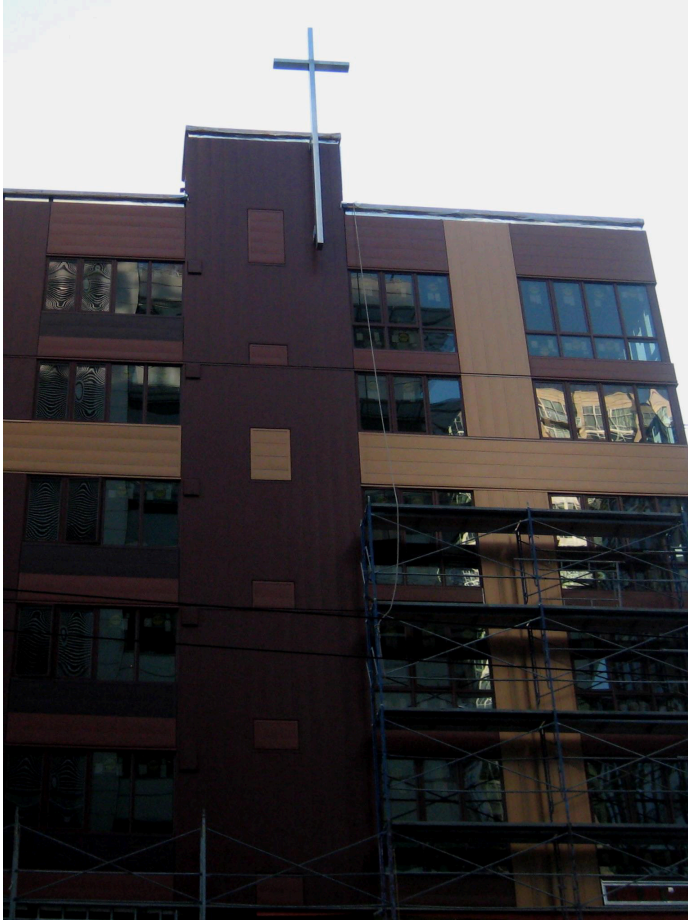




Gethsemane News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012



I stood on the corner for maybe five minutes before Paul came over to talk with me. I was admiring the construction progress and he was anxious to talk. For a long while, he's kept an eye on our project while working as a security guard on upper floors at Seattle Children's Research Institute (Gethsemane's "home away from home" since October 2010). As have so many in our city, Paul has watched with great interest during these many months. In turn, he wanted to know more—not only about the structure and what it will house, but also about the people whose vision is bringing all this into being.

What fun it was to talk with Paul! I shared about Compass Housing Alliance's Dekko Place – the fifty magnificent apartments I was so impressed by when visiting a few days earlier; and about the Hope Center that extends from the legacies of Soup & Movies and Community Services in a great new partnership with Mary's Place – altogether serving, from the lower level, hundreds who are homeless, poor, or in great need. I shared excitedly about the ways we anticipate welcoming downtown neighbors to our renewed facilities for worship, concerts, programs, and more.

Paul had questions along the way. And Paul's questions that morning helped me think anew about people's hunger to hear the story—not only the story of what we are doing but also our story of why.

I treasure that Gethsemane's tagline (in Christ, in the city") speaks of much more than a passion to remain downtown—it further names and underscores our identity: rooting us in person and place. In the end, it is this awareness that made possible the bold work we undertake to transform the corner of 9th and Stewart, renewing it and ourselves, with hope.

May that identity continue forming us, even as it informs the decisions we make when preparing for our great homecoming this spring.

With you, I remain: in Christ, in the city...

Pastor Joanne Engquist

FAN'S 2012 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

I. Reduce Hunger, Homelessness, & Poverty

- Preserve School Meals state funding
- Preserve funding for State Food Assistance Program
- Support passage of HB 2048 (Document Recording Fee)
- Preserve Housing Essential Needs Program
- Oppose the 48-month lifetime limit for TANF recipients
- Support the Jobs Package Initiative

II. Increase Affordable and Accessible Housing & Health Care

- Preserve the Basic Health Plan
- Support Fair Tenants Screening bill
- Preserve current funding level for Apple Health for Kids
- Preserve current Medicaid eligibility level
- Preserve funding in the capital budget for the Housing Trust Fund

III. Reform the Criminal Justice System

- Preserve funding in the capital budget for the Housing Trust Fund
- Support Second Chance Sentencing Reform bill
- Support Three Strikes law reform
- Support Abolishing the Death Penalty bill

IV. Care for the Environment & Promote Sustainable Agriculture

- Preserve WIC & Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program
- Support Toxic-Free Kids bill
- Sustain the success of I-937, the Clean Energy Initiative
- Prevent attempts to weaken, delay, or roll back state environmental laws and programs

V. Advocate for Civil & Human Rights

- Support Human Trafficking reforms
- Support Farmworker & Pesticide Drift bill
- Support a prevention-focused Gang bill
- Support Marriage Equality Effort
- Support E-verify Ban bill

VI. Advocate for Accessible and Quality Public Education

- Preserve Levy Equalization funding level

VII. Support Revenue

- 2012 Referendum Package
- Repeal Tax Preferences
- Support establishment of a State Bank

GROW REPORT

The loan from MIF has basically been approved. We need a provision for a Plan B which will be presented later on the agenda. All other items have been received and reviewed by the loan officer from Mission Investment Fund.

The GROW Committee met with architects Jim Olson and Bob Jakubik on Friday, Nov. 4. We worked on final design decisions of the Jesus statue. Basically a free standing figure with a similar pose of the original. It will be cast in bronze and be closer to 7' tall instead of 12' tall which was height of the original. It will be placed near the front entrance and closer to the public. People would be able to touch the feet.

The fountain will be seen upon entering the garden and water will flow off the top slab down the front and sides of the stone, rectangle shaped fountain. There will be a soft water sound as the water comes off the bottom of the fountain into a pool to be recycled.

Plans to use the altar that we are now using at Children's Research Center in the new chapel was discussed. Also using the baptismal font from the old chapel.

Furniture for chapel and main fellowship area was discussed. The architects presented several options for furniture and will research costs.

Regence will not be donating furniture. We have a bid for furniture from Correctional industries that fits within our budget. We had held off on a detailed review of the their proposal when we thought we would be getting most furniture donated. We are now reviewing their proposal and will get it updated to reflect our current needs.

Downstairs kitchen is complete. Upstairs also. Commercial refrigerators were researched for the upstairs kitchen and found that the opening smaller than what we can get in residential refrigerators. Final call is the buy 2 of the widest opening residential refrigerators with freezers below in pull out doors with ice makers.

ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Friends:

The 2012 Annual Meeting of Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, January 29, 2012 following the worship service. Twenty-five voting members constitute a quorum. "Voting members are confirmed members who shall have communed or made a contribution of record during the previous twenty-four months." (C8.02.c)

Charles is preparing the Annual Report and plans to have copies available at worship on Sunday, January 22 and on the 29th. Be sure to pick up your copy.

At present, there are two matters to be considered. (1) The proposed 2012 budget which has been prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Council. (2) The report from the Nominating Committee with the following positions to be elected: four members of Council, one member of the Gethsemane Mission Endowment Fund Committee, and six members of the 2012 Nominating Committee.

Please mark your calendar and plan to be present on January 29th.

May God richly bless you and those you love in this New Year.

Sr. Elizabeth A. Steele

President

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ONLINE GIVING!

Gethsemane is pleased to announce a convenient and secure new way to make your regular offering. With our new electronic giving program, you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make one-time contributions.

We encourage you to establish a schedule of recurring contributions. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency of income for our church.

Gifts may be given through electronic transfer from savings or checking accounts (free for you to set-up while easy and inexpensive for church) or by credit cards (no required cost to you, but about 3% cost to the church to process). You may sign up online using the DONATE button on the website (www.urbanfaith.org) or by contacting the church office where someone will assist with the necessary paperwork.

Gifts may be designated:

- 2012 general fund (regular offerings)
- Hope Center (soup and movies / community services)
- Gethsemane's Capital Campaign
- Other (with specific designation of memorial, special appeal, etc.)

Thank you for your generous, ongoing support of Gethsemane's mission and ministries.

PRAYERS are asked for...

...Gethsemane's homebound members—Mickey Becker, Betty Casey, Dola Conway, Fred Farmer, Irene and Stan Haven, Alva Johnson, Kay Mayer, Robert Nelson, Evelyn Pittman, Lois Thompson;

...those in need of prayer for strength and healing—Pat Champion, Marie Cress, Alfhild Ellison, Lorraine Hatfield, Stan Haven, Gail Hendrickson, Bea Jensen, Greg Keels, Ann and David Melander, RoseMary Pendergast, Ruth Pipe, and Doris Rolander.

... staff and leaders of Gethsemane and the Hope Center; the women, children, and staff of Mary's Place; ELCA bishops and neighboring congregations; the French-Speaking Lutheran Church in Moscow; Rev. Dorcas Wang and the Beijing International Christian Fellowship.

...all who serve in the armed forces; all who work for justice and peace; all who serve the needs of the most vulnerable in our local and global communities.



The Spirit

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A Good Creation Of God by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop



In short, we confessed that legitimate civil ordinances are good creations of God and divine ordinances in which a Christian may safely take part.¹

Last November I participated in the annual visit of ELCA

bishops with members of Congress and the White House staff in Washington D.C. This year I began my conversation with them by referencing Article 16 of the Augsburg Confession. I reminded them that Lutherans see government to be a “good creation of God” and as such working for the good of all creation and its creatures.

Frankly that introduction seemed to catch those involved in government by surprise. In the middle of the partisan posturing that is occurring in halls of government this belief that those who are called to the vocation of leader are a gift from God is not part of our political dialog.

As we begin a year that will be dominated by political campaigns and advertising, I pray that we might bring this understanding to our body politic. Understanding that good order and the common good is in fact a gift from God does change the way we talk about government.

This does not mean that one side in our political debates can claim theirs is the God given position. Rather it sees the whole process and all of those we elect as stewards of a call from God for the good of all.

I am convinced that we need to be reminded that as we think about the problems facing the world, our country, state or local community, we are part of something far beyond ourselves. God is at work in the world and we are called to share in that work.

Luther defines the creative activity of God as not just calling the world into being, but also “*daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life.*”⁴⁸ *God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all!*”¹

The work of government is God’s work. Government does not have the task of preaching the gospel. That is still the task of the church. Caring for the creation and for all people is the reason that God calls leaders to serve in government.

So, as you exercise your political vocation this year, listen to how those running for office will exercise this call from God for the good of God’s world.

¹Kolb, R. 2000. *The Book of Concord : The confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.* Fortress Press: Minneapolis

JANUARY 2012

1 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Joanne Engquist

11:15 am Coffee Hour

2 Mon Office Closed - New Years

3 Tue 12 pm Community Services

5 Thu 7:00 pm Choir

7 Sat 11:00 am Soup and Movies

8 SUN BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Joanne Engquist

11:15 am Coffee Hour

10 Tue 12 pm Community Services

6:30 pm Finance Committee

11 Wed 6:30 pm Parish Council

12 Thu 7:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm Stamp Club

14 Sat 11:00 am Soup and Movies

15 SUN 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Penelope Guntermann

11:15 am Coffee Hour

16 Mon Office Closed - MLK

17 Tue 12 pm Community Services

18 Wed 11 am Endowment Meeting

19 Thu 7:00 pm Choir

21 Sat 11:00 am Soup and Movies

22 SUN 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Joanne Engquist

11:15 am Coffee Hour

24 Tue 12 pm Community Services

26 Thu 7:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm Stamp Club

28 Sat 11:00 am Soup and Movies

29 SUN 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Joanne Engquist

11:15 am Congregational Meeting

31 Tue 12 pm Community Services

FEBRUARY 2012

2 Thu 7:00 pm Choir

4 Sat 11:00 am Soup and Movies

5 SUN 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Joanne Engquist

11:15 am Coffee Hour

7 Tue 12 pm Community Services

9 Thu 7:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm Stamp Club

11 Sat 11:00 am Soup and Movies

12 SUN 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Kristy Daniels

11:15 am Coffee Hour

13 Mon 1:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

14 Tue 12 pm Community Services

6:30 pm Finance Committee

15 Wed 6:30 pm Parish Council

16 Thu 7:00 pm Choir

18 Sat 11:00 am Soup and Movies

19 SUN TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Joanne Engquist

11:15 am Coffee Hour

20 Mon Office Closed - President's Day

21 Tue 12 pm Community Services

23 Thu 7:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm Stamp Club

25 Sat 11:00 am Soup and Movies

26 SUN FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

-Pr. Joanne Engquist

11:15 am Coffee Hour

28 Tue 12 pm Community Services

Adult Forum Schedule

January 8, "The Map Begins Here"

On this Sunday nearest Epiphany, Pr. Engquist leads a discussion that considers how the Magi offer some lessons in discipleship helpful to us all these years later.

January 15, "Advocating for Justice"

On the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., Robyn Townsend and Pat Champion lead conversation about why Christian communities work for justice, offering ways each of us can engage in issues individually and as a faith community. (Note the legislative agenda of the Faith Action Network on page 2 of this newsletter.)

January 22, "Report from Berkeley"

Returning from continuing education at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Pr. Engquist will share insights gained during her studies there (January 8-16).

January 29, "Reconciling in Christ: What does that mean for us?"

Using Luther's great catechism question, Pr. Engquist leads conversation about radically welcoming **all** people in our congregation.

February 5, "A Vision of Hope"

Presentation on the Hope Center and what Gethsemane looks forward to collaborating with others to bring into being in the coming months.

February 12, "Reaching with Hope"

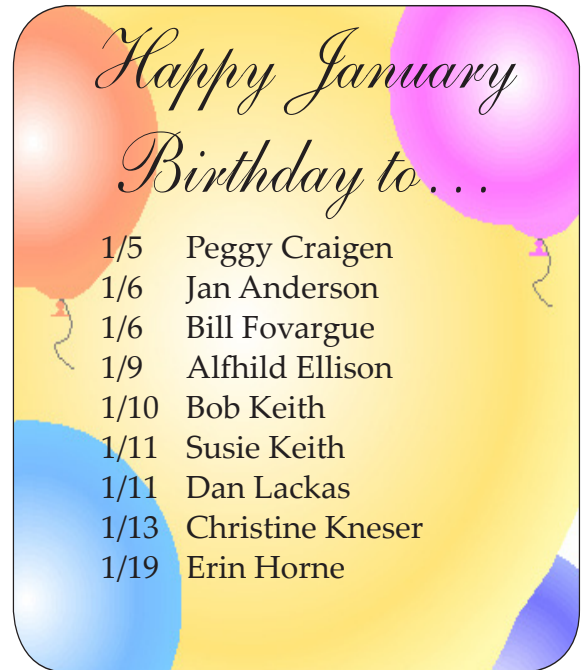
Donald Summers presents information on financial supporting both the Hope Center and Gethsemane. This ambitious, collaborative project extends well beyond the physical changes to the property at 9th and Stewart. Donald invites us to learn more about ways we can help bring those dreams into being.

February 19, "Living in Hope"

Pr. Engquist invites us to a biblically-informed conversation about hope that leads us to live into the "new thing" God promises and is bringing into being (Isaiah 43:18-25).

February 26, "A holy Lent"

Pr. Engquist gathers us for an extended exploration into what Lent offers as "springtime for the soul."



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9:00 am Adult Forum

10:00 am Holy Communion

11:15 am Coffee and Fellowship



Young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to link to the facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gethsemane-Lutheran-Seattle/324938110245>) where updates on winter events soon will be posted. Upcoming: Tapas before St Mark's Compline service; game night; book study in Lent.