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FROM THE PASTOR

Here is a letter from one of our ELCA missionaries. If you'd like to find out more, go to <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/blogs/HandInHand/419>.

NEW MINISTRY IN RWANDA

(The Rev. Kate Warn is the country coordinator for the ELCA's new Young Adults in Global Mission program in Rwanda. To support Kate, or another of the ELCA's over 240 missionaries in the global church, go to the website mentioned above.)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lenten greetings from Kigali, Rwanda! I arrived here six weeks ago to work with the Lutheran Church in Rwanda for the next four years and to establish a new country program for Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) through the ELCA. My primary work these days is to prepare for the August arrival of six young adults from the U.S. who will live and work in Rwanda for one year. At times this schedule seems a bit daunting considering that everything is new for me, but Rwanda will be the ninth country/region of the YAGM program, so I know it's possible.

Rwanda is a small, landlocked country in east Africa, bordered by Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi and Congo. The nation is densely populated with a high percentage of subsistence farmers eking out a living in a mountainous terrain of great beauty. This is a land of coffee and tea, bananas (many varieties and nothing like those we eat in the U.S.), pineapples, and various other tropical fruits. Traditionally, dairy cattle have been a significant part of Rwandan culture, and this gives me occasion to talk about my grandfather's dairy farm and my own western New York roots. During my travels I have been served many cups of tea with milk, as well as cups of hot milk with tea! I am told that male YAGM's living in rural areas here will learn to milk cows. I am further told that it is not culturally appropriate for women to milk cows. (Already I am thinking that the young adults from the U.S. will have interesting conversations about such things!)

My home base is in Kigali, a remarkably modern and rapidly growing capital city. So far, electricity, water and Internet have been consistently available (98%) and I'm grateful for that!

In conversations over the past weeks, I've often heard the phrases "before the genocide" and "after the genocide." This April marks the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide in which up to 1 million people were killed in 100 days. The reality of the genocide colors everything here and shapes the nation's commitment to peace and reconciliation, unity and development. Rwanda's recovery and development since 1994 are indeed remarkable and there is a sense of hope among the people, even as remembering the past is a source of deep pain.

As I settle into a new life in Rwanda and begin to learn the language, the culture, and the history, I've had a sense that living here means living with many questions. How could genocide happen? How could the international community abandon Rwanda to such horrors? How does a nation recover from such trauma? What was, and what is the role of the church in all this? What does forgiveness mean?

What I know at this point is that there is much to learn and there will be many stories to tell. I welcome your prayers, comments and questions for the journey.

In Christ's peace, Pastor Kate Warn, Kigali, Rwanda

Pastor Tom will be on vacation May 17-25.

Our Oregon Synod Assembly takes place this year in Portland, May 16-18. Our voting members are Jonathon Herbert, Patty Olson, and Pastor Tom. Also attending from our congregation are Nicolle Poole and Jennilee Porch. Pray for your Synod!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Save The Date: Church Picnic At The Lake on Sunday, June 8

All are invited! The picnic will be at Blue Lake Park: *Chinook Shelter B.*

We will meet after the 10:30 service (about noon) on June 8.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. There is a \$5 per car entrance fee.

(Plates, silverware, cups, punch, and water are provided.)

Come and enjoy the fun games, wonderful people, and tasty food!

Hope to see you there.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our April theme was "God's World in the Springtime" with lessons about birds and animals. Our students have been learning about April showers and the changes of spring. We used Godly Play to tell the story of Easter. We had an egg hunt the Wednesday before Easter; our preschoolers had a wonderful morning celebrating.

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is in sight. May will be busy. On May 8 we have a Mother's Day Tea for preschoolers and their moms, grandmas, aunts and other special adult women. This should be a fun event with crafts and treats. Our end of the year festivities include graduation for our Senior Bees and promotion for our Junior Bugs. They are getting very excited. It's amazing to see the progress these little children make in their time in our program.

May gives us the chance to acknowledge our wonderful teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day. If you are at the 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. Tammy, Mrs. Sherry, Mrs. Christina and Mrs. Mary. Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool and its 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 us. Students need to be 3 or 4 years of age by Sept 1, 2014 and toilet trained. If they would like to visit our preschool encourage them to come in prior to May 22 so they can meet the teachers. Katie Strobel can be contacted in the church office, 503-256-1835 or gethsemanepreschool@hotmail.com. Registration information is also online at www.glcportland.org/preschool.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



With help from Thrivent, Ganga and Chhali Dulal raised the walls on their future home in southeast Portland last month. Ganga and Chhali have dreamed of a stable place to call home for many years. Originally from Bhutan, the couple lived in refugee camps in Nepal for 18 years before finally coming to the U.S. in 2011.

However, once here, their four-year-old son was diagnosed with autism, causing the Dulals to make the tough decision to have Chhali stay home with him. The couple also has a one-year-old daughter that Chhali cares for. Ganga is the sole income provider, working many hours as an operator for a medical device manufacturer.

In this tight rental market, decent housing is hard to afford, especially on one income. Their current apartment is small, and has mold and leaky plumbing.

"Since my son needs constant care, Chhali must stay home," said Ganga. "It is impossible to purchase a home with just one of us working. But with Habitat, owning a home became possible." Ganga and Chhali have been hard at work putting in their 500 hours of sweat equity, and their excitement to be in the program cannot be contained. You can provide a hand up to local families, like the Dulal family, by making a donation now.

NOTES:

- ◆ **Unistus in Concert** on May 18, 3 p.m. \$12/tickets at the door.
- ◆ **Old Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Cell Phones:** All can be reused. To recycle them, please place in the basket in the narthex. Nettie Ubrick will take them to the Lions. Ask Nettie about other items to recycle.
- ◆ **SnowCap has Requests for Bibles.** They take used Bibles, any and all translations, all languages. Bring to church and they'll be delivered to SnowCap.

MAY Birthdays

- 3 Linda Babcock
Cory Cumming
- 5 Albert Peterson
- 6 Tori Hiller
- 7 Theresa Qualheim
- 10 Bill Herbert
- 12 Dick Bemrose
- 13 Virginia Haacke
- 15 Daniel Walter
- 23 Linda Fletcher
Brianna Kelley
Jack Rasmussen
- 24 CJ Butenscoen
- 28 Jennilee Porch
- 30 Ernie Butenschoen
- 31 Laurel Strobel

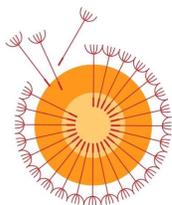
Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Roland & Virginia Haacke; Joe Rapp; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Shar Giard's friend John; the Butenschoen's friends DeeAnn, Rebecca, and Norm; Ginny Barton's friends Golda and Carolyn; Sharon Lee's daughter Karen, her niece Terry, and her great-niece Stephanie; Marian Aleckson; Mickey Dochow; Doris & 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; Dwaine Estes; Dorothy Shouse; Jerry Tilkens; Linda Babcock and her grandson Josiah; Katherine Eshleman; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Rita Nesbitt's son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Bob & 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 & Cameron Herbert's goddaughter Carey; Randy Treanor; and Bonnie Aplin.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Jo Nelson and her friend Greg; George Willett; Dick Boro; Lucille Langseth; Bud and Kay Qualheim's neighbor's niece, Marissa; the Bemrose's nephew Travis; Carol Steele; Christina Woods' husband Sam; Ida Olson; Rita Nesbitt; Kent Cumming; and Colleen Barnett's friend Ellen.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Liz Blohm's brother in law, Erich.

MAY Anniversaries

- 8 Roland and Virginia Haacke
(65th)
- 15 John and
Christine
Hurlman
(20th)



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 February 2014

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$90,957	\$84,705	\$88,618	(\$3,912)

Average Weekly Attendance for February: 2013: 185 2014: 122 Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	2 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	3
SALE STORAGE →					RUMMAGE SALE	RUMMAGE SALE
4 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 10:15a-SunSchool	5 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 3p-Mutual Ministry Mtg. 7p-Band	6 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-BibleStudy 6:30p-CYFMtg 7p-SwingBand	7 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30p-Clutterers	8 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 6:30p-Preschool Mother's Day Event 7p-Choir	9 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i> <i>2pm-Dress for Freedom</i>	10
11 <i>Mothers' Day</i> 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 10:15a-SunSchool <i>Flower Planting</i> 1p-Confirmation	12 9:30a-MHCC Ex 10:30a-B-Team 7p-Band <i>Jude Vac.</i> ← →	13 8a-Men's Breakfast 9a-Preschool Bd. 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwingBand	14 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30-Clutterers	15 10a-Women's Bible Study 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir	16 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Synod Assembly thru Sunday</i>	17 1-6p-Piano Recital 4:30p-Family Game Night Pr. Tom vacation thru May 25
18 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 10:15a-SunSchool	19 9:30-10:30a- MHCC Exercise 7p-Band	20 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwBand	21 9:30a-MHCCEX 7p-Clutterers 7p-Church Council	22 9:30a-Quilting 12:30pOrchestra 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir 10-11:30a- Preschool Graduation Day	23 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	24
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25 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 10:15a-SunSchool <i>Healing Services after each service</i>	26 Memorial Day <i>OfficeClosed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Ex 7p-Band	27 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwingBand	28 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	29 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orch 1:30p-GirlsGrp 7p-Choir	30 9:30a-MHCC Ex <i>Office Closed</i>	31
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- ◆ **The Lutheran Choral Association** invites all choral singers to be part of its 77th season. The 100+ voice choir rehearses during the summer and has five concerts in the fall . There is no audition, but choral experience is most helpful. The choir has a Lutheran tradition, but is open to all who love to sing God's praises. Rehearsals are Monday evenings at 7 beginning June 2 at Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N Rosa Parks Way (I-5 exit 304), Portland. Please arrive early (about 6:30) for the first rehearsal for registration and music. Call or go to lutheranchoral.org (Ken Dale at 503-515-8935).
- ◆ **Gethsemane's Handbell Choir** plays their debut performance on Sunday, April 27, at both services.
- ◆ **Your Help is Needed for Victims of the Oso Mudslide.** Donations will be used to address immediate and long-term needs. Online go to <https://lcsnw.ejoinme.org/MyPages/OsoMudslideReliefFund/tabid/530026/Default.aspx>; or by check (made payable to Lutheran Community Services, memo "Oso Mudslide Fund"). Send checks to Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Attn: Oso Mudslide Fund, 4040 S. 188th St., Suite 300, SeaTac, WA 98188.
- ◆ **The Rummage Sale is Rapidly Approaching and We Need You!** There are still empty spots where you can plug in to help! Last year, 14 people just showed up to help set up tables and carry boxes. Can that happen again? Everyone can donate something for the bake sale too. Workers on Monday and Tuesday will try to make sense of all the boxes; most anyone can UNPACK boxes. Pricing starts Wednesday, and we can help if you've never done that before. We can still use more stuff. Room 6 looks pretty encouraging at this point, but we have space. Ask Dale about storage. He's a genius at that! Again, clean donations and a note saying "it works" makes it easier for us. Join in somewhere , if only to encourage the rest of us, and meet new people. It's lots of work, but over so quickly. We recycle and, at the same time, help others. Proceeds are given to causes agreed upon by the church council.
- ◆ **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 join Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool at Burgerville** on Wednesday, April 30th from 4 PM–8 PM. All purchases at the location on SE 122nd and Stark St. during these hours will earn the preschool 10%. We are trying to raise funds for the purchase of new tricycles for the M & M Room. Save yourself the trouble of cooking and help the preschool at the same time.

GETHSEMANE: THE FIRST DECADE

This fall, Gethsemane celebrates its 50th anniversary as a church. Our Christian faith affirms the beauty and essential goodness of creation. Appropriately, our worshipers approach the church through the portals which open into a garden courtyard. Here one finds a place to behold God's handiwork, to enjoy being alive on God's earth, and recall Christ's own Garden of Gethsemane where he suffered anguish for us because of our sin.

As the city of Portland grew on the west bank of the Willamette River in the mid-19th century, land ten miles east was taken up by pioneers as undeveloped donation land claims, plots which were later sold in smaller 20 or 40 acre tracts. Except for a few country stores and feed stores, the area remained rural.

By the end of World War II, the population was moving gradually east from the city limits on 82nd Ave. and many areas were subdivided for homes. Small business centers formed at major street intersections: Menlo Park Plaza, Powell Villa, Gateway, Woodland Park, and Eastgate, which changed the demographic and commercial landscape of east Multnomah county.

By 1950 the student population had increased enough to fund a new high school, David Douglas, a community of about 16 square miles, still unincorporated, with no local government, no downtown business district, and without the numerous religious centers of the city. As David Douglas was being built, large stands of second growth firs were abundant and, accordingly, the high school was named in honor of the early botanist who had named the trees.

In 1951 a pioneer home still stood on the corner of 101st and Division. Further east on Division, the Hughes family sold fruits and vegetables from the back of their truck. In the spring of 1955 the Parade of Homes on Lincoln St. had a full page ad in the Oregonian; Cherry Park soon developed. Mill Park, near Gethsemane, was experiencing rapid growth as well. Before World War II, only 140 household units were available, but by 1970 more than 1800 were under construction, including many multi-unit developments. Even then, in the infancy of Gethsemane, there were apple and cherry trees, walnut forests, and hazelnut bushes. For those who lived near 117th and Market, there were lots of trees and very poor roads.

The few churches east of 82nd were: St. Joseph Kronenberg (Catholic 1886), Bennett Chapel United Methodist (1890), Sunnyside Seventh Day Adventist (1925), Savage Memorial Presbyterian (1927), Cherry Park Methodist (1958), and Cavalry Temple Assembly of God (1958). *By Harvey Steele*

(Next month: Mt. Olivet and Hope Lutheran Churches.)