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GETHESEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters  
in Christ,

In February of this  
year, I was reminded  
of just how much

things have changed in Portland over the past few decades. I moved away from Portland in the summer of 2005, and the city I left was very different than the one that I had now returned to. Over the past 17 years I had visited the Portland area many times, often two or three times a year, but when visiting I wasn't able to fully comprehend just how much the area was changing. As I was growing up in the Willamette Valley I recognized the various changes that were occurring as Oregon's population grew, which attracted new industries to move in, and how technology gradually changed the way we lived. Yet nothing prepared me for just how different things were when we moved back here after being gone for so long.

It was a stark reminder that the world is changing, because not only had things changed here, but things were also changing in Madison, WI where we had just



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moved from, and I was getting continuous reports and essays regarding just how much the ELCA and other churches had changed and was changing. When we look out and see all the changes around us, it's easy for us to blame it upon the pandemic; yet when we look back, we can see that many of the changes that we are experiencing now were present before the pandemic. It's just that the events of the last couple of years have accelerated things that were already in motion, particularly around technology, human behavioral patterns, and how we process and disseminate information. While I may not be able to fully comprehend what the long term effects of this social change are, I have done a little bit of research on churches and their historical patterns.

In 2012, Phyllis Tickle published "The Great Emergence", a book about how the church is changing. The thesis of this seminal work is centered around the idea that about every five hundred years, the church goes through a foundational shift and we can see this throughout the history of the Christian church. It was around 500CE that the Constantine made the Christian church the official church of Rome, forever changing its place from a once minority faith in the Roman empire to the dominant faith in Western Civilization. Around 1000CE, the Western Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church officially split, creating two distinct branches of Christianity. Around 1500CE, we have the Protestant Reformation which set up the wildly divided Christian church that we live in today. In 2012, Phyllis Tickle recognized that the Christian Church was changing and that the Church our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents had grown up in was quickly fading away and something else was growing up in its place.

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Churches no longer hold that central spot in the community that they once held as recently as 20 years ago. Yet this does not mean that the church is dying, yes in general churches are losing members, but what we are also seeing is that those who are attracted to churches are far more dedicated to their faith and are not just there because society expects them to there. Denominational lines are also starting to gradually break down as more and more churches are deciding to share communion and pastors with each other. Unfortunately, what we are also seeing is a division growing along political lines with churches allying themselves with the left or the right as more and more social issues are turning into political issues.

Today we are seeing a trend amongst most people under the age of 40 that provides a lot of hope moving forward. Most people in this demographic have a strong pull to be part of something that they know makes a difference, and are more dedicated to community service than previous generations. This trend is something that churches can help facilitate since we preach a Gospel that helps remind people that they are part of something bigger; now we just need to make sure that our actions back up our words. We live in a world where words are everywhere, in order to inspire people we must also continue to put those words into action, and to find new ways to serve our neighbors.

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Join us for Bible Study on **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am!** In person in the Conference Room and on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83076176257> Meeting ID: 830 7617 6257. We're currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

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Gethsemane has been through a lot these past few years, and I wish I could tell you that all your troubles are over and that everything moving forward is going to be absolutely perfect and everyone is going to be perfectly happy. What I can say is that I see a community on the cusp of what could be a great new chapter in the life of a truly dynamic and loving community. The people I have met here over these past several months are gifted in many different and amazing ways, and you have at your disposal a building that can be used in many different ways to promote and forward God's love amongst the people here in East Portland and beyond. What you choose to do with these amazing gifts and this wonderful space is up to you and I challenge you to continue stepping out of your comfort zone in order to discover where God is leading you next. Things may not be as they once were, but that does not mean that the future is something to fear, it just means that God has new and wonderful things in store for this beautiful and dynamic community.

Thank you so much for welcoming my family and I into your community here at Gethsemane for these past seven months. Going through a transition is not always comfortable, yet it is important and I believe that the community here at Gethsemane is in a really good place moving forward.

Peace and Blessings  
Pastor Robert Neubert



From the Council President

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

I was very encouraged to see the good turn out of people at Pastor Robert's last Sunday service this past weekend. He

has been outstanding in his role as an interim pastor. He led services very well and his bible study classes were top notch. He is now on to his next church in Oregon City to help them transition as he has helped us. He had just the perfect demeanor to lead us through all of the tasks that needed to be attended to at our church. I love the covenant that we have now included in our bulletin for our Sunday services. I think it's great that we make a commitment to each other to read our new covenant out loud during our service and truly live it out at Gethsemane to show that we are in this together. Pastor Robert and his family will truly be missed but we know that another congregation will be blessed to have him in their presence. I want to thank the quilters for making quilts that we can give as gifts like this past Sunday to Pastor Robert. He seemed very happy to receive it and I'm sure that all of you that brought cards to send him home with, were well received. I have talked with Pastor Melissa from the synod, and she has told me that we will be provided with a guest pastor until our new pastor is called. We are also blessed to have Dick Bemrose and Mary Karter as SALMs to fill in when needed. I do know that Gabe and the rest of the Call Committee members will be meeting with Pastor Melissa this last week of September and will have an update soon, to let us know how things are progressing.



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I really appreciate those of you that sign up to participate during our services (Cantors, Readers, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Alter Guild Preparers and those of you who share your musical talents). If you would be interested in helping do one of these tasks, see Gloria or me so we can get you involved.

Our staff is outstanding and they work hard behind the scenes to do their jobs. Thank You so much for all that you do. Your work ethic and commitment to our church does not go unnoticed.

Thanks go out to all of you that work hard in keeping our church clean inside and out. There is a lot to do, but you have continued to keep after it and it shows. I will start to do my part by painting more of our parking stripes and trim the bigger bushes that badly need it.

This past Sunday, we have asked anyone that has keys to the outside doors of the building to make sure to check carefully that you have locked the doors before you leave and walk to your cars. We have had attempts by people who are trying to gain access into our building and in some cases, they are using tools to try to pry them open to get in. The toughest doors are in the old part of the church exiting to the South that has a tricky thumb latch. Please make sure that when you leave that area, you first make sure the latch is all the way in the up position, and then test it to make sure the door is secure. We will do our best to monitor this door problem and if needed we will take more secure steps to solve this issue.

We are starting to make contact with Cultivate Initiatives that do support work in East Portland. Gabe and Jasmine are our main contacts with them.

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They will be bringing a large trailer that a worker will be staying in. It will have office and living space for the worker, and a shower section that people in our community will be able to use. They will watch our church grounds and make sure that overnight campers will not be an issue. It will be parked on the Southeast side of our parking lot, very close to 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We think this will work out well and serve our community in a positive way. Gabe, Jasmine and I will keep you up to date on how this project is progressing.

Thanks so much for all that you do as members. You are a blessing to me and Kim, and I really enjoy worshipping with you on a weekly basis.

God Bless all of you,  
Ernie

**Join our 9:30 Sunday morning  
worship services on Zoom!**



- **On a computer:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505> Click on the link or enter the following numbers – Meeting ID 814 7643 6505, then wait in the waiting room until Jasmine lets you in.
- \* **On a phone:** call 1 253 215 8782 (no long distance charges will apply) and enter the meeting ID 814 7643 6505. You might get a prompt to hit the pound button.
- \* Find our **livestream on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland>

## Journey of the Call Committee

WOW, what great progress we have been making at the meetings we have had so far on our journey!!! During these meetings we have been gaining understanding in our Ministry Site Profile, pastoral leadership skills, and companionship in our fellow congregation members.

Our members have participated on every level ranging from showing hospitality by hosting at their house and providing delicious snacks, sharing research material on leadership and skills accompanied by scripture, to participating in conversation during meetings, and sharing in responsibilities accomplishing tasks. I cannot list everything here, otherwise there would be no room for anyone else to post an article. They have been tremendously wonderful in all aspects!

Our Ministry Site Profile has been live within the Synod for pastors to review for over a month now, which leads us to our next step. Our meeting with Pastor Melissa gives us direction on how to proceed through the rest of the process on selecting the pastor that best fits our church. We will move more aggressively with diligence through the call process with the guidance received. This should put us on track to start interviewing pastors very soon! As long as we believe in the process and give our due diligence every step along the way, God will deliver unto us exactly who we need.

We do not know how long this work will take for us to complete nor do we uphold an expectation to get this work done by a certain time. Only that



# PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

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our due diligence will ensure that the job will get done correctly. So, please have faith in the work we are putting into this call process and pray for guidance for us.

Thank you,  
Gabriel  
Call Committee Lead





**First**, I want to take a minute to thank our **AV team, Kevin, Gabe and Rod** for all of their work to bring our weekly church service to those on Zoom and Facebook. In response to a request from some members at home, they have started putting all of the congregational response parts on screen. I appreciate all the extra time and effort they have made to make the worship service easier to follow and participate in online.

**Second**, thanks to Brooke for his continued gift of music to enhance our worship. I hope you all noticed last week that Brooke has started playing a few minutes of quiet, contemplative music to help us transition from a sharing of the peace back into a worship space in preparation for Communion.

**Third**, I want to call your attention to the Altar Guild column for Worship Assistants. The Worship Committee has decided to try having people sign up for Altar Guild the same way we sign up for other Worship positions. That way, volunteers can sign up for an entire month or for individual weeks. We hope this will give people more flexibility in their scheduling. The sign-up link for all Worship positions is <https://signup.com/go/bDYAHDh>. Contact me if you need help signing up.

**Finally**, at our last Worship meeting, we discussed the question some council members have fielded regarding when we will return to two services. Last Advent, when we did a trial of 2 services, we found that the total number of in-person attendees was comparable to the total numbers at one service. In a survey we sent out afterwards, the majority of respondents indicated a preference to stay at one service. I know many would like

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church to go back to “normal”, the way things used to be, but the reality is that we are not in “normal” circumstances right now. If you look at the list of worship assistants each month, I’m sure you notice that it is difficult, currently, to fill positions to serve at our one service, and you also probably notice it is the same faithful few who sign up to serve every month. I worry about burning out these volunteers by asking them to shoulder twice as much work. We have gone from 12 cantors to 5, as just one example. Other positions have seen a similar decline in volunteers. Many people who served in the past are no longer physically able to serve, so we need to encourage a new group of volunteers. Thank you to Jasmine for organizing our youth to serve the third Sunday each month as Worship Assistants. Hopefully, all of us will prayerfully consider how we can serve in support of Gethsemane worship. Please feel free to contact me with any Worship questions or concerns you may have.

Gloria Kelsay

### Worship Assistants for October

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Usher/s</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>Oct. 2</b>	Joni Pokorny	Roseann Libonati	Rod Hills	Liz Blohm	
<b>Oct. 9</b>		Mary Curtis		Mary Curtis	
<b>Oct. 16</b>	Jay Rector	Youth	Laura Britzius	Youth	
<b>Oct. 23</b>	Gloria Kelsay	Barbie Tew			
<b>Oct. 30</b>		Gloria Kelsay		Gloria Kelsay	

## Join us for LOL!

**Lutheran Out Loud (LOL)** is a group for youth ages 4-18 to come together and celebrate being Lutheran, together! This group is open to any youth age 4-18 who is interested in celebrating Lutheranism with us. Much of the content for LOL will be studying Lutheran theology, learning more about Martin Luther, and what it means to be a church always reforming.

We will provide snacks, crafts, opportunities for moving and singing together on one Saturday afternoon a month. The 2nd Saturday monthly LOL will meet at rotating church spaces. In October, we will meet at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on October 8th, from 11-2pm.

If you are interested in joining us, have questions, or would like more information please reach out to [jasmine@glcportland.org](mailto:jasmine@glcportland.org).





To the people of Gethsemane Lutheran Church,

As we continue partnering and working together, we'd like to formally introduce **Cultivate Initiatives (CI)** to you all. At our core, CI is a group of people who envision communities that are safe, supportive, and full of opportunity. Our mission is to collectively work alongside those on the margins to empower individuals and communities through an inclusive range of services and support in East Portland.

We started as a group of people on 122nd Avenue choosing to welcome a new veterans shelter. Over time, our group of housed and unhoused neighbors has developed into a nonprofit organization that provides support and services in workforce development, housing and sheltering, and community health.

Some of our notable experiences include assisting 72 people into secure housing in the last three months, removing over 600,000 pounds of garbage in East Portland, currently employing 15 people with recent experiences of houselessness or other employment barriers, and mobilizing our shower trucks five days per week to bring showers, hygiene materials, and health services to our neighbors.

Partnering with GLC has already been an overwhelmingly positive experience. It's inspiring to see GLC's eagerness to be a place that is for the community—from the space being utilized by the neighborhood association, to

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hosting our mobile shower and hygiene team, to resource fairs, and all other ways you all partner with the community—and we're thrilled to discuss partnering further.

We are hoping to partner with GLC to use part of your lot to park our new shower trailer. Due to the size of the trailer, it does not fit in our parking lot, which means we are unable to use it to provide services. In our proposal, the trailer will be moved often throughout the days, but kept on-site at GLC. It also has living quarters, which will provide a built-in measure of security.

We do not want this to be a one-sided partnership. CI is able to offer a presence from our Property Stewardship and Development team that can do landscaping and repairs, garbage removal from our Community Beautification team, and are open to other discussions as well.

We hope this is a mutually beneficial relationship, and we look forward to working with you.

Caleb Coder and Matt McCarl  
Cultivate Initiatives



## Gethsemane Youth Happenings

October is Reformation Month! In Sunday School we spend the entire month discussing Martin Luther, the Reformation Movement, first Lutherans, and where we stand today. This year is a little extra exciting because the youth have spent the last three Octobers studying Martin Luther and have not yet been able to share back with the congregation what they have learned. This year, the youth will each have the opportunity to spend one or two minutes sharing their favorite part of what they've learned about Martin Luther on Reformation Sunday.



As adults, we find ourselves wearing red on Reformation Sunday - singing "A Mighty Fortress" - and remembering Martin Luther was struck by lightning (maybe). After confirmation classes we don't pay much attention to Martin Luther or what and why he is still discussed 505 years later.

Martin Luther took a stand against "buying indulgences" - an opinion that was not at all popular, and landed Luther being labeled a 'heretic'. ***A heretic: a person who chooses to believe or opine contrary to orthodox religious (especially Christian) doctrine.***

In *"If God Still Breathes, Why Can't I"*, Dr. Angela Parker draws from her perspective as a Womanist New Testament scholar. Dr. Parker describes how she learned to deconstruct one of White Christianity's most pernicious lies: the conflation of biblical authority with the doctrines of inerrancy and infallibility. Dr. Parker shows that these doctrines are less about what the Bible says, and more about those responsible for its interpretation - historically, White males in positions of power.

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Dr. Parker makes the case that this oppressive use of the Bible has been suffocating. To learn to breathe again, she says, we must “let God breathe in us.” Dr. Parker states that we must trust and remember that as long as God still breathes, we can too.

In a foreword for the book, Lisa Sharon Harper asks of us Lutherans; what do we reform next? Where is our energy as Lutherans? Reformers! It has been 505 years since Luther hung his theses on the door of the church and denounced the practice of selling indulgences. In these last five centuries I wonder what we have missed reforming along the way. What can we lift up and say “here we stand - and we can do no other”?

A couple of years ago I hung red paper over the doors and asked each of you to contribute your own thesis statement for what you would have reformed. There were some great answers! So, I ask again; what is your thesis statement? If you could add the 96th thesis statement what would it say? What would it change? Can it wait another 500 years? 100?

Martin Luther hung his theses on a church door not expecting very much to come of it, and yet when word spread of this heretic sharing Good News with no payment required - a movement occurred. The social hierarchy was challenged. Riots broke out. And here we are 505 years later still celebrating Reformation Sunday.

How can we live up to our Lutheran reformer roots? I wonder; what reforms is Gethsemane willing to get involved with? Individual members? I would love to hear your ideas....**while we wear red on Reformation Sunday!**

-Jasmine CYFM@GLCPDX

## From the Community Engagement Team

Great success we had at our Community Resource Fair!!! We had many families from the surrounding community stop by the church and engaged with our booths we had set up. Our youth gave away loads of free stuff to all the kids that stopped by while engaging in conversation about the effects of climate change. We had the synod emergency preparedness team giving away all sorts of free fun goodies. Our volunteers came from within the congregation and from the community. Huge shout out to Sharon M, Christian P, Jasmine S, Stephanie K, KC M, Micah M, Pastor Robert, Ellory N. Thank you all for your work and efforts!!!



Next on our agenda is how can we support Family Promise in their mission in getting families off the streets and into stable housing. Their mission puts them in that transitional housing step between the streets and stable housing. This program is the evolved form of Day Break. So, can Gethsemane be a host congregation that provides the facility where families can sleep one week at a time, four times a year? Or can Gethsemane be a support congregation that provides volunteers, monetary funds, food for a host congregation? Let us get the conversation going at church. Please keep an eye out in the bulletin for announcements about future meetings!!

Thank you,  
Gabriel, Community Action & Outreach Chair

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**The COATS FOR KIDS coat drive is here!** I made visits to just about all the grade schools and elementary schools in David Douglas School District this past week. These visits are, one, to find out if the schools are in need of coats and two, what sizes are needed.

So far so good with the exception of a couple of schools who do not need coats. Next going to a few schools in Centennial to see what their needs are. Then to Parkrose. And Reynolds.

I am excited to announce that GLC will have a day in late October where parents, guardians can bring in their children to pick out a brand new coat - thanks to all the wonderful donations. This is scheduled for **October 22nd from noon to 3 pm**. I will need volunteers to help so please contact me if you can help.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO MY BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER FOR THE COAT DRIVE IN JUNE! Gethsemane received the funds of \$1100! My friends are a blessing and made my birthday joyous! In addition my local union donate \$1000. The members of Gethsemane donate graciously with beautiful coats and/or monetary donations in years past, so we are open for more donations and/or monetary gifts. And of course, thank you to our wonderful friend Mark Pierce who has generously donate brand new coats year after year!

Costco has a great sale going on, and Zulily is a great online place to purchase coats for \$16.99. There is still time to give. Message me if you have questions. [Patiomygosh@aol.com](mailto:Patiomygosh@aol.com) or 503-309-6855.

Thank you and joyous Blessings for this wonderful mission.  
Patty Olson

## **Gethsemane Vision and Mission**

We are forgiven and called by God to proclaim the Good News of Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our mission is to serve both the physical and spiritual needs of all people in our changing society. We welcome all races, abilities, genders, and sexual orientations.

## **Community Covenant**

In recognition of God's greatest commandment, we will love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. In that same spirit, we make this covenant:

- We will welcome all people with our hearts, actions, and words.
- We will talk with each other, not at each other.
- We will listen to each other, not for fault but for understanding.
- We will express our concerns and issues directly with those involved, rather than with others.
- We will support our pastor and staff and honor their efforts among us.
- We will seek to discover what is best for our Church as a whole, not what may be best for us individually or as a small group.
- We will pray with each other and for each other

## Notes

- \* Please check that the exterior doors are **closed and latched** before you leave.
- \* Do you know someone in need of food pantry resources? **Oregon Food Bank's "Food Finder"** ([foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org](http://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 summer needs** include the following: baby formula, hearty canned soup / chili / stews, gallon zip-top bags, canned fruits & vegetables, canned tuna, children's pants in kids sizes 6x-14, new socks (all sizes), new underwear (all sizes), gently-used shoes labeled with size on the toe with tape (this helps so much!), cans & bottles with deposit (rinsed please!) The donation drive-through is open Monday-Friday between 9 am - 3 pm at 17788 SE Pine Street. You can also visit [SnowCap.org](http://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.**
- \* 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](mailto: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.
- \* **Participation in Thrivent Choice® & Thrivent Action Teams makes a difference!** Thrivent clients with membership have unique opportunities to help support Vacation Bible School and the ministry of planting seeds of faith! Consider making a [personal donation](#), leading a [Thrivent Action Team](#), or [directing Thrivent Choice Dollars®](#). Go to [Thrivent.com/generosity](http://Thrivent.com/generosity) to learn more.

# The Lutheran Choral Association Returns with a Limited Concert Season



Lutheran Choral is a multi-denominational choir performing old and new sacred music in a variety of styles.

**Director:** Sue Thompson Armentrout

**Accompanist:** Karl Jurisons

**September 18, 2022 - 4 pm**  
*St. Stephen Lutheran Church*  
290 W. Gloucester Street  
Gladstone, OR 97027

**October 2, 2022 - 4 pm**  
*Peace Lutheran Church*  
2201 N Rosa Parks Way  
Portland, Oregon 97217

**September 25, 2022 - 4 pm**  
*Forest Grove United Church of Christ*  
2032 College Way  
Forest Grove, Oregon 97116

**January 8, 2023 - 4 pm**  
*Peace Lutheran Church*  
2201 N Rosa Parks Way  
Portland, Oregon 97217

No Charge—Offering Taken



## October Lectionary

### **Sun. Oct. 2 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Psalm 37:1-9 (5)  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### **Sun. Oct. 9 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
Psalm 111 (1)  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### **Sun. Oct. 16 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121 (2)  
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### **Sun. Oct. 23 — 20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
Psalm 84:1-7 (5)  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

### **Sun. Oct. 30 — Reformation Sunday!**

Isaiah 1:10-18  
Psalm 32:1-7 (6)  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

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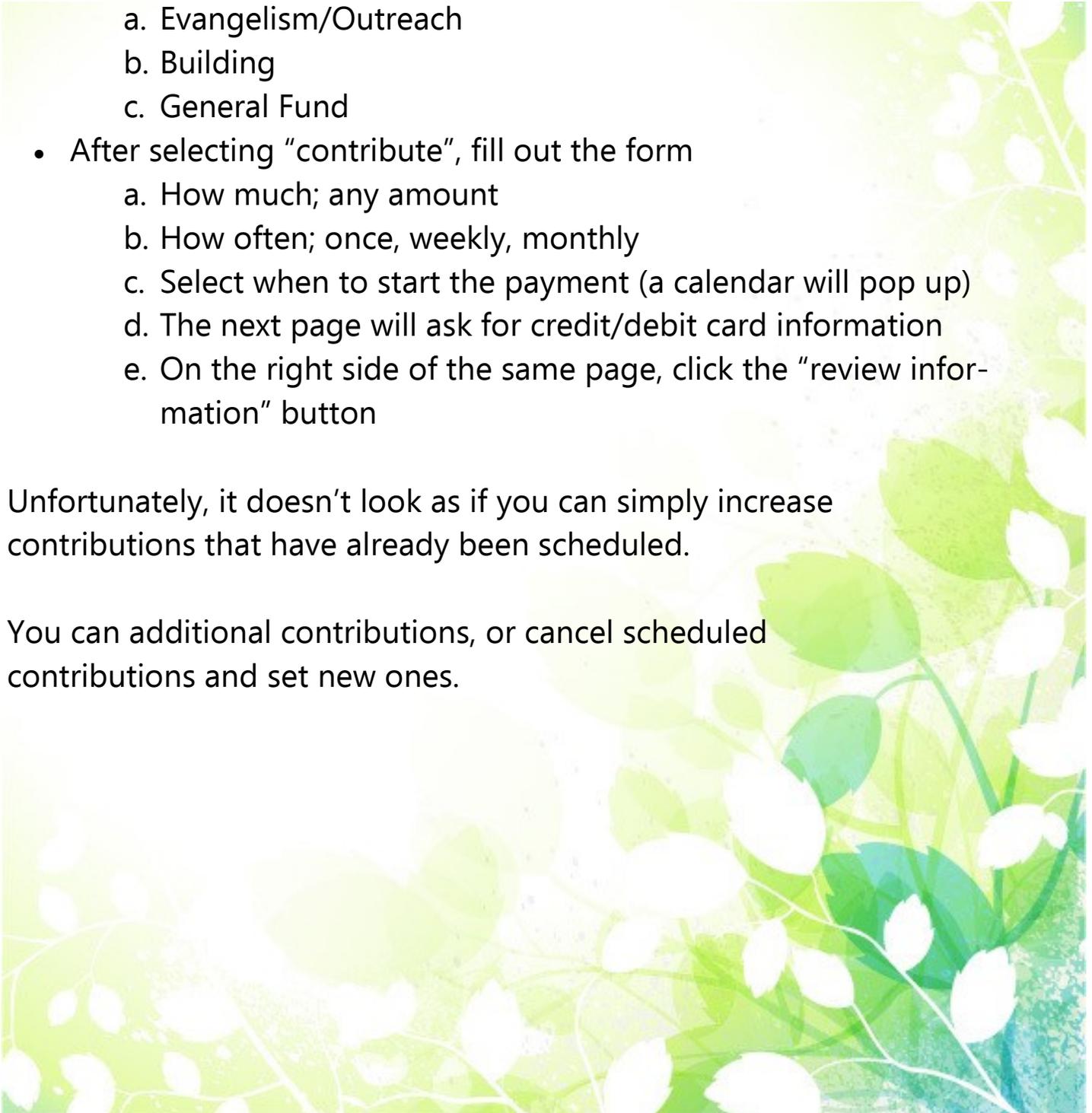
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Unfortunately, it doesn't look as if you can simply increase contributions that have already been scheduled.

You can add additional contributions, or cancel scheduled contributions and set new ones.



## GLC Calendar for October

- **Sunday, Oct. 2nd: Worship, 9:30am**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 4th: Bible Study, 10:00 am**
- **Saturday, Oct. 8th: Lutheran Out Loud!  
11:00 am**
- **Sunday, Oct. 9th: Worship, 9:30 am**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 11th: Bible Study, 10:00 am**
- **Sunday, Oct. 16th: Youth Sunday! Worship, 9:30 am**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 18th: Bible Study, 10:00 am**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 18th: Church Council, 7:00 pm**
- **Sunday, Oct. 23rd: Worship, 9:30am**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 25th: Bible Study, 10:00 am**
- **Sunday, Oct. 30th: Worship, 9:30am**



## Congregational Meeting



Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held December 4 after worship. Please plan to attend, as we will be voting in new council members and nominating committee chairs. We welcome your help in guiding GLC into the future!



### October Anniversaries

Dick & Diane Bemrose 10/1  
Gretchen & Ted Goodall 10/20

### October Birthdays

Liz Smith	10/2	Rod Hills	10/17
Kraig Fletcher	10/3	Todd Sloan	10/17
Al Marsh	10/3	Anne van Horn	10/18
Jacque Williamson	10/3	Abigail Hills	10/19
Liz Blohm	10/4	Shirla Rapp	10/20
Dale van Horn	10/5	Colleen Barnett	10/22
Oliver Smith	10/6	Christina Riehl	10/23
Kate Lowe	10/7		
Nancy Carpenter	10/14		

## Financial Update

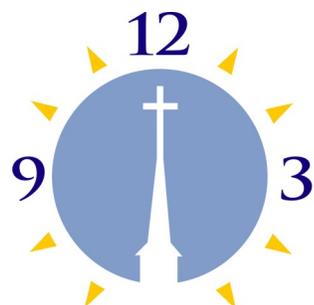
September 2021 contributions: \$18,932

September 2022 contributions: \$13,173

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**CHURCH**  
OFFICE HOURS

**The GLC Church Office hours are**

**Monday** 1:00 to 4:00 pm

**Tuesday** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Wednesday - Thursday** 9:00 - 4:00

**Please sign in when you come to the office.**

Disposable masks are available on the counter.

Anna works from home Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons (reach her by email), and is off on Fridays.

## **Homebound**

Virginia Haacke, Carol Steele, Carol Law, Jo Nelson.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date:  
email Anna at [alewis@glcportland.org](mailto: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 friend Shane and niece Tami; Ken Hansen; Karen Arendt; Connie & Mike Lelinski and Connie's sister Candee; Rachel Coughlin's neighbor's daughter Ashley; Sharon Lee's niece Terri; Sharon Lee's sister Connie and their family; family of Marion Burgess; Kim Butenschoen's friends Bev and Joyce; Hilary Hietpas and family; Doug Glenn; Rod Hills's mother Betty; Becky Keiper's friend Gary; Sharon Lee's sister in law Judy Fleming who has dementia; Rachel Coughlin's friends Jodi Cofer who has cancer and Jodi Schultz after the loss of her husband

**Urgent:** *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Virginia Haacke; everyone who's ill with Covid; Todd & Peggy Sloan's grandnephew Hunter

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