&10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHour 5:30p-Confirmation	21 7p-Band	22 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7:30p-Band	23	24 7:45a-BBS 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 7p-Choir 10a-Preschool End-of-Year Potluck Picnic	25 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	26 12:30p-RecovInc.
27 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHour Pentecost Wear Red!	28 7p-Band Office Closed Memorial Day (observed)	29 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7:30p-Band	30	31 7:45a-BBS 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 7p-Choir	 MAY 2012 GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH	