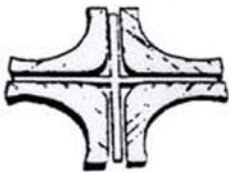


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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



**Making
Christ
Known**

Tour de Revs 2009

*3 Guys, 1 Bike, 100 days, 13,000 miles, 65 cities
– A Mission to Fight World Hunger –*

Follow three Lutheran pastors from the West Virginia - Western Maryland synod as they put foot to pedal and seat to saddle and travel over 13,000 miles on a 3-person bike to raise awareness to help eliminate world hunger. They are making stops in each of 65 cities, the 2009 National Youth Gathering, and the August Churchwide Assembly (the “finish line” for these bikers) in Minneapolis.



Gloria Dei is pleased to be hosting Pastor Fred Soltow (one of the bikers) on Sunday, August 16. He will preach at both the 8:30 and 10:00 services.

Water’s Edge

Beginning Wednesday, September 16

Water’s Edge is an intergenerational experienced based night of fun and learning at Gloria Dei. This fall, challenge yourself to attend one new class ... better yet, bring a friend with you! Water’s Edge continues on Wednesday evenings thru the school year.

- 4:00 Conversations with Pastor Charles
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Worship
- 6:40 Kidz Resort
 - The Edge
 - Splash—Confirmation
 - Round Table with Pastor Charles
 - Alpha with Pastor Steve
- 7:00 Adult Choir
- 7:00 Children’s Choir
- 7:25 Son-Dei Singers
- 7:35 After care for the children of adults participating in study

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Book Club

The Gloria Dei Book Club will resume on Tuesday September 8 at 2:00 p.m. (please note the new time!!!) in the Fireside Room. We will discuss "The Shack" by William Young.

Anyone who has a love of reading is welcome to join us!

ALPHA is Returning to Gloria Dei!
Beginning September 16 as a part of Water's Edge

Alpha is a ten week practical introduction to the Christian faith which offers answers to some key questions of life.

Anyone interested in finding out about the Christian faith.
Learning and laughter.
People meeting together. An opportunity to get to know others and to make new friends.
Helping one another.
Ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is seen as too simple or too hostile.

Sign up at the Hospitality Desk in the Narthex.



Alpha

**Women's Ministry
2009 Holiday Tea**

The planning meeting for the holiday tea is Wednesday, August 26 at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to this meeting.

Women's Ministry

Plans are underway for offerings for the fall. Watch the bulletin and the September newsletter for more information.



Mom and Kids Summer Schedule

The Mom and Kids Group will meet at Allendale Park at 9:30 a.m. instead of at church – weather permitting. Please bring your own sunscreen, snacks, etc. Older kids could bring a ball and glove. If it is raining or threatening rain, check your email or the blog at 8:45 a.m. for an update and we can move it to church. Join us on August 13 and 27 at Allendale at 9:30 a.m.

Summer Bible Study

All women are invited to attend the Summer Bible Study on August 18 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Charles will lead the study found in Lutheran Women Today, however you do not need to have this publication in order to participate.

Please contact Julie Stevens, Minister of Worship, at 289-1841 or worship@gloria-dei.com with any questions or input that you have regarding worship. Blessings to all of you!

Season of the church year:

Pentecost Throughout the summer the season of Pentecost continues. In this non-festival half of the church year we answer the question, "So what?" God became human at Christmas. Jesus died on the cross and rose again on Easter. Jesus ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit upon the church. These are the events of the festival half of the church year. Now we ask, "So what?" This month we continue to examine how our lives change as fully devoted disciples of Christ Jesus, and how we can be closer to him.

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, August 2

Pastor Karna ~ John 6:24-35

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power. Perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself, and challenges people to consider the real nature of their quest. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Sunday, August 9

Pastor Steve ~ selected portions of the book of Nehemiah

Pastor Ronningen continues his preaching series focusing on this book of the Old Testament.

Sunday, August 16

Guest Preacher: Pastor Fred Soltow ~ Luke 24:36-45 ~ "The Gospel and Goldfish"

Pastor Soltow makes a stop at Gloria Dei during the "Tour de Revs" bike tour to raise awareness and money to fight world hunger. (See related article on the cover.)

Sunday, August 23

Pastor Charles ~ John 6:56-69

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood. Even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we

go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

Sunday, August 30

Pastor Steve ~ selected portions of the book of Nehemiah

Pastor Ronningen concludes his preaching series focusing on this book of the Old Testament.

Summer Worship

Sundays

8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

10:00 a.m. (Celebration/Contemporary worship)

Wednesdays

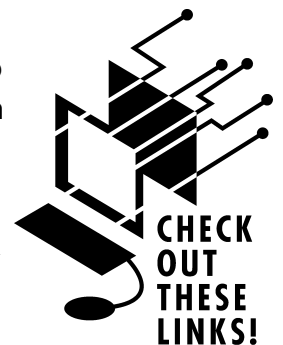
6:00 p.m. "Living Waters" in the Sanctuary Worship for all ages. A variety of worship and music leaders, with weekly communion offered. Contemporary Christian music is the featured music genre.

Sermons on the Web

www.gloria-dei.com

Summer brings weekend travel for sports or pleasure, time at the cabin, and time away with family and friends enjoying the warmer summer weather.

If you've missed some Sundays at church, why not check out the sermons from some of those weeks online? The Gloria Dei website has a collection of sermons from the past few months accessible for you to listen to. It's great to stay connected to God and moving along on your faith journey even during the summer, so check out the Gloria Dei website!



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Adult Choir starts this month!

Under the direction of Tony Holt, the Adult Choir begins rehearsals this month! The choir loft in the sanctuary is the place to be on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. Men and women, high school students . . . all are welcome! Come and enjoy this great choral experience and fellowship opportunity with other musicians. Contact Julie Stevens at the church for more information, or just come on August 26 or any Wednesday to join Tony and the choir!

Sing with the Worship Team!

The Celebration Worship Team (under the direction of Dick Trisko) would love to have new male or female vocalists join them! The group rehearses each Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., and you come to rehearsal only on the weeks that you'd be singing with the group on Sunday. Contact Julie Richardson, coordinator of singers, at 281-0827 or see Julie or Dick on Sundays for more information.

Soul Food Help

Our monthly youth worship service, Soul Food, continues to evolve and expand each year. This next school year is no different. We are very excited about our plans for this high energy worship service for the 2009-2010 school year. We are in need of adults who can help us to create this unique worship service. We need 2-3 adults each month who can come in from 4- 5 p.m. and help us set up the sanctuary for the service each month. We also need 2-3 people who can help us with powerpoint, sound and other media during the service (5-8 p.m.) and another 2-3 to help with take down after the service (7:45- 8:30). Soul Food is the second Sunday of the month (except April when it is the third Sunday) and runs from September through April. If you have the talents, the desire and the time to commit to at least 4 of the 8 months, please contact Randy Jones at sprock1@aol.com. Thank you in advance for your service.

Anniversary of the Glorious Bells!

As best as can be determined through the mists of time, 2010 will mark the 20th year Gloria Dei congregations have been blessed by the handbells and handchimes in worship services. In the late 1980's, a Rochester district teacher asked Joanne Larson to find a home for the bells, as they would no longer be used upon the teacher's retirement. Joanne found a willing group of players here at Gloria Dei, the first group comprised of 5-6 players. We only had two octaves at that time, but the enthusiasm you see today has been carried by those players the last two decades.

Four directors have cared for the bells, the players and the worship services since then: Joanne Larson (many thanks for a decade of service), Michelle Meyer, Rita Forsman and currently, Deb Rentfrow. Each director has brought something inspiring to Glorious Bells as evidence by the growth from six players to ten, and from two octaves to three octaves. The two octaves of chimes joined us most recently and now add that soft humming sound to our worship pieces.

You can be a part of this wonderful history, because we have an opening for a player. You must be able to read music, enjoy laughing, commit to Monday evening rehearsals from 5:45 - 6:45 (September - May) and one Sunday morning a month. The payoff for you will be creating beautiful music that acts as a wordless ministry of God's love. Please call Deb Rentfrow, director, at 280-8225.



Share Your Musical Talents!

While our choirs are off for the summer, we always welcome special music offered by members and friends of Gloria Dei in the Sunday worship services. If you sing or play an instrument, we'd love to hear you during the month of August!! Soloists or ensembles are all welcome. Contact Julie Stevens to schedule yourself or your group for a Sunday this summer. (289-1841 or worship@gloria-dei.com)

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SPLASH

SPLASH

Although it's only the end of July as I write this, we are all ready enthusiastically looking ahead to a new school year of Splash at Water's Edge. Splash is our Wednesday night confirmation program at Water's Edge. We meet in the Lower Level beginning on Wednesday September 16 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. This relational, high energy and multi-sensory learning experience deeply impacts the spiritual development of young teens. We begin with a large group event exploring scripture and the teachings of Jesus through music, power point, videos, skits, guest speakers, art and more. Then youth break into small groups and learn through group building activities, serving, sharing their highs and lows of life and exploring questions they have of life and faith. The small group time is led by a caring adult leader with a very user-friendly guided hand-out.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- If you have not officially registered for Splash, sign up now. The invitation is always open to enjoy growing with God at Gloria Dei. Registration forms are found on-line or at our church office. Please return them to our Splash Administrator, Jan Voeltz promptly as we arrange the best small group dynamic for your youth.
- Prayerfully consider leading a small

group! This is a fabulous opportunity to mentor our youth at Gloria Dei. Training and support, along with user-friendly materials is provided. Contact Pastor Karna if you are interested in serving through this ministry.

- Parent Orientation: Save the date for Wednesday, September 9th, 6:45-7:45PM in the fellowship hall. All 6th-9th grade confirmation parents are invited to our fall kick-off parent orientation. This is a meeting for me to connect with all parents and provide you with answers to pertinent information about this next school year and allow you to ask questions you may have of our Splash ministry. This meeting is *extremely important for parents to attend. Plan on attending and learning more about what to expect this new school year.*

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday September 9: 6:45-7:45 p.m. ~ Parent Orientation in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday September 16, 6:45-8:00 p.m. ~ Water's Edge & Splash (Confirmation) Begins
- Sunday October 11, 2 p.m.~ Confirmation Worship Service: 9th graders Affirm their Baptism

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Helping Outside Our Walls

Running Start Collection

It's that time of year! United Way of Olmsted County's Running Start for School community initiative is already upon us. As a partner last year, Gloria Dei helped to supply *quality* school supplies to over 2,000 students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. This year, the number of students eligible for free school supplies has increased to over 6,000 students; this is

over 27% of our community's registered public school students.

Barrels have been placed around Gloria Dei to collect school supplies. Thank you, Gloria Dei, for your dedication to this program! We CAN make a difference!



VBS **BIG GIVE**

Our Kids had another Big Give to celebrate.

Preschool & Kindergarteners-

Donated 27 wagons full
of wish list items for Paws & Claws Animal Shelter

1st graders-

Put together 103 health care kits and collected five grocery bags full of
wish list items for Operation Christmas Child

2nd graders-

Packed 120 snack packs & donated ten grocery bags full
of wish list items for Ronald McDonald House

3rd graders-

Filled a mini van full of Wish Gifts, Wish Count Down
Chains, prayer bears and ten fundraiser posters for Make A Wish

4th graders-

Filled 30 solider care packages for
Operation Home Town Gratitude

5th graders-

Collected 271 pounds of food,
delivered \$25.00 in cash, and served for two hours for
Channel One Food Shelf

1st—5th graders -

This group also decorated 120 ceramic bowls which will raise \$1000
when they are sold at the Channel One Empty Bowls Fundraiser in October.

If we offer our what we have to God He can multiple it for His glory.

Thank You from Samaritan Bethany

The Samaritan Bethany Foundation would like to thank all who were involved with our Golf Classic on July 16. We appreciated all of our hole-sponsors, golfers, donors, and volunteers. Your help made our Golf Classic a success in building community and in raising funds for Samaritan Bethany.

Our next event is Samaritan Bethany's Annual Benefit Dinner on Thursday, October 1 at the Rochester International Event Center. Comedian, Tammy Nerby, is our guest speaker. Her comedy is interactive and improvisational. Tammy is popular in comedy clubs and military bases world wide. Please plan on joining us on October 1 for an enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Garden Club

The Garden Club will be touring the gardens of Larry and Betty Danielson, 3323 Fox Hollow Lane SW at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 27.

Be sure to visit the courtyard at church during the summer. A big thank you to everyone who has worked to keep it watered and weeded. It is truly and example of God's beauty.

Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start thinking ahead for our shoe-box gifts to share around the world ! These shoebox gifts bring so much joy to children who may never have received a Christmas gift and we can introduce them to the greatest gift of all - Jesus ! I know it's early, but SCHOOL SUPPLIES are going to be plentiful and inexpensive in the next few weeks. Please remember the children who are recipients of the boxes we pack and pick up a few extra supplies. Children who receive school supplies are then able to attend classes. Supplies can be brought to the church. Please indicate that they are for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). If you have any questions, please contact Deb Aries at 252-8743 or email: Thank you for your help and support !

Sustenance Second Quarter Report

ELCA	\$5028.22
Channel one	6000.00
Habitat for humanity	5000.00
Meals on Wheels	500.00
Dorothy Day	1000.00
CFR	500.00
Mwangaza Project	1000.00
Heifer	2000.00
Food for the Poor	500.00
Roch Network Re-entry	500.00
Feed my Starving Children	500.00
Salvation Army	1000.00
LINK	500.00
Coyote Ridge	500.00
IHN	1000.00
Echo	500.00
Spare Key	1000.00
Solar Oven	1200.00
Knob Hill condo	1251.79
Total	\$ 29,480.01

A little bit of everything!

Financial Report

June 2009

Year to Date

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$467,768	\$437,510
Expenses	<u>406,541</u>	<u>447,155</u>
Surplus	\$ 61,227	(\$ 9,645)

Share the Vision II 2007-2009

	Actual	Expected
Received	\$597,753	\$682,107

Sustenance Giving

	2009	2008
Received	\$55,682	\$55,518

Loan Balances

Thrivent Financial (Remodel)	\$1,625,008
Mission Investment Fund (Land)	\$ 426,207

A Conversation with God

Over the last year, we have waded through six key topics of Discipleship: *Reading the Bible*, *Worshipping Weekly*, *Serving* (at and beyond Gloria Dei), *Giving* (of your time, talents, and resources), *Faith Community* (being in relationship with others so as to encourage spiritual growth), and *Prayer* (being in relationship with God).

Of all the topics we've covered, we have spent the most time on Prayer. To me, it seems to be one of the hardest subjects to write about. Perhaps it is because it's the most personal. As I look back over the last year, maybe I should have started my stewardship articles on the subject of prayer. Quite honestly it seems at the core, a key root of our faith is about establishing a relationship with God. Just as we establish solid relationships with one another by communicating and doing things with each other, the same is true with God.

Some people may feel inspired to pray more often, but just have a feeling they don't know how. The problem of knowing "how" to pray is not a new one. About two thousand years ago, Jesus was praying in a particular place and after he had finished, one of this disciples said: "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11.1) If the Jesus' disciples had this same conundrum, why should we think we would be any different?

Teaching "how to pray" may not be the most difficult part of the process. We all have learned how to talk to one another. We know how to share our needs with people who care about us and can help us, how to give and receive information, how to ask for things, how to express gratitude, how to say we are sorry and ask for forgiveness, how to say what's important to us, and perhaps most importantly, how to speak with words of love and delight. And we know how to listen to others when they speak. Prayer is simply doing what we already know how to do, but with God as the one to whom we speak, and to whom we listen to.

The real difficulty is not in learning how to say what's on our hearts and minds. The real difficulty seems to be in creating a context in which conversation with God is as natural and expected as conversations with your families, friends, and co-workers.

From the familiar verse in Psalm 46, "Be still and know that I am God", we know that we are a community with too much going-on to slow down and talk with God. It would be a lot easier to accommodate time with God if there was an app on the i-Phone to get us directly connected. Silence is difficult, if not entirely frightening in our noisy, high-speed, always-doing-something world. Silence is an acquire taste, and takes time for frantic and frenetic people (like me) to get comfortable with it.

Summers, and August in particular, remind me of my Dad. Dad always wanted just one present for birthdays, Father's days, etc. (that we could never give him) just some "Peace and Quiet". Just as many peoples' lives today are over hectic, you can perhaps imagine that growing up with six kids in my family (five boys), that there never seemed any way to give Dad just a slight taste of the peace and quiet he so often requested.

August is the last month of summer. It tends to be when people take time off away from their busy lives and work, and crave some peace and quiet of their own. Often some time is spent on a final "getaway" with your family before school and fall activities wind back up to full speed ahead. It seems, just like my Dad, we do really enjoy the peace and quiet too. Why not consider sharing some Peace and Quiet this month with God?

Yours in Christ,
Tom Finck

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Prayer

..... and I said,



'Here I am.
Send me!'

Isaiah 6:8

August 2009 Sunday Morning Worship Volunteer Schedule

<i>8:30 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 9</i>	<i>August 16</i>	<i>August 23</i>	<i>August 30</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	No Communion	Kneeling	No Communion	No Communion
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Avis Blake(N) Harold Boysen(E) Betty Boysen(S) Betty Danielson(W)	Gary Brekke(N) Connie Brekke(E) Michael Doyle(S) Shirley Doyle(W)	Ralph Ellefson(N) Rosanne Fibeger(E) Raymond Glasrud(S) Darlene Glasrud(W)	Vi Glasby(N) Ronald Greseth(E) Dorothy Greseth(S) Janet Greseth(W)	Jim Hair(N) Leo Haubenschild(E) Carol Haubenschild(S) Peter Held(W)
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Jerry Olson Lois Olson	John Rasmusson Linda Rasmusson	Robert Reid Bev Reid	Dean Stenehjelm Julie Stenehjelm	Al Strom Pat Strom
Hospitality Center	Bob Julius	Gloria Lewison	Bob & Connie Mayhew	Betty Danielson	*****
8:30 Ushers	Gary Addington, Adam Danielson, Larry Danielson, Fred Fibeger, Dennis Greseth, Jim Hair, Dennis Jeske, Bruce Johnson, Darl Nolte, James Weime, Lee Lovelace, Rob Fuqua, Charles Barry, Travis Frydenlund, Darliss Huss, Terry Lambert, Lyman Schliep, Bob Vogt				
<i>10 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 9</i>	<i>August 16</i>	<i>August 23</i>	<i>August 30</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	Intinction	Kneeling	Intinction	Intinction
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	David Petersen(N) Ann Petersen(E) Jodi Raehsler(S) Stephanie Raehsler(W)	Vi Helland(N) Dan Sandberg(E) Janice Tucker(S) Mary Allen(W)	Jean Carlson(N) Alice Erickson(E) Char Harstad(S) Stacy Haugen(W)	Steve Sparrow(N) Carol Sparrow(E) Robin DePagter(S) Chris DePagter(W)	Donna Hawkinson(N) Margaret Heise(E) Judy Olson(S) Sonja Kranz(W)
Lesson Reader	Heidi Seaberg	Wendy Sempf	Ken Smith	Kerry Truax	Cindy Wiest
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Wayne Aderman Sue Aderman	Steph Garness Sharon Nuss	Char Harstad Gloria Schaar	Steve Sparrow Carol Sparrow	Wayne Aderman Sue Aderman
Hospitality Center	Judy Olson	Anna M Peterson	Mary Sorum	*****	Judy Olson
10:00 Ushers	Eric Aeschlimann, Don Borcharding, Jerry Christenson, Tom Cummings, Paul Dahlen, Don Darbo, Edward Eick, Howard Helland, Keith Jacobson, Scott Johnson, Mike Thom, Chuck Crawford, Dana Duffield, Herb Whitney, Brian Zmolek				
Communion Set-up	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Cookies (3 dozen each)	Emily Vetter Paula Vogt Kirstyn Vold Leigh Ann Vold Chris Walters Jeanette Wanek Jollen Weick Nancy Werning Judy Whitney	Kayla Wieme Amy Adams Melissa Aeschlimann Allyssa Allen Sharon Applequist Deb Aries Julie Bakken Karen Balster Kathleen Barry	Laura Baudoin Suellen Birkholz Avis Blake Christy Boyer Connie Brekke Marilyn Burbank Pat Burreson Karen Cavanaugh Amy Christopherson	Rita Clark Kris Cmiel Jane Dahlen Marlene Davis Nancy Duffield Nancy Eckholm Julie Edwards Tina Eisermann Deb Erwin	Cathy Esberg Teresa Espinda-Gathje Jean Faber Cheryl Fedje Lisa Fenton Rosanne Fibeger Marsha Frick Denise Freydenlund
Communion Bread	Cindy Benike	None needed	Norma Bjork	None needed	None needed

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Newsletter article deadline is

August 15, 2009

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