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GETHEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## From the Pastor

November 19 is WORLD TOILET DAY! Yes, it's a real thing!

### **When nature calls, take action!**

Wherever you are, and whatever you do on November 19, make it all about toilets.

Give thanks if you have one! One that's inside! One that flushes! That has a lid! And a door for privacy! PLUS a roll of soft toilet paper beside it! Rejoice if you have more than one! Become aware, and grateful, for all the toilets available to you: at Home Depot and Subway and in the mall and at McDonald's and at the movies and Costco and WalMart and the gas station and school and church...we are blessed with an abundance of clean, safe, accessible toilets. Access to a safe functioning [toilet](#) has a positive impact on [public health](#), [human dignity](#), and personal safety, especially for women. The global sanitation crisis is reflected in the following facts, according to reports from the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) and the [United Nations Children's Fund](#) (UNICEF):

- 900 million schoolchildren across the world have no handwashing facilities – a critical barrier in the spread of deadly diseases.
- One third of schools worldwide do not provide any toilet facilities – a particular problem for girls during menstruation.
- Around 60% of the global population – 4.5 billion people – either have no toilet at home or one that doesn't safely manage excreta.
- 862 million people worldwide still practice open defecation – this means human feces, on a massive scale, is not being captured or treated.
- 1.8 billion people use an unimproved source of drinking water with no protection against contamination from feces.
- Globally, 80% of the wastewater generated by society flows back into the ecosystem without being treated or reused.

### *What can we do? How can we respond?*

- **Pray**
- Become more aware through websites like [www.worldtoiletday.info](http://www.worldtoiletday.info) and [worldtoilet.org](http://worldtoilet.org)
- **Watch** "Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (A Love Story) on Netflix to explore cultural barriers to indoor toilets
- **Contribute** to ELCA Good Gifts for drop latrine toilets
- **Contribute** to World Toilet Organization
- **Pay attention** to how many times a day you use a toilet; don't take it for granted, be thankful.

Urgently, Pastor Suellen

## Winner, Sinner, Chicken Dinner

You are invited to our second annual get-to-know each other dinner. If you attend early church, get to know others who attend late church, and vice versa. Speak to people you've not met before, be they new members, old members, or visitors. Dinner is November 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. Please bring a picture of yourself as a baby to put in the guessing gallery. (Don't forget to put your name on the back of the picture.)

# CYFM@GLCPDX

Last month I wrote about the 20 youth connected to Gethsemane Lutheran Church. During October activities, I unearthed six more youth connected to our congregation. That's 26 in total connected to our congregation! Twenty-six! That's a whole football team, two soccer teams, three basketball teams, or four volleyball teams.

Confirmation Connect started last month. Three Lutheran churches combined their youth to discuss Confirmation: The who, what, when, where, and why. It was a blast! We've decided to start with prayer. The kids wrote their own scripted prayer. They prayed for God to love us and to forgive us. To open and quiet our hearts with peace and love. To help us to respect others and to listen faithfully. Those are some big prayers from middle and high school youth! These kids are rockstars!! All middle school and high school youth are invited to join us as frequently as possible on the first Saturday of the month. The next Confirmation Connect (Saturday, November 3) will be here at Gethsemane from 2-5 p.m. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Combined youth group has taken off as well. Our first event October 20 found us exploring God's Love—There is No Escape. After working our way through an escape room at Stumptown Escape Games, we had dessert at La Provence in Lake Oswego and discussed that sometimes the clues, the hints, the bits and pieces God gives us don't make any sense.....until they do! No matter what, God is there with us, helping us, and protecting us because there is NO escaping his love.

Our next youth group event is for High Schoolers: November 9-11 we will retreat to the beach. Please contact me ASAP for more information!

Some nitty gritty: Please be sure you are signed up for Amazon Smile rewards and Fred Meyer Community Rewards. With the preschool closing, the rewards are going to the youth program. If you are not sure keep your eyes on the bulletin inserts. I'll have instructions soon.

When Trunk-or-Treat, Reformation, and Halloween are over, I look forward to the **ADVENT FAIRE on December 2 following second service.** Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in volunteering. There are a few stations that need volunteers before we add any more crafts.

Thank you all for your support, as always!  
 Jasmine  
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## Lectionary for November 2018

	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
November 4	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6	John 11:32-44
November 11	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
November 18	Daniel 12:1-4	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-18	Mark 13:1-8
November 25	Daniel 7:9-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4-8	John 18:33-37

## Gethsemane Lutheran Church — Income and Expense Budget Report through September 2018

Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$270,626	\$209,146	\$229,880	(\$20,734)
Attendance 2017:132 2018:114		Cathey Myers, Financial Manager	

## Notes

- \* **Quilters:** You're invited to come sew on Thursday mornings at 9:30 or the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a lunch and join us. There are also stacks of quilt blocks which can be taken home and sewn together.
- \* **Be Sure to Wear RED on October 28, REFORMATION SUNDAY!** We will celebrate with a youth-led service, the Adventists Men's Choir, and a between-services brunch.
- \* **Reminder:** Martin Luther encouraged us to be an active part of civic life. Speak your piece, and your peace to our elected officials with the postcards in the narthex.
- \* **Ten Habitat Homebuyers** completed their sweat equity hours. Join us as we celebrate on Saturday, Nov 3, at 10 a.m. at 8416 SE Brooklyn St. Please wear weather appropriate clothing as the celebration will be outside.
- \* **Need Help? Rachel's List** is a way to connect those who need simple tasks done around the house or someone to stay with a family member for a couple hours while they run errands . . . Or are you willing to help out? Call Rachel Coughlin *if you can help or if you need help. She'll connect you.* (503.489.5107)
- \* **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Nov 25 thru Dec 9.** Christmas treasures will be displayed in the narthex for you to browse and buy. If you have a few nice things to donate, bring them in already priced. Proceeds go to Missions. Questions? See Clara.
- \* **DICKEN'S CAROLERS** will perform at 1:30 p.m. on Nov 25. You are invited.
- \* **Thrivent Action Teams Project: Sox and Underwear for Snowcap** at the Portland location on Thursday, November 1. You are challenged to collect sox and underwear to assist SnowCap. I will take the grant money and buy sox and underwear also. At the end, we will count the totals and see who collected the most. The end product will greatly benefit Snowcap. You can see full details at <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/179173/detail> Dick Bemrose
- \* **Many Thanks** to all of you who have committed to the Fifth Sunday, One Service opportunity for worship as the whole people of GLC. We continue to experiment with ways of making the service special...but ***we'll work really hard to not have them hit the two-hour mark again!*** God bless you all for your good natures, your faithful spirits, and your minimal complaints!

## Lutheran World Relief Shipments

The fall shipment for Lutheran World Relief will be on it's way in November. Our quilters completed 32 quilts and put together 65 school kits. Many thanks to Karen Reagan and our quilters for their time each week. Also, thanks to Jan Perkins for sewing the drawstring bags for the school kits. The cords were threaded through the drawstring bags on God's Work Our Hands Day in September. We also appreciate our drivers who deliver the donations to St. Andrew's in the Spring and Fall. Our congregation and friends were so generous. We had enough to complete 65 kits, but we have a good start for next year too. Thanks to all!

We found out this past week that the 25 quilts and 48 personal care kits from last spring went to Ethiopia. We are making a difference in the lives of people across the world from us!

We donate twice a year to Lutheran World Relief. Next May we will again put together quilts and personal health kits. Look for a list of items to donate for the personal care kits in the narthex. I will also give you a reminder come January, which is a good time to get towels during the white sales. —Karla Hills

## Grown-Up Vacation Bible School

**Grown-Up Vacation Bible School is Saturday, November 10, from 1 to 5 p.m.  
"Samson: A Taste of Christ to Come"**

Scripture anticipates God's unfolding plans in Christ in wonderful and sometimes surprising ways. We will explore the story of Samson, too often reduced to a man with more strength than brains, as a rich, detailed narrative which captures and celebrates many elements of the story of Jesus. Bible study PLUS games, craft, and a snack!

# November 2018 Calendar—Gethsemane Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Quilting,9:30a Orchestra,12:30 Chrysalis,1:20p Bells,6p Choir,7p	2	3 SDAChurch,10a Confirmation,2p PrOffHr,10:30 to Noon
4 <i>ALL SAINTS</i> Worship, 8&10:30a EducationHr 9:30	5 Band,7p	6 BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p	7 Clutterers, 5:30p Work@Snow Cap 6p	8 Quilting,9:30a Orchestra,12:30 Chrysalis,1:20p Bells,6p Choir,7p	9 <b>YOUTH RETREAT</b> thru Nov 11	10 SDAChurch,10a PrOffHr,10:30a GrownUpVBS,1 to 5 p.m. Memorial?10a
11 Worship, 8&10:30a EducationHr 9:30 <b>WinnerSinner ChickenDinner, 5-7 p.m.</b>	12 <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> FinanceMtg, 6:30p? Band, 7p	13 BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p <b>CYFM Mtg., 6p</b>	14 Clutterers, 5:30p	15 Quilting,9:30a MutualMinistry, 10a Orchestra,12:30 Chrysalis,1:20p Bells,6p Choir,7p	16	17 SDAChurch,10a Quilting10a BusyBees,10a YouthGroupTB D <b>Pr. Gone/ Cont.Educ.</b>
18 Worship, 8&10:30a EducationHr 9:30  <b>Pr. Gone/ Cont.Educ. thru Nov20</b>	19 Band,7p	20 BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p <b>CHURCH COUNCIL, 7p</b>	21 Clutterers, 5:30p <b>THANKS- GIVING EVE SERVICE,7p</b> <i>(pie to follow)</i>	22 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	23	24 SDAChurch,10a PrOffHr,10:30a <b>Christmas Bazaar thru mid December</b>
25 <i>CHRISTthe KING Sunday</i> Worship, 8&10:30a EducationHr 9:30	26 Band,7p MPNA,6:30p	27 BibleStudy,10a SwingBand,7p	28 Clutterers, 5:30p	29 Quilting,9:30a Orchestra,12:30 Chrysalis,1:20p Bells,6p Choir,7p	30	

**November Birthdays**

Owen Solberg, Nov 3  
Karla Hills, Nov 4  
Judy Rust, Nov 7  
Stephen Huggett, Nov 10  
Collette Gill, Nov 16  
Gretchen Goodall, Nov 18  
Lucille Langseth, Nov 21  
Paul Leibrand, Nov 21  
Jack Lumber, Nov 22  
Lee Shortt, Nov 25  
Clara Leibrand, Nov 29

**November Anniversaries**

Don/Shar Giard, Nov 9  
39yrs  
Sharon/Robert Lee, Nov 12  
30yrs  
Bob/Audrey Magnuson, Nov 20,  
58yrs  
Pr.Suellen/Bill Bahleda, Nov 24,  
39yrs  
Lyle/Denise Johnson, Nov 27,  
37yrs

**Homebound Brothers and Sisters:**

Lucille Langseth,  
Marian Aleckson,  
Wynn Stafford,  
Virginia Haacke,  
Harvey & Carol Steele,  
Darlene Kuehmichel,  
Bob & Carol Law,  
Bob & Audrey Magnuson.

*(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:** Ginny Barton’s friend Golda; Marian Aleckson; Linda Babcock and grandson Josiah; Aiden Lindstrom; Roseann Foster-Mikhail’s mother Rose; Lucille Langseth; Sharon Lee’s relative Terri and friend Sandy; Kay Qualheim’s niece Sherry; Bob Law; Matthew Green; Virginia Haacke.*

**Urgent: Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:** Kay Qualheim’s niece Sue; Nettie Ubrick’s great-grandson Jacob and friend Becky; Shirla Rapp’s cousin Julie; Colleen Barnett’s niece Linda; Roseann Libonati’s relative, Dawn; Pat Edwards; Joni Pokorny’s friends Becky Folkner and Mary Dean; Kim Butenschoen’s friends Randy, Debbie and Lana; Matt Burk’s friend, Cheryl; Doug Glenn’s cousin Lee; Robert Vidlund’s friends Jim and Betty; Virginia McCormick’s relative Veronica; Becky Keiper’s friend Elinor; Elaine Walter’s brother-in-law, Bob; Ginny Barton’s cousin Linda; Jennifer Morton; Liz Blohm’s bro-in-law Walter; Darlene Kuehmichel.

*Those who are grieving:* Those who knew Mike Hammer, especially his wife Phyllis, and his in-laws Dick and Diane Bemrose.

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