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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH **APRIL 2023**

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From the Pastor

Stormy March is entering into an unknown April! This is true of the weather around us, but also our spirituality as Lent makes way for the Easter season. We all are invited to walk through Holy Week at the beginning of the month – and find a blessing ***in*** the chaos.

Chaotic weather turned Mississippi communities upside -down. The chaos of war continues to churn through Ukraine and Syria and other countries. Gun violence erupts in schools and city streets near and far. Perhaps you find reflections of these upsetting news pieces closer to home – in illness, financial challenges, family turmoil, workplace frustration. All of this sets the stage for Holy Week which starts with Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday on April 2nd and ends on Easter Sunday April 9th.

Twice in the Holy Gospel of Matthew (chapter 28) on Easter we will hear the words, "Do not be afraid!" – first

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from an angel, and then from the risen Lord Jesus Christ! Feel your fears but embrace the hope! We will declare it over and over again on the 9th and throughout the season of Easter – Christ is risen! Death, violence, and chaos cannot be the last words in our lives nor our world. We have Good News to declare.

We, your bridge pastors, are working with the Worship Team and staff to make sure that you can truly enter into this story of Jesus and let his cry of triumph rise up in your life. Take the time to come and to be in the community for the Palm Sunday parade. Sit at the table of the Last Supper with neighbors and ecumenical partners. Grieve at the foot of the cross. Rejoice with the dawn of light and life at the empty tomb! This is ***your*** story. Learn it; live it.

We will be serving you through May 7th. By then your path to a new pastor should be much clearer. You are ready! We are excited for you to grow, adapt, and reimagine your ministry accompanied by a called and settled pastor. Until then, let us know how the life of Christ is rising up in you and your loved ones!

Receive this blessing -

***Blessing in the Chaos* by Jan Richardson**
(last stanza)
… Let there be an opening into the quiet
that lies beneath the chaos,
where you find the peace you did not think possible
and see what shimmers within the storm.

- Pastor Donna & Pastor Tim Herzfeldt-Kamprath

Blessing in the *Chaos*

Jan Richardson

To all that is chaotic in you,
let there come silence.

Let there be a calming of the clamoring,
a stilling of the voices that have laid their claim on you,
that have made their home in you,

that go with you even to the holy places
but will not let you rest,
will not let you hear your life with wholeness
or feel the grace that fashioned you.

Let what distracts you cease.
Let what divides you cease.
Let there come an end to what diminishes and demeans,
and let depart all that keeps you in its cage.

Let there be an opening into the quiet
that lies beneath the chaos,
where you find the peace you did not think possible
and see what shimmers within the storm.

From the Council President

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let me say "I hear you… "

- We terminated our contract with Kevin the sound tech, and are recruiting a replacement. Gabe Sprague and Rod Hills have agreed to fill in until we find a replacement. Please continue to give them your support. They are giving up worship time with their families to help us out. Please don't take your frustrations out on them. Use me instead!

- In addition to posting the tech position in the marketplace, we are exploring the possibility of offering an internship to either a college or high school student. The position pays $50/hour for approximately 2 to 3 hours on Sunday morning. We are looking for drama students with experience operating the sound board. If you know of a student who might be interested or have a contact with a high school or college drama department, let the church office know so we can follow up with them.

- Thank you for pushing back on the Lord's Prayer from the Anglican New Zealand prayer book. We discussed this at our Executive Committee meeting and with Pastors Donna and Tim. We thought we had gotten the change to Anna in time for last week's worship bulletin. The Worship Committee has our recommendation, and we should have a more traditional prayer in the next bulletin.

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- Here is an update on the security safe for the church office. The company I originally ordered from cancelled the order without notifying me. I reordered a safe from a different company and it has arrived.

- Thank you Dale Banke, Mary Karter, and Dick Bemrose, for bringing us the Sunday worship message during March. Also, thanks to all who have presented the message at the mid-week Lenten services. Thanks to everyone who have presented the message, provided soup or bread, hosted the meal, helped set up or clean up following the service.

The call process continues to move forward towards completion. I can see the eye rolls and hear you saying, "we've heard that song before." But, at least one and maybe more interviews are complete. Hopefully, all continues to go well and someone from the current list of candidates is the right pastor for our call.

- Yes, the quality of our livestream worship service is terrible. We continue to grapple with ways to improve its quality. It looks as though Zoom is not the answer. We need to move to a different platform. Please don't give up on us.

Our bridge Pastors Donna and Tim will be with us for Holy Week.

Dick Bemrose
Council President

COMING SOON!
Our Annual Rummage Sale is May 5-6, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

It's coming fast! Several people have been hard at work getting things ready by bringing things in, sorting, and pricing! Thank you! But there is so much more to do. Please save the sale dates to help out if you possibly can. The hours are 8:00 to 4:00 both days. You can work shorter shifts as needed.

We are working every Wednesday from 10-12 now. We may add extra work days and some evenings, so watch the bulletin or emails for that info.

We will begin setting up on Friday, April 28th, and work every day (except Sunday) setting up, putting things out, finishing pricing, and getting everything ready to go! We can use all of the help available for as many hours as you have. We will start at 9:30 and go until noon or later, and will work at least one evening as needed.

You can bring things in anytime the church is open. Put it in Room 6 in the Community Hall or call Kim or Paulette for alternate spaces or hours. We will take things only through Wednesday the week of the sale.

Be thinking of what you could make for the bake sale. It's not too early to fill the freezer with baked goods! They can go in the freezer in the big kitchen if you don't want to store them at home. Mark them for the bake sale.

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Save your paper bags for the bag sale! We try to use larger ones like Winco, BiMart, and others use, but will take all sizes. If you want to be really helpful, double bag them for us. They can also go into Room 6 or under the mailboxes in the narthex.

Watch for sign-up sheets soon!

Questions? Call Kim at 503-351-1913 or Paulette at 503-810-9559.

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Getting to know Martin Luther: Part 5

Prince Elector Frederick III of Saxony moved his residence to Wittenberg. He had the Augustinians build a new monastery and university site. He drew substantial profits from the silver mines in the near mountains. He enjoyed sumptuous festivities and collected many valuable religious relics. In the following years, Frederick increased the number of relics and extended the indulgences related to them, so that finally the faithful could reduce their stay in purgatory.

From the Stewardship Chair

How is your Lenten journey going?

Recent thoughts by Randy Woodley of *Becoming Rooted* and highlighted in "A Grounded Faith" Lenten Devotional:

> A harmonious worldview. Mutual respect. Generosity. Hospitality. Inclusion. Relatedness to all creation. Cooperation. Wisdom. Humor. These are the sureties that we need today to heal ourselves, the Earth, and the whole community of creation.

I'm thinking about Earth Day on April 22 and inspired by some artwork that I acquired while working at the ELCA Churchwide Office in Chicago. It's a poster of Psalm 85 – Justice and Peace Shall Kiss – by John August Swanson. Google this for a closer look.

This is my prayer almost every day, Psalm 85: 10-13 – Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. (NRSV)

We are Easter people, and there is much to faithfully live into in the months ahead. Stewardship values and actions will loom large.

Blessings & Peace,
Sharon Magnuson

From the Fellowship Chair

Thanks to everyone who has stopped me to chat and share ideas about fellowship opportunities they would like to see offered here at Gethsemane. I continue to welcome your thoughts and ideas, but I have an ask as well. A few people have told me they would be willing to help but don't want to be part of the Fellowship Committee. While I appreciate the thought, the truth is that I really need a list of people I can contact as a group whenever I need help with an event. Being part of this list doesn't mean I expect you to volunteer for every event, but it would make my life much easier if I could send out an email to the group as a whole. If you'd be willing to share your time and talents with Fellowship, please reach out to me (see my contact info below) so I can add you to a group email. I'd like to have this list in place by the middle of April to plan future events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, April 9th from 8:30-9:30 A.M.** The menu will include breakfast casseroles (both meat and vegetarian options), fruit, pastries, and beverages. We would happily welcome extra help with **set-up** on **Saturday, April 8, at 10:00 A.M**. and/or clean-up following worship on the 9th. Many hands will make light work, so please let me know if you can help with this event.

Once-a-month themed **Potluck/Game Nights** on the **second Friday of each month will start on Friday, May 12, from 5:30-7:30 P.M.** Contact Rachel Coughlin for more information.

Portland Metro Concert Band, that practices in our facility, has graciously offered to play a **concert** for Gethsemane on **Monday evening, May 22.**

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Doors open at 7:00 P.M. Music from 7:30-8:30, followed by a dessert social.

Fellowship will be hosting a **Wine Tasting event at Kason Winery** in Yamhill, Oregon, this summer. Further details to come.

We are exploring a possible weekend **Spring Cleanup/Work Party** in coordination with the Worship and Properties Committees. This is an opportunity to give of your time in service to Gethsemane and our surrounding community. There will be appropriate tasks for all ages and abilities.

If you would be interested in helping with Fellowship events, please let me know. You can call or text me at 503-780-9129, email me at gkelsay@hotmail.com, or catch me at church.

Gloria Kelsay

April Worship Assistants

Yellow means we need you!
Call Brenna Meyers if you can help.

Date	Cantor	Reader	Usher/s	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild
Apr. 2	Ernie Butenschoen	Dick Bemrose	Mary Karter	Roseann Libonati	Kim Stoffregen
Apr. 9	Jay Rector	Mary Curtis	Laura Britzius	Amy Deetz	Amy Deetz
Apr. 16	Gloria Kelsay	Youth			
Apr. 23	Dale Banke	Dick Bemrose		Gloria Kelsay	Gloria Kelsay
Apr. 30	Dick Bemrose	Roseann Libonati	Nona Paxton	Amy Deetz	Amy Deetz

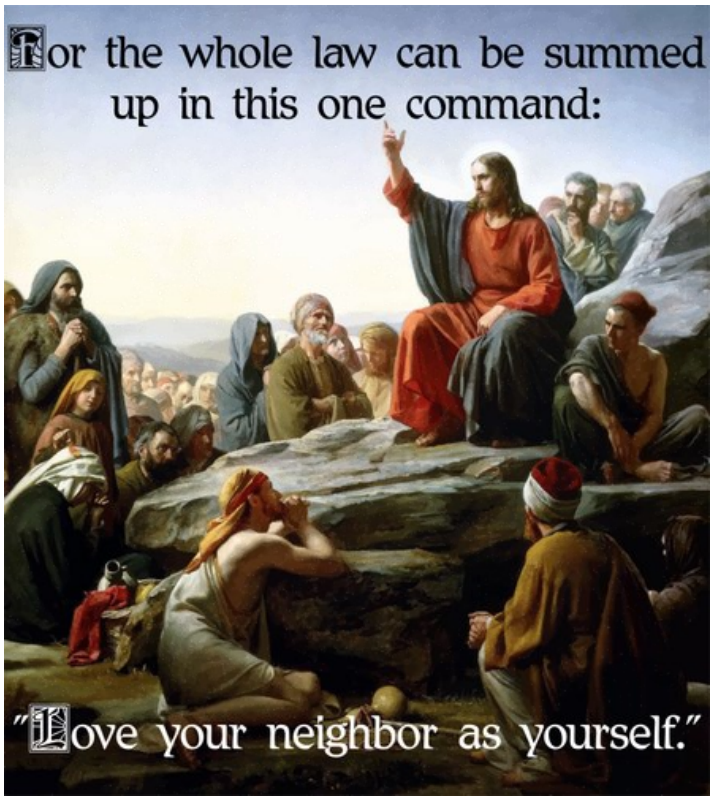
Your Worship Team has been meeting and preparing for the special services coming in April. Here are a few things for you to know:

- The ushers will be passing the **offering plates** through the pews again during worship services. If you prefer to put your offering in the plate while it is on the table next to the baptism font, be sure to do that when you arrive or by the sharing of the peace. If you are uncomfortable touching the plates in the pew, please indicate to the usher for their assistance.
- For the next few months in the sanctuary we will be using **the red hymnals *(Evangelical Lutheran Worship*)** for singing our hymns instead of printing them in the bulletin. If you worship in the "Zoom room", you are welcome to pick up a hymnal from the church to have at home so you can view the music and words. The Worship Team will welcome your feedback on this style of using our resources.
- **Palms** handed out and blessed on Palm/Passion Sunday are meant to be taken home and placed somewhere they can remind you of the presence of Christ in your home. Bring them back early in the new year to be burnt and made into ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- **Maundy Thursday** GLC is hosting dinner and worship for a number of our covenant cohort churches. Please come and help us give a warm welcome! There will be seder potluck dinner at 6 pm, the garden open for prayer, and worship with Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.
- GLC is searching for a new **AV/Tech staff person** to work the sound system, host the Sunday Zoom, and upload our worship to stream on YouTube and Facebook. If you know someone with qualifications, please refer them to the church office to view the job description.

Your Worship Team is always happy to hear from you, and welcomes new members to serve on this team!

Brenna Meyer, Jay Rector, Kim Stoffregen, Gloria Kelsay, Pastors HK

Gethsemane Youth Happenings



Gethsemane Lutheran youth spent the entirety of Lent Sundays discussing the diversity of people Jesus ministered to. The sick, the poor, the ostracized, the blind, the Pharisees, and others from all walks of life who were excluded or avoided. As we break our fasts and celebrate Easter and the miracle of Jesus' return to life I wonder; what if we all encouraged each other, in all of our walks of life, to also minister to diverse groups of people regardless of where they are in life?

This summer we will host VBS - in collaboration with Covenant Presbyterian Church - and ask "Will You Be My Neighbor?". We are often encouraging our youth to see everyone as "neighbor", and this year we will lean into that lesson. Jesus teaches us that everyone is our neighbor, and Paul reminds us that we are all one body in Christ.

As our church progresses through a call process and we reflect on the last two years of transition and transition work, it feels natural to fold our youth into the lessons we, as adults, are still struggling with.

- **We will welcome all people with our hearts, actions, and words.**

The poor, unsheltered, housed, Black, brown, white, heterosexual, queer, transgender, bodies of all abilities, churched and unchurched peoples. When Jesus taught us to love our neighbor - Jesus meant all people; and all means all.

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- **We will talk with each other, not at each other.**

One of the most important parts of Micah's school day is his "mindful minute". The kids in his class take a moment to walk around and talk to as many people as possible - to share an answer to a question (What does kindness mean to you? Who are you thankful for? Would you rather...?) and the emphasis is not on sharing your words, but instead on listening to the other person's answer and responding with an acknowledgment of their words and then sharing their own. How could our world be improved if we all took the time to actively listen when we communicate with each other? How much stronger and closer would our community circles be if everyone found they were being spoken to - not spoken at?

- **We will listen to each other, not for fault but for understanding.**

We teach the youth that Jesus told us to forgive each other 77 times. That's a lot of forgiveness! What could our world look like if instead of listening for an opportunity to place blame - and require forgiveness - we listened to understand where the other person came from? How much time and how many hurt feelings could be saved?

- **We will express our concerns and issues directly with those involved, rather than with others.**

School aged kids are really good at getting their friends together to be "against" a common foe. It seems like common sense for many to explain to the group of friends that their actions are harmful and hurtful to the ostracized friend. How can we be better grown-ups and avoid getting our friends together when we have big feelings?

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- **We will support our pastor and staff and honor their efforts among us.**

In our house, we expect that our kids give their teachers their attention during school hours. We have taught them that teachers work really hard and their job is only made harder when they have students who do not honor their efforts and pay their attention to their participation in those efforts. Imagine the amount of productivity we lose when we hold up our leaders and teachers with micro-aggressions and obstinate actions. How are we loving our neighbor if we are constantly butting heads over their efforts for progress?

- **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.**

Kids are often upset with their grown-ups for things they believe are good for them, that actually aren't. Why shouldn't they be allowed to have candy bars during class? Why can't they be the only one to have their pet in class? Why can't they bring toys from home because they miss them while they're gone? Why shouldn't students be served ice cream for lunch? Unfortunately, these things are not necessarily fun to abide by (who doesn't want ice cream for lunch?) however they keep the community as a whole safe, honest, and engaged with their community's goals.

- **We will pray with each other and for each other.**

Jesus taught us to pray; even for our enemies.

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With these statements in mind I ask: **Will You Be My Neighbor?**

I have a neighbor worksheet included in the *Olive Press* this month. This is a worksheet we've done during Sunday School and something I've introduced to the adults at Bible Study. Feel free to work on your neighbor lists and consider the statements in our Community Covenant (the words we will build VBS curriculum from) and ask yourself "Who is my neighbor?"

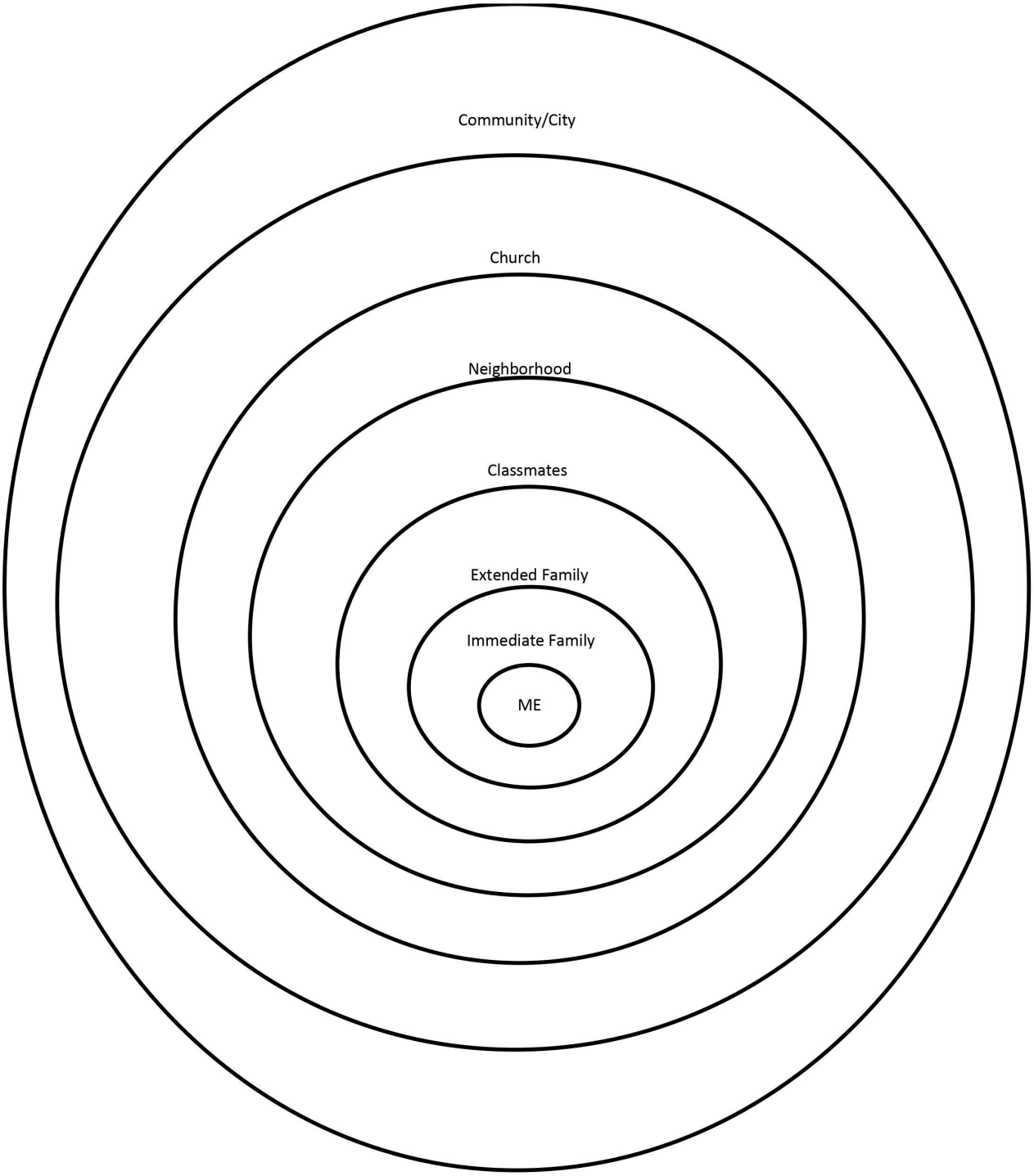
If you would like to volunteer for VBS this year, please contact Jasmine or office staff. We are in need of the following;

- Kitchen Volunteers
- People willing to share their hobbies (woodworking, sewing, crocheting, fishing, etc.)
- Teachers
- Bible Story tellers
- And a music teacher.

Jasmine
CYFM

Do You Love Your Neighbor?

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ~Matthew 22:39



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Almost to our Goal!

Many thanks for the bath towels and soap turned in the last few months for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. One Sunday I found our donation bin in the narthex overflowing with bath towels. The next Sunday, I was surprised to find 50 bars of soap donated.

We will be assembling these kits and prepping them for shipping, along with the quilts made by our quilting group, in mid-April, with delivering to the depot for shipping in early May.

I set a goal of 60 personal care kits to distribute this year. We have 65 towels so far and all we need is 32 more bath size (8-9 oz.) bars of soap (in original wrapping) to complete 65 kits. If we have more items to make complete kits, we will bundle and send more kits.

What goes in the kits? A bath towel, 2-3 bars of soap, 1 adult toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, and 1 metal nail clippers. The items are rolled up in the bath towel and secured with a yarn tie, ready to distribute to people.

We would particularly need more towels, soap, and toothbrushes to do additional kits beyond the 65. I will keep watching the donation bin and continue to be pleasantly surprised at how our Gethsemane family reach out to help our neighbors in need.

Karla Hills

Gethsemane Lutheran Church needs YOU!

Have you considered your talents, hopes and dreams for Gethsemane?
There are opportunities of all kinds!

- Cantor
- Sunday School
- Youth Events
- Altar Guild
- Usher
- Communion Assistant
- Reader
- Building Hosting
- Council Chairs
- VBS
- Fellowship Opportunities
- Leaven Land

and more!

The work of Gethsemane in this time and at this place requires people power.
If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to a member of council or church staff.

"Many people of the world live in real, material poverty and social insignificance; their situation is not simply a matter of economics. Poverty is a complex reality with many different players; in the frame of theological reflection in Latin America and the Caribbean we talk about the social insignificance and marginalization and unrecognized basic human rights as well. A person can be insignificant because of economics, race, gender, culture, ethnicity, or other reasons.

"Poverty is also a condition that has numerous human causes: social structures and mental categories. Solidarity with the poor is not limited to direct assistance to the poor; it must also manifest a commitment to eliminate the root causes of poverty. This perspective was slow to make its way into the social magisterium of the Catholic Church, but it has been evident in the past few decades.

"The ultimate instance of real poverty and disrespect of the human dignity of every person made in the image of God is early death; it is prevalent and unjust, and it represents a serious challenge. Archbishop Oscar Romero denounced this situation, which Medellin and Puebla called 'inhumane' and 'against the Gospel,' and for this he was accused of advocating social conflict. This solidarity with the poor requires a denunciation of the condition in which they live, as well as its causes."

-Gustavo Gutierrez (an excerpt from 'Spiritual Writings')

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

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 you are let 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

Notes

- **Pick up the *Living Lutheran* and Word In Season devotionals** for April -June in the office. Large print devotionals are available!

- **SnowCap's winter needs** include the following: sugar, hearty canned soup/chili/stews, canned fruit & vegetables, quart-size zip-top bags, paper bags, dessert mixes (Jello/cakes/brownies), cooking oil & butter, pet food. Full-size items for care packages: toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, shaving cream/razors, body wash/soap, shampoo/conditioner, baby wipes, lotion, laundry detergent, hats, gloves, handwarmers. Go to www.snowcap.org/donate for more information or to send a contribution to be used to bulk-purchase goods. The donation drive-through is open Monday-Friday between 9 am - 3 pm at 17788 SE Pine Street.

- **If you come into the church for any reason, please remember to sign in on the contact-tracing sheet.**

- **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 to learn more.

Helping the Hungry

Thanks for your support for the food drive for Mary Karter's 80th birthday! **You helped bring in 500 pounds of food!** Also, $230 was donated that can be used to purchase food unavailable through Oregon Food Bank. The food and money will be split between SnowCap and the food pantry at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The supplemental COVID money added to SNAP payments to low-income families has ended. This means more people will be in need of food. **You have made a difference!**

April Lectionary

Sunday Apr 2 – Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11 Procession with Palms
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16 (5)
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Sunday Apr 9 –
Resurrection of Our Lord
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114 (7)
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49

Sunday Apr 16 -
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16 (11)
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Sunday Apr 23 -
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (13)
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Sunday April 30 –
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23 (1)
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Vanco Contributions Procedure,
Option One

Go to www.glcportland.org. On the homepage, there is a button that says "Online Giving". That button will take you to the Vanco website. On the Vanco homepage…

- Login in the top right corner.
- Select "contribute" under one of the categories:
    a. Evangelism/Outreach
    b. Building
    c. General Fund
- After selecting "contribute", fill out the form
    a. How much; any amount
    b. How often; once, weekly, monthly
    c. Select when to start the payment (a calendar will pop up)
    d. The next page will ask for credit/debit card information
    e. On the right side of the same page, click the "review information" button

Vanco Contributions Procedure
Option Two

Go to https://secure.myvancom.com/L-YRFX/home on the Vanco homepage:

- Login in the top right corner.
- Select "contribute" under one of the categories:
    a. Evangelism/Outreach
    b. Building
    c. General Fund
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    e. On the right side of the same page, click the "review information" button

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

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

GLC Calendar for April

- **Sunday, April 2nd: Palm Sunday Worship, 9:30 am**

- **Thursday, April 6th: Quilters, 9:00 am**
- **Thursday, April 6th: Rummage Prep, 10:00 am**
- **Thursday, April 6th: Seder Potluck, 6:00 pm**
- **Thursday, April 6th: Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 pm**

- **Friday, April 7th: Good Friday Worship, 7:00 pm**

- **Sunday, April 9th: Easter Breakfast, 8:30 am**
- **Sunday, April 9th: Easter Worship, 9:30 am (Easter Egg Hunt after)**

- **Tuesday, April 11th: Bible Study (tentative) 10:00 am**

- **Thursday, April 13th: Quilters, 9:00 am**
- **Thursday, April 13th: Rummage Prep, 10:00 am**

- **Sunday, April 16th: Youth Sunday! Worship, 9:30 am**

- **Tuesday, April 18th: Bible Study (tentative) 10:00 am**
- **Tuesday, April 18th: Church Council, 7:00 pm**

- **Thursday, April 20th: Quilters, 9:00 am**
- **Thursday, April 20th: Rummage Prep, 10:00 am**

- **Sunday, April 23rd: Worship, 9:30 am**

- **Tuesday, April 25th: Bible Study (tentative) 10:00 am**

- **Thursday, April 27th: Quilters, 9:00 am**
- **Thursday, April 27th: Rummage Prep, 10:00 am**

- **Sunday, April 30th: Worship, 9:30 am**

April Birthdays

Amy Deetz	4/2
Casey Morton	4/3
Diane Bemrose	4/4
Kenna Cumming	4/8
Jan Brown	4/12
David Qualheim	4/19
Kyle Qualheim	4/19
Varbah Johnson	4/20
Sonia Blohm	4/23
Doug Glenn	4/30

Gethsemane Lutheran Church's Land Acknowledgement

As Gethsemane, we acknowledge the stolen land we gather on each time we attend service and events at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. This land is the traditional territory of many nations, including Clackamas, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Cowlitz, and many others who have cared for and continue to care for this place, this land, and call it their home. This land, marked by a century of genocide and ethnic cleansing, is still and will forever be, home to many diverse First Nations. We also acknowledge that Mill Park is covered by Treaty Cession 352 with The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. We look to the future, one where we will stand in solidarity with First Nations, amplify the voices of Indigenous people leading grassroots change movements, and work to return land to people who have been forcibly removed through and by broken treaties and eminent domain without proper compensations. As Gethsemane, we also acknowledge the peoples stolen from their own native lands, upon whose backs this country was built, during our country's sinful period of chattel slavery and we strive to seek out new ways to repair those injustices and ask for repentance for our church's part in it.

Financial Update

During a mid-week Lenten service we heard a parable that reminded us that God provides us all we need and that God uses us to fill needs of others. Please provide Gethsemane with the support needed to do God's work.

March 2022 contributions: $19,078.07
March 2023 contributions: $12,059.05

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.

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 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 friend Shane and niece Tami; Ken Hansen; Karen Arendt; Becky Keiper's friend Gary; Sharon Lee's brother in law George Fleming; Shirla Rapp's cousin Mike; Ginny Barton; Todd & Peggy Sloan's grandnephew Hunter; Kim Butenschoen's friend Bre; Rachel Coughlin's friend Melody and daughter Jocelyn; Sharon Lee's friend Kay and daughter Sandy to find a kidney match

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

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