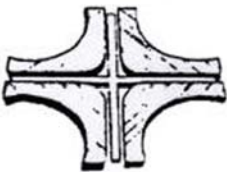


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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



Making Christ Known

“I’m in!”

“Miracle on Ice” is a feel good movie about the USA men’s hockey team in the 1980 Olympics. In a semi-final match, they came up against a very strong Soviet team. Nobody thought they had a chance, not even the members of the USA team. But in the movie, Coach Herb Brooks came into the locker room minutes before the game and gave them an inspiring speech. It is fun to see how the team changed during that speech. They went from beaten, to believing in themselves. And they went out on the ice and did the impossible. They beat the Soviet team.

There are moments in life when we lose our focus; we begin to drift through life; and maybe even wonder why we are here. That can happen to congregations. We work hard at our programs. We sometimes see results and sometimes not. We start to drift.

That’s when we need to pause and take stock. We need to be inspired by our leaders. Yes! But we also need to be inspired by our fellow team members. “Iron sharpens iron,” it is said. When we are around Christians who are inspired and focused, we regain our own sense of mission and calling, our own passion for serving Jesus. In the worship services of October 16 and 30, we invited leaders to speak to us. Their messages were truly inspiring. Now on November 20, we will look around at the team. How powerful to be surrounded by a thousand of our brothers and sisters in Christ when we all say, “I’m In!”

I think that November 20, will be a very special day for our congregation. There will be great music, stirring speeches, but most important of all, we will be surrounded by your brothers and sisters in Christ, people excited about our mission, people with a strong sense of calling from Christ, and people ready to see what great things God will do through us. November 20 promises to be a day to inspire, a day to remember for many years to come. Make plans now to join us! You don’t want to miss this celebration!

Pastor Charles

Join Us!

Sunday, November 20 at the Mayo Civic Center
10:00 a.m. Worship in Presentation Hall
11:15 a.m. Catered brunch in the Auditorium (*free will offering*)

RSVP by Sunday, November 13 to let us know how many will be attending brunch.

Call the Church Office (289-1841)
Email (worship@gloria-dei.com)
Count Me In (in the bulletins during Sunday worship)



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Taking a look at our Holy Communion Procedure

The Generation X Leadership Team has begun to investigate our Communion policy here at Gloria Dei. We have the following understanding currently "on the books!" We will be looking at this procedure and possible updates in the months to come.

1. Whereas, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is an act on the part of God whereby He graciously works in us the forgiveness of sin, and
2. Whereas, the Sacrament is a gift given to God's people to share together in the spirit of community and forgiveness, and
3. Whereas, the Lord is the Host at this meal and invites all God's people to share in Communion with God and with each other, and
4. Whereas there is no scriptural reference to an age at which the Sacrament should be administered, and
5. Whereas, the faith of a child is acceptable and pleasing to God, and
6. Therefore, be it resolved that Gloria Dei Lutheran Congregation Council hereby opens participation in the Sacrament within our congregation to youth who have completed the fifth grade communion studies offered within our Sunday School, and younger children who have counseled with the pastors in the matter of the Sacrament after expressing a desire to share with the people of God in this special experience.

Worship Hours

Sunday

8:00 & 9:15 a.m.—Traditional
10:45 a.m.—Celebration/Contemporary

Wednesday

Water's Edge
6:00—6:35 p.m.
No Water's Edge worship on Wednesday, November 23. See Thanksgiving Eve worship info.



Special Upcoming Worship Items

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Led by choir and organ
Wednesday, November 23
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Questions or comments about worship? Contact Julie Stevens, Minister of Worship, at 289-1841 or worship@gloria-dei.com!

Financial Report

Month End

September 2011

General Fund Results

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 625,526	\$ 647,598
Expenses	<u>589,814</u>	<u>658,578</u>
Surplus	\$ 35,712	(10,980)

Capital Fund Giving 2011

Contributions	\$ 79,307
Mortgage Payments	<u>(149,146)</u>
	\$ (69,839)

Sustenance Fund

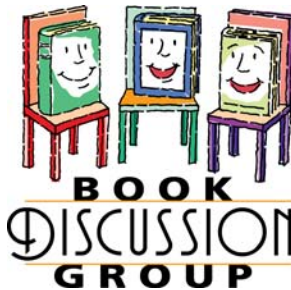
	2011	2010
Received	\$79,200	\$77,203

Loan Balances

Thrivent Financial (Remodel)	\$1,483,712
Mission Investment Fund (Land)	\$ 373,950
Church Bonds Payable (Houses)	\$ 49,000

Book Club

Friends and members are welcome to join in either group at any time! For more information on the book club contact, Lynne Miller, Alice Olson, Nancy Haroldson or Mary Moon.



Afternoon Book Club

The Afternoon Book Club will meet on November 8 at 2:00 to discuss *CITY OF THIEVES*, by David Bencott. This is the story of two young men brought together when they are captured during WWII. Rather than go to prison, they will be pardoned if they can find a dozen eggs for the wedding cake of the officer's daughter. The story spins with them not liking each other; to realizing they need each other; to becoming friends....with a real twist at the end.

Evening Book Club

The Tuesday Evening Book Club will meet in the chapel on November 8 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Angry Housewives Eating Bonbons* by Lorna Landvik.



**Generational
 Ministry Highlight**

Forever Forty

Thursday, November 17

Noon - Fellowship Hall

Join us as Randy Jones, Gloria Dei member, shares images and information about his trip to Botswana in May 2011. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and your own dishes for the potluck luncheon. All Gloria Dei members and friends are welcome!

Theology Pub Continues!

Martin Luther, Father of the Protestant Reformation, German monk & beer aficionado was



famous for his hospitality as he invited students to talk matters of faith over dinner & his wife Katie's homebrewed beer. We are reclaiming this piece of our tradition in *Theology Pub*. The Generation X Leadership Team invites men to this event as an opportunity to ask questions about God, faith and theology over a beverage and some appetizer at the pub. We can't promise to have all the answers, but we look forward to the conversation. Bring a friend, be curious, let's talk!

Information

Where: Whistle Binkies South (247 Woodlake Drive SE, Rochester)

Who: Men's Ministry- Friends...
 Neighbors... Co-Workers...

When: Upcoming times are 7:00 p.m. on Monday night's, November 21, December 5 & 19.

Bring: Money for food/drink. Come ready to talk about the big questions in life.



Mom and Kids

Moms and Kids will be meeting only on November 10 this month. Join us at 10:00 a.m. at the Gloria Dei Nursery!

Mom's Night Out

Mom's Night Out will be heading to Mantorville's historic Hubbell House on November 6. Please indicate if you are interested in carpooling when you RSVP. We will plan on dinner at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Kelly Pieper at piepermelon@charter.net or 269-7132.

2011 Bake Sale

Sunday, December 4
 between services

Lefse, flatbread and other donated baked items will be for sale!

Christmas Cookie Exchange

A second annual Christmas Cookie Exchange will be held in December due to the popularity and excellent feedback we had of the inaugural event last year. This is a great way to simplify the busy holiday season if you like to bake and don't have time to make several different treats. By bringing just *one* kind of Christmas cookie or bar, you'll be able to go home with a wide variety of goodies. Watch for further details in future bulletins and at the hospitality desk.

Women's Circle Info

Anna	November 15 @ 9:00 AM
Karen White, 2358 Coral Ct NE	
Elizabeth	November 15 @ 9:00 AM
Lois Olson, 6411 16th Ave NW	
Esther	November 15 @ 6:00 PM
Gloria Dei	
Naomi	November 15 @ 1:00 PM
Nancy Jeske, 629 29th St NW	
Rachel	November 15 @ 9:00 AM
Gloria Dei	
Ruth	November 16 @ 1:00 PM
Marilyn Burbank, 612 21st St NE	
Sarah	November 16 @ 9:00 AM
Gloria Dei Room 10	



Support Our Mustache Growing Brothers in "Movember" and Raise Money For a Good Cause

Guys at Gloria Dei, supported by the women in their lives are growing their finest (or not so fine) mustaches during this month of November... er... MOvember.

We are raising money and awareness for prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men.

All funds will go directly to the Prostate Cancer Foundation and LIVESTRONG, the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Mo Bros and Mo Sistas are in the cause together because the guys need the support of the women in their lives for this project!

We will begin our facial hair adventure on Movember 1st and finish it off at the end of the month with a celebration of epic proportions, complete with Mo Bros, Mo Sistas, a barber, a shaver and some food! We will have prizes for the most unique, the grayest, the scariest, the most grizzly, the "milk-stach" and more. Let's get together, change the face of men's health and have a good time doing it. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave.

Join Gloria Dei's Movember Team or make a donation at <http://mobro.co/teamsamson>.

ABC Dinner

Each year Gloria Dei hosts clients from Ability Building Center for a Christmas dinner and gathering.

On November 13, 27 and December 4, Gloria Dei members will have a chance to donate towards the cost of this fun event by “decorating the wreath” in the Narthex.

There will also be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for food donation and needed volunteers at the dinner on December 8.



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

November 16

Each November, Gloria Dei sends the love of Christ in a box to a child in need around the world. Last year, we were able to send 235 boxes. Join us in making it 250 this year. How can you help?

If you would like to help pack the boxes, sign up in the binder outside Amy Baker's office. Then join us in the Fellowship Hall on November 16 from 6:40—8:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00/family.

Donate money to help cover the shipping expense (each box costs \$8.00 to ship).

Purchase wish list items to be packed in the boxes:

Wash cloth	Hand towel
Bar of Soap	Toothbrush
Toothpaste	Comb/Brush
Fingernail clippers	Crayons
Markers	Scissors
Pens/Pencils	Glue Sticks
Coloring Books	
Age appropriate toys	

Food For Friends Ministry

Each week our youth pack backpacks full of food for children in need at Elton Hills and Washington Elementary Schools. This month's collection item is a family size can of Chicken Noodle soup and one box of crackers.

Donations can be placed in the plastic tote outside of the Church Office. Thank you for helping make a difference!



Hope Lodge Cookie Collection

Gloria Dei is supplying cookies during the month of December for the Hope Lodge. Sign up sheets are at the Hospitality Desk or sign up on the Count Me In sheets. Cookie bakers are asked to bake two dozen cookies and bring them to the church kitchen by the Sunday of the week you sign up for. Please put two or three cookies in a baggie and include a list of the main ingredients. This is in case they have allergies and so they can take the cookies to their room.

Nursery News

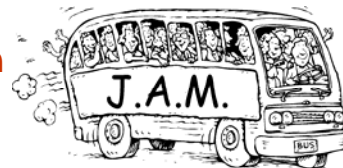
The nursery at Gloria Dei is staffed by Lutheran Nursing Students. Due to life threatening allergies for one of our youngest members, please do not bring in any food or snacks that contain peanuts or that may have been processed on equipment that processes peanuts. We have peanut free snacks available for children. Please make sure to wash your child's hands and face when they enter the nursery. Be especially careful if they have eaten any peanut products before their arrival. Thank you so much for your cooperation and feel free to consult the nursery staff if you have questions.

Garden Plots on the Land

If you had one of the garden plots out on “the land” this summer, please be sure to make one last trip out there this fall to pick up any twine, rope or wire on your plot. Volunteers will till the area next spring and it's much easier to do when everything is clear.

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

**JAM Caravan and Kidz Resort registration
is available at www.gloria-dei.com**



Jesus And Me Caravan

9:15 and 10:45

**Volunteer
Opportunity at 9:15:**

2nd grade teacher

**Volunteer
Opportunity at 10:45:**

3rd-5th grade girls—
rotating teacher

**Our November
offering** is going to
the "I'm in" campaign.

Mark your calendar:

No JAM Caravan:

Nov. 20

Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Dec. 25 (Christmas)

Jan. 1

No Kidz Resort:

Nov. 16 (Operation Christmas Child Night)

Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving)

Dec. 21 (Christmas Caroling)

Dec. 28

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3 year old—1st Grade
6:40-7:20 p.m. Small Group

2nd—5th Grade
7:20-8:00 p.m. Small Group
(6:40-7:20 pm Homework
Hangout)

*Care is available until
8p.m. for all kids.

Children's Choir
3 year old—1st Grade
7:20-7:50 p.m.

Son Dei Singers
2nd—5th Grade
6:40-7:20 p.m.

Youth Programming

Wednesday Afternoons

Drop Inn (Middle and High School) 3-5 p.m. in the Lower Level.

Drop Inn is back this year with a new twist! Hang out in the lower level and watch movies, play Wii, do crafts, compete in trivia games, or study in a quiet room with low music.

Take November to *The Edge!*

The Edge rages on in November. We are having a great time connecting through amazing conversations, doing service projects, hanging out in the Loft, and a whole lot more. Check it all out on Wednesdays throughout November. Drag along some friends and we'll see you there. **Here's the schedule for the month:**

November 2—The Edge (6:30-8:00) We will gather at about 6:30 (after worship) with some hang out time...playing Wii and listening to music. So come, grab a pop or some food and then we'll get started. Sometime before 7 pm we'll jump off *The Edge* with our theme for the night.

November 9—The Edge (6:30-8:00) Food. Friends. Cool vibe. Praise God. 'Nuff said.

November 16—Service Night: Operation Christmas Child (6:30-8:00) We continue our monthly service projects and impact people's lives. We will be packing Christmas Care Packages for kids in need around the world. If you can, bring \$5 and a shoe box. If you can't, come anyway! For more info, see the article in this newsletter.

November 23—Thanksgiving Eve, No Edge tonight. Join us for Thanksgiving worship.

Christmas Program Drama Practices

November 6, 13 (Noon-2pm)
Nov. 20, 27 and December 4 (4-6pm)

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal
December 10 from 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Program
December 11 at the 9:15 and 10:45
worship services



Youth Ministry

2012 Mission Trips

High School Trip—National Youth Gathering in New Orleans (July 16-24, 2012)

Middle School Trip—Youth Works in Rapid City, SD (July 14-20, 2012)

Soul Food—Nov. 13th

Soul Food continues in November. We are asking the big questions of life as they are posed to us in pop music. In September we asked “Where is the Love”, in October we pondered, “Who Let the Dogs Out”, and in November we will ask “Who Are You?”. Bring all your friends and neighbors! We look forward to seeing you there!

Soul Food Schedule:

6:00-6:30 Fellowship/Games
6:30-7:00 Dinner
7:00-7:45 Worship
7:45-8:15 Small Groups

*Dinner cooked by Derek Jensen of Chester's.

Milestone Ministries At baptism, parents and sponsors promise to faithfully bring their children to the service of God's house; place in their child's hands the holy scripture; teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, and the Ten Commandments; and provide instruction in the Christian faith. Milestone ministries are Gloria Dei's effort to partner with parents on this journey.

Baptism Class...Parents reflect on their own journey, learn about the promises made at baptism, the impact that parents have on faith, and the details of baptism at Gloria Dei. (Contact Jan in the main office to sign up).

Upcoming Dates

November 13

January 8

Milestone Ministries

Third Grade Bibles - November 6

In the 9:15 or 10:45 worship service, third graders and their families will come forward to “place in their hands the Holy Scriptures”. Third graders and their families are also invited to attend an “**Introduction to the Bible**” luncheon from Noon to 1:30 pm.



Christmas Program Memory Verses:

3 year-olds "The angel said "Don't be afraid". Luke 2:10

4year-olds "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people". Luke 2:10b

Kindergarten "The Savior-yes, the Messiah, the Lord has been born today in Bethlehem" Luke 2:11

1st Graders "And you will recognize him by this sign. You will find a baby wrapped snugly, lying in a manger" Luke 2:12

2nd Graders "The Shepherds said to each other, lets go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened" Luke 2:15

3rd Graders "They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph, and there was a baby lying in the manger" Luke 2:16

4th Graders "After seeing him, the Shepherds told everyone what had happened" Luke 2:17

5th Graders "The Shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen" Luke 2:20

Splash ~ Confirmation

November is a wonderful month to give thanks to God. This month we not only experience "Thanksgiving," but in Splash we experience "Thanks*living*." The Lord's Prayer really describes a life journey with Jesus.

This month starts with the topic "daily bread," recognizing God gives us daily gifts. Even though God blesses us each day, sometimes we might go through a rough patch in our lives and feel stressed or burdened. Through tough times, good times and every time in between, Jesus remains faithful. He offers forgiveness and leads us in the right direction. He amazes us with His love and shows us that all things are possible with God. The last Wednesday in November we will give God ultra-praise in the "doxology." This part of the prayer points to God's incredible power and eternal goodness. This will be a great month!

Many of you have also been inviting friends to Splash! If you know someone that does not have a church home, it's never too late to jump into the fun and deep waters of Splash. Friends are welcome.

Weekly Schedule:

November 2nd Daily Bread

November 9th Forgive Us

November 16th Time of Trial/Deliver us from Evil

November 23rd NO SPLASH, THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 30th Doxology

November 2011 Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

8:00 am Worship	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Communion Type	Kneeling	None		None
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Dennis Holt-N Marjorie Holt-E Ted Thorson-S Jan Thorson-W	Gary Addington-N Carol Addington-E Leroy Arndt-S Ellen Arndt-W	Worship and brunch at Mayo Civic Center at 10am	Conrad Anerson-N Rosemary Anderson-E Arlene Benike-S Avis Blake-W
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Leo Haubenschild Carol Haubenschild	Harris Nelson Char Nelson		Melody Melin Rosalie Rusovick
Hospitality Center	Phyllis Rusley	Anderson's		Norma Bjork
8:00 Ushers	**Dennis Greseth, Dennis Jeske** Gary Addington, Adam Danielson, Larry Danielson, Fred Fibeger, Jim Hair, Bruce Johnson, Daryl Nolte, James Wieme			
9:15 am Worship	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Communion Type	Kneeling	None		None
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Rita Clark-N Jim Clark-E Tom Everson-S Mary Everson-W	Tim Fedje-N Cheryl Fedje-E Dick Finlayson-S Peace Finlayson-W	Worship and brunch at Mayo Civic Center at 10am	Bob Fountain-N Rosalie Fountain-E Wayne Fuoss-S Cheryl Fuoss-W
Lesson Reader	Leanne Pederson	Terry Peterson		Al Strom
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Les Gill Dee Gill Bob Julius Lucy Julius	Randi Kallas Sharon Kirtz Gary Lane Carol Lane		Judy Larsen Gloria Lewison Pat Lovelace Alice Olson
Hospitality Center				
9:15 Ushers	**Lee Lovelace, Bob Vogt** Chuck Crawford, Dana Duffield, Travis Frydenlund, Rob Fuqua, Darliss Huss, Terry Lambert, Herb Whitney, Brian Zmolek			
10:45 am Worship	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Communion Type	Kneeling	Kneeling		Kneeling
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Mary Allen-N Jean Carlson-E Alice Erickson-S Char Harstad-W	Stacy Haugen-N Margaret Heise-E Vi Helland-S Inez Jacobson-W	Worship and brunch at Mayo Civic Center at 10am	Scott Kranz-N Sonja Kranz-E Bob Nuss-S Sharon Nuss-W
Lesson Reader	Christy Boyer	None Needed		Becca Burgess
Coffee Servers (Chapel)	Char Harstad Pam Mathiason	Sharon Nuss Arlene Rohde		Steve Sparrow Carol Sparrow
Hospitality Center	Mary Sorum	Allyssa Allen		Judy Olson
10:45 Ushers	**Jerry Chistenson** Donald Borcharding, Tom Cummings, Paul Dahlen, Don Darbo, Keith Jacobson, Scott Johnson, Jason Woodhouse			
Communion Set up	8 & 9:15 ***** 10:45 *****	10:45 *****	None Needed	10:45 Cindy Sheppard
Cookies (3 dozen each)	Pat Lovelace Lorie Luedke Vicki Mangels Christy McBroom Michelle McDermott Trisha Means Melody Melin	Nicole Ness Sarah Nguyen Janalene Niichel Cheryl Nimtz Alice Olson Judy Olson Michelle Olson	Worship and brunch at Mayo Civic Center at 10am	Leanne Pederson Janell Peterson Kris Peterson Amy Pierce Susan Poppen Jodi Raehsler Norma Randby

November 2011 Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

	Bridget Meyer Char Nelson Donna Nelson	Marcia Opdahl Amy Pankow Linda Peck		Linda Rasmusson Dawn Riddering Arlene Rohde
Communion Bread	Judy Larsen	None Needed	None Needed	None Needed

****Volunteers still needed

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

November 23rd Thanksgiving Eve

Communion Set up

11am-****

7pm-****