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FROM THE PASTOR Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's that time of year. Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Adult Forum, Choir, and so many other church programs start up in September after the summer hiatus. So, it's time for information and invitations.

The first day of **Sunday School** is Sunday, September 7. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

The first day of **Confirmation Class** is Sunday, September 14. We will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. every other Sunday. Students entering into the 6th grade and up are invited, along with their parents.

The **Adult Forum** will also be meeting on Sunday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. Harvey Steele will not be able to lead the group for the time being so I will be the leader. Our first forum will be centered on choosing topics for the future. On Sunday, September 21, and at maybe more sessions, we will show and discuss a video about the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German Lutheran pastor who resisted the Nazis before and during World War II.

I hope you can take part in our many activities this fall! Pastor Tom

CAMP LUTHERWOOD IS FUN!

Pastor Tom, Dick Bemrose, Jennilee Porch, and our confirmands, Kali Crume and Andrew Morency, went to Camp Lutherwood recently. Together we learned about our Christian faith, made crafts, swam, sang songs, hiked, canoed, participated in group trust and leadership activities, and slept in tents. Thanks to everyone who financially supported our trip to Camp Lutherwood.

NEIGHBORHOOD WORK DAY

As part of our **50th Anniversary Celebration**, we will be having a workday for the church's neighborhood. It will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 20. Portland Parks and Recreation will supply materials for us to do litter clean up on that date at Mill Park or Floyd Light Park, or wherever needed in the neighborhood. Bring rubber gloves, a big plastic bucket, and a lunch. We'll meet at the church.

NOTES:

- ◆ **Gethsemane's 50th Anniversary** is coming fast. Mark your calendars for the celebrations October 4 and 5. Remember to RSVP by September 5 for the dinner on October 4.
- ◆ **We Still Have Openings in Preschool** for the coming school year for 3s and 4s. Check our website or call the church office for more information.

- ◆ **Time For School Supply Collection:** Our annual school supply drive is going on and the sales out there are good. Thanks in advance for all of your help. Dick and Diane Bemrose.
- ◆ **Please Check Your Calendar** and sign up to serve as a Worship Assistant for September, as you are able. There are still a few positions that need to be filled. The sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board next to the coffee bar in the narthex.
- ◆ **Like Us on FACEBOOK.**
- ◆ **TRANSFORMING LIFE AND FAITH** is the title of the monthly Women's Bible Study, starting in September. The study appears each month in the ELCA women's magazine "Gather." Our first session will be at **10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11** in the Conference Room. In these nine sessions, we will meet biblical characters who find themselves transformed in many ways. We will read passages from both Old and New Testaments. Our first session focuses on the apostle Paul's conversion. All women of Gethsemane are welcome at these Bible study sessions.
- ◆ **Please Mark Your Calendars and Invite Family and Friends** to our anniversary concert at Gethsemane on Sunday, Nov 2, at 3 p.m. The celebration concert will feature the choirs of St. Luke, St. Timothy, First Imanuel and Gethsemane. Picture nearly 100 singers in our wonderful sanctuary with our magnificent organ! You'll want to be there so mark your calendars now!
- ◆ **"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday** is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On Sunday, Sept 7, the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. See more at: <http://www.elca.org/dayofservice>.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

This fall will boast new Children, Youth, and Family Ministries along with some of our old favorites. On Sept 7 we'll kick off Sunday School for the season, which opens teaching opportunities. People are invited to help just once or numerous times this season. Sunday School will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Our GLC kids (pre-K to 5th grade) will enjoy fun Bible lessons, creative crafts, activities, and live music (when available). If you can help with teaching, music, or as a class aide please contact Jennilee Porch.

CYFM will also start a new Teen Group, host Family Nights, and organize monthly events this Fall. Be on the look out for more information, coming soon.

Finally, over the next couple months CYFM will be creating a Youth Calendar, which you will see here in the Olive Press. We desire to show our youth that they don't always have to come to us, but we will support them in the activities they are already involved in and excited about. The Youth Calendar will show the concerts, sports games, drama performances, and other extracurricular activities in which our youth are participating. This will be a great opportunity for us as their church family to show up and cheer them on.

WELCOME TO GETHSEMANE!

Here are a few paragraphs about some of our newest members:

Rachel Coughlin officially became a member this summer after first visiting Gethsemane in August of 2012; she enjoys worshipping at the early service. Born and raised in North Dakota, she moved to Portland in 1974. Rachel has known loss. She was divorced from her first husband, later remarried and was widowed 3 1/2 years ago when her second husband died in his sleep at age 58. She has had five children, lost three at birth and lost her oldest son in a car accident in 1989. She now has one son who lives in San Diego. She also has a stepdaughter, who lived with her for a time before and after the birth of the stepdaughter's twins. She (the stepdaughter) died suddenly when the twins were 11 months old. The twins are now three and are living with their maternal grandmother. Rachel retired two years ago from Lamb's Thriftway where she had worked for 36 years, ending as the store's Seafood Manager. She's on the board of the condo association where she lives, likes walking and reading and helping people. It was Sharon Lee who invited her and her mother-in-law to visit Gethsemane; she's glad she did!

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

4 Ron Stafford
6 Ginny Barton
7 Jim Stafford
9 Darlene Lewis
 Cathy Myers
12 Tom Lewis
14 Karen Reagan
 Eric Qualheim
 Tamara Schaffner
 Bailey Williamson
17 Joann Weaver
18 Jenece Butenschoen
19 Vanessa Lindstrom
21 Mary Curtis
23 Hal Hingst

27 Betty Hahn
 Virginia McCormick
 Jacob Hills
29 Galven Irby
30 Niki Poole

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

4 Ken/Marilee Hansen
 (61st)
4 Po/Rachel Peterson
 (4th)
27 Tracey/Eric Letmate
 (13th)

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Lillian Huston’s son Jim; Paulette Kelley’s brother Randy; Bill Herbert’s sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Colleen Barnett’s niece Linda; Carol Steele and her cousin Arlan Scott; Dwaine Estes; Dorothy Shouse; 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; Bonnie Aplin; Lucille Langseth; Colleen Barnett and her friend Ellen; 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.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Tiffany Herbert’s Uncle Tim and her mother Nancy; Mary Starmont’s son Austin; Darlene Kuehmichel; Terry Moe’s father Arne; Rachael Coughlin’s friend Bill; Colleen Barnett; and Nettie Ubrick’s daughter Catherine.

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.)

— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —
Income & Expense Budget Report through Ju 2014

<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Difference</u>
\$212,233	\$199,245	\$198,246	\$998

Average Weekly Attendance for February: 2013: 130 2014: 128
Cathy Myers, Fin.Man.

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we don't already have it.*

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Office Closed Labor Day</i>	2 8a-MensBrkfst 9a-Preschool Begins 10a-Bible Study 6:30p-CYFMtg. 7p-Swing Band	3 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	4 9:30a-Quilting 6p-Choir Begins w/ BBQ	1 <i>Office Closed 9:30a-MHCC</i>	2
7 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:30a-EdHr 9:30-10:15a-Sun School Begins DAYBREAK HERE	8 9:30a-MHCC 10:30a-BTeam 7p-Band	9 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-BibleStudy 9a-PreschoolBd 1:30p-MutualMin 7p-CHURCH COUNCIL 7p-SwingBand	10 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	11 10a-Women's Bible Study DDHS ECE Workshop all day	12 <i>Office Closed 9:30a-MHCC Ex DDHS ECE Workshop all day</i>	13
14 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc 1:30p- Confirmation 3:30-6p-Concert in the Grass	15 9:30a-MHCC Ex 6:30p-Finance Meeting 7p-Band <i>(Jude Vacation this week)</i>	16 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwingBand	17 9:30a-MHCC Ex 5:30p-Clutterers	18 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra Begins	19 <i>Office Closed 9:30a-MHCC Ex</i>	20 <i>Tables in use 9a-Community Work Day</i>
21 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc	22 9:30a-MHCC 7p-Band	23 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwingBand	24 9:30a-MHCC Exercise 5:30p-Clutterers	25 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra	26 <i>Office Closed 9:30a-MHCC Ex</i>	27 9a-Anniversary Choir Rehearsal
28 8 & 10:30a- Worship <i>(Healing service after each service)</i> 9:30a-EdHr/SunSc 1:30p- Confirmation	29 9:30a-MHCC 7p-Band	30 8a-MensBrkfst 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwingBand				OCTOBER 4 50th Anniv. Dinner

Dorothy Coughlin lives a few doors away from her daughter-in-law Rachel, who was married to her oldest son until his death. Dorothy also has a son and daughter in LaPine. Born and raised in Portland, Dorothy also raised her children here; they graduated from Jefferson and Franklin High Schools. She is retired from the telephone company where she was an operator and also did clerical work. Her husband died eight years ago. A devoted quilter, she has joined our quilting group. She also likes watercolor painting. Dorothy first came with Rachel to visit the early service and was baptized when she joined Gethsemane in July. She comments on how she enjoys the people she has met: "Everyone is so pleasant."

Mary Starmont was looking for a new church home after the congregation at St. Matthews Episcopal broke apart over a theological disagreement. She had visited several churches and her friend Bob Larson invited her to try Gethsemane. "I felt very comfortable," she explained. "People were welcoming and there was a warm feeling." She liked the liturgy. Also, it was in the general area. She's lived in Maywood Park for 22 years, moving here from the San Francisco Bay area. Her husband is Bob Beck. Her two sons and a daughter went to Parkrose schools. Career-wise, she's worked at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center for over 15 years in the human relations department with a focus on labor relations. She's interested in quilting and has just learned to knit. Welcome to Mary, who became a member in July!

(Thank you, Carol Law)

CONCERT IN THE GRASS

"**The SlimJims**" will perform at our Concert in the Grass on September 14, from 3:30 to 6, so put it on your calendar now! This five-person group plays Americana and music from the 40's through the 70's. (If the event gets rained out, we will move into the sanctuary.) We'll serve Polish dogs, chips and bottled water at the event, with a free will offering. It should be a lot of fun!

AFTER TINY DUMONT — A CONTINUATION OF THE LAST 50 YEARS

In 1963 the Lutheran Free Church merged with the American Lutheran Church which made Hope and Mt. Olivet sister congregations in the same area. The quick pace of suburban development meant rapid growth and it soon became apparent the two churches might serve their overlapping areas better as one congregation. After 14 months of planning, the two merged in 1964.

At the time, Hope was already committed to building at 117 and Market. The dance hall was remodeled and dedicated as a parish hall in 1962. When the two merged, a building program began.

Pastor Gilbert Rossing was then conducting three Sunday Services a month at Gethsemane. His wife, Beth, was the subject of an article in the Hostess House section of the Oregonian. Born in Texas, she grew up in a parsonage, and entered nursing school at Wartburg in Waverly, Iowa. She met Gil in Minneapolis. He was a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and was in seminary at St. Paul, MN. They married and his first call was in Spokane. When they came to Mt. Olivet, Beth assisted Kay Qualheim with the youth choir. Gil noted that the narthex at Gethsemane was as wide as a two-lane ighway. He said, "It gives people a chance to mingle after services . . . and they do." Not much has changed in 50 years!

Guided by early church directories, two activities thrived in the first decade: the GLCW and the high school youth programs. The GLCW organized Circles: Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, and Sarah and participated in community and synod-wide service projects. Some of the names are still very familiar: Lois Sheldon, Verla Langbecker, Bev Sperling, Kay Qualheim, Marilee Hansen, Lois Maki, and Shirley Piel. These women and others were responsible for a host of activities and services. Since many of the women who really made the church engine hum are still around it's important to honor them for their contribution then and now.

Two directories from that first decade detail the strong worship system created by the 63 names listed in the 1966-1968 directories. Subsequently, the mobility and demography of east Multnomah county expanded and youth came from a wider geographical base.

The Second Decade: Frank Brocker and Jim Hunter

When the Rossings arrived in 1966 the average Sunday School attendance was about 250. Plans were to build a facility that could handle twice that number. In 1976, Pr. Gil and Beth Rossing left and Pr. Frank Brocker was installed in 1977, along with assistant pastor Jim Hunter in 1978. Pr. Brocker served until 1985; Pr. Hunter until 1988.

Deacons only could assist the pastor until 1968. After that, almost silently, women of the congregaton were called to serve in ways not previously open to them. New programs, such as Stephen Ministry, particularly benefitted. Music has always been a strong part of the Sunday services and the early choir leaders — Jim Rhoads, Kay Qualheim, Steve Moebs, and Alan Halavka — were succeeded by Cameron Herbert, who continues to direct our wonderful choir.

Harvey Steele

GLOBAL MISSION

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.” Colossians 2:6–7a.

Rooted and built in Jesus! This is the core of our work as the ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God’s reconciling mission through proclamation and service. Participating in these relationships, ELCA members see how people’s lives are touched by the gospel, how their lives are transformed and renewed, and how their communities live in hope. Our living, daring confidence in God’s grace propels us, along with our companions, to say “yes” to a world searching for renewal and wholeness. As part of a global Lutheran community, we gratefully receive the witness of global brothers and sisters whose faith, hospitality, resilience and zeal energize us and our own congregations. In response, we share our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and hunger and meeting human needs, fight malaria and HIV and AIDS, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Walking and working together, we seek to accompany our companions. Accompaniment is defined as walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality. The ELCA lives out accompaniment in relationships with global companions, striving to share God’s love and participate in God’s mission together:

- ◆ **Mutually:** All of us have gifts to support God’s mission. There is no mission to, only mission with and among.
- ◆ **Inclusively:** We seek to build relationships across boundaries that exclude and divide.
- ◆ **Vulnerably:** Just as Jesus became vulnerable to us, we open ourselves to others.
- ◆ **Empowering:** We seek to identify and correct imbalances of power, which may mean recognizing and letting go of our own.
- ◆ **Sustainably:** To ensure local ministries last for a long time, we seek to embed mission in ongoing relationships and communities.

Flourishing, long-term, mutual relationships strengthen the worldwide Lutheran community as they deepen our global mission engagement. See more at: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission>.