

# Newsletter May 2013

*From Pastor Andersen:*

On April 17, 1998, I was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Magnolia Lutheran Church in Seattle. The liturgy was the first ordination of the newly created Northwest Washington Synod and for me the culmination of four years of study, prayer, parish internship, hospital chaplaincy – and waiting. Our new national church was in a waiting mood and had been for some time, as we approached merger to combine some of the US Lutheran family alphabet soup: ALC, LCA, and AELC. The flowing together of pension plans, publishing houses, women's organizations, auxiliary ministries, colleges, universities and seminaries took effect earlier that year, but the consequences were to be worked out over months and years.

Seminarians were affected during that time; while senior clergy stayed put; synod and district staffs were reshaped into new arrangements. It was an uncertain period in the history of the Lutheran movement in the US.

Twenty-five years later, those seem to be the good old days. Memories of uncertainty, institutional anxiety, fiscal stress and leadership crisis have softened and/or matured. We have survived the turn of the century, which, it turns out was less a turn of century than it was the awareness that things would never be the same again in the life of the church. Ecumenical relations, social teachings on human sexuality, the social and political influence of the so-called "religious right" made for great craters in our church family landscape.

It's providential that the Wednesday Bible study group is working through the Book of Acts just now – just at a time when we're also hearing those Acts lessons from the Sunday lectionary. Acts is first and foremost the Book of the Church. Acts is what the men and women of the early church did after the "two men in white robes" admonished them to take their spiritual hands out of their pockets and look in new ways for the return of Jesus, or better said, to be part of that return themselves (Acts 1:10-11).

Acts is what we do as well in our time and place, when we've finished the larger part of the festival year and get into that time called "ordinary time" in the church year. It is an annual cycle, but it is also a life cycle.

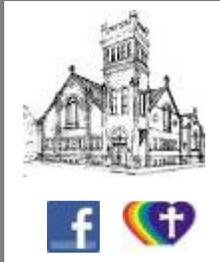
Members of your church council will be meeting on retreat early this month, for some looks back but for more looks around and forward. I'm looking forward to looking forward. We invite you to do that too!

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### **Worship with Holy Communion** Sunday, 9:30am

*Holy Communion in the Main Sanctuary  
with refreshments served in the Pioneer  
Chapel immediately following. Childcare  
provided 9:15am-12:15pm*

#### **Mid-Week Eucharist** Wednesday, 12:00-12:30pm *Pioneer Chapel*

#### **Jazz Vespers** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month, 5:00-6:00pm *Main Sanctuary*

**All are welcome to join us in worship!** Street parking is free on Sundays until 1:00pm, and we also have permission to use the parking lot of the University Club on the corner of Broadway & Jefferson, from 8:00am-1:00pm (Sundays only). Street parking at other times is \$1.75/hr.

We encourage you to consider utilizing public transportation (bus, streetcar, or MAX) if possible, or carpool with a neighbor! Please contact us if you are interested but need help in determining which option will work best for you!

## Church Council Highlights

### From the meeting on April 16

**CDC REPORT:** Fundraiser was successful with \$2,000.00 raised, 68 people in attendance, 1/3 of the parents and some people from St. James. Enrollment is steady and full for the CDC and Patrick is looking to hire another kindergarten summer teacher. Windows are washed. Floors are being waxed on April 19<sup>th</sup>, with St. James floors being done at the same time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** It was a good month and a good quarter. This March is the best in 5 years and a 'well done' to staff for a job well done in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Proposed Ed and Ruth Ostrom for membership which passed unanimously and a new member service is being planned for the month of May. Downtown pastors were gratified with turnout of 70-90 people at the Lenten Soup Suppers and Services. The Ensemble performed at St James on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and would like to schedule other performances here. Pastor attended a day long "Boundaries" workshop that is required of pastors every 5 years.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** June 9<sup>th</sup> St. James will have a celebration of Ordained Ministry, this is at Pastors Dennis' request so all in Ordained Ministry will be included. Insurance bids are being worked on and should be received either at the end of April or beginning of May.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Communications Team has developed a Privacy and Policies Document which will be reviewed by legal counsel.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** St James Apartments fixed the planter so there is no standing water in the courtyard. Talked about a possible capital fund drive for the Property Committee.

## Celebration of Ordained Ministry at St. James: June 9



Are you ready for a party? Make sure you're in town on Sunday June 9 to join in our festive Celebration of Ordained Ministry at St. James! We will recognize Pastor Andersen's 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary (April 17) and other clergy who make St. James the special place it is! More details to follow! And this isn't a stock photo to the left, either... can you guess who the birthday boy is?

## Scholarship Time!

If you are a member of St. James and will be attending college in the fall, you are eligible for a St. James Scholarship! The application is simple: please submit an essay (include your major, future goals and a short autobiographical sketch), where you will be attending school, your most current transcript and your student ID number. **Applications must be received no later than June 15, 2013.** Please place your scholarship application in the scholarship box in the St. James Library. If you have questions, call Charlotte Cook 503.286.8480

## CDC News

Spring Greetings from St. James Child Development Center!

The Child Development Center held a successful fundraising event in Pioneer Chapel this past month. Parents enjoyed the vocal talents of the Brown Sisters while enjoying yummy bites and beverages, all while their children were being cared for in the classrooms. Thank you to the congregation of St. James for allowing us to use Pioneer Chapel. The use of the space was greatly appreciated by families, and several commented about the beautiful artwork being displayed!

This month children will be learning about Fire Safety during an American Red Cross Safety Presentation. "Cool Cat" will educate friends about how to evacuate a space safely, and instill their motto of "Be Ready!" This is the first of three safety presentations that children will participate in over the next year. Other topics include earthquake safety, and winter safety.

Spring has sprung, and children in the Kindergarten room are taking full advantage of the change in weather. The Kindergarten room has a wall of windows that allow children to experiment with different growing projects. Several seeds are beginning to sprout, and children are noting the progress of their plants. We are also thankful for the improved weather as children have been getting out and about in the city! Looking forward to a Spring full of learning and discovery...

-Patrick & CDC Staff

## Open Space: Sundays

*11:00am-12:00pm, Most Sundays, Main Sanctuary*

**Climate Change Crisis Part I: May 5** We are regularly confronted with new evidence that a great ecological crisis is upon us: unprecedented droughts; record-setting wildfires; Super Storm Sandy. And we have just experienced the year of the highest average temperatures since such records have been kept. Gerry Grover and Willard Kniep lead our discussion as we explore climate change and its many consequences on our world and our lives.

**Climate Change Crisis Part II: May 12** What role do people of faith play in this current ecological crisis? Beyond repenting for our contributions to and complicity in bringing about global warming, what can and should Christian individuals and congregations be doing in response to this looming catastrophe? This week we'll discuss how we can (and should!) take action to protect God's creation.

**Models of Spirituality: May 19** How can we describe and practice spirituality? Father Jim Galluzzo, Director of the Urban Spirituality Center, will be our special guest as we learn about different models of spirituality, and how spirituality connects us to ourselves, each other, our world, and the transcendent!

**Spiritual Direction 101: May 26** What is spiritual direction? Trained spiritual directors from the St. James community will explain what spiritual direction is and share their own experiences in both giving and receiving spiritual direction.

## **Jazz Vespers: May 12**

*5:00pm, Main Sanctuary*

Portland jazz artist Mike Horsfall will lead the Jazz Vesper on Sunday May 12. Co-founder of the jazz trio Tall Jazz, Mike has enjoyed a successful and diverse musical career for over 35 years, serving as an educator, composer, arranger, recording artist and concert soloist on both piano and vibraphone. He has performed with a large number of world-class musicians and notable groups; we're thrilled to have him at St. James! Music begins at 4:55pm in the Main Sanctuary.

## **Pentecost: May 19**

*9:30am, Main Sanctuary*

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." -Acts 2:1-4. **Each year at St. James we read this Pentecost text in different languages; if you speak another language and are interested in participating in the service this year, please contact Pastor Andersen.** And for all you English-only speakers out there, don't worry! You can still actively celebrate Pentecost on Sunday morning by wearing Red! Come, O Holy Spirit, Come!



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= **June 1 and 2!**

## **Blessing of the Fields: June 1**

*10:00am, Fulton Community Garden*

Yep, it's that time again! Contact Linda Rickert for more details about garden prep and planning!

## **Bach Vespers: June 2**

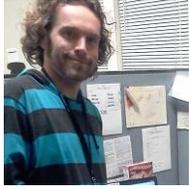
*5:00pm, Main Sanctuary*

The last Bach Cantata Vespers of the 2012-13 series will be on Sunday June 2 at 5:00 pm. Bach's Cantata 18 has the unusual instrumentation of four violas (no violins!), two flutes, bassoon, cello and organ. **Its timely text from Isaiah turns our thoughts to the blessing of our St. James community garden and of our own gardens with seeds to be planted, watered and fed, as the seeds of God's Word are also sowed and nurtured here at St. James.** "Just as the rain and snow fall from heaven and do not return again to it, rather moisten the earth and make it fruitful and growing, so that it gives seed for sowing and bread to eat: So shall the word, that goes forth from My mouth, be also; it will not return to me empty, rather it does my will, and shall achieve the purpose for which I send it." -Isaiah 55:10-11. Music professor from Pacific Lutheran University, Paul Tegels, will be guest organist performing Haydn's concerto for organ and strings. Plan to attend with friends and family. Children are welcome! Freewill offering.

# GROUPS & MINISTRIES

## Goose Hollow Family Shelter: May 22

6:30-9:00PM, First United Methodist Church 1838 SW Jefferson St.



Paul ter Brugge is the new full time manager at GHFS. He has a laid back but guided approach to the evening. Paul grew up in the Netherlands where he met the love of his life whom he followed to the US to come live in Portland, Oregon. He loves the vibration of this town, and the beautiful nature surrounding it. Paul currently is taking a monthly permaculture class to transform his garden into a lush food forest with fruit trees, berry bushes, lots of veggies and some chickens to turn it into a real urban

farm. He enjoys seeing things grow and change in his yard and is intrigued by the process of going through the seasons. Paul finds this is also a great attribute of working for GHFS, as he is able to be a conduit for positive transformation for families in difficult situations. St. James is getting to know and work with Paul on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month when we host and provide volunteers to help these families while they find stable housing. Contact Charlotte Cook or Nichole Morgan with any questions regarding volunteering at GHFS.

Volunteer Opportunities:	Needed Items:
Sloppy Joes:	Travel Size Shampoo
Baked Beans:	Travel Size Conditioner
Kernel Corn:	Travel Size Toothpaste
Coleslaw:	Diapers Sizes 4, 5, & 6
Buns for Sloppy Joes:	Baby Wipe Refills
Cuties or Apples:	
Kid Time Host:	
Helping Hand Host:	
Mealtime Host:	
Male Overnight Host:	
Female Overnight Host:	

## Book Club: May 28

7:10pm, Pioneer Chapel

The selection for this month is Mary S. Lovell’s epic “The Sisters: The Saga of the Mitford Family”. If you haven’t picked it up yet, do so soon... it’s a long one!

## First Thursday: May 2

First Thursday Opening Reception: 5:00-7:00pm, May 2, Chapel Gallery

Visual Artist’s Group Meeting: 10:00am, June 1, Chapel Gallery

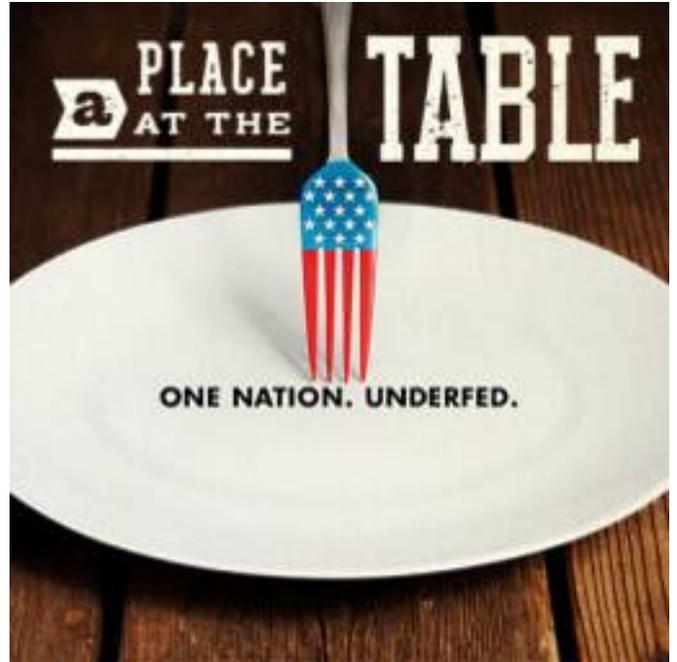
Hello again from the St. James Art Group! As you know, April showers bring May flowers, and flowers are even popping up in the Pioneer Chapel in May with the opening of Margie Lee’s new art exhibit. The pieces, featuring beautiful blooms and eclectic colors of spring, will be on display for your enjoyment in the Pioneer Chapel after every service throughout the month of May. As always, remember that these painting are for purchase, and Margie would be more than happy to talk to you about buying one of her pieces. On a budget? Margie has greeting cards and tile tables at affordable prices so that everyone can enjoy her work so don’t hesitate to talk to her about picking up something for a friend, loved one, or yourself from her beautiful collection of art! Thanks for reading and happy spring from the St. James art group; we hope to see you at our First Thursday reception on May 2!



## “A Place at the Table: One Nation. Underfed.” Screening: May 11

9:00am-12:00pm, St. Luke Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland OR 97219

“A Place at the Table” is the newest film by directors Kristi Jacobson and Lori Silverbush that examines the issue of hunger in America through the lens of three people struggling with food insecurity. **The system built to battle food insecurity in our nation is cumbersome and not meeting the real everyday needs for many, but we can engage in aid, service, and advocacy that can change that system and end hunger for good!** We will view the film and then have a Q&A session with a staff member of the Oregon Food Bank. Please RSVP (simply a headcount for refreshments) by contacting Pastor Kim at [pastorkim@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorkim@stlukechurch.com) or 503-246-2325.



## Sunday Parkways: May 12

11:00am-4:00pm, East Portland

They’re back! Sunday Parkways will be held five times in five different neighborhoods this summer. Each event closes neighborhood roads to car traffic, leaving bicycles and pedestrians free to take over the streets! The season begins with a jaunt around East Portland, including two miles on the Springwater Corridor. Find out more information online at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929>.

## In Our Prayers

**For healing, care, and comfort:** Paul Peavey; Mark Giles; Margie Antico; LaVon Holden; Pastor William Arbaugh; Rita Sorenson, Sister of Nichole Morgan; Ralph Erwin; Mary Fagan, sister of Shirley Roggen; Jack Hammond; Vera Mueller; Chris Colasurdo; Sabrina Van Riette; Janet Amundson; Edna Keyes.

**For healing from cancer:** Trisha Binette; Pastor Jack Hustad; Bob Wilson; Becky Swartz; Jack and Loie Davis, parents of Joel Davis; Stan Stevens; Rob Nylander, cousin of Linda Rickert; Carolyn Hixson; Jean Tingley; Vonnie Larsen; Elaine McLaughlin; Karen Fissel; Zizi Raymond; Suzan Sorenson.

**For those who grieve:** The family of Lois Roggen; the family of Keith Skiles; the family of Wally Watkins; the family of Helen Carlson; the family of Eugenia Jahns.

## May Birthdays

Forrest Betton, May 1  
Annika Tohlen, May 3  
Gene Maier, May 7  
Ann Sehdev, May 8  
Bruce Dorn, May 10  
Jan Nelson, May 10  
Brandon Stillwell, May 13  
David Schramm, May 13

Mary Anne Lundstrom, May 19  
Gretchen Rogers, May 19  
John Wilkerson, May 21  
Matthew Schobert, May 21  
Kathy Armour, May 25  
Dorothy Cottingham, May 28  
Roy Bolt, May 30  
Elizabeth Andersen-Dunn, May 31

## May Anniversaries

Dick & Barbara Wegner, May 1  
Warren & Charlotte Cook, May 22  
Sven & Sonja Werner, May 31



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 2013**

online at [www.stjamespdx.org/happening/calendar](http://www.stjamespdx.org/happening/calendar)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:30am C. Prayer 12:00pm Mid-week Eucharist; NO Bible Study today	<b>2</b> 5:00pm CG First Thursday 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30am Church Council Retreat 7:00pm Bach Benefit
<b>5</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fair Trade 11:00am OS/SS	<b>6</b> 5:30pm Communications	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30am C. Prayer 12:00pm Mid-week Eucharist & Bible Study	<b>9 ASCENSION DAY</b> 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am OS/SS 5:00pm Jazz Vesp	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00pm Finance	<b>15</b> 8:30am C. Prayer 12:00pm Mid-week Eucharist & Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	<b>17 OREGON SYNOD ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>18 OREGON SYNOD ASSEMBLY</b>
<b>19 PENTECOST</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am OS/SS 7:00pm Bach Reh.	<b>20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00am WELCA 7:00pm Church Council	<b>22</b> 8:30am C. Prayer 12:00pm Mid-week Eucharist & Bible Study 6:30pm GHFS	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 HOLY TRINITY</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am OS/SS	<b>27 MEMORIAL DAY</b> CDC & Office Closed 7:00pm Bach Reh.	<b>28</b> 7:10pm Book Club	<b>29</b> 8:30am C. Prayer 12:00pm Mid-week Eucharist & Bible Study 6:30pm GHFS	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	<b>31</b>	

## Sunday Refreshments Host

**May 9:**

**May 12:** Joe Antico, Mother's Day

**May 19:** Sunday School, Pentecost

**May 26:** Margie, Brenna, Sarah, Leigh  
Anne

Every Sunday after worship, volunteers host refreshments in the Pioneer Chapel. Are you able to volunteer as a host sometime? Hosts set up and clean tables, provide a few light snacks such as cookies, pastries, or breads and help serve coffee or tea (which is prepared by staff). This is a wonderful way to meet and mingle with visitors and members! Dates that are blank are available for you! Please sign up on the Bulletin Board.

## Sunday Altar Flowers

**May 9:**

**May 12:** Joe Antico, Mother's Day

**May 19:**

**May 26:**

For most Sundays and special event worship services, bouquets of flowers sit at the altar to fill the church with fragrance and color. These flowers are provided by volunteers! We also have church members who are willing to purchase and put together bouquets in your honor, if you provide the funds (less than \$20!) Talk to Judith Smith for more details. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board; dates that are blank are available for you!

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