

WORSHIP LEADERS - JULY



You have searched me and known me, O Lord... You trace my journeys and my resting places... Where can I go then from your Spirit? – Psalm 139

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each month, the *Dei by Day* newsletter contains a section called, *Life's Landmarks*. It is here that we have recorded some significant events in the life of faith – birth, baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage, funeral – all moments for reflecting on God's grace and promise. These "landmarks" remind me of something I saw once at Luther Seminary, near the chapel.

On the walls of the foyer was a collection of certificates from the late 19th and early 20th centuries marking these significant events – *Baptismal* certificates painted in blues and greens and gilded edges, showing the words of Jesus and with the heavens opened. *First communion* certificates depicting young children at the altar rail or Jesus at the last supper, *Confirmation* with youth standing to profess their faith, and Luther's affirmation: we are justified by grace through faith. There were a few *marriage* certificates with beautiful artwork, too, and even a certificate remembering a *deceased* loved one. Some were in German or Swedish, Norwegian or Danish, most Lutheran though a few from Catholic or other churches. They were part of a collection of Professor Mons Tieg from the seminary, a collection that began when he and his wife were walking and saw something beautiful sticking out of a garbage bin and pulled it out: an old baptismal certificate, *something tangible pointing to the intangible*.

They have now over a hundred: some have worn edges, some frames are a bit rusty, but Professor Tieg's commentary at the end of the display calls it – *Remembering Whose We Are*. On the journey of life and even in death, we belong to God. And throughout that journey there are moments in which the *visible points to the invisible* – water, bread and wine, rings and the pages of scripture point beyond themselves to God's word and promises, forgiveness, vows of faith and accountability – each *not about self-centeredness* but about *God-centeredness* in our lives and our life together.

While Professor Tieg praised the time and talent invested in these certificates, perhaps more so than today, what is essential about them is something *not seen* – something lived in each person's life – moments when they lived the faith they professed, when they trusted God's promises, when they served and gave selflessly when no one was looking. Moments they were open to God's Spirit and grace at work in them.

Of course, there are some *Life's Landmarks* that are not on this list – some of which we celebrated last month:

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Organist	Mary Garmer	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Stan Wold
Assisting Minister	Linda Kalweit	Bob Kelley	Cassie Borges	Patti Maguire
Sound Technician	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Patti Maguire	Daphne Amundson	Mary Gagnon	Alice Lahti
Acolytes	Joey Peterson & Raine Amundson	Shameka Johnson & Katie Carlson	Christian Leight & Journey Amundson	Shakira Johnson & Molly Weberg
Ushers	Paul Steklenski & Carol Uecker	Barb Renick & Corrine Helmen	Mary Gagnon & Joan Gunderson	Alison & Duane Stucke
Nursery Attendants	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve
Counters	Lubov Willms & Janine Dahlquist	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson
Coffee Servers	Mary Savolainen	Eve Gathering	CHURCH COUNCIL Pot Luck / Fish Fry	Stephanie Carlson
Communion Assistant	Chelsea Froemke & Ryan Jagim	Chelsea Froemke & Lexie Cieluch	Chelsea Froemke & Barb Renick	Chelsea Froemke & Craig Haugan

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of July is Barb Renick, Sharon Stenberg & Carol Kelley

+ Barb Renick's 50 years of teaching Sunday School. We gave thanks for her dedication to the faith formation of hundreds of children over the decades, for her creativity and cheerfulness.

+ Stan Wold's 30-year milestone as part of Gloria Dei's music ministry. We gave thanks for his gifted musicianship and faithful leadership in the church and the wider community, for his openness to cultivating the musical gifts of our parish, and for his commitment to excellence that encourages everyone to give of our best in praising God.

+ We celebrated graduates from high school and college, and included them in our prayers.

+ We bade farewell and prayed for Amanda and Mike Pokorny as they embarked on a 15-month sailing voyage through the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway, down the Eastern Seaboard through Central America and Panama to the Pacific Ocean, and eventually to a new destination on the West Coast. We gave thanks for their time with us, and plan to follow their journey on their blog:

www.perseverance2015.wordpress.com.

Then there are other moments in our parish's recent life together that also point to God's grace:

+ quilts, health kits, and school kits dedicated and sent through Lutheran World Relief at the Synodical Women's Convention,

+ garden boxes built and filled with soil and tomato plants for use by Steve O'Neil Apartment residents, with whom we now have a relationship,

+ a hot breakfast on the 4th Saturday of the month with our neighbors,

+ fellowship on the softball fields, on the annual fishing trip, or at a youth group get-together or summer camp,

+ monarch butterflies finding the milkweed in our church garden,

+ a Season of Creation, lifting up other components of creation with which we worship, culminating in Lake Superior Sunday July 19,

+ songs and crafts and faith stories at Vacation Bible School in partnership with Trinity during the last week of July.

A teacher of mine once said, *"The world is full of altars – occasions to praise God. All they need is a celebrant."* May this summer be for us all a time of seeing such occasions to give God thanks. Major "landmarks" are wonderful, but every day can be a blessing. Even a baptismal certificate fished out of a dumpster can convey the promise of infinite love – that in death and in life we belong to God and so are his instruments and agents for love in this world.

What a gift to be part of this journey with Christ together.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

plish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). There is nothing you ask us to do, nothing we are ever meant to do, which you do not enable us to do! May we grow in sharing your life-giving Spirit, which "lifts us up where we belong" and which is the hope of the church for the world, the grace made ours in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. - UCC Resources

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.

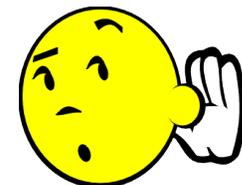
ENDOWMENT FUND - Gloria Dei's Mission Endowment Fund was established in 2010 to enhance God's mission through Gloria Dei by providing an orderly method for receiving and administering contributions to the church through gifts, wills, and other forms of estate planning. Disbursements from interest income support ministry projects at congregational, community, and global levels. To request a brochure, contact the church office or talk to Tom Uecker.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 ~ Olivia Ellis	11 ~ Syliva Sjolie
2 ~ Dana Baker	17 ~ Charlene McKercher
2 ~ Shakira Johnson	19 ~ Greg Garmer
3 ~ Rod Dahlquist	19 ~ Roman Pass
3 ~ Makenna Hills	21 ~ Kathleen Gates
3 ~ Shantrice Johnson	22 ~ Della Curtis
4 ~ Michael Savolainen	24 ~ Andy Switzer
4 ~ Mary Savolainen	28 ~ Nancy Aronson-Norr
5 ~ Donald Hoaglund	28 ~ Tim Maly
5 ~ Heather Winesett	28 ~ Douglas Paulson
7 ~ David Carlson	28 ~ Per Wickstrom
9 ~ Trista Turnbull	

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

From June through 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.



are dependent upon milkweed--it is the only plant upon which females will lay eggs, and it is the only plant caterpillars/larvae will eat. So, a simple equation for this problem is: no milkweed=no monarchs. There are basically two ways you can help. We need to plant milkweed and the nectaring (native) flowers the butterflies need.

Tom Uecker is a member of Gloria Dei's Green Team and the North-eastern MN Synod Creation Care Team. He gives presentations to a variety of groups (schools, state parks, vacation bible school, etc.) about life cycle, migration, and environmental concerns of monarchs. He would be happy to tell/show you how to create habitat for monarchs and will have milkweed seed. He is also happy to bring his show and tell program. You can contact Tom at:218-525-4173 or tlucker1@msn.com.

FINANCE REPORT THRU APR 2015

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 5 months	\$84,167
Actual, 5 months	\$90,065 107%
Difference, <i>ahead</i>	\$ 5,898

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!

SYNOD NEWS

Brenda Tibbetts, Associate in Ministry, has accepted the Synod Council's letter of call as our synod's Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Transition. Brenda will pick up portfolio that Pastor Vicki Taylor has had before retiring, and she will begin working July 1. Brenda has served for the past 14 years as an AiM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia, MN and has been very active with the synod's School of Lay Ministry, Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry, and Laurentian Conference.



SYNOD FINANCES

Northeastern MN Synod bookkeeper, Kathy Wimer, reports that budgeted Congregational Mission Support to April 30 should be \$287,500. The actual received is \$254,697. This shortfall means our synod is currently \$32,803 behind budget. This compares with \$274,131 received during the same period last year, or a decrease in \$19,434.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR SEASON OF PENTECOST

We praise you, O God, for "the power at work within us ... able to accom-

July 5: SKY

"The heavens declare the glory of God," the psalmist proclaims. From the early morning dawn to twilight, the sky reveals God's faithfulness from day to day to the edges of the world, for people under the same canopy, the same atmosphere. At Jesus' death, the darkening sky bears witness to God's saving power in the cross, hidden in solidarity with the forsaken, calling forth faith, and enabling God's children to shine like stars.

Jeremiah 4:23-28, Psalm 19:1-6, Philippians 2:14-18, Matt 27:45-54

July 12: MOUNTAIN

High places have always been settings in which to contemplate God's goodness. For Israel it was Sinai and Zion, for Jesus mountains inspired a sermon, a transfiguration, a commissioning. With the psalmist we lift our eyes to the hills, and with the prophet Isaiah we receive a vision of God's new creation, in which social, civil, and ecological harmony is revealed on the LORD's holy mountain and fulfilled in the love of Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 121, Romans 8:28-39, Mark 16:14-18

July 19: OCEAN (Lake Superior Sunday)

"We praise you, O God, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams," says our thanksgiving for baptism. The same God who sets the sea's limits and knows its depths even from the world's beginning chooses us in Christ to participate in his stewarding work. "With earth and sea and all their creatures," we worship at the feast of all creation, and with Job and Peter, we discover that encountering God will never leave us the same.

Job 38:1-18, Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26, Ephesians 1:3-10, Luke 5:1-11

July 26, 2015 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-18, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

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+

First Holy Communion

Ryan & Oscar Velez-Crane, June 13

Funeral

Donald (Mike) Kohlts, June 16

Tomas Velez, June 24

POTLUCK / FISH FRY AND PARISH CONVERSATION—JULY 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!



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, July 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 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.

EUCHARIST AT EDGEWOOD VISTA, July 8. Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the worship time will be at Edgewood Vista in the chapel on July 8 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC – June 14 was the last Sunday of the regular choir season and a new season will begin in September. The Worship Committee is scheduling special music throughout the summer Sundays. In July, special musicians include Ed Martin (July 12) and Rachel Kilgour (July 26). If you would like to offer special music, please contact Steve Dalager 786-0515 or Karen Bockelman 349-5863.

ONE BREAD, July 19 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is July 19 with portions of the “Earthkeeping Liturgy” developed by Dakota Road. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

SEASON OF CREATION 2015 From June 21 through July 19, each Sunday will focus on a specific aspect of creation, each praising the Creator in its own way. For the past two summers, Gloria Dei has observed this 5-week alternative lectionary beginning with the anniversary weekend of the 2012 Northland Flash Flood and ending with our annual Lake Superior Sunday. Our worship uses portions of the Earthkeeping Liturgy

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.

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of April 30, Radio Ministry has received \$4,986, 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.

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



MONARCHS AND MILKWEED

The monarch butterfly population and migration have dropped significantly in recent years to the point that the migration to Mexico is in danger of disappearing. The last two years have had the lowest counts in history. Over the past 20 years, the North American monarch population has plunged from 1 billion to less than 60 million, due mostly to loss of critical habitat. There is a North American (U.S., Canada, Mexico) continent wide movement to reverse this trend. Leaders of all three countries have signed treaties to work together to save the monarchs.

One way to help is to create more monarch friendly habitat. To do this, we have to stop thinking of milkweed as a weed and think of it as a native plant. We are trying to increase monarch habitat so as to help preserve the monarch migration. As you may or may not know, monarchs



thank you to all of the pastors and congregations of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA. Because of your generous gifts for Building the Center for Changing Lives, Duluth MN, we were able to make our \$100,000 goal to receive the matching dollars provided by Thrivent Financial. We are so excited! Special thanks to Bishop Thomas M. Aitken for suggesting a Mother's Day offering which helped us reach the goal. Some of you are taking your offerings for the Center later this year, and that's just fine by us. The Center for Changing Lives, to be completed in 2016, will provide housing and stability services for homeless and at-risk youth. There are still dollars to raise. (Designated gifts to Gloria Dei marked "LSS CFCL" in the memo, or in the special envelope, in the narthex, may be given any time.) Many blessings to you all!

Rev. Mary Brown, Lutheran Social Services

RUBY'S PANTRY July 16 - Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop has been distributing food at First United Methodist Church (the Coppertop Church) on the third Thursday of every month since 2010. 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. distribution for Ruby's Pantry is 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.



RELAY FOR LIFE, July 17 - For over a decade Gloria Dei has participated in the Duluth Community Relay for Life event. The team has grown but you can still participate. What we really need now is monetary donations. We especially invite survivors to join us. Luminaries will be sold after worship during coffee hour. In addition we will be having root beer float fundraiser after worship in August. Watch for more information. 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.



NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST July 25—All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday June 27 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room.

developed by Dakota Road for Luther College, our quilters have created beautiful paraments for use throughout the summer, and our readings are adapted from the Season of Creation developed by the Australian Lutheran Church. This year's themes are: June 21 – **PLANET EARTH**, June 28 – **BIOREGION**, July 5– **SKY**, July 12 – **MOUNTAIN**, and July 19 – **OCEAN** (Lake Superior Sunday).

SPRING HAS SPRUNG – 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.



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.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – All are welcome to join us at 8:45 in the Hillside Room before worship. July 5, 12, 19 - DVD Discussion: "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" (Ken Burns documentary)

WELCA News

2014 - 2015 was a busy year! 11 Fabric Kits, 21 School Kits, 33 Personal Care Kits, and 26 Quilts were donated by Gloria Dei to Lutheran World Relief and local and regional uses as well. Best of all, we were so very glad to recognize our own Gloria Dei high school graduates with a quilt from the congregation! None of this would be possible without the generosity of all! Thank you all for your donation of time, talent and treasure!



Carol Kelly, Mona Wold and Karen Kjolhaug attended the state-wide WELCA conference that was held at UMD June 12-13. A variety of sessions were offered with interesting presentations on a wide variety of topics. In addition, it was decided that the Lake Superior Conference WELCA Fall Gathering will be held at Gloria Dei October 10, in conjunction with a presentation by theologian Barbara Rossing. She has been invited by the Creation Care team and we in WELCA look forward to being part of this event.

Planning for the 2015 - 2016 year is taking place and we look forward to sharing plans with you. Have a beautiful summer!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

who attended the Mother's Day May 10 Brunch sponsored by Men in Mission at Gloria Dei. Over 100 people attended the Swedish pancake meal raising over \$ 650.00 toward the LSS Center for Changing Lives which was turned in to Trident for matching funds.



Thanks especially to Rick Troy for his leadership. It was great seeing all those young people helping in so many ways.

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. 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.



RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, July 15 - 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 July, we're reading selections from *God and Evolution* edited by Mary Cunningham (2007).

TRINITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Everest!

July 20-24, 9am-Noon For Preschool – 6th graders Cost: \$20 a child

Kids will embark on an "icy" mountain adventure right in our church. At Everest VBS we'll explore one of the most majestic, beautiful places on earth discovering God's power and promises all along the way. Kids will join "climbing crews" to "trek" through stations including science exploration, games, treats, storytelling, and Bible adventure.

-Middle School and High School Volunteers Needed

-Adults Leaders Needed – See Patti for job descriptions

-Supplies Needed: See Patti Maguire to contribute.



opportunities as opposed to a day or a weekend.

+ The group was in agreement that this service week should be bookended with some type of *kick off and closing* volunteer gathering. Further planning and discussion is needed as to time, location, menu and entertainment.

+ Shivon Miller will be developing a *Facebook Page* which will function as an informational resource and guide to the multiple projects available throughout the week.

+ *Intergenerational* projects are encouraged. We should be developing projects where our youngest and oldest can work side by side.

+ Our congregations are our best resource for developing service opportunities. If you have an idea, please speak to Pastor David, Chelsea Froemke, or Carol Kelley—some of Gloria Dei's representatives at this meeting.

+ What partnerships with community organizations could be explored?

+ Tee Shirts are available for participants through Old Lutheran and can be customized with your church's name. Tee shirts are \$6.50 and orders must be placed by August 10, 2015. Visit customerservice@oldlutheran.com or call toll-free (U.S. only) at 1-877-653-5884. Yellow shirts with "Gloria Dei Lutheran" on the back require a group order—speak to Pastor David if interested.

+ Funding is available for these projects through Thrivent Financial's "Action Teams." Existing Thrivent members can go to Thrivent's website and fill out the necessary form to access these funds. Our local contact from Thrivent is Trisha Tappe and she will be able to assist in this process. Trisha's phone number is 218-401-0116.

SETTING THE TABLE (CLOTHS) - Funeral and memorial celebrations are the last caring thing we can do for family and members of Gloria Dei. For the past year, fresh table flowers have been part of those events. There is a new cremains container, and a beautiful pall has been made to fit that. An old Sunday School altar, echoing the shaping and coloring of the altar has been repurposed for use. And now we are hoping to purchase some cloth tablecloths for the Hillside tables. These could be used with our without the lace overlays. To purchase 15 tablecloths, will take about \$500. If you would like to contribute, a gift beyond your regular giving could be made by clearly marking it "tablecloths" when you mail it or place it in the offering plate.

LSS CENTER FOR CHANGING LIVES THANKS –

On behalf of Lutheran Social Service of MN, I send a heartfelt

working outdoors, Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer. You can lower your risk by staying out of the sun during midday (10am-4pm) and remembering to Slip on a shirt, Slop on the 30+ sunscreen, and Slap on a hat!

AND THE OASIS CUP WINNER IS....? Central Hillside Families and the Gabriel Project! Actually, thanks to last minute heroics on Sunday, June 21, Trinity out-raised Gloria Dei \$1370.00 to \$1253.95. Go TLC!!!! Together, the two churches raised **\$2623.95** for Gabriel (somebody blow a horn!). Rest assured that GDL will regain the Cup in 2016, though.



Special thanks to our **God's Work; Our Legs Team:**

- GDL Gold - Conor Weberg, 1:40:25
- GDL Silver - Courtney Josefson, 2:17:08
- GDL Bronze - Tanner Hall, 2:17:49

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



THANK YOU Karin Solom: Wednesday evening, May 13th, Karin Solom taught a number of us first aid and CPR. She is a Red Cross accredited instructor and a great teacher. Terri Erickson said she needed this training because her kids are getting more active and she wants to know what to do in case of an accident or illness. Karin is willing to provide another class later this year. It would be great for all Sunday School teachers and parents to take this training. Watch for details at the end of the summer.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS MTG, July 11 – A planning meeting for ELCA congregations looking ahead to the "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday, Sept 13, and possible collaboration with each other, is being hosted by First Lutheran Church, Duluth, Saturday, July 11, 9:00 a.m. lower level. All interested welcome. There is a lot of excitement surrounding this cooperative venture among congregations in Duluth. Here is a brief summary of the meeting from Kevin Halvorson of First Lutheran:
+ The group decided that in an effort to maximize participation it would be beneficial to approach 2015's God's Work Our Hands as *a week of multiple service*



Holding the Everest area in our Prayers:

During the month of April, many of you may have seen in the news the tragic stories of disaster in the Everest area. On Everest itself there were massive avalanches in which many base camps were destroyed and many died. Cities below Everest suffered mass casualties and total destruction of homes and businesses following the earthquake and aftershocks. As we approach this VBS season, we remember the Everest area in our prayers. Our theme, created by Group Publishing two years ago is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power". We ask that the people around Everest may feel "God's mighty power" with them during this challenging time. Please watch for news of how you can help the people in the Everest area.

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.

HARMONY in the PARK, June 28

Classical Minnesota Public Radio returns to Leif Erikson Park in Duluth for Harmony in the Park this summer. Ensembles that represent Minnesota's mighty choral tradition will fill the summer air with song on June 28 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The events are free and open to the public and are perfect for all ages. Bring your folding lawn chairs or a blanket and your picnic basket and join us for a great evening of music in the great Minnesota outdoors. Performers: Twin Ports Choral Project is a Duluth-Superior-based a capella vocal chamber ensemble directed by Brett Amundson, associate professor of music and Director of Choral Activities at the College of St. Scholastica. Lake Superior Youth Chorus, also led by Artistic Director Bret Amundson, consists of three choirs of young singers in grades 3 through 10. LSYC brings a holistic approach to its music education, emphasizing the growth and personal development of young choral artists. Echoes of Peace Choir got its start 13 years ago when Founding and Artistic Director Sara Thomsen organized it for the Art of Peace event in Duluth, a local response to the event and aftermath of 9/11. It has grown to 75 members. Beyond celebrating the joy of singing, the ensemble's mission is to inspire awareness, action and reflection on critical social issues through music and the arts.



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.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE – Come to play or cheer on the Dei Dreamers! Each game is a Tuesday evening @ UMD:

June 30 – Field #3 - 7:00 p.m. against Peace UCC
 July 7 – Field #1 - 8:00 p.m. against Methodist Enthusiasts
 July 14– Field #3 - 7:00 p.m. against Concordia Lutheran
 July 21 – Field #1 - 7:00 p.m. against St. John's
 July 28 – Field #1 - 7:00 p.m. against New Life Covenant
 Aug 4 – Field #3 - 8:00 p.m. against First Lutheran Flyers



MUSIC CONCERT You are invited to a performance by the Northern Lights International Music Festival students at the First United Methodist Church (the Coppertop), 230 East Skyline Parkway, on Tuesday, July 7 at 11:30 a.m. This is the 12th anniversary season of director and founder, Veda Zuonic. The concert is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the Duluth Area Retired Educators Association (DAREA)



4th ANNUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL AT CAMP VERMILION, July 25, 1-7 p.m. - Great music, great food, great family fun in God's great northwoods! Fun for the whole family—enjoy great music, delicious food, and activities for the kids. Funds raised through food sales, the auction, church basket raffle, and tickets for raffle prizes (Duluth Pack, paddleboards, and a Weber grill) support the programs at Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion. More information at www.vlmcamps.org or 800-331-5148.

SOLAR AUGUST IS COMING

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,

support, and updates about the progress being made, and share with others. Tay Stevenson, Program Development Specialist, Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL)

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

Summer is here! During June, I've been very busy recruiting and promoting Relay for Life and Vacation Bible School. In addition I had the opportunity to learn more about our aging population through a great series of lectures sponsored by UWS. This month the topic was the Allen Cognitive Levels which is a screening tool to measure abilities in people as they experience neurological changes. At the Parish Nurse meeting this month we heard from Sharon Lund, Patient Education Specialist from Essentia Health on tips for writing articles on health education so folks understand it. Check out the article below.



Summer is a busy time for people in the Northland: vacations, family reunions, camp, comings and goings. Even in the midst of our busy-ness, people get sick, or need connection to the church. The Care Team continues to visit, call and bring communion and offer hope to those who don't always get to the sanctuary. Please keep them and the congregation members they serve in your prayers.

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS: Medical people get used to talking in medical jargon without even knowing it. Too often patients and their families don't understand the terms. If you have questions, be sure to ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain in everyday terms. Below is a short list of medical terms in "living room language".

Analgesic = pain reliever
 BID = 2 times a day QID = 4 times a day PRN = when needed
 Benign = not harmful
 Discharged = leave the hospital
 Heart Failure = the heart is getting weaker
 Metastatic = cancer that has spread
 NPO = nothing by mouth (usually before a surgical procedure)
 Pulmonary embolism = blood clot in the lungs
 Radiology = x-rays (sometimes called Imaging)
 Referral = appointment with another doctor

LOWER YOUR RISK OF SKIN CANCER: Summer means playing and