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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Tom . . . Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past Saturday I learned my ABCDs. I was part of some training that took place in our Community Hall, with about 15 other people. Together we learned some of the principles behind community development. We talked about ways in which we can make our neighborhoods healthier and stronger. We learned about Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD).

Here are some important principles that are part of ABCD:

§ We want to uncover what people care enough about to act on.

§ Everybody, including those who don't say much or are limited in some other way, needs to be included.

§ Programs, agencies, and institutions are overloaded. We need to find ways of helping people to step up and act, with their unique knowledge and abilities.

§ We look for the assets in the community, starting with the people of that community.

§ Once we begin to uncover what people care about, we can form like-minded groups to address common concerns.

§ Established leaders and institutions can lead by "stepping back" and allowing people in a community to "step up" and take the lead in addressing common concerns.

§ It all starts with relationships and conversations, one on one, between people.

How does our congregation relate to all of this? Gethsemane is located in the Mill Park neighborhood. Our church is also close to several other neighborhoods. Our people live in many neighborhoods from around 82nd Avenue to beyond Gresham. As we become more involved in developing our neighborhoods and communities as a congregation and as individuals, we will find the above principles to be important.

We can even use these principles in our congregation. We think of biblical models like the "Body of Christ" made up of many important small members; or the example that Jesus sets in focusing on being a servant rather than on being a "lord."

If you would like to learn more about ABCD let me know. If you would like to help Gethsemane to connect more with its neighborhood and its local community please contact me, or Tom Lewis, or Bob Edwards.

In service with Christ, Pastor Tom

Join Us In Adult Forum: We will be spending several weeks discussing the Bible readings that are part of our Sunday worship. We meet at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday in the conference room.

Pastor Tom Is Going To Israel! From Saturday, November 13, through Tuesday, November 30, Pastor Tom will be on a trip to Chicago with Lisa, and then on a trip to Israel and Egypt with his son, Alex. Hal Hingst will be leading worship on November 14, 21, and on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24. Pastor Kelle Nelson-Bunkers will lead on November 28. *If you are in need of emergency pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Jim Flachsbart at 971/219-8667 or Pastor Larry Jorgenson at 503/665-3197.*

Children & Families Update

Our programs for children, youth, and family are going strong. Every week a dozen kids are in Sunday School (with a total pool of about 25 children) and half a dozen in the nursery. Four youth (**Tyler Riehl, Logan Schie, Mandie Schie, and Christine Wong**) are taking confirmation classes. Our Family Fun Fridays and Youth Fun Sundays continue to attract lots of kids; about 18 kids came to our Fun Night on Oct 24 and 18 came to Oaks Park on Oct 10.

We are expecting lots of kids at our **Halloween party on Oct 29** (where kids will be carving the pumpkins they got at Sauvie's Island).

We are thrilled that Katie Myers has agreed to coordinate a **pageant on Dec 5; rehearsals are Nov 14, 21, and 28, and Dec 4.** Our kids are looking forward to making pies for Thanksgiving.

Also in November we will have a **Family Fun Sunday on Nov 14** (details TBD), and an **Advent E-vent on Nov 28.** What's an Advent E-vent? It's a time to make Advent wreaths, crafts, learn some family traditions, have a light lunch. **All are invited.**

You may have noticed our youth selling Italian sodas in the narthex after services. Donations from the sodas will help support their **mission trip to the Yakama Reservation** next summer. [Learn more on the YouthWorks website at www.youthworks.com.]

Challenges: We need you (or people you know) to help out. Our greatest need right now is to help teach Sunday School. We need to create a separate class for our older kids, and can only do that if we get more volunteers. We need people to assist or teach younger children or middle school kids. We can offer you training and support. You will receive the opportunity to enrich the lives of our youth and get a chance to become an important part of their lives.

Please hold our children, youth and families in your prayers.

In Christ, Maureen-Elizabeth Hagen

OFFERING, INCOME & BUDGET REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2010			
INCOME NEEDED	RECEIVED	ACTUAL EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE
\$220,302	\$182,012	\$180,946	(\$38,289)
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:	2010: 116	2009: 91	

November Birthdays

4 Ryan Gilsoul
Karla Hills
12 Bob Edwards
Stephanie Schie
14 Kent Cumming
16 Collette Gill
17 Christina Vidlund
19 Lillian Huston
Carold Schroeder
Shirley Treanor
21 Lucille Langseth
22 Jack Lumber
23 Katrina Myers

Anniversaries

12th
Sharon Lee
20th
Robert/Audrey Magnuson
27th
Lyle/Denise Johnson

Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: *Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:* Dorothy and Gerald Shouse, the Stafford's daughter-in-law Jennifer, Karen and Warren Stenberg, Mae Lapsley, Norm Thoreson, Eric Qualheim, Bob and Pat Edwards, Alfild Anderson, Jerry Tilkens' sister LaVonna, Lois Jensen, Jeff Deetz, Prem Shelly, Dorothy Olson, Bea Jarvie, Russ Solberg's sister Dani, Galven and Virginia Irby, Matthew Burk's cousin Heidi, John Skuzeski and his son Tom, Vera Koosman, Liz Blohm's niece Betty, Randy Treanor, Wynn and Jim Stafford, Linda Babcock, and Karen Arendt.

Urgent—*Those who are ill:* Sharon Lee's son John, Jerry and Helen Tilkens, George Willett, Cathey Myers' friend Beth, Roland Haacke, Nettie Ubrick's friend Jean, Dorothy Urbach, Kim Stoffregen's mother Phyllis, Dick Boro, Herb Sperling, Theresa Qualheim's sister Carol and her cousin's daughter Alena.

HOMEBOUND Brothers and Sisters

- * **Lucille Langseth** Pacific Gardens, 17309 NE Glisan St., #402 Portland 97230 (503)256-0553
- * **Dorothy Urbach** Glisan Care Center, 9750 NE Glisan St., Portland 97220 (503)256-3920
- * **Lois Jensen**, 4001 S.E. 182, Portland 97030 (503)665-2496.
- * **Dorothy Olson**, 4001 SE 182, Portland 97030
- * **Mae Lepsley**, 16930 SE Kelly, Portland 97236
- * **Warren/Karen Stenberg**, 15521 SE Meadowlark Ln. Milwaukie 97267



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Short Notes:

The Installation of the Rev. Charles Mantey at St. Mark Lutheran in Salem is Sunday, Nov 7, at 3 p.m. You are cordially invited.

Our 20/20 Vision for Habitat for Humanity We're asking each congregational giver to give \$20 on the 20th of each month now through the end of the year in an effort to raise \$2,000, to be matched by Thrivent and help finish a house for a Habitat for Humanity family. *"God is able to provide..."*

Gethsemane Mission Endowment Fund: For those of you in need of year- end tax planning, one option to consider is the Mission Endowment Fund. We can receive cash gifts as well as gifts of appreciated stock. If you would like to make a cash gift, remember to note Endowment on your check. If you would like to make a stock gift please contact one of the committee members: Tonia Lindquist, Jan Cummings, Bob Law, Gloria Kelsay and Rod Hills.

Friends and Family of Gethsemane, you are cordially invited to join in the celebration of Bob and Audrey Magnuson's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 27 from 2-5 p.m. in the Community Hall. If convenient, please RSVP to Sharon at magnuson1971@comcast.net.

Senior Gathering: Pastor Chuck Hunt will return as speaker for our Wednesday, Nov 10 meeting. He will share new information about "Good Spirit," the new Oregon synod ministry to the Native American community in the greater Portland area. Please come to learn more about this unique ministry. The program starts at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch at noon in the community hall. Bring a friend and a dish to share.

Boy Did I Just Have A Lot Of Fun!! All of it thanks to Marion Burgess and Thrivent. Marion secured a grant from Thrivent for \$500 for underwear and sox for Snowcap. The breakdown (always sounds better than so many packages of whatever) is as follows: 93 pair of boy's briefs, 187 pair of boy's sox, 176 pair of girl's panties, 125 pair of girl's sox, 62 pairs of toddler/infant sox. What did all of that weigh? 46 pounds, or about \$11 per pound. I purchased reusable bags and some mittens with my own money, so it was a nice batch of stuff. Diane Bemrose

October Council Notes

At the October council meeting one hot topic of conversation which warrants additional discussion: the budget. Of recent concern to many is how the use of the building affects the budget. Gethsemane has tried hard to accommodate community neighbors and friends and share what God has given us, i.e. our beautiful facility. However, this comes with a price. Sometimes the price is cost and other times the price is convenience.

We share our facility with many groups. There are three different bands, Recovery Group, Daybreak Shelter, Friends of Trees, Human Solutions' Christmas Store, Preschool, New Vision Church, etc. Building use requests are forwarded to Council to review for approval and to determine a suggested donation. Council may feel that stewardship would be best served without a donation.

We should keep in mind the budget and how these groups impact it. For instance, each band gives a donation, but Daybreak, Human Solutions, and the Recovery Group do not. The preschool budget runs at a deficit each year, and each year we discuss the importance of this ministry and vow to support it. The New Vision Church is one of the biggest outside groups to use our facility. They welcomed the opportunity to lend a hand to paint the hall last year and are willing to help in other ways when asked. The NVC donates \$600/month to GLC to help defer costs.

It has always been in our best interest to have someone from Gethsemane present while other folks use the facility. This doesn't always happen. To fulfill this need, we hired a building host to assist the largest group that uses our facility, NVC. The host is present during worship times at an anticipated cost of \$200-\$300+/month. The donation made by NVC will be applied to this cost as well as building maintenance. (*cont.*)

I suppose an estimated cost of each and every group using the facility could be calculated by some mathematical formula figuring the number of folks, square feet used, water, power and gas used and basic wear and tear, but is that our mission? Budget concerns will be a primary topic of discussion at the next few council meetings as we get ready to present the budget at the annual congregational meeting January 30, 2011. Please keep the budget and the council in your thoughts and prayers as we aim to do God's work here at Gethsemane.

Laura Britzius, Congregation President

Preschool News

It was a great evening on Sept 28 to pedal a tricycle in a church parking lot. People in lawn chairs encouraged the riders to keep going. There was a pit stop for those riders who needed a fill up of either pretend fuel or water refreshment. Others cheered the riders on, waving pom poms and yelling. All this fun and for such a good cause, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Our preschoolers did up to 14 laps around the west parking lot. That's a lot of pedaling for a 3- to 5-year old child! We raised \$730 for St. Jude's and, in the seven years we've held the trike-a-thon, we have donated over \$6500 to the hospital. Many thanks to our volunteers who helped: *Dick and Diane Bemrose, Kent and Jan Cumming, Liz, Scott, and Kevin Blohm, Kim Butenschoen, Cathey Myers, Rod and Jacob Hills, and Mallory and Kendall Greer.*

Two months into our preschool year our classes are going well. We have full classes and a great staff! We are busy learning Bible lessons from the Old Testament, fall songs and movement activities, having fun with science lessons, and working on skills such as cutting, following directions, math, etc. We are also learning to recognize and write our names. Our 4-year old class (the Seniors) is learning letters with its corresponding sound each week. Two and a half hours each morning goes by too quickly to fit it all in.

Take a peek at our preschool courtyard. *Thanks to Penny Thoreen and Gloria Kelsay* for gardening in the courtyard area. They have pulled weeds and brought in compost for the garden area. Thank you also to *Rian Kelsay* for his help in moving new fill dirt into this area. This past week, Penny and Gloria have

planted new plants in the garden area. We're anxious to see the plants next spring as their blossoms emerge.

*A New Heaven
and
A New Earth*

Cultural Competency Training for the Northwest

An ecumenical workshop that assists in building skills to effectively communicate with a diversity of people, to initiate and deepen relationships across cultural, ethnic and racial difference.

November 6, 2010 | Registration 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Seminar 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church
14500 SE Powell Blvd. | Portland, OR 97236

Early Registration: \$25.00 - through October 24, 2010, 12:00 Midnight
Late Registration: \$35.00 - begins October 25, 2010, 12:01 AM
Online Registration: Available until October 31, 2010, 12:00 Midnight
Group Discount: Every 5th participant attends free

To register, visit www.pnwumc.org and click "Training Events," then "A New Heaven and A New Earth" or call 206-870-6820 to request a registration form.

Who should attend?

Lay and clergy in leadership positions in their churches or denominational structures

Congregations whose communities are becoming more diverse, or are sharing or contemplating sharing facilities

Persons ministering cross-culturally

Persons who are curious about their own blocks to embracing diversity

Fundraising Opportunities:

- A reminder: Entertainment Books 2011 are \$25 this year. The 2010 editions expire Nov 1. Please see either Karla or Jude in the church office if you would like to purchase one. Make checks payable to GLC.
- A new fundraiser is the sale of Papa Murphy's peel-a-deal cards for \$5. Each card has eight small detachable coupons. Total value of the coupons is over \$25. The preschool receives \$4 from the sale of each card. If you are a Papa Murphy's pizza fan, please check these cards out. See Karla in the church office or call 503-256-1835.

It's time to mark your calendars for the annual Preschool Spaghetti Fund-raiser on Sunday, Feb 27, at noon. We'll have a silent auction for themed baskets again this year.

Karla Hills, Preschool Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
October 31 8 & 10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 2p-NVC <i>Daybreak here this week</i>	1 10:30a- Preschool Staff Mtg. 7p-NO Band	2 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7:30p-NO Band	3	4 7:45a-Breakfast Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 6p-NVC 7p-Choir Prac- tice	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	9 12:30p- Recovery Inc. 8a-NVC 2:30p-NVC Musicians	
7 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour 2p-NVC 5:30p- Confirmation <i>Daylight Sav- ings Time Ends</i>	8 10a-B-Team 10:30a- Preschool Board Mtg. 6:30p-Finance Mtg. 7p-StephenMin 7p-Band	9 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-Bible Study 7:30p-Band 5p-Mutual Ministry Mtg.	10 11a-Speaker <i>Chuck Hunt</i> 12p(noon)-Sr. Potluck 6p-Steward- ship Mtg.	11 7:45a-Breakfast Bible Study 9:30a-Quilting 1p-Orchestra 6p-NVC 7p-Choir Prac- tice	12 <i>Office Closed</i>	13 12:30p- RecovInc. <i>Pr. Tom on vaca- tion today thru November 30. See page 2 for numbers to call for emergency pastoral assis- tance.</i>	
14 8&10:30a- Worship 9:15a-EdHour <i>(Play Practice)</i> 2p-NVC Noon-Family Fun Sunday	15 7p-Band	16 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-NO Bible Study 7:30p-Band	17 7p-Church Council	18 7:45a-Breakfast Bible Study 10a-Dorcas Cir- cle 1p-Orchestra 6p-NVC 7p-Choir Prac- tice	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20 12:30p- Recovery Inc. 8a-NVC 2:30p-NVC Musicians	
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