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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2016

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## FROM THE PASTOR

“God is with me wherever I go.” It is day one of VBS and the theme song is imprinted in my brain already. “Oh, oh, oh, God is with me. Oh, oh, oh, oh, God is with me wherever I go.” It is pretty good as mantras go and our prayer is that it is what the 45 kids and 30 adults who are part of VBS carry with them after this week. It’s also a pretty good phrase for this Interim Pastor to remember as she finishes up at her “best gig ever.”

I have loved my time here at Gethsemane, journeying with you as you let go of Pastor Whatshisname and doing the work to be ready to say hello to Pastor Suellen. It has been a delightful, healing time for me. I will miss worshiping, singing, laughing, planning, listening, talking, and just being with you all. At the same time, I am excited about what God has coming up for all of us. In order to say proper hellos to the opportunities and people coming in the next few months I must now say a good goodbye to all of you.

One of my teachers defined a “good goodbye” as one that attends to the:

- Thank-you (s)
- I’m sorry (s)
- I forgive you (s)
- I love you (s)

that we often leave undone with each other. Please know how grateful I am for all the ways you have let me be your pastor this last year. I am sorry for anything I have done that got in the way of you hearing how God loves you, no matter what. I forgive you anything you feel the need to be forgiven for. And I love you, the brothers and sisters in Christ who worship here at Gethsemane. God be with you always.

It was at Holden Village where I first learned what we Villagers have come to call “The Prayer of Farewell.”

*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please know that this is my prayer for you always, Pastor Shelley

*PS: I am a part of Oregon Via de Cristo which has an annual retreat scheduled for October 6-9 at the Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner, Oregon. Does your spiritual life need a boost? Are you yearning for a small group to meet with and talk about your daily struggles and joys in your faith journey? Are you looking to grow in new directions but aren’t sure yet what God has in mind for you? Consider participating in a Via de Cristo retreat! See me for further information.*

## PRESCHOOL CHANGES

We just finished the final week of our four-week summer program. While the program wasn’t overflowing with kids it was great for the families that came and was successful for us. It was wonderful for some of our new students to come and get familiar with the classrooms and meet some friends that will be in their classes this fall.

A new preschool year will be here soon. As I begin to prepare and plan for the upcoming year, I have been busy setting our preschool calendar, meeting with prospective preschool parents and their children, ordering supplies, and taking care of items that get “put on the back burner” during the school year. I am also working to make our space welcoming to the Head Start program.

WE STILL NEED PRESCHOOLERS. Our multi-age class has room. If you know a family with a child 3 or 4 years of age (by Sept 1), toilet trained, and looking for an excellent preschool program please refer our preschool program to them. They may call me at 503-256-1835 for more information and to schedule a visit.

Please pray for us to fill our classes with students.

Enjoy the last days of summer!

Katie Strobel, Preschool Director

## NOTES

- ◆ **Like Us on FACEBOOK.**
- ◆ **Gethsemane Work Group at SnowCap:** A GLC group 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.** Contact Diane Liefeld to help.
- ◆ **As Usual, During the Summer Months** we see a dip in giving. Please remember Gethsemane, amid all good things summer has to offer. Also, if you are able, remember our 13th-month giving pledge.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** was a great success. We had 47 kids and 30+ helpers through a fun, and only moderately hot, week. Our Deep Sea Discovery culminated with three baptisms on Friday at the lunch that ended the week. Thanks to all for attending and for teaching and helping in a multitude of ways.
- ◆ **School Begins in a Few Weeks.** The ads for school supplies are already out. Please stop at Office Depot or other stores to take advantage of their big sales, such as the 1 cent and 25 cent sales. You can get out with a lot for less than \$5! If possible, please hold onto items for a few weeks until we start the school supply drive. If you need to bring things in, we can take them now. Dick/Diane Bemrose
- ◆ **School is Out for the Summer!** Children dependent on free school lunches may be doing without. We will do a short, one-month drive for lunch foods: PB&J, tuna, soup, tortillas, Top Ramen, etc. Please put items in the blue tub in the narthex and we will take the food to SnowCap. Thank you, Dick/Diane Bemrose
- ◆ **Mark Your Calendars:** On Tuesday, Aug 2, the Mill Park Neighborhood Assoc. will sponsor Kid’s Nite Out from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by Movies in the Park. Come to the area behind Mill Park School on 117th for free hot dogs, chips, snow cones, and water. Other vendors will be selling food; face painters will be on site; Biff the Clown will make balloon animals; there will be raffles and lots of booths. The band begins at 6:30 and will be followed by “March of the Penguins” at dusk, with free popcorn. Join us for a fun evening!
- ◆ **You Are Invited to the Annual Lunch for Lutheran Community Services** on October 9, a great opportunity to hear about all the programs of LCS. Lunch is free, but donations are accepted. If you’re interested, please talk to Roseann Libonati, 503.254.6916.
- ◆ **Sunday School Rally Day** is Sunday, September 11, which includes lunch and a chance to get to know Pr. Suellen. More details will follow in the September newsletter, but plan to come.

<b>Gethsemane Lutheran Church Income and Expense Budget Reort through June 2016</b>			
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Difference</b>
\$183,956	\$155,910	\$165,254	\$9,343
Cathey Myers, Financial Manager		Attendance 2015: 127	2016: 115

**August Birthdays**

3 Kelley Irby  
6 Ray Nastasia  
8 Rian Kelsay  
Grace Hurlman  
Annelise Strobel  
Hunter Wakeman  
10 Carolyn Graf  
15 Roger Vidlund  
16 Ethel Marsh  
Richard Karin  
Laura Kahler  
20 Virginia Karin  
Burke Strobel  
Adam Johnson  
22 Rob Cumming  
26 Jay Rector  
22 Roberta Vidlund  
25 Louise Fogg  
26 Jay Rector  
29 Don Giard

**August Anniversaries**

8 Kraig/Linda Fletcher #46  
9 Todd/Peggy Sloan #47  
14 Bob/Carol Law #63  
14 Burke/Katie Strobel #23  
15 Harvey/Carol Steele #57  
15 Kim/Ernie Butenschoen #35  
22 RJ/Suzie Treanor #7  
27 Dale/Ann Van Horn #40

*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; Virginia McCormick's relatives Ivan and Marlene; Lori Howell Bond; Ida Olson; Dorothy Shouse's daughter Robin; Jo Nelson's sister Alice; Ginny Barton's friend Golda; Marian Aleckson; Dick Burgess; Carol Steele; 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 and friend Brenna; Dorothy Shouse; Betty Walklate's husband Lionel and daughter Valerie; JoAnn Larson's mother Mel; Joyce Woods; Virginia and Roland Haacke; Kay Qualheim's niece Sherry; Penny Thoreen's daughter, April; Liz Blohm's sister-in-law Pearl; Roy Roberson III; Wynn Stafford.*

**Urgent:** *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Rachel Coughlin's friends Carrie, Cathy and Edith and her friend's daughters Angela and Dawn; Kay Qualheim's niece Sue and her husband John; Brandee Leibrand's uncle Ray; Karen Arendt's son's mother-in-law Judy; Doug Glenn; Jo Nelson's niece Betsy; Bill Herbert's friend Phil; Cathey Myers; Linda Babcock; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Ginny Barton's friend Margie; Patty Olson and her friend Laurie; Nettie Ubrick's brother Buster; Cameron Herbert's friend Beverly Mitchell.

*Those who are grieving:* The family and friends of Kathryn Smith; the family and friends of Arlen Scott (Carol Steele's cousin).

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

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See the website ([glcportland.org](http://glcportland.org)) for updates on the calendar.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JULY 31</b>  <b>Daybreak here this week</b> 	<i>August 1</i>	2 8a-MensBkft 7p-NOSwgBand 6:30p-CYF Mtg. <b>Eve-MillPark</b> <b>Kid'sNiteOut</b>	3 2p-PastoralCare 5:30p-Clutterers 6p-Work@ SnowCap	4 9a-Quilting 6p-Handbells	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6
7 8 & 10:30a- Worship	8 6:30p-Finance Meeting	9 8a-MensBkft 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwgBand	10 5:30p-Clutterers	11 9a-MutualMin. 9a-Quilting 6p-Handbells	12 <i>Office Closed</i>	13
14 8 & 10:30a- Worship <b>Pr. Shelley's last            day</b>	15	16 8a-MensBkft 7p-SwgBand <b>7p-Church            Council</b>	17 5:30p-Clutterers	18 9:30a-Quilting 6p-Handbells	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20
21 8 & 10:30a- Worship <i>(Supply Pastor)</i>	22 6p-Mill Park NA Mtg.	23 8a-MensBkft 10a-Preschool Board Meeting 7p-SwgBand	24 5:30p-Clutterers	25 9:30a-Quilting 6p-Handbells	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27
28 8 & 10:30a- Worship <i>(Supply Pastor)</i> <i>Healing Services</i>	29 Preschool Teachers Back <i>(Preschool            Begins Sept 6)</i>	30 8a-MensBkft 7p-SwgBand	31 5:30p-Clutterers			