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From the Pastor

We love to tell stories. We tell stories about our kids, our grandkids. About our vacations. About our goofs, the great deals we got, the best ever fish tacos from a food truck. We tell stories of how we met, of how we got into the work or the hobby that claims us. We tell about the crazy driver in front of us, the great movie we saw, the time we dared ourselves to do something.

We've grown up with stories. We've listened to stories from our folks, our grandparents, cousins at family reunions. Stories over coffee, at picnics, in classrooms and Sunday School rooms. There are ghost stories and love stories and remember when stories. There are stories that seem to go on and on and on, and some we wish would never end. There are funny stories and sad stories and stories that surprise us.

Stories matter. They teach us, entertain us, and connect us. We gather every Sunday to hear stories that shape us, challenge us, sustain us. We gladly hear those stories of faith from the Bible, and often relate to their cry, their call, their command. But how often do we tell our own story of faith? How often do you get the chance to say something about your faith or your church? And when the chance comes...what do you say? How often have you told your faith story to another member of this congregation? Who helped you along the way? Who taught you by example? Who played music with you, and taught you to sing your faith? Do we even know that about each other, as the people of Gethsemane?

In November, Pastor Sara Gross Samuelson will be with us to talk about her ministry with Storyline, a community collective that gathers questions and truths that shape stories of faith:

- *Have you ever felt simultaneously urgent and helpless about what was happening in the world? Have ever tried to speak out, but felt like your voice was a tiny echo getting lost in a great big world or bouncing wildly around the world wide web? You are in good company.*
- *Somewhere along the way we forgot that we belong to our community, and our community belongs to us.*
- *Something powerful happens when we remember.*
- *Something powerful happens when we take that energy and hope for justice and walk outside our door. Something powerful happens when we SEE our neighbors; when we SEE the unseen and overlooked in our own community. Something powerful happens when we find our people out there... the ones who have been working alongside us the whole time.*
- *Something powerful happens when we find our voice.*

In order to tell the story, we need to find our voice — together. Next May and June, when I am away on sabbatical, we will use those Sunday services to find the voice of Gethsemane, in your stories of faith. Find your voice. Your story matters.

In anticipation,
Pastor Suellen

NOTES

- ⇒ **The Oregon Synod** has received grant funding to do trainings on **disaster preparedness**. A speaker from the Synod office will be at GLC on November 17 between services. Please join us at 9:30 that day.
- ⇒ **Grown-Up Vacation Bible School** will be offered on Saturday, November 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. The topic is "The Genealogies of Jesus." What do those lists of names in Luke and Matthew mean? Why aren't they the same? Do they matter? Come and explore the branches of Jesus' family tree! Snack, games, craft and more!
- ⇒ Pr. Suellen is away for continuing education (the Society of Biblical Literature) November 20-26.
- ⇒ **Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie!**

Lutheran World Relief Update

The final count on our fall shipment to Lutheran World Relief is 23 quilts and 89 school kits, which is awesome! The shipment went out October 25. Many thanks to Liz and Scott Blohm for taking the boxes of quilts and school kits to the depot at St. Andrew Lutheran in Beaverton and to all the people who helped with this effort throughout the year. *Remember to watch for bath towels on sale*. Dark-colored ones are preferred. I already have more donations in the box in the narthex.

We're assembling personal care kits next April, to be shipped out with more quilts. Thus, there is a need for heavier fabrics (e.g. denim, canvas, twill, corduroy) for the drawstring bags. If you have any remnants (at least 5"x38"), please place them in the narthex bin. I'll see that Jan Perkins gets the fabric to sew more bags.

Thank you! Karla Hills

Coats for Kids

The GLC Coat Drive is off to a good start. This year we are delivering coats as we get them! You can purchase coats or you can make a monetary donation. Envelopes will be available. If you donate by check, make it out to GLC with Coat Drive in the memo. Gently used coats are perfect as well. Thank you all so much! Patty Olson.

Meet the New Faces of the Oregon Synod

A chance to encounter new faces in the office of the Oregon Synod: Newly elected Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar, newly elected Vice-President Greg Shea; and recently appointed Bishop's Associates Juan Carlos La Puente and Pastor Melissa Reed.

Please invite your friends, your pastor, your parents, anyone you know who cares about this world. We will gather, pray, hear a few thoughts from synod leaders, and share our own thoughts and feelings about mission and vision in our contexts. Before you come, ask yourself:

- * What would you like a bishop to know about your neighborhood and your neighbors?
- * What are the challenges and fears you face?
- * Where do you find hope?
- * Where is Spirit tugging on your soul to act, to speak, to sing?

Two Meetings: Saturday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Pr. Jim Doherty.
10390 SW Canyon Rd, Beaverton, OR 97005 and...

Sunday, November 10, 1-3:30 p.m. (snacks provided for those rushing from worship around the metro area) **Prince of Life Lutheran, Pr. John Reutter-Harrah.** 13896 S. Meyers Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045.

November 2019

Sun

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Sat

					1 <i>First Friday Supper Club, 5 to 7 p.m.</i>	2 SDA, 10-12 <i>Raingardens, 9 to 2 p.m.</i>
3 Worship@ 8&10:30am Ed.Hour 9:30a	4 Selah, 6p Band, 7p 5p, Home Visitation Ministry/Conf.Room	5 BibleStudy, 10a Chrysalis, 1:30p SwingBd, 7p	6 Clutterers, 5:30p Confirmation, 4p <i>Work@Snow Cap, 6p</i>	7 BibleSt, 7:30a Quilting, 9:30a Orchestra, 12:30p Bells, 6p	8	9 SDA, 10-12 Busy Bees, 10a <i>Meet Bishop@St. Matthews, Bvtn.</i> GrownUpVBS, 1-5pm
10 Worship@ 8&10:30am Ed.Hour 9:30a <i>Meet the Bishop, Prince Of Life Lutheran, Oregon City</i>	11 Selah, 6p Band, 7p Veteran's Day, Office Closed	12 BibleStudy, 10a Chrysalis, 1:30p SwingBd, 7p CYFM, 6p	13 Clutterers, 5:30p Confirmation, 4p	14 BibleSt, 7:30a Quilting, 9:30a Orchestra, 12:30p Bells, 6p Choir, 7p	15	16 SDA, 10a Youth Group? Quilting, 10a Jewelry, 9:30a
17 Worship@ 8&10:30am Ed.Hour 9:30a	18 Selah, 6p Band, 7p Worship/Music 10:30a MutMin, 1p	19 BibleStudy, 10a Chrysalis, 1:30p SwingBd, 7p Church Council, 7p	20 Clutter5:30p Confirmation, 4p MutualMin, 10a Red Cross Training 7:30a-5:30p <i>Pr.ContEdthru26</i>	21 BibleSt, 7:30a Quilting, 9:30a Orchestra, 12:30p Bells, 6p Choir, 7p	22 <i>Pastor @ ContinuingEd thru Saturday</i> MiddleSchool LockIn@ Resurrection, 9p-9a	23 SDA, 10a
24 Worship@ 8&10:30am Ed.Hour 9:30a	25 Selah, 6p Band, 7p MPNA, 6:30p	26 BibleStudy, 10a Chrysalis, 1:30p SwingBd, 7p	27 Clutterers, 5:30p Confirmation, 4p Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie, 7p	28 THANKSGIVING, <i>Office Closed</i>	29	30 SDA, 10a

November Birthdays

Owen Solberg, Nov 3
 Karla Hills, Nov 4
 Judith Rust, Nov 7
 Stephen Huggett, Nov 10
 Collette Gill, Nov 16
 Gretchen Goodall, Nov 18
 Paul Leibrand, Nov 21
 Lee Shortt, Nov 25
 Clara Leibrand, Nov 29

November Anniversaries

Don&SharGiard, Nov 9, 40th
 Sharon&RobertLee, Nov 12, 31st
 Bob&AudreyMagnuson, Nov 20, 59th
 Pr.Suellen&BillBahleda, Nov 24, 40th
 Lyle&DeniseJohnson, Nov 27, 38th

Homebound Brothers and Sisters:

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

*(Refer to your directory or call
 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: Wynn Stafford; Ginny Barton's friend Golda; Marian Aleckson; Linda Babcock and grandson Josiah; Aiden Lindstrom; Sharon Lee's relative Terri; Kay Qualheim's niece Sherry; Matthew Green; Virginia Haacke.

Urgent: Those who are ill or in need of other prayers: Colleen Barnett and her niece Linda; Kay Qualheim's niece Sue; Shirla Rapp's cousin Julie; Pat Edwards; Joni Pokorny's friends Becky Folkner and Mary Dean; Kim Butenschoen's friends Pauline, Frank, and Lana; Roberta Vidlund's friends Jim and Betty; Virginia McCormick's relative Veronica; Audrey Magnuson; Lois Boro's friends Red & Kendra; Becky Keiper's friend Karen; Pr. Suellen's uncle Larry; Russ Solberg's brother Robert; Michelle McBride; Kim Stoffregen's niece Lona.

Those grieving: The family of friends of Roberta Vidlund's mother, who was 102 years-old.

November Lectionary**November 3 (All Saints)**

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18
 Psalm 149
 Ephesians 1:11-23
 Luke 6:20-31

November 10

Job 19:23-27
 Psalm 17:1-9
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17
 Luke 20:27-38

November 17

Malachi 4:1-2
 Psalm 98
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
 Luke 21:5-19

November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm 46
 Colossians 1:11-20
 Luke 23:33-43

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 we don't already have it.*

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