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Post Scripts

When I was in broadcasting (VERY briefly in the '70s) we had a phrase to describe what was "classic" rock and roll: "golden-older-blasts-from-the-past"...Yes it's a dumb but helpful way to introduce a song by, say, Elvis ("Jailhouse Rock"), or one by The Four Seasons ("Candy Girl").

This year at Springfield we reach a milestone of 70 years in ministry! And we are going to be announcing and celebrating these next few months by remembering special events and people along the way. More important and lasting than "tunes" are our own "golden-older" moments and people:

- In May of 1946 the Articles of Incorporation were registered.
- July 7, 1946 was the first worship service held in the old theatre downtown.
- The cornerstone was placed in 1948 for the first worship building (now the "East Wing/gym, you can see it for yourself).
- We have dedication programs and photos acknowledging the education wing, main sanctuary, pipe organ, 50th anniversary...the list goes on, particularly about structural milestones. And those are great!

We are also collecting and sifting through many photos of people and activities over the years. I am finding them to be even more compelling than archives about church structures. What I mean is that we, as Lutherans, have valued our buildings and rightly so, while at the same time making it clear that the Church is people gathered around Word and Sacrament. The pictures of worship services, Sunday school classes, Luther League, quilters, outings to the beach and rivers and mountains, service to our community and world, show the Church—people—in action. This is going to be good and fun, and an honor, to have celebrated 13 of those active years with you.

One thing I'm working on: We are always called to look forward; you can't put "new wine into old wineskins..."; looking "backwards" and thinking "our best years are behind us" is a trap to be aware of. *I get that.* Yet I have detected a not-so-subtle bias from well-meaning, but I think misinformed people, who think that the Present and the Future are the only places valid ministry can occur. (This column is too short to go fully into this wrong-headed idea). I find it odd, too, that some of those who write about these things "officially" are also ones that are (rightly!) promoting the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on October 31 next year. Ponder this, we must...

Let me at least begin the conversation: in our 70th year I think we have a huge goldmine of wisdom for the Present and the Future, because we manage to continue a connection with our Past. More about this in the months to come.

Right now, join me in giving thanks for how God has worked with us (as I say, sometimes even in spite of us!) for 70+ years of living for God's glory through Jesus Christ here in Springfield. This church has, does, and *will* bring about the Kingdom of God's Grace here. Peoples' lives are being changed in good and powerful ways—what a "blast" that is, golden-older" or otherwise.

Peace, Pastor Erik

Quote of the Month—

“Those who desire to give up freedom in order to gain security will not have, nor do they deserve, either one.”

Benjamin Franklin

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Rita Grimes

Meet & Greet Rita Grimes

By Michelle Guillory—What to say about Rita? I have to say that she's a delight. I enjoy when I work with her. I sent out a request before my vacation asking a few good sports to e-mail me their answers to my fairly standard "Twenty Questions" that I ask all interviewees...Rita is one of those that replied...she's a good sport!

She's almost 62 (as of April 17) and has been married to Karl for 35 years. They have 3 kids they gave birth to and 5 "bonus" kids. They lost Matthew at 4 months, but Andrew is pushing 30 and Amanda is 20. One of their "bonus" kids is living with them currently along with their "bonus" granddog, Odot.

Which leads us to pets...there is no Dogs v. Cats in their house as they've got both. Their dog, Bo, is an Australian Shepherd and their cat, Indy, was named for her habit of racing throughout the house.

Rita currently works for Willamalane Park and Recreation District as an Executive Assistant to the Superintendent...it's been nearly 10 years with this organization. She did not serve in the armed forces, but her son, Andrew, is currently serving in the US Navy.

She was born and raised Catholic, but upon learning about Martin Luther in the third or fourth grade in a Catholic school, she couldn't help but agree that he was right. She feels that she fits right in just fine here at SLC. She's taught Sunday school, been on council, volunteered at the free community breakfasts, and represents us at Synod Assembly...though she has offered to help in the Synod Office at Assembly, so we may need a new Lay Female representative next year.

She can cook, but doesn't particularly care to do so...Karl cooks, so they share the odious task. She drinks both tea and coffee, but more often drinks coffee.

As for travel...she is willing to go anywhere she gets the opportunity. She's been to Mexico twice for extended stays; Canada on multiple occasions; Italy once; and in many states as far east as New Jersey where she lived for four years and as far south as New Orleans.

For hobbies, she's a crafty sort. She knits and crochets, but loves to quilt...let me quote her directly here, "...love, love, love to quilt." She can hardly wait to retire so she can join the quilt groups. She does camp, but finds it harder and harder to get up off the ground in the morning...I'm with her on that one!

Her favorite book is "East of Eden" by Steinbeck and her favorite TV show is "Grey's Anatomy" along with her favorite movie being "The Replacements".

Her most favorite birthday present was a bowl of chocolate chip cookie dough, which she loves. There's Rita for you...what a "bonus"!!!

SLC Quilting Schedule:

We have two groups here at SLC. SLCW LWR Quilters and the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS).

The SLCW LWR Quilters meet Tuesdays, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We follow the LWR guidelines and make quilts for those in areas of crisis throughout the world. Miriam Jones & Carol McAllister are your contacts for the LWR Quilters.

The SLSS meets Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. On the odd weeks (1st and 3rd) we will be meeting to learn a new pattern. On the even weeks (2nd and 4th) we will practicing what we learned the previous week. The last week, well, read the article on the next page!

Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones are your contacts for the SLSS.

Come, join one group or both! Help those in need and learn new quilting techniques along the way.



LWR Projects

There is a booklet in the office that lists, in detail, all the various projects we can participate in with LWR. You may also choose some to do by yourself. You can also go to www.lwr.org for more ideas and an opportunity for online giving.

Here is a brief list of the standard projects that are always needed:

- School Kits/
Backpacks
- Baby Care Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Mission Quilts
- Fleece Tied Blankets

There are specific requirements for each item, so be sure to either check out the booklet or the website for that list. All items are needed all year round. All items are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Thank you for joining with us in contributing to the greater world in need.

www.lwr.org

Lutheran World Relief
700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230



Eugene Mission Update

By Michelle Guillory—Thursday, June 16, the kitchen of the Eugene Mission burned to the ground...two days before their big fundraiser was scheduled. Just so you know, the Eugene Mission feeds 300 at breakfast, 200 at lunch, and 300 at dinner every day...800 meals per day! They were scrambling.

The outpouring from the surrounding communities has been breathtaking. Donations started pouring in immediately. Tons of volunteers showed up at the Eugene Food Truck Festival to support the Eugene Mission which allowed staff to work at the Mission and continue to sort out the direction of the Mission in the coming months.

They had a mobile kitchen on its way to enable them to continue as normally as possible while the kitchen is rebuilt. But, in the meantime, how do you feed 800 meals per day while the kitchen is in transit? You ask everyone you know to ask everyone they know and food starts pouring in.

I worked with their volunteer coordinator, Tabitha Eck, to arrange a chili feed...which was a huge success and greatly appreciated. We were scheduled to provide the dinner for Wednesday, June 22...and there was a minor snafu/blessing. We were quite successful in providing chili for 300 plus (one giant Vegan Black Bean Chili and seven (7) very different Meat Chilis, plus one Chicken Veg Soup), along with tortilla chips, cornbread, cheese, and onions...but apparently two other organizations decided that Wednesday was a good day to bring their meals as well.

They had enough food on Wednesday to feed 900 people! And when I went back for my pots two days later, it was all gone! Everyone felt so blessed by the gifts God had given them through us...they couldn't thank me enough...so, Thank You to the wonderful folks who helped me provide for those in need:

- Springfield Lutheran—Gail Rogers and Mike Roessler
- Faith Lutheran, Junction City—Sandy Garrett, Sandy Wiese, Dorothy Senchina, Marie Lockett, Irene Ferris, Scott Zimmerman, Jean Larkin, Nancy Clough, and Brennen Guillory
- Junction City United Methodist—Charlene Hofenbredl
- And my good friend Sean VanGordon

There are many things they are still needing to operate in the immediate future and over this transitional time between kitchens.

IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS: Canned meats, Hamburger patties, Hot dogs, Frozen hash Browns, Bacon/Sausage, Biscuit Cans/Frozen Biscuits, Cup O' Noodles, Top Ramen, Canned Soups (preferably larger cans), Butter, Cooking Oil, Coffee, Sugar Packets, Coffee Cups, Sturdy Paper Plates, Water Bottles.

IMMEDIATE EQUIPMENT NEEDS: Large Coffee Brewer (100 cups+), Large Drink Dispensers, Large Trash Cans, Commercial Restaurant Equipment of every kind including small wares, (*Household items are not useful at this point given the volume of folks they serve each day.*) Please contact the Mission prior to purchasing to ensure you're not buying a duplicate item.

There are many, many expenses which will only be covered by financial contributions so monetary donations are infinitely helpful during the transitional period (2-4 months) and to get our kitchen up and running. If so led, please donate at their main office on 1542 West

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

Springfield Lutherans are going be putting care boxes together for our Forest Fire Fighters throughout the summer. They could use some small comforts while protecting us. Some of the items we are asking to be donated here at church (there’s a basket in the Narthex) include the following:

- *Lip balm,*
- *Goldbond powder*
- *Deodorant,*
- *Merino wool socks,*
- *Tooth brushes & paste,*
- *Moleskin and medical tape,*
- *Antibiotic cream/Neosporin,*
- *Insect sting relief swabs*
- *Hydrocortisone/anti-itch cream,*
- *Individual (one use) vials of eye drops,*
- *And handkerchiefs/bandanas.*



Our goal is to continue our collection throughout the wildfire season. We will be divvying these items up for easier distribution by the BLM, Forest Service, and Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF).

More information is coming. If you have questions, please call the church office at 541.746.2403.

Giving Opportunities

By Michelle Guillory—Some of you come to church via the Sanctuary doors and leave via the Sanctuary doors...so you might miss the three empty barrels on the back side of the inner set of Sanctuary doors, the ones that lead to the long hallway towards the Church Office. Where am I going with this? Along that very same hallway are a variety of containers that we at SLC collect items to fill...Pastor Erik and I are contemplating renaming it “The Hall of Giving”...what do you think? So here’s this month’s “Giving Opportunities”:

- The three empty barrels are for Food for Lane County. They were recently emptied and now stand ready for us to collect for the various foodbanks in the area. Should you wonder what is good to bring in, there’s a shopping list on the Narthex Table on your way to/from the Sanctuary.
- The yellow tote with the black lid is for the ARC. This bin is for clothes and other linens and it gets emptied weekly. So, when you’re cleaning your closets and your linen cupboards, remember the ARC.
- The oval brass(?) tub is the collection point for Lutheran World Relief for their Personal Care Kits. So, bring full size bars of soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, nail clippers, combs, wash cloths, and bath towels. The SLCW gathers these items to send on twice per year...we are now collecting in preparation for the Fall In-Gathering when we join with other churches around the Pacific Northwest to send our collections to the LWR for distribution throughout the US and the world.

Camp Lutherwood Events:

The **All Staff Reunion** will be held **July 2**. If you’ve worked at Camp as a counselor, cook, or whatever, let Caitlin know that you’re interested in joining old friends to celebrate decades of Lutherwood fun! She can be reached at caitlin@lutherwoodoregon.org.

The **Women’s Retreat** will be held **July 29-31** this year. Come and join women from around the state for a weekend of reflection, relaxation, and fun in the outdoors. Registration is \$100 per camper with all meals provided.

Contact the camp for more information. The web site is www.lutherwoodoregon.org and their phone is 541.998.6444.

Camp Lutherwood Now Hiring:

The camp is needing a kitchen helper for the summer. The applicant needs to be at least 18 years of age and some kitchen experience.

Contact the camp for more information. The web site is www.lutherwoodoregon.org and their phone is 541.998.6444.



Your Council Members for 2016:

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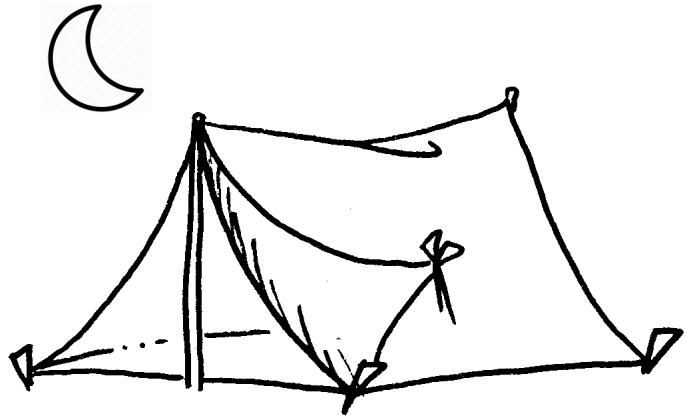
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President's Corner

There was no meeting in June, so there won't be much to this report. There's been no major red flags popping up and most things have been fairly quiet...however there are a few items that are ongoing and always worth a mention:

- Money...things have been going very well so far this year, however we were over \$2,000 short in June. We would appreciate your consistent giving throughout the summer. Keep up the good work!
- 70th Anniversary of SLC...yep, as of July 7, our beloved church will be 70 years old. Donna Gieseke and Sharon Walton have started going through the "Archives" to gather some items that will show up in future newsletters and throughout the church this year. This fall, after everyone is done camping and whatnot we will get together to celebrate. Contact the church office if you have ideas and want to help with our efforts.
- As we have no "official" musician on staff, we have entered a hiring process that involves "test Sundays" where they play for a Sunday or two. As such, we will be having guest musicians for the foreseeable future. Please pay attention to how they play and if they work well with Pastor Erik and the assisting ministers. Be sure to make your opinion heard by giving your feedback to the church office. Whether it is by e-mail or calling, your input would be appreciated.

If you have a chance, the little magazine [The Lutheran Message](#) has a nice little poem, on page 4, titled "My Favorite Season" by Lafern Haas of Ann Arbor, Michigan. It was a lovely read.

That's all for now...so, get out there and enjoy your summer!

Linda Loomis
President
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Every Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship with Communion	Office Closed 12 noon AA	9:00 LWR Quilting 9:00 Tai Chi 12 noon AA 5:30 NA	9:00 SLSS Quilting 12 noon AA 12:30 Nar Anon 2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga 3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga 5:30 AA	12 noon AA	12 noon AA 12:30 Nar-Anon	12:30 AA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Pentecost 7	4 Fourth of July	5	6	7 SLC 70th Anniversary	8	9
10 Pentecost 8	11	12 NO Tai Chi	13	14 11:30 Book Group @ Location TBA	15	16
17 Pentecost 9 11:05 Council Meeting	18	19 NO Tai Chi	20	21	22	23
24/31 Pentecost 10/11	25	26 1:15 Wise Guys @ Hole in the Wall BBQ	27	28 7:00 MCCB @ Loca- tion TBA	29	30

Bulletin Board

In the main hall by the church office, is a bulletin board that is for everyone. It's been titled Our Church—Our Community—Our World.

It is for news and events happening around our church, around Springfield, around Lane County, and around Oregon, and around the US, and around the World.

Not everything is applicable, but most things are. The grandson doing well in sports (our church), another church bazaar (our community), various volunteer opportunities (our community/our world), the latest newsletters from a variety of organizations (our community/our world).

Our goal is to share happenings, not to indoctrinate or recruit for something that is unrelated to the church. The big 'no' is secular politics and activism. There can be news of a meeting, but no views or opinions. We understand that politics and activism impact our church, our community, and our world; but this board is too small a forum for such a task.

Should you like something to go up, contact the church office and we will put it up if applicable.



Our Church—Our Community —Our World—

- **Summer Schedule Alert**—It's June, so we're on our Summer Schedule now. Please be aware that there is NO Monday Bible Study or Midweek Worship and that there is ONLY ONE Sunday Service at 10:00 am. The regular schedule will resume in September.
- **Nursery Update**—Darlene Wood is needing a partner to help her update the nursery...It's needed attention for a while now and she would like to tackle it this summer. So, if you'd like to reminisce about the fun times you had as a kid playing with those very toys while reviewing what's there and needs cleaning, replacing or tossing, give Darlene a call.
- **Book Group**—The next meeting will be held **July 7** at 11:30 am. Mark your calendars. The meeting will be held at Miriam Jones' home and the book is [The Light of the Fireflies](#) by Paul Pen. Darlene Wood is your contact for this group.
- **Tai Chi**—There will be **NO** Tai Chi on **July 12 or July 19**. Otherwise, all is normal.
- **Council**—meets Sunday, **July 17** at 11:05 am.
- **Women's Circle**—There will be NO Women's Circle for July. The annual retreat will be Thursday, **August 25**, at Betty Richardson's home.
- **Fringe Benefits**—There will be NO Fringe Benefits until September.
- **The Wise Guys** are scheduled for Tuesday, **July 26** over at the Hole in the Wall BBQ joint at 1:15 pm
- **The MCCB's** meeting on **July 28** at 7 pm. Speak to Pastor Erik about the location.
- **Scandinavian Festival**—Aebleskivers...mmm...Aebleskivers... Would you like to learn how to make them? Faith Lutheran in Junction City runs the Aebleskiver booth and could use volunteers for 3 hour shifts throughout the festival. Contact Michelle G. in the office if you'd like to help a fellow church and have fun doing it. Festival runs **August 11-14**.
- **The CROP Walk** is back. The 2016 Eugene-Springfield CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 2, beginning at 2:00 pm. It will, once again, be at Alton Baker Park. This is a walk to raise funds for programs that feed hungry people, both locally and internationally. More information will be coming.
- **Newsletters**—Don't forget to check our bulletin board for a wide variety of newsletters with more information than our little newsletter can handle and still stay little.

Desperately Seeking...still...

- A **Librarian**...even if you aren't one by trade, we do need someone to take care of our "vast" library...this could even be a team of two or three. Please contact the church office.
- **Altar Guild Request for Help**—The Altar Guild would appreciate some assistance from the 8:30 congregation on Sunday mornings. This would involve setting up for communion before the service. Please contact Donna Gieseke for more information.
- **Sunday Counters**—if you would like to help your church and can count, contact the church office or Liz Hurley. We still need one person who is willing to count the offering received one Sunday each month and two people who are willing to be substitutes.

The Narthex Table

By Michelle Guillory—For June, here's the current list of what's on the Narthex Table:

- **Grocery List**—What? Well, it's a list of **items that are good for Food Pantries**. Non-perishable items that are healthy and keep well and are good movers at Food for Lane County and the various pantries that it serves. Take one if you feel you need ideas.
- **Shopping List**—Another one? This one's different. It's **for the Wildfire Fighters** and it's small things that we are hoping to gather to provide them as thank-yous for their service to our great state of Oregon and that they keep us and our homes safe. If you've got the list, bring the items to the wicker basket next to the table.
- **Christ In Our Homes**—These are quarterly devotionals that cost \$5 for an annual subscription. The money goes to the SLCW who pays the bill.
- This **newsletter** (including the monthly calendar) can be found there, as well. We provide it for folks who do not have internet access or those want a quick read while waiting. If you have access to the internet, please leave the paper copies for those who don't. Thank you.
- On the easel near the entry to the Narthex, you'll find **signup sheets** for bringing flowers on Sundays and for reading the Scriptures during the services...you can pick which service to read during. This bulletin board also has the selected readings so those who choose to read may have time to practice.

Periodically check there to see if there's something new with your name on it in the basket on the table with the alphabetical tabs...it won't necessarily be another giving statement, but perhaps something that needed to be passed on to you. Thank you.

Contact Us

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