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PASTOR TOM'S LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The last time we confirmed some young people in our congregation was in 2004. So it's been a while. How exciting it is then that on Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2012, we will be receiving Tyler Riehl, Christine Wong, Mandie Schie, and Logan Schie as confirmed members of our congregation as a result of their affirmation of faith.

Confirmation class itself is best understood holistically. It is a combination of education, faith formation, service, worship, stewardship, and fellowship.

As we celebrate this event in the lives of these young people, we might also reflect on our own growth and maturity as Christians. We might ask ourselves, "Are we growing in the same areas of education, faith formation, service, worship, stewardship, and fellowship?" It is possible that we might be suffering from "arrested development". We may have stopped growing as Christians.

Christ gives us the gifts that he has received from God in exchange for our sins. We have received life and reconciliation with God. We also have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who causes growth in us, through the Sacraments and the Word of God, so that we might be able to exhibit fruit in our everyday lives. Our service, our compassion for others, our work as stewards of God's creation and of our personal resources, and our citizenship are among the fruit that appear in our lives.

I encourage you to reflect on your own Christian growth and to explore ways in which you make use of various resources in order to grow. I also encourage you to celebrate our church's young people, especially Logan, Mandie, Christine, and Tyler. Congratulate them. Thank God for them. Oh, and congratulate and thank their parents also. They are Michelle Schie, Christina and Steve Riehl, and Y.C. and Su-Ling Wong,

In the Mutual Ministry of Jesus Christ, Pastor Tom

**Pr. Tom will be attending the Bishop's Convocation from
Monday, October 22 through Wednesday, October 24.**

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

We had two guest speakers: Beth Poteet and Tori Hiller spoke to us about the New Sanctuary Movement. Sanctuary means "a safe place" where one can find help. How can we share in the responsibility to provide that help? Tori would love to talk to you about details.

Fall brings cooler weather, so we plan to replace the boilers during the week of October 22, a part of our capital improvements. This includes two furnaces for the sanctuary, one for the narthex and one for the choir room. The other furnaces will be replaced later.

Members Coming and Going: We say hello to Mary Baxter and Suzie Rector and say goodbye to Judy Hass who asked to transfer to a Beaverton church closer to home.

We discussed and approved a few building requests pending the completion of the community hall. One, from Friends of Trees, have used our facility before and have graced us with the new red tree in the front of the church. We also discussed parking lot lighting and the repair or replacement of the narthex doors that don't lock very securely. See the minutes draft in the narthex for more details of the council meeting.

The last quarter of each year the nomination committee gets to work finding nominees to fill coming open positions on council. Going off council this year:

- * Laura Britzius – President – end of 2nd two-year term
- * Lyle Johnson – Vice President – end of 1st two-year term
- * Hal Hingst – Community Action – end of 1st two-year term
- * Dick Bemrose – Stewardship – end of 1st two-year term
- * Christie Riehl – CYFF – end of 1st two-year term

Each position is a two-year term with the possibility of a second two-years. Please consider joining council and serving your congregation. Speak with Pastor Tom for additional information.

Blessings to you, Laura Britzius, GLC Congregation President

SHORT NOTES

- * **Raising the Roof!!** Our Community Hall remodel project is well underway. The old roof is gone and the new one is taking shape quickly. As we are raising the roof, we are also raising the pledges to help pay for this major undertaking. We now have \$226,185 pledged from 58 giving units for our \$450,000 project. That is great!! Thanks so much to those who have made three-year *S T R E T C H* pledges.
- * **Still thinking about your pledge?** We encourage you to step out in faith -- as much of a leap as you can make -- to help Gethsemane continue to serve our congregation and our community. Pick up a brochure and a pledge form, fill out the form and drop it in the Gold Box in the narthex. Everyone's participation is important! Go ahead and do it!!
- * **Not the Usual Holiday Bazaar** -- It's "*The Fair Trade & Hand Made Gift Fair*"! The Gethsemane Quilters are sponsoring this unique event for the second time, this year on the first weekend in November. The *Fair Trade* segment features items made by artisans and farmers throughout the world and secured through Lutheran World Relief. All sales benefit those who developed the items. The *Hand Made* portion includes gift and food items made by our church members and friends with all these proceeds going to the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal. The gift fair was a big hit last year. Many hand-made items are needed so if you are "handy", its time to be working on your projects. An area for second-hand Christmas decor will be available; used items in very good condition are needed for this area. Home-baked goods and sweets will also be sold. All of those creating items for sale can set their own sale price. The fair dates are **Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sunday, November 4, between and after worship services.** It's a great chance to do some personal holiday shopping and benefit those in need worldwide through Lutheran outreach.
- * **Thank You**, Pr. Tom, and Gethsemane for the thoughts and prayers. They are greatly appreciated — and answered. George and Louis Fogg
- * **Thank You** for all your donations and assistance with the Habitat/Thrivent Rummage Sale. The proceeds (\$1,586) will be used to help build simple, decent housing for a family in poverty. You are a great congregation. Carolyn Graf for Habitat for Humanity

- * **"Gathered by God"** is the subject of the Women's Bible Study for September - May. It's a study on ways we are gathered together in the presence of God and will highlight Biblical gatherings of "God with us" as well as current ones. The monthly study is found in the magazine "Gather" for women of the ELCA, but even if you don't have the magazine, come and join in. All interested women are invited. Our gathering is the third Thursday each month. The next one is **Thursday, October 18, 10 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Do come!
- * **Hello, Gethsemane Members:** I would to express my gratitude for the generosity, ministry, and outpouring of love that I experienced from everyone at Gethsemane Lutheran. Many times I have fondly pondered the experiences, exchanges, and fun times. I especially appreciate Pastor Tom's ministering to my late husband, Richard Haas, at Cornerstone, sharing Communion; and during the memorial service. I have retired from Loaves & Fishes at the IRCO site and also transferred my church membership to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Beaverton. The warmth and love experienced at Gethsemane will continue to be an example for me, as Mark and I continue in faith. Judy Haas Montague
- * **Synod Office Position Now Posted: Administrative and Communications Coordinator** Posting will be in effect until end of day on Friday, October 5, 2012. This is a newly designed position for the Oregon Synod Office. Questions? Call Jan Wierima at the Synod Office (503) 413-4191 or email Jan at administration@oregonsynod.org
- * **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership** invites you to add the Food Justice Fundraiser on October 18, 5-7p.m. to your calendar. This event will feature Tracie McMillan, author of "The American Way of Eating." McMillan is an award-winning investigative journalist who went undercover working various jobs in the food industry to explore issues of food and justice. The event will also include a panel of local leaders and updates on IFFP's work, including an exciting new project to empower low-income residents in east Multnomah County to improve food access and economic opportunity in their community. Please call Alison if you have questions: 503-221-1054 ext. 210.
- * **Early Alert!** We are planning our annual trip to Mt. Angel for Vespers on December 8. Meet at church at 3:15, carpool down, attend Vespers, have dinner at the pub in town. If you're not able to drive, we can pick you up and take you home. If you're willing to drive and/or are interested in going, please let Diane Bemrose or Laura Britzius know. It's a lovely, quiet time in the midst of the holiday bustle. Diane Bemrose
- * **The Gauntlet Has Been Thrown!** Trunk or Treat will be October 30 in the church parking lot. We'll have double the fun, as the preschoolers will be carving their pumpkins and the youth group will be having a party. Start planning your car decorations now. We try to make it as much fun for the kids as we can with cool, fun (maybe a little scary) decorations in, on, and around your car trunk. Plan for lots of kids. Afterwards, the adults are planning to go to Village Inn for pie. Diane Bemrose
- * **This Little Piggy** went to market, this little piggy stayed home, this little piggy went... where? We are missing a green pig, which may have run from the construction. If you've seen the green one, please let us know. Fortunately, we had just emptied it of its funds for malaria netting. Dick and Diane Bemrose

FAITHWORKS: MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

The new program year has begun! On the eve of Rally Sunday we had a fun trip to Lazer Planet where 12 kids and five adults played their hearts out. The next day, **Rally Sunday**, we blessed backpacks, presented Spark Bibles, and commissioned Sunday School teachers: Mary Baxter, Dick Bemrose, Ernie Butenschoen, Kim Butenschoen, Amy Deetz, Roseanna Foster-Mikhail, Bill Herbert, Karla Hills, Tracey Letmate, Martha McMinn, Alicia Quigley, Christina Riehl, Clara Shortt, and Melissa Solberg. Please thank them for saying yes to such an important ministry! It takes an entire congregation to raise a child of faith!

October Birthdays

- 1 Logan Schie
Mandie Schie
- 3 Al Marsh
Kraig Fletcher
Jacque Williamson
- 4 Liz Blohm
- 5 Dale VanHorn
- 8 Darlene Kuehmichel
- 9 Dorothy Shouse
Harvey Steele
- 10 Evelyn DeHaven
Alice DePrez
Alison Halvorson
- 14 Nancy Lumber
- 15 Kevin VanHorn
- 17 Todd Sloan
Rod Hills
- 18 Bud Qualheim
Ann VanHorn
- 20 Shirla Rapp

- Ryan Lindstrom
- 22 Colleen Barnett
- 23 Christina Riehl
- 27 **Stan Anderson**
- 29 **Nettie Ubrick**
- 30 **Debbie Olson**

October Anniversaries

- 1 Dick & Diane
Bemrose #48
- 2 Steve & Debbie
Olson #41
- 16 Dan & Elaine
Walter #36
- 27 Ryan & Vanessa
Lindstrom #11
- 29 Lee & Clara Shortt
#51

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers: Cathey Myers' friend Beth; Tiffany Herbert; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Penny Thoreen; Scott Morency; 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; 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; and George Willett.

Those who are ill or in need of other prayers: Beth Deters; Kayda Carpenter; Ralph Nelson; Penny Thoreen's brother Bud; Jo Nelson's friend Carol; Nettie Ubrick's friend Ruby; Kent Cumming; Pr. Laurie Larson Caesar; Bonnie Aplin; Lillian Huston's sister Sylvia and son Jim; Julianne & Alicia Quigley's friend Mandy; Colleen Barnett's friends Camille and Diane; Norm Thoreson.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Kay Qualheim's sister Gladys.

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
	1	2 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 6:30p-CYFF @ McM.	3 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	4 7:45a- Bible Study, Adventist Med Ctr Cafe-Bible Weather 7p-Choir	5 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	6 12:30p- RecovInc.
7 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a- EdHour 1p-Confir- mation	8 10a-B- Team 1p-Stephen Supervison 6:30p- Finance Mtg.	9 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 5p-Mutual Ministry	10 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	11 7:45a- Bible Study, Adventist Med Ctr Cafe-Bible Weather 9a-Pre- school Bd. 7p-Choir	12 <i>OfficeClosed</i>	13 12:30p- RecovInc.
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28 <i>Reforma- tion & Confir- mation Sun- day</i> 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a- EdHour <i>Healing Ser- vice after both services</i>	29	30 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 6:30p-Trunk or Treat in church park- ing lot	31			

Sunday mornings now begin at 9:15, gathering in the church to sing and celebrate. Sunday School follows at 9:30. Pastor Tom begins the 10:30 service with a children's message and then children from 4 to 9 years of age attend children's chapel and return before communion. We hope this helps children and families feel even more a part of the Gethsemane family.

Last Sunday we were awash with children and families. Karla Hills and Kim Butenschoen led a wonderful opening session and got the kids off their feet (literally) as they taught them *Alleluia! Praise Ye the Lord!* I can't wait to do this in church! Because of the building renovations, two classes meet in the preschool rooms and the youth class meets in the library. A dozen kids came up front to hear the children's sermon, then went off to Children's Chapel. We were packed to overflowing! (*Many parents keep their children with them in church and that is also a great choice.*) Knowing that the day's lesson also stressed the importance of children, I felt I could be in no better place. We all came together at The Peace and gathered 'round the table. It felt like family, didn't it? Just an hour after church, Pastor Tom taught the first Confirmation class of the year. He had a full room: **Brandon Schie, Annie Strobel, and Laurel Strobel** were back for Year 2, joined by **Kali Herbert, Hailey Long, and Andrew Morency** for Year 1. The number of families continues to grow and we have a solid program for children, youth, and families. We're always open to new ideas. Please talk to me.

October Activities: On Sunday, Oct 14, we'll go to the **pumpkin patch at Sauvie's Island** (all ages). We will also have an all-ages **Halloween Party** on Tuesday, Oct 30, simultaneously with the Preschool. Apart from costumes, pumpkin carving, and games, we will have the third annual **Trunk-or-Treat**. There will be something for everyone! Please continue to pray for our children, youth, and families. Yours in Christ, Maureen-Elizabeth Hagen

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. The first four challenges focus on prayer:

Week 1: Pray with your children before bed.

Week 2: Say grace before meals.

Week 3: Give thanks to God for something every day.

Week 4: Pray for a friend

These may seem a bit familiar. Next month the challenges will be new. 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?

HERE'S A WAY YOU CAN HELP...

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

D4 Pizza Hut

D41 Papa Murphy Pizza

D42 Little Caesars Pizza

E5-17 Regal Cinemas

E21-23 Cinemark

E28 JJ Jump (Clackamas)

E29 Ultrazone

E30 North Clackamas Aquatic Park

E35-36 Family Fun Center

E57 Eagle Landing Putt Putt

E 65 Skate World

E66 Oaks Park Roller Skating

E72-73 AMF Bowling

E80 Mt. Hood Lanes

Please hand to or place in the office boxes of Karla, Christina, or Maureen. Thanks!!!

PRESCHOOL NOTES

The school year has begun and our preschoolers are busy learning colors and shapes, recognizing their names and getting used to going to school. They are also learning how God made each of them special and starting to develop new friendships.

Our preschool program has room for one more senior and one more junior and we have several spaces in our PreK Monday program. Come into our preschool hallway on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday morning and you will see and hear lots of young children having a great time learning.

Thank you to Gloria Kelsay for remembering our playground and keeping it looking nice for our preschoolers to enjoy. So often, in addition to playing outside, the teachers will use the courtyard for other learning activities. With the construction going on we have used the playground a lot for our M & M room activities.

Some events coming up that are fun to watch and/or help with are:

- * The annual Trike a Thon to support St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the Preschool Scholarship Fund is on Thursday, Sept 27. We start triking at 6:30 p.m. We love for people to come and cheer for the preschoolers. We do not allow parking in the west parking lot on this evening as this is where the children are doing their laps.
- * Entertainment Books 2012 are here for \$30 this year. (Checks may be made out to GLC). Thanks to everyone who has already purchased a book. We will have them available until mid-December. They are a great Christmas gift! See Katie in the church office if you'd like to buy one.
- * The Preschool Halloween Party is Tuesday, Oct 30. Thank you for supporting us by opening your car trunks to us for Trunk or Treating. Our party starts at 6:30 and trunk or treat begins then.

Thank you for continuing to support and pray for our preschool. We're off to another great start.

Enjoy the changes of autumn, Katie Strobel