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From the Pastor

It's time for a new theme! In 2018, the GLC theme was DO GOOD BETTER. In 2019, it was THANKS FOR THAT. I hope you embrace these themes as cumulative and on-going. I pray we will continue, individually and as a congregation, to find ways to do our gospel serving better. I pray that we continue to acknowledge our gratitude and appreciation to God and one another in that gospel service.

- And now the theme for 2020.....drumroll.....IT MATTERS.
- That 37 cents in the Change for Good jar—IT MATTERS.
- Making coffee---IT MATTERS.
- Praying for both our loved ones and our enemies---IT MATTERS.
- Singing, studying, visiting, sewing, ushering—IT MATTERS.
- Every gift you share---your time, your talent, your presence---IT MATTERS.

Many times we think our contributions, large or small, are no big deal. "It was nothing." "I do it because I like it." "I get paid for it." "I'm always happy to help out." "I was going to be there anyway." We brush off the importance of our efforts. But every moment, every conversation, every dollar---IT MATTERS.

I wonder what this year will be like, when we pause to consider that our words matter. Our actions matter. The way we use our time matters. The financial choices we make matter. In all times, in all places, IT MATTERS.

Blessings as we begin 2020. YOU MATTER!
Joyfully, Pastor Suellen

Sabbatical Notes:

Pastor Suellen will be taking a 9-week sabbatical beginning in May. A sabbatical is not a glorified vacation. Sabbatical comes from the word 'sabbath,' and is an intentional time of renewal, rest, and relationship.

Here is some background shared with the Council:

Sabbaticals benefit both the pastor and the congregation she serves. Benefits for the pastor include:

- **Spiritual Renewal:** A pastor is constantly teaching, guiding, and leading others in living a Spirit-filled life. Because it is so much a part of her conversation and work, maintaining and developing her own spiritual life isn't always a priority, and when the daily needs of congregational ministry and to-do lists press, it is easy to neglect. A pastor's sabbatical is a time to renew, replenish, and discover spiritual disciplines that get crowded out by the busy-ness of life.
- **Rest:** It will take your pastor a month to unwind from the stresses of everyday ministry. The extended time of a sabbatical allows your pastor to experience the gifts of Psalm 23...stillness, and a soul restored.
- **Learning:** A sabbatical provides time for a pastor to read, explore, discover, *and process* new and interesting information, thoughts, and experiences.

- Renewed Passion and Vision: All of the above contribute to this. Your pastor will return from her sabbatical with a clearer sense of purpose, mission, and call AND the renewed energy to work together with the congregation to delight in God's will and walk in God's ways.

Each month, more information will be shared about the upcoming sabbatical plan. If you have questions, please see Pastor Suellen or a Council member. And pray!

Annual Trek to Mt. Angel Vespers

We'll make our yearly trip to Mt. Angel for Vespers on January 4, 2020. Meet at church at 3 p.m., carpool out. After Vespers, we will go to a local eatery for dinner. Please let Laura Britzius or Diane Bemrose know if you would like to go. Early notice, because things get so crazy. Wonderful music and great food! Join us!

Camp Lutherwood News

- ◆ **Camp Lutherwood Annual Meeting** is Saturday, February 1 from 1-3pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Albany.
- ◆ **Creek Restoration Work Day** Save the date (Saturday, February 8) for special winter Work Day to help with a creek restoration project. All ages are welcome and lunch will be provided. Watch for more information in January.
- ◆ **Summer Registration Now Open** It's time to register for Summer 2020! Be sure to register before January 15th to take advantage of the Early Bird discount!
- ◆ **IRA Rollover for 2019** The law is now permanent that allows donors age 70 1/2 and older to withdraw up to \$100,000 each year from the total of all their IRA accounts tax-free if they give the money directly to a charity. Any distribution to charity counts towards the donor's required minimum distribution from their IRA accounts even though the charity, and not the donor, is the recipient. Previously charitable gifts from an IRA were taxed as regular withdrawals. If you have an IRA and are 70 1/2 or older this law offers a great opportunity for you to make a gift to your local congregation and to Camp Lutherwood!
- ◆ **Summer Staff Applications:** Camp Lutherwood is now accepting applications for all positions on our 2020 summer staff. Applicants must be 18 before June 13, 2020. Check out our website at www.lutherwoodoregon.org/employment for more information and to apply.

Gethsemane and Trinity Lutheran Church
Present **First Annual Talent Show!!!**

Jesus is my Sweetheart

*Saturday
February 8th: 4-6PM*

*All are welcome to watch
OR perform!*


FREE fun for all!!!

*Bring your talent, yourself, and
your appetite for a sweet treat!
Desserts will be provided.*

Contact person: Jasmine
Additional snacks available for purchase.

*If you plan to perform a talent, please let
Jasmine know by January 15th!*

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January 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY/ <i>Office Closed</i>	2	3	4 SDA,10a
5 8&10:30a-Worship EdHr-9:30a	6 Band,7p Selah,6p	7 BibleSt-10a Chrysalis,1:40 SwBand,7p	8 Clutterers,5:30	9 BibleSt,7:30a Orchestra12:30p Quilters,9:30a Bells, 6p Choir, 7p	10 "First" Friday Supper, 5-7p	11 SDA,10a
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January Birthdays

Nicole Cumming, 1/1
 Brandon Hills, 1/1
 Connie Smith, 1/1
 Diane Liefeld, 1/3
 Kayda Carpenter, 1/4
 Sentney Lindstrom, 1/9
 Helen Tilkens, 1/11
 Kim Butenschoen, 1/12

Sharon Lee, 1/15
 Gary Urbach, 1/16
 Daniel Wong, 1/16
 Paulette Kelley, 1/17
 Alexandria Leibrand, 1/17
 Flodine Loe, 1/17
 Alexandra Riehl, 1/17
 Bruce Wakeman, 1/18
 Jack Bateman, 1/23

Thomas Crouse, 1/23
 Brennan Cumming 1/25
 Michael Bahleda, 1/26
 Jasmine Anderson, 1/28
 Tonia Lindquist, 1/30

January Anniversaries

Bruce/Alanna Wakeman, 1/1
 Dave/Theresa Qualheim 1/2

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 relatives Howard and Terri; Matthew Green; Virginia Haacke.

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Colleen Barnett and her niece Linda; 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 son Paul and family and friend Gerry; Russ Solberg's brother Robert; Michelle McBride; Kim Stofregen's niece Lona; Sharon Lee's sister Connie; Marion Burgess' daughter Vo; Karen Reagan's sister-in law Betty Niemann and her daughter Jo Vanette; Ken Hansen.

January Lectionary**Jan 5**

Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:120-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:1-18

Jan 12

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:13-17

Jan 19

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 I Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

Jan 26

Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:4-9
 I Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-33

Homebound Brothers and Sisters:

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

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