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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I had a connection of some sort or another to Operation Nightwatch in Seattle and Portland from 1977 to 1990 or so. They minister to people on the streets in different parts of Portland. Pastor Roger Fuchs, a member at Resurrection Lutheran Church, is their chaplain.

Recently I read an article in O.N.'s newsletter by their director Gary Davis. I reprint it for you here with his permission.

This is what poverty looks like:

Several months ago, one of our regular guests entered the SE Hospitality Center looking miserable. He had had a bicycle accident that day. In addition to having various cuts and scrapes, he had gone head-over-keester over the handlebars and landed in a bed of stinging nettles. He had welts on his back from the top of the neck down to his keester itself. "The itching's driving me crazy!", he said. "Do you know what I can do to get rid of it?"

We suggested getting some baking soda, making a paste of it, and using the paste to cover the wounds. "But what if you don't have any money?" he asked. A box of baking soda costs less than two dollars.

This is what poverty looks like:

A few weeks ago I was sitting in my car in the parking lot of Portland's main post office, sorting through the mail I had just claimed from Nightwatch's PO box. I looked up, and through my windshield I observed an older, eccentrically-dressed woman painstakingly maneuvering two shopping carts crammed with her earthly goods. She was pushing one ahead of her and pulling one behind her. But because in her shuffle she didn't have the strength to commandeer both at the same time, she would push the first one ahead about eight feet, then go back and pull the other one after. Then another eight feet, and back and pull. And another eight feet, and back, and pull ...

I don't know where she was going, but clearly it was going to take her forever to get there. Every time she came to an intersection, it probably took her at least two minutes to inchworm across.

And I imagine the drivers sitting there waiting impatiently for her to get by so they could get on with their business, and the thoughts that could have been going through their heads. In another context, this poor woman would be thought of as someone's grandmother. But here, she was just another bag lady.

This is what poverty looks like:

Saturday night a well-groomed young man approached me as I was welcoming guests at the door of our downtown Hospitality Center. He asked if he could use a phone to call a friend who had promised to help him and his mother out that evening. He said he and his mom had been living out of their car since May. It was an old Volvo I had noticed earlier in the evening parked at the curb, crammed full of stuff with two yappy dogs and a large woman who occupied fully half of the front seat. "Yeah, that's my mom", the young man said. "And I don't know what to do. She hardly gets out of the car anymore. She has a lot of trouble moving. It's too hard and painful for her. I'd like to get her a wheelchair or a walker or something." (*continued*)

"We've got walkers," I said. "We'll give you one."

His eyes lighted like he just learned he had won the lottery. *"Really?"*

"Sure," I said. "We've got a couple in our medical room. Just talk to our medical assistant, Lyle, and he'll give you one." A few minutes later the fellow met me again at the door carrying the walker, the delight still on his face. "Wait till my mom sees this!" he said. "She's going to think it's Christmas!"

Thanks, Gary for this helpful article.

Operation Nightwatch can be found online at operationnightwatch.org.

In the Peace of Christ, Pastor Tom

Pr. Tom will be attending the Bishop's Convocation Monday, October 21 through Wednesday, October 23.

**Congratulations to Annie Strobel, Brandon Schie, and Laurel Strobel
who are being confirmed on Sunday, October 27!**

PRESCHOOL NEWS

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

Our preschool program is full. Juniors, Seniors and Pre-K are all at the maximum. We are feeling very blessed. 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.

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

- The annual Trike-a-Thon to support St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the Preschool Scholarship Fund will be Thursday, Sept 26. Registration begins at 6; we start triking at 6:30. We love for people to come and cheer the preschoolers. The west parking lot will be blocked off because this is where the children do their laps.
- The preschool Halloween Party is Wednesday, Oct 30. We are going to trick or treat at different stations throughout the narthex. ***If you would like to set up a station for 30 preschoolers to stop at, feel free.*** We will start our party at 6:30 and begin Trick or Treating about 7:15.

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

Enjoy the changes of autumn, Katie Strobel

FAITHWORKS: MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

Fall has fully arrived. Shorter days, cooler temperatures, and lots of rain. Routines are more comfortable. Schedules are full – sometimes overfull. Recently, our youth heard the story of someone at the beach who had collected so many beautiful seashells. But then he saw a starfish floating on the water. How he wanted to go after that starfish! He tried to get it and failed because he would not let go of the shells. Are we sometimes carrying so many shells we are not able to reach for what is truly worth our efforts? What are our priorities? Can we let go of something so we can focus on what is most important?

Looking Back:

September has been a time of new beginnings and making adjustments. We have a large number of kids attending Sunday School. We may need more helpers. What a wonderful problem! Would you like to help once a month? We would love it! The parents appreciate our later starting time of 10 a.m. And there is time for coffee and conversation before the service. Thanks, Christie, for getting that started! Our older students decided they would rather start at 10 as well. We have been using the Nooma video series featuring Rob Bell, a pastor from Ohio who ties faith and daily life closely together. I love these videos.

Looking Forward:

October is always a fun month at Gethsemane. We mix outings to pumpkin patches with a fun Halloween Party. This is the fourth year for Trunk-or-Treat. I hope you might get into the spirit and decorate your car and wait for the kids. We begin **Love & Logic** on Tuesdays in October. This parenting course not only benefits Gethsemane and Preschool families and teachers; it is an outreach offered to the community.

We also mark important rites of passage in October. On Oct 6, we welcome into the Body of Christ Albert Peterson and Esiyah Johnson and on Oct 27, Brandon Schie, Annie Strobel, and Laurel Strobel will be confirmed. Please help celebrate these wonderful events!

Upcoming Activities:

9/29 Fifth Sunday Event (9:15-10:15) Time for fellowship!

9/29 Youth Service Project! (5:00-6:45) Making dinner for Daybreak Shelter

10/1, 8, 15, 22 Love & Logic (6:00-7:45)

10/5 Haunted Maze @ Sauvie Island (6:30-9:30) Middle School & High School

10/6 Baptisms of Albert Peterson and Esiyah Johnson (10:30 service)

10/13 Pumpkin Patch visit to Liepold Farms (12-2) All are welcome

10/26 Halloween Party (6:30-8:30) - including Trunk-or-Treat

10/27 Confirmation of Brandon Schie, Annie Strobel, and Laurel Strobel (10:30 service)

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

Yours in Christ, Maureen-Elizabeth Hagen

LOVE & LOGIC



We are pleased to offer a four-week Love & Logic course in October (1, 8, 15, 22). Esther Prelog will address specific ideas about how to handle your child's difficult behaviors, such as: Bed time, talking back, messy rooms, homework battles, bad grades, tantrums, and sibling rivalry; natural consequences, following through, consistency and reliability; better ways of communicating without warnings, anger or lectures.

The cost is \$55 for four weeks. We will provide childcare for \$5/child or \$8/family per night. (If cost is an issue, please see Maureen.) The registration forms are available at church or at glcportland.org.

GIFT FAIR NOVEMBER 23 & 24

BUSY HANDS are needed to prepare for Gethsemane's annual **Gift Fair** on Saturday, Nov 23 and Sunday, Nov 24. The pre-Thanksgiving event will feature handmade items donated for sale to help fight hunger, locally and globally. It's time now to start making your handmade donations -- runners, decorations, aprons, pillows, knitted items, jewelry, woodworking products, shawls, whatever you can think of -- all are welcome. Bake sale and food products will also be included.

SnowCap and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal will receive the proceeds of this event, sponsored by Gethsemane Quilters. Talk to any quilter to offer your crafts for sale and also your assistance at the event. Questions? Call 503-387-5115. Our busy hands can help fight hunger!

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER: GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR IRA OWNERS

Haven't taken your RMD for 2013? Don't need all of the income that is required to be withdrawn from your IRA? Why not consider using all or a portion as a charitable gift?

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) re-instated the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2013. This allows individuals over 70 ½ who receive a Required Minimum Distribution in 2013 to give all or a portion to a charity, which includes 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. If you are interested in making use of this provision please see Tonia Lindquist.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Update: Summer is drawing to a close, vacations are coming to an end, youth are back in school. The Resource Committee reports that receipts to date are about \$30,000 below budget. While giving is comparable to the same period as last year, we need to increase our giving to meet budget needs by the end of the year.

WiFi Project Update: Some cable has been run. The process is slow, but continuing.

Narthex Upgrade: Check the ceiling by the coffee bar, where the material works to deaden sound. The colored runners will be changed to reflect seasons in the church year.

Daybreak Coordinator: We are still seeking a Daybreak ministry coordinator. Please talk with Patty Olson for detailed information about responsibilities.

Hand bell Proposal: Shar Giard wrote a letter to St. Timothy asking to rent or borrow their hand bells until GLC can purchase a set. She is waiting for a reply. (Note: St. Tim's will rent to GLC for \$1/month.)

Organ Dedication: Will be Oct 20 at 2 p.m. A notice to the Mid-County Memo and Gresham Outlook will be sent for inclusion in those papers.

Appreciation Lunch: Gethsemane received an invite from Multnomah County to anyone involved with Human Solutions/ Daybreak to attend appreciation lunch.

Nominating Committee: Council members Liz Blohm and Lyle Johnson, plus Jonathan Herbert and Diane Bemrose.

Change in Leadership of the Resource Committee: Because of a health issue, Carl Perkins has resigned as committee chairman. Bill Herbert has been appointed to fill the remaining months of Carl's term. Thank you, Carl, for your hard work and dedicated service to the congregation. Dick Bemrose, Concil President

NOTES:

- * **Lutheran Disaster Response, Int'l** is responding to humanitarian crises in Angola, Namibia and the Central African Republic by providing \$600,000 in aid. From drought to civil war unrest, basic needs of the most vulnerable are met by providing relief supplies, nutritional aid, education, psychological support, access to clean water, hygiene services and much more. To donate: www.ELCA.org/disasters-donate.
- * **Rose City Park United Methodist Church** begins its **2013-14 Concert Series** with "Sirens of the 60's" in a special concert **Saturday, October 19 at 7pm in the sanctuary**. This concert benefits Madison High School Activities Committee (MHSAC), a community-led organization. A free-will offering will be received at intermission. Address: 5830 NE Alameda (handicapped accessible). For information, call Patricia Holman, 503-288-0353.
- * **Thank You, Thank You!** We came up with a grand total of 106 pounds of school supplies. That's a lot of back packs, pencils, erasers, etc.!! SnowCap was very grateful. Because of a generous grant of \$500 from Thrivent, many children started the school year with new underwear. A total of 53 pounds of socks and underwear, which might not sound like much, but breaks down as follows: 182 pairs of boys briefs; 164 pair of boys socks; 302 pairs of girls underwear; 112 pairs of girls socks. Some at Gethsemane contributed socks and underwear for this effort, also. Girls things come in larger packages, and are cheaper, explaining why they were thrilled to get all of the boys briefs. Again, I would like to thank Marion Burgess and Gloria Kelsay for all of their efforts in securing this very generous grant from Thrivent. Dick and Diane Bemrose
- * **Pilgrim Lutheran Church** invites everyone to an Open House on Wednesday, Sept 25, to dedicate its **Healing Path Labyrinth and Rain Garden**. The Healing Path Labyrinth is an octagonal 7-circuit labyrinth made of pervious pavement. The inner 5 circuits are a fully-accessible "short path" for those who use wheelchairs, scooters, or baby strollers. →
- * The Annual **"It's On the House Fundraiser"** invites you to join Human Solutions in Gresham for Breakfast on Wednesday, Oct 16 from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Persimmon Country Club OR in Portland for lunch on Thursday, Oct 17, from 11:30 to 1 at The Benson (309 SW Broadway). Please RSVP to Sara Fisher at 503.548.0283 or sfisher@humansolutions.org.



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Income & Expense Budget Report through August 2013

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$254,624	\$222,027	\$251,465	(\$29,437)

Average Weekly Attendance for August: 2013: 142 2012: 136 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
DAYBREAK SHELTER THIS WEEK <i>Healing Service after each service.</i> 5th Sunday Mingle	 NO Band	1 8a-MenBrkt 10a-BibStudy 11a-Last Stephen Min. Meeting 6p-LoveLogic 7p-NO Swing Band	2 5:30p- Clutterers	3 7:30a-Brkft BibleStudy 9:30a- Quilting 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 12:30p- RecovInc. 8:30a- Mission Endowment 6:30-Youth Go to Corn Maze
6 8 & 10:30a- Worship — Baptisms 9:15a-EdHour 10a-Youth Faith Formation 1-2:30p- Confirm. Class	7 10a-B-Team 7p-Band	8 8a-Men's Breakfast 9a-PreBoard 10a-BibStudy 6p-LoveLogic 7p-SwBand	9 5:30p- Clutterers	10 7:30a- BkfstBibStdy 9:30a- Quilting 11:30a-1p- ClusterPastor s 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	11 <i>Office Closed</i> 4:30p- Wedding Rehearsal	12 12:30p- RecovInc. 2p-Wedding
13 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 11:45a-Youth to Pumpkin Patch	14 6:30p- Finance Mtg. 7p-Band	15 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 6p-LoveLogic 7p-SwBand	16 3p-Steward- ship Mtg. 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers 7p-Church Council	17 7:30a- BkfstBibStdy 10a-Women's Bible Study 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19 12:30p- RecovInc.
20 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 10a-Youth Faith Formation 1-2:30p-Con- firmationClass 2p-Organ Dedication	21 7p-Band <i>Pr.Tom@ Bishop's Convocation thru 10/23</i>	22 8a-Men's Breakfast 5p-Mutual Ministry 6p-LoveLogic 7p-SwBand	23 5:30-7:30p- Clutterers	24 7:30a- BkfstBibStdy 9:30a- Quilting 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 12:30p- RecovInc. 6p-Youth Halloween Party
27 8 & 10:30a- Worship — Confirmation 9:15a-Ed.Hour <i>(Healing services after each service.)</i>	28 7p-Band	29 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 1:30p- SnowCap Policy Mtg. 7p-SwBand	30 5:30p- Clutterers 10a- Preschool Halloween Party	31 7:30a- BkfstBibStdy 9:30a- Quilting 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-GirlGrp 7p-Choir	November 1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 12:30p- RecovInc.

October Birthdays

- 1 Logan Schie
Mandie Schie
- 3 Al Marsh
Kraig Fletcher
Jacque Williamson
- 4 Liz Blohm
- 5 Dale Van Horn
- 8 Darlene Kuehmichel
- 9 Dorothy Shouse
Harvey Steele
- 10 Evelyn DeHaven
Alice DePrez
Alison Halvorson
- 14 Nancy Carpenter
Alexa Treanor
- 15 Kevin VanHorn
- 17 Todd Sloan
Rod Hills

- 18 Bud Qualheim
Anne Van Horn
- 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 #49
- 2 Steve/Debbie Olson #42
- 16 Dan/Elaine Walter #42
- 27 Ryan/Vanessa Lindstrom #12
- 29 Lee/Clara Shortt #52

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Randy Treanor; Rita Nesbitt; Roland and Virginia Haacke; the Sloan's friend Francis; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Joan Ward; Marian Aleckson; Mickey Dochow; Karen Stenberg; George & Louise Fogg; Dick Burgess; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; Bill Herbert's sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Carol Steele's cousin Arlan Scott; Dorothy Shouse; Jerry Tilkens; Aiden Lindstrom; Bea Jarvie; Linda Babcock; Vera Koosman; Dick Boro; Katherine Eshleman; Stan Johnson; Rita Nesbitt's son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; the Butenschoen's friends Rebecca & Norm; and Nettie Ubrick's nephew Troy, her friend Tim, and her friend Ruby.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Mary Baxter's sister Joan; Kim Butenshoen's friend DeeAnn; Kent Cumming; Ginny Barton's friend Golda; Jennifer Peck; Rachel Hills' Aunt Kathleen; Shar Giard's friend John; Michelle McGilvray; Lillian Huston's son James; Roberta Vidlund's friend Terry; Madge Buss; Carl Perkins; George Willett; Elmer Schmidt; Julieanne Quigley's great uncle Tyke and grandfather Dan; Joni Pokorny's daughter's friend Marissa; Joe Rapp; and Jo Nelson's friend Greg.

Homebound Brothers & Sisters

Lucille Langseth, Karen Stenberg, Vera Koosman, Marian Aleckson, Madge Buss, Mickey Dochow (Please refer to your directory or call the church office for contact information.)

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