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From the Pastor

"But the gospel doesn't need a coalition devoted to keeping the wrong people out. It needs a family of sinners, saved by grace, committed to tearing down the walls, throwing open the doors, and shouting, "Welcome! There's bread and wine. Come eat with us and talk." This isn't a kingdom for the worthy; it's a kingdom for the hungry." — *Rachel Held Evans, Searching for Sunday*



"You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands." - Psalm 138:8

As we say farewell and Gethsemane enters another chapter in her journey, I am filled with gratitude for all that we accomplished together over the past 11 months. In this difficult time of pandemic separation, we have found ways to serve God and grow in faith together.

Your church leaders have been faithful in guiding our work. The COVID team, formed in April, prayerfully guides our public health decisions about gathering. The Transition Team, installed in July, continues to work hard, reaching out in courageous ways to discern Gethsemane's mission, vision, and call to the future. The Church Council has been faithful in thoughtfully leading us on. Reopening the building and slowly resuming our "usual" church routines has been more challenging than we imagined. **The pandemic has changed us, and we are not the same Gethsemane.** Our work together has not been easy.

Yet in the difficult times have been moments of great joy. One of my favorite worship services was our "Blessing of the Animals" Sunday on October 3, when a sparrow visited the Narthex, flying over our heads as we celebrated our feathered

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and furry companions. Bible Study on Tuesday mornings in the sunny conference room has been filled with learning, sharing and raucous laughter. Running to rescue pumpkins in the pouring rain... what an adventure! The lively discussion during our congregational party...how good to be together! What a delight to see our youth in their Advent skit about the prophet Jeremiah. How beautiful the sanctuary glowed during our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service!

Throughout this past year, we have been flexible and creative, holding our annual congregational meeting in hybrid format so that many could join on Zoom. There is now a Chromebook in the church office that anyone can use to join in Zoom meetings for bible study, council, or the GLC Land/Housing Cohort. **With courage and determination, we have discovered that we can gather in new ways that make it possible for all to participate.**

My heart has been richly blessed by the many conversations I've had with you about faith, God, and the future. We don't always agree...in fact, some of the most spirit-filled moments have come in the spaces of disagreement, as we have tried to find our way back to one another. As Rachel Held Evans says, "The church is not a group of people who believe all the same things; **the church is a group of people caught up in the same story, with Jesus at the center.**" Holding Jesus at the center means that we don't lose sight of the ways that each of us is human – messy, imperfect, and deeply beloved.

Thank you to all those who reached out to me...your emails, cards and phone calls lifted my spirit. **Thank you to all those who opened your hearts** and allowed me to pray with and for you and serve as your pastor. Our time together has made me a better spiritual leader.

I have been honest and vulnerable with you, because you created the space for me to show up as my whole self. **It was not always easy, but it was always in God's hands.** As we part, I know that we remain in God's keeping.

The Holy Spirit is alive and well at Gethsemane, and God's Spirit will not rest until all are stirred up and on fire for the gospel. God's Spirit will continue to call the hungry – not the worthy – to God's table where all can be fed. Thanks be to God!

May God bless you, Gethsemane, and keep you always in his care.

In faith and by God's grace,
Pr. Elizabeth



From the Council President

January 23rd, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

December and early January was a busy time for Kim and I. We greeted our new grandson Andrew in Montana and in all, it was wonderful but very tiring for the two of us. I usually sleep 7 to 8 hours a night, but after this trip, my first two nights back I slept 12 hours. It

was a delight to see Jenece (our daughter) and her husband Steve loving on their first child. Kim and I are both back to normal and are busy as ever. This trip was another reason why I never take for granted the love, joy and blessings that Jesus provides us as we go about our daily lives. I make it a point to thank him on a daily basis. He is so gracious all the time. I also make sure that I tell Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit how much I love them. I encourage you to do the same in your daily walk with them. I know that you are very faithful and I'm so proud to be a church family member of yours and to be able to worship with you when we are able to meet in the sanctuary or on Zoom.

We are looking forward to coming back in person for worship on the 6th of February. We will abide by the Covid guidelines that the Oregon Synod and Multnomah County share with us to keep us all safe and healthy. We will let you know soon when we will be able to come back in person for sure. I want to especially thank the Covid Team at church for the work they have put in during the last 10 months or so.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Elizabeth as she continues to recover from Covid-19. She is doing much better, and as of today she stayed home but participated online (Zoom) during worship this morning.

The Transition Team is in the process of crafting a letter that you all will be receiving soon, that talks about the work we still need to complete in order to keep our transition moving forward to call our new pastor. This is very important information that we need to discuss with all of you. We'll need your full participation and a willingness to make our church a more welcoming place through action and a true commitment to treating each other and our guests with respect and dignity. The letter will be direct and to the point because we can do better.

We have a few items that are new concerning our church council. Shar Giard has resigned as our treasurer recently. She will be missed on the council and I want to thank her for all the time and effort she spent trying to get our budget squared away. Laura Britzius has graciously accepted to take on the responsibilities of treasurer and the council voted to approve her during our council meeting



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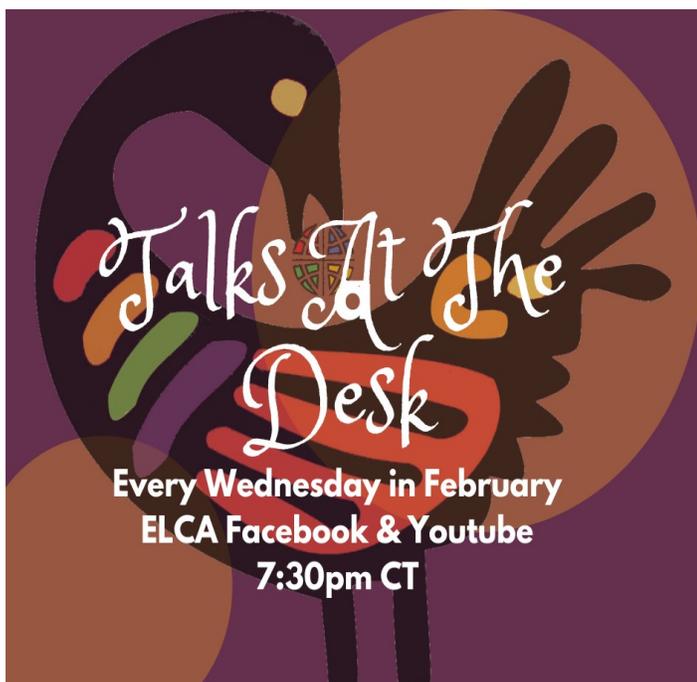
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on Tuesday January 18th. We are still looking for someone to join Patty Olson as a co-chair for the council position of Stewardship. This would help us fill one of two positions that remain unfilled currently. The other position is Fellowship. Please put this to prayer so we can get these positions filled and operating again.

As all of you know, Pastor Elizabeth's last day will be February 6th. Please either join us in person on that day or join us on Zoom to say thanks and to wish her well as she looks forward to her next adventure. She will be missed by many of us at Gethsemane.

Please continue to be faithful in honoring your pledges (offerings) to the church. You can do that by giving at services, mailing a check to the church, having your bank send a check for you, or using Venmo or Vanco online. We appreciate your generosity to keep our church in good financial shape so we can do the work of God and continue to help our community. Please stay safe, happy and healthy.

God bless,
Ernie



**Gethsemane Lutheran Church
celebrates
BLACK HISTORY/FUTURES MONTH**

*"There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."
~ Galatians 3:28*

February is celebrated across the nation as Black/African-American History Month, a time to intentionally celebrate vibrant Black culture and dream new futures for Black children. We remember that to love our neighbor, we must first gain understanding and build healthy relationships.

African Descent Ministries of the ELCA is celebrating Black History Month with Talks at the Desk, a new series that will explore diverse expressions of the church.

Join each Wednesday in February at 5:30pm Pacific time to hear youth, young adults, rostered leaders, elders and friends of our communities share their own sacred stories. Watch on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLnTx2easVs> or visit <https://www.facebook.com/elcaadm>.



Please check your mailbox for an important letter from the GLC Transition Team, outlining the next steps we need to take to continue with the eventual call of a new pastor. We have begun working on our Ministry Site Profile, but need to address some critical issues before we can submit our profile, form a Call Committee, and interview candidates for the settled position.

Your participation is very important! Return the enclosed survey (or fill it out online at <https://tinyurl.com/glc-2022>) **by February 4th.**

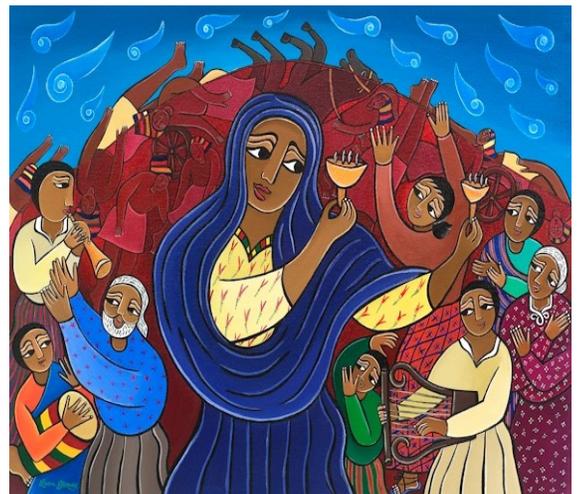
Tuesday Morning Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY continues to gather on Tuesday mornings at 10am on Zoom. You are welcome to use the Chromebook in the church conference room (please sign in and wear a mask). We will resume gathering in person once approved by the COVID team.

We continue our study of Women in the Hebrew Bible during Epiphany, learning about Miriam, Hagar, Sarah, Lot's wife and Rizpah. Pastor Elizabeth will launch the study on Tuesday, February 1st. For the rest of the month, you are welcome to continue in self-study or join the group online, hosted by Jasmine, on Tuesday mornings to discuss. **A study guide will be provided by email; contact the church office for a hard copy.**

Our bible study for this season was developed by Karl Anliker, seminarian at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and debuted at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hinsdale, IL. See <https://vimeo.com/482739499> to learn more.



Gethsemane Youth Happenings

*"Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of our Abba God, is this:
coming to the aid of widows and orphans when they are in need,
and keeping oneself uncontaminated by this world." ~ James 1:27 (First Egalitarian Translation)*

Gethsemane is, and always has been, extremely fortunate to have many members within its congregation. As a small kid I didn't think much about the handful of Sunday School teachers, the plethora of VBS volunteers, or the many other active adults; I suppose I just assumed it was something all churches had and that made sense to me. I also had both of my parents at home, my grandparents, coaches, and small class sizes in my small town. Many of those Gethsemane adults are still around; still teaching Sunday School when we aren't battling COVID, still volunteering at VBS in the summers, and still singing in the choir (pre-COVID) or reading during worship.

Our #GethsemaneYouth are fortunate to have so many active adults in their lives. Many youth in our community are not as fortunate as myself growing up, or many of the youth in our congregation. Two working parents (same shifts, opposite shifts), single parents, parents working multiple jobs, parents who cannot afford extracurriculars, students who care for younger siblings because there is no daycare, students who care for themselves because there is no daycare, crowded classrooms, distance learning, too many students and not enough extracurriculars...the list is exhausting.

**What if our #GethsemaneAdults took that fierceness, that boldness, and that fortune
100 steps across the street? What could that look like?**

Gethsemane has an opportunity to host an after-school classroom in partnership with the SUN Program: SUN community schools offer holistic approaches to after school programming that focus on the whole family: from nutrition to mental health, school readiness to fun and activity! For the Spring semester SUN classroom hosted by Gethsemane Lutheran, I would like to see a cohort of 6-7 volunteers. This would alleviate anyone feeling required to be onsite every day. The classroom is kept open from 3:30-5:15 (students must be picked up by 5:30). Our classroom will focus on math and reading games, and at the end of the semester, Gethsemane will send each child home with a book.

Gethsemane is, and always has been, extremely fortunate to have many members within its congregation. We have always ensured our children have books to read, help with schoolwork when they have needed it, and many school fundraisers supported. **What if we took that support across the street to our community members? What profound impact could #GLCPDX have on the Mill Park neighborhood by spending less than 10 hours a week hosting a classroom?**

If you are interested in volunteering two hours, two days, two weeks for the SUN Program partnership, please reach out! You will need to complete a background check in February (for David Douglas School District) to ensure we have everyone safe for volunteering with DDSD.

Jasmine@glcportland.org

Schools Uniting Neighborhoods

SUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Bringing the
community
TOGETHER
to support
educational
SUCCESS.

SUN Community Schools in Multnomah County are full-service neighborhood hubs where the school and partners from across the community come together to make sure kids and families have what they need to be successful - in school and in life. SUN Community Schools mobilize and strategically organize community resources to provide:

- Strong core instructional program
- Educational support and skill development for youth and adults
- Enrichment and recreation activities
- Family involvement and support
- Social, health and mental health resources
- Family and community events

At SUN Community Schools, the collective efforts of youth, parents, businesses, faith communities, libraries, and community organizations create a network of supports that ensure academic success, family self-sufficiency, and economic prosperity. SUN Community Schools are open to all ages, preschool to seniors, with a focus on students in the immediate school community.

SUN Community Schools are the school-based service delivery sites for the SUN Service System, a broader system of community-based care and support for children and their families. There are currently 85 SUN Community Schools in 6 school districts across Multnomah County. This includes 39 elementary, 17 middle, 20 K-8, and 9 high schools.

"I can't imagine going to a school where there's not the kind of community-building and family support that SUN has provided our family."

- SUN Community School Parent



www.sunschools.org



SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County, the City of Portland, nonprofits and local school districts.





Happy 99th Birthday, Becky Keiper!

Becky and her family wanted to share this adorable photo taken in the Gethsemane sanctuary just before Becky's 99th birthday in December. What a fantastic group!

Worship Committee

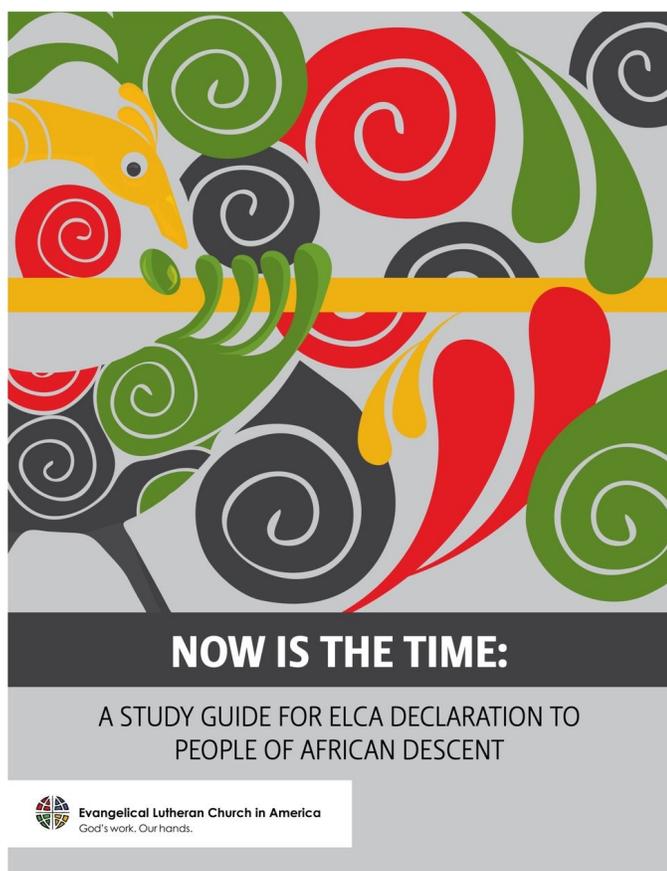
- **Worship Volunteer Position Descriptions:** These are available online on the sign up pages located at <https://signup.com/Group/1125944192029/>, are posted in the Narthex, or can be requested from Anna in the Office.



NOW IS THE TIME

On June 27, 2019, the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopted the following declaration as a statement addressed to people of African descent: "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) apologizes to people of African descent for its historical complicity in slavery and its enduring legacy of racism in the United States and globally. We lament the white church's failure to work for the abolition of slavery and the perpetuation of racism in this church. We confess, repent and repudiate the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice." The declaration says:

- The ELCA teaches that racism is sin and that racism denies the reconciling work of the cross.



- The ELCA trusts that repentance begins and ends with the work of a gracious God.
- Beyond empty promises or well-meaning intentions, this church recommits to the work of racial justice, socioeconomic equity, and racial reconciliation.

"Now Is the Time: A Study Guide for ELCA Declaration to People of African Descent" is available to help congregations wrestle with the meaning of the declaration. The five-part study resource, with a guide and participant materials, is available at elca.org/Resources/Racial-Justice. Direct PDF links to the Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent are here: [Document](#), [Study Guide](#) and [Participant Materials](#).

#RealTalk

What does it mean to LOVE one another? What are some ways that we can courageously tell the truth without doing harm? Here are some tips from the authors of "[Radical Candor](#)":

Asking for feedback is the best way to create an environment of trust:

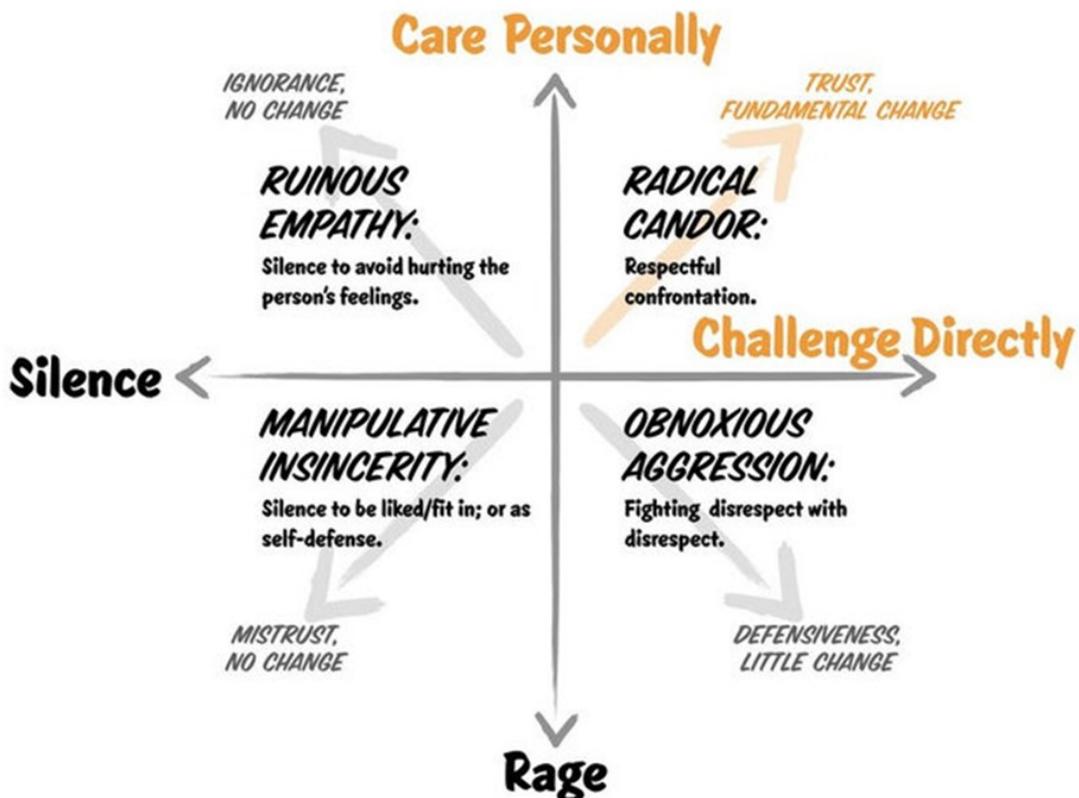
- Ask a go-to question that invites engagement
- Wait (5+ seconds)! Embrace the discomfort!
- Listen with the intent to understand. Don't get defensive.

Giving feedback:

- Don't let your discomfort stop you from sharing what's working and what could be better.
- Be humble: your goal is shared understanding.
- Offer **Specific** and **Sincere** praise in public
- Offer **Kind** and **Clear** criticism in private

Responding: Pay attention to the other person's reaction. Respond accordingly.

- Met with a strong emotion (sad/angry)? Acknowledge the emotion, and avoid the temptation to back off.
- Not sure if you're being heard? Check to see if you're understanding their reaction.
- Getting a brush-off? Let them know that you're not feeling heard, and that this is important.



Commemoration of Saint Valentine, Martyr February 14

The origins of Valentine's day reach back to the third century. The name Valentine means "worthy," and so it is not surprising that there has been more than one individual with the name. Indeed a number of them have figured prominently in Church history. However, some archeological evidence has been found to confirm the main points of his story (though some details might be embellished)!

Valentine was a physician and priest living in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius II (268-270 AD).

At this time it was still illegal to be a Christian or help them. Claudius wanted to restore the glory of Rome. He felt restoring the army was vital in this effort. However he didn't want to draft anyone, so he was going to have an all volunteer army. In this effort, he discovered that unmarried men were more likely to join than married men. So...he made it illegal for people to get married. Many young couples were understandably upset.

Valentine was a Christian priest. He married people, even though it was against the law. (Hence the romantic connections with Valentine we celebrate today.) Valentine was caught in the act of marrying a Christian couple, arrested, and eventually beheaded in 270 AD. The Early Church commemorated the day of his martyrdom (which was February 14).

Tradition holds that, on the day of his execution, Valentine left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer written on an irregularly shaped piece of paper. He signed it "From your Valentine." This greeting became a pattern for millions of written expressions of love and caring that now are the highlight of Valentine's Day in many nations.

Valentine's love flowed from his faith in Christ. His actions in marrying people flowed from his faith in Christ. Perhaps the best way we can honor the memory of Valentine is for the love of Christ to flow through us as well.

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, You granted boldness to resist the decrees of empire to the holy martyr Valentine. Grant to us, Your humble servants, boldness to embody Your love in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.





LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We need soap, nail clippers, and toothbrushes for Lutheran World Relief!

Due to Covid, we have not donated the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief since May of 2019. We have normally donated the school kits each fall and personal care kits in the spring. I recently inventoried our supplies and found what we needed to complete the personal care kits. We have 160 towels already, so I would like to set a goal of 160 kits, ready to ship out to the depot in early May.

In addition to the towels, we have plenty of combs. But we could use the following:

- * **154 Bars of Bath Size Soap, any brand in its original wrapping** (2 bars go in each kit)
- * **20 Metal Nail Clippers** (attached file is optional)
- * **80 Adult Size Toothbrushes** (in original packaging)

A tub in the narthex is labeled for Lutheran World Relief. I check it periodically and add the donations to our existing supplies.

We will need to have the supplies by the latter part of April in order to put the kits together and box for shipment.

Fun trivia—in May 2018, we shipped out 71 Personal Care Kits and in May 2019, we shipped out 110 Personal Care Kits. Let's see if we can make 160 kits this year and help make up for those lost years.

We help out our neighbors around the world and share God's love through this project!

Karla Hills





The **American Red Cross** is facing a national blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in over a decade – posing a concerning risk to patient care. Doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who needs to wait until more products become available. Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments. If you are able, [please schedule your blood donation today](#). Give blood by January 31 and automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVI in LA, PLUS a chance at a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. You can read about the crisis in Oregon [here](#).



St. Timothy Food Pantry

at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
14500 SE Powell

Monday-Thursday

10am-1pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

No ID required

MASKS REQUIRED

Notes

- * 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 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.



The GLC Church Office is open on **Monday and 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 Monday afternoons 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, we are likely in a meeting. Please leave a message and we will return your call promptly!



February Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

Roger & Roberta Vidlund 2/4
 Brian & Paulette Kelley 2/24

Birthdays

Christine Wong	2/2	Kim Stoffregen	2/20
Priscilla Nelson	2/3	Jeri Dayton	2/21
Lyle Johnson	2/7	Dru Natasia	2/23
Mary Starmont	2/11	Denise Johnson	2/26
Lois Boro	2/16		
Brandee Leibrand	2/18		

February Lectionary

Sun. Feb. 6 — 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8[9-13]
 Psalm 138 (2)
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Luke 5:1-11

Sun. Feb. 13 — 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Psalm 1 (3)
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 Luke 6:17-26

Sun. Feb. 20 — 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 43:3-11, 15
 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (11)
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
 Luke 6:27-38

Sun. Feb 27 — Transfiguration of Our Lord/ Last Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35
 Psalm 99 (9)
 2 Corinthians 3:12 — 4:2
 Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

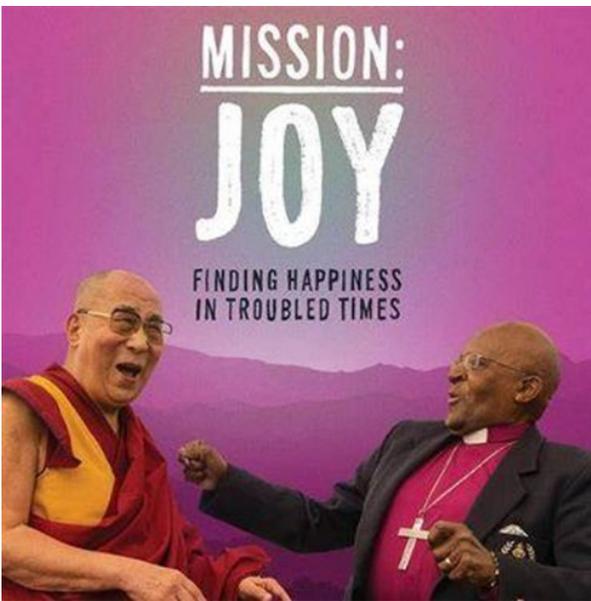
Financial Update

January 2021 contributions YTD: 16,091.21

January 2022 contributions YTD: 12,827.86 (only through 1/23/22)

Thank you for your faithful support of Gethsemane through pledges and gifts of time and service. Contributions can be mailed, handed to Anna during office hours, or dropped off in the locked mailbox (checked often). Many credit unions and banks will automatically mail checks at your request. To give online, go to www.glcportland.org/give or scan our Venmo code —>

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Celebrate Archbishop Tutu's life and legacy with *Mission: JOY*.

ELCA members are invited to watch *Mission: JOY*, a new documentary on the historic five-day meeting between two of the world's most consequential spiritual leaders — His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

You can watch the documentary **free of charge** anytime between Tuesday, Feb. 1st and Saturday, Feb. 28th. Register anytime at <https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/elca-missionjoy> to receive the link to watch later. Thank you to our colleagues at The Episcopal Church and Roco Films for this opportunity!

To check out those 9:30 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 February

- **Tuesday, February 1st, Bible Study, 10am, Zoom**
- **Sunday, February 6th, Worship, 9:30am, Pr. Elizabeth's last Sunday**
- **Tuesday, February 8th, Bible Study, 10am**
- **Sunday, February 13th, Worship, 9:30am**
- **Tuesday, February 15th, Bible Study, 10am**
- **Tuesday, February 15th, Church Council, 7pm**

- **Sunday, February 20th, Worship, 9:30am**
- **Tuesday, February 22nd, Bible Study, 10am**
- **Wednesday, February 23rd, GLC Land/Housing Cohort, 6:30pm, Zoom**
- **Sunday, February 27th, Worship, 9:30am**
- **Tuesday, March 1, Bible Study, 10am**
- **Wednesday, March 2nd, Ash Wednesday; Lent begins**

Reminder!
While visiting the church building and grounds,
please remember to close doors behind you
and ensure they stay locked.
Thank you!



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, 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; Jenece Scheer (Butenschoen)'s coworker Kathy; Bob Magnuson; Jan Perkins; Kim Stoffregen's sister-in-law, Debbie Johnson; Kay Brainard's daughter Kim as she navigates cancer treatment; Rachel Coughlin's friends Renee and Anna; Jenece Scheer (Butenschoen) and her husband Steve and new baby Andrew; Ken & Marilee Hansen; Roseann Libonati; Jared Tadina; Jude Rykken's brother Mark and his family; Bob & Jo Ann Larson's friend Sharon Harrison and her family; Jo Nelson's daughter Laurie; Jeri Dayton's brother-in-law Ron and his wife Pat; Shirley Stoffregen

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



We remember with gratitude the life of long-time member and dear friend **Harvey Steele**. Harvey passed away on January 22, 2022. The family is planning a memorial service to be held soon; please watch email or call the church office for details. Please keep Carol, their sons Chris and Jonathan, and family in your prayers. Cards of condolence may be sent to Carol Steele c/o Powell Valley Assisted Living, 4001 SE 182nd Ave #125, Gresham, OR 97030.

"O God of grace and glory, we remember before you our brother, Harvey Steele. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord, Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord." — Amen

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