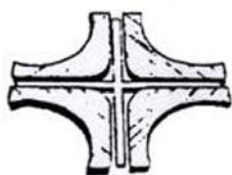


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June 2010

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



Making Christ Known

VBS **BIG GIVE**

Again this year, each of the Vacation Bible School classes will be collecting wish list items for different charities in need. Packaging and/or delivering these items to the charities is a highlight of the week for many children. VBS begins on June 21 but collection boxes have already been placed in the Narthex in hopes that the congregation will again be so gracious with their donations!! A detailed list of wish list items can be found at the Hospitality Center and Church Office.

Preschool & Kindergarteners- Paws & Claws Animal Shelter

Items needed include: cat toys and treats, dog toys and treats, milk bones, paper towels

1st Graders- Interfaith Hospitality Network

Items needed include: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, diapers, baby wipes,

2nd Graders- Ronald McDonald House

Items needed include: granola bars, fruit snacks, juice boxes, snack sized candy, cereal

3rd Graders- Make A Wish

Items needed include: gift cards for teens, Webkinz, travel games, coloring books

4th Graders-Operation Home Town Gratitude

Items needed include: beef jerky, sunflower seeds, baby wipes, toothpaste, granola bars

5th Graders- Channel One Food Shelf

Items needed include: rice and pasta, baking items, peanut butter, canned soup, juice

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Church Pictorial Directory

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Well, help is on the way! We are producing an updated pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photograph taken and you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and directory for participating. Photo sessions will be held at various times between July 27 and October 2. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at that time. Specific dates and times will be published soon!

Book Club

The book club will not be meeting during the summer months. We will start our fall schedule on September 14, with the best seller THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. For October & November we selected books from the Public Library Bag of Books. THE GIRLS FROM AMES (Iowa) by Jeffrey Zaslow is our October book and THOSE WHO SAVE US, by Jenna Blum will be the November book.



us; had great discussions; and shared sad and happy news among members. In just a little over ten years we have read 96 books. The selection of books varies, which broadens our scope of authors and interest.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us (you do not need a special invitation) on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. (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.

This past year we have seen our book club grow in numbers; we have had authors visit

Women's Ministry News

Bible Study Leaders Meeting

The Circle Bible Study Leaders are invited to join Pastor Ortloff on Tuesday, June 8 at 10 a.m. in Room 10.

Women's Day at GEV

Gloria Dei women are invited to "Women's Day" at Good Earth Village on Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person (includes lunch and program). The 2010-2011 LWT Bible Study will be presented. The day will also include an afternoon program and wagon rides. Check the Good Earth Village website or the Women's Ministry bulletin board for information and registration forms.

Circle Info

Anna	June 15 @ 10:00 AM
	Meet in Gloria Dei Parking Lot
Elizabeth	June 15 @ 10:00 AM
	Barb Lewis, 5329 Howard St NW
Esther	June 15 @ 6:00 PM
	Rosalie Rusovick, 9969 Thunderbluff Rd NW, Oronoco
Naomi	June 15
	Lunch Out
Rachel	_____
Ruth	June 16 @ 1:00 PM
	Marlys Wagner, 2040 26th Ave NW
Sarah	_____

Women's Ministry Calendar

- July 20 ~ Summer Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
- August 17 ~ Summer Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
- September 13 to October 4 ~ Big Girls Don't Whine Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- October 5 ~ Thank offering event
- October 25 and 26 ~ Lefse baking
- November 1 and 2 ~ Lefse baking
- November 13 ~ Holiday Tea
- November 18 ~ Flat bread baking
- November 21 ~ Bake Sale
- December 9 ~ Christmas cookie exchange
- January 3 to February 21 ~ "Really Bad Girls of the Bible" Bible Study

We are also planning a candy making event and a house tour of Christmas decorations. Dates have not yet been chosen for these two events.

Please watch the newsletter, bulletins and website for more information for all events.

Garden Produce

This is the time to plant extra tomatoes, cucumbers or any other vegetables that we can give to Channel One, CFR or neighbors of Gloria Dei. Al and Patti Strom (282-9005) can answer questions if you'd like to be involved!

Samaritan Bethany Golf Tournament

It is never too early to begin planning for the Samaritan Bethany's Fourth Annual Golf Classic to be held at Somerby Golf Club on Monday, August 2, 2010. The fee per person is \$175 which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, putting green, driving range and a reservation at dinner. Play will get underway at 1:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented at dinner.

Call Bev Stoehr (424-4034) or Tom DeRi-enzo (289-5042, ext. 4158) for reservations.

Youth News

- Finals Lunch! Join us on June 9 during your lunch hour. Please RSVP to Joshua either by Facebook, email or text so we have enough food.
- Any youth still interested in joining the church softball team are welcome. Please watch the blog for events to coincide with the games. Contact Joshua for more information. The dates and times for June are the following:
 - ~ June 2 at 7 p.m. (with picnic afterward)
 - ~ June 9 at 6 p.m. (with Ultimate Frisbee game afterward)
 - ~ June 16 at 8 p.m.
 - ~ June 23 at 7 p.m.
- On Monday, June 14 all youth are invited to join us for a Honkers game. We'll meet at Honker Stadium at 6 p.m. for our free Slider Bobble Heads! (First 500 Fans)! Tickets are \$6. Contact Joshua if you need a ride!

Thank you! Thank you!

Dear church family, I want to express my love and gratitude to each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to me and Ken during the long hospital stay and rehabilitation at Charter House following my accident in Turkey. I was comforted by our pastors, my dear friends in Anna circle and Gene Frank's weekly prayer ministry. The many cards and prayers I received were deeply appreciated. Thank you!

Anita Smith



Thank you to all the cookies bakers for the Gift of Life Transplant House which were brought in the month of May. They appreciate the cookies so much. They are sharing the cookies between both the old and new sites as the people go back and forth between the two houses.

Board of Outreach

I would like to thank everyone from the congregation and staff that made my retirement celebration on Sunday, May 23 very special. May God continue to bless the Gloria Dei congregation members and friends. You have been a great blessing to us!

Pastor Steve, Mary and family



Season of the Church Year: Pentecost 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.



Sunday Summer Worship Hours

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

Living Waters Worship

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

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) is designed for all ages, and will be led, on most weeks, by Pastor Karna. Communion will be offered each week, and contemporary Christian songs will be the featured music genre.

Sunday Worship

Sunday, June 6

Pastor Charles

Readings: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

Sunday, June 13

Pastor Karna

Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

Sunday, June 20

Pastor Karna

Readings: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 27

Pastor Charles

Readings: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Handbell Concert

Do you like handbell music? If you like it with 12 ringers, think how much you'll LOVE it with 500! Come watch hundreds of handbell ringers march in the Rochesterfest Parade and come to the BIG concert. This is held in Rochester because of wonderful Deedee O'Dell, the outgoing handbell director at Christ United Methodist Church. Once in a lifetime chance - see you there!

Summer Choir

Did you enjoy singing in your high school or college choir but haven't had the chance to sing much since? Gloria Dei Choir Director, Tony Holt, is looking to hold a fun, no pressure choir gathering each Wednesday during July from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary balcony. The group may perform for a worship service ... or they may not. The goal is to get together and have fun. Refreshments will be provided! See you on July 7!

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!

A Response to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly's Decisions on Homosexuality

*For Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of
Rochester, MN*

**Gloria Dei Congregational Council
April 2010**

At the Churchwide Assembly in August 2009, the ELCA adopted by a two-thirds vote the social statement, *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*. This social statement evolved from a broad and reflective process of study, discussion, prayer, and dialogue involving the entire church starting in 2002.

The social statement expresses that the ELCA is opposed to all forms of violence or discrimination against homosexuals and is committed to welcoming all people, regardless of sexual orientation, and their families into our congregations. Concerning lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships, the statement cites various widely held positions that exist within the ELCA today and acknowledges that these views flow from strongly held different understandings of Scripture and tradition. The statement further recognizes that these differing understandings will continue to exist among ELCA members in the near term, yet it affirms the possibility for members to remain connected despite their differences as they continue to discern together God's will in this matter.

First and foremost, we as the Congregational Council of Gloria Dei, desire to do God's will and act in a way that is pleasing and glorifying to Him. We acknowledge that a consensus has not been reached about sexuality and that a continued discernment process is taking place in the larger ELCA and in our local congregation. At this time, we do not recommend any changes to our current ministry practices at Gloria Dei. Our response today by no means sets the tone for where

the Holy Spirit may direct us in the future. As loving members of the body of Christ, we are committed to taking our time to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us and bring about consensus through continued prayer, study of the Scripture, and respectful dialogue.

Financial Report

*April 2010
Month End*

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$310,655	\$309,887
Expenses	<u>285,298</u>	<u>305,979</u>
Surplus	\$ 25,357	\$ 3,908

Capital Campaigns

	07-09	2010
Balance	\$224,268	\$ 310
Contributions	0	36,899
Mort. Payments	(66,287)	0
Bond Interest	<u>(1,636)</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance	\$156,345	\$37,209

Sustenance Giving

	2010	2009
Received	\$37,147	\$34,027

Loan Balances

Thrivent Financial (Remodel)	\$1,574,881
Mission Investment Fund (Land)	\$ 401,155
Church Bonds Payable (Houses)	\$ 126,000

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 contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Contact Carol Fisher in the church office to get started!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

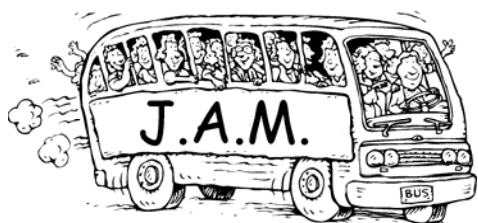
"Where children discover eternal treasures" Matthew 6:19-21

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**

Sunday Mornings



JESUS AND ME **CARAVAN**

9:15 & 10:45

Starts up again
September 12, 2010

Opportunities to Serve

9:15

3rd Grade Shepherd
5th Grade Shepherd (rotating)

10:45

3 year-old Teacher
4year-old Teacher
1st Grade Teacher
2nd Grade Teacher
3rd Grade Shepherd (rotating)
4th Grade Shepherd
5th Grade Shepherd

Wednesday Evenings

Water's Edge

KIDZ RESORT

Starts up again
September 15, 2010



Opportunities to Get Involved

Small group leader for:

3 and 4 year-olds
2nd and 3rd Graders
4th and 5th Graders

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

**Check out the
Children's Ministry Blog**



<http://gloriadeichildren.wordpress.com/>

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3rd graders-
Make A Wish

4th graders-
Operation Home Town Gratitude

5th graders-
Channel One Food Shelf

**** Based on the grade that children are going into ****

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL **JUNE 21-24 2010**



9:30-NOON

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

(kids ages 4& going into Kindergarten as of 9/1/2010)

9:30-3:30

1ST-5TH GRADERS

(kids going into 1st –5th Grade as of 9/1/2010)

Morning activities will include:

Music	Snacks
Dramas	Crafts
Games	Jump house

Visiting and delivering our donations to Paws and Claws

Afternoon activities will include:

Water day!

Partnering with “Color Me Mine” to decorate bowls for Channel One’s Empty Bowl fundraiser.

Visiting and Delivering our donations to:

Interfaith Hospitality
Ronald McDonald
Make A Wish
Operation Home Town Gratitude
Channel One

Hot Topics

Computer and Board Games

“Catching the Wave of God’s Dream”

A monthly review of how God is leading the ministry of Gloria Dei

God is doing great things at Gloria Dei. God works through the people, the leaders, the plans and the programs, but it is God who makes all this happen. As we make new plans for min-

istry, we first look to what God is doing and then join him. Like a surfer looking for that powerful wave that will carry him to shore, so we look to what God is doing. We do two things: we

evaluate which wave to get on board and then we evaluate our test-ride to see if this was really what God wanted us to do.

Generational Ministry Wave

Generational ministry reminds us of our unity within diversity. We are united in our desire to “become fully devoted disciples” (from our mission statement). We are united in the various aspects of a devoted disciple: prayer, worship, connection with the Bible, connection with other Christians, mission and service. Our diver-

sity is seen in how each generation lives out the specifics of this unity. In May, we continued to put together a working model to show how this unity within diversity might be lived out in our organizational structure. Our plan is to have a model and possible constitutional changes ready by our annual meeting, January 2011.

Generational Worship Wave

In April and May, we had a 5 week test ride of a Gen X worship service at 9 AM in the fellowship hall. Early assessment shows that we have reason to seriously consider this as a possible wave. But we have to first hear from the congregation and from the leadership. We continue to watch this wave.

Calling a New Pastor

We have said good-bye to Pastor Ronningen. We value his ministry with us. Now we must make plans for our future. In June, a call committee chairman will be appointed by the Council. In August or September, the Council will approve the

call committee. We are open to the Spirit leading us as we consider our needs for ministry. The Human Sexuality Statement by the Council (see page 5 of this newsletter) will guide the call committee in its process.

Capital Campaign 2010-2012 Wave

We continue to watch the workings of this wave. We ask, “Is this the right time for a capital campaign?” “And if not, how will we service the building and property debts we have incurred over the last decade.”



June 2010 Sunday Morning Worship Volunteer Schedule

<i>8:30 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>June 6</i>	<i>June 13</i>	<i>June 20</i>	<i>June 27</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	No Communion	Kneeling	No Communion
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Gary Brekke(N) Connie Brekke(E) Michael Doyle(S) Shirley Doyle(W)	Ralph Ellefson(N) Fred Fibeger(E) Rosanne Fibeger(S) Vi Glasby(W)	Mary Sorum(N) Al Strom(E) Pat Strom(S) Phil Swanson(W)	Paula Vogt(N) Ken Swenson(E) Jacky Swenson(S) Bob Vogt(W)
Lesson Reader	Melody Melin	Deb Aries	Dee Gill	Dee Hrdlicka
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Harris Nelson Charlotte Nelson Melody Melin Lois Olson	Richard Olson Judy Olson Jodi Raehsler Stephanie Raehsler	Robert Reid Bev Reid Gloria Schaar Janet Stenberg	Ramon Simonson Gloria Simonson Ted Thorson Jan Thorson
Hospitality Center	Conrad & Rosemary Anderson	Norma Bjork	Sharon Turner	Carol Lane
8:30 Ushers	**Ron Greseth, Jerry Olson** James Field, Leo Haubenschild, Bill Hovet, Harold Opdahl, Maynard Jones, Gary Lane, Stew Lewis, Bob Mayhew, Phil Swenson, James Mickelson			
<i>10:00 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>June 6</i>	<i>June 13</i>	<i>June 20</i>	<i>June 27</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	Kneeling	Kneeling	No Communion
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Janice Tucker(N) ***** (E) Jean Carlson(S) Jerry Christenson(W)	Dale Amy(N) Sonja Amy(E) Earnest Weick(S) Jolleen Weick(W)	Robert White(N) Karen White(E) Jeff Wills(S) Cindy Wills(W)	Dwight Vold(N) Leigh Ann Vold(E) Ron Bymers(S) Sally Bymers(W)
Lesson Reader	Dean Oachs	Dawn Riddering	Heidi Seaberg	Wendy Sempf
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Steph Garness Char Harstad	Dale Amy Sonja Amy	Wayne Fuoss Cheryl Fuoss	Sharon Nuss Arlene Rohde
Hospitality Center	Mary Sorum	Betty Danielson	*****	*****
10:00 Ushers	**Scott Jacobson, Bruce Lewis** Ron Amdahl, Steven Epp, Don Frerichs, Tom Kastner, Sandy Lewis, Bob Fountain, Larry Kruger, Duane Warfield, Earnie Weick, Warren Williams			
Communion Set-up	Pat Perkins Dee Gill	Rita Clark	Pat Perkins Cindy Sheppard	*****
Cookies (3 dozen each)	Nancy Duffield Nancy Eckholm Julie Edwards Tina Eisermann Paige Linquist Pat Lovelace Lorie Luedke Vicki Mangels Christy McBroom	Michelle McDermott Trisha Means Melody Melin Bridget Meyer Charlotte Nelson Nicole Ness Sarah Nguyen Janalene Niichel Cheryl Nimtz	Alice Olson Dorothy Olson Michelle Olson Marcia Opdahl Linda Peck Leanne Pederson Janell Peterson Kris Peterson Amy Pierce	Susan Poppen Jodi Raehsler Norma Randby Linda Rasmusson Dawn Riddering Arlene Rohde Laura Roxberg Janet Schliep Chris Schmit
Communion Bread	Laura Jerde	None Needed	Carol King	None needed

***Volunteers Still Needed

Contact Staci if you can fill these dates 289-1841

volunteers@gloria-dei.com



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Minister of Youth, Josh Poencet
Parish Administrator, Carol Fisher
Director of Communications, Kristin Knudson
New Member Coordinator, Staci Magnuson
Administrative Assistant, Jan Voeltz
Custodian, John Dornack

Ministers: All Members of Gloria Dei
Congregation President, Tim Buchholtz
Organist, Harold Vetter
Adult Choir Director, Tony Holt
Children's Choir Director, Heidi Finck
Son-Dei Singer Choir Director, Heidi Finck
Handbell Choir Director, Deb Rentfrow
Children's Ministry Assistants, Kristelle Behle
& Dawn Johannsen
Worship Leader, Dick Trisko
Youth Ministry Assistant, Renee Wright
Sunday Custodian, Sue Long, Derek Petersen, Sarah Stevens

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Newsletter article deadline is June 15, 2010

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