
The Challenge

A newsletter of Mt. Carmel Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2011

BELIEVE!

There is something stirring here at Mt Carmel.

Perhaps it's the Holy Spirit in action.

Like the wind, you never know where the Spirit will go, but She does send us some clues if we are open to hearing Her call.

Like a mother hen, She gathers us close, tucking us under Her wing, comforting us with words of hope and care. Not only does She know the scripture, She is the scripture showing us how to live out every day of our lives.

When we are discerning how to proceed, She comes with Her counterpart Sophia, Wisdom, to enlighten us with God's plan for our lives.

She reminds us that we are claimed through our baptism and then sent out as holy people.

You probably will not see Her, but you can feel Her like the gentle breeze that cools on a hot summer day.

But do not be fooled.

Sometimes, She will send us prophets to stir the pot in the name of righteousness and justice.

All She asks is that we breathe her in and join in the work of God here in this place in South West Portland.

Pastor Glenn

MT. CARMEL ARTISTS PERFORM:

STEVE CLEVELAND with

The Barkers, WEDNESDAYS, at the Kenton Club,
8:30 - 10:30 pm, 2025 N Kilpatrick Street,
Portland 97217, www.thebandthebarkers.com

The Sportin' Lifers

www.sportinlifers.com

Chata Addy

www.chataaddy.com

KLAUS FERGUSON with *Quintillion* (Latin Jazz Fusion)

<http://www.quintillionpdx.com>

JOHN KEYS with *Beltaine* (Celtic):

<http://www.beltainemusic.com>

🎵 MT. CARMEL MUSIC 🎵

SPECIAL MUSIC: Any time you would like to share a special piece of music with us at worship just let us know. Please contact Lisa Frenz.

JOIN US FOR CHOIR REHEARSALS: We meet Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome. We generally sing at the 10:00 a.m. worship twice a month.

THE MT. CARMEL CHOIR SINGS:

Warm-up is at 9:40 a.m. on the days we sing.

November 6, 10:00 a.m. *I See the Morning Breaking*

November 20, 10:00 a.m. *Haleluyan, Rejoice! The Lord Is King!*

December 4, 10:00 a.m. *The River Will Rise*

December 4, 2:00 p.m. *Christmas Concert*



KEEP THIS INFORMATION HANDY: When Pastor Glenn is gone: Emergency Pastoral Care is available. Please call Pastors Donna and Timothy Herzfeldt-Kamprath at 503-656-0110 (w) or 503-884-4935 (h).

BAD WEATHER CLOSURE PLAN: If there is a bad weather situation and a possible closure of Mt. Carmel call the church at 503-244-5143. We will change the greeting to indicate a closure at least two hours before service time. Pastor will also send an email to this list with the closure information. The Lewis & Clark inclement weather line is 503-768-SNOW and would also make a good source of local conditions for Mt. Carmel. Campus Safety posts adverse weather conditions/closures even during winter break and holidays.

LAST ONE LEAVING THE CHURCH: Please remember to close all inside doors when leaving Church, double check the front and back doors to be sure that they are locked and secure. Check coffee pot to make sure no red lights are on. Check to make sure that the library and sanctuary thermostats are set at 62 when leaving.

THE CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Items for THE CHALLENGE are generally due the 15th of the month: Email them to Lisa Frenz at frenz@lclark.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DEADLINES: In order to shorten the time it takes to do announcements on Sunday morning, we are trying to get most of them into the bulletin. This means it would be best if any announcements for the Sunday bulletin could get to Lisa Frenz (frenz@lclark.edu) by Tuesday night.

Announcements for the e-news should get to her by Monday morning, as she tries to get this out sometime between Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

THE CHALLENGE DELIVERY METHOD: If you would like to receive *The Challenge* via email contact Lisa Frenz at frenz@lclark.edu.

WEEKLY UPDATES: If you want weekly e-updates on the doings at Mt. Carmel contact Lisa Frenz at frenz@lclark.edu and get “What’s Happening.”

PRAYER BOX: If you have a prayer concern please write it out on paper and place it in the “prayer box”, a wooden chest, on the shelf in the sanctuary. These are not taken out of the box but kept completely confidential. The *Prayer Circle* prays for those concerns at their Sunday meeting.

TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER: Join the *Prayer Circle* at 9:30 a.m. and prepare yourself for worship. We pray specifically for Mt. Carmel’s future and other prayer concerns.

WORSHIP – FIFTH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH: On the fifth Sundays of the month we will have a Blessing For Healing as well as Holy Communion. The next fifth Sunday is October 30th, 2011.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: After the Sunday morning worship Children’s Message, *Children’s Church* is now in session! Any child is welcome to participate in a brief lesson. They will return in time for Communion.

✿ Sprout and ✿ Grow ✿ Worship ✿
✿ Family *Mukala* ✿



Be a kid.
Plus.....
Come hear the story.
Come be with others.
Come be with God.

Because...

- Kids can dance.
- Kids can move.
- Kids can sing.
- Kids can pray.

Our next couple of family *Mukala*'s will be Sundays, November 6th, and November 27th at 11:30 a.m. Join us for these family oriented, kid-friendly services of song, prayer and movement.

✿ 'Mukula' is a Finnish word. It means both a flower bulb that we plant in the ground, and a nickname for small children, like our word 'sprout'. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles: If you have little ones this is something for you and them. ✿

NOVEMBER TOY DRIVE: Once again it's time for our annual toy drive for Friends of Seasonal and Service Workers (FSSW). All through the month bring your new toys and put them in the box. Help bring a smile to these kids.

ALL IT TAKES IS A COUPLE OF HOURS: If you would like to deliver and serve our First Friday Meal to the Transition Project's Hoyt Street Shelter, please sign up on the sheet on the hall bulletin board. If you have questions contact the church office.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: *Outreach Committee* meets, Sunday, November 6th, after worship. *Resource* (7:00 p.m.) and *Council* (8:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, November 8th. *Growth Committee* will meet, Tuesday, November 15th, 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: We will meet Saturday, November 5th, 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Touch Restaurant, Barbur Boulevard & 19th Avenue. Come join us for a "dutch-treat" breakfast.

FALL INTO JAZZ WORSHIP: Sunday, November 13th, 6:00 p.m. Join us for an informal, conversational, café-style, community worship with music in a jazz style. "Jazz has healing in it, and a lot of love." - pianist Mary Lou Williams.

HARVEST DINNER: Join us Sunday, November 20th, after worship.

STEVE & LISA IN CONCERT: Join Lisa & Steve for an eclectic evening of song: Pop, Latin, Jazz – with a touch of the Baroque. Sunday, November 20th, at 6:00 p.m.

ADVENT:

The season of anticipation is just around the corner. The four Sundays leading up to Christmas start on November 27th.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: Place your order for Christmas wreaths and garlands. This annual choir fundraiser ends November 27th. Wreaths will be delivered to the church by December 4th. Contact any choir member for an order form, or check the Usher's Stand. They may also be downloaded from <http://mtcarmellutheran.com>.

ALSO, if you have a pickup truck and are willing to make a trip out to North Plains to collect the wreaths the morning of Saturday, December 3rd please contact Teri Gerlt (gerlt@msn.com) or Lisa Frenz (frenz@lclark.edu).

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING PARTY: Come and join us for the fun of decorating our Christmas tree and the church on Friday, December 2nd. There will be a family Christmas craft project at 5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. After we eat, we'll put up the lights, deck the halls and end with some Christmas carols around our freshly decorated tree!

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Start the holidays with song! The choir will be presenting *A Portrait of Christmas*, a concert of Christmas carols and songs on Sunday, December 4th, at 2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! Get Friday, September 28 – Sunday, September 30, 2012 on your calendars. That is when the women of Mt. Carmel will have their next retreat to Menucha.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: All Thrivent members are invited to attend the Annual Banquet on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 6PM. We will gather in the private Meeting Room of *The Old Spaghetti Factory* found at 0715 SW Bancroft, Portland, OR (503-222-5375). You can meet and visit with your 2011 Leadership Board and vote on your new Leadership Board for 2012. This will be your only chance to decide the makeup of the 2011 Leadership Board.

The Chapter will provide a selection of 3 Dinner choices, nonalcoholic drinks, and dessert. Children are welcome. You do not want to miss this free fun event with lots of table favors and some door prizes too.

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY! A *Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend* can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information visit our website at www.GodLovesMarriage.org or call Jim and Detra Swenson, 360-574-6009. 2011 date: November 11-13 in Vancouver, WA.

SAFeway SHOPPERS! Here's a way you can help Mt. Carmel. Sign-up for the *eScript Program* (<http://www.escrip.com/program/3ways/index.jsp>). If you sign-up Mt. Carmel will receive a percentage of every purchase you make. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary, or email Lisa Frenz (frenz@lclark.edu). We need you Name, Mailing Address, Phone, Email and Safeway Club Card Number, or Register Online at *eScript*:

<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>.

If you are already a supporter be sure to **RENEW** your contribution by November 1st at "Renew to Earn Contributions" on the Welcome Page: http://groups.escrip.com/_safe_portland/index.jsp.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD OREGON 2012 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Adventure is Everywhere...

We've Got Spirit! Ephesians 4:4-6

Check our website for details coming soon!

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CENTRAL AMERICA FLOODING: Heavy rains across Central America have caused rivers to overflow their banks, flooding cities, destroying highways and bridges, and steep hillsides have collapsed in mudslides. More than 500,000 people have been driven from their homes. The hardest-hit countries are Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua. The timing of this disaster could not be worse -- coming right before harvest. With the catastrophic loss of so many crops, food shortages will occur in the coming weeks and months. Severe shortages of seed for next year's planting are expected as well.

Through ELCA Disaster Response, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) stands ready to respond in affected areas with our companion churches and partners in the region. Work is already underway -- providing shelter, access to water and food for people displaced by the floods. Our commitment will continue through 2012, helping local farmers and their families rehabilitate their crops.

Please help now with your contribution to ELCA Disaster Response designated for "Central American Flooding" or you can choose one of the four areas hit hardest: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras or Nicaragua. Your designated gift will be used entirely (100 percent) to help families whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by this disaster in Central America.

<https://community.elca.org/page.aspx?pid=673&srctid=1&erid=376457&trid=6b46744c-68e2-48c6-96e5-08add68dd257>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>FSSW Toy Drive All Month</i>		1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 12:00 p.m. Quilting 3:30 p.m. Steve & Lisa 7:00 p.m. RCPB	3 7:00 p.m. Choir	4 5:00 p.m. Burnside Meals 6:30 p.m. Trillium Voices Rehearsal	5 9:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Touch Restaurant 5:30 p.m. LCSNW Banquet @ Downtown Marriott <i>Time Change Tonight!</i>
6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer 9:30 a.m. Choir Warmup 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Outreach Committee 11:15 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Family Mukula	7	8 7:00 p.m. Resource Committee 8:00 p.m. Council	9 12:00 p.m. Quilting 3:30 p.m. Steve & Lisa 7:00 p.m. RCPB	10 7:00 p.m. Choir	11 6:30 p.m. Trillium Voices Rehearsal	12 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. SacredFlight Graduation
13 <i>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Fall Into Jazz	14 <i>The Challenge Deadline</i>	15 7:00 p.m. Growth Committee	16 12:00 p.m. Quilting 3:30 p.m. Steve & Lisa 7:00 p.m. RCPB	17 7:00 p.m. Choir	18 Noon Jean's Meals 6:30 p.m. Trillium Voices Rehearsal	19
20 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer 9:40 a.m. Choir Warmup 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Harvest Dinner 6:00 p.m. Steve & Lisa Concert	21	22	23 12:00 p.m. Quilting NO Thanksgiving Eve Worship	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> NO Choir	25 6:30 p.m. Trillium Voices Rehearsal	26 7:00 p.m. Trillium Voices concert
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Family Mukula	28	29 7:00 p.m. Resource Committee 8:00 p.m. Council	30 12:00 p.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. RCPB	Coming in December: Christmas Tree Trimming Party, Friday, December 2, 5:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting, Sunday, December 4 th , after worship Choir Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 4 th , 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Saturday, 9:00 p.m. Christmas Day Improv Christmas Pageant, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.		

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

A "Reconciling In Christ" Congregation

We warmly welcome all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or identity.

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Mt. Carmel, Open Doors Open Hearts.

Where traditional faith intersects progressive values.

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Come to the Table of Plenty
Come eat the bread;
Drink the wine.
All who are thirsty.
All who hunger.
Come.
Come now and you will be fed.

