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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

I am the kind of person that stops to pick up pennies in the parking lot. It's MONEY! Just laying there! Lots of people scoff - it's just a penny, what can you do with a penny? While a single penny might not be a very big deal today, when you put that penny in a jar, and then add the change from your wallet, plus the random nickels and other pennies you find, and maybe someone else in the family throws in pocket change . . . before you know it, you have a surprising amount that can be used for something special or important.

Beginning in Advent, there will be a jar on the table by the baptismal font. In Advent, we hear John the Baptist announce that change is coming, change for good. At the font, we are reminded that we are changed for good by the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. We are changed for the better, we are changed forever, we are changed for good. You are encouraged to dig around in the bottom of your purse and put whatever change you have in the jar. Those random coins jingling in your pocket? Throw them in. Give a quarter to a squirmy child during service and send them to add it to the jar. Bring in your piggy bank. When the jar is filled, we'll count it and use those funds to change someone else's life for good, through the ELCA's Good Gifts catalog. Then we'll put it back out to fill it again. And again.

As the great theologian Vincent Van Gogh said, "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

With anticipation and joy, Pastor Suellen

- **Thank You All** for making my installation as your pastor so very special! Particular thanks for all the special music, the reception treats, the many and various ways you all contributed to the service and the welcome of our visitors. I am humbled and so very happy for your call, your support, and your generosity. I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with you!

With gladness, Pastor Suellen

ABOUT WORLD TOILET DAY NOVEMBER 19

The provision of proper toilets could save the lives of more than 200,000 children in the world, according to the UN. The countries where open defecation is most widely practiced are the same countries with the highest numbers of under-five child deaths, high levels of under-nutrition and poverty, and large wealth disparities. Moreover, over one billion people defecate in the open due to lack of proper toilet facilities.

International organizations, particularly the World Toilet Organization, have promoted World Toilet Day for years. In 2013, the UN officially recognized November 19 as World Toilet Day in a bid to make sanitation for all a global development priority. It deemed the practice of open-air defecation as "extremely harmful" to public health.

Did You Know? More people in the world have a mobile phone than a toilet. Of the world's seven billion people, six billion have mobile phones. However, only 4.5 billion have access to toilets or latrines – meaning that 2.5 billion people, mostly in rural areas, do not have proper sanitation.

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.
- **Fall Cleanup:** Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to ??** and come join us as we clean and prepare the sanctuary for the upcoming festival seasons. Bring buckets, gloves, rags, sponges; whatever might be useful. We will be cleaning and polishing woodwork, sharpening pencils, cleaning cushions, etc. Questions? See Gloria. Many hands will make the job go quickly. Hope to see you there!

PRESCHOOL

Our Trike-a-thon took place Sept 28 and we raised \$387.75 each for Talk About Trees and the preschool scholarship fund. It was a fun night with many people there to cheer and watch our riders have a wonderful time.

Many thanks to Dick and Diane Bemrose, Liz, Scott and Kevin Blohm, Kim and Larry Stoffregen, Kim and Ernie Butenschoen, Burke Strobel, Jan Cumming, Kay Qualheim, Pastor Suellen and Bill Bahleda, and Carol Steele, for selling pizza, counting laps, cheering on and pledging support to our trikers.

A special thanks to Domino's Pizza at 122nd and Market for donating pizzas for our event. Please remember to visit them when you need pizza.

We are two months into our preschool year and class is going well. We are full and sharing the space with Head Start seems to be a smart decision. Our PreK Mondays are continuing and are a wonderful addition to the program. An extra day of school is a bonus for families and the children that participate. Each class is busy learning Bible lessons from the Old Testament, learning fall songs, having fun with science lessons, and working on skills like cutting, following directions and math. We are also learning to recognize and write our names. Two and a half hours each morning goes by too quickly to get in everything we would like to accomplish.

Our first annual Preschool Oktoberfest was Sunday, Oct 16. We had a fun afternoon, gathering for a German meal, listening to an accordion player, bouncing in the bouncy house, and running a preschool-friendly Amazing Race. In addition to all the fun we were able to raise \$1,328 for Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool. Thank you to everyone who gave their time, talents, and resources to make this event a success.

Our field trip to the pumpkin patch and Halloween party are coming up quickly, both fun events for the preschool. The preschool Halloween Party will be Thursday, Oct 27 at 11 a.m. We will have a costume parade throughout the church. If you would like to set up a "station" at which kids can trick or treat, please talk to Katie Strobel. We will have about 25 kids participating.

Katie Strobel, Preschool Director

CHILDREN, YOUTH FAMILIES

Advent Event

On Saturday, Dec 3 at 4 p.m. in the Community Hall, the CYFM Committee will host an Advent Celebration with Resurrection and Trinity Lutheran Churches. We will be making Life Pax and Advent Chains, sharing cookies, cider, and cocoa, singing carols and Advent hymns, and enjoying Fellowship with each other. All ages are invited! Stay tuned to the Gazette for more details on how you can help us gather items for the Life Pax!

Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, Dec 11 during the 10:30 service with an all-ages cast. More details to follow in the Gazette.

Sunday School

Thank you to everyone who has taught and has yet to teach Sunday School this Fall. We're off to a great start! The calendar for Winter Term will be posted on the CYFM table the first week of November. All lesson materials will be provided for you and Brandee is available to assist if needed. Please consider sharing your love of Christ with the next generation on Sundays this Winter! Questions? Talk to or email Brandee at youth@glcportland.org.

Brandee Leibrand, Interim Youth Coordinator

November Birthdays

3 Owen Solberg (6th!)
4 Karla Hills
 Ryan Gilsoul
16 Collette Gill
19 Shirley Trainor
21 Lucill Langseth
22 Jack Lumber
23 Katrina Myers
25 Lee Shortt
29 Clara Leibrand (1st!)

November Anniversaries

9 Don/Shar Giard (37th)
19 Kelly/Erika Rasmussen (11th)
12 Sharon Lee/husband (28th)
20 Bob/Audrey Magnuson (56th)
24 Pr. Suellen/Bill Bahleda (37th)
27 Lyle/Denise Johnson (35th)

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.)

*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 relative Ivan; 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 relative Terri and friend Sandy; Dorothy Shouse; JoAnn Larson’s mother Mel; Virginia and Roland Haacke; Kay Qualheim’s niece Sherry; Penny Thoreen’s daughter, April; 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; Colleen Barnett’s relatives Linda and Ken; Gary Bowne.

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*Save a tree! Save a stamp!
Please send us your email if
we don't already have it.*

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NOVEMBER 2016 — GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p CYFMtg,6:30p	2 Clutterers,5:30p SnowCap,6p	3 7:30a-BibleStudy Quilting,9:30a Orchestra:12:30p Chrysalis, 1:20p Bells,6p Choir,7p	4 <i>Office Closed</i> Christmas Sale in narthex, Nov 4 thru Nov 11	5 LinusProject, 9:30a to 12p
6 Worship, 8 &10:30 a.m. Ed.Hr, 9:30 a.m. SanctuaryUseEve	7 Band, 7p	8 Election Day BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p PreschoolMtg, 10a <i>Pr.Suellen on Vacation Nov 8 thru 17</i>	9 Clutterers,5:30p Chrysalis, Noon	10 7:30a-BibleStudy Quilting,9:30a Orchestra:12:30p Bells,6p Choir,7p	11 Veteran's Day <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13 Worship, 8 &10:30 a.m. Ed.Hr, 9:30 a.m. SanctuaryUseEve	14 Band, 7p BusyBeees,10a FinMtg,6:30p	15 BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p ChurchCouncil, 7p	16 Clutterers,5:30p	17 7:30a-BibleStudy Quilting,9:30a Orchestra:12:30p Chrysalis, 1:20p Bells,6p Choir,7p	18 <i>Office Closed</i> Church Sanctuary Clean Up, 9a to 12p	19
20 Worship, 8 &10:30 a.m. Ed.Hr, 9:30 a.m. Daybreak here this week SanctuaryUseEve	21 Band, 7p	22 BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p	23 Clutterers,5:30p Preschool Feast, 10:30a ThanksgivingEve Worship, 7:15p	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26
27 Worship, 8 &10:30 a.m. Ed.Hr, 9:30 a.m. <i>(Healing Services)</i> Dicken's Concert, 1:30p	28 Band, 7p	29 BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p	30 Clutterers,5:30p AdventWorship, Noon & 7:15p			

VESPERS AT MT. ANGEL

Vespers at Mt. Angel is set for Saturday, December 3. This event has become an annual trek for many of us. Please join us for vespers at the abbey followed by dinner in Mt. Angel. If you'd like to come, please let Diane Bemrose or Laura Britzius know. We will meet at church at 3:15 to carpool or we can make arrangements to pick you up! Vespers bells sound at 5:15 with dinner at 6ish. We are back at the church around 8!

THE BUDGET

First of all I want to say that this past year we have been in a transitional period and these times are often more difficult financially. We are currently facing a \$34,965 deficit which includes the \$13,328 deficit carried over from last year. This is not totally unexpected as the budget we passed last year projected a negative budget of \$43,000. September had some higher expenses with Pastor Shelley's leaving compensation and Pastor Suellen's moving expenses.

While we are behind in our regular offering we have also been giving in special ways with the capital campaign, the 13th month giving and other designated giving and benevolences. Our giving for the regular offering is approximately \$34,600 short of the projection for this time of the year but our expenses are also lower by \$23,500 for this same time.

We are at the beginning of new and exciting times in our church and it may take some time to get our giving up to where it needs to be in order to accomplish all that we are doing at GLC. If you are able to review your giving and see if you are able to send an extra offering or perhaps catch up if you are a bit behind, it will definitely help with our budget and the missions we are doing here. Thanks to all of you for all you do for the church with time, talents and giving.

Cathey Myers, Finance Manager

THINK ABOUT IT

The congregation council is always being made new, with people transitioning in and out. There are several positions coming available. Will you serve? The work of the council, for the sake of the congregation, is mighty work that matters. Meetings are lively and faithful, and sometimes there are cookies! Pray, and speak to Pastor Suellen if you are willing to serve.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church — Income and Expense Budget Report — through September 2016

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference	Attendance '15: 124	2016: 119
\$275,934	\$226,634	\$248,271	\$21,637	Cathey Myers, Financial Manager	

Office Hours for Pastor Suellen

Sunday *Worship Services*
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
9 to Noon
Tuesday *9 to 11:30; Noon Text Study;*
1-5p Reading
Friday *Day Off*

November 2016 Here is a list for **Worship Assistants**. Please call alternates or others if you are unable to assist at the assigned times, then let Jude know. Also, readers are reminded to adjust the microphone before reading the lessons and to sit (at least before reading) in a spot where the assistant minister can see you. Thanks, Gloria

November	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Guild	Roseann Libonati	Jay Rector, Denise Johnson
Greeters	Ken/Marilee Hansen (Nov 6) Bob/JoAnne Larson (Nov 13) Lois Boro (Nov 20) Roberta Vidlund (Nov 27)	Carol Blodgett (Nov 6) Colleen Barnett (Nov 13) Carol Law (Nov 20) Kim Butenschoen (Nov 27)
Asst. Minister	Jonathan Herbert or Dick Bemrose or Lyle Johnson (+ one Wednesday)	Jonathan Herbert or Dick Bemrose or Lyle Johnson (+ one Wednesday)
Keeper of Keys		Lyle Johnson
Comm.Assts.	Mary Starmont (Nov 6) Karen Reagan (Nov 13) Shar Giard (Nov 20) Priscilla Nelson (Nov 27)	Arloa Hurt (Nov 6 and 13) Matt Burk (Nov 20) Amy Deetz (Nov 27)
Ushers	Todd Sloan/Dick Bemrose (Nov 6) Mary Starmont/Roseann Libonati (Nov 13) Laura Britzius/Mary Curtis (Nov 20) Marion Burgess/Roseann Libonati (Nov 27)	Rod Hills/Joann Weaver (Nov 6) Rod Hills/Meredith Collins (Nov 13) Scott Blohm/Kevin Blohm (Nov 20) Rod Hills/Ernie Butenschoen (Nov 27)
	READERS	READERS
1st Sunday	Mary Starmont	Carol Blodgett
2nd Sunday	Jan Brown	Gloria Kelsay
3rd Sunday	Mary Curtis	Dave Qualheim
4th Sunday	Carla Johnson	Jay Rector
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a