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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently I read an online article about 12 trends that are affecting the church. There are certainly more trends that could be mentioned, but these are important ones to ponder. Some of these trends may apply to us, some not. What do you think? Which trends are important to you? On which trends should we act as a congregation? Here they are in no particular order:

- 1. Online as the New Default.** We used to have to go to church to hear a message or music, or get the cassette or CD. Now we just need a phone. Every person in the pew can listen to any communicator, band or concert they want. And almost everyone who shows up at our door has checked out our church online before they came. *What are we doing to embrace the online world beyond a barely-supported and moderately outdated website, podcast or Facebook page?*
 - 2. Wifi and Smartphones.** People in the pew may be googling during church, and checking out other options. *Do we assume people in the pew are intelligent, literate and have options?*
 - 3. Dialogue.** People want to talk, not just listen. While sitting around tables every Sunday may not be the answer, increasingly a church without conversation is a church without converts. *What scalable, meaningful venues do we have for people to go to online and in-house for real conversation?*
 - 4. Loyalty.** Brand loyalty is low. Four of the top five global companies didn't exist 40 years ago. Being around for a long time can be seen as a liability. *How are we showing the relevance of an ancient faith to the current generation?*
 - 5. Lack of guilt.** Guilt used to motivate people to change and even to come to faith. More people feel less guilt than ever. *Are we still using guilt to motivate people?* (By the way, Jesus never used guilt to motivate outsiders.)
 - 6. Declining trust in authority.** People will still trust authority when the authority has earned their confidence. But they start out with suspicion. More than ever, trust is earned slowly and lost instantly. *How is the way we exercise authority worthy of people's confidence?*
 - 7. Declining trust in institutions.** People have to be shown how an organization can help them, because by default, they don't think it can or will. *How are we demonstrating trustworthiness?*
 - 8. Personalized, eclectic spirituality.** People want to find their own unique path, and most start out that way. They will embrace the path of Christ, but they don't start out there. *How do we embrace where they start but encourage them not to finish there?*
 - 9. A desire for greater purpose.** Many people will not stay long at work or in causes that have little greater meaning or purpose. *Is our mission and vision clear, compelling and inexhaustible?*
 - 10. Personal mission.** People aren't waiting for someone to change the world, they'll just do it. From charity runs to starting non-profits from home, many people today not only believe they can have a global impact, many are having it. If our church doesn't have a burning sense of purpose and vision, we look lame compared to the average 22 year old. *How is our vision motivating people who have vision?*
 - 11. Trust in user reviews.** What we say about our congregation matters less than what others say. People place far more trust in user reviews than advertising copy. *What are others saying about our congregation and how would people find that out?*
 - 12. The death of cash and checks.** When was the last time you wrote a check or paid \$500 cash for something? No one does that anymore. But every Sunday most church leaders expect most of their offering to come in via cash or check. *Is most of our giving happening online? Why not?*
- As we work on our present tasks and plan for the future, it is wise to keep these trends in mind. Jesus had a way of speaking and doing that captured the people of his day. Jesus gives us the challenge to follow him in our day.*

May the Holy Spirit guide us and empower us — Pastor Tom

We are in the Mill Park Neighborhood! The Mill Park Neighborhood Association is now holding its regular monthly meeting, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m., at our church. Come and see what's happening in the neighborhood!

Daylight Savings Time ends early on November 2. Remember to "fall back"!

Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 9th, at 9:45 a.m. The congregation council is calling this meeting for the purpose of discussing some recent expenses and financial decisions.

You are invited to Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26.

NOTES:

- ◆ **Please Check Your Calendar** and sign up to serve as a Worship Assistant for December, as you are able. The sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board next to the coffee bar in the narthex.
- ◆ **Like Us on FACEBOOK.**
- ◆ **Thank You, Gethsemane,** for all your prayers and other help getting my house ready for an estate sale and then conducting the sale. Special appreciation to Clara Shortt who spearheaded the whole operation, recruited helpers and kept everything organized and running. As I watched order come out of chaos and experience peace out of turmoil, the scripture which came to mind was Galatians 6:21: "Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ." Thanks to all of you for living out this verse! What an encouragement you have been to me! Never in my 80+ years have I experienced such an outpouring of love and help. Thank you for your part in granting me this wonderful, tremendous episode in my life! You have really "paid it forward," and my prayer is that others will step up for you if and when you are in need. In Christ's love, Karen Arendt.
- ◆ **A Challenge Has Been Issued!** Be the winner of glorious prizes for the best decorated trunk. TRUCK OR TREAT is coming fast, so start preparing now. We expect about 50 kids. If you can't make it, bring wrapped candy to the church office to be given out that night. Trunk-or-Treat starts at 7 p.m. on Oct 29. D&D Bemrose (50 years strong)
- ◆ **Pinocle and Bridge Players:** You're invited to come and play at Gethsemane on Sunday, November 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. It should be a fun and social two hours. Talk to Todd Sloan or Laura Britzius if you have questions.

ADVENT EVENT NOVEMBER 30

Our next 5th Sunday Mingle is November 30. The mingle is a great way for 8 o'clock service attenders to get to know 10:30 service attenders; some stay a little later, some come a little early, and we all get to fellowship with each other. In addition to food and fellowship, we will have our annual **Advent Event** on November 30 during the mingle. There will be a few different seasonal craft stations available.

We are still looking for Craft Station Hosts if you would like to help with the Advent Event. Contact Jennilee Porch to learn more.

INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING (COMING IN JANUARY)

More information will be coming soon regarding a new ministry beginning this January. We anticipate a once-a-month gathering that will focus on being **intergenerational, interactive, participatory, and relational**. Now is the time to be involved in the brainstorming and planning phases of this ministry. Please contact Jennilee Porch if you would like to learn more or be involved in shaping this gathering.

GETHSEMANE PRESCHOOL NEWS

**YOU CAN HELP GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL EARN DONATIONS
JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER
REWARDS CARD!**



Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our **non-profit number #89277**.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

November Birthdays

- 3 Owen Solberg
- 4 Karla Hills
Ryan Gilsoul
- 12 Reese Woods
- 15 Wayne Rippon
- 16 Collette Gill
- 19 Lillian Huston
Shirley Treanor
- 21 Lucille Langseth
- 22 Jack Lumber
- 23 Katie Myers
- 25 Lee Shortt

November Anniversaries

- 9 Don/Shar Giard (35th)
- 10 Reese/Joyce Woods (65th)
- 12 Sharon/Bob Lee (26th)
- 19 Kelly/Erika Rasmussen (9th)
- 20 Bob/Audrey Magnuson (54th)
- 27 Lyle/Denise Johnson (33rd)

Homebound Brothers and Sisters: Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, Mickey Dochow, Katherine Eshleman, Dick Burgess, Dorothy Shouse, Bev Sperling, Ida Olson, Wynn Stafford, and Harold & Dorothy Hansen (Refer to your directory or call the church office for contact information.)

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Katherine Eshleman; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Rita Nesbitt’s son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; 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; Lucille Langseth; Roland & Virginia Haacke; Ida Olson; Joe Rapp; Rita Nesbitt; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Jo Nelson’s friend Greg; Ginny Barton’s friends Golda and Carolyn; Shar Giard’s friend John; Sharon’s Lee’s nephew Kevin, and her niece Terry; Jonathan Herbert’s friend, Mitch; Marian Aleckson; Mickey Dochow; Doris & Harold Hansen; Elmer Schmidt; Dick Burgess; Paulette Kelley’s brother Randy; Bill Herbert’s sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Carol Steele and her cousin Arlan Scott; Dwaine Estes; and Linda Babcock and her grandson Josiah.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Lillian Huston’s son Jim; Bonnie Aplin; Roseann Libonati’s stepson Dana; Julianne Quigley; Nettie Ubrick’s niece Sue Ellen; Christians suffering from persecution by ISIS; Rachael Couglin’s friend Bill; and Darlene Kuehmichel.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Gerry Tilken; the family and friends of Karen Arendt’s brother Don.

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*Save a tree! Save a stamp!
Please send us your email if
we don't already have it.*

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November 2014 — Gethsemane Lutheran Church
(See the website (glcportland.org) for updates on the calendar.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<i>Nov 1</i> <i>All Saints Day</i> 9a-AnnivChoir Rehearsal in Sanctuary & Narthex 9:30a-Linus Project in Commun. Hall
2 <i>Daylight Savings</i> 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHr 9:30a-Sun School 3p-50thAnniv. 100-voice Choir Concert	3 9:30a-MHCC Ex 7p-Band	4 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-BibleStudy 6:30p-CYF Mtg. 7p-SwgBand	5 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	6 9a-noon-ChrysalisNarthex 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra 1:30p-Girls' Grp. 7p-Choir	7 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Ex	8 <i>Memorial Service here??</i>
9 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:45a-Special CongregationMtg 1:30p-Confirmation DAYBREAK HERE THIS WEEK	10 9:30a-MHCC Ex 10:30a-B-Team 6:30p-Finance Mtg 7p-NoBand	11 <i>VeteransDay</i> <i>OfficeClosed</i> <i>No Preschool</i> 8a-MensBrkfst 10-NoBibleStudy 7p-NoSwgBand	12 9:30a-MHCC Ex 1:30p-MutMinMtg 5:30p-Clutterers	13 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra 7p-Choir	14 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Ex	15 <i>or Memorial Service??</i>
16 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc 1:30p-Confirmation 2-4p-Bridge & Pinochle Playing	17 9:30a-MHCC Ex 7p-Band	18 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwingBand 7p-Church Council	19 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	20 10a-Women's Bible Study 12:30p-Orchestra 7p-Choir	21 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Ex	22
23 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc 1:30p-Confirmation	24 9:30a-MHCC 7p-Band	25 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-BibleStudy 6:30p-MillPark NeighAssocMtg. 7p-SwingBand	26 9:30a-MHCC Ex 10a-Preschool Thanksgiving 5:30p-Clutterers 7:15p-ThanksgivingEveService	27 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28 <i>Office Closed</i>	29
30 8 & 10:30a-Worship <i>(Healing service after each service)</i> 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc 1:30p-Confirmation						



SOLID BRASS CONCERT

You're invited to join the **Solid Brass Band** for an afternoon of musical entertainment. They will play a variety of selections from Renaissance to Broadway, and end with a Christmas flourish!

When: Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 4 p.m.

**Where: Gethsemane Lutheran Church
(11560 SE Market in Portland)**



Refreshments available at intermission. A suggested donation of \$5 to \$8 and canned goods for SnowCap's food pantry, feeding more than 8,000 low-income neighbors each month.



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October 20, 2014

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The congregation council is calling this meeting for the purpose of discussing some recent expenses and financial decisions. A vote is required, so we hope you can be there.

For the Church Council,
Pastor Tom, Bill Herbert, and Dick Bemrose

— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —

Income & Expense Budget Report through September 2014

<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Difference</u>
\$272,871	\$246,464	\$254,891	(\$8,427)

Average Weekly Attendance for September: 2013: 140 2014: 120
Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

It's never too early to start planning for Advent and Christmas. This year, rethink the traditional Christmas gift-giving in your congregation and in your home. Get creative, set fundraising goals and "shop" the [ELCA Good Gifts](#) catalog together.

ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

ELCA provides \$100,000 to help contain Ebola

Thanks to generous gifts from ELCA members like you to Lutheran Disaster Response, the Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone are training health care workers, providing Ebola education about prevention, and distributing food to the many people isolated by the outbreak. See www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/7699.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our Trike-a-thon took place September 25. We raised \$426.50 each for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the preschool scholarship fund. It was a fun night. Many people came to cheer on the riders and watch our children have a wonderful time. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the trike-a-thon: Dick and Diane Bemrose, Liz and Kevin Blohm, Kim Stoffregen, Kim Butenschoen, Amy Deetz, Jan Cumming, Kay and Dave Qualheim, Bill and Cameron Herbert, and Cathey Myers.

We are two months into our preschool year and classes are going great. We have room for one junior but our senior and PreK classes are full. We also have a great staff! Our PreK Mondays are wonderful; an extra day of school is a bonus for the families and children that participate. Each class is busy learning Bible lessons from the Old Testament, fall-themed songs, having fun with science lessons, and working on skills like cutting, following directions, and math. They are learning to recognize and write their names and 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 everything we'd like to accomplish.

Our field trip to the pumpkin patch and our Halloween party are coming up quickly, two fun events for the preschool. We will join the church for Trunk-or-Treat after our own Halloween party. About 30 families plan to participate in this event on Wednesday, October 29, at 7 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Preschool Spaghetti Fundraiser on Sunday, February 22 following the second worship service. We will again have our silent auction for themed baskets.

Katie Strobel, Preschool Director

COMMUNITY ACTION AND OUTREACH

Daybreak: We have been very active with Daybreak the past few months and have been called upon to help with additional hosting. Two churches have dropped out of the program, which has added more duties not only to Gethsemane but to the other churches. This week, for instance, Daybreak is using our facilities to house four families overnight. Gethsemane will have Daybreak guests in the normal rotation the week of November 9. The sign-up boards will be available in the narthex on Sunday, October 26. Please see where you can sign up. The greatest difficulty is finding volunteers for overnight hosting, so please consider becoming an overnight host at least once. Dinner hosting is another area where we can use your help. It is actually quite fun and a wonderful time to share with the families. We have great guests and they have been an absolute joy. Thank you to those who have set up, driven and done laundry. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to be involved.

Compassion Connect: As many of you are aware we have been working with Compassion Connect through the Design Studio, located on 121 and SE Lincoln, as well as Dress for Freedom and Adorned in Grace. The Design Studio is finally finished. There will be a grand opening soon and Gethsemane will be invited. We have also been contributing to a sister program, Abolition Now, which provides needed items at the Design Studio and another location. The items, gift cards and monetary donations help fund the Closets. Many at-risk girls ages 7-16 have been found during police raids. The officers and case workers are able to access the closets to give clothing and personal items to the girls when they are found. Thank you all for your donations through the offerings of the Anniversary Service and the upcoming Choir Concert November 2.

SnowCap: What a blessing to have such a huge donation of food and other items for SnowCap through the giving hearts and hands of Diane and Dick Bemrose and their family and friends. I cannot think of a better way to show caring and love for such a beautiful couple than by donating to SnowCap. You might also want to consider becoming a volunteer! SnowCap needs volunteers, whether it is delivering food boxes to seniors and the physically disabled, teaching cooking classes, or stocking shelves. Please go to the website, www.snowcap.org and see if there is an area where you might be able to assist.

Thank you all for your loving kindness for all of those in need. Patty Olson

GETHSEMANE YOUTH IN ACTION

A Youth Calendar is posted in the church office. If you'd like to support the church youth by attending an event in which they participate, please see the bulletin board. Laurel Strobel is in *The Wizard of Oz* several nights in November and Alina Scheltzke has a couple of volleyball games you might like to see.