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GETHEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2016

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FROM THE PASTOR

First off I want to say thank you for the cards, gifts and well wishes I received over the Christmas holidays. You all have earned your reputation as friendly, gracious, and generous people of God. Thank you for all the ways you demonstrate this all year around.

Lent and Easter are early this year so it is a quick pivot from celebrating Jesus' birth to preparing for his death and resurrection. Here is a list of services coming up that will take us through this transition. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Worship Plans for February and March – You are invited!

- **February 7 – Transfiguration Sunday:** Bring your palms from last Palm Sunday so we can use them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- **February 10 – Ash Wednesday:** Noon – Worship Service with imposition of ashes
7:15 p.m. – Worship Service with imposition of ashes.
- **February 17, 24, March 2, 9, and 16 – Lenten Gatherings:**
Noon – Soup and bread lunch with worship in the Community Hall.
6:30 p.m. – Soup and bread meal in the Community Hall.
7:15 p.m. – Worship in the Community Hall
- **March 20 – Palm Sunday:** 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with a procession of palms and Holy Eucharist
- **March 24 – Maundy Thursday:** 7:15 p.m. A service of absolution and communion
- **March 25 – Good Friday:** Noon – Stations of the Cross
7:15 p.m. – A service of Light and Darkness
- **March 26 – Easter Vigil:** 7:15 p.m. A service of Darkness, Light, Scripture, Baptism Renewal
- **March 27 – Easter:** 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – A celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- **Every Sunday – April 3 through May 8:** The Easter Season continues at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

NOTES:

- ◆ **Like Us on FACEBOOK.**
- ◆ **Gethsemane Work Group at SnowCap:** A group from GLC meets at SnowCap Community Charities, 17805 SE Stark St., to work on projects from **6 to 8 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month.** To participate, please contact Diane Liefeld.
- ◆ **If You Feel So Inclined,** please bring in a tin or two of coffee (regular or de-caf) for the coffee bar once in awhile. We go through copious amounts of java.
- ◆ **Call Committee** plans are progressing towards completing the Ministry Site Profile and presenting it to Pr. Susan Kintner when she preaches here on February 28. Thanks for your continued prayers and support.

PRESCHOOL EVENTS

This January our theme was "It's a Small World". We talked about the arctic and tropical areas of the world, did experiments with ice, and played with sand. We learned that people live in all different places and that many love Jesus.

Our annual **Spaghetti Fundraiser** to benefit the preschool is **Sunday, March 13, at noon, in our Parish Hall**. We will have a raffle of gift cards so *gift cards are always a welcome donation*. Spaghetti dinner will be served by our Fellowship Opportunities Committee, with donations requested for the meal and for our preschool.

In addition to baskets we would like to auction off skills and talents.

- ◆ If you sew and could offer alterations or lessons
- ◆ If you are a handyman or love yard work and could offer a few hours of your time
- ◆ Maybe you could teach someone to knit, or quilt, or cook
- ◆ Maybe you would like to host a party and people could pay a set amount to be on the guest list
- ◆ Perhaps you love wrapping gifts, or organizing spaces, or decorating spaces
- ◆ Maybe you love to bake and could make fresh baked goods for someone

These are all gifts that have value and could be auctioned off. The skills and talents at Gethsemane are many. Please try to think of something you could place a value on for us to auction off. If you would prefer to put together a basket, please do. Also remember if you have a time share or vacation home please consider donating time as an auction item.

If you would like to donate a talent, skill, vacation home or basket for this event, please let Katie Strobel know. We are asking for donations to be turned in by Sunday, March 6. Having them the week before will give me time to get them ready for the auction.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will begin for current and alumni preschool families on Monday, February 1. Registration for families new to our preschool will be accepted starting Monday, February 29. Our preschool will operate on the same schedule as the current school year. Registration is \$50 until June 1 and \$60 after June 1.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

- **Thur, Feb 4th** (6:30-8:30pm) CYFM Committee Meeting
- **Tues, Feb 9th** (6-8pm) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner here
- **Sun, Feb 21st** (5-7pm) MS/HS Cluster Event @ Creator Lutheran
- ****Feb 10th-Mar 16th LENT Services Wednesdays at Noon and 7:15pm (6:30pm for soup)****
- **Sun, Mar 6th** (Noon-3pm) PreK thru Elem Youth Event here
- ***Also* Sun, Mar 6th** (6:30pm) AGAPE Concert @ Christ Church (GLC carpool 5:15pm)
- **Fri, Mar 11th** (7:00pm-7:00am) Middle School Lock-in
- **Sun, Mar 27th** is EASTER
 - **Easter services** at 8:00am & 10:30am
 - **Easter breakfast** at 9:15am in Community Hall
 - **Egg hunt and banner search** after breakfast

Sending for Jennilee will take place on Easter Sunday.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

is coming on January 31, 2016, at noon.

The 5th Sunday Mingle

will begin about a half hour before the meeting.

February Birthdays

- 1 Kelly Rasmussen
- 2 Christine Wong
- 3 Priscilla Nelson
- 4 Frances Rippon
- 5 Po Peterson
- 7 Lyle Johnson
Hailey Long
- 11 Mary Starmont
- 12 Diane Kovach
- 16 Lois Boro
- 19 Eric Letmate
- 20 Kim Stoffregen
- 23 Dru Natasia
- 26 Denise Johnson

February Anniversaries

- 4 Roger/Roberta Vidlund (49th)
- 7 Kelley/Mrs. Irby (29th)
- 11 Jack/Nancy Lumber (16th)
- 14 Carolyn/Mr. Graf (37th)
- 15 Jack/Randi Bateman (41st)
- 21 Randy/Amy Schotthoefer (1st)
- 24 Brian/Paulette Kelley (37th)

*Unless otherwise requested, people named in the prayers will stay on the Urgent list for 30 days. **Prayer Concerns—Ongoing:** Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers: Roseann Libonati’s relative, Dawn; Darlene Kuehmichel; Bonnie Aplin; Becky Keiper’s sister Barbara; Virginia McCormick’s relative Marlene; Lori Howell Bond; Ida Olson; Joe Rapp; Dorothy Shouse’s daughter Robin; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Jo Nelson’s friend Greg; Ginny Barton’s friend Golda; Marian Aleckson; Dick Burgess; Carol Steele and her cousin Arlan Scott; Dwain Estes; Linda Babcock’s grandson Josiah; Aiden Lindstrom; Galven Irby; John Skuzeski; Roseann Foster-Mikhail’s mother Rose; Jennifer Peck; Tyler Riehl; Randy Treanor; Lucille Langseth; Sharon Lee’s niece Terri; Dorothy Shouse; Betty Walklate’s husband Lionel, and daughter Valerie Walklate-Yasui; Bill Herbert’s friend Phil Boreen; Roy Roberson III; and Virginia and Roland Haacke.*

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Rachel Coughlin’s friend Pete and her friend’s daughters Angela and Dawn; Mary Curtis’ friend Vanessa; Sharon Lee’s friend Nancy Hoffman; Karen Reagan’s cousin Sherry; Brandee Leibrand’s uncle Ray; Colleen Barnett’s friends Laree and Lucille; Darlene Kuehmichel’s friend, Debbie; Jo Nelson’s great-grandson Zachary, nieces Cathy and Betsy, and sister Alice; Liz Blohm’s niece Claudette; Peggy Sloan; and Penny Thoreen’s daughter, April.

Homebound Brothers and Sisters:

Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, Dick Burgess, Jenn Peck, Dorothy Shouse, Bev Sperling, Ida Olson, and Wynn Stafford. *(Refer to your directory or call the church office for contact info.)*

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 31 ANNUAL MEETING @ NOON	1 6p-Call Committee 7p-Band	2 8a-Men's Brkfst 10a-Bible Study 7p-Swing Band	3 Pr. Shelley gone 5:30p-Clutterers 6p-@SnowCap	4 Pr. Shelley gone 7:30a-BibleClass 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-Chrysalis 6p-Handbells 6:30p-CYF Mtg. 7p-Choir	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6
7 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EducHr. 5:30p-Confirmatio DAYBREAK HERE THIS WEEK 	8 6:30p-Finance 7p-NOBand	9 8a-MensBkfst 10a-BibleStudy 9a-PreschoolBd. 7p-NOSwgBand 6p-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	10 ASH WEDNESDAY Noon and 7:15p-Worship 5:30p-Clutterers	11 7:30a-BibleClass 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-Chrysallis 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	12 <i>Office Closed</i>	13
14 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EducHour VALENTINE'S DAY	15 PRESIDENT'S DAY <i>OfficeClosed</i> 6p-Call Committee 7p-Band	16 8a-MensBkft 9a-PreschoolBd. 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwgBand 7p-Church Council	17 LENTEN SERVICES Noon and 7:15p-Worship 5:30p-Clutterers	18 7:30a-BibleClass 10a-Women's BibleStudy 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-Chrysallis 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20
21 8 & 10:30a-Worship/ 9:30a-EducHr. 5 to 7p-MS/HS Cluster Youth Event	22 7p-Band	23 8a-MensBkft 10a-Bible Study 7p-SwgBand 6p-Mill Park Neighborhood Assoc.	24 LENTEN SERVICES Noon and 7:15p-Worship 5:30p-Clutterers	25 7:30a-BibleClass 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 1:30p-Chrysallis 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27
28 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:30a-EducHr. <i>Healing Services after each service</i>	29 6p-Call Committee 7p-Band					