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FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you all for the warm and embracing welcome! It is an awe-filled, proof-in-the-pudding moment when a congregation and newly-called pastor make that first leap into relationship, worship, and service together. Thank you for your encouragement and support in this shared beginning.

I also appreciate the apparent power I have been granted: On more than one occasion, I've been very graciously informed, "You're the pastor, you can do what you want." Except it really doesn't work that way. I promise you I will listen to you, that the life and mission and habits and desires of this congregation get lived out for the sake of God's will, not mine.

That doesn't mean that things won't change. That also means that a change doesn't necessarily mean the new way is right, and the previous practice is wrong. Here's an example you may have already noticed:

Some pastors prefer to take communion after the congregation. They understand their role as host and servant, making sure everyone is fed before partaking themselves. Others prefer to take communion first. They see themselves in communion with the congregation, a sinner who hungers and thirsts for forgiveness, and having received it, wants to share it with everyone. Both ways have positive theological and pastoral support and meaning.

I take communion first, with the communion assistants, so that we can come to you freely, with thanksgiving and joy, as visible witnesses to the transformational power the sacrament has upon us, so that you may experience it as well.

I hope that when I do things differently, you will trust that I do them with thought and purpose, not just because I want to, or that it's a power play. We have been made new, together. I look forward to working, singing, praying, and eating together, being formed and shaped, together, by and for God's will...not mine.

Blessings, Pastor Suellen

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.
- ◆ **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.

PRESCHOOL BEGINS

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

Our program is full. What a great feeling! We are using the nursery on school days to make extra room for our 18 kids. 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 upcoming events that are fun to come and watch or help with, are:

- ◆ **The Annual Trike-a-Thon on Wednesday, Sept 28**, supports the Preschool Scholarship Fund and Talk About Trees, a nonprofit that comes to our classroom twice a year and gives age appropriate lessons on trees and nature. Our preschoolers love them and we are happy to share our fundraising with a group our students see in action. We will be selling slices of pizza this year to increase our fundraising. Thank you to Domino’s Pizza on SE 122 and Market for donating pizza. Dinner starts at 6 and we start triking at 6:30 p.m. We love for people to come and cheer. Everything will happen in the west parking lot. For this reason, we do not allow parking in the west parking lot that evening.
- ◆ **Our First Annual Oktoberfest will be Sunday, October 16** after second service, another fundraiser for our program. There will be a traditional German meal sponsored by the Hospitality Committee. Burke’s Beer will be featured as well as another beer from the Strobel Family homebrewers. We will also have a preschool-friendly Amazing Race activity for families to enter. Please plan to come and help us raise money for our program.
- ◆ **The Preschool Halloween Party will be Thursday, October 27** at 11 a.m. We will have a costume parade throughout the building, so if you’d like to set up a “station” for kids to come trick or treating at, please talk to Katie Strobel. We will have about 25 kids participating.

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, Preschool Director

CHILDREN, YOUTH FAMILIES

"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday--Our Youth's Sock and Underwear Drive was a great success: Thank you to everyone who was able to participate! We received 85 pairs of boys' socks, 124 pairs of boys' underwear, 80 pairs of girls' socks, 166 pairs of girls' underwear and 8 boys' T-shirts, for a total of 451 items. This exceeds the 347 items purchased with the Thrivent Grant! We also received a total of \$55 in donations. Our Youth had a good time getting to know Pastor Suellen over lunch and Legos. Special thanks to CYFM Committee members Christie Riehl, Karla Hills, Katie Strobel, and Kim Butenschoen for all the set-up, cooking, clean-up and last minute shopping run. Also thanks to Tyler Riehl and Annie Strobel for helping with games during our Sunday School Kick-off time. We're looking forward to a great year!

Sunday School--Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far to teach Sunday School this fall. We still have several dates open and will have more available this winter and spring. Sunday School is an important part of our childrens’ Christian Education. The kid-friendly format for Sunday School helps to engage young minds and hearts with the stories of God's people and God's love. We use a curriculum that provides the entire lesson plan, including activities, stories, script, prayers, lesson flow/order, crafts, and much more. Your CYFM Coordinator is available to co-teach or assist anyone who would like to ease into the teaching role or who just wants some extra help. Please consider volunteering in Sunday School this year! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Brandee Leibrand at youth@glcportland.org.

October Youth Events--Get ready for some Halloween fun! This year we will be hosting a family-friendly Halloween Party with Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. We will start the Trunk-or-Treat portion at 6:45. There will be food, games with prizes, and a special Black Light Room to see things glow! Come and join the fun by decorating your vehicle for Trunk-or-Treat and/or dressing up and leading a game. Middle- and high school-aged youth are especially encouraged to dress up and help lead. Contact Brandee Leibrand at youth@glcportland.org for more details and to volunteer. Want to help in the planning process? Join us at our next CYFM meeting on Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30 in the Conference Room. Preschool and Head Start families are invited to join us as well!

Gethsemane Lutheran Church — Income and Expense Budget Reort — through August 2016

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference	Attendance '15: 100	2016: 102
\$245,274	\$200,437	\$216,808	\$16,370	Cathey Myers, Financial Manager	

October Birthdays

- 1 Logan & Mandie Schie
- 3 Al Marsh
Kraig Fletcher
Jacque Williamson
- 4 Liz Blohm
- 5 Dale Van Horn
- 8 Darlene Kuehmichel
- 9 Dorothy Shouse
Harvey Steele
- 14 Nancy Carpenter
Alexa Treanor
- 17 Todd Sloan
Rod Hills
- 18 Ann Van Horn
- 19 Abigail Hills
- 20 Shirla Rapp
Ryan Lindstrom

- 22 Colleen Barnett
- 23 Christina Riehl
- 29 Nettie Ubrick
- 30 Debra Olson

October Anniversaries

- 1 Dick/Diane Bemrose
(52nd)
- 2 Steve/Debra Olson (42nd)
- 12 Paul/Brandee Leibrand
(3rd)
- 27 Ryan/Vanessa Lindstrom
(15th)
- 28 Mary/husband Starmont
(27th)
- 29 Lee/Clara Shortt (55th)

*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; Ida Olson; Dorothy Shouse's daughter Robin; Jo Nelson's sister Alice; Ginny Barton's friends Jean and Golda; Marian Aleckson; Dick Burgess; Dwain Estes; Linda Babcock's grandson Josiah; Aiden Lindstrom; Galven Irby; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; Jennifer Peck; Lucille Langseth; Sharon Lee's relatives Terri and Crystal and friend Sandy; Dorothy Shouse; JoAnn Larson's mother Mel; Virginia and Roland Haacke; Kay Qualheim's niece Sherry; Penny Thoreen's daughter, April; Liz Blohm's sister-in-law Pearl; Wynn Stafford.*

Urgent: Those who are ill or in need of other prayers: Rachel Coughlin's friends Carrie, Cathy, Edith, 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; Linda Babcock; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Ginny Barton's friend Margie; Patty Olson; Nettie Ubrick's brother Buster; Cameron Herbert's friend Beverly Mitchell; Jo Nelson's niece Nancy; Don and Shar Giard's friends Heather, Renae, and Betty; Shirla Rapp's cousin Julie; Collen Barnett's relatives Linda and Ken.

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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DAYBREAK THIS WEEK	Preschool and Head Start in session M-F					1
2 8 & 10:30a- Worship Ed.Hour-9:30a SanctuaryUseEve	3 7p-Band Preschool and Head Start in session M-F	4 8a-MensBkft 10a-BibleStudy 11:30a-Pastoral Care Mtg. 6:30p-CYFMtg. 7p-SwgBand	5 5:30p-Clutterers 6p-Work@ SnowCap	6 7:30a-BibleStudy 9a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8
9 8 & 10:30a- Worship Ed.Hour-9:30a <i>Lutheran Community ServicesLunch</i> SanctuaryUseEve	10 7p-Band 6:30p-Finance Meeting Preschool and Head Start in session M-F <u>COLUMBUS DAY</u>	11 8a-MensBkft 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwgBand	12 5:30p-Clutterers	13 7:30a-BibleStudy 9a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	14 <i>Office Closed</i>	15
16 8 & 10:30a- Worship Ed.Hour-9:30a Preschool Oktoberfest Fundraiser-12p SanctuaryUseEve	17 7p-Band Preschool and Head Start in session M-F	18 8a-MensBkft 10a-BibleStudy 10a-Preschool Bd. Meeting 7p-SwgBand 7p-CHURCH COUNCIL	19 5:30p-Clutterers	20 7:30a-BibleStudy 10a-Women's BibleStudy 12:30p- Orchestra 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	21 <i>Office Closed</i>	22 <i>Sanctuary in use all day</i>
23 8 & 10:30a- Worship Ed.Hour-9:30a Installation of Pr. Suellen Bahleda!!! SanctuaryUseEve	24 6p-MillPark Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting 7p-Band Preschool and Head Start in session M-F Bjshop's Convo.	25 8a-MensBkft 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwgBand	26 5:30p-Clutterers	27 7:30a-BibleStudy 9a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir 11a-Preschool Costume Parade	28 <i>Office Closed</i>	29 5 to 7p-GLC Halloween Party with Trunk-or- Treat @ 6:45p.
30 8 & 10:30a- Worship Ed.Hour-9:30a <i>(Healing Services)</i> 5th Sunday Mingle SanctuaryUseEve	31 7p-Band <u>HALLOWEEN</u> Preschool and Head Start in session M-F	<p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours for Pastor Suellen</p> <p>Sunday <i>Worship Services</i></p> <p>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday <i>9 to Noon</i></p> <p>Tuesday <i>9 to 11:30; Noon Text Study; 1-5p Reading</i></p> <p>Friday <i>Day Off</i></p> <p>Note: These are the posted office hours; Pr. Suellen is often in and about beyond these. Monday and Wednesday afternoons are open for meetings and visitation. Saturday afternoons are open for weddings, funerals, Bible study, etc.</p>				