



Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house" (Matthew 5:14-15).

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Solar August is here! This year our synod passed a resolution to "endorse the Phebe Hospital solar energy project, and encourage the intentional efforts of each congregation throughout the synod to raise awareness and funding for this project in the month of August."

Last month, I had the privilege of meeting with:

+ Mary Jo Mettler, whose incredible idea is becoming reality through her faithful dedication and collaboration with WELCA, the ELCA Division for Global Mission, and the non-profit solar installation organization RREAL located in Pine River, MN

+ Lynda Lochner, newly elected WELCA president in our synod - the national WELCA has also officially endorsed this as a nation-wide project - with an initial goal of raising \$200,000 so that the framework for the solar arrays can be installed before Liberia's rainy season starts in January.

+ Pr. Andy Smith, Nisswa, who has been instrumental in contacting other synods and putting resources together for Solar August, a month before many other ministry areas start up again.

This project is a confluence of major values we care about as a synod:

+ Accompaniment in Global Ministry - Those who are involved with our companion synod congregations in Russia and Honduras know that the relationships we have with sisters and brothers worldwide are *not one-sided*. The initial visit by Mary Jo and other WELCA representatives in 2012 has from the beginning been one of learning, mutual relationship building, and faith sharing. Phebe Hospital itself is a ministry of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, and a letter from Bishop Jensen Seyenkulo attests to the needs of our specific contexts and the unity we share in the body of Christ (see p. 7).

+ Disaster Relief - The electrical grid on which Phebe Hospital relied was destroyed in the civil war there, and the hospital pays over \$30,000 per month to run diesel power generators; money saved from this solar project could be used to increase the staff and the quality of medical care (there are 4 doctors, only one of which is a surgeon).

+ Creation Care - The hospital burns over 90,000 gallons of fuel annually and is an extremely inefficient and sometimes unreliable way to provide electricity for the hospital; solar is obviously a clean, abundant, and renewable alternative that enables the power to be generated where it is needed. This project

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Organist	Mary Garmer	Worship Band	Barbara Erickson	Stan Wold	Stan Wold
Assisting Minister	Lexie Cieluch	Madeline Pass	James Crane	Tanner Hall	Kathleen Gates
Sound Technician					
Reader	Rod Dahquist	Kathleen Gates	Janet Worthing	Janet Schramm	Theresa Johnson
Acolytes	Bryn Weberg & Noah Winesett	Esmeralda Lew & Martha Carlson	Sam Winesett & Joey Peterson	Raine Amundson & Shamayah Johnson	Katie Carlson & Christian Leight
Ushers	Linda Kalweit & Paul Steklenski	Ed & Colleen Martin	Sandi Johnson & Carol Kelley	Mary Gagnon & Dee & Esmeralda Lew	Karen Bockelman & John McDonald
Nursery Attendants	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve
Counters	Mary Gagnon & Gerald Erickson	Bob & Carol Kelley	Lubov Willms & Janine Dahquist	Rod Dahquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg
Coffee Servers	Myrna Matheson	Nancy Gangeness	Eve Gathering	Roger & Judy Oman	Service & Justice
Communion Assistant	Bob Kelley & Munda Forbort	Bob Kelley & Ryan Jagim	Bob Kelley & Barb Renick	Bob Kelley & Brett Amundson	Bob Kelley & Janet Worthing

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of August is Alison Stucke, Marlaire Willms & Carol Kelley

also shows how *human needs and earth stewardship are not in competition but can be served together*, and making this project known to others in our communities - even unaffiliated "nones" - could encourage them to give the church another look.

Since May, four other synods have passed similar resolutions: Northwestern MN, Northeastern PA, Upper Susquehanna, and Grand Canyon. In the July issue of *The Lutheran* magazine (p. 36) there is a terrific background story about how this all began – in our synod. Updates about the project are posted frequently at [facebook.com/skipthegrid](https://www.facebook.com/skipthegrid). And Bishop Tom has also highlighted it in his weekly synod reflections online:

"It's called a photo-voltaic system, so folks are using the phrase PV for Phebe. This is a ministry of care for God's whole creation, people and planet! Our synod is at the forefront. Repeatedly we are hearing from both secular and religious communities about the call to be responsible earth caretakers. Our Christian faith contains the call to love people as Jesus did, and love the creation that the New Testament says Jesus is restoring."

Some congregations have put together elaborate "Solar August" activities, and some may only just be learning about it. Gloria Dei leaders have planned some different opportunities to support this project this month:
+ *purchase Quilt Cards* – the WELCA quilt made this year by congregations in the Lake Superior Conference was photographed to create beautiful note cards that can be purchased at the Fair Trade Table during coffee hour.

+ *fill our cardboard Solar Panels* – for every \$10 raised, a blue square will be added to the panel reproductions in the Hillside Room.

+ *shop for a blouse or two* – our WELCA is again organizing a boutique with high end blouses from New York donated by clothier relatives of a Gloria Dei family – after worship on August 16 & 23. Help is needed to bring items outside for the Hillfest crowd to peruse at Gloria Dei's table there on August 23 (see p. 14).

+ *give a special gift* above your regular offering during coffee hour on August 23 – this too will add blue squares to our cardboard solar panels!

These pages contain many ways in which we might see and reflect more deeply the light of Christ in our ministry together – in service and generosity, fellowship and study, worship and witness. PV for Phebe is one significant way to accompany our sisters and brothers in Christ. We are in this together to the glory of God. *Let there be light!*

Grace and peace,
+ Pastor David Carlson

SYNOD CREATION CARE TEAM RETREAT, Aug 25 Aitkin

Dear brothers and sisters in earthkeeping:

This is to confirm that we have secured a date for the whole Synod Creation Care Team to meet on Tuesday, August 25, at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin. We are thankful that First Lutheran is willing to provide us space, and look forward to some members of their creation care team being present with us. We will meet from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. This will give us time for face to face relationship building, prayer, discernment, and planning for the coming year. Since most of our meetings are via conference call, this meeting is a wonderful opportunity. Some of you have mentioned people you know who have expressed interest in the call to earthkeeping. Please feel free to extend an invitation to them to join us. Rev. Kristin Foster, Co-chair



QUILT CARDS FOR SALE

The WELCA quilt made this year by congregations in the Lake Superior Conference was photographed to create beautiful note cards that can be purchased at the Fair Trade Table during coffee hour. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will go to the PV for Phoebe project.

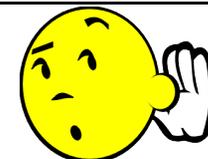


AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 ~ Journey Amundson | 16 ~ Charlene Aaseng |
| 1 ~ Skylar Carl | 17 ~ Charlene Rothman |
| 1 ~ Marjorie Nelson | 21 ~ Dontay Mehtala |
| 7 ~ Susan Chicag | 24 ~ Ivadell Johnson |
| 8 ~ Maggie Winesett | 24 ~ Shameka Johnson |
| 9 ~ Atticus Haus | 24 ~ John Pehkonen |
| 9 ~ Deacon Haus | 25 ~ Arianna Gault |
| 9 ~ Lyle Helmen | 25 ~ Christian Leight |
| 10 ~ Carl Schramm | 27 ~ Maria Johnson |
| 14 ~ Caprice Peterson | 31 ~ Amanda Maly |

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

From June though the end of August the office hours at the church will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It may be best to contact the church office at 722-3381 before heading to the church to make sure the building is open.



THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of June 30, Radio Ministry has received \$6480, on track to meet our budget needs. 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.

GOT AN EXTRA RADIO? - If you have an extra radio laying around—that the AM works on it, we have a handful of homebound members who want to listen each Sunday to the live broadcast but their radios are no longer functioning.



HILLFEST - Aug 23 – the 5th Annual Hillfest celebration is Sunday, August 23, 2:00–6:00 p.m. Hillfest again seeks to unify the hillside neighborhood by opening 6th Avenue East and 4th Street to bicycling, walking, dancing and playing. We know that a healthy neighborhood is one full of healthy neighbors, commercial, charitable organizations, and individuals. Gloria Dei has participated each year representing the church and the Central Hillside Parish Nurse Grant. Our usual space is right across from the Whole Foods Coop. Bring your family and friends to this-filled afternoon of music, food, events for families as we get to know our Hillside neighbors better. To help at the table, see Pastor or Patti.



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS, Sep 13-19 – A week of opportunities is being planned by leaders of Gloria Dei and other ELCA churches in Duluth, starting Sunday, September 13, including assisting Lutheran Social Service of MN, Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers, Lutheran Campus Ministry, CHUM, and Loaves & Fishes. More information will be provided as projects are clarified; contacts are Carol Kelley, Doug Paulson, Greg Garmer, Chelsea Froemke, and Pastor David.



YELLOW T-SHIRTS - Gloria Dei is planning to place another order of T-shirts from the ELCA that say "God's Work, Our Hands" with "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church" on the back. Cost per shirt only \$7.00. Call the church office or come to the Fair Trade Table during coffee hour.



Sunday August 2, 2015 10th Sunday After Pentecost. Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him. **Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35**

Sunday August 9, 2015 - 11th Sunday After Pentecost. Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other. **1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51**

Sunday August 16, 2015 - 12th Sunday After Pentecost. Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (2 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood, John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share. **Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58**

Sunday August 23, 2015, 13th Sunday After Pentecost. In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood;; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel. **Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69**

Sunday August 30, 2015, 14th Sunday After Pentecost. Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts. **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 21-23**

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

+LIFE'S LANDMARKS+*Birth*

Barret William Haus, July 15

Baptism

James Whitacre, July 19

Marriage

Sarah Wicklund & Caryn Bush, July 18

Funeral

Marion Fritch, July 11

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.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Aug 2 – 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 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.

EUCCHARIST AT KING MANOR, Aug 5, AND AFTENRO, Aug 19.

Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the worship time will be at King Manor on Wednesday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m. Thanks to Chaplain Patti for leading this service while Pastor Carlson is on vacation. Another worship service is scheduled for Aftenro on Wednesday, August 19, at 9:15 a.m., which Pastor Carlson will be leading. All are welcome to attend.

MANY THANKS to the **Rev. Greg Garmer** for leading worship at Gloria Dei on August 2 when Pastor Carlson is on vacation. A member of Gloria Dei, Greg is currently serving as an Interim Pastor on the staff at First Lutheran Church. Thanks also to **Chaplain Patti** for her ministry while Pastor is away.

BLUES SERVICE Aug 9 - Let the spirit move you at our annual Blues Service on August 9th at 10:00 a.m. - the weekend of the Bayfront Blues Fest. Join us for a mixture of new music and old favorites for a worship service that will move body and soul. Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, including this special annual service!



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, especially during the summer months!

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. Forms for Simply Giving are available through the church office—722-3381.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS – During the weeks of summer, the church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, these will be the summer hours for the church secretary.

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.*

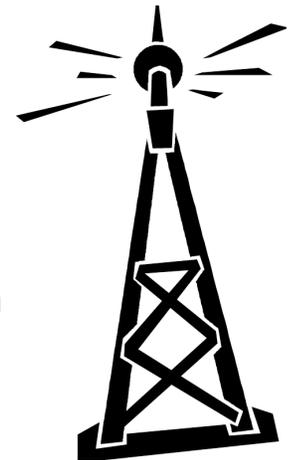
WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO

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



happen. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. CHUM supporters, congregation members, volunteers and friends are invited to share with us in an evening of food, music and fun! Our member congregations will serve the meal from 6:00-7:00 (Gloria Dei is bringing dessert). For more information or to help, please call 720-6521.

TENDING ON TUESDAYS – Gardeners needed to help weed and preen the church gardens from 10 – noon each Tuesday.

RUBY'S PANTRY Aug 20 - Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop has been distributing food at First United Methodist Church (the Coppertop Church) 230 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth on the third Thursday of every month since 2010.



Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop is a community partner of Ruby's Pantry; making food available to anyone who needs to stretch their food dollar. Due to increased transportation and warehouse expenses, the cost for a share of food is now \$20.00. For \$20.00 those purchasing a share will receive approximately two large boxes of food. Cash only, no checks or EBT cards will be accepted. There is no "typical" food order and contents of a share vary depending upon what food is available to Ruby's Pantry at the time. You will need to bring your own boxes (laundry baskets work very well). There are no income guidelines. The Pantry operates the third Thursday of every month with distribution 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 Aug 22—All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday August 22 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room.



STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT THRU JUNE 2015

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 6 months	\$101,000
Actual, 6 months	\$106,816 106%
Difference, <i>ahead</i>	\$ 5,816

SPECIAL MUSIC in August will include lutenist Ed Martin (Aug 2), organ scholarship recipients Jace Jordan, Josh Peterson, and Max Hahn (Aug 23), and vocalist Sam Anderson (Aug 30). We give thanks for all these musicians!

SUMMER FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING – we are all looking forward to blooming flowers. It is our wish that you will consider sharing fresh flowers for our Altar, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. Sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart in the hallway outside the church office, or call the office. They can be ordered for you for a very reasonable price.

THANKS FOR SETTING THE TABLE (CLOTHS) – The goal of \$500 has been reached to purchase cloth table cloths for use in funeral receptions as part of our ministry to families. Many thanks to all who contributed!

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.

VBS THANKS – to all who were involved with Vacation Bible School this year: especially Tanner H., Patti M., Karen K. Marianne K., Grace B., Tom & Carol U., and Pastor Dave. Our theme was "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" and the week's themes were:

Day 1: God has the power to provide.

Bible Verse: "And God will generously provide all you need." 2 Cor 9:8

Bible Story: God provides for Elijah

Day 2: God has the power to comfort.

Bible Verse: "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others." 2 Cor 1:4 Bible Story: God comforts Elijah

Day 3: God has the power to heal.

Bible Verse: "He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds." Psalm 147: 3 Bible Story: God heals Naaman

Day 4: God has the power to forgive.

Bible Verse: "You are a God of forgiveness" Neh 9:17

Bible Story: Jesus forgives Peter

Day 5: God has the power to love us forever.

Bible Verse: "Everyone who believes in him will have eternal life" John 3:15 Bible Story: Jesus promises us an eternal home.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – has a break during August and will resume September 13 with Intergenerational Sunday School.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Aug 12 - 8 a.m. at Valentini'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 August, we're reading the first half (ch. 1-3) of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

GARDEN TEA PARTY, Aug 15 - Gardens, Goodies & Great Conversation— All for a Good Cause! You and your friends are cordially invited to an afternoon garden tea party on August 15 from 3-5pm. Colleen Martin has graciously opened her gardens (2817 East 2nd St.) for this event complete with the usual tea party menu of scones with cream, tea sandwiches and sweets. Enjoy an informal tea with antique china and silver, hopefully the sun will shine, and we encourage garden party dresses and hats. All of this for a freewill donation- money raised from this event will go to Gloria Dei's VLM camp fund which reduces the cost of camp for every youth from Gloria Dei. Please RSVP with Donna in the Church office at 722-3381.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT, Aug 27-28 - Five youth will be confirmed in October and will be going on retreat at Camp Vermilion this month, recapping what they've been learning, taking a spiritual gifts inventory, choosing a confirmation verse, and enjoying God's great north woods! Thanks for keeping all our youth and their faith formation in your prayers.

A CONFIRMATION EVENING WITH THE BISHOP, Sep 30 - All youth in the confirmation process, going into 7th grade and up (including those being confirmed in October), please mark your calendars for the evening of Wednesday, Sep 30, beginning with supper around 5:15 pm at First Lutheran, and also with youth from Trinity. This evening will include Q & A with Bishop Tom Aitken, hearing his own faith story, and a commissioning prayer for all the youth.

ECO-REFORMATION SEMINAR, Oct 10 - The promise of earth renewal in scripture and practice with Prof. Barbara Rossing. 8:30-2:30 at Gloria Dei, co-organized by the NE MN Synod Creation Care Team and Lake Superior Conference WELCA. Dr. Barbara Rossing is Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Known for her



By the way, there will be a Care Team meeting after church on Sunday, August 9th. It seems a good time to consider who is seeing and visiting whom. Another purposes of this meeting is to discuss Hillfest which is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd. Gloria Dei and the health ministry will be having a table at Hillfest to do blood pressure checks, present health education info and generally talk to our community neighbors. We're looking for help with this.

Finally we have hot weather here in Duluth. Enjoy the blessings of summer in the Northland, but don't overdo the fun in the sun. Please remember to drink plenty of water when working and playing outdoors. Early indication of dehydration is increased thirst, but can lead to lightheadedness and muscle cramps or even palpitations as dehydration progresses. Water and sunscreen can help keep you safe.

REMINDER: If you are in the hospital, be sure to notify the church. We will gladly come and see you there. Also, Gloria Dei has two Transition Coaches, Bev Pehkonen and Barb Erickson, who will help you when you are discharged. Both Barb and Bev are RN's with special training to help patients understand the care they need to take at home so that they won't have to go back to the hospital.

CARE TEAM MEETING, Aug 9 - Regular phone calls and visits to our homebound members help strengthen the body of Christ. At this meeting after worship, in the Lakeside Room, current and prospective Care Team members are invited to pray for and consider our strengthening of these connections.

CHRISTOPHER MINISTRY - Our worship on the last Sunday of each month includes the "Sending of Communion," as communion kits are prepared by the altar guild and blessed for distribution among those members who are not able to be with us in worship. The name Christopher means "bearer of Christ," and some members of our Care Team who are trained in distributing communion among the homebound serve also as Christopher Ministers. This will also be a topic at the Care Team meeting August 9. For more information, see Pastor David or Patti.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WITH CHUM - Aug 4 – CHUM invites you to their National Night Out Picnic on Tuesday, August 4th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Food Shelf (120 N 1st Ave W)! Join us for delicious food, live music, and most importantly, the opportunity to get to know others in your neighborhood and community. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live. Together, we are making that



Annual Pride Parade Sunday, September 6, 2015 at Noon. Gloria proudly marches annually in this annual parade. Join us on Tower Avenue in Superior between Broadway and Belknap at noon to see the many supporters of our GLBTQAI community. Let Pastor David know if you plan to attend, so we can ride share.

Gloria Dei Hosts Annual Pride Weekend Sunday Breakfast and Worship Service

Gloria Dei will be hosting the annual Pride breakfast and worship service on Sunday September 6. The breakfast will be served in the Hillside Room from 8:30-9:30 and worship will follow at the regular time of 10am. The breakfast is free and open to congregation members and members of the community. A freewill offering will be taken to defray costs. This is a time for Gloria Dei to show its grand and radical welcome to the lgbtq community, and we are hoping for a good turnout.

We are looking for people to help out at this event. We already have plans to make egg bakes for the breakfast, but will need some additional foods. If you can help with any of the following, please contact Sue Anderson, 624-0171 or susanfanderson@yahoo.com. Thanks

Food items requested: muffins and fresh fruit

Help needed: set-up and clean-up on Sunday morning. We would especially appreciate clean-up help, so those desiring to go to the Pride Parade can do so.

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 REPORT - Patti Maguire

This has been a very busy month for me as I recruited VBS students and helpers and also captained the church's Relay of Life Team. Thank you to all who participated and donated to both of these events. I'm proud to say the Relay team exceeded our goal of \$1,000. We worked hard to raise these funds and had a great time at the event.



Worship at Edgewood Vista was on July 8th with June Chesney and out other friends there. We'll be at King Manor with Betty Lavin and others on August 5th. Everyone is welcome to come to these communion services each month. It is so good to see our long-time congregation members and their friends at the assisted living facilities. Please keep our shut-in members and those who have been hospitalized in your prayers. Also pray for the Care Team who continue to visit, call and bring communion to those who can't always join us at church.

scholarship on the Book of Revelation, Rossing believes the scriptural witness speaks of God not abandoning the earth but of a vision of renewal where the New Jerusalem and the Tree of Life provide inspiration for ecological civilization. An active theologian for the Lutheran World Federation, Rossing also sees the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as an opportunity for Lutherans to embrace an Eco-Reformation for our times.

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.

THANK YOU Just a little note to thank everyone in the congregation for the presents and the good wishes on the event of my being honored on June 7th for teaching Sunday School for 50 years. It was much appreciated and I will remember the day for a long time.
Barb Renick

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE – Come to play or cheer on the Dei Dreamers! Each game is a Tuesday evening @ UMD: Aug 4 – Field #3 - 8:00 p.m. against First Lutheran Flyers. **LAST GAME OF THE SEASON!**



Office of the Bishop

Lutheran Church in Liberia

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June 4, 2015
Fellow Laborers:

Receive warm Pentecost greetings from your sisters and brothers of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. Our prayer is that God would continue to prosper the work of your hands.

Many of you may have heard now that the World Health Organization declared Liberia Ebola-free a few weeks ago, May 9, 2015, to be specific. Your partnership in that battle can partly be credited for the success we achieved. Thank you!

The major reason for the devastating effect Ebola had on the Liberian nation was the poor health system of the country. Liberia is plagued by

the lack of adequate medical facilities to address our huge medical challenges.

The Lutheran Church in Liberia has been blessed with two strategically placed hospitals that help provide minimum services to thousands of residents annually. However, the unavailability of electrical power in these health facilities poses additional challenges to the already complex health problems.

It is on the basis of this what some of our friends of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) have undertaken the project of providing solar power to the larger of these two medical facilities, Phebe Hospital. The aim of the project is to increase the capacity of this regional medical facility by providing needed electrical power.

You have helped, through your prayers and support, to put the Ebola crisis behind us. Thank you.

As we move into this project with the Women of the ELCA, we invite you to join us in continuing the battle against Ebola and other diseases by helping to strengthen our medical system. By joining in with the few WELCA groups that have already pledged their support, you will help us move ahead to enhance and strengthen our medical system at Phebe, which serves a large segment of the rural population in central Liberia.

We want you to know that we continually pray for you and for the joys and challenges of life in your context. May God bless you and keep us united as one people of God's kingdom.

Yours faithfully,

D. Jensen Seyenkulo

BISHOP, Lutheran Church in Liberia

SOLAR AUGUST – 450,000 people in rural Liberia depend on Phebe Hospital as their only access to health care. Reliable energy supply is necessary for quality health care delivery. In Liberia, where less than 1% of the population has access to the electricity grid, generating needed power at rural hospitals literally is a life-or-death scenario. In May, our Northeastern MN synod passed a resolution declaring "Solar August" to raise funds and awareness for our brothers and sisters in faith at Phebe Hospital, joining a nationwide effort through the ELCA, the Women of the ELCA, and other synods. Go to www.facebook.com/SkipTheGrid for information.



Ways to help support this project at Gloria Dei:

- 1) purchasing Quilt Cards throughout the month of August,
- 2) helping fill our cardboard Solar Panels at \$10/square

3) a boutique on August 16 & 23

4) a special offering during coffee hour on August 23. Let there be light!

LGBT ELDERS - meets the 4th Saturday each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Lakeside Room. 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 or 624-4589.

2015 TWIN PORTS GAY PRIDE WEEKEND

Although many communities celebrate Pride during the month of June to commemorate the Stonewall Riots in New York that many point to as the beginning of the fight for civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, the Twin Ports has long chosen Labor Day weekend to hold its annual Pride Celebration. This is the 28th year that the Twin Ports is holding Pride festivities. What started out as a small gathering at a park and at the original Main Club, Pride weekend has developed into a major festival in both Duluth and Superior—with quite the economic impact for the area. The following are but a few activities highlighted during this year's Pride. Check out the Duluth Superior Pride website for more activities and details.



Mayor's Reception On Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 5pm Duluth Mayor Don Ness, as well as mayors from the surrounding communities, welcome visitors and residents alike to the downtown Duluth Depot for the opener of our Labor Day Weekend 2015 Pride Celebration. This is an annual event hosted by local government representatives and Duluth's Mayor. Enjoy live music, food, cocktails as well as a brief presentation to honor outstanding contributors to the GLBTQAI Community. Meet and mingle with friends old and new! The evening caps off with a performance from aerialist Alex Loch inside the Duluth Depot's Great Hall.

Pride Festival On Saturday, September 5, 2015 from 11am – 7pm, the annual free Pride Festival will be held for the 11th year in Duluth's beautiful panoramic Bayfront Festival Park. With an expanded festival layout, the day promises to be fabulous! Gloria Dei will have a presence at the park, along with the Gay Men's Center and the Elders Group. Be sure to visit the historical collection at the Festival on Saturday. It marks 29 years of history in the Twin Ports and the important strides the GLBTQAI community has made. It's so important to remember how we've gotten to the place we are now and the important people who have helped get us here.