



June 2014

Within the next month we will be saying goodbye to **Pastor Katherine** and welcoming **Rev. David King** . To say good by to Katherine, on June 29th from noon to 3 pm there will be a potluck cook out at my home, 3351 Dee Hwy, Hood River. Please car pool because parking is limited. Bring either a salad or dessert. I will have grilled chicken for everyone. All are welcome!

Pastor King starts officially on July 1st and his first day in the pulpit will be July 6. We will be planning an event to welcome the King family later in July. We do not expect the parsonage renovations to be done by the first so Pastor King and his family will be staying at the McBee's until July 12. We will work around the move-in date for a welcoming party. Renovations to the Methodist parsonage are being funded by some of the proceeds from the sale of Asbury Church.

So far this year our combined congregational budget is right on track but during the summer travel season we expect a dip in contributions. If you would like to be sure you stay up to date on giving we have a program called **Simply Giving**, that allows you to have regular deductions from your bank account go directly to the church. You can decide if you want weekly or monthly deductions and the amount. There will be a bulletin insert you can fill out and give to Jennifer or you can contact her at the office to set it up. This will help the church be able to meet our bills throughout the year.

Construction on the FISH food bank will begin once we have a final permit from the county. Simurdak Construction has been awarded the contract and will be placing an office trailer at the northeast end of the parking lot before construction begins. The biggest impact on parking will be during August-September when the steel building frame will be delivered and erected.

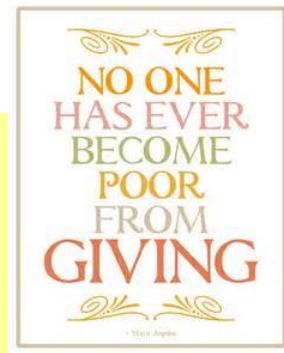
The board will be meeting June 8 to continue strategic planning.

Debby Chenoweth

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon it will be time for us to say good-bye and godspeed to each other. We are all embarking on new adventures and opportunities for ministry. I will be returning to Portland and a new interim call in the metro area which begins early in July. I hope my car has the good sense to remember to go south instead of east to Hood River.

I've enjoyed my commute into your community. The drive has been beautiful, and the welcome here wonderful.

We celebrate Pentecost this month, the outpouring of the Spirit of the risen Christ on all the believers. That Spirit is still poured out, daily, abundantly, grace upon grace. You have great ministry ahead of you as you continue to show the community your willingness to work together and to love one another.

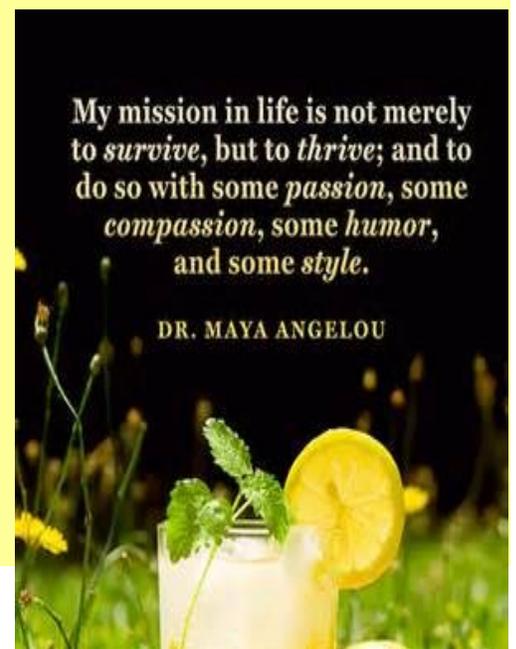
I leave you with the parting words from St Paul in his first letter to the church in Corinth:

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

Remember, “let all you do be done in love.”

In Christ's love,

Pastor Katherine



Lutheran Oregon Synod 2014 – Update

May 16 – 18 @ Hayden Island in Portland

It was exciting to see all of the different congregations throughout the state of Oregon. There were a total of 112 congregations represented, typically 2 people per congregation. On Friday there was a meeting on Financial Giving of which both Marti and I attended. The Oregon Synod has a program to assist congregations to setup online giving. Therefore, when they are on vacation or unable to attend they can still give to their congregation. I believe that would be a good method to tithe. Other topics were that when someone passes away and the family wants to purchase an item for the church they can do one of the following: (1) Example given was someone wanted to purchase an alter and the cost was \$5000. But after 6 months the total amount was not donated. The immediate family can pay the difference. Or (2) the funds will be diverted to general funds for the church.

Friday afternoon we had a church service which was very reverend and traditional. The Holy Spirit was definitely alive and you felt the love of Christ throughout the weekend. Marti and I were unaware of the different Lutheran congregations under the Mt. Hood region. Several of the churches voiced concerns about having lower attendance at their services and strategies to attract younger families into their church body. One idea was to have a VBS (vacation bible school) to attract the younger population. Another idea was to have a wine and chocolate event at their facility. Still others had ongoing outreach programs to bring in food to the under privileged members of their community. One idea was to work with local merchants to donate backpacks (ie. Dakine). Then work with the grade school principals to see if there are certain individuals who participate in the free breakfast program. Then give each person a flier to see if they would like a new backpack filled with basic food staples. But the student must bring back the empty backpack every Tuesday and on Thursday the local Fire department will deliver the backpacks to their home filled with food. Then the student nor their parents will feel pressured to join the church. Separation of state, church and religion.

Several activities were demonstrated throughout the weekend allowing each person to voice their opinion without judgment. Each table worked independently but a team as a whole. People were every interested in our effort in setting up a food bank facility right on our property. I explained that it will give us an opportunity to not only distribute food for the needy but to also let them understand that there are people in the world who care and want to build lasting spiritual relationships with them and their family.

I was nominated and accepted by the Oregon synod to represent ELCA as a member of the church counsel as an " at large - person of color or English is a second language."

As a church we need to increase visibility in the community by opening our doors to the Hispanic population as our demographics have changed significantly over the past 50 years. If churches do not change with the community it will slowly perish. This is the state of our current church as a whole throughout Oregon. I also explained that our church was a blend of Lutherans and Methodists who chose to come together as believers of Christ. There is a church in Portland which is a combination of Catholic and Lutherans which had a panel discussion on stage. They explained that this was both challenging and invigorating at the same time. I know if they can make it through their trials and tribulations we at A.O.R.P. will definitely survive and prosper keeping in mind that the Church is people, not things.

One final note:

Marti and I are so happy to have joined such a positive and Christian based church in Hood River. It was quite an adjustment coming from a larger city, Salem to Hood River. We feel very comfortable being a member of the blended congregation.

Blessings!

Stan & Marti Ibori

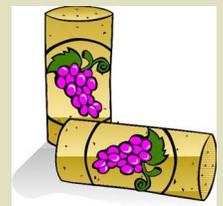
Faith In Action



This ambitious committee is always glowing with new ideas to help reach out in our community, region and world. We have true brainstorming sessions at our meetings, and the results are interesting, challenging projects.

We celebrated **Earth Day/Care of Creation** with a commitment to change in one way by each interested individual in our congregation, sharing recipes for chemical free, make at home cleaning products, and expanding the information on our non-curbside recycling program on-going at our church. Mother's Day was commemorated by handing out a spray bottle with the general purpose cleaner ingredients for each Mother/woman. Hope someone at your home has had a chance to try it out!

One new item to **RECYCLE** is: wine corks! Ovino in Hood River, on 13th across from the Taqueria, will accept them, as well as our church. We can take them to any Whole Food store or New Seasons store in Portland, as well Have them re-purposed! More information at cork forest conservation alliance.



Teacher grant applications from May Street school have been processed. Since we had additional funds left, the offer for applications was extended to Parkdale Elementary, as well. Thank you again, for supporting the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper!

Food on the Fourth Sunday continues, with our contributions going to the Food Bank monthly, thanks to the Sunday School children and the Terry's. Take a tan bag home and start filling it for this month!!

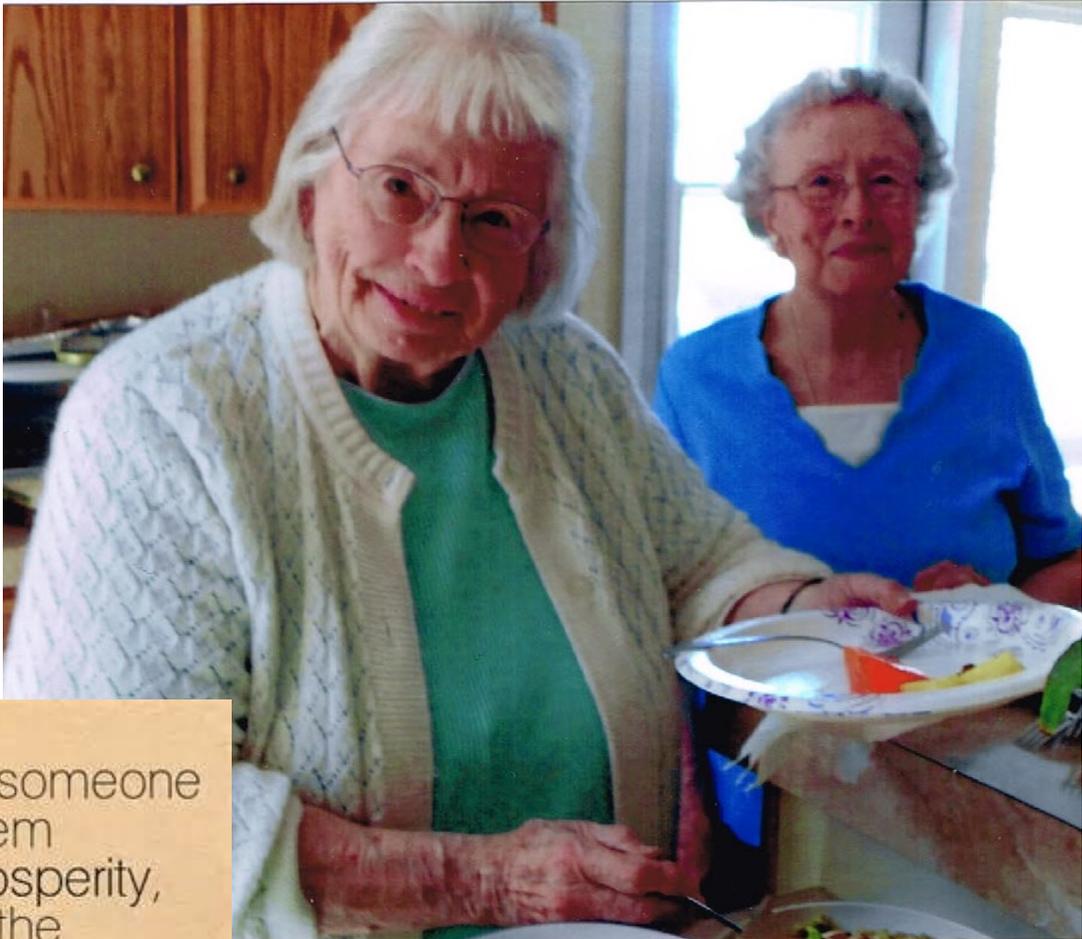
June 29th will be our next designated giving Sunday, with emphasis on outreach and awareness. Focus will be on Native American ministries in the region. More specific information will follow.

Plans are also being made to do something pertinent for the kick off of school in the fall...I know, it isn't summer break yet, but we do have to plan ahead!!

Want to join in some of this excitement? Our next meeting will be June 9 in the fellowship hall at 10:15 am.

Sharon, Gigi, Debby, Linda, Vicki and Pat P.

Zelda Stanton
celebrated her
91st birthday
at Happy Hands
a few weeks ago
with a delicious
pot-luck lunch



Zelda Stanton and Naomi Foster

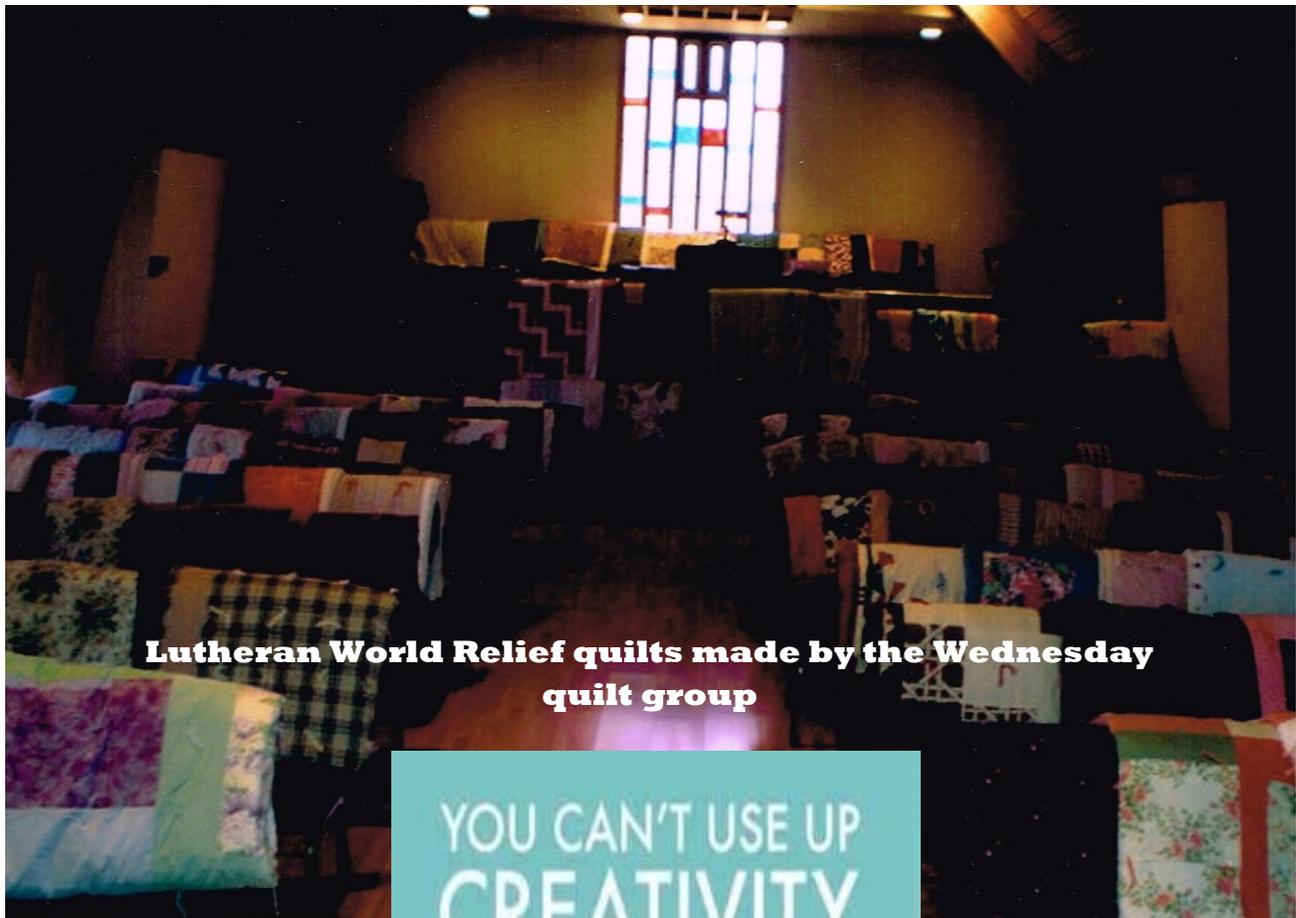
Zelda Stanton, Ruth Akiyama, Pat Pettit

When you wish someone
joy, you wish them
peace, love, prosperity,
happiness... all the
good things.

Maya Angelou

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Lutheran World Relief quilts made by the Wednesday quilt group

YOU CAN'T USE UP
CREATIVITY
THE MORE YOU USE,
THE MORE YOU HAVE.
MAYA ANGELOU

A letter from Phil & Kathe Yokers:

May 2014

Dear Congregation of Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership,

We have appreciated being in partnership with you for the past seven years, but have found it increasingly difficult to get over to the worship and activities of the Partnership.

We affirm and encourage you in this new endeavor and we see wonderful opportunities for Christ's church through your combined ministry.

It makes sense for us to move our membership to where we can be most involved and participating. We love you and will continue to keep you and your faithful ministry in our prayers.

Blessings in Jesus,

Phil and Kathe Yokers

Best Wishes

Quick Notes

What if.....

We treated our BIBLES like Cellphones?

We turned around to get it when we forgot it!

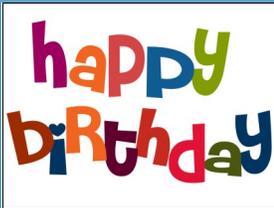
We used it when we traveled ?

We carried it around in our pocket or purse ?

We used it to receive messages from text?

We treated it like we couldn't live without it ?

We flipped through it several times a day (or an hour) ?



Checks for giving should be made out to
Asbury Our Redeemer or AORP



Sidra Matthias	1
Kathy Rice	2
Kim Rich	5
Chris, Drew, Michael LaMaita, Brian Marcroft	6
Joan Chapman	8
Bailey Murahashi	12
Lisa Crompton	13
Wendy Willow	14
Kathy Terry, Madison Kyger	23
Don Shalhope	24
Rick Denis	26
Carol Maahs	28
Kaylin Winans	29
Betty Nix	30



Myrin & Audrey Bentz	2
Jim & Gigi Siekkinen	4
David & Ila Mae Schneeberg	8
Bill & Donna Gray-Davis	9
Bob & Sally Havig Ray & Muriel Ishazaka	18
Rick & Linnea Denis	19
John & Jana Jacobson	23
Bill & Vita Corrado Mark & Lisa Cromton Frank & Pat Moore	29

June 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 4th Sunday	Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday					
1 9am Worship 10 Fellowship 10:30am Celebration Worship	2 9am Happy Hands	3 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	4 9am WELCA Quilting 10am Bible Study @ Down Manor	5	6 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac	7 9am Women's Spirituality
8 Penetcost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30am Celebration Worship	9 9am Happy Hands 10:15 FIA 4:30pm FISH meeting 5pm SPRC Food Bank Duty	10 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	11 10am Bible Study @ Down Manor Food Bank Duty	12 OR-ID Conference Annual Meeting thru the 14th.	13 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac Food Bank Duty	14
15 The Holy Trinity 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30am Celebration Worship	16 9am Happy Hands	17 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	18 9am WELCA Quilting 10am Bible Study @ Down Manor	19	20 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac	21 8am Men's Breakfast @ Charburger  IT'S SUMMER!
22 <u>Food on the 4th</u> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30am Celebration Worship	23 9am Happy Hands 5pm SPRC	24	25 10am Bible Study @ Down Manor	26	27 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac	28
29 Designated Giv. 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30am Celebration Wshp 12-3 Pstr Kath. farewell	30 9am Happy Hands					





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: **July Newsletter submissions** :
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: Due: June 20, 2014 :
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