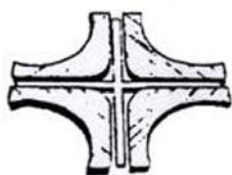


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September 2009

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



**Making  
Christ  
Known**

## The excitement begins again .....

There is a LOT of information in the newsletter this month. Here are a *few* dates to mark down on your calendars as we enter this busy time of year! Look for more information inside this newsletter!

- **September 6** ~ Last Sunday of summer worship hours (8:30 & 10:00)
- **September 13** ~ First Sunday of regular worship hours (8:00, 9:15 & 10:45)  
First day of JAM Caravan and Blessing of Back Packs  
Soul Food Youth Worship (6:00)
- **September 16** ~ First night of Water's Edge  
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
- **September 21** ~ Book Study and Discussion of THE LAST SIN EATER (6:30)

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### Online Newsletter

We need your help. In the past few months, the cost to print and send the newsletter has increased to over \$750 per month.

Starting this month, we're sending out the newsletter e-mail to all Gloria Dei members who have an e-mail address listed with us. We're not removing anyone from the mailing list, but we are hoping that once you see how easy it is to receive the newsletter online, you'll contact us to be removed from the paper mailing list. If we do not have your e-mail address on file but you are interested in receiving the newsletter e-mails, contact Kristin at [communications@gloria-dei.com](mailto:communications@gloria-dei.com).

So why, besides saving the church printing and mailing costs, should you make the switch? The newsletter is uploaded to our website before it's sent out via snail mail so you'll receive news faster. You can print out your own copy at home. You can access our website from anywhere, meaning that you can access Gloria Dei news from home, work or on vacation. And lastly, it's good for the environment!!! Members who have been receiving the newsletter this way for a year now have LOVED it! Contact Kristin if you have ANY questions!

### Book Club

The summer is going by quickly, which means Book Club will start in September. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, September 15 and our NEW time is 2:00 p.m. (Note the date change due to the Labor Day weekend!) We have selected the very popular novel, *THE SHACK*, by William P. Young for September.

In May, Pastor Ronningen presented a Wednesday night series on the book, with many Book Club members in attendance. He will also be at our meeting to help us discuss this outstanding book and give us a more in depth view of the author. Everyone is invited to come and share in the fellowship.

On October 13, we will be discussing 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 attend the meetings. Everyone is invited to come and join us on the second 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.

### Learning to Forgive Program

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 26 when Mary Ronningen will begin a four week program about "Learning to Forgive". This program is sponsored by Women's Ministry but all members and friends are invited to attend. Watch for more information in the October newsletter.



### Attention Alpha, New Member and Small Group Leaders

Leadership training is being offered on Thursday, September 10 at Gloria Dei from 6:30 to 7:50 p.m. This training is meant to help Alpha and New Member Table Leaders and also any leader of an existing small group. Please RSVP with Pastor Ronningen at [Ronningen@gloria-dei.com](mailto:Ronningen@gloria-dei.com) or 289-1841.

### Alpha Returns to Gloria Dei

*Beginning Wednesday, September 16*

Alpha Course is a ten-week practical introduction to the Christian faith which offers answers to some key questions of life. Each weekly session begins with a meal, Water's Edge worship and then group learning and discussion. Alpha began in London and is now held in thousands of churches around the world. Join the thousands who have found answers to their questions about life and God and how they relate.

Sign up at the Hospitality Desk in the Narthex. Alpha evenings run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and are integrated with Water's Edge.

**September 16** - "Who is Jesus?"

**September 23** - "Why did Jesus Die?"

**September 30** - "How can I be sure of my Faith?"

**October 7** - "Why and how should I read the Bible?"

**October 14** - "Why and how do I pray?"

**October 21** - "How does God guide us?"

**October 24 & 25** - Saturday/Sunday retreat - "Who is the Holy Spirit? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?"

**October 28** - "How can I resist evil?"

**November 4** - "Why and how should we tell others?"

**November 11** - "Does God heal today?"

**November 18** - "What about the Church?"

**November 21** - Alpha Celebration Banquet



### 2009 Holiday Tea

The Holiday Tea Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 30 at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. All table decorators are also invited to a training session by Creative Floral on September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Viewing and program tickets for the tea will be sold in the Narthex between services on Sunday, September 20. You may also contact Barb Lewis at 288-4911. The committee is pleased that the Rhubarb Sisters are the program for this year. They preform on Prairie Home Companion and this summer appeared at the Rhubarb Festival in Lanesboro.

### Rachel Circle News

Rachel Circle will have their September 15 meeting at The Homestead at Rochester at 9 a.m. Meet in the west parking lot of Gloria Dei by 8:45 a.m. if you would like to car pool. Bring your health kit if you were able to make one. Call Carol Haubenschild (282-5641) with any questions.

### Circle Info

Anna	September 15 @ 9:00 AM
Barbara Swart,	8626 85th St NW, Pine Island
Elizabeth	September 15 @ 9:00 AM
Dorothy Hartman,	5415 Country Club Rd. SW
Esther	September 15 @ 7:00 PM
Rita Clark,	401 13th Ave NW
Naomi	September 15 ~ Potluck
Church Kitchen	Cleaning
Rachel	September 15 @ 9:00 AM
Gloria Dei	Fellowship Hall
Ruth	September 16 @ 1:00 PM
Vivien Wissink,	2663 Elmcroft Dr. SW
Sarah	September 16 @ 9:00 AM
Gloria Dei	Room 10

### Lefse and Flatbread Dates

- Monday, October 26 at 12:30 p.m. ~ Potato Peeling
- Tuesday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. ~ Lefse Baking
- Monday, November 2 at 12:30 p.m. ~ Potato Peeling
- Tuesday, November 3 at 8:30 a.m. ~ Lefse Baking
- Thursday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. ~ Flat Bread Baking
- Saturday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. ~ Bake Sale Drop Off
- Sunday, November 22 between services ~ Bake Sale

### Book Study and Discussion

Women's Ministry will be having a three week study and discussion on the book, The Last Sin Eater by Francine Rivers. The group will start on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 to 8:30 to watch the movie. The next two sessions, September 28 and October 5, will also start at 6:30. We are planning on two hours for each of the sessions. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

The book is the story of 10 year old Cadi Forbes who questions the beliefs of the community in the Appalachian Mountains in the 1850's. It is also the story of forgiveness, standing for what is right and the love of Jesus.

We are ordering 20 books and these will be free to the first 20 people who sign up. (Please one copy per family). The book study is open to all members of the church and any other interested people. We will gladly order more books if there is need. Sign up for this discussion by September 20 at the Hospitality Desk in the Narthex.

We are hoping you will read the book before the watching the movie and come with questions and ready to discuss The Last Sin Eater. See you there!

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 into the fall months. 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

#### September 6

*Pastor Karna ~ Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13]14-17; Mark 7:24-37*  
In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles. The story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

#### September 13

### Rally Sunday; Blessing of the Back Packs; Sunday School teachers installed

*Pastor Charles ~ Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38*  
The story in Mark's gospel provides this gospel's turning point. Peter is the first human being in the narratives to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

#### September 20

*Pastor Ronningen ~ Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus' teaching and action in Mark's gospel are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is ser-vanthood.

#### September 27

*Pastor Karna ~ Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50*

In the gospel reading, someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

### Wednesday Water's Edge

*Returning September 16*

#### 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Water's Edge returns for its third year! Draw closer to God in worship than ever before, and *experience* God's presence rather than simply learn about God. As always, this year's module themes promise to enhance your personal faith and your awareness of God's presence in your daily life. Come on both Wednesday and Sunday morning, or if the weekend schedule makes it difficult to attend worship, come on Wednesday night for both worship and large group-small group Bible study and children's education afterwards.

### Prayer Tables

Each month at Soul Food, we will be unveiling a prayer table. The prayer table will offer an interactive way to further explore the month's theme. Following Soul Food, the prayer table will be moved to the Chapel where it will be available for the entire month for the congregation. We invite you to stop by!

## Children's and Son Dei Singer's Choirs

As you are putting your fall schedule together, please remember to include time for choir. The Children's Choir (for 3 yrs old - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade) will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00 -7:35 p.m. The Son Dei Singers Choir (for 2nd - 5th Graders) will meet from 7:25 - 8:00 p.m. The choirs will overlap by 10 minutes to rehearse some songs together. We will begin on Wednesday, September 16.

Both choirs are a full year commitment and we meet as part of Water's Edge Wednesday night programming. It is not necessary that the kids attend Kidz Resort in order to attend choir, although the majority of them do. I do ask that you bring your child regularly to choir practice and on Sundays when we sing for the both the 9:15 and 10:45 services. Each choir will sing one Sunday per month on average. In addition, it has been a tradition for the Son Dei Singers Choir to perform a musical during the year. Additional practices ( probably Sunday afternoons) will be scheduled once our calendar has been finalized.

I am looking forward to a fun year!! Please contact me at 208-2253 if you have any questions. Heidi Finck, Director

## Choirs for All Ages Resume

The Adult Choir, Glorious Bells, and the Worship Teams are up and running for the new school year. New members in all of our musical groups are always welcome!! If you are interested in becoming involved in one of these groups, contact Julie Stevens at [worship@gloria-dei.com](mailto:worship@gloria-dei.com).

## 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 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](mailto:sprock1@aol.com). Thank you in advance for your service.

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!

## Thank you Gloria Dei!!

Gloria Dei,  
Thank you so much for all the prayers and support over the last 15 weeks. Our God is awesome and has blessed us with a healthy baby girl. Through prayer all things are possible.  
*Steve, Lisa, Avery and Ansley Epp*

The Board of Outreach would like to thank the volunteers who baked cookies/bars and those who served the Saturday meal for the hungry at Christ United Methodist Church. We served about 75 people. Thanks!

To our Gloria Dei family,  
We would like to thank the pastors and congregation members for all the cards, visits and especially for your prayers, during Jane's surgeries and continuing chemotherapy. A very special thank you to those members who brought food to our home over the past two months. It was greatly appreciated.  
*Jane and Gene Frank*

## 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Splash News

Get ready for an incredible new year of Splash! This year will be an extremely fun, relational and deeply rooted in faith. We are using a new curriculum through Faith Inkubators, also known as Faith Ink, or FINK for short. This is a very cutting edge curriculum that includes raps to learn commandments by Agape, a well-known Christian hip-hop artist. FINK also uses music videos for new Bible verses each week, cartoons, game shows with their own theme songs, guest presenters and engaging ways to teach scripture that bring the Living Word alive before our eyes. Personally, I've never seen any curriculum quite like this! It's incredible!

FINK also has online materials for families that choose to go deeper with each topic at home. Gloria Dei will be providing a special "Parent's Page" on our website for follow-up questions from each week of Splash. Each week I will provide a special link to the Faith Inkubators website where you may access family devotions, on-line trivia games, music and much more. The Home Huddle option is a great way for you to stay connected with all the learning and fun at Splash.

Mark your calendars for our special Parent & Student Orientation Night on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. At orientation, you will get a preview of a large group experience, an online demonstration of the home huddles options, complete information pertaining to the year and requirements, and an opportunity to ask any questions. We will also create a Splash Directory this year. *Pictures of each student will be taken at the orientation to help us learn the names of each student as quickly as possible.*

If you still need to register for Splash, join in the fun! It's never too late to get your feet wet with this exciting new school year! Splash meets from 6:40-8:00 p.m. in the Lower Level on Wednesday evenings.

### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Themes

*All meetings are from 6:40-8:00 p.m.*

- September 9 ~ Parent & Student Orientation in the Fellowship Hall
- September 16 ~ God & Idols
- September 23 ~ Name in Vain
- September 30 ~ Sabbath Keeping
- October 7 ~ Honoring Parents



## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation News

Congratulations Freshman! You are an outstanding class and I'm truly proud of all of you and the ways God keeps moving in your lives. As you prepare for your special day on October 11 at 2:00 p.m. here are some details:

- **Parent/Student Orientation Night ~ Wednesday September 9, 6:40-8:00 p.m.** Join us this evening to answer all your questions in preparation for this special day.
- **Fall Wednesday Night Class ~ 6:40-8:00 p.m.** All 9th graders in our confirmation program will attend the first 4 Wednesday nights until they are confirmed. These dates are September 16, 23, 30 and October 7. During the first

three nights they will brainstorm any faith questions they still have in their small group time. Their large group time will be spent in conversation with both Pastor Charles and Pastor Karna addressing their life and faith questions. On October 7, all 9th graders will attend the Senior High Edge in the Loft.

- **Faith Statements due September 23!** Please write 1-2 pages based on the guided hand-out you received and turn them into Pastor Karna by Wednesday, September 23. Your parents, mentors or baptismal sponsors may be great resources to help you in writing your statement.

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### Forever Forty

*Thursday, September 17 at Noon*

The first fall Forever Forty meeting will be held at Quarry Hill Nature Center. We'll start with a box lunch catered by HyVee and then enjoy a video of Greg Munson and crew following the travel of the monarch butterfly to Mexico. It's possible we'll also see the banding of a monarch and other exhibits. The cost of lunch is \$7.75. Please make reservations at either the Hospitality Desk or by calling Mary Sorum at 289-8222 by September 13. (The room at Quarry Hill will be available to us from 11:30 - 1:30.)

### Garden Club

The Garden Club will be meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtyard. We will be assessing the Courtyard and planning next year's programs. Anyone who has input and is unable to attend the meeting, please contact Beth Solie, Marlene Davis or Marlys Jones.

The Courtyard has been beautiful all summer. Thanks to everyone who helped by watering, weeding and deadheading. There have been many positive comments from our members and visitors to the church.

### Equal Exchange Coffee Sale

Due to Labor Day, we'll be selling the Equal Exchange coffees and teas on Sunday, September 13. Equal Exchange benefits the farmers who produce the goods and benefits us as a community that supports fair trade and an important environmental choice. It costs a little bit more, but we're contributing to cleaner air and water. It's a win-win for all of us. **THINK GREEN!**

### Samaritan Bethany Foundation 2009 Annual Benefit Dinner

*Thursday, October 1*

*Rochester Int'l Event Center at the Airport  
Beginning at 5:30 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$50*

Tammy Nerby, a nationally renowned comedian and a Rochester native, has a comedy act which is interactive and improvisational. She has entertained a variety of audiences from military personnel to CEO's of Fortune 500 Corporations. Her quick wit is sure to please any audience.

Please see Ron and Dorothy Greseth for tickets. Special diets will be honored by calling the Samaritan Bethany Foundation Office at (507) 424-4034.

### 9th Grade Confirmation News Continued ....

- **Confirmation Interview** After you have completed your faith statement, there will be a check-in time with one of the pastors. This gives us a chance to connect with you about your faith statement, answer questions and see how things are going in your life. This can be done individually or in groups of 2 or 3. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.
- **Confirmation Bulletin Information Form due September 23!** Complete this form which gives us pertinent details in creating the bulletin for our special worship service.
- **Confirmation Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m.** Please arrive that day by

1:15 for pictures, pinning flowers, prayer and processional. It will be an incredible day!

### 9th Grade Schedule

- September 9, 6:40-8:00 p.m. ~ Parent/ Student Orientation Night
- September 16, 6:40-8:00 p.m. ~ Q & A Discussions in Small Groups, and with Pastor Charles and Pastor Karna
- September 22, 6:40-8:00 p.m. ~ Q & A,
- Interviews with Pastor Karna or Pastor Charles on Wednesdays or Saturdays prior to October 11.
- September 30, 6:40-8:00 p.m. ~ Q & A night in small groups and with Pastors
- October 7, 6:40-8:00 p.m. ~ The Edge in the Loft
- October 11, 2:00 p.m.~ Confirmation Sunday

## Join Us for the Journey

Over the last year we have entirely revamped the focus of Stewardship for our congregation. We hope this has been a positive and an optimistic experience for you. Through our programs and ministries, our focus has been about providing insight, education, and opportunities for you to grow in your faith as well as equipping you to help others grow in their faith too.



One of the more visible changes we made was that this year we committed to worship, to pray, to serve, and to give through placing a sealed commitment between you and God on our altar. This marked a significant change to the prior financial focus our Stewardship program had become aligned with over the years.

What seems evident to me in this transformation is that as more people participate, more people want to participate. Everyone has something to offer. As you look through familiar Bible stories, the biggest heroes are really not even known to us by name. For example, there is the little boy who shared his lunch and gave Jesus the bread and fish he needed in order to feed 5,000 people (John 6). Just as simply, everyone in our community of believers has something to offer as well. It was through this simple act of unselfishness from a child, that Jesus was able to do a miraculous thing. How often do we have the opportunity to do something simple and unselfish that could have an impact on a parent, a spouse, a sibling, a friend, a co-worker, a stranger, or ourselves?

This coming year we're going to continue on our discipleship journey. We will have the opportunity to explore what it means to develop a closer relationship with Jesus through worship and prayer. We will encourage developing closer relationships with each other through studying the Bible, small group and large group gatherings. Finally, we'll look outside of ourselves to consider how we can participate in mission and service activities which may actually impact us more than those that need some help.

It doesn't matter if you are young or old. Our journey is just beginning. We're looking forward to exploring this path together with you.

Yours in Christ,  
*Tom Finck*

### Financial Report

July 2009

Year to Date

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$526,733	\$499,118
Expenses	<u>479,642</u>	<u>514,437</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 47,091	(\$ 15,319)

#### Share the Vision II 2007-2009

	Actual	Expected
Received	\$605,971	\$682,107

#### Sustenance Giving

	2009	2008
Received	\$63,547	\$63,389

#### Loan Balances

Thrivent Financial (Remodel)	\$1,620,107
Mission Investment Fund (Land)	\$ 424,184
Church Bonds Payable (Houses)	\$ 58,000



## Changes Are Happening All Around!

Have you noticed all the changes happening around Gloria Dei in the past month?

A special thank you goes to members who borrowed money to the church through bonds so that we were able to purchase two pieces of property on the block!

The “Red House” just on the north side of the lower parking lot was purchased in August. Minor updates have been made to the inside and it’s already rented to a church family in transition between selling and building a house. Starting October 1 we will be looking for new renters again. If you know of anyone looking for a cute three bedroom, one bath home to rent, put them in contact with Carol Fisher at 289-1841.

The “Yellow House” just to the north of the “Red House” was purchased in July. It was not liveable so in August it was knocked down, the ground was leveled and grass was planted. There have also been a few trees removed by hardworking Gloria Dei volunteers. This property will remain as green space for now.

Have you also noticed the work being done on the retaining wall on the south side of the lower parking lot? Volunteers disassembled the wall and moved it back three feet before putting it back up. This will allow for more space between the parking rows at that end of the parking lot.

It’s been a busy summer full of change. Thank you to all the hardworking members who put in countless hours and are paid only with coffee and bars or cookies! Without all of you these summer projects would not have been possible!




**Interested in finding out more about Gloria Dei?**

Come and join us for the New Member Orientation on September 27, October 4 and October 11 at 9:15. This is a three week event in which you will learn: what it means to be a Lutheran, becoming a fully devoted Disciple of Christ and where Gloria Dei is headed in the future. If you are interested in joining Gloria Dei or have any questions, please contact Staci Magnuson at [volunteers@gloria-dei.com](mailto:volunteers@gloria-dei.com) or at 289-1841 ext 217. Hope to see you there!

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

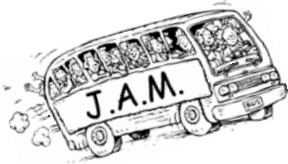
"Where children discover eternal treasures" Matthew 6:19-21

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

*Are your children registered for 2009-2010 activities?  
Check the enclosed list!*

Sunday Mornings



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

### Volunteer Opportunities at 10:45

Rotating Kindergarten Teacher  
3rd-5th Grade Shepherd  
Kindergarten-2nd Grade Music Time Leader  
3rd-5th Grade Opening Time Leader

\*\*\*\*\***SEPTEMBER 13, 2009**\*\*\*\*\*

### **First Day of JAM CARAVAN**

We will start the hour in worship with family (only on this first Sunday) for our **Blessing of**

**Backpacks** Following the blessing, 3 year-olds -5th Grade children and their teachers will head their classrooms for the rest of the hour.

**Bring your  
Backpack to  
Worship**



### **JAM CARAVAN**

#### **Volunteer Installation**

All volunteers will be installed during the 9:15 or the 10:45 worship. Also that day from 12:00 -2:00 p.m. we will be having a volunteer lunch and training in Fellowship Hall.

### **"Make A Change for Hunger"**

*Also on September 13*

We will be displaying the *Color Me Mine* bowls that the 1st -5th Graders decorated this summer at VBS. The bowls will be donated to Channel One to support their "Empty Bowl Fundraiser". We are encouraging everyone to help "Make a Change" for local hunger by putting your loose change in these bowls as additional support for Channel One Food Bank.



Wednesday Evenings

*Water's Edge*

## **KIDZ RESORT**



3 year-olds -1st Graders  
6:40-7:00 p.m.

2nd -5th Graders  
6:40-7:25 p.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 ALPHA with Pastor Ronningen.*

### Volunteer Opportunities for Kids RESORT

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Small Group Leader

**Volunteer Training for Kidz RESORT is scheduled for September 2 at 6:30 p.m.**

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)





## 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 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. *Held after the 10:45 service.*

#### Upcoming Dates

**September 20**

**October 11**

**November 1**

**December 13**

*Contact Jan in the main office to sign up!*

### 3 YEAR-OLD BLESSING

**September 1**

**6:15-7:00 p.m.**

**9:15 3 yr-old class**

**7:05-7:50p.m.**

**10:45 3 yr-old class**

On this evening, 3 year-olds will receive a blessing for the start of their journey in our education program, as well as a "Read and Share" DVD. The kids will also have the chance to explore their classroom and meet their teachers.



### THIRD GRADE BIBLES

**October 4**

At 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 invited to attend an "Introduction to the Bible" class with the pastors at Noon. *Sign up for the luncheon in the 3 ring binder outside the Children's Ministry Office.*

### FAMILY WORSHIP BEYOND SUNDAY

Parents... are we sharing our faith with our children? Children learn what they live. Are your children seeing you in a relationship with Christ? Are your children seeing you live differently because of your relationship with Christ? Be intentional about sharing your faith with your children.

### FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

**Kids Against Hunger ~ October 24**

As a family, go to Bethel Lutheran Church and pack a Rice A Roni like product (packed with protein and vitamins) that will be sent to local and global food banks. To reserve a packing party time slot, contact Dale Massey at 288-5537.



### FAMILY PRAYER

#### Hand Prayer

Let the fingers on your hand remind you to pray!

Thumb- Pray for those closest to your heart. (Family and Friends)

Pointer- Pray for those who lead your way.(Teachers, Presidents)

Middle- Pray for those who point you to heaven. (Pastors, Mentors)

Ring- Pray for those who are weaker than you or who are sick.

Pinkie- Pray for yourself.

### A GREAT FAMILY OPPORTUNITY

**Channel One's Empty Bowl Fundraiser**

*October 15 11 a.m. -8 p.m.*

As a family you will have the opportunity to pick from one of the over 1400 bowls, eat soup together, and learn more about being apart of the solution for hunger in our community.

### PRESCHOOL

### STORY TIME

**9:30-10:00**

*in the Children's Library*



Parents can enjoy fellowship and coffee in our "Holy Grounds" Coffee Cove

*Note: 2 1/2 year-olds and under need to be accompanied by an adult during story time.*

#### Upcoming Dates

October 8 and 22

November 12

December 10

### GOOD EARTH VILLAGE FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

*October 11 from 2-5 p.m.*

The afternoon will be filled with hiking, picking pumpkins, wagon rides, crafts and great food.



Cost \$5.00/ person with a \$20.00 maximum. You will pay camp when you arrive.

The vehicle caravan will leave the upper parking lot of Gloria Dei at 1:00 p.m. *Sign up by September 27 in the 3 ring binder outside the Children's Ministry Office.*

**JAM CARAVAN**  
**9:15 Registration Lists as of 8/19/2009**

**3 YEAR-OLDS:**

**Green Seekers:**

Brooklyn Baudoin  
Adam Crowley  
Philip Dahlen  
Kiera Derr  
Sawyer Fleming  
Kylie Frydenlund  
Grace Garness  
Matt Grossman  
Nathaniel Hander  
Marren Hemmingson  
Anthony Laber  
Ryan Nelson  
Maya Niichel  
Connor Olson  
James Ostman  
Zachary Pieper  
Brayson Sawyer  
Torrey Sears  
Josephine Weber

**4 YEAR-OLDS:**

**Yellow Seekers:**

Isabel Aeschlimann  
McKenna Baker  
Skylar Beckel  
Fleur Buchholtz  
Caden Cousino  
Tanner Dickinson  
Delaney Fleming  
Kate Friese  
Elizebeth Heckmann  
Adam Hegrenes  
Owen Hemmingson  
Emily Henderson  
Ella Hopkins  
Lauren Howe  
Blake Kanz  
Nathan Kram  
Kroix Klingfus  
Gabiella Laber  
Otto Lauritzen  
Trajan McBroom  
Ella Pattinson  
Kevin Peterson  
Carson Pieper  
Blake Sawyer  
Gabby Seaberg  
Abigail Stoltz

**KINDERGARTEN**

**Searchers:**

Blake Baudoin  
Barbara Cabral  
Kylie Geib  
Colin Cronk  
Aiden Derr  
Maddox Fleming  
Cole Gappa  
Jacob Gerhart  
Olivia Gorden  
William Grossman  
Brandon Heim  
Abby Herman  
Grace Howard  
Conner Marek  
Nathan Marek  
Logan Nelson  
Ethan Norman  
Emma Pichelmann  
Megan Remick  
Nick Stanley  
Ethan Werts

**FIRST GRADE**

**Searchers:**

Nick Bjellum  
Peter Dahlen  
Thatcher Dowdy  
Ava Hartman  
Jaxon Hopkins  
Grace Howard  
Olivia Moon  
Kirsten Ness  
Isabella Ostman  
Sierra Pieper  
Susan Remick  
Hailey Rieke  
Mitchell Rubow  
Cameron Schmit  
Nolan Seaberg  
Payton Sears  
Maggie Thom

**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE**

**Searchers:**

Melanie Boyer  
Jackson Brandt  
Remy Buchholtz  
Fernanda Cabral  
Brant Dickison  
Megan Gerhart  
Caleb Henderson  
Morgan Kram  
Connor Ness  
Jaiden Niichel  
Evan Peterson  
Karly Rieke  
Benjamin Svendsen  
Jenna Timbeross  
Ethan Vik  
Morgan Vold

**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE**

**Explorers:**

Tyler Aeschlimann  
Kyleigh Anderson  
Sheridan Baker  
Danika Christopherson  
Amanda Eidem  
Sarah Germer  
Natalie Greenwood  
Alaina Halverson  
Dylan Hensel  
Skylar Klingfus  
Haley Larson  
Corey Marek  
Emily Norman  
Sadie Pichelmann  
Jack Remick  
Chloe Robinson  
Ben Sawyer  
Quinn Truax  
Arianna Werts

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**Explorers:**

Zayne Bowman  
Sydney Boyer  
Emma Brandt  
Eric Byrne  
Mikayla Crowley  
Tanner Dickison  
Faith Evenson  
Brenna Hartman  
Ariel Heckmann  
Seth Petersen  
Erik Peterson  
Claire Pierce  
Riley Rieke  
Chloe Robinson  
Kadi Rubow  
Emma Thom  
Savannah Vold

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**Explorers:**

Sydney Aeschlimann  
Samuel Bjellum  
Gretchen Dowdy  
Jeffrey Duffield  
Julie Duffield  
Laura Duffield  
Kasey Ericson  
Renee Finck  
Ben Frick  
Maddie Frick  
Jack Fuqua  
Matthew Halverson  
Thomas Krause  
Ryan Marek  
Sam Poppen  
Brittney Sawyer  
Andrew Werning  
David Werning

**JAM CARAVAN**  
**10:45 Registration Lists as of 8/19/09**

**3 YEAR-OLDS**

**Green Seekers:**

Emmeline Cavanaugh  
Ava Gonnering  
Rose Luedtke  
Brayden Nelsen  
Colin Ness  
Jack Oachs  
Jesse Seegmiller  
Kylee Shumpert  
Ava Spohn

**4 YEAR-OLDS**

**Yellow Seekers:**

Nicholas Anderson  
Tyler Behle  
Landon Easthouse  
Lexa Edberg  
Griffin Grinnell  
Hayden Mathern  
Alexis Payne  
Isabella Schei  
Lily Woodhouse

**KINDERGARTEN**

**Searchers:**

Taylor Adams  
Megan Blanchette  
Nathan Eyre  
Caleb Fogelson  
Noah Gonnering  
Ian Hensley  
Peter Jones  
William Luedtke  
Logan Magnuson  
Noah Oachs  
Brynn Rathbun

**FIRST GRADE**

**Searchers:**

Ryan Anderson  
Grahame Grinnell  
Brendan Ness  
Marcus Nguyen  
Sam O'Connor  
Cole Peterson  
Bennett Rathbun  
Nicolas Wiest

**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE**

**Searchers:**

Logan Easthouse  
Emma Elliott  
Jordyn Gravenhof  
Brady Hess  
Emma Jones  
Sydney Lynch  
Gabriella Schei  
Matt Strom  
Benjamin Svendsen  
Riley Woodhouse

**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE**

**Explorers:**

Kaiden Gregory  
Ethan Johnston  
Jack Jones  
Anthony Letcher  
Bayli Magnuson  
Alex O'Connor  
Lucas Wiest  
Kaitlin Willis - Oeltjen

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**Explorers:**

Alyssa Allen  
Dakota Anderson  
Brooke Leone  
Lindsey Monnet  
Keegan Wentworth

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**Explorers:**

Elena Blanchette  
Avery Cavanaugh  
Jacob Elliott  
Aubrey Hess  
Zoe Jensen  
Joshua Johannsen  
Sydney Keach  
Judd O'Connor  
Logan Peterson

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

**Waters Edge**

**Kidz RESORT**

**3 & 4 year-olds**

Taylor Adams  
Isabel Aeschlimann  
McKenna Baker  
Tyler Behle  
Fluer Buchholtz  
Erik Cmiel  
Adam Crowley  
Maya Niichel  
Gabby Seaberg  
Torry Sears  
Kevin Thomason

**Kindergarten - 1st grade**

Abby Herman  
Carter Johnston  
Logan Magnuson  
Hailey Rieke  
Cameron Schmit  
Nolan Seaberg  
Payton Sears  
Addy Spaeth  
Nicholas Wiest

**2<sup>nd</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Tyler Aeschlimann  
Sheridan Baker  
Sydney Boyer  
Remy Buchholtz  
Katrina Davis  
Emma Elliott  
Jordyn Gravenhof  
Ian Johnston  
Sydney Lynch  
Bayli Magnuson  
Jaiden Niichel  
Karly Rieke  
Logan Schuster  
Matthew Strom  
Lucas Wiest

**4<sup>th</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sydney Aeschlimann  
Allyssa Allen  
Sydney Boyer  
Mikayla Crowley  
Jack Fuqua  
Joshua Johannsen  
Morgan Misner  
Riley Rieke  
Ryan Zander

## September 2009 Sunday Morning Worship Volunteer Schedule

<i>8:00 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>September 6 (8:30)</i>	<i>September 13</i>	<i>September 20</i>	<i>September 27</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>	Kneeling	No Communion	Kneeling	No Communion
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance	Dennis Holt(N) Marjorie Holt(E) Merlyn Jeche(S) Margaret Jeche(W)	Connie Johnson(N) Bert Kyek(E) Harris Nelson(S) Charlotte Nelson(W)	Dorothy Olson(N) Annetta Phelps(E) David Seim(S) Norma Randby(W)	Conrad Anderson(N) Ken Swenson(E) Jacky Swenson(S) Rosemary Anderson(W)
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Gary Addington Carol Addington	Norma Bjork Ralph Ellefson	Cathy Esberg Dorothy Greseth	Leo Haubenschild Carol Haubenschild
Hospitality Center	Phyllis Rusley		Phyllis Rusley	
8:00 Ushers	James Field, Ron Greseth, Leo Haubenschild, Bill Hovet, Harold Opdahl, Tracy Phelps			
<i>9:15 a.m. Worship</i>		<i>September 13</i>	<i>September 20</i>	<i>September 27</i>
<i>Communion Type</i>		No Communion	Kneeling	No Communion
Greeters N=North E=East S=Sanctuary W=West Entrance		Stephen Ames(N) Mary Ames(E) Dale Amy(S) Sonja Amy(W)	Charles Balster(N) Karen Balster(E) Charles Barry(S) Kathleen Barry(W)	Lynette Brevig(N) Terry Brown(E) Ron Bymers(S) Sally Bymers(W)
Lesson Reader		Terry Adkins	Marv Anderson	Deb Aries
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)		Linda Seegmiller Mary Sorum Ramon Simonson Gloria Simonson	Richard Sunde Janet Sunde Jan Thorson Ted Thorson	Bob Vogt Paula Vogt Earnest Weick Jolleen Weick
Hospitality Center		Gary & Carol Lane	Gloria Lewison	Bob & Connie Mayhew
9:15 Ushers	Robert Fountain, Storm Kerwin, Larry Kruger, Stew Lewis, Bob Mayhew, James Mickelson, Jerry Olson, Philip Swenson, Duane Warfield, Earnest Weick, Warren Williams			
<i>10:45 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>September 6 (10:00)</i>	<i>September 13</i>	<i>September 20</i>	<i>September 27</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)	Robin DePagter(N) Chris DePagter(E) Char Harstad(S) Donna Hawkinson(W)	Margaret Heise(N) Vi Helland(E) Inez Jacobson(S) Keith Jacobson(W)	Sonja Kranz(N) Bob Nuss(E) Shaon Nuss(S) Judy Olson(W)
Lesson Reader	Jerry Christenson	Becca Burgess	Christy Boyer	Jane Dahlen
Coffee Servers (Fellowship Hall)	Steph Garness Char Harstad	Sharon Nuss Arlene Rohde	Steve Sparrow Carol Sparrow	Gloria Schaar Staci Magnuson
Hospitality Center	Judy Olson	Anna M Peterson	Mary Sorum	*****
10:45 Ushers	Ron Amdahl, Steve Epp, Don Frerichs, Scott Jacobson, Tom Kastner, Bruce Lewis, Sandy Lewis			

<b>Communion Set-up</b>	8am 10am Frerichs	10:45	8 9:15 10:45	10:45
<b>Cookies (3 dozen each)</b>	Stephanie Giorno Sonia Gisvold Vi Glasby Ruth Glaser Dorothy Greseth Janet Greseth Mary Haen Heidi Hansen Sue Harms	Nancy Haroldson Joyce Hartley Dorothy Hartman Jennifer Hartman Carol Haubenschild Sheri Hayden Dawn Heim Cindy Heins Margaret Heise	Jeannine Hensley Jennifer Herman Faith Hollasch Matthew Hopkins Mary Imming Debra Jacobson Inez Jacobson Nancy Jeske Lee Ann Johnson	Nancy Jorgenson Lucy Julius Beth Kapping Rita Kruesel Jane Kruger Pam Lamb Shelia Lambert Carol Lane Janet Lane
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Avis Blake	None Needed	Rita Bowe	None Needed

\*\*\*Volunteers Still Needed

Contact Staci if you can fill these dates 289-1841

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#### Newsletter article deadline is September 15, 2009

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