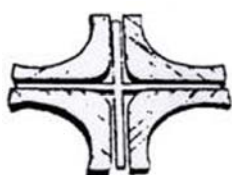


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June 2009

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



## Making Christ Known

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### Summer Worship Hours

**Sundays:** 8:30 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship  
10:00 a.m. ~ Celebration/Contemporary Worship

**Wednesdays:** June 3 through September 9 – “Living Waters”  
worship at 6:00 p.m. (*midweek worship for all ages;  
contemporary music used*)



### Join us for “Sundaes on Wednesday”

*June 24, July 29, August 26*  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

### Book Club

Our last meeting on May 12, before taking a break for the summer, we discussed the book **For Whom the Bell Tolls**, by Ernest Hemingway. It was a powerful book, written in detail and considered one of the best war novels of all time.

For our meeting September 8, we selected the very popular novel, **THE SHACK**, by William P. Young. Pastor Ronningen recently finished a three week Wednesday night series on the book. This book is short but needs to be read slowly. We are looking forward to the discussion in September.

For October 13, we will be reading Fan Shen's, **Gang of one: memoirs of a Red Guard**. We have been on the waiting list at the Rochester Public Library for this book, which is a part of their Bag of Books selection. Many suggestions were given for a selection for November with the group deciding to wait until fall to decide.

We are always glad to have new faces show up for our meetings. Everyone is invited to come and join us on the first Tuesday of the month (September – May) in the Fireside Room as we discuss books and enjoy fellowship with one another. For more information about the book club contact Jane Frank, Lynne Miller or Mary Moon.



### 2009 Holiday Tea

The June planning meeting for the tea will be on Wednesday, June 24 at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. Barb Lewis is still taking names to be put on a list for tickets to the tea.

### Mom and Kids Summer Schedule

Starting on June 11, 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. June 24 is VBS week at church and many of us are helping – no Mom and Kids that week. July 9 and 23, as well as August 13 and 27, will also be held at Allendale at 9:30 a.m.

### Moms Night Out

**June 7** – Green Mill at 6 p.m. – there were recently lots of coupons – bring them with you. We will plan to eat outside.

**July 12** (due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend) - meet at Chesters at 6 p.m. to eat outside. Please RSVP to Kelly Pieper:: [piepemelon@charter.net](mailto:piepemelon@charter.net).

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

### Circle Info

Anna June 16  
Out of Town  
Elizabeth June 16 @ 10:00 AM  
Barb Lewis, 5329 Howard St NW  
Esther June 16 @ 6:00 PM  
Rosalie Rusovick, 9969 Thunderbluff Rd  
NW, Oronoco  
Naomi June 22  
Gloria Dei Courtyard  
Ruth June 10  
Marlys Wagner, 2040 26th Ave NW

# INSIDE WORSHIP

Please contact Julie Stevens, Minister of Worship, at 289-1841 or [worship@gloria-dei.com](mailto: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

The season of Pentecost continues following our May 31 celebration of Pentecost Sunday, the day marking God sending the Holy Spirit upon the early church. We have completed the festival half of the church year in which we celebrated Jesus' birth, death, resurrection, and ascension. In this non-festival half of the church year we examine how our lives change as fully devoted disciples of this risen and ascended Christ. We take time to think about how we can grow closer to God. And we hear gospel readings in which Jesus does his work in the world, demonstrating what God's kingdom is like: a place of stunning strangeness that turns all ideas of power and glory upside down.

## Upcoming Worship

### Sunday, June 7

*Pastor Karna ~ John 3:1-17 (Holy Trinity Sunday)*

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

### Sunday, June 14

*Pastor Steve ~ Mark 4:26-34*

The mustard seed becomes a shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

### Sunday, June 21

*Pastor Charles ~ Mark 4:35-41*

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

### Sunday, June 28

*Pastor Karna ~ Mark 5:21-43*

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

## Wednesday Evening Worship ~ "Living Waters"

*6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary*

Does the beautiful Minnesota summer weather find you spending weekends traveling, or spending time with family and friends at the lake or on the river? Then take advantage of midweek worship here at Gloria Dei in order to stay connected to God and others during the summer months. This worship (having a bit of a Water's Edge feel to it) will be designed for all ages. Communion will be offered each week, and contemporary Christian songs will be the featured music genre. This midweek opportunity to stay connected to God will provide a great fellowship opportunity as well, including a last Wednesday of the month night of ice cream sundaes before you head for home!

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

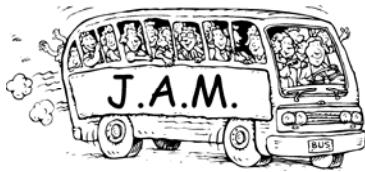
*"Where children discover eternal treasures" Matthew 6:19-21*

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

Fall 2009 Sunday Mornings



### **JESUS AND ME CARAVAN** 9:15 & 10:45

There are volunteer openings for:

<b>9:15</b>	<b>10:45</b>
3 year-old	3 year-olds
4 year-olds	4 year-olds
1st Graders	Kindergarteners
4th Graders	3rd-5th Graders

\*\*\*\*\*  
Opening Time Leaders are needed  
at both hours for all ages  
\*\*\*\*\*

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



**JUNE 24    JULY 29  
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Fall 2009 Wednesday Evenings

*Water's Edge*

### **KIDZ RESORT**

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

2nd –5th Graders  
**6:40-7:25P.M.**



**Children's Choir**  
(3 year olds –1st Graders)  
**7:00-7:35**

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

\*Care will be provided until 8:00 p.m. for all kids, so parents can be involved in the adult Bible study with Pastor Charles or Adult Choir.

### **GOOD EARTH VILLAGE BIBLE CAMP ADVENTURERS PROGRAM**

(Kindergarteners-4th Graders)



**Bible Camp**

**THURSDAY, JULY 16**  
**9:00AM -4:00PM**  
**\$30.00**

We will load a bus from Gloria Dei's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return to Gloria Dei at 5:00 p.m.  
**\*\*Sign up at the Children's Ministry Office**  
**\*\* Last Day to Register is June 15**

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22-25 2009**



**9:30-NOON PRESCHOOL**  
( 4 year-olds & Kindergarteners as of 9/1/2009)

**9:30-3:30 1ST-5TH GRADERS**  
(1st –5th Grade as of 9/1/09)

*Morning care will be provided from 7:30 -9:30 a.m. for families who need it*

**We have many opportunities to get involved:**

- \*Crew Leaders for 4-6 kids (9:00-3:30)
- \*Registration Team Member (9:00-9:45)
- \*Lunch servers (11:00-11:30)
- \*Recess Supervisors (12:15-1:00)
- \*Early Morning Child Care Providers (7:30-9:30)
- \*Snack Team Member (9:00-12:00)

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](http://www.gloria-dei.com)

A little bit of  
everything!

### Samaritan Bethony Golf Classic

Please join us at the Samaritan Bethony 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 Bethony Foundation at 424-4034. Proceeds will go to Samaritan Bethony Foundation's Building Fund.

### Garden Club

On June 25 at 6:30, the Garden Club will be touring the gardens of Sandy Atkinson at 800 15th Ave. N.E. Join us in enjoying Sandy's gardens.

A big thank you to the following people who helped in the courtyard on May 2nd; Gary and Carol Lane, Sonja and Ariel Amy, Marlene Davis, Everett Kinter, Beth Solie, Judy Warfield, Julie Stenehjem, Elaine Wingert, Stew Lewis and Maynard and Marlys Jones. Many plants were divided and some replaced and mulch was applied. Thanks also to those who purchased plants on Sunday.

We are looking for help to maintain the courtyard. There is a sign-up on the hospitality desk. If you have any questions, please contact Marlys Jones, 289-8620

### Ronald McDonald House No Longer Accepting Homemade Cookies

At the Ronald McDonald House, the health and safety of children with suppressed immune systems are their top priority. For that reason, they're changing the "recipe" of how they serve fresh baked treats. From now on, all baked goods will need to be prepared in their community kitchen and Gloria Dei will no longer be supplying baked goods for them. If you are interested in other ways to help the Ronald McDonald House, contact Maggie at 252-2165.

## Thank you Gloria Dei!!

Gift of Life Transplant House Cookie Bakers. Thank you so much for all those cookies. They were so appreciated.  
*Board of Outreach*

### Thanks to Our Tech Crew!

Many thanks to our sound and PowerPoint crew members who help our Sunday and Wednesday worship gatherings run smoothly!

Our congregation appreciates your faithful, and unseen, service behind the scenes. A special thanks to two individuals: Walt Allen, the scheduler and coordinator of our operators team; and Greg Darbo, who has generously given of his time and expertise to make improvements in every aspect of our sound system, and to bring the capabilities for live video recording and viewing on screen of our worship gatherings.

#### PowerPoint Operators

Dawn Beck  
Becca Erickson  
Nick Fuqua  
Alex Harms  
Nancy Haroldson  
Erik Jones  
Erin Larson  
Shaun Riddering  
Ben Stevens  
Sarah Stevens

#### Sound Operators

Ray Barnett  
Greg Darbo  
Ken Larson  
Duane Sauke  
Mark Stevens  
Lowell Thomason



### Why We Pray

Our Stewardship program this year has challenged us to live out our faith and beliefs by *praying* daily, *worshipping* weekly, *reading* the Bible, *servicing* at and beyond Gloria Dei, *encouraging* spiritual growth in others, and *giving* of our time, talents, and resources.



Before we transition from our stewardship focus from *giving* to *prayer*, I'd like to convey an idea that came from the good fortune of a conversation I had with Jim Hair about our Garden ministry. Our garden ministry (on our land in NW Rochester), lets people use small plots to plant gardens for food for their families with the stipulation that some must be given away. What a great challenge this is for everyone with a garden (whether flowers or vegetables). If you're a late planter, consider planting 10% more this year to be given away. If you've already planted your garden, can you consider giving 10% of your harvest away? It doesn't have to be done through the church, just provide it to someone who may need it. If you'd like to donate part of your harvest through the church, a table in the Narthex will be set up for this purpose on Sunday mornings. Just leave your harvest on the table or at the information center. If you'd like something on the table, it's yours – no strings attached. If you'd like to make a free will offering for something on the table that would be fine as well. It will be great to be able to visualize your "first fruits" given in this way.

As a starting point in our discussion on prayer, I thought perhaps it would be appropriate to try to address 'why we pray'. Prayer is not really about getting God to do something for you or to get God to make a change about something. It is about building a relationship with God. It is simply conversing with God, learning to be in

God's presence, attuning yourself to the movement of God in your life. Just as any human relationship requires a commitment of time to be with each other, so our relationship with God is nourished when we take time to be with God in prayer. Most importantly, prayer will remind you that you have access to God's eternal love no matter what you do (or do not do).

If you are having trouble with prayer, try this: Take 5 minutes and go to a quiet place. Talk with God as you would talk to your best friend. Be sure to give God time to respond!

Here's a scripture verse for reflection on prayer: *Isaiah 65:24, "Before they call I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear."*

Yours in Christ,  
Tom Finck

### Financial Report

April 2009

Year to Date

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$299,953	\$314,904
Expenses	<u>273,221</u>	<u>298,750</u>
Surplus	\$ 26,732	\$ 16,154

#### Share the Vision II 2007-2009

	Actual	Expected
Received	\$567,942	\$682,107

#### Sustenance Giving

	2009	2008
Received	\$34,027	\$37,809

#### Loan Balances

Thrivent Financial (Remodel)	\$1,634,737
Monthly Payment	13,026
Mission Investment Fund (Land)	\$ 430,282
Monthly Payment	3,561

## June 2009 Sunday Morning Worship Volunteer Schedule

<i>8:30 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>June 7</i>	<i>June 14</i>	<i>June 21</i>	<i>June 28</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	No Communion	Kneeling	No Communion
<b>Greeters</b> N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Dennis Greseth(N) Janet Greseth(E) Dorothy Greseth(S) Jim Hair(W)	Carol Haubenschild(N) Peter Heldt(E) Dennis Holt(S) Marjorie Holt(W)	Merlyn Jeche(N) Margaret Jeche(E) Connie Johnson(S) Bert Kyek(W)	Harris Nelson(N) Char Nelson(E) Dorothy Olson(S) Norma Randby(W)
<b>Coffee Servers</b> (Fellowship Hall)	Tracy Phelps Annetta Phelps	Rosalie Rusovick Kayla Wieme	Gary Addington Carol Addington	Harris Nelson Char Nelson
<b>Hospitality Center</b>	Bob Julius	Gary & Carol Lane	Gloria Lewison	Bob & Connie Mayhew
<b>8:00 Ushers</b>	James Field, Ron Greseth, Leo Haubenschild, Bill Hovet, Jodie Kaiser, Robert Melin, Terry Oelkers, Harold Opdahl, Tracy Phelps, Stew Lewis, Bob Mayhew, Jerry Olson, Philip Swenson, James Mickelson			
<i>10 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>June 7</i>	<i>June 14</i>	<i>June 21</i>	<i>June 28</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	Intinction	Kneeling	Intinction
<b>Greeters</b> N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Margaret Heise(N) Vi Helland(E) Inez Jacobson(S) Keith Jacobson(W)	Sonja Kranz(N) Bob Nuss(E) Sharon Nuss(S) Judy Olson(W)	David Petersen(N) Ann Petersen(E) Jodi Raehsler(S) Stephanie Raehsler(W)	Dan Sandberg(N) Steve Sparrow(E) Carol Sparrow(S) Janice Tucker(W)
<b>Lesson Reader</b>	Christy Boyer	Becca Burgess	Jerry Christenson	Jane Dahlen
<b>Coffee Servers</b> (Fellowship Hall)	Gloria Schaar Arlenen Rohde	Wayne Aderman Sue Aderman	Jodi Raehsler Stephanie Raehsler	Steve Sparrow Carol Sparrow
<b>Hospitality Center</b>	Judy Olson	Anna Peterson	Mary Sorum	Betty Danielson
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	Ron Amdahl, Steve Epp, Donald Frerichs, Scott Jacobson, Tom Kastner, Bruce Lewis, Sandy Lewis, Robert Fountain, Storm Kerwin, Larry Kruger, Duane Warfield, Earnest Weick, Warren Williams			
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	8:30***** 10*****	10*****	8:30***** 10-Mary Allen	10-Margaret Heise
<b>Cookies</b> (3 dozen each)	Cindy Heins Margaret Heise Jeannine Hensley Jenny Herman Faith Hollasch Matthew Hopkins Mary Imming Debbie Jacobson Nancy Jeske	Lee Ann Johnson Nancy Jorgensen Lucy Julius Beth Kaping Rita Kruesel Jane Kruger Pamela Lamb Sheila Lambert Carol Lane	Janet Lane Judith Larsen Sandy Lewis Gloria Lewison Paige Linqvist Pat Lovelace Lorie Luedke Vicki Mangels Christy McBroom	Trisha Means Melody Melin Bridget Meyer Char Nelson Nicole Ness Sarah Nguyen Cheryl Nimtz Alice Olson Dorothy Olson
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Barbara Arlander	None needed	Karen Balster	None needed

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





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**Newsletter article deadline is  
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\*\* Submit your July announcements to  
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