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Note Change of Date!



Congratulations to Po and Rachel Peterson on the birth of their son, Albert. We would like to help them celebrate this wonderful gift from God on May 5 after the second service. We will have cake, punch, and coffee for fellowship. If you'd like to help celebrate by bringing a gift for the new baby, that would be great! If you want to drop one off or bring it a week early, that is fine, too. He was a big boy, so nothing too tiny!

P.S. Come on April 28 for cake, coffee, and punch to celebrate a special 90th birthday for a very special lady!

FaithWorks: Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families

We're more than halfway through the Great 50 Days of Easter. Before entering "Ordinary Time," we have one more grand celebration: Pentecost! What's not to love about Pentecost? It has excitement, color, and so much possibility. The first Pentecost found thousands of people gathered in Jerusalem (because Pentecost is a major Jewish feast day as well), representing many of the peoples of the world. Then there was wind and an explosion of sound! The Holy Spirit seldom enters a room quietly. Then something more amazing happens: people separated because of language suddenly understood each other. The first thing they heard was the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. Three thousand believed that day. This is why Pentecost is also the birthday of the Church. Can you imagine what it must have been like to be there?

Today, we live in a place where people also speak many languages. Even among those of us who speak the same language, we often fail to understand what the other is saying. Do we as Church speak to people outside of our doors in a language they can understand? Are our hearts and doors open to those who come from different communities? Can you imagine what it might be like if we were as open as those on Pentecost?

Looking Back:

April has brought many changes to Gethsemane, even though most are temporary. With Pastor Tom on sabbatical, we have welcomed Pastors Dennis, Hal and Chuck on Sundays. We continue with Sunday School and Children's Chapel. At my first children's message on Good Shepherd Sunday it was difficult to keep the littlest sheep from wandering off. And it was fun teaching the song *I Just Wanna Be a Sheep. Baa. Baa. Baa.* in chapel. The Confirmation class is a lot of fun to teach. We have wonderful teens in our church!

Coming Up:

Look out for some major changes in our **Nursery!** We will be sprucing it up to make it a more inviting place for our youngest members (and their parents). If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

We are really looking forward to having the Camp Lutherwood Day Camp and VBS return to Gethsemane this year. It worked so well last year because so many of the Gethsemane community supported it. We hope you will come through again. We are going to need teachers, kitchen help, registration people, home stays, dinner hosts, and donations of food and drink. More information is coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE!

- 4/28 JJ Jump (regular and Extreme) - for kids 3-15
- 5/5 Special Coffee Hour and Blessing Shower for Albert Gustav Peterson
- 5/4-5 Youth Trip to Camp Lutherwood!! (Clean-up on Saturday; Bullwinkle's on Sunday)
- 5/12 Mother's Day special craft during Sunday School
- 6/9 Celebration of Teachers during service
Picnic at Blue Lake!! after service
- 7/14-19 Lutherwood Day Camp ("Hear God's Call") & Preschool VBS

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

Yours in Christ,

Maureen-Elizabeth Hagen

Minister of Child, Youth, and Family Formation

Weekly Faith Challenge

Have you noticed the WFC in your Gazette? The CYF2 Committee invites everyone to participate in a weekly faith challenge designed to encourage people to try out spiritual practices. Our May WFCs focus on service:

Week 1: God has blessed you with many gifts/talents/strengths. How can you use them to serve others?

Week 2: God has blessed you with special people in your life. Each day this week, do something that will help someone you love.

Week 3: God has blessed us with Creation. Each day think of ways you can show your love for creation. (recycling, walking instead of driving, gardening, composting)

Week 4: God has blessed us with loving people in our community. What can you do to help others? (smile, open the door for someone, raise money for others, take toys to Snow Cap)

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?

Preschool News

Our April theme was "God's World in the Springtime." We had many lessons about birds and animals, April showers and the changes of spring. We've also been learning parables about the lost sheep and the mustard seed and what Jesus was teaching when he told those stories.

It's hard to believe this year is almost over. May will be a busy. We are celebrating on May 9 with a Mother's Day Tea for preschoolers and their moms, grandmas, aunts, and/or other special women. This should be a fun event with crafts and treats. Our end-of-the year festivities includes graduation for our Senior Bees and promotion for our Junior Bugs. It's amazing to see the progress these little children make in their time in our program. We have wonderful teachers.

Teacher Appreciation Day is in May, so if you're at church and see a teacher please thank them for their hard work. They really are amazing ladies and do fantastic work with our little ones. Thank you so much Mrs. Margie, Mrs. Tammy, Mrs. Christina and Mrs. Sherry. Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool and its families are blessed because of you.

Registrations are now being accepted for the coming school year. Please tell others about our preschool program. Students need to be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2013 and toilet-trained. Encourage interested persons to come prior to May 23 so they can meet the teachers. Katie Strobel can be contacted at 503-256-1835 or gethsemanepreschool@hotmail.com. Registration information is also online at www.glcportland.org/preschool.

Tiny Dumont's Legacy

As we dedicated the newly renovated Community Hall at Gethsemane in March of 2013, it is interesting to know some prehistory of Gethsemane, which includes a chapter on what was initially Tiny Dumont's Dance Hall. The technology of the completed renovation was honored with all the sophistication that creatures of the 21st century can muster: our magnificent choir, highest honors to those members who made that architecture possible, and a few hours with a lively 12-piece dance band. Music and joy, a spirit Tiny would have recognized, were also present.

Tiny himself was no mere footnote to our community hall. He had a life, too. He was born Samuel E. Dumont in 1898 in Illinois and died in 1970 in Oregon. He moved to Hood River in time to be listed on the 1935 census supplement as a Music Teacher who also owned an orchestra. His highest grade completed in school was 8th grade. With his wife (Irene) and two kids (Fred and Dorothy) he bought the community hall property as World War II was winding down in 1944. His Grand Opening notice in the Oregonian read:

Grand Opening!
Tiny Dumont's Northwestern Barn Dance
and Recreation Hall Located between Stark and Division
Tonight - Monday, Dec. 25th
Christmas Dance with Tiny and his Wranglers
Sat.Sun.Mon.- Dec 30, 31, Jan 1.
Modern and Old-Time Dancing with Tiny and his Wranglers
Broadcast over KWJJ

As 1945 began, another ad on the Oregonian entertainment page proclaimed The Good Old Days! Those of us old enough will remember that spirit. We were thrilled by Tiny's versatility, his All-Star 10-piece orchestra featured Uke Tracy and the Sagebrush Trio and KWJJ featured his Make-Believe Barn Dance. Tiny was ready to play any music the public wanted.

Returning servicemen in the '40s were welcomed by many new businesses proclaiming that spirit: the Canton Grill, skating at Oaks Amusement Park, and movies featuring Julius Caesar (focusing on the world's near escape from dictators), the Count of Monte Cristo (also a look at old dictators) and, side-by-side with Tiny's 1945 ad, the touring Russian Ballet. Tiny was a genius at advertising, always having his cut placed near other classics: Marian Anderson at the Auditorium, Tommy Duncan and his Western All-Stars, Ten Nights in a BarRoom, and then, in the late 1950s, a parade of Nashville musicians, including Willie Nelson, Earnest Tubbs, Little Jimmy Pickens, and, in small print, a new singer named "John Cash." Ads for Kismet, King's Row (with Reagan muttering "Where's the Rest of Me?"), and Norman Granz with Jazz at the Philharmonic, a virtual musical cornucopia. How did we live through all that?

Topping it all was the visit of a well-known group, The Sons of the Pioneers, in late January 1950. In our community hall, then featured as Tiny's Park, they were singing the number one hit on the popular hit parade, "Cool Water." Tears come to my eyes when I remember those lyrics - "Keep a movin Dan, don't you listen to him Dan, he's a devil not a man, and he spreads the burnin sand, with water, cool water." Little did Tiny know that just 63 years later Lutherans would be spreading that gospel in his dance hall. God certainly knew that Wranglers and Lutherans could navigate on the same wavelength.

The wonders of the 20th century were passing by 1959 when Tiny led his last dance in the hall. A sale was made to Hope Lutheran in 1961 and "the main hall, which is rated as quite substantial construction and is surrounded by several lean-tos. In the improvement program the latter will be razed and off-street parking facilities beautified." (Oregonian 1961) It was Lutheran property then and that chapter of our church history will appear in a future Olive Press.

Although he sold the hall, Tiny continued to take his band to several other venues, including the Castle, located on Highway 99E near Meldrum Street, a hall in St. Helens, and, his favorite, Wagon Wheel Park, near Molalla. Tiny and his wife are buried in Molalla, after living in that town for the last five years of Tiny's life. Red Simpson did a tribute to Tiny in his dance hall on Killingsworth St. in 1967.

Tiny was always searching for ways to bring music and joy to the burgeoning David Douglas neighborhood. He advertised a bevy of Nashville stars, yodelers (especially Dallas Turner, the yodeling cowboy), jitterbugging (very popular in the 1945-1948 period), and barn dances. Many local stars, like Heck Harper, everybody's favorite cowboy, were regulars with the Wranglers.

In these troubled times of 2013, Tiny is a beacon for us. We are trying to navigate this changing neighborhood and be a hall for our community and we certainly have an abundant supply of music and joy. Wranglers and Lutherans can dance together. (Harvey Steele)

Short Notes:

- * **IRA Charitable Rollover:** ATRA - the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 reinstated the IRA Charitable Rollover which allows individuals over 70 ½ who receive a Required Minimum Distribution in 2013 to give all or a portion of this to a charity, including religious organizations. These funds can be used to satisfy your 2013 annual giving commitment, your pledge to the campaign, and/or to the Mission Endowment Fund. This is processed by your financial institution with the funds transferring directly to the charity. If you are interested in making use of this provision please see Tonia Lindquist.
- * **Dear GLC Family:** Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, emails and phone calls sent during my recent hospitalization for a pacemaker. It meant so much to know so many people were praying for me. Thanks, too, for the folks who drove all the way out to Milwaukie to bring us dinner. You are amazing and we so appreciated it. I am doing really well now, so the surgery was a complete success. Sincerely, Lisa Hiller
- * **Parish Picnic!! June 9, 1 to 5 p.m. @ Blue Lake Park** – What a great way to celebrate the end of the year. Come and join your congregation family for a fun afternoon. We have reserved a covered area which is close to all the action. We will provide hotdogs, condiments, and drinks. Please provide a side dish or a dessert. Last year, we had 60 people of all ages. Let's make it 100 this year! It's going to be a fun time for all!
- * **Starlight Parade:** Come be part of a two-year Gethsemane tradition. We gather at GLC at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 1, to head downtown to the Starlight Parade. Children under 10 need to be with one parent/guardian. Older kids must RSVP to make sure we have enough adults. In the event of heavy rain, we will execute Plan B.
- * **Many Thanks to My Gethsemane Family** for the prayers, cards and goodies during my recent surgery. I'm feeling great now! Peace and Love, Marilee Hansen
- * **Many Thanks** to all who contributed candy, eggs and cash for the Easter Egg Hunt. Special thanks to Mary Curtis, Laura Britzius, Todd Sloan, and Bob and Joanne Larson for their efforts on Easter Sunday between services. We had about 3,000 kids, maybe closer to 50. It's fun to see the kids all helping each other out. It's equally fun to see all of the families interact with each other. Dick says he's game for another year of egg-stuffing, so we will be back next year. Thank you, Katie Stroebel and staff for letting us use your rooms. I think we got them all cleaned up and ready for Monday. Diane Bemrose
- * **The Rummage Sale is Week Away, on May 3 and 4.** Rummage Sale work begins 'full force' on April 28. Please sign up to help that day, from 4 to 6 p.m. when we set up tables, carry boxes and unpack things to their spots. We can use 12-15 people to do this. Signups are going pretty well, but the bake sale list isn't very long. Please review and see where you can help! Thanks.
- * **Pr. Dennis Marttala** will be filling in for Pr. Tom during his sabbatical (April 1 thru June 10), preaching half the Sundays and providing pastoral care during this time. Pr. Dennis was at Gethsemane during the call process for Pr. Tom, so he is well known by this congregation and we again welcome his involvement with the people of Gethsemane. The line-up of preachers for May is as follows: May 5—Pr. Chuck Hunt; May 12—Pr. Dennis; May 19—Hal Hingst; May 26—Pr. Dennis.

Birthdays

3 Linda Babcock
Cory Cumming
6 Tori Hiller
7 Theresa Qualheim
10 Bill Herbert
12 Dick Bemrose
13 Virginia Haacke
15 Daniel Walter
19 Jennifer Olson
23 Linda Fletcher

Brianne Kelley
Jack Rasmussen
24 CJ Butenschoen
30 Maureen Hagen
Ernie Butenschoen
31 Laurel Strobel

Anniversaries

May 8 Roland &
Virginia Haacke (64th)
May 15 John & Chris-
tine Hurlman (19th)

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

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Jerry Tilkens; Aiden Lindstrom; Bea Jarvie; Joni Pokorny's father in law George; George Willett; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Linda Babcock; Vera Koosman; Dick Boro; Suzie Rector's father Keith; Katherine Eshleman; Stan Johnson; Kent Cumming; 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; Shar Giard's son Michael; and George & Louise Fogg.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Darlene Lewis' mom, Margie; Shar Giard's friend John and her relative, Heather; Pr. Paul Teyler; Scott Morency; Dick Burgess; Lisa Hiller; Dorothy Shouse; Pr. Laurie Larson Caesar; Karen Arendt's daughter in law Karen; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; Michelle McGilvray; Joni Pokorny's son Luke and her daughter's friends Rachel and Marissa; Paulette Kelley's brothers Larry and Randy; Jo Nelson's friend Greg; Becky Keiper's sister, Barbara; Tiffany Herbert; Stan Johnson; Elmer Schmidt; Madge Buss; Shar Giard's friends Lyn, Lynn, and Sindi; and Carol Steele's nephew, Randy.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Mary Curtis' Aunt Greta.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP	NO BAND	NO BAND	1 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	2 NO BAND 7:45a-NOBibStud 1:30-2:30p- FirRidge	3 <i>OfficeClosed</i> RUMMAGE SALE 8 am to 4 pm	4 12:30p-RecovInc. RUMMAGE SALE 8 am to 4 pm <i>Camp Luther- wood CleanUp</i>
5 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 9:30a-ChoirPrac 11:30a- <i>Baby Shower</i> <i>Camp Luther- wood CleanUp</i>	6 7p-Band	7 8a-Men's Breakfast 9a-FirRidge Video Group 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	8 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	9 7:45a-Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 1:30-2:30p- FirRidge 12:30p-Orchestra <i>Quilts & kits packed for LWR?</i> 6:30p- <i>Preschool Tea in CommHall</i>	10 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	11 12:30p-RecovInc.
12 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 9:30a-ChoirPrac 1p-Confirmation	13 7p-Band 10a-B-Team 1p-Stephen Ministers 6:30p-Finance Mtg.	14 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 9a-FirRidge Video Group 6:30p-CYFFMtg. 7p-SwBand	15 <i>3p-StewardMtg.</i> 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	16 7:45a- BibleStudy 10a-Women's BibleStudy 1:30-2:30p- FirRidge 12:30p-Orchestra	17 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.</i>	18 12:30p-RecovInc. <i>Piano Recital, 1-6 p.m. (Hansen)</i>
19 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 9:30a-ChoirPrac	20 7p-Band	21 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	22 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	23 7:45a-BibleStdy 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra a.m.-Preschool Graduation in Sanctuary	24 <i>Office Closed</i> 7p-Band?	25 12:30p-Recov.Inc.
26 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 9:30a-ChoirPrac <i>Healing Service after each service</i> 1p-Confirmation	27 7p-Band MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	29 7p-Church Council	30 7:45a-BibleStdy 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra	31	JUNE 1 <i>Piano Recital in Sanctuary (Bubka)</i> Starlight Parade, meet at 3p at GLC