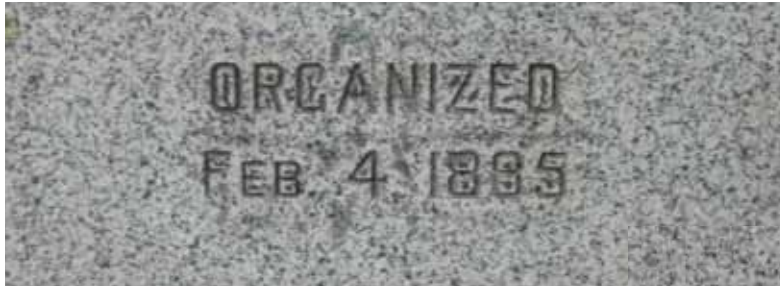




Gethsemane News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2010



Thanks for the memories

“Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Mark 2:3-5



pastor's cup...

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let

down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:3-5)

I love this story of the four men who carry their paralyzed friend to see Jesus and can't get close because of the crowd. Undeterred, they carry him to the roof and lower him right into the middle of the crowd to the feet of Jesus. When Jesus sees the faith of the four friends, he says to the man, "Your sins are forgiven" and then, "Rise, take up your bed and go home."

It strikes me that this is a story about friendship. Those four men know what they have to do to get their friend some help and they do it. I'm intrigued by the attention Jesus pays to them and that he equates what they have done for their friend as faith. So, I come to a personal conclusion, that when you are weak and vulnerable and paralyzed in body and spirit, having friends can save your life; and that even when you can't or don't believe, having friends who do can give your life back.

Part of what Gethsemane is for is to provide access to the life-giving power of friendship. Part of why we worship

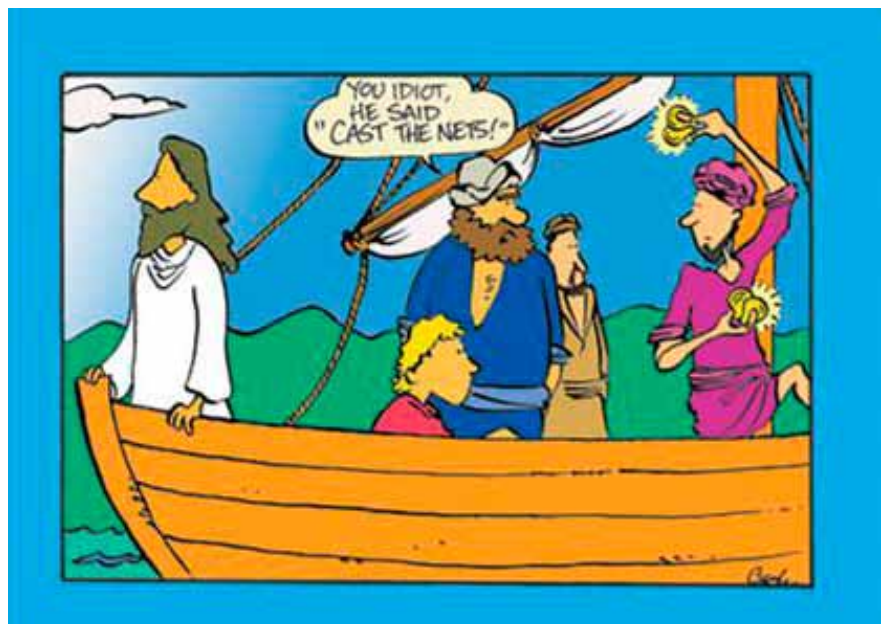
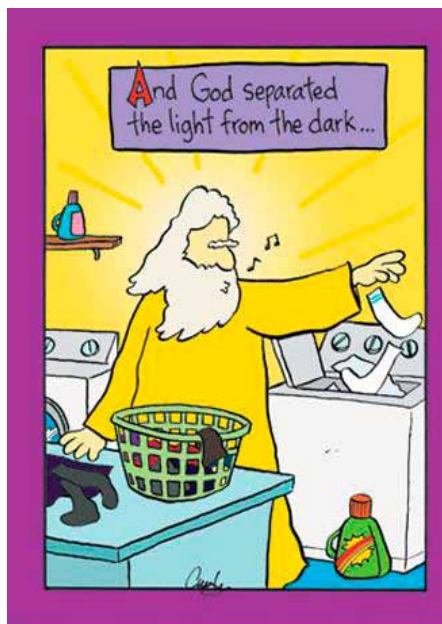
corporately is that together we can affirm and trust and believe and give our hearts in ways that any one of us on any given Sunday may not be able to. When we pray together, we are always praying on behalf of those among us who, for whatever reason, are not able to pray. When we sing, we carry with us those who are down, unable to sing, perhaps unable to do much of anything. When we stand and say together, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty," we are believing for those who today have no belief left. When we give, we give also for those who cannot.

Friendship heals. It is the greatest privilege to be able to carry one another into the presence of the Divine Healer, and it is the most amazing grace, when we can't quite make it alone to be lifted up, held up, carried into Christ's presence by strong arms and loving hands and faithful prayers. Maybe what we at Gethsemane, where some seem to be at odds with fellow members over the recent events regarding the building project and the call process, need most these days is a rediscovery of the grace and gift of friendship.

Blessings.

Maynard W. Atik

Maynard W. Atik, interim pastor



GROW REPORT

by Jean Anderson

July 2010, 2 new checking accounts were set up with MIF for donations received for the project. One is set up as a program account (GCS, Hope Center) and one as a property account (Gethsemane renovation) so that funds would not be co mingled with the regular church operating accounts. We have already received donations for both of these accounts. (Note – Donations received during our 125th Anniversary Celebration are as follows: Gifts for Gethsemane Community Services, \$3727.00 and gifts for the GROW renovation project, \$584.50.)

The GROW Committee met with architects Jim Olson and Bob Jakubik on August 7, to finalize the garden plans and finishing details such as carpet, paint, pew renovation, lighting, wall finishes, and tiles. New drawings are in the lounge on the piano.

Staff members from Gethsemane and Mary' Place met on September 8 to discuss the security systems and entrance access for the new building. Another meeting will be held on September 14 to finalize the details.

Hansen Moving Company met with all committee representatives to give details about the move. The first move will be the offices which will be relocated to Denny

Park office complex on October 6. Also on October 6 they will move Greg Keels to his new apartment. On October 7, all remaining items to be retained will be moved to Hansen Storage Co. for the transition time.

Two members who have worked tirelessly for over the past 6 months getting ready for this move, Kris Okerlund and Doris Rolander, are to be thanked profusely, honored, revered, and held up for sainthood as they cleaned out every nook and cranny of our entire church building. They have divided, sorted, discarded and donated their way through every single room, closet, attic, storage bin, and cupboard at Gethsemane. They have found good homes for many of the items and have advertised extensively through the church wide media as well as Craig's List. (We are so sorry that Doris fell in the line of duty and broke her leg in early September. She cannot be weight bearing for 3 months. We miss her dearly and send wishes for a speedy recovery.) The Gethsemane family will forever be indebted to Kris and Doris and their tenacity for this job.

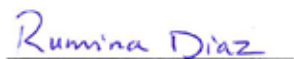
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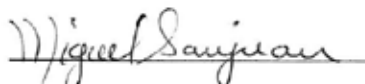
On behalf of Grace Brethren Hispanic church, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of chairs and the tables. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue working on our new building without having to worry about other expenses. Building a new church was not as easy or as affordable as we thought, but were getting the job done. Thanks to the strength that the Lord gives us and as well for the blessings and contributions from people like you. Once again thank you for your generous donation, God Bless.

Sincerely,

Secretary: Rumina Díaz

Pastor: Miguel Sanjuan





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These are indeed busy days at Gethsemane as we prepare to move to temporary quarters at Denny Park Lutheran Church and construction on the new building begins. The move date has been set for **October 7**. Hansen Brothers will be our movers and we are fortunate to have their past experience and expertise moving First United Methodist to their new church and also the ELCA Region 1 Office which was located in the space where our offices will be relocated.

The various committees have been assigned the task to come up with a complete listing of items to be moved, stored, given away, recycled or discarded by the time this newsletter is received. Committee move leads have been identified as follows:

Church Offices - *Charles Cadwallader*

Worship/Arts (Sanctuary, Chapel, artwork, religious items) - *Nancy Sutter*

Music (Choir, music catalogue, pianos) - *David Barela*

Hospitality (Fellowship lounge, upstairs & downstairs kitchens) - *Jan Anderson*

Education (Library) - *Rachel Pesis*

Property (Basement) - *Kris Okerklund*

Altar Guild (Sacristy, paraments) - *Carol Williams*

Garden - *Evie Bang*

Communications (and anything else) - *Bill Fovargue, Move Coordinator*

There is an important meeting scheduled for September 13th at 1:30 in the Fellowship Lounge with Hansen Brothers who will discuss the move process and their requirements. All members, staff and interested parties are invited to attend.

Assistance will be especially needed on October 4, 5 and 6 as those days will be dedicated to packing items to be moved or stored. The Church Offices and GCS will be closed that entire week in preparation for the move. Please let billfovargue@hotmail.com know if you, family and/or friends will be available to help in any capacity.

GCS Profile - Irene Damon

by Kareen Snider

Irene Damon, 43, came to Gethsemane Community Services after being released from King County Regional Justice Center in May of this year. She was referred to GCS by the C-CAP program, a jail sentencing alternative program through King County Court, for help with bus tickets and a Washington State ID.

Irene is disabled and receiving general assistance benefits from the state. When we learned she was disabled, GCS offered to fund a state disabled bus pass, which offers heavily discounted bus fare all month as opposed to the 6 rides clients normally receive from GCS per month for bus tickets. This option results in much greater benefit for cost for those clients who qualify.

Irene had been arrested in September after stealing items in a Safeway store with her 22-year-old daughter. Both were addicted and seeking to fund their drug habits. Irene grew up in White Center and began using drugs and alcohol while involved in a domestic violence relationship at 25, has experienced both violence and rape during her lifetime. While she held several jobs, one in the Boeing Cafeteria for 9 years, she says it was difficult to work during this time. She tried jobs at fast food restaurants and a day care, "but my addiction always took over so I couldn't keep a job."

"That incarceration saved my life," says Irene. She completed drug and alcohol treatment at Lifeline

Connection in Vancouver, Washington, which she calls "the most beautiful place" and began following up with outpatient mental health and chemical dependency treatment. Initially homeless after discharge from KCRJC, Irene was able to move in with her parents, both of whom have significant health issues, and help with their care. Her 22-year old daughter, now clean for 3 months, is also

living with them. Irene, clean and sober for 7 months, is now enrolled in the Life Skills to Work program through C-CAP, which also facilitated her enrollment in mental health and chemical dependency services.

GCS is currently helping Irene navigate the barriers involved in reinstating her driver's license, which she lost due to unpaid traffic tickets for various infractions during her addiction, so she can drive her mother, who was recently discharged from a nursing home, to her medical appointments.

Irene recently signed a plea for crimes committed during her addiction, which may result in a 51-month incarceration. "But I still live in faith and am committed to my recovery regardless. It's a consequence I must pay for my addiction." After she completes her sentence, Irene wants to go to school to be a chemical dependency counselor.

Irene says, "My life has changed tremendously. I'm committed to recovery. I'm involved in church, AA, and intensive outpatient treatment. I don't take anything for granted. Life is precious. Everything is a gift."



Westlake Avenue from Olive Way to Stewart Street to be Permanently Closed September 23, 2010

Improvements Coming Soon to McGraw Square

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is closing Westlake Avenue between Olive Way and Stewart Street at McGraw Square to build a pedestrian plaza at the current terminus of the South Lake Union Streetcar. The roadway closure will begin Thursday, September 23. The Seattle Streetcar, and buses on 5th Avenue will remain in service during construction.

Construction of the plaza project is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving 2010.

SDOT is committed to building a transportation hub at Westlake, one that connects various transit services into an easy-to-use system; makes walking and biking a safe and simple choice; and strengthens the economy and livability of the retail core. For more information, please visit www.seattle.gov/transportation/westlakehub_streetcarplaza.htm



Ethiopia Chicken Hatchery Project

Our NW Washington Synod is helping God's people in our companion synod in Ethiopia. The idea for this project was born in the imaginations of our Ethiopian brothers and sisters. A chicken hatchery will help the Mekane Yesus Church to help themselves and their communities. It will provide income for seminary scholarships and training of lay leaders. In our companion synod, churches have few pastors and depend on many lay leaders for ministry. A chicken hatchery will help the surrounding community by providing food, income and jobs in an area where chicken is the main source of protein.

The NW Washington Synod is attempting to raise at least \$50,000 to purchase the necessary equipment and supplies to get this project started. Can you help? All gifts are important and will enable this project to grow to completion. For more information contact the Synod Ethiopia Project Task Force. Or contact halvorson7@verizon.net.

Checks may be sent to **Ethiopia Business Venture, % NW Washington Synod Office, 5519 Phinney Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103-5299** or given in your church offering.

Eligible Thrivent members may direct their Choice Dollars to this fund also. Contact your Thrivent representative.

New Members



Elizabeth René comes to Gethsemane from Saint Mark's Cathedral and the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, through which she studied for the priesthood for many years. Raised Catholic and Lutheran in Canada and Minnesota by French and Swedish parents, and spiritually formed as a Seattle-based Episcopalian since 1980, Elizabeth is reconnecting with her Scandinavian Lutheran tradition, where she has always found more wholesome attitudes toward blindness than those encountered within the Anglican church that she still loves.

Elizabeth practiced criminal and civil law for 16 years before seminary in Berkeley, CA and Austin, TX, and has trained to be a clinical chaplain at three hospitals and a retirement community. She lived at Koinonia Farm, the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity, for nearly a year, serving as its vegetarian cook and sometime preacher. She's now carving out a new professional life that will foster her training and passionate interests in Law, Medicine, and the Church. Elizabeth loves to write, to cook for friends, to make music, and to spend time with Alvin, her seventh Guide Dog. "I'm so very proud to be joining a community of committed Christians who have decided to experience displacement in order to build a new home for those displaced by social injustice," says Elizabeth. "I want to throw my back into laying the cornerstone for Gethsemane's new foundation in Jesus Christ."

My name is Robert Reeley. I was born in Paris Illinois, which has absolutely zero connection to France or anything, even close to Parisian. My family moved to Orange County California when I was a small boy and I moved here to Seattle in 1985. Presently, I live in Seattle with my partner Duane and no pets (darn). I'm a graduate of the school of hard labor and abundant life and spend most of my time selling Beauty Products to Salons and Spas. When not working I am a full singing member of the Seattle Men's Chorus and I like cooking, grocery shopping and talking on the phone. Yes, I'm shallow.

I seek membership at Gethsemane Lutheran because of the friendly sense of community, Christian Fellowship and the wonderful music program that I have been so privileged to experience over that last few years.





The Spirit

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Fall Is A Time Of Transformation by The Rev. Jan Nesse, Acting Bishop



I have always loved the Fall. When I was growing up in Yakima, September was all about picking apples and going back to school. September smelled like newsprint and crayons. I imagine that has changed for kids now, I don't even see the boxes of eight chunky crayons in the school supply

sections of Target and Fred Meyer. Too bad.

But October was my favorite month, partly because it ended with Halloween but mostly because it was cool, crisp, and colorful. The trees started to change in September but they were in full color by October and they were harbingers of promise. I knew that even before I understood what resurrection meant.

And actually, I was well into my adult years before I began to see the Fall foliage of October as anything more than a beautiful display of nature. In learning why foliage of deciduous plants change color, I discovered that even though the plant is not "thinking" as we consider thought, there is reason behind the colors and reason behind the falling leaves.

Leaves fall because the carbohydrates feeding the cells that hold them on to the branches begin to be stored for next year's growth. They change color because the chlorophyll that continues to be replaced during the growing season is blocked off in the abscission layer and the yellow and orange colors, already present in the leaf, begins to show through. The red colors come from sugar that is trapped in the leaf and can't escape because of the blockage. The abscission layer becomes dry and corky to protect the plant during the winter.

The intensity of the colors comes from temperature, soil moisture, and length of nights. But eventually, all the colors break down from those same factors, leaving us with only the brown leaves hanging on the trees and lying on the streets. If the plant did not change during the Fall, it would die during the winter. If it does change, it becomes the host for new life in the Spring.

Fall is a time of transformation and intention. It is a time of hope and promise. The non-thinking plants demonstrate God's plan for continuing sustainability, continuing transformation, continuing resurrection. And while we see in the buds of Spring that new life is on the way, the vibrant colors of Fall proclaim that same message when it is harder for us to see it.

As a child we used to bring a "pretty leaf" to school for show and tell because we were simply awed by the colors. We didn't understand anything about why leaves changed or what God's plan was for the world. And I guess that's what Jesus meant when he said, "those who have ears, should hear." With the powerful proclamation of Fall, I now reflect on the message of sustainability, transformation, and resurrection. Are there things in my life being stored and protected to feed the next generation? Am I changing as the conditions around me change? Does my life proclaim the promise of resurrection? How does the message of promise and transformation apply to my church?

This is why I like October, it makes me think about what God has in mind for me as a part of his bigger design.

Upcoming Youth Events

- Let Justice Roll, Oct. 9-11, Holden Village, Chelan—Trinity Lutheran College, Everett, is a co-sponsor of an annual high school youth event for those interested in peace and justice issues. The event is held at Holden Village (near Chelan). This year's theme is Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust. The program includes group presentations, small group discussions, a service project, and lots of time to relax, hike, and enjoy God's creation.
- Focus on Youth Ministry: Peer Ministry Training Nov. 5-6, Trinity Lutheran College, Everett—Lyle Griner, national director of

Peer Ministry Leadership, will lead a two-day training event for youth ministry staff, pastors, volunteers and young people. Peer Ministry empowers youth for important roles as leaders and listeners among their peers. Participants will be equipped to facilitate training in practical ministry skills within churches, camps, college ministries, and other groups. Cost: \$99 per adult, including training manual.

Editor's Note: For more information visit www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter, or contact the Rev. David Ellingson at 425.249.4722 or david.ellingson@tlc.edu.

Here 'n There

Central Lutheran in Seattle in July served more than 2925 meals, or an average of 320 meals per day. Central in Seattle, through their twice-a-week Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, has been serving meals for many years. In 2008 it served 170 to 240 guest per meal. More than half the guests at the meals during the past six months have topped 260 guests. **Central Lutheran in Everett** helps feed the homeless on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Read the Qur'an in Four Weeks—Check out this unique class with Pastor Ron Marshall (First Lutheran of West Seattle, www.flcws.org), who has been teaching it four times a year since 2003. Classes are from 7-9 p.m., October 7, 14, 21, 28. The \$50 fee includes your own approved translation of the Qur'an, plus over a hundred handouts on the Qur'an by Islamic scholars. To register or make inquiries, contact Pastor Marshall at 206-935-6530; deogloria@foxinternet.com.

The Northwest Washington Synod is blessed to have new seminary interns. They are: John Simonson, Edmonds (Pastor Julie Josund); Kathryn Emery, Central, Everett (Pastor Jeff Russell); Rachel Voxland, Trinity, Lynnwood (Pastor Paul Sundberg); Ryan Cosgrove, St John United and LPPO (Pastor Carol Jensen and Pastor Paul Benz); Ethan Hulme, Our Redeemer's, Seattle (Pastor Kathy Hawks); and Justin Mootz, First Richmond

Beach (Pastor John Bjorge). We welcome them.

Prince of Peace Lutheran in Shoreline said good-bye to the residents of Tent City 3 on June 26. Prince of Peace says that, once again, the residents were excellent neighbors and were always willing to lend a hand.

Members of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Everett will again have an opportunity to worship with inmates at the Shelton Correctional Center. October's worship will take place on October 2.

The Spirit, a publication of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is intended for members, leaders, and clergy of synod congregations and organizations. Congregations are encouraged to copy **The Spirit** and include it in their own newsletters. **The Spirit** can be downloaded from the Synod website.

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Information for the November issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by Wednesday, October 6.

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3 SUN 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

6 Wed Gethsemane Office Moves to Denny Park
7 Thu Gethsemane Vacated

10 SUN 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am Gather in Gethsemane's
Narthex in order to process to Children's
Hospital Research Institute, 1900 9th Ave."
10:00 am Holy Communion
-Pr. Maynard Atik

12 Tue 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
13 Wed 12 Noon Holy Communion, Aspira
-Pr. Maynard Atik
1:30 pm Office Staff
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

17 SUN 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Adult Forum
10:00 am Holy Communion
-Pr. Maynard Atik

11:15 am Coffee Hour
18 Mon 9:00 am Newsletter Deadline
19 Tue 10:00 am Community Services
1:00 pm Community Services
20 Wed 12 Noon Holy Communion, Aspira
-Pr. Maynard Atik
1:30 pm Office Staff
21 Thu 10:00 am Community Services
1:00 pm Community Services
7:00 pm Stamp Club

24 SUN 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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11:15 am Coffee Hour
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31 SUN REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

A note from the Mission Endowment Committee . . .

Planned Gifts of Kindness

Planned gifts of kindness are gifts from our hearts to ministries of the church. As we enter into the fall season, we are reminded that people of God are called to be good stewards of God's overwhelming gifts to us. Responding to God's grace in Christ, we can make financial gifts to Gethsemane that will carry Christ's ministry to others. Through our regular offerings, and through planned giving, we can provide gifts of kindness to people and programs to alleviate suffering and make life a bit easier for people both here and around the world.

A planned gift during your lifetime or a bequest in your will directs valuable funds to the Gethsemane Mission Endowment Fund. You may think that because a part of the receipts of the sale of our parking lot has established the Fund, we don't need to give additional funds to it. But, please remember, the Fund is a permanent one, and only the interest income will be spent each year! As we accept bequests and lifetime gifts, the Fund will grow and more ministries and persons will receive support to carry on. Should you have questions or need information about making a gift, call any member of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee: Gail Hendrickson, Chair, Ceil Fjellman, or Ruth Pipe.

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee thanks all the members who were completed the survey and participated in the forums on August 29th and September 5th. The discussion was very helpful and the Call Committee has taken the responses on "Gifts for Ministry" in the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and is working arduously on completing the MSP in a timely manner.

The congregation is invited to nominate clergy, who are on the ELCA roster, for consideration for call to Gethsemane. Nomination forms will be made available early October and are to be mailed directly to the Northwest Washington Synod office (the address is on the form).

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

Gethsemane Call Committee

(Elizabeth Jensen, Chris Kneser, Lee Mattson, Anita Proudfoot, Jacob Segerhammar, Wayne Sneva and Elizabeth Steele)

Happy Hour Thank You

Thank you so much for the great opportunities you've provided to many deserving artists and the community! I look forward to your new building and to new beginnings.

Regina Thomas

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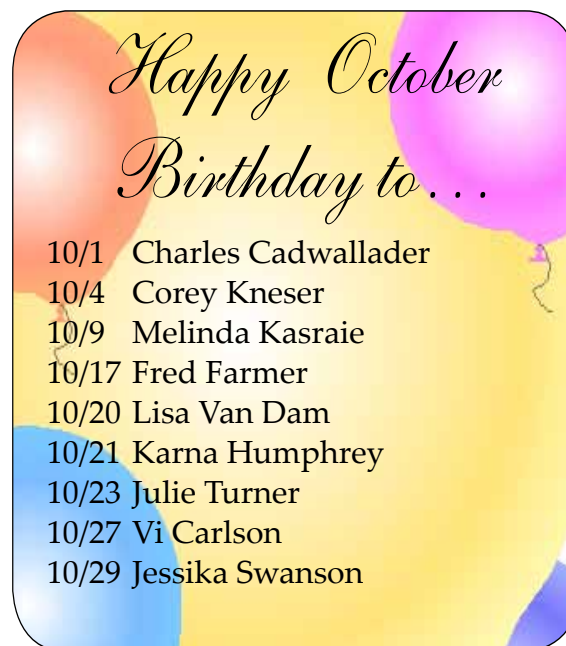
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Responses to Happy Hour Concerts

I thank you for these concerts. - Dorlene A.

Wonderful! - Margaret G.

**Very pleasant surprise to find refreshments and hospitality plus the
music. Thanks! - Margaret M.**

Thank you very much!!! - Natalia S.

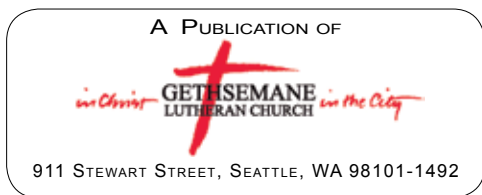
Love the concerts. - Betty P.

Thank you! - Mark S.

Thank you! - Donald A.

Please keep in your prayers...

- ... our home bound – *Robert Hull Nelson;*
- ... those in need of prayer for strength and healing – *Betty Casey, Pat Champion, Marie Cress, Ceil Fjellman, Irene Haven, Gail Hendrickson, Louise Hintz, Marian Johnson, Rose Mary Pendergast, Ruth Pipe, Evelyn Pittman, Basil Stolen, and Iris Tompkins;*
- ... 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;*
- ... *the preservation and health of the Gulf of Mexico coast in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon oil explosion;*
- ... *peace in Iraq, in Iran, in Afghanistan, in Thailand, in the Middle East, and in all parts of our world;*
- ... *the flood victims in Pakistan.*
- ... *Dorcas Wong, ELCA missionary in Beijing, China.*



October 2010

Sundays at Gethsemane

- 9:00 am Christian Education
- 10:00 am Holy Communion
- 11:15 am Coffee and Fellowship

Wednesdays at Gethsemane

- 12 noon Holy Communion

Open Door Annual Gala



Open Door Ministries (ODM), an extended ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod, will be holding its Tenth Annual Gala Dinner Auction on

Saturday, November 6, 2010, 5:00-9:30 p.m. at the Brockey Center on the South Seattle Community College Campus in West Seattle. This community college is well known for its fine culinary department, which will be serving the meal.

Auctions are most successful when they are supported by the community, by their physical and financial presence. As a Reconciled in Christ (RIC) congregation, Gethsemane Lutheran has the possibility to do one or all of the following:

- buy a table for our congregation;

- donate a basket for the silent auction, or donate a financial gift of \$50 or more towards a basket that ODM will assemble and place in the silent auction in our name;
- procure from our members items for the live auction such as a time share, cabin, air miles; or services, such as massages, monthly cakes or pies for a year. Procurement forms are on the table by the Lounge.

Again this year ODM will be publically recognizing all RIC congregations attending the auction. It would be wonderful to have many tables filled with RIC congregations. Eleven RIC congregations were present at last year's event. We hope to increase that number this year. Our affirmation and support of Open Door enables its ministry to continue and expand.

Let's have a good representation from Gethsemane!