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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of our congregation, Gethsemane Lutheran Church. That beginning was also the mark of two endings, that of Hope Lutheran Church and Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church. Each of them had their own beginning and their own varied history. Those among us who were members of Mt. Olivet and Hope remember the events, struggles, joys, and people that were part of those congregations.

Now, as we thank God for all the blessings of the past, we take notice of our present blessings and challenges, and we wonder what the next 50 years will bring, or 25, or 10, or next year. What will be the shape of the mission God will give to us? What kind of mix of people, and ages, and gifts will be present in our congregation as we take on God's mission? Will Gethsemane go on and on and on? Will it too come to an end? What beginnings are on the way?

Of course, we can only guess at the answers to these questions, but they can be informed and educated guesses. There are many things that we don't know, but we do know that God is faithful, that Jesus Christ loves us and forgives us, and that the Holy Spirit is giving us the gifts we need for our individual lives and for the life of our congregation.

Thanks be to God, Pastor Tom

**Pr. Tom will be attending the Bishop's Convocation
from Monday, October 27 through Wednesday, October 29.**

**Congratulations to Hailey Long, Kali Crume Herbert, and Andrew Morency
who are being confirmed on Sunday, October 26!**

NOTES:

- ◆ **Gethsemane's 50th Anniversary** is coming fast. Mark your calendars for the celebrations October 4 and 5, and November 2 (for the great choir concert). **Invite Family and Friends** to our anniversary concert at Gethsemane on Sunday, Nov 2, at 3 p.m. The concert will feature the choirs of St. Luke, St. Timothy, First Immanuel and Gethsemane. Picture nearly 100 singers in our wonderful sanctuary with our magnificent organ! You'll want to be there!
- ◆ **Please Check Your Calendar** and sign up to serve as a Worship Assistant for October, November, and 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 your generosity. We collected 193 pounds of school supplies. That's a lot! Thrivent donated \$300 to purchase underwear for SnowCap (32 pounds worth). That doesn't sound too impressive, because underwear doesn't weigh much. But it breaks down to 115 pairs of underwear for girls and 104 pairs of sox. For boys, we purchased 110 pairs of briefs and 110 pairs of sox. Many thanks to all Thrivent members, and a special thank you to Marion Burgess and Gloria Kelsay for their efforts on getting this grant for us.
- ◆ **Dick and Diane Bemrose** are celebrating their 50th anniversary, which is officially October 1. But, because the church is very busy that weekend, they will celebrate on October 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Gethsemane. If you can come, please do. Everyone is invited. Because they feel so very blessed, they are asking that in lieu of gifts, you bring non-perishable food for SnowCap. Let's fill up that barrel! Hope you can make it! Please let Diane know at 503-667-0480. Thank you.

- ◆ **The National Christian College Fair** is a great opportunity for students and families to meet with college representatives to learn about the value of Christian higher education. Students will be able to interact with over 50 Christian colleges and universities. In addition, financial aid seminars will educate families on the opportunities available to finance private, Christian education. **Monday, October 13 at Westside Christian High School, 8200 SW Pfaffle St, Tigard, OR 97223.** The college fair is from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

This fall Sunday School began, as well as a new Teen Group, and other ministries for our children, youth, and families. The way many in the congregation have stepped up to fill needed Sunday School teaching roles has been very encouraging. We now have all the dates covered for this fall. Keep a lookout for the January through May dates coming to a sign-up sheet in November. But, if you are itching to get involved in Sunday School now, teachers would greatly appreciate assistants during class time. This would be a great way to be introduced to the teaching process and our wonderful kids.

Our Way To Live Teen Group has met a few times thus far. The teens are engaged in bringing faith into the everyday. They are also learning about Christian Practices such as *Lectio Divina* (a meditative form of Bible study) and have spent time walking a labyrinth during another session. This group meets Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Jennilee if you would like to participate or want more information.

Youth Calendar Call: What extra-curricular activities, sports, concerts, etc. is your child involved in? We would love to cheer on our GLC youth in what they are already involved in and passionate about. Send info to Jennilee (jennileeporch@gmail.com).

October Events:

- ◆ **Saturday, Oct 18 - Camp Lutherwood Workday** Camp Lutherwood is in need of people to help prep the camp for winter. Lutherwood has blessed so many lives over the years through their engaging and Christ-centered camp experiences. CYFM invites anyone who can help on the 18th to travel with us down to Lutherwood for the day. The camp is providing lunch and snacks. We plan to leave at 8am and arrive home closer to 6pm.
- ◆ **Friday, Oct 24 - Corn Maze**
- ◆ **Wednesday, Oct 29 - Halloween Party and Trunk-or-Treat** at Gethsemane.

GETHSEMANE PRESCHOOL NEWS

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

Our preschool program still has room for two more 3 year-olds. Seniors and Pre-K are at maximum capacity. 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. Spread the word to your family and friends about our great program. They can always view the website at www.glcportland.org/preschool or see us on Facebook.

You are invited to some events in the near future are fun to watch and/or help with:

- ◆ The annual **Trike-a-Thon** to support St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the Preschool Scholarship Fund is **Thursday, Sept 25.** Trike pedaling starts 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.
- ◆ The preschool **Halloween Party is Wednesday, October 29.** We are going to combine our Trunk-or-Treat with the CYFM again this year. ***If you would like to decorate your car and provide candy for 30 preschool families and Gethsemane Youth families please do.*** Trunk-or-Treat will start 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

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Income & Expense Budget Report through August 2014			
Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$242,552	\$221,479	\$225,742	(\$4,243)
Average Weekly Attendance for August: 2013: 142 2014: 121			
Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.			

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
- 14 Nancy Carpenter
Alexa Treanor
- 17 B. Todd Sloan
Rod Hills
- 18 Bud Qualheim
Ann Van Horn
- 20 Shirla Rapp

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

October Anniversaries

- 1 Dick & Diane Bemrose (50th)
- 2 Steve & Debra Olson (43rd)
- 12 Paul & Brandee Leibrand (#1)
- 16 Dan & Elaine Walter (43rd)
- 27 Ryan & Vanessa Lindstrom (13th)
- 28 Mr. & Mary Starmont (25th)
- 29 Lee & Clara Shortt (53rd)

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Tiffany Herbert; Carol Steele's cousin Arlan Scott; Dwaine Estes; Jerry Tilkens; Linda Babcock and her grandson Josiah; 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; Lillian Huston's son Jim; Paulette Kelley's brother Randy; and Bill Herbert's sister Judy.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Bonnie Aplin; Carol Steele; Jo Nelson's niece's granddaughter, Allie; and Jo's nephew Denny and family; Darlene Kuehmichel; Mary Starmont; Bob & Joann Larson's friend Sara; Dorothy Shouse; Joni Pokorny's sister-in-law Toni; Colleen Barnett's niece Linda and her husband, and Colleen's friend Mark and his wife; Alicia Quigley's father, Walter; and the Butenschoen's neighbor Alia.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Joni Pokorny's father-in-law George; the family and friends of Jim Collins; and the family and friends of John Skuzeki's son Tom.

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

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we don't already have it.*

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	2 9:30a-Quilting 7p-Choir	3 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Noon-Community Hall Set-Up	4 4p-SwingBand 5p-50th Anniv. Dinner 6p-Dessert and Program
5 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHr 9:30a-Sun School 3p-50thAnniv. Service	6 9:30a-MHCC 7p-Band <i>(Jude Vacation Week)</i>	7 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-BibleStudy 1:30p-MMT 6:30p-CYF Mtg. 7p-SwgBand	8 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	9 No Preschool 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra 7p-Choir	10 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Ex	11
12 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc 1:30p-Confirmation	13 <i>Columbus Day</i> 9:30a-NoMHCC 10:30a-B-Team 6:30p-Finance Meeting 7p-Band	14 8a-MensBrkfst 9a-PreschoolBd. 10a-BibleStudy 6:30p-Training 7:30p-ChCouncil 7p-SwingBand	15 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	16 10a-Women's Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra 7p-Choir	17 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Ex	18 2-5p-Bemrose 50th Anniversary
19 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc DAYBREAK HERE THIS WEEK, 8 pm to 8 am	20 9:30a-MHCC 7p-NoBand	21 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwingBand	22 9:30a-MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers	23 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra 7p-Choir	24 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Ex Youth to Corn Maze, p.m.	25
26 Confirmation Sunday 8 & 10:30a-Worship <i>(Healing service after each service)</i> 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc 1:30p-Confirmation	27 9:30a-MHCC 7p-Band <i>Pastor Tom @ Bishop's Convo. thru Wednesday</i>	28 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwingBand	29 9:30a-MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers 6:30p-Preschool and CYF Halloween Party	30 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p-Orchestra 7p-Choir	31 <i>Halloween</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 9:30a-MHCC Ex	Nov 1 <i>All Saints Day</i> 9a-AnnivChoir Rehearsal in Sanctuary & Narthex 9:30a-Linus Project in Commun. Hall