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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR TOM'S LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November is a month of thanksgiving. Also, October 15th was the fifth anniversary of our time together as pastor and congregation. So, there are a number of things that I would like to mention for which I am personally thankful.

I thank you for all of your personal words of encouragement, support, constructive criticism, and prayer. Together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we have built a relationship of mutual ministry, trust, and accountability that will continue into the future.

I thank you for your recent financial support for our ongoing ministries and also for our Community Hall project. We are on solid footing as we do our work in the present and as we get ready for the work of the future. God has blessed us, and continues to bless us with the resources that we need to work on the mission that he has given us.

I thank each of you for your involvement in our work together. Whether you work on a committee, give financial offerings, serve as an officer or on the congregation council, work on the landscape, serve at meals, help out with Daybreak, sing in the choir, serve on the altar guild, or as ushers, greeters, or readers, visit the hurting and the sick, pray, make phone calls, teach, or serve in any number of other ways, I thank God for you. I also thank God for our staff including Maureen Hagen, Katie Strobel, Judith Rykken, Cathey Myers, Cameron Herbert, Brooke Benfield, and Dale and Ann Van Horn.

On Wednesday, November 21, at 7:15 p.m., we will have an opportunity to gather together for worship. This will be a good time to thank God for all the blessings we have received in the past years, and to thank each other for the blessings we have given to each other.

May you enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

In the Mutual Ministry of Jesus Christ, Pastor Tom

Pr. Tom will be on vacation from Monday, November 19 thru Sunday, November 25.

Remember to "fall back" one hour on Sunday morning, November 4.

OCTOBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

We were short of a quorum at October's meeting so no council business could be voted upon. However, we did review ongoing projects such as the capital campaign and the building renovation. We are very blessed by the generosity of our family here at Gethsemane and I am very thankful. Your support has made all the difference. Updates on the building project have been mentioned in the weekly bulletin. I will continue to work to keep the lines of communication open and informational. We have experienced a few bumps but we hope things go more smoothly from here on out. At this writing, the roof work is close to complete, including the necessary venting required by inspection before the lower pitched roof could be finished. Now the under-flooring should be in progress, which means repairing the footings and strengthening the supports. Other building items include new furnaces to replace the old boilers, so we should be warm and cosy in the sanctuary, narthex, and choir

room. We have also made arrangements for a new pole light across from the south narthex door, our first attempt to add lighting to that area of the parking lot. The other pole lights will be updated with new lighting. We plan to add more lighting once construction is complete.

As mentioned last month, the nomination committee is looking for interested folks to serve on council. If you want to get involved, please see Pastor Tom for a list of positions and duties.

Council was honored to hear two confirmation students share their personal creeds with us during the meeting and the Executive Board, with pleasure, accepted Tyler Riehl and Christina Wong as confirmed members of Gethsemane. Welcome, Tyler and Christina!

I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving and safe travels during the holiday weekend.

Laura Britzius, President

MEET OUR NEWCOMERS

Reese & Joyce Woods -- Milwaukie, Oregon was home for Reese and Joyce as they raised their four children. Reese was a firefighter and Joyce was a bookkeeper for a title company. When they retired, they moved to Central Oregon, starting in La Pine, then moving to Bend where Reese built their home. After 13 years they moved to Redmond in 2001. Then last May they moved back to the Portland area where all of their children still live. They settled in Summerplace. Always active in their churches through the years, Reese and his son helped build a cross for the sanctuary for the newly remodeled church in Redmond. Their three sons still live in Milwaukie and their daughter lives near Summerplace on NE 113th Ave. They have enjoyed travel to Mexico and the Caribbean and taken two Panamanian cruises. They like to play golf and cards when not involved with their 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mary Baxter -- She's still getting settled in Portland after moving here from Kennewick in April. A retired elementary school teacher (second grade was her specialty) she now lives in an apartment in Russellville. A son and grandchild live in Portland, another son lives in Florida and her daughter works in the US embassy in Madrid, Spain. Though Mary had been a Presbyterian, she has jumped right into life at Gethsemane and is enjoying being in the choir and working with the quilters. She likes to sew and is looking forward to coming to the "Fair Trade & Handmade Gift Fair." Mary has an international background. Her parents were missionaries with the Reformed Church in America and lived in China until the Communist revolution. She was three years old and bilingual in Chinese when they moved from China to the Philippines, where she lived through her high school years. She then attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan, and later returned to work in the Philippines with the Peace Corp.

FAITHWORKS: MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Can you believe it's November already? We have settled into a new church year – our youngest children have studied Creation, the Joseph saga and Moses, and are now about to leave Egypt. Our youth (middle and high school) are discussing what it means to walk as a disciple in 21st century Oregon. Pastor Tom's confirmation class of six students is quite boisterous and they are having way too much fun making their way through the Hebrew Scriptures.

October was a pumpkin-focused month for our kids. October 14 we had a blast at the Liepold Farms and, on the 20th, our older kids visited the Haunted Maze at Sauvie Island. On the 30th, we will have a Halloween Party, including our third-annual Trunk-or-Treat.

Perhaps the most significant day in October is the 28th when **Tyler Riehl, Logan Schie, Mandie Schie, and Christine Wong** are confirmed after two years of preparation.

November (and December) Activities

We are so pleased to offer a **Love & Logic presentation on Saturday, Nov 17, from 3:30 to 5:30**. This is open to all parents, grandparents, and guardians of GLC kids/Gethsemane Preschool. Learn ways to help your children make the right choices in life. The next day we will have fun baking pies and making quilts for our Gethsemane community and the families at Shepherd's Door.

As the days shorten, we know Advent is nearing. Please make plans to be with us during this time. Our culture advocates consumerism, but our Church tells us it is a time to slow down and to prepare for the most amazing event of all time: the Incarnation. On December 2, we will host an Advent E-vent (greens) for everyone in the congregation where

we will gather to reflect on the inbreaking of God into the world. Come and remember/learn/teach the traditions of the season. The following week (Dec 9) we will have a children's pageant at the 10:30 service. Look for more information.

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

Yours in Christ,
Maureen-Elizabeth Hagen
Minister of Child, Youth, and Family Formation

Upcoming Activities:

- 10/28 **Confirmation** of Christine, Logan, Mandie, and Christine (10:30 service)
- 11/13 Child, Youth, and Family Formation meeting at McMenemy's
- 11/17 **Love and Logic** presentation (free!) (3:30-5:30)
- 11/18 **Pie-Making Extravaganza** (after the second service)
- 12/2 **Advent E-vent** (after the second service)
- 12/9 **Nativity Pageant** (10:30 service)
- 12/24 **Christmas Eve service** at 4:00 (child-friendly)

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 November WFCs focus on thanksgivings, blessings, and gratitude:

Week 1: God has blessed you with many gifts/talents/strengths. Thank God for them.

Week 2: God has blessed you with special people in your life. Thank God for them.

Week 3: God has blessed us with Creation. Each day express your gratitude to God.

Week 4: God has blessed us with loving people in our community. Thank God for them.

After you try out a practice, take time to reflect on it. Was it helpful? Did it help make you/your family more mindful of God's presence in your lives?

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you have a copy of the 2013 Entertainment Guide, we would love the following coupons:

D4 Pizza Hut

E5-17 Regal Cinemas

E29 Ultrazone

E57Eag Land PuttPutt

E72-73 AMF Bowling

D41 Papa Murphy Pizza

E21-23 Cinemark

E30 North Clackamas Aquatic ParkE35-36 Family Fun Center

E 65 Skate World

E80 Mt. Hood Lanes

D42 Little Caesars Pizza

E28 JJ Jump (Clackamas)

E66 Oaks Park Roller Skating

Please give them to Karla, Christina, or Maureen. Thanks!!!

Love & Logic

– RAISING RESPONSIBLE KIDS –

If you are a parent/grandparent/guardian and you attend Gethsemane or its preschool, you are invited for a *Parenting with Love and Logic Presentation* by Esther Prelog, MA on Saturday, November 17, from 3:30 to 5:30 at GLC.

No fee, but please register on the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter. (We need to have an idea of how many will be attending and the age of your children.)

Love & Logic Principles covered: Not using warnings, anger, or threats. Giving more choices to share control. How to handle tough situations with ideas of natural consequences.

November Birthdays

- 3 Owen Solberg
- 4 Karla Hills
Ryan Gilsoul
- 12 Stephanie Schie
- 14 Kent Cumming
- 16 Collette Gill
- 19 Lillian Huston
Shirley Treanor
Carol Schroeder
- 21 Lucille Langseth
- 22 Jack Lumber
- 23 Katrina Myers
- 25 Lee Shortt

Anniversaries

- 9 Don/Shar Giard
(33rd)
- 12 Richard/Sharon
Lee (24th)
- 19 Kelly/Erika
Ras mussen (7th)
- 20 Bob/Audrey
Magnuson (52nd)
- 27 Lyle/Denise
Johnson (31st)

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Penny Thoreen; Linda Babcock and her grandson Justin; Vera Koosman; Dick Boro; Katherine Eshleman; Stan Johnson; Ralph Nelson's great niece Amelia; Rita Nesbit's son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; the Butenschoen's friends Rebecca & Norm; Sharon Lee's niece Terri; Nettie Ubrick's nephew Troy & her friend Tim; Randy Treanor; Roland and Virginia Haacke; Michelle McGilvray; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Joan Ward; Marian Aleckson; Cathey Myers' friends Max and JR & his wife; Karen Stenberg; George & Louise Fogg; Alhild Anderson; Jerry Tilkens; Liz Blohm; Aiden Lindstrom; Roseann Libonati; Bea Jarvie; Joni Pokorny's father in law George; the Hansen's grandson Rory and his wife Kelly; George Willett; Scott Morency; Bonnie Aplin; Tiffany Herbert; and Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Jo Nelson's friend Carol; Nettie Ubrick's friend Ruby; Kent Cumming; Pr. Laurie Larson Caesar; Lillian Huston's sister Sylvia and her son Jim; Colleen Barnett's friends Camille and Diane; Norm Thoreson; Beth Deters; Kayda Carpenter; Joni Pokorny's daughter's friend Rachel; Shar Giard; Penny Thoreen's brother Bud; and Colleen Barnett's friend Bruce.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Ralph Nelson and the family and friends of Fred Erlenson.

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
- Vera Koosman**, 1280 NE Kane Dr. #211, Gresham, 97030, 503/661-0538
- Norm Thoreson**, Fairlawn Village, 1280 NE Kane Dr, #34, Gresham 97030, 503/912-1973



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 2012 GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH 			October 31 <i>Halloween</i>	1 7:45a-Bible Study 7p-Choir 1:30-2:30p-FirRidge	2 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	3 12:30p-RecovInc.
4 8&10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour 1p-Confirmation <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</i>	5	6 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study <i>ELECTION DAY</i>	7 5:30-7:30p-Clutterers	8 7:45a-Bible Study 7p-Choir 1:30-2:30p-FirRidge	9 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	10 12:30p-RecovInc.
11 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour 9:30-10a Altar Guild Mtg. <i>VETERAN'S DAY</i>	12 10a-B-Team 1p-Stephen Supervison 6:30p-Finance Mtg.	13 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 5p-Mutual Ministry 6:30p-CYFF Mtg. @ McM.	14 5:30-7:30p-Clutterers 7p-Church Council	15 7:45a-Bible Study 7p-Choir 10a-Women's Bible Study 1:30-2:30p-FirRidge	16 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	17 12:30p-RecovInc. 3:30-5:30p-Love & Logic
18 & 10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour 1p-Confirmation	19 <i>Pastor Tom Vacation thru Nov 25</i>	20 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-NO Bible Study <i>Office Closed after noon</i>	21 5:30-7:30p-Clutterers 7p-Thanksgiving Eve Service/Pie & Cider follow <i>Office Closed after noon</i>	22 Thanksgiving Day <i>Office Closed</i>	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 12:30p-RecovInc.
25 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour <i>HEALING SERVICE AFTER BOTH SERVICES</i>	26	27 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study	28 5:30-7:30p-Clutterers	29 7:45a-Bible Study 7p-Choir 1:30-2:30p-FirRidge	30	

PRESCHOOL NOTES

Our Trike-a-thon took place September 27. We had a detour due to construction but our trikers did great. They raised \$623.15 each for the St. Judes Children's Hospital and the preschool scholarship fund. It was a fun night with many people there cheering on the riders and watching our children have a wonderful time.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped: Dick and Diane Bemrose, Liz, Scott, and Kevin Blohm, Kim Butenschoen, Cathey Myers, Karla Hills, Carol Steele, Pastor Tom, Maureen Hagen and Amy Deetz.

We are two months into our preschool year and classes are going great. We have a full seniors class, room for one more in our juniors class and a great staff! Our PreK Mondays are wonderful. We have room for more kids, but the ones we have are getting an extra day of school and having a fantastic time. Each class is busy learning Bible lessons from the Old Testament, learning fall songs, having fun with science lessons, and working on such skills as cutting, following directions, and math. We are also learning to recognize and write our names. Our 4 year old class (the seniors) are learning a letter and its corresponding sound each week. Two and a half hours each morning goes by too quickly to get in all we would like to accomplish.

Our field trip to the pumpkin patch and Halloween party are coming up quickly. These will be fun events for the preschool. We are excited to be able to take our students Trunk-or-Treating at the church party.

Fund-raiser Opportunities:

- A reminder that we are still selling Entertainment Books 2013. They are \$30 this year. Please see Katie in the church office if you would like to purchase one. Checks are made payable to GLC.
- Another fund-raiser is the sale of Papa Murphy's peel-a-deal cards for \$5. Each card has eight small detachable coupons. Total value of the coupon is over \$25. The preschool will receive \$4 from the sale of each card. If you are a Papa Murphy's pizza fan, please check these cards out. See Katie in the church office or call 503-256-1835.

It's time to mark your calendars for the annual Preschool Spaghetti Fundraiser on Sunday, Feb 17, following the second worship service. Start thinking now about themed baskets to offer at the silent auction.

Katie Strobel, Preschool Director

NEIGHBORHOOD GREENING EXCHANGE

Please join the Audubon Society of Portland on Saturday December 8 for a "*Neighborhood Greening Exchange*" tentatively scheduled for Ventura Park Elementary School.

WHAT IS IT?

This half-day forum (9:30am-2pm) is for current and aspiring greenspace advocates to discuss community-driven greenspace projects in the Portland-Metro area. We'll inspire each other by sharing strategies for effective community organizing; project development and fundraising; outreach to diverse communities; and collaboration with local governments, the media, businesses, and non-profits.

Project presenters will include Friends of Gateway Green, Friends of Nadaka, Let's Build Thomas Cully Park, Green Lents, Depave, and the Portland Parks Foundation. There will also be lunchtime screening of a local advocacy film on the Kellogg-to-Coho project in Milwaukie.

WHO SHOULD COME?

Individuals interested in learning more about developing and implementing neighborhood greenspace projects, including trails, community gardens, natural area acquisition and restoration, or other efforts to regreen and renature the urban landscape.

Cost: \$5 per person. Lunch & snacks provided. Childcare and Spanish Language Translation available.

The event will be limited to 80 individuals. Please register at: www.audubonportland.org/issues/metro/access/greening-dec2012

FAMILY SHELTER-TO-HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

The Family Shelter-to-Housing Partnership (FSHP) is seeking Donations for four homeless family shelters, available to families with children under 18. The Family Winter Shelter provides overnight shelter and serves as the main entry point for three family shelters: Portland Homeless Family Solutions, Daybreak Shelter Network and Common Cup.

A list of our immediate needs follow, though each organization has a more detailed wish list on their website:

- Blankets & unused pillows
- Winter coats
- Hygiene products (deodorant)
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Diapers & diaper wipes
- Pajamas for all ages
- New socks & underwear
- Paper cups, plates, bowls & forks
- Office supplies (pens, sharpies, tape, etc)

Daybreak Shelter Network donations can be dropped off at Peace Church of the Brethren, 12727 SE Market St. in Portland. **Family Winter Shelter**, donations after November 1st: Parkrose Community United Church of Christ, 12505 NE Halsey St. in Portland. **Portland Homeless Family Solutions**, donations can be dropped off in a donation bin at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St. in Portland. **Common Cup Shelter**, donations can be dropped at Daybreak Shelter (listed above).

To find out more: <http://www.humansolutions.org/homelessness-services/daybreak-shelter.php> or 503-256-2280 or adiffenauer@humansolutions.org.

FAIR TRADE & HANDMADE - GIFT FAIR - A BENEFIT FOR WORLD HUNGER

Saturday, Nov 3, 10a-2p
Sunday, Nov 4, before & after services

Please bring your handmade items for the Gift Fair by October 25, if possible.
Items will be displayed October 28, with sales beginning November 3,
and continuing through November 4.
(See above for times.)

BUDGET REPORT SEPTEMBER 2012			
Budgeted	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
\$267,498	\$253,217	\$235,048	\$18,169
Average Weekly Attendance: Cathey Myers, Financial Mgr.		2012: 153	2011: 125