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From the Pastor

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

Many years ago, I was asked to bring a personal symbol of my faith to an inter-faith gathering. I brought an Advent wreath.

The season of Advent was my first encounter with God as a very young child. Opa would carefully clip *kerzen* in metal holders to the fresh *tannenbaum* in their small living room. Oma would prepare a plate with *lebkuchen*, *pfeffernusse*, and *marzipan*. Then we'd turn off all the

lights and sing: "[Alle Jahre Wieder](#)," "Leise Rieselt der Schnee," "Es Ist Ein Ros Entsprungen." Long before I fully understood what the words *Christkind* meant, I felt the holy hush of anticipation and longing in the warm dark. In the scent of anise, tang of ginger, richness of *schokolade*, I tasted the ways waiting can be sweet.

Advent was the holiest time in my life and has remained the most important spiritual practice of my family. I've taught my children how to sing *Weihnachtslieder*, what the *kerzen* (candles) mean, and why our family protects and preserves this hour on Sunday evenings. No matter what else is happening, where we live or who is visiting, we always keep Advent. In the songs of Christmas, we tell the story of how God loves and redeems us.

The incarnation of God in the person of Jesus is deeply central to our faith. Without Jesus' birth, there could be no death, no resurrection, no ascension. Emmanuel, God-With-Us, changes everything. As we light the wreath each week, **we practice hope, commit to peace, receive joy, and experience God's profound love for us:** as individuals, as families, and as a community.



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The holidays are never easy. Even if we have happy memories, we still wrestle with pandemic separation, strained relationships, consumerism, winter cold and flu, the pressure to do and be more. **In all that is hard, we have the holy...we have Emmanuel.**

One of my favorite lines in "Alle Jahre Wieder" is: "Steht auch mir zur Seite / Still und unerkannt, Dass es treu mich leite / An der lieben Hand." My translation of this is: "He stands by my side / peaceful and incognito / to lead me faithfully / with his loving hand." This Advent, invite Jesus along with you to the store, to the kitchen, to your in-laws, to your bedside table. Bring Emmanuel with you wherever you go.

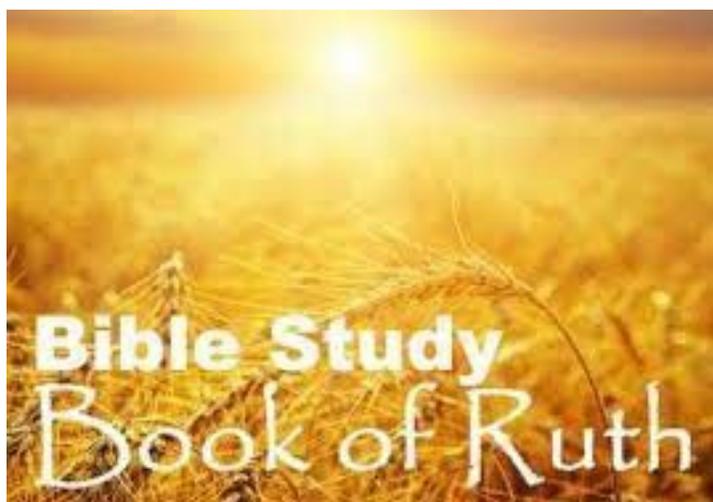
Advent isn't only about preparation for the joy of Christmas. **Advent is a time to practice trusting in the promises of God**, a time to release our cynicism and our fear and open our hearts to wonder and awe. **Advent is a time to let Jesus lead us by the hand.**

May you find a renewed connection with the Holy One this Advent season. As my family lights the candles each week in our home, we will be holding you in our prayers. Please hold us in yours. Together, we are the family of God.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

In faith,
Pr. Elizabeth

P.S. Join me on Wednesdays at noon on Zoom for a time of spiritual practice together. Link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87225860404>. Blessed Advent!



During the Advent season, Pr. Elizabeth will offer a **bible study on Ruth**, the great-grandmother of King David, and one of five women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus found in the Gospel of Matthew. Join us on **Tuesdays at 10am** in the conference room (masks, please) or on Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87038575330>). All are welcome!

From the Council President

November 23, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

This month I share with you a message from THE WORD IN SEASON dated Sunday November 28th. The date brings us to the First Sunday of Advent. The second paragraph of that page centers on our celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. It's a very exciting time for children, but for us it also reminds us to celebrate the time when Jesus will come again. I just love to see all of you in church with an expectation that lets each of us know that Jesus comes to us in many different ways. We know Jesus is always present in our lives but at church we see him through the things we experience like communion, the expressions of happiness on our faces during the Advent services, baptisms, scripture readings and hymns. I just love this time of the church year. Everyone seems more upbeat and excited during this time. Jesus is always present and we can look forward through faith that we will spend eternity with him when we are called. You know how sometimes in our life when we smile for long periods of time, we feel like our face can only hold it so long. Jesus must have a way that when we are in heaven with him, we can smile the whole time and it will be normal and we won't even have to think about it. Salvation is just around the corner and I know we all look forward to the time that we will join him and worship him in heaven. For now, enjoy this Advent Season.



I know this will get to you after we start the Advent Services. We will have two services starting on November 28th, at 8am and 10:30am. The livestream service will be at 10:30. It will be recorded and posted after. We will return to one service only on Dec 26th. If the two-service format turns out to be a success, we will conduct a survey to see what our members are thinking and let you know the results and move forward from there.

I want to thank the Transition Team for putting together the special congregational party on November 14th. We had a lot of fun and learned some of our church history through playing a bingo game and giving out prizes. We also split up into groups for brainstorming sessions on topics that the Transition Team presented. This info will be helpful in moving forward into the future. Thanks for all your hard work and to those who participated.

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Thanks goes out to Jasmine and Gabe in presenting our first ever Pumpkin Patch. I'm sure there were more helpers involved and we appreciate your help. It brought a lot of people from our Mill Park area and it allowed us to say hello and reach out to let them learn about who we are and a chance to welcome them to our church grounds.

Thank You Patty and Debbie, for distributing coats to schools around the area. The schools are very thankful for the kind donations that people have given for this cause. The coat drive is a huge gift to the community and something we can all be proud of.

I was also encouraged by the people who attended our November 21st service. This service highlighted the opportunity to submit our annual pledges and submit our survey for sharing our time and talents. This will help us get an idea about our future offerings to some extent and what we can do to share our time and talents with others.

The Covid Team has reopened the coffee bar! We are still masking and doing our best to social distance to keep everyone as safe as possible while worshiping in the sanctuary. We follow the Multnomah County and Oregon Synod Guidelines. As things improve, we will make appropriate changes for our services.

Please join us for the Annual Meeting on the 5th of December at 11:30 am. We will be talking about the budget and installing our new Council Members. The Council spent most of their time on the budget during this past monthly meeting.

Thanks again to all of you who work so hard in and around the church. I appreciate all of you so much. Enjoy the Advent Season and please stay safe, healthy and kind.

God Bless,
Ernie



Worship Committee



Greetings from Worship Committee! Advent is here!

- **Advent Season 2 Worship Services Trial Run:** During the Season of Advent, we will be doing a trial run of returning to two worship services. We recently sent out a survey to see what interest there was around the two worship times and you can see the results in the pie chart below. In order for this to work, we will need a lot of extra help doing all of the volunteer tasks that make our worship services run: Ushers/Greeters, Readers, Altar Guild, and Cantors. You can visit <https://signup.com/Group/1125944192029/> to sign up or contact Brandee Leibrand via email at bpmbld@gmail.com. If you have problems with Internet, please call the Office. **We will hold 8 AM and 10:30 AM services on Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19th ONLY. The 10:30 AM service will be livestreamed and recorded for posting after. We will return to one 9:30 AM service on Dec. 26th.** After this trial period, we will be releasing a follow-up survey to see how things went and make a plan moving forward based on our experience.
- **Help us decorate the church for Christmas! On Saturday, Dec. 11th**, we will gather in the Sanctuary at 10 AM to decorate for Christmas. We also need some able-bodied volunteers to help load the Christmas trees for transport from the field to the church. If you can help with that, please contact Gloria Kelsay. All other decorators: show up at the church and we will find a job for you!
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held at **10 PM ONLY** this year.
- **Worship Volunteer Position Descriptions:** These are available online on the sign up pages located at <https://signup.com/Group/1125944192029/>, are posted in the Narthex, or can be requested from Anna in the Office.



Transition Team

We had a wonderful time at our hybrid congregational "future-ing" gathering on Sunday, November 14th at church and on zoom. Many thanks to Paulette and the Fellowship Team for fun decorations (and tasty cookies!), to Ethan and Jasmine for helping with Zoom, and thanks to all who attended!

We had fun playing history bingo and remembering some of the moments and ministries that have brought us joy over the years at Gethsemane. We broke into six small groups and brainstormed together "How is God calling Gethsemane..." around:

- 1) spirituality and faith formation,
- 2) land/housing/food,
- 3) worship and music,
- 4) education and youth,
- 5) social and racial justice, and
- 6) stewardship and sustainability.

The Transition Team has compiled all of your ideas and is using them to complete the GLC Ministry Site Profile. Thank you for the energy, enthusiasm and excitement you brought to our gathering...we have a future with hope because of YOU!

Transition Team (Sharon, Gloria, Dick, Roseann and Pr. Elizabeth)



Gethsemane Youth Happenings

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain..."

Advent season marks a season of waiting, pausing, deep breathing and meditation for kids of all ages. We hear these words "prepare the way", "make room" and "a child is born unto us" and we repeat them year after year to our children, passing down traditions of Advent calendars and reading verses of prophecy - fulfilled and hopeful.

As we sit in our waiting this year, #GLCPDX has gathered resources to help ground you in Advent practices that encourage space making in hearts for all ages. Kids are encouraged to make their own Advent square to contribute to the finished project or assist with a family square - what is family to you? What is a Christmas or Advent practice that keeps your family grounded in the love and life and light of Jesus? We may not know where we will find ourselves next Advent as #GethsemaneYouth - we have at least four kids old enough for confirmation classes, there are three who are not quite young enough for nursery care but not quite old enough to enjoy attending Sunday School with the big kids, and two who fall smack-dab in the middle of these groups. ***But we have so many kids!*** We have three teens, and a fourth when we go on outings, to create curriculum for and there are a handful more I am not accounting for because COVID has made things hard; and we'll see how things shake out.

Prepare the way!

These youth are quite possibly the future of Gethsemane. Or at least whichever church they find to call home provided these faithful seeds bloom.

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Make room!

Advent calls us to make room for a little baby - the smallest human. Please leave space in our church for our smallest humans; allow them their voices, their autonomy, their participation and their votes. COVID has been hard. We have all missed church, worship, music, communion and fellowship. So have they! Kids wiggle - they shift in their seats, they want to color and draw, and they are going to drop things. Make room in our pews and our hearts for young children, young families, all people who make noise and need to wiggle. We have two services to get through together each week in Advent - prepare the way!

If you would like to assist, volunteer, teach, or have any ideas for the youth program, please let me know.

Advent asks us to dig deep. Pause. Be still. Wait. And wait some more. Let us show our youngest church members that we can be patient with them, with each other, and in waiting for Jesus.



Christmas Bazaar & Silent Auction

Along with Christmas items that can be purchased immediately in the narthex, we have added some beautiful quilts made by our own Gethsemane quilters. We are selling the quilts via a silent (not secret) auction. **The bidding ends at 10:30 am on Sunday, December 19th.**

If you can't get into the church to write down your bids, call Kim or Paulette and we'll write them in for you. You may bid as often as you like. Don't let someone else get away with out-bidding you!

If you have any questions for us or want us to write in a bid, call Kim Stoffregen 503-351-1913 or Paulette Kelley 503-810-9559.

Here are descriptions and photos of the quilts.
FYI: A full size bed top is 60x75".

#1 Green scrappy quilt, 66x92", opening bid \$40 —>



<— #2 Blue scrappy quilt, 65x 90", opening bid \$40



#3 Red scrappy quilt, 68x 85.5", opening bid \$40 —>

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<— #4 Green back mosaic, 40x44", opening bid \$20

#5 Jungle print, 46x56", opening bid \$20 —>



<— #6 Red flannel children's, 35x 62", opening bid \$15

#7 Blue/white/yellow print children's, 40 x48", opening bid \$20 —>



Making the House Ready for the Lord

By Mary Oliver

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but
still nothing is as shining as it should be
for you. Under the sink, for example, is an
uproar of mice –it is the season of their
many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves
and through the walls the squirrels
have gnawed their ragged entrances –but it is the season
when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And
the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard
while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow;
what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling
in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly
up the path, to the door. And I still believe you will
come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox,
the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know
that really I am speaking to you whenever I say,
as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.



Can we liberate Christmas from its cultural captivity and rediscover the truly prophetic story that speaks to the crises of our world today?

Peace on Earth and the Politics of Christmas



***Saturday, December 11
Virtual Liberation Bible Study
10:30 am – 12:30 pm EST***

Much of the Christian church in the United States has been co-opted by an American gospel of prosperity, racism, violence, and militant nationalism. The celebration of Christmas is a victim of that co-optation: It is often wrapped in innocent, Hallmark-card imagery. But in fact the biblical texts describing the coming of Jesus are making powerful assertions about the politics of the Bible that speak very much to our contemporary global crises. In this virtual class, we will reflect on the “nativity narratives” in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke to see how they express core biblical themes of justice and liberation. We will “un-domesticate” these tales of liberation and reflect on how they are truly challenging us to a revolutionary discipleship. The program will be broadcast via Zoom. This session will be led by Will O’Brien, coordinator of The Alternative Seminary. A perfect event for Advent.

Registration is required. A \$10 donation is requested (or whatever you can afford).

Register today!

<http://bit.ly/PoliticsofChristmas>

The cost is \$10 (or whatever you can afford).

***If you have any questions, please contact Will O’Brien at
(267) 339-8989 or willobrien59@gmail.com***

The Alternative Seminary is a program of biblical and theological study and reflection designed to foster an authentic biblical witness in the modern world.

Blessing for the Longest Night

by Jan Richardson

All throughout these months
as the shadows have lengthened,
this blessing has been gathering itself,
making ready, preparing for this night.

It has practiced walking in the dark,
traveling with its eyes closed,
feeling its way
by memory by touch
by the pull of the moon
even as it wanes.

So believe me when I tell you
this blessing will reach you
even if you have not light
enough to read it;
it will find you
even though you cannot see it coming.

You will know the moment of its arriving
by your release of the breath you have held so long;
a loosening of the clenching in your hands,
of the clutch around your heart;
a thinning of the darkness that had drawn itself around you.

This blessing does not mean to take the night away
but it knows its hidden roads,
knows the resting spots along the path,
knows what it means to travel
in the company of a friend.

So when this blessing comes, take its hand.
Get up. Set out on the road
you cannot see.

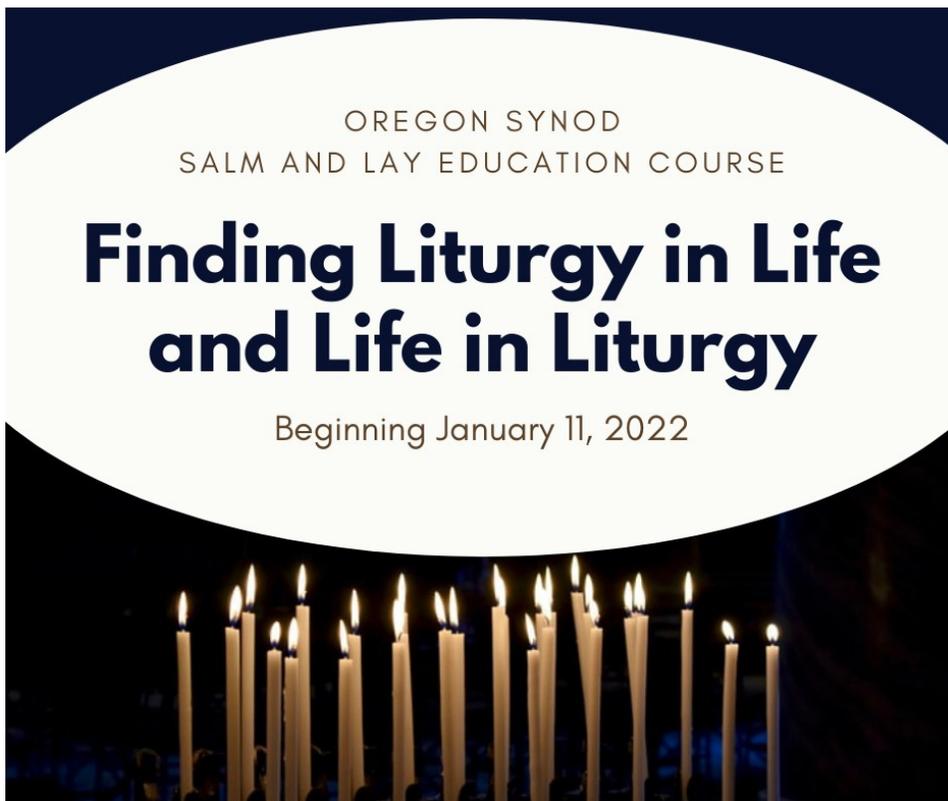
This is the night
when you can trust
that any direction you go,
you will be walking
toward the dawn.



OREGON SYNOD
SALM AND LAY EDUCATION COURSE

Finding Liturgy in Life and Life in Liturgy

Beginning January 11, 2022



How does liturgy shape us? How might we shape it? Gather with people from across the Oregon Synod this January and February to explore liturgy in daily life, communal worship, and public witness. We'll pay particular attention to the seasons of the church year, the flow of worship, the invitation of sacraments, and daily practices that help us cultivate a life of depth and meaning. We'll create space for the integration of blessing, celebration, lamentation, prayer, song, symbols, and ritual crafting. You're encouraged to bring your whole self as we seek to live in holy rhythm. [Pr. Matta Ghaly](#) will be the primary instructor. The course is designed with a Lutheran lens and inclusive heart; all are welcome.

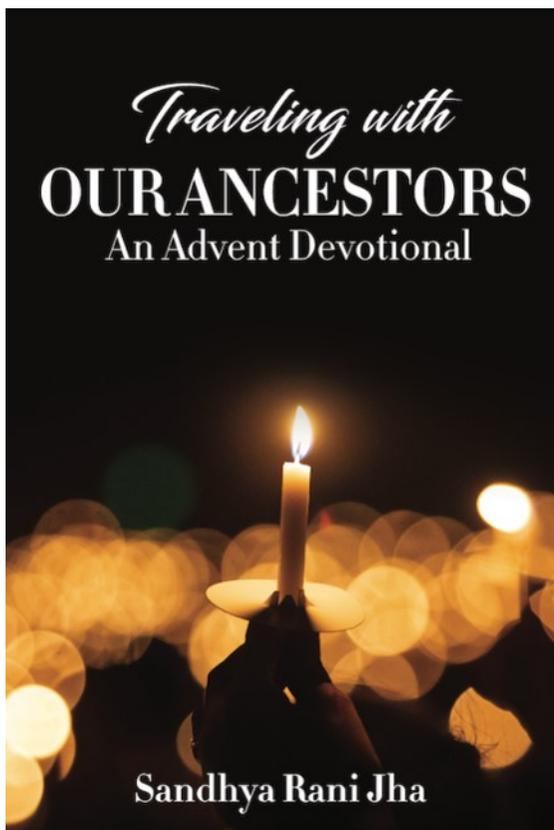
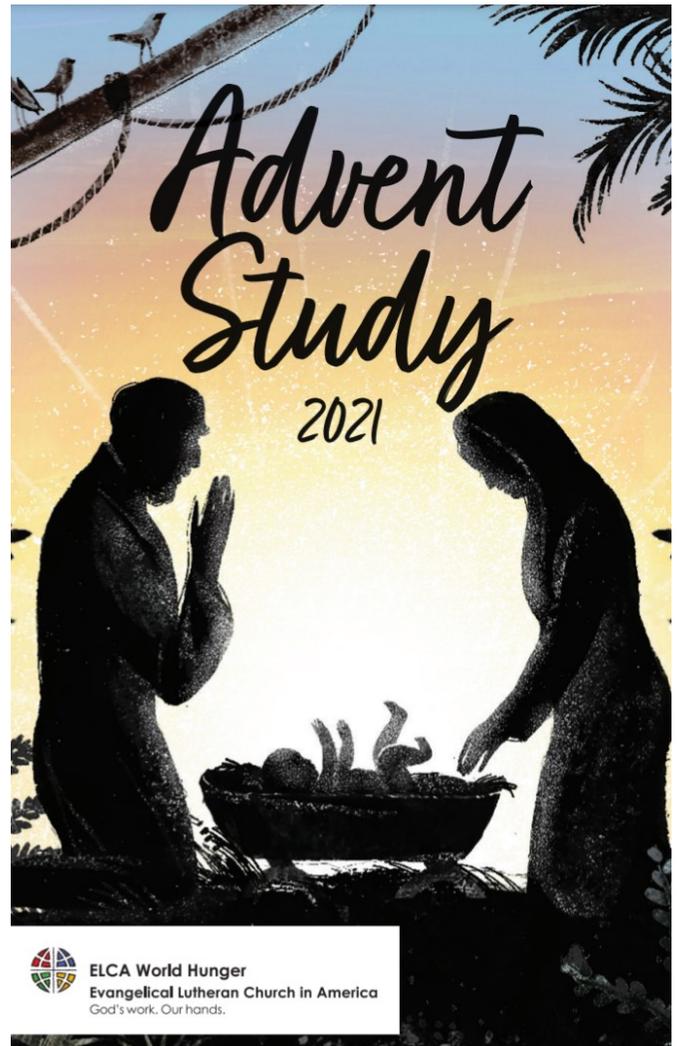
This online course is offered through the Oregon Synod's [SALM and Lay Education Program](#). We'll meet the following eight Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 6:30-8pm (Pacific Time): January 11, January 18, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22, and March 1. Authentic participation and relationship-building are the priority. Course participants and/or their congregations are encouraged to donate, as they are able, on a sliding scale between \$20-\$160, but donations are not required to register. If you'd like to sign up for the course, please do so through the [registration form](#).

Advent Devotionals And Weekly Spiritual Practice

We have two options for Advent devotionals this year!

First, the weekly Advent Study from ELCA World Hunger brings us four stories, reflection questions, and a short prayer to deepen our awareness of the needs of ourselves and our neighbors here at home and across the globe.

Second, the daily devotional "Traveling with Our Ancestors" by Sandhya Rani Jha brings us a new approach to Advent by focusing on our ancestors. Each day in Advent recalls a spiritual ancestor...from the time of Jesus, the Early Church, the Hebrew Bible, the Desert Mothers & Fathers, the United States and across the world. These ancestors remind us that **whatever we are going through now, however unprecedented and overwhelming and unbearable it sometimes seems, our faith can see us through**...for God carries us, just as he has, so many times, in so many ways, for those who went before us.



Copies of both devotionals are available in the Narthex...if you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Instead of an evening Advent church service this year, Pr. Elizabeth will host an online devotional lunch hour on Wednesdays at NOON. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87225860404>. Come take a sacred pause in the middle of the busy holidays to re-center yourself on the spiritual heart of the season.

NEW: If you don't have a computer at home, you can connect to the online gathering via the church conference room. Contact Anna at alewis@glcportland.org or talk to Pastor for details!

Notes

- * The **Holiday Sale** is on now in the Narthex. Stop by for little stocking stuffers and fun things. Cash only, no change available.
- * Do you know someone in need of food pantry resources this winter? **Oregon Food Bank's "Food Finder"** (foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org) can help! Enter an address to find all the free local pantries within 15 miles, including open days and hours.
- * **SnowCap's Fall needs** include the following food box items: canned veggies and fruit; hearty soups/chili/stews; canned tuna; peanut butter; dessert mixes (Jello/cake/brownie, etc), returnable cans/bottles, ground coffee, can openers, hot chocolate packets. Full size toiletries and items for care packages including TP/paper towels, deodorant, shaving cream/razors, soap/body wash, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/brushes, hand sanitizer/wipes, dish soap/dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, hats/gloves, handwarmers, face masks for kids and adults. Stocking stuffer items for kids/teens: card games, small toys, journals, small art supplies, activity books, teen hygiene kits, bath/grooming supplies, wrapped candy. The donation drive-through is open Monday-Friday between 9 am - 3 pm at 17788 SE Pine Street. You can also visit SnowCap.org to send a contribution that will be used to bulk-purchase goods.
- * **If you come into the church for any reason, please remember to sign in on the contact-tracing sheet. Multnomah County is asking that everyone wear masks indoors, even if you are vaccinated.**
- * If you'd like to **run a message or announcement about a church event in the Olive Press**, please email Anna at alewis@glcportland.org or mail it in to the office for formatting. Requests must be received in writing no later than mid-month for the next month's issue.



Church Office Hours

The GLC Church Office is open on Tuesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Please remember to sign in when you come to the church office.** Due to the increase in COVID cases in our county, **masks are again required** when visiting the church office. Disposable masks are available on the counter. Due to her part-time schedule, Anna works from home on Mondays and is off on Fridays. Pastor Elizabeth's office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm and Saturdays by appointment. Her direct line is 503-465-4113. She is fully vaccinated and available for pastoral visits at church and at home. If you reach voicemail during office hours Tuesday to Thursday, we are likely in a meeting. Please leave a message and we will return your call promptly!



December Birthdays

Arloa Hurt	12/1	Carol Steele	12/25
Grace Johnson	12/12	Peggy Sloan	12/27
Gloria Kelsay	12/17	Carol Blodgett	12/30
Melissa Natasia	12/17	Micah Morton	12/30
Jo Nelson	12/19	Carol Law	12/31
Becky Keiper	12/21	Sharon Magnuson	12/31
Christine Hurlman	12/22		

December Lectionary

Sun. Dec. 5 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4
 Baruch 5:1-9
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

Sun. Dec. 12 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Isaiah 12:2-6 (6)
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:7-18

Sun. Dec. 19 — 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
 Psalm 80:1-7
 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Fri. Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
 Psalm 96 (11)
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Sat. Dec. 25 — Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12
 Psalm 97 (11)
 Titus 3:4-7
 Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Sun. Dec. 26 — 1st Sunday of Christmas

Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 Psalm 148 (13)
 Colossians 3:12-17
 Luke 2:41-52

Financial Update

November 2020 contributions YTD: 213,295.00

November 2021 contributions YTD: 180,938.00

Thank you for your faithful support of Gethsemane through pledges and gifts of time and service. To give online, go to www.glcportland.org/give or scan our Venmo code —>

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To check out those Sunday morning worship services on Zoom, here is the invite information:

To watch on a computer: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505>

- * Click on the link highlighted or put in the following numbers – Meeting ID 814 7643 6505 , then wait in the waiting room until Jasmine lets you in.
- * **Using a telephone:** call 1 253 215 8782 (no long distance charges will apply) then put in the meeting ID 814 7643 6505 . After you have done that, you might get a prompt to hit the pound button.
- * You can also find our livestream on **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland>



GLC Calendar for December

- Wednesday December 1, Advent with the Ancestors, noon, Zoom
- Sunday December 5th, Worship, 8am and 10:30am, Sanctuary
- **Sunday, December 5th, Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:30am, Sanctuary**
- Tuesday December 7, Bible Study: Ruth, 10am, Conf. Room/Zoom
- Wednesday December 8, Advent with the Ancestors, Noon, Zoom
- Saturday December 11, Hanging of the Greens, 10am
- Sunday December 12, Worship, 8am and 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Tuesday December 14, Bible Study: Ruth, 10am, Conference Room/Zoom
- Tuesday December 14, Church Council, 7pm, Activity Room/Zoom
- Wednesday December 15, Advent with the Ancestors, Noon, Zoom
- Wednesday December 15, GLC Land/Housing Cohort, 6:30pm, Conference Room/Zoom
- Sunday December 19, Worship, 8am and 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Tuesday December 21, Bible Study: Ruth, 10am, Conference Room/Zoom
- Wednesday December 22, Advent with the Ancestors, Noon, Zoom
- Friday December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 10pm, Sanctuary
- Sunday December 26, Worship, 9:30am, Sanctuary
- Monday December 29, Office is closed for Christmas



We have no date set yet for the **Rummage Sale**, but we do have lots of rummage! Kim Stoffregen (503-351-1913) and Paulette Kelley (503-810-9559) are meeting every Wednesday morning from 10 to 12 to work on pricing, so when the time comes we'll be ahead of the game. We'd love for any help we can get. Give us a call or stop by!

Homebound

Wynn Stafford, Virginia Haacke, Harvey/Carol Steele, Carol Law, Jo Nelson.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date:

email Anna at alewis@glcportland.org or call 503-256-1835 with prayer requests or changes

Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Colleen Barnett's friends Liz and Shane and niece Tami, Lois Boro's nephew Jason, Dan Rust & Savanna, Sharon's sister Connie and niece Terri; Jim & Diane Liefeld; Hilary Hietpas's granddaughter Aliyah, Ginger Heater, Cathey Myers' neighbor Gary & his wife Jan, and Cathey's other neighbor Angelica; Jenece Scheer (Butenschoen)'s coworker Kathy; Bob Magnuson; Jan Perkins; Pastor Elizabeth's mother-in-law, Susan; Kim Stoffregen's sister-in-law, Debbie Johnson; prayers for Kay Brainard's daughter Kim as she navigates cancer treatment; Rachel Coughlin's friends Renee and Anna; Pastor's friends Laura and Jeremy Keith; all the kids ages 5-11 who are now eligible for Covid vaccination and for the peace of mind of their parents; Jenece Scheer (Butenschoen) and her husband Steve and new baby Andrew; Ken & Marilee Hansen

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Virginia Haacke; everyone who's ill with Covid

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