

<b>WORSHIP LEADERS - APRIL</b>
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*The Word of God is source and seed;  
it comes to die and sprout and grow.  
So make your dark earth welcome warm;  
root deep the grain God bent to sow.  
In the Lord let us rejoice, gaudeamus Domino!  
- ELW # 506*

**From the Pastor**

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years ago, I cut open an avocado and was about to discard the pit, when I saw it had a little shoot. I had tried different times unsuccessfully to grow an avocado plant, but seeing the shoot made me try planting this one. Weeks went by and it didn't appear to be doing anything. With company coming, free space was needed on the counter and it was time to let it go. But when I pulled up the pit, I discovered that the one root had fanned out into many roots! I quickly put it back in the soil and kept watering it in a sunny window, and soon there was a stem that sprouted green leaves.

The development of this plant in my kitchen reflects *the truth of Easter*: a seed all but in the trash becomes a symbol of new life and fruit-bearing possibilities (see John 12:24). And this seed's sprouting and growing, the emergence of the kingdom of God in our lives and in the world, often happens in secret by God's grace through processes we cannot fully explain (Mark 4:26-27).

As Holy Week gives way to Easter, we celebrate *the mystery of God who is at work* in the planting of faith's seeds and in the calling forth of new life, even when it doesn't appear to be so:

- + In Jesus who stoops to wash the disciples' feet, despite Peter's protest, and teaches us to do the same,
- + in his self-giving love on the cross which reveals the depth of God's nearness to us in suffering,
- + in his resurrection emerging from the darkness of the tomb that brings us also out of the shadow of death,
- + in his body blessed and shared in a meal with a stranger, which reveals his presence,
- + in the witness of ordinary disciples who, through their encounter with the Risen Lord, are renewed in Spirit and empowered in faith and service to the world.

You and I are joined to Christ's death and resurrection in Holy Baptism, the promises of which we also celebrate this season:  
+ as we affirm our baptism at the Easter Vigil and welcome new members into Gloria Dei's church family and ministry on April 4: Jim & Judy Bailey, Donna Gerdes and Sonny Wehvila, Nick & Allison Haus and their sons Atti-

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
<b>Organist</b>	Barbara Erickson	Band Sunday	Mary Garner	Stan Wold
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kristen Hylenski	Linda Kalweit	Bob Kelley	Lubov Wilhms
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Rick Troy	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich
<b>Reader</b>	Joan Gunderson	Duane Stucke	Connor Weberg	Mark Pass
<b>Acolytes</b>	Esmeralda Lew & Bryn Weberg	Shamiyah Johnson & Deonta Lew	Morgan Wimer & Journey Amundson	Danny Pass & Noah Winesett
<b>Ushers</b>	Mary Gagnon & Joan Gunderson	Wayne & Joann McCall	Karen Bockelman & John McDonald	Nancy & David Gangeness
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Self Serve	Sherry Dalager	Terri Erickson	Stephanie Carlsson
<b>Counters</b>	Bob & Carol Kelley	Lubov Wilhms & Jane Dahlquist	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	No Coffee Hour Today	Eve Circle	Church Council - Pot Luck	Myrna Matheson
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Laura Hoelter & Bev Pehkonen	Laura Hoelter & Ann Niedringhaus	Laura Hoelter & Munda Forbort	Laura Hoelter & Barb Renick

**ALTAR GUILD for the Month of April is Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer**  
For those serving on Altar Guild for Holy Week—see page 15

cus & Deacon, and Jacqui Wicklund,  
 + as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Livia Dietz during Sunday worship on April 12,  
 + as we introduce newcomers and hear ministry updates at the Potluck and Parish Conversation on April 19,  
 + as we continue to grow in the covenant God made with each of us in baptism: “to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth” (ELW, p. 236). These pages contain several opportunities for growing in faith through study and service, both in our parish and in the community.

Easter’s promise of renewal is not only for us, but for *all creation*. The Risen Jesus commissions the disciples, “*Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation*” (Mark 16:15). As many will observe the 45th Earth Day this month, more opportunities equip us to participate in the care and redemption of all God has made:  
 + April 10-11, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Synod Creation Care Retreat* takes place at Camp Hiawatha. The theme is “The Next Reformation: Good News for the Whole Creation,” and in addition to sharing worship resources and networking with other congregations, we will hear from synod grant recipients and a panel of regional ecological speakers (see p. 13).  
 + April 12, after worship during coffee hour, organic farmer John Beanton from Fairhaven Farm will be sharing his passion for *growing local food* and sharing his expertise and vision about making food gardening possible for more people through building relationships and garden plots (see p. 13).  
 + April 18, our friends at Messiah Lutheran in Mt. Iron are hosting the 7<sup>h</sup> Annual *Iron Range Earth Fest*, which brings together artisans, educators, and renewable energy providers for conversation and networking.  
 + April 21 at 7:00 p.m., the Unitarian Congregation of Duluth will be hosting a panel discussion, “*One Earth, Many Religions*,” at which I and other faith leaders will be sharing resources for earth stewardship from various religious traditions (see p. 7).

*The word of God is breath and life;  
 It comes to heal and wake and save.  
 So let the Spirit touch and mend  
 and rouse your dry bones from their grave.  
 In the Lord let us rejoice, gaudeamus Domino!*

See you in worship!  
 + Pastor David Carlson

## SERVING FOR HOLY WEEK

### MAUNDY THURSDAY April 2., 2015

**Presiding Minister** - Pastor David Carlson  
**Altar Guild:** Barb Renick, Linda Kalweit, Sherry Dalager, Duane & Alison Stucke, Marlane Willms & Sue Anderson  
**Assisting Minister:** Bob Kelley  
**Organist:** Mary Garmer  
**Reader:** Carol Uecker  
**Acolyte:** Martha Carlson & Esmeralda Lew  
**Ushers:** Sandi Johnson & Sue Anderson  
**Sound Tech;** Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich

### GOOD FRIDAY April 3, 2015

**Presiding Minister** - Pastor David Carlson  
**Altar Guild:** Barb Renick  
**Assisting Minister:** Linda Kalweit  
**Organist:** Stan Wold  
**Reader:** John McDonald, Rick Troy, Brett Amundson, Sherry Dalager, Susan Anderson, Chelsea Froemke and Kristin Hylenski  
**Acolyte:** Molly & Bryn Weberg  
**Ushers:** Paul Steklenski & Sue Anderson  
**Sound Tech:** Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich

### EASTER VIGIL April 4, 2015

**Presiding Minister** - Pastor David Carlson  
**Preaching Minister** - Rev. Karen Bockelman  
**Altar Guild:** Barb Renick, Duane & Alison Stucke, Marlane Willms, Sue Anderson, Carol Kelley & Patti Maguire  
**Assisting Minister:** Patti Maguire  
**Organist:** Mary Garmer  
**Reader:** Bob Kelley, Marcia Troy, Barb Renick, Marianne Kjolhaug, Karen Kjolhaug and Ryan Jagim  
**Acolyte:** Katie Carlson  
**Ushers:** Paul Steklenski  
**Sound Tech:** Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 ~ Neil Weberg	20 ~ Richard Hewitt
3 ~ Amanda Pokorny	21 ~ Joey Peterson
6 ~ Rick Troy	24 ~ Bella Swanson
12 ~ Gloria Oja	24 ~ Tomas Velez
14 ~ Ruth Bakke	25 ~ Brita Dahlquist
17 ~ Tim Jorgensen	28 ~ Russ Wikblad
19 ~ Cassie Johnson	29 ~ Lori Ruzich
20 ~ Katie Carlson	30 ~ Austin Wimer
20 ~ Bev Pehkonen	30 ~ Donna Gerdes

**POTLUCK AND PARISH CONVERSATION—APR 19**

In an effort to increase communication and awareness in the parish, Pastor David and the Council have planned quarterly “parish conversations” after worship with a potluck, during which everyone can hear updates about various ministries, receive a quarterly financial report, and become more aware of parish leaders, newcomers, and upcoming events. All are welcome!

**LIFE'S LANDMARKS***Death*

Glen Oman, March 2

Glen was a son of Gloria Dei, ordained into ministry in the Augustana Lutheran Church, a predecessor to the ELCA, in 1955. He served congregations in Mitchell SD, Avoca MN, and Minneapolis MN.

*Funeral*

David Brink, March 9

Carl Carlson, March 16

**FINANCE REPORT THRU FEB 2015**

*Needed per month \$16,833; per week \$3,885*

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 2 months       \$33,667

Actual, 2 months       \$31,632 94%

Difference, *behind*     \$ 2,035

Our regular offering is a sign of worship and thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do. In our offering, we return to God a portion of what God has so graciously entrusted to us. THANK YOU for remembering your offering as a regular part of your worship!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES AND INITIAL OFFERING** - If you used offering envelopes as part of your giving last year, a new box has been assigned to you. Thanks for remembering to pick it up in the narthex. In your offering envelope box, the first envelope is called the Initial Offering. We are encouraged to put at least \$3.00 in that envelope to cover the cost of offering envelopes. Thank you!

**SIMPLY GIVING** - An increasing number of people at Gloria Dei are using Simply Giving, an automatic withdrawal process operated through Thrivent Financial. This process allows one to designate an offering amount and a schedule for giving automatically. Reusable laminated cards saying you give through Simply Giving are also available in the narthex to place in the offering plate, if desired. The Stewardship Committee encourages you to consider this method of giving, as it helps reduce the cost of envelopes and benefits Gloria Dei with knowing more consistently what electronic giving amounts will be. It can also be easier to have one less thing to remember on Sundays. Forms for Simply Giving are available through the church office—722-3381.

**Sunday, April 5, 2015 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**

*This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more. Acts 10:34–43, Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24, 1 Corinthians 15:1–11, Mark 16:1–8*

**Sunday, April 12, 2015 Second Sunday of Easter**

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need. Acts 4:32–35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1–2:2, John 20:19–31*

**Sunday, April 19, 2015 Third Sunday of Easter**

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship. Acts 3:12–19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1–7, Luke 24:36b–48*

**Sunday, April 26, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need. Acts 4:5–12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16–24, John 10:11–18*

**Join us for a look at the text for the next Sunday every Tuesday at 12 Noon in the Hillside Room. All are welcome!**

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

*Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.*

### HOLY WEEK - EASTER 2015

**The Three Days/ Paschal Triduum** April 2, 3, 4

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday, worship with foot washing, Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Good Friday – Tennebrae worship service with special music

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil – Service of light, readings, Affirmation of Baptism, Communion

**Easter Sunday** – April 5 –10:00 a.m. festival worship, Holy Communion

**MANY THANKS** to all Lenten and Holy Week servers: Sunday New Member lunches: Elaine Wickstrom, Rick & Marcia Troy, Patti Maguire, Carol & Bok Kelley, and Sue Anderson. Wed Suppers: Barb E., Mary G., Bob & Carol K., Steve D., Sue A., Mona W., Patti M. Stephanie C., Karen B. Ann & Bob N., Jim & Judy B., Paul S. Eldora R., Julie & Ryan J., Laura H., Daphne A., and Myrna M. Wednesday evening childcare: Martha & Katie C. Accompanists & Sound: Barb E., Mary G, Steve D. & Doug M.

**THANKS ALSO** to Jim Bailey for teaching during the Lent Wednesdays, to John Dietz for loaning the Passion Icons for evening prayer, to Karen Bockelman for preaching at the Easter Vigil, to Stan Wold for directing and organizing the St. Matthew Passion and special seminar for the community on Palm Sunday weekend, to Stan and the choir for their special music during the season, to Steve Dalager and One Bread for their Camp Sunday music, to Daphne Amundson and the older youth for the wonderful skit on Camp Sunday, to Paul Steklenski for the cupcakes for the radio anniversary, to Karen Bockelman, Cassie Borges, Rod Dahlquist, Bob Kelley, Kathleen Gates, and Kristen Hylenski for their memorization and performative reading of the Passion, and to the Altar Guild for their extra efforts during Lent and the Three Days.

**EUCHARIST AT EDGEWOOD VISTA April 1, 2015** Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the fellowship time will be at Edgewood Vista on April 1 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL, April 1** - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday each month at 7:30. The choir also rehearses each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Stan Wold, Director of Music, 728-5925.

**SAMARITAN SUNDAY, April 5** – Thanks for remembering: 1) canned food items to help replenish the CHUM Food Shelf, which are brought forward as part of our offering. 2) Our loose cash offering on the first Sunday

tuned for more info soon!), as well as letters to legislators to support the Clean Energy & Jobs bills. The spiritual team aims to facilitate climate conversations in more faith communities and is excited to announce an Earth Day interfaith panel. Upcoming Network Meetings Monday, April 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, UU Congregation of Duluth, 835 W. College St.  
Monday, May 11, First Lutheran Church, Superior St. entrance.

### SYNOD CREATION CARE RETREAT

**April 10, 11 2015 at Camp Hiawatha**

The Next Reformation: Good News for the Whole Creation (Mark 16:15)

The Northeastern MN Synod Creation Care Team invites you to participate in a special training retreat that will focus on:

*Earth-honoring Faith* - During the retreat, participants will learn about exciting creation care initiatives undertaken by congregations who received grants in 2014, will interact with a panel of representatives from state and local organizations devoted to a sustainable future, will engage in network mapping of the synod's current creation care network, encounter the 2015 Season of Creation (scriptural and liturgical resources for worship) and learn about grant possibilities and other ways to engage earth-honoring faith. Here are some issues we will plan to address: graceful engagement on challenging conversations (e.g., oil pipelines, non-ferrous mining, water quality, or protection of endangered species).

The cost is \$60 per person, which includes dinner Friday night, overnight accommodations, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Scholarship assistance is available, especially for students. For registration form, see Pastor David.

**GARDENS OF EDEN, Apr 12** - Organic farmer John Beanton from Fairhaven Farm is thankful to Gloria Dei for giving space for a drop-off site for this Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). He wants to give back and invites you to a conversation about growing local food and the possibility of building relationships in the community through building food garden beds for people who may need them. After worship at 11:15 in the Lakeside Room. All gardeners and anyone interested invited to attend!

**IRON RANGE EARTH FEST** - Saturday, April 18, 9am – 4pm, 7th Annual Iron Range Earth Fest, at the Mt. Iron Community Center, Messiah Lutheran Church & Merritt Elementary School. Admission is \$5 for adults. Everyone 18 and younger gets in for FREE



**SHARED AT THE RADIO ANNIVERSARY, Mar 22**

*Wichita was trying to cope with a 4-inch snowfall and folks here don't know how to drive in these terrible conditions. So Della and I stayed off the street and listened to Gloria Dei on the computer. It was good to hear the many voices we could identify, and felt we had worshiped together. Peace be with you, Lloyd & Della C., March 1, 2015*

**THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS**

*It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. Thanks to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts of \$230 to sponsor a Sunday or in any amount continue to make this an important outreach.*

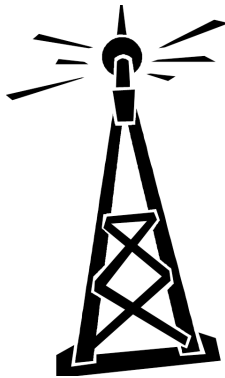
**WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO**

Live Radio Broadcast Sundays 10:00 a.m. on AM 710 - WDSM Radio

**OR STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET**

1. Listen live using Windows Media Player: Download Windows Media Player for best software interface with the audio stream.
2. After opening up the media player, type CTRL U (Hold down CTRL key, then press U key) which will open a new window asking for "URL."
3. To play live audio stream, copy and paste the following into the URL window:  
<http://24.158.26.190:17543>.

*Note: you will only hear the live audio while the service is being broadcast, so if you are early just wait a few more minutes and try the link again*



**ARROWHEAD MN INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT UPDATE** - Twenty-two partners (representing eight different faith communities) met at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on March 9. After welcoming each other on that warm and sunny evening, we heard from Bonnie Ambrosi, who introduced her "Living Mercifully Challenge" as a response to the harms of industrial animal agriculture, including its extensive greenhouse gas footprint.

Particularly for newer partners, Erin Pratt of MNIPL described the origins and growth of IPL nationally and of MNIPL and the initiation of regional networks in the past year – our Arrowhead Network is the first in Minnesota, and one of the first in the country! Erin gave us a framework for our action campaigns – and our teams met to consider goals and strategies. The carbon reduction team is working toward expanding community solar and encouraging energy audits. The advocacy team has four goal areas, and is working on its Letters to the Editor campaign (stay

has for several years gone to the Gabriel Fund, a ministry started by Gloria Dei and other Central Hillside parishes and managed through CHUM, for direct assistance to the needy.

**ONE BREAD, April 12** - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is April 12 with the "God Give Us Life" liturgy by Ray Makeever. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

**LUTE RECITAL, Apr 11**—Edward Martin will perform a faculty recital on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Music Hall, Room 3625, in Tower Hall on the campus of the College of St. Scholastica. The event is a part of the Spotlight on Performing Arts and Lectures. This program features music from 17th century France, and some songs in Hebrew. Selections will include songs from Portugal, sung in Hebrew, and some French Airs de Court, songs from the Court of Louis XIII. In addition, there will be selections from the French Baroque for baroque lute duo. Assisting Martin will be Tenor William Bastian, and Thomas Walker Jr., lutenist from St. Paul. Martin and Walker will perform selections from their new CD *Courante*, which recently has received high international acclaim, receiving a 5-star review in the international UK magazine, *Early Music Today*. The recital is free and open to the public.

**PEDALS, PIPES AND PIZZA, Apr 25** - The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is sponsoring its fourth annual Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event for youth in grades 3 -12 interested in discovering the sound and mechanics of the pipe organ. Students and parents are invited to attend this event on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. The day's events begin at St. Mary's Star of the Sea and end at Gloria Dei. All youth will play four different organs, learn how pipe and virtual organs work, listen to an organ recital by six organ scholarship students of the Arrowhead Chapter, and end with a pizza lunch. Pre-registration is required by April 21. To register, go to [www.arrowheadago.org](http://www.arrowheadago.org) or contact Carol Donahue at 218-879-3456 or [mpcmdonahue@aol.com](mailto:mpcmdonahue@aol.com) with any questions.

**MINISTRY OF DISCIPLESHIP**

*Nurture members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of our Christian calling, and to use our gifts of the spirit for our life together and for our calling in the world.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**—No Sunday School or Adult Forum planned.

**ADULT FAITH FORUM** – All are welcome to join us at 8:45 in the Hillside Room before worship.  
 Apr 5—Happy Easter (no forum)  
 Apr 12—Intergenerational Sunday School  
 Apr 19 & 26—Luther Seminary Bible Studies on Youth Homelessness

**LECTURE, JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN, Apr 8** - College of St. Scholastic a, Mitchell Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Crossan is an Irish-American New Testament scholar and historian of early Christianity, and professor emeritus of religious studies at DePaul University in Chicago. This is the Francis X. Shea Memorial Lecture, free and open to the public.

**INTERGENERATIONALSUNDAY SCHOOL, April 12** — “Holy Parables!” Jesus taught in parables, hearing events in which God’s kingdom breaks into our minds and hearts with surprising grace. Join us once a month for singing, bible dramas, crafts and conversations across the generations that will focus on parables. In April, we’re focusing on parables about God’s grace. See you there!

**SIGN UP FOR CAMP** – Camp is a wonderful place to grow in faith, and we want to help make it possible for every child at Gloria Dei to go to camp! Please register for summer camp at [www.VLMcamps.org](http://www.VLMcamps.org) . Gloria Dei also has camperships that will provide \$75 per camper to help with the cost. And there are sibling and "bring a friend" discounts, and financial assistance is available. For more information, speak to Brett or Pastor Dave.



**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, April 11th and 25th.** In addition to discipleship practices of worship, prayer, and service, our youth confirmation program will focus on Luther’s *Small Catechism* and faith practices. *We meet every other Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.* All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.

**BIBLE STUDY, Apr 18: "The Lord Is (not only) My Shepherd: Beyond the 23rd Psalm"** - The 23rd psalm is probably the best known chapter of the Bible—but there are 149 others other psalms full of rich imagery and metaphor. God is a shepherd, true, but God is also a rock, a light, a knitter, a hostess. The psalms, as the poetry of faith, are meant not so much to be studied, as to be read, prayed, sung, shouted, meditated upon, lived, wondered. This Bible study, led by Karen Bockelman, will be a time to *experience* the riches of the psalms. Saturday, April 18, 9:30-11:30, Lakeside Room. Hosted by WELCA, open to all.

*eral years now I've struggled as a single mom, but now for the first time in a long time I feel like I can finally breathe. Given this chance to breathe I can finally hope to do something besides struggle, like further my education. As a mother of a 2 1/2 year old boy, whom I need to build a great future for, this is a wonderful blessing and I thank you for this opportunity I have been given. It was a wonderful thing you did with your participation and again I thank you so much for it. Sincerely, RaeAnn M.*

**LSS LUNCHEON AT GREYSOLON, May 7—HELPING CATCH YOUTH** before they fall too far. Please join us at the annual Lutheran Social Service homeless youth luncheon on Thursday, May 7th at the Greysolon Ballroom from 12:00 to 1:00. Registration starting at 11:30 with lunch and program to follow. Contact Carol Kelley for your place at the table, 218-525-6098 or [cannkelley@aol.com](mailto:cannkelley@aol.com)

**LSS CENTER FOR CHANGING LIVES INFO, May 13** - Mark your calendar for a dessert with Carol & Bob Kelley, at Lakeshore on London Rd., to hear more about the Center for Changing Lives and how we can participate in this project for homeless youth, with presenter Bob Sherman from LSS.



#### EVANGELISM - WITNESS

1) *Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.* 2) *Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.*

#### FROM THE RADIO MINISTRY COODINATOR

By Doug Maguire

As we have arrived at the 73 year mark, planning has begun for the 75th anniversary. We are hoping to have a gala celebration and another wonderful opportunity to tell our story to the community and foster partnership participation with this Radio Ministry.

Evangelism takes on new means of expression in the Information Age in which we find ourselves. There are many factors that work in conjunction with the Radio Broadcast: signage, web site, streaming audio worldwide, Internet ministry, training board operators, uploading and editing , and legacy giving.

We encourage you to become a friend of Gloria Dei Radio Ministry through your generous offerings, hands-on assisting, and asking how I can help. We are looking forward to using technology to make our 1-hour broadcast the best it can be for the next 73 years.

covers materials. To register or get more information, call Penny LaBarge at 525-6625 x 123.

**TAX PREPARATION SITE** at Gloria Dei on Wednesdays from 12:00-5:00 p.m. through April 15. Appointments take ~ ½ hour for a single return and 1 hour for a joint return. Call Donna at the church office for an appointment – 722-3381.

**SOAP SOAP SOAP** - WELCA is collecting soap again. The soap will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to those in need of this life essential. You can give wrapped bars of soap and place them in boxes located in the Narthex or the Lakeside room. Thank you!

**RUBY'S PANTRY, April 16** - Now in its 5th year of providing low-cost groceries to the community. The First Methodist Church (Copper Top) averages 225 people per month who purchase food on the third Thursday of every month. For \$20.00 those purchasing a share will receive approximately two large boxes of food. Cash only, no checks or EBT cards accepted. You will need to bring your own boxes (laundry baskets work very well). There are no income guidelines. The Pantry operates from 5:30-7:00 pm. We depend upon volunteers to help with the distribution process. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please call First Methodist Church at 727-5021 or talk with Sue Anderson.



**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, April 25** - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room. To help, come early or stay late! 115 Plates served in February. All volunteers welcome!



**GLORIA DEI SERVES DINNER AT CHUM, Apr 28** - Join us to serve dinner at the Chum Drop-In Center on Tuesday, April 28, at 5:00 p.m. Meatballs, potatoes, salads, desserts and rolls – if you can provide any of these and/or spare some time to serve, please contact Elaine Wickstrom 728-2563, Carol Kelley 525-6098, or Sue Anderson 624-0171.

**I CAN FINALLY BREATHE!** A letter from a mom living in the Steve O'Neil Permanent Supportive Housing Apartments: *Dear CHUM, Thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul for your participation in the creation of the Steve O'Neil Apartments. When I walked into my apartment and saw the depth of what was being done here, I cried. For sev-*

**MANY RELIGIONS, ONE EARTH, Apr 21** - An Interfaith Panel Discussion hosted at the Unitarian Congregation of Duluth, 835 W. Collage St., 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. A panel of spokespersons representing different faith communities in the Twin Ports will share the ways in which they draw upon the spiritual and ethical resources of their respective traditions to support environmental awareness and responsibility. There will also be time for panelists to interact with each other, and with the audience. The program is a joint effort of UUCD and the Arrowhead Chapter of Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light network.

**RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Apr 22** - 8 a.m. at Valentin's (London Rd). Through the College of St. Scholastica, Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and connects our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! For April, we're reading selections from *God and Evolution* edited by Mary Cunningham (2007).

#### FELLOWSHIP— "KOINONIA"

*Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.*

**GLORIA DEI QUILTERS** - will meet on Tuesday April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeside Room. New comers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.

**LGBT ELDERS** - This group gathers for support and fellowship and plans to meet on a regular basis as part of Gloria Dei's Welcoming Ministries. For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates [gatespea@centurylink.net](mailto:gatespea@centurylink.net) or 624-4589. This month the group will meet on Thursday April 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**SWEDISH CULTURAL SOCIETY** will meet on Sunday April 19 at 3:30 in the Hillside Room. In September, the new start time will be 2:30.

**BOOK CLUB** - will meet the 3rd Monday each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. The selection for April will be *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger and for May we will read *The Dance Boots* by Linda LeGarde Grover.

#### WELCA NEWS

Saturday, April 11 is the spring Lake Superior Conference WELCA gathering at Holy Family Lutheran Church here in Duluth. The wonderful quilt that has been our project over the winter will be displayed.



Registration information can be found in the Hillside Room or ask Karen for any information you may need.

Saturday, April 18th is the special Bible study offered by Karen Bockelman here in the Lakeside Room at Gloria Dei. Coffee and brunch will be served, 9:30-11:30. Plan to be there! It is always an energizing gathering.

June 12-13 is the annual WELCA Minnesota gathering at UMD. Registration information will be available in the Hillside Room. We will want to have at least one person designated as a delegate and others would be very welcome to participate!

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR** - performed by the Duluth Playhouse April 16 - May 3, 2015 (Wed-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm, and April 25 & May 2 | Sat Matinee 2pm). This 1970 rock opera with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber is said to follow the last week of Jesus' life through the eyes of his betrayer, Judas Iscariot. Adam Sippola, son of former Gloria Dei pastor John Sippola, is playing the role of Jesus. For tickets or more information, contact the Duluth Playhouse, 733-7555 or [www.duluthplayhouse.org/](http://www.duluthplayhouse.org/).

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY, May 1-3** at Breezy Point. Please keep all voting members and synod workers in your prayers, especially Bob & Carol Kelley, Pastor Carlson, Bp. Tom Aitken, Pr. John Dietz, Kathy Wimer, and Sue Anderson.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH PREP, May 9-10 -**

This is a first alert for the need to get squared away on the organization for the upcoming Mother's Day Brunch aka as Swedish Pancake Day. We will need a crew to show up on Saturday morning to do the prep work so we can jump right into Sunday morning cooking 800 to 900 Swedish pancakes on Sunday morning, fill lingberry cups finish setting up the dining room we didn't get to the day before, etc. Please let me know if you can help on Saturday or Sunday or both days and if there's a particularly special task you'd like to do on either day. I am specifically looking for someone to take charge of the dining room setup. There's plenty to do and as we have seen in past breakfasts it all flows smoothly as well as successfully when many sets of hands pitch in to make everyone's job that much easier. Please see me to talk about whether or not you're available on May 9th/10th, where you'd like to work and if you know of anyone who'd like to introduce themselves to Gloria Dei by helping out on those/those that day. Thanks everybody—Rick Troy 724-1695



### **MINISTRY OF SERVICE**

*Purpose: Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and the powerless and committing to their needs.*

#### **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Patti Maguire**

Compared to last year, this March has been wonderfully warm and sunny. Snow has melted, students are running in shorts and people on the streets are smiling!

Thanks be to God! And yet, we are Minnesotans who know that another snowstorm could easily dump on us before we see summer. But we are also strong Christians who share the certain assurance that summer will come just as we know that the resurrection comes after Good Friday.

March was busier than usual as we journeyed through Lent and prepare for Holy Week. The Health Cabinet brought treats and fellowship to St Ann's on March 10th and plan to worship with our friends at Edgewood Vista Wednesday, April 1st. March 15th a number of us went to the Bishop's Gathering in Virginia to hear Bishop Patricia Lull speak on discipleship and attend workshops on how to live as Christians in the world. Learning opportunities in March were 1) a webinar on the Oregon experience with Physician Aided Death on March 4th; 2) Managing Multiple Chronic Conditions on March 10th; and 3) attending the Day at the Capitol with the ACS Cancer Action Network on March 25th.

Prior to Easter, the Care Team makes a special effort to visit, bring communion and re-connect with all shut-ins and others that are not able to attend Sunday services at Gloria Dei. I give thanks to God for all these folks who share their faith and time with others as part of the Care Team ministry.

#### **RELAY FOR LIFE, JULY 17TH**

For over a decade Gloria Dei has participated in the Duluth Community Relay for Life event. Some years the team had 20 or more, but last year there were very few of us at the event. This is a special time to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those who died of cancer and to fight to find a cure for this disease that affects almost every family. The event is a fun, family friendly event with music, games, and ceremonies. It is held at the College of St Scholastica from 4 PM till midnight on Friday, July 17th. PLEASE contact me to join the team.



#### **A MATTER OF BALANCE Classes start April 1st**

A Matter of Balance is a wonderful program to help people who are worried about falling or are interested in improving their balance, flexibility and strength. The eight week course is offered at Lakeview Covenant Church from 1-3pm starting on Wednesday, April 1st. A donation of \$10