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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

What will this new year hold?

If I were to guess, I would include:

- + gathering and sending
- + giving and learning
- + serving and eating
- + laughing and crying
- + journeying and wondering
- + speaking and listening
- + blessing and celebrating
- + singing and ringing
- + thanking and sharing
- + praying and waiting
- + forgiving and being forgiven
- + caring and loving.

The heart of this church is a welcoming and generous spirit, and you are all such warm reflections of that spirit. It is true gift and blessing to be among you. I pray that God will guide us and surprise us this year, as we continue our walk together as people of Gethsemane, people of new life! This year we hear from the gospel of Matthew, and in this gospel, through parables of stewardship and relationship, Jesus calls us to “enter into the joy of your master!” In all we do this year, individually and together, but always and ever as Christ’s church, may we indeed enter into the joy of our Master!

With joy, Pastor Suellen

NOTES

- **Like Us on FACEBOOK.**
- **Pr. Suellen’s Email (please make a note):** sbahleda144@gmail.com.
- **The Annual Sunriver Martin Luther King Weekend** for GLC adults will be January 13-16. Questions? Talk to Lyle or Denise Johnson. A confirmation and deposit of \$125.00 per person is needed as soon as possible.
- **Everyone Is Invited** to a Birthday Party for Kayda Carpenter’s 80th. The party is being held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 between 2 and 6 p.m. We hope that many of you can attend and help us celebrate Kayda's special day.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our annual Christmas program was cancelled this year due to the ice and snow. The preschoolers practiced their songs and were ready, but the weather beat us. All the kids went home with a program for the night and a song to sing for their families. There are a few posts on Preschool Facebook page if you would like a sampling of the carols we prepared.

I am so thankful for a wonderful staff of women who are so willing to go above and beyond in getting everything ready for the program and all of our events at preschool. Laurel Strobel, Tammy Gover, and Mary Baxter are a wonderful part of the Gethsemane community and do great things with the children we reach through our preschool.

The preschool sponsored its annual *Giving Project for Boxes of Love* this year, a tangible tie in to bringing gifts to the Baby Jesus and teaching our children to give to others.

A reminder that our annual spaghetti fundraiser dinner for the preschool is **February 19, 2017** with a silent auction. We need auction items, so please consider what you might do. This has been a popular fundraiser for the past several years; we look forward to it again this year. There will be a few changes and new activities, so mark your calendars now.

You may order Scholastic Books online at www.scholastic.com using our classroom code **GT8XC**. These books come directly to the preschool and for every online order the preschool earns a \$3 book credit and bonus points. These books are added to our preschool library and our bonus points are used to replace supplies. Please consider this if you need books. There are many titles you can access through their website.

Happy New Year! Katie Strobel

CHILDREN, YOUTH FAMILIES



Thank You to all of this year's Christmas Pageant participants, volunteers, and congregants. The kids had a good time and we were very happy to share the story with you. Merry Christmas!

Happy Birthday Jesus Party--Due to inclement weather, our Happy Birthday Jesus Party was postponed until Sunday, Jan 8 at 9:15 in the Activity Room. We will continue to collect donations of baby items for SnowCap through this date.

Start the New Year with the CYFM Committee! Join us on Tuesday, Jan 3, in the Conference Room at 6:30 as we begin planning for 2017. Can't make the meeting, but have ideas/suggestions on what your children would like to explore? Send Brandee an email. We will discuss things such as Easter, Vacation Bible School, Summer Camp, the church picnic, and more. Details won't be hammered out, but we'd like to get dates on the calendar. Any and all input is greatly desired!

Sunday School Teachers: There are still a few dates available to teach this Winter. Check out the calendar on the CYFM table in the Narthex and sign up today! The Spring calendar will go out in February.

Brandee Leibrand, Interim Youth Coordinator

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

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference	Attendance '15: 114	2016: 110
\$337,252	\$290,413	\$297,465	<\$7,052>	Cathey Myers, Financial Manager	

January Birthdays

3 Diane Liefeld
4 Kayda Carpenter (80th)
9 Sentney Lindstrom
11 Helen Tilkens
12 Kim Butenschoen
15 Sharon Lee
Tracey Letmate
Daniel Wong
16 Gary Urbach
17 Flodine Loe
Paulette Kelley
Alexandra Riehl

18 Bruce Wakeman
20 Erika Rasmussen
23 Jack Bateman
Thomas Crouse
25 Brennan Cumming
30 Tonia Lindquist

January Anniversaries

1 Bruce/Alanna Wakeman
(11th)
2 Dave/Theresa Qualheim
(15th)

*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 and her daughter Robin; Ginny Barton’s friend Golda; Marian Aleckson; 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; JoAnn Larson’s mother Mel; Virginia 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; Doug Glenn; Linda Babcock; Ida Olson; Nettie Ubrick’s brother Buster; 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, Barbara Keyes; Clara Shortt; Cathey Myers’ friend Brenda.

Those who are grieving: The family and friends of Roland Haacke.

Homebound Brothers and Sisters: Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, 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
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 8&10:30a- Worship	2 New Year's Day Observed 7p-Band	3 10a-BibleStudy 6:30p-CYFMtg. 7pSwingBand	4 2p- Kayda's80th 5:30p-Clutters 6p- WorkSnwCap	5 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 1:30p-Chrysalis 6p-Bells 7p-Choir 10aMutualMin	6 Office Closed	7 Portland Symphonic Tryouts, all day
8 8&10:30a- Worship 9::30a-EdHour	9 6:30p-Finance Mtg. 7p-Band	10 9a- PreschoolBd. 10a-BibleStudy 5:30p-Midland Parks&Rec. 7p-SwingBand	11 5:30p- Clutterers	12 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 1:30p-Chrysalis 6p-Bells 7p-Choir	13 Office Closed	14 11:30a-Sharon Lee Event MLK Weekend/ Sunriver
15 8&10:30a- Worship 9::30a-EdHour BUDGET FORUM DAYBREAK this week	16 MLK Day 7p-Band	17 10a-BibleStudy 7p-CHURCH COUNCIL 7p-SwingBand	18 5:30p- Clutterers	19 10a-Women's BibleStudy 12:30p- Orchestra 1:30p-Chrysalis 6p-Bells 7p-Choir	20 Office Closed	21 am- FriendsTrees
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22 8&10:30a- Worship 9::30a-EdHour	23 6p-MillParkNA 7p-Band	24 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwingBand	25 5:30p- Clutterers	26 9:30a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 1:30p-Chrysalis 6p-Bells 7p-Choir	27 Office Closed	28
29 8&10:30a- Worship 9::30a-EdHour Healing Services 12p-ANNUAL MEETING	30 7p-Band					