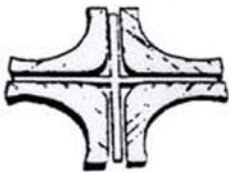


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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



Making Christ Known

“As God would have it”

....When It seems your prayers are unanswered

As we continue our discussion about our prayer habits in regards to our stewardship and faith journey, it occurred to me how hard it is to write this article (as if I were well truly gifted in this area or somehow consider myself more practiced in this arena than I really am). I can easily think of at least ten (probably 20) other people who would be able to better present this topic of prayer to you, and yet as we say, “as luck would have it”, an article stumbled across my desk just in time that approaches this topic simply and clearly. Quite honestly, instead of using the phrase “as luck would have it”, I think the correct phrase is “as God would have it”. Had God not known I needed some guidance and material on prayer, it would not have been provided. Thus, here are some more thoughts on prayer, “as God would have it”.

..... and I said,



“Here I am.
Send me!”

Isaiah 6:8

When you pray, you are probably hoping for a positive and immediate response. It can be frustrating to experience times when you are in need of divine intervention, and no matter what you do, the answers seem slow in coming or woefully absent altogether. Sometimes, you have to make even your frustration into a prayer!

While you live within the bounds of earth’s time and want an answer from heaven that is on your timetable, it’s important to remember that God is outside of time. God dwells in timelessness. God’s clock has no hands. In a recent sermon, Pastor Steve quoted one of his mother’s common sayings: “Time will tell.” This seems so true, so often. Even when it doesn’t feel like anything at all is happening, God is hearing and answering. You might be surprised to find that what you are seeking comes not when you want it, but just at the moment that you need it.

When you are weary of waiting for answers in your time, try this: Sit quietly in God’s presence for a few minutes. Focus on your breath. As you breathe in, breathe in God’s love and care. As you breathe out, breathe out your frustration. Even a few minutes of this will likely calm your soul.

Yours in Christ,
Tom Finck

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2009

Outside Gloria Dei

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 will be placed around Gloria Dei at the end of July to collect school supplies. Thank you, Gloria Dei, for your dedication to this program! We CAN make a difference!



Samaritan Bethany Golf Classic

Please join us at the Samaritan Bethany Golf Classic at Willow Creek Golf Course on Thursday, July 16. Registration fee is \$125 which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and the banquet. Registration will begin at 12:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The banquet will start at approximately 7:00 p.m. with awards being presented at the banquet. If you are interested in golfing with us, please call Bev at the Samaritan Bethany Foundation at 424-4034. Proceeds will go to Samaritan Bethany Foundation's Building Fund.

Women's Ministry

2009 Holiday Tea

The July Holiday Tea meeting will be on Wednesday, July 29 at 10:15 in the Conference Room. We would love to have new members on the committee.

The entertainment this year will be the Rhubarb Sisters. You may have heard them on Prairie Home Companion. They just appeared at the Rhubarb Festival in Lanesboro.

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 July 9 and 23, as well as August 13 and 27, at Allendale at 9:30 a.m.



Moms Night Out

July 12 (due to 4th of July weekend) - meet at Chesters at 6 p.m. to eat outside. Please RSVP to Kelly Pieper: piepemelon@charter.net.

For more updates and information about the Gloria Dei Mom and Kids group, please check out our blog: <http://gloriademoms.wordpress.com>.

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, July 5 ~ Pastor Steve ~ *selected portions of the book of Nehemiah*

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

Sunday, July 12 ~ Pastor Charles ~ *Mark 6:14-29*

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus.

Sunday, July 19 ~ Pastor Karna ~ *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we should not think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregiver's need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

Sunday, July 26 ~ Pastor Charles ~ *John 6:1-21*
Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference. It is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires – a world where all the hungry are satisfied, and where all know Jesus as the bread of life.

Summer Worship

Sundays

8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

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

Wednesdays

"Living Waters" ~ 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Stay connected to God and others during the summer months. This worship (having a bit of a Water's Edge feel to it) is designed for all ages, with different worship and music leaders each week. Weekly communion is offered, and contemporary Christian music is the featured music genre.

A Note from Julie

Blessings to all of you during these summer months! May the Apostle Paul's prayer for spiritual empowering and inner strength be true for you in your spiritual journey:

"And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God." (Ephesians 3:17-19)

~ Julie Stevens, Minister of Worship (289-1841 or worship@gloria-dei.com) ~

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

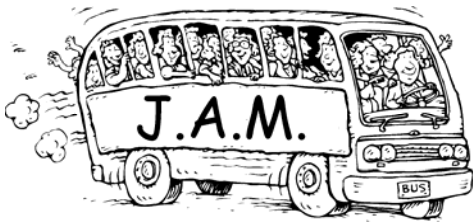
"Where children discover eternal treasures" Matthew 6:19-21

Mission Statement: To partner with parents and our faith community to make Christ known. We will provide quality Christian education so that all children may become His fully devoted disciples.

Values: **Christ Centered** **Fun** **Welcoming** **Relational** **Organized**

Register for 2009-2010 School Year

Sunday Mornings



JESUS AND ME CARAVAN

9:15 & 10:45

We are still looking for volunteers for:

9:15

Alternating Temple Teacher
Opening Leader 3rd-5th Grade
Music Leader for Kindergarten-2nd Grade
Music Leader for Preschool

10:45

Alternating 3 year-old teachers
Music Leader for Preschool
Music Leader for Kindergarten-2nd Grade
3rd Grade Shepherd
4th Grade Shepherd
Alternating 5th Grade Shepherd
Opening Leader 3rd-5th Grade

Wednesday Evenings

Water's Edge

KIDZ RESORT

3year-olds –1st Graders
6:40-7:00 P.M.

2nd –5th Graders
6:40-7:25 P.M.

Children Choir
(3year olds –1st Grade)
7:00-7:35



Son Dei Singers
(2nd-5th Grade)
7:25-8:00

*Care will be provided until 8:00 pm for all kids, to allow parents to be involved in the Adult Bible Study with Pastor Charles.

Join us for:
**SUNDAES ON
WEDNESDAY'S**
6:30-7:30

JULY 29 AUG 26



Following the *"Living Waters"* Wednesday night worship. Stay for ice cream sundaes and great Christian fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and Courtyard.

Mark you calendars:

July

16 – GEV Adventurers Day Camp

August

2 – Children’s Ministry Vision
Team Meeting 5:00-7:00 p.m

September

1- 3 Year-Old Blessing

2- Kidz RESORT
Volunteer Training

13- Blessing of Backpacks &
Volunteer Installation at
9:15 and 10:45 worship

First day of JAM CARAVAN

JAM CARVAN
Volunteer Training 12-2:00 p.m.

October

4- 3rd Graders receive their Bible
& Introduction to the Bible
Luncheon 12-2:00 p.m.

11- Good Earth Village
Family Fall Festival

24- Kids Against Hunger
Family Service Project

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009



THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone who donated:
time, talent, treasure, food,
charity wish list items etc...

Thank you to Thivent Financial Lutherans
(Med City & Rochester Chapters)
for your very generous donations
for our VBS Big Give.

Thank you to Color Me Mine for
partnering with the elementary age kids at
VBS to decorate and donate 120 bowls to
Channel One’s Annual
“Empty Bowl Fundraiser”.

Thank you to the 40 adult volunteers and 41
youth volunteers who walked along side
our over 155 kids.

Any questions, concerns, or suggestions contact :

Amy Baker, Minister of Children
children@gloria-dei.com
289-1841 ext 225



Registration is available at
www.gloria-dei.com.

A little bit of
everything!

Sandy Lebert Retires

Sandy Lebert has chosen to retire from Gloria Dei as the Membership and Records Secretary after almost 13 years of dedicated service. Join us as we celebrate her retirement on July 19 with cake and coffee between the services.

A special thank you to Sandy for many dedicated years of service. The members and staff of Gloria Dei will miss your smiling face and great friendship!



Caring for Creation at Gloria Dei

On May 2 the Church Council approved a plan to organize a Caring For Creation project at Gloria Dei. We need people

who are interested in caring for our environment to join our project. Please e-mail Jan Tarnow @jcreation@charter.net. We have some early plans to have RPU do a church energy audit in late summer. As the group is formed, we will put together a long term Caring For Creation plan for Gloria Dei.

Thank you Gloria Dei!!

Thank you for the calls, cards and prayers when I recently had hip replacement surgery. Special thanks also to Pastor Karna for the hospital visits. God bless Gloria Dei Lutheran!
Joan Englund



Garden Club

The Garden Club will be touring the gardens of Al and Patty Strom on Thursday, July 23 at 6:30. The Stroms live at 987 White Birch Ct. NW. If you would like to car pool, meet at the church at 6:00. Any questions, please call Marlys Jones at 289-8620.

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to work in the courtyard. There are some weeks that still available.

A Special Message for Summer Travelers

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Gloria Dei offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. One simple, easy to use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contribution amount. Contact Carol Fisher in the office for more details.

Financial Report

May 2009

Year to Date

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$377,350	\$370,582
Expenses	342,774	372,507
Surplus	\$ 34,576	(\$ 1,925)

Share the Vision II 2007-2009

	Actual	Expected
Received	\$587,945	\$682,107

Sustenance Giving

	2009	2008
Received	\$44,091	\$45,524

Loan Balances

Thrivent Financial (Remodel)	\$1,629,855
Monthly Payment	13,026
Mission Investment Fund (Land)	\$ 428,273
Monthly Payment	3,561

**Financial
News of
Gloria Dei**

Church Bonds – A New Opportunity to Serve the Lord Financing needed to purchase property adjacent to Gloria Dei

As per our recent Congregational meeting in May, an opportunity presented itself for Gloria Dei to purchase two of the adjacent properties (the red house located at 1302 12th Ave NW and the yellow house at 1306 12th Ave NW). The Church Property Board is preparing to arrange both the long and short term financing. Our Church Council determined that we would be best served to offer a Win-Win financial opportunity for our members at this time.

Gloria Dei needs to borrow sufficient funding (anticipating up to \$155K) to close on these properties. At this time, we are exploring renting one of the houses to generate revenue to cover the church bond interest, property taxes, insurance, and building equity in the property.

The church could borrow the monies needed from a conventional source (bank), incurring higher costs for this money in the form of closing costs, paying higher interest rates, etc. An alternate plan is to finance as much of the \$155,000 from the congregation as possible through borrowing directly from our parishioners in the form of Church Bonds.

Our plan is as follows:

- The church issue bonds to our parishioners in units of \$1,000.00 (with a maximum of 5 units/parishioner). At this time, this level has been set so that as many parishioners as are interested can participate in this program.

We are anticipating that additional church bond offerings will be made as future opportunities to acquire adjacent properties are identified. We need to know by July 10, 2009, if you are interested in making a loan to your church. Your actual commitment will be required on or about July 20, 2009.

We will pay back principal at maturity and interest every six months. This idea is not new. Gloria Dei was started this same way by borrowing from its own parishioners. We issued bonds in 1992 to refinance and consolidated our mortgages at that time and during our remodeling in 2005 to finance the loan prior to the long term mortgage.

Some benefits are:

- The interest you will receive is above current market rates for Certificates of Deposit.
- The church will save significant costs by avoiding closing costs, and paying a more attractive interest rate than through conventional institutions.

The amount we need is \$155,000. The number of \$1,000 units and the interest rates we will be paying along with the term of the loan, and the year the principal and interest will be returned is shown in the table below:

Number of \$1,000 Units Available	Interest Rate	Term of your loan
75	2.50%	2 years
80	2.75%	3 years

Please review our needs and your ability and contact Carol Fisher, Parish Administrator, 289-1841 if you are interested in supporting this program. Let's all unite and support this Win-Win program by helping yourself and Gloria Dei.

July 2009 Sunday Morning Worship Volunteer Schedule

<i>8:30 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>July 5</i>	<i>July 12</i>	<i>July 19</i>	<i>July 26</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	No Communion	Kneeling	No Communion
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	David Seim(N) Ken Swenson(E) Jacky Swenson(S) Julie Bakken(W)	Bruce Thompson(N) Dora Thompson(E) Ted Thorson(S) Jan Thorson(W)	Gary Addington(N) Carol Addington(E) Conrad Anderson(S) Rosemary Anderson(W)	Leroy Arndt(N) Ellen Arndt(E) Arlene Benike(S) Norma Bjork(W)
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Dorothy Greseth Janet Greseth	Leo Haubenschild Carol Haubenschild	Gary Addington Carol Addington	Norma Bjork Ralph Ellefson
Hospitality Center	Judy Olson	Anna Peterson	Mary Sorum	Betty Danielson
8:30 Ushers	Chuck Applequist, Burt Berg, Michael Doyle, Merlyn Jeche, Robert King, Roger Mestad, John Perkins, Jeff Anerson, Charles Balster, IJ Lewison, Dwight Vold, Dwight Denisen, Paul Harberts, Kim Knutson			
<i>10 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>July 5</i>	<i>July 12</i>	<i>July 19</i>	<i>July 26</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	Intinction	Kneeling	Intinction
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Mary Allen(N) Jean Carlson(E) Jerry Christenson(S) Alice Erickson(W)	Chris DePagter(N) Robin DePagter(E) Char Harstad(S) Stacy Haugen(W)	Donna Hawkinson(N) Margaret Heise(E) Vi Helland(S) Sonja Kranz(W)	Keith Jacobson(N) Inez Jacobson(E) Bob Nuss(S) Sharon Nuss(W)
Lesson Reader	Dawn Riddering	Stacy Haugen	Donna Hawkinson	Dean Oachs
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Wayne Aderman Sue Aderman	Steph Garness Char Harstad	Sharon Nuss Arlene Rohde	Steve Sparrow Carol Sparrow
Hospitality Center	Bob Julius	Gary & Carol Lane	Gloria Lewison	Bob & Connie Mayhew
10:00 Ushers	Frank Cmiel, Bruce Fisher, Terry Harms, Brian Johnson, Mark Larson, Bob Nuss, Mike O'Connor, David Petersen, Grant Schmit, Mike Schmitz, Joey Smith, Gene Sokol, Steve Sparrow, Jeff Pierce, Bruce Thompson, Debbie Thompson			
Communion Set-up	8:30***** 10*****	10 *****	8:30***** 10*****	10*****
Cookies (3 dozen each)	Judy Olson Michelle Olson Marcia Opdahl Amy Pankow Linda Peck Leanne Pederson Janell Peterson Kristin Peterson Annetta Phelps	Amy Pierce Susan Poppen Jodi Raehsler Norma Randby Linda Rasmusson Dawn Riddering Arlene Rohde Laura Roxberg Shannon Scharf	Janet Schliep Christine Seegmiller Gloria Simonson Barbara Solheim Kay Spavin Julie Stenehjerm Beth Stockwell Kari Stonelake-Hopkins Joanne Swenson	Rose Swenson Jennifer Thicke Mary Thom Dora Thompson Jan Thorson Patricia Tollefsrud Tad Trejo Janice Tucker Tammy Veldhuizen
Communion Bread	Bonnie Barnett	None needed	Arlene Benike	None needed

***Volunteers Still Needed Contact Staci if you can fill these dates 289-1841 volunteers@gloria-dei.com



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Children's Choir Director, Heidi Finck
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Newsletter article deadline is

July 15, 2009

** Submit your August announcements to
Kristin at communications@gloria-dei.com