



# GethsemaneNews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 2011

## ***GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE***

On the legal and financing front, December was an extremely busy month. With ten different attorneys, representing six distinct entities, who have had an involvement in the transaction, getting any of the 30+ documents, agreements, contracts, assignments, deeds, declarations, bylaws, etc., finalized was a herculean task that required an infinite amount of patience! Our attorneys, David Oswald and Jo Flannery, did a great job responding to numerous last minute and, at times, unreasonable requests for document revisions. The actual closing effort was started on December 28th and was finally completed on December 30th. Thanks be to God!

The following is a projected timeline and Gethsemane Lutheran Church Milestones:

- Demolition of the bell tower Week of January 24th
- Building demolition down to basement From around February 4th to the 20th
- Demolition for skylight in sanctuary April 14th
- 1st floor post tension deck poured (street level) May 23rd
- 2nd floor post tension deck poured June 20th
- 3rd floor transfer deck poured July 19th
- Begin framing of walls on 3rd floor July 20th
- Begin sanctuary renovation August 3rd
- Begin work in basement September 13th
- Building top out (begin roofing) September 15th
- Begin exterior finishes (windows) September 29th
- Metal siding completed November 10th
- Begin streets and sidewalks November 15th
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Mid March, 2012
- Final inspection and Punch List April/May 2010

Please note that the projected timeline is subject to change, primarily due to weather conditions.



## *Pastor's Cup...*

*The following comments were shared by me at our historical groundbreaking ceremony. In addition to myself were Jean Anderson, chair of the GROW Committee; Rick Friedhoff, Executive Director of Compass Housing Alliance; Darryl Smith, Deputy Mayor of Seattle; Bryan Friend, Vice. President, Union Bank and Bishop Chris Boerger. There were about 100 people present. It was truly a celebration of the Vision and Dream God has placed before us!*

Groundbreaking Ceremony  
January 14, 2011

"I think it is very serendipitous that our groundbreaking ceremony is taking place on the beginning of this weekend when we remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Of all the speeches, sermons, and talks Pastor King gave, the most riveting, inspiring speech for me was his "I Have a Dream" speech given in August 1963.

"Every Sunday, for over 125 years, God has been booming out, "I have a dream," first in Swedish, "Jag har en dröm," then later in English. For years, God's people at Gethsemane have taken that God statement, "I have a dream," to heart & have striven to put that dream into vision and action. The mission statement, which is on our worship bulletins, reads:

*as followers of Jesus,  
the people of Gethsemane  
are committed to being a Community of Christ  
sharing God's love and hope  
with joy and compassion in the heart of Seattle.*

"Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations  
of many generations; you shall be  
called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in."

Isaiah 58:12

"Programs, such as Soup & Movies, Gethsemane community services, overnight shelters were some of the ways Gethsemane lived out its mission. Many of these programs will be expanded in the Hope Center with over 8000 sq. ft. of space for ministry. In addition to the programs previously mentioned, Gethsemane is partnering with Mary's Place, which will provide the day shelter for homeless women and their children. The vision to build affordable housing, for those who desperately needed it, was talked about for years, first with Pastor Ev Jensen, who in the 60's saw the vision to buy the land adjacent to the church for a parking lot, as an indication that this congregation was staying put. Then, the seed was firmly planted over twenty years ago with the help and vision of Pastor Paul Eriks. The parking lot was sold and the funds have been put to good use for the greater Church, including "seed" money for affordable housing. Now, it is being realized and we see its fruit. Through these projects Gethsemane continues to live out its vision and mission: to be Christ to others; to see the Christ in others. Being the Christ to others extends God's love through our hands to those who feel left out and forgotten; seeing the Christ in others not only extends God's love; it also confers dignity and worth upon others in doing so. "Thanks be to God!"

Blessings.

Maynard Atik, Interim Pastor

# Grow Report

by Jean Anderson

There was lots of activity around the project in the month of December and early January. On December 28th the escrow papers were signed that sold the air rights to Compass Housing Alliance to build 50 units of affordable housing for 1.5M. This was a very complicated signing with representatives from Compass Housing Alliance, Union Bank, City of Seattle, and of course Gethsemane. This money was put into an escrow construction account along with 1.474M from Gethsemane to cover our share of the core and shell construction, as per executed agreements. This assures the money for the core and shell. This enabled us to receive our building permit and the project has gone out for bid. This also allows Gethsemane to show Norcliffe Foundation that we have our building permit and then they will release their grant of \$150,000.00

The ground breaking ceremony was held on Friday, January 14 at 10am in the Aspira party room! Speakers from Gethsemane, Compass Housing Alliance, City of Seattle, Union Bank, and Bishop Boerger were on the program. Mary's Place, was represented and also the architects from SMR and Olson/Kundig. As part of the groundbreaking ceremony, RAFN, our construction company provided some bricks from Gethsemane walls for members to take home a piece of Gethsemane history. Refreshments were served and over 100 people were in attendance.

During 2011 we will be expending most of the balance of our renovation/housing fund. John Schwartz will be available during the coffee hour on Sunday, January 23 to provide an update on the project and answer questions.

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## January Council Highlights

Pastor brought the Council up-to-date on the progress being made on taking down the building next to the sanctuary. Building materials are all being recycled. The organ has been properly sealed in a "box" to protect it from building dust and debris. It will be the end of the month before any of the outside walls will be demolished.

Plans were announced for the Ground Breaking to be held at the 11th floor activity room of the Aspira Apartments (on our former parking lot) to be held January 14th.

Time was spent on the 2011 Budget. Jens Eysteinnsson, Chair of the Finance Committee, was able to clarify points of interest. A balanced budget for 2011 will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the congregation.

Elizabeth Steele reported that the City of Seattle has given \$3,600 to be used for bus passes in 2011. This is a fund that is drawn from and is matched by equal funding from GCS when used.

The Gethsemane youth will go on a Ski Weekend January 21 to 23.

Chris Kneser reported that the Profile of the Congregation which was reviewed by the congregation had been sent to the Bishop. The Call Committee will meet with the Bishop January 26, 2011. About a month after that meeting the Bishop will present the Call Committee with three names of candidates to be interviewed. The Bishop has mentioned that 70 pastors have expressed an interest in Gethsemane.

Attendance at Saturday Soup and Movies has been between 60 to 80 persons. Chris Kneser also reported that 15 volunteers from United Way will clean the kitchen at Denny Park on January 17. Jens Eysteinnsson was thanked for the contribution of fish from his company.

Two new members were elected to serve with Elizabeth Steele on a Task Force to meet with Mary's Place representatives to spell out the future relationship between Gethsemane and Mary's Place in the new Hope Center. Elizabeth Rene has attorney experience and Lucile Townsend is an experienced social worker.

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## ONE YEAR IN THE LIFE OF GETHSEMANE'S WELL-LOVED MEAL PROGRAM, SATURDAY SOUP AND MOVIES

As the only weekly hot meal program on weekends, Saturday Soup and movies continues to be a much needed program for our low-income/homeless neighbors in Seattle. Our numbers have been very consistent, usually between 80 -110 people, even with the change of venue to Denny Park, and the appreciation for this program has continued to grow. We hope to become a year round program now that our volunteer base has grown to include non-churches, and we have seen an increase in people interested from all walks of life. We have had many volunteers come from the program itself, as people have had success obtaining housing and steady income. They want to give back to the program that has been so vital to them, and, for many, is still an important part of their food budget.

In 2010 we served approximately:

- ⊖ 8,000 sandwiches
- ⊖ 500 gallons of soup, or more than 7,000 bowls
- ⊖ 5000 glasses of juice
- ⊖ 480 plates of crackers and pickles
- ⊖ 480 goody (dessert) plates
- ⊖ Thousands of cups of coffee
- ⊖ Hundreds of donated desserts and sandwiches from Starbuck's
- ⊖ 52 movies

Volunteers put in more than 2,000 hours over the year, not counting those who come to assist with Soup and Movies Thanksgiving meal and Christmas party where we serve 5 turkeys, 2-3 hams, 50 or more pounds of mashed potatoes, a number of side dishes, and lots of pie and coffee.

**A very special thank you goes to Dick Ellison and Ken Williams who share the job of picking up the Starbuck's donation every Friday.**

On behalf of those we serve, I thank you for supporting such as important program for our low-income/homeless neighbors.

Pat Champion and the Soup and Movies core volunteer regulars, Chris Kneser, Alex Ruth, Patrick James, Lloyd Dalton, Mike Bortz, and "Red",



DO YOU HAVE GENTLY USED COATS, SWEATERS OR SWEAT AND T-SHIRTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN, ESPECIALLY MEN?

SOUP AND MOVIES HAS FOLKS WHO WOULD LOVE TO RECEIVE THEM.

With all the cutbacks in social services, especially monthly payments, homeless folks will have more difficulty obtaining clothing. Soup and Movies is collecting gently used winter coats, jackets, sweat and T-shirts, new or used knit scarves and hats, as well as NEW white cotton socks. The homeless are always in need of warm clothing.



On another note, we are collecting medium or large plastic containers similar to what you would get 16 oz yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, and the like. They are used for leftovers and to give soup to go, if any is left.

Just bring any of the above items to church and I will take them off your hands.

Pat Champion, Saturday Soup and Movies

# *This and That*

## **Thank You!**

Dear Gethsemane Congregation,  
Greeting in His name from BJ, China!  
Just got the report from my Home Mission, I want to thank you very much for your generous and sacrificial support to this ministry in finance in the year of 2010, total \$425.00. Your donation is greatly appreciated and needed. The reason I can be here in China to serve our God through serving my fellow Chinese is because of your partnership in both prayer and finance. May our God richly bless you and repay you for your support to this ministry!  
With thanksgiving to God and you,  
Pastor Dorcas Wang

## **Call Committee**

After a brief break for the holidays the call committee met January 26. This meeting took place with Bishop Boerger. Now things should be moving along quickly with much to be done. The purpose of this meeting was to go over the Gethsemane profile we, along with the congregation's input, have put together. From here Bishop Boerger will be going over candidates and bring back three names for us to interview. Our next meeting with him will be March 15, so soon after that the interview process can begin. Between now and then we will be meeting amongst ourselves to co-ordinate the interview process and work out some of the questions we wish to ask. Much of the actual interview process is confidential but we ask for your continued prayers and we look forward to an installation later this year.

The deadline for nominations that any congregation member wishes to submit is February 27. Forms are available at church. Pastors of full communion congregations are eligible.

## **Social Ministry**

Our committee wishes to thank everyone for their continued support. We were not terribly active in 2010, but hope to add some more projects this year. We continue to have the third Sunday of every month as Emergency Feeding Sunday and encourage people to donate.

One of actual projects of 2010 went a bit under the radar and that was our annual Christmas shopping for the Lutheran Social Services families (formerly LATCH families). Due to some extra funds in our budget it was not necessary to ask the congregations to donate special this past Christmas. We shopped for two families and were able to purchase quite a few things from the requested list and certainly brightened the holidays for these two families. Thanks to all of you for your support

# Wanted: Families

## LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

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ADOPTIVE HOMES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER OPENING YOUR HEART AND HOME?**



*LCS welcomes families regardless of race, marital status, income, or sexual orientation.  
Information Nights are held on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.  
The location varies - please call for directions!*

For more information or to RSVP for Information Night, contact Andrea at  
206-694-5713 or email [ahixson@lcsnw.org](mailto:ahixson@lcsnw.org).



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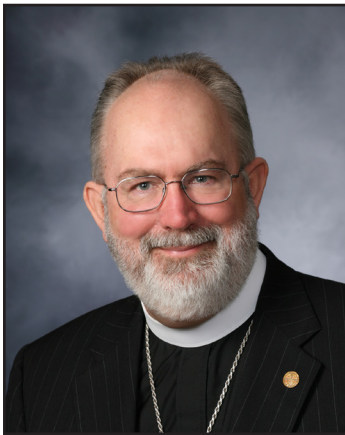
# The Spirit

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## How Healthy Is Your Pastor? by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop



How healthy is your pastor?

That may not be the first question you would ask, but it is one that needs to be asked. This year, for the third straight year, the ELCA Board of Pensions is conducting a Health Risk Assessment for all of its

members, rostered or members of their families. This is a private screening that will result in money being placed in a Health Savings account.

The other fact is that if 65% of the plan members in this Synod complete the assessment by April 30, the congregations and institutions of the synod will see a 2% reduction in health premiums for the year.

In 2010 that would have seen approximately \$32,000 remain in synod congregations. We did not reach the 65% threshold in either of the past two years.

Now is the time for our leaders to take the assessment. I have taken mine. I will be encouraging my spouse to take the assessment. It is for both rostered leaders and for family members who are covered by the plan. When DeDe and I have both taken the assessment we will have \$150 each credited to our account. When 65% of the plan members of this synod take the assessment, then the cost of the premiums for this care will be reduced by 2%.

We have known for several years that the clergy of the ELCA have significant risk factors

for poor health. It would be wonderful if all of our rostered leaders and their families would use the resources of the plan to grow in their awareness of what would make them healthier.

I know that I need to lose weight. I also know that I need to increase my physical exercise. The health risk assessment told me what I already knew. That is the point. I need that reminder and that encouragement.

It is very easy for us to dismiss the risk assessment. That is why there is a financial incentive for both the participants in the program and for their sponsoring congregations. In this time of financial uncertainty it is hoped that a financial incentive will motivate us to take that first step.

In the past two months, three of my colleague bishops have been hospitalized with cardiac symptoms. Fortunately all three had diagnoses that served as wake up calls for them and for the rest of us.

I would hope that I am smart enough to hear the call to take care of myself without the trip to the emergency room. Maybe the financial incentive to the synod treasurer might encourage me to take the appropriate steps, like taking the health risk assessment. Maybe having fellow believers asking about my health will keep me moving in the positive direction.

So how is your health?

Editor's Note: The link to the ELCA Board of Pensions Healthy Risk Assessment can be found on the Synod's website's homepage: [www.lutheransnw.org](http://www.lutheransnw.org).

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## Northwest Washington Synod Assembly

The 2011 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly will take place on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood.

The theme for this year's assembly is centered around two ELCA Campaigns: the ELCA Malaria Campaign and the ELCA HIV and AIDS Campaign.

In sub-Saharan Africa, one in five childhood deaths is due to malaria. And AIDS has claimed the lives of more than 25 million people worldwide with sub-Saharan Africa hardest hit by this pandemic. Learn how the ELCA is responding at [www.lutheransnw.org/assembly](http://www.lutheransnw.org/assembly). This year's Assembly will require voting members to elect members to the Consultation Committee and the Discipline Committee.

**Nominations and resolutions are due to the Synod Office by March 1.** The Resolution

and Nomination Forms are available on the homepage (under Spotlight) as well as on the Synod Assembly page.

As material becomes available, documents will be posted on-line on the assembly website. Material will not be mailed to congregations prior to the assembly. (Notebooks with the materials posted on the website will be available at the Assembly.)

Voting members, observers, and visitors will again need to *register on-line* through the synod's website.

Please check back to the synod's website often at **[www.lutheransnw.org/assembly](http://www.lutheransnw.org/assembly)**.

Assembly Co-Coordinator are Carolyn Norton, member at St. Luke's in Bellevue, and Debi Gatto, member at Glendale Lutheran in Burien. They can be reached at [synodassembly@lutheransnw.org](mailto:synodassembly@lutheransnw.org).

## Here 'n There

- Check out the new **Living Lutheran** website. [LivingLutheran.com](http://LivingLutheran.com) is a place where ELCA members across the US can go for fresh, daily stories of inspiration and conversation about what it means to be Lutheran.
- In January **Faith Lutheran in Everett** presented checks to support their five ministry partners who the congregation recognizes as doing the Lord's work to sever their neighbors in need. Their ministry partners are: Bethany of the Northwest, Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County, the South Everett Neighborhood Center/Familias Unitas and Lutheran World Hunger. This year members also donated to the burn victim center.
- On March 19 members of **First in Bothell** will celebrate their 125th anniversary with a banquet.
- On January 29 the High School Youth at **Faith Lutheran in Seattle** will be sorting food, assisting clients in picking up food and whatever else needs to be done to help the clients at North Helpline Food Bank in Lake City.
- Members at **Our Redeemer Lutheran in Seattle** put together Move-Out Kits. These kits are given to residents of the Compass'

Men's Program when they move out. The kit contains the essentials to create a new home. And, the High School Youth recently fed more than 100 residents of Tent City III!

- **Central in Everett** gave 106 Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets needy families. The total marks their 106 years as a congregation.

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Information for the March issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by Wednesday, February 2.

## FEBRUARY 2011

- 1 Tue 12 pm Community Services  
5:00 pm Meeting with Mary's Place  
6:00 pm GROW Committee
- 2 Wed 12 Noon Holy Communion, Aspira  
-Pr. Maynard Atik  
1:30 pm Office Staff
- 3 Thu 12 pm Community Services

### 6 SUN 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:00 am Holy Communion  
-Pr. Maynard Atik  
11:15 am Coffee Hour
- 8 Tue 12 pm Community Services  
6:30 pm Finance Committee
- 9 Wed 12 Noon Holy Communion, Aspira  
-Pr. Maynard Atik  
1:30 pm Office Staff  
6:30 pm Parish Council
- 10 Thu 12 pm Community Services  
7:00 pm Stamp Club

### 13 SUN 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:00 am Holy Communion  
-Pr. Maynard Atik  
11:15 am Coffee Hour
- 14 Mon 8 am Newsletter Deadline
- 15 Tue 12 pm Community Services
- 16 Wed 12 Noon Holy Communion, Aspira  
-Pr. Maynard Atik  
1:30 pm Office Staff  
6:30 pm Call Committee
- 17 Thu 12 pm Community Services

### 20 SUN 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:00 am Holy Communion  
-Pr. Maynard Atik  
11:15 am Coffee Hour
- 22 Tue 12 pm Community Services
- 23 Wed 12 Noon Holy Communion, Aspira  
-Pr. Maynard Atik  
1:30 pm Office Staff
- 24 Thu 12 pm Community Services  
7:00 pm Stamp Club

### 27 SUN 8TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:00 am Holy Communion  
-Pr. Maynard Atik  
11:15 am Coffee Hour

# Heart to Heart for the Homeless



Please reach out to the increasing numbers of homeless people in our community with your gifts of:

- 7-oz cans of luncheon meat
- 15-oz cans of pork & beans

or \$14.00 will buy a whole case of pork and beans.

If you prefer, you can donate on-line with our Virtual Food Drive. Just log on to [www.emergencyfeeding.org](http://www.emergencyfeeding.org) to start shopping.

These gifts will provide easy-to-use food for people with no place to cook.

For all those who rely on this service to help feed themselves and their families, thank you very much for your help.

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***Please keep in your prayers...***

- ... our home bound – *Robert Hull Nelson*;
- ... those in need of prayer for strength and healing – *Betty Casey, Mike Callahan, Pat Champion, Marie Cress, Irene Haven, Stan Haven, Gail Hendrickson, Louise Hintz, Marian Johnson, Ann Melander, Rose Mary Pendergast, Ruth Pipe, Evelyn Pittman, Doris Rolander, and Basil Stolen*;
- ... our call committee – *Elizabeth J., Christine, Lee, Anita, Jacob, Wayne, Elizabeth S.*;
- ... our staff – *Charles, David, Greg, Kareen, Pr. Maynard, Sara, and Shawnrene*;
- ... our Bishops – *Wm. Chris Boerger and Mark S. Hanson*;
- ... *ELCA Domestic and International Disaster Response*;
- ... our companion congregation the *French Speaking Lutheran-Protestant Church in Moscow*;
- ... *peace in Iraq, in Iran, in Afghanistan, in Thailand, in the Middle East, in Sudan and in all parts of our world*;
- ... *The Rev. Dorcas Wang, ELCA Missionary to Beijing*
- ... the families who mourn their loved ones who lost their lives in Tucson: *Christina Greene, Dorothy Morris, Judge John Roll, Phyllis Scheck, Dorwin Stoddard and Gabriel Zimmerman*;
- ... Healing for *Representative Gabrielle Giffords; the citizens of Tucson who were wounded and are recovering*;

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## February 2011

Sundays at Seattle Childrens  
Research Institute  
1900 9th Ave.

9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:00 am Holy Communion  
11:15 am Coffee and Fellowship

Wednesdays at Aspira  
Storefront next to Gethsemane's  
911 Location

12 noon Holy Communion

## Interfaith Advocacy Day

Faithful Action for the Common Good

Tuesday, March 17, 2011

In Olympia

Participate in an interfaith gathering, learn about advocacy and current legislation, and have an opportunity to advocate in Olympia!!

Carpool or reserve a space on the bus

Register on line at <http://thewac.org/ifad20011/>

Information: call 206.625.9790 or email [wac@thewac.org](mailto:wac@thewac.org)