

WORSHIP LEADERS - JUNE



*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
– Psalm 104:30*

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world. Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, has lifted up these four themes since the beginning of her tenure. ELCA Secretary Chris Boerger mentioned them at our Northeastern MN Synod Assembly last month, and they continue to provide a helpful framework for describing the Holy Spirit's work in our life and ministry together.

We are church. *"We are here because God acted in us,"* said Boerger. *"All the things we are doing are because God is at work through us."* I'm always inspired at this annual assembly – our synod is blessed with gifted leaders, wonderful collegiality, and deep faith. Martin Luther defined the church as "the assembly of believers among whom the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered according to the gospel."

+ *Word and sacrament center us in Christ* – both at synod assembly and each week at Gloria Dei. Remembering our Baptism, sharing the Lord's Supper, hearing God's Word remind us that we belong to Christ forever and the Holy Spirit continues to call, gather, and gift us for ministry today.

+ *Dwelling in the Word* is a practice the assembly has had for a number of years: four times throughout the weekend, in addition to worship, for speakers to reflect on a theme or scripture verse – a reminder to us all of the gift of daily scripture reading and prayer.

+ *We give thanks to God* for several Gloria Dei members who are involved in the work of the larger church: Bishop Tom Aitken, Pr. John Dietz (assistant to the bishop), Kathy Wimer (synod bookkeeper), and Patti Maguire, who was just elected to the Synod Council.

We are Lutheran. Boerger likened Lutherans to the sousaphone section of a large musical ensemble: while other Christian denominations contribute many helpful insights, Lutherans provide the strong bass notes that *we are saved by grace through faith.*

+ We need grace to shape our life and ministry, as Bishop Aitken also said: *"My hope for you is to know the depth of Christ's love for you, to go deep and confidently into that love, to grow in understanding your purpose in life, to have a committed Christian friend to talk with and be encouraged by, to give and receive forgiveness, to grow in the joy of your discipleship and live in your baptism, to tell God's story and your story of God's grace in your life."*

+ *Lutherans are also about reformation.* As the ELCA prepares to observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (see www.ELCA500.org), we have an opportunity to celebrate and discern the continuing work of the Spirit, including embracing what one synod resolution lifted up as *eco-reformation.*

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Organist	Barbara Erickson	Mary Garner	Worship Band	Stan Wold
Assisting Minister	Sue Anderson	Kathleen Gates	Tanner Hall	Kristen Hylenski
Sound Technician	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Nancy Gangeness	Ed Martin	Cassie Borges	Mark Johnson
Acolytes	Martha Carlson & Christian Leight	Journey Amundson & Shamayah Johnson	Molly Weberg & Morgan Winner	Raine Amundson & Noah Winesett
Ushers	David & Nancy Gangeness	Sandi Johnson & Mary Gagnon	Per & Elaine Wickstrom	Wayne & Joann McCall
Nursery Attendants	Terri Erickson	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve
Counters	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Mary Gagnon & Gerald Erickson	Bob & Carol Kelley
Coffee Servers	Quilting Group	Sherry Dalager	Eve Gathering	Rick & Marcia Troy & Ryan & Julie Jagim
Communion Assistant	Julie Jagim & Barb Renick	Julie Jagim & Ryan Jagim	Julie Jagim & Craig Haugan	Julie Jagim & Munda Forbort

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of June is Judy Oman, Corrine Helmen & Carol Kelley

We are church together. “God has placed us into relationship,” Boerger said. It was a real privilege to have Bishop Martín Girón and other delegates from the Lutheran Church of Honduras with us at assembly. The Spirit of unity in the midst of diversity pervaded the assembly as they participated in worship in Spanish through scripture reading, leading prayers, and assisting with the ordination of a new pastor, Mark Wagner.

+ *Companion synod relationships are marked by accompaniment*, which means walking together with Christ and acknowledging the gifts each one brings for mutual learning and upbuilding.

+ *Accompaniment* characterizes local relationships too. Think of CHUM, which is about 40 faith communities in Duluth working together to provide food, shelter, dignity and hope. Think also of Lutheran Social Service of MN, a major focus for us last month, especially regarding the building of the Center for Changing Lives to help homeless youth.

Many thanks to all who have participated: since January, Gloria Dei has contributed over \$3300 toward this cause, including over \$2000 in May alone – praise the Lord!

We are church for the sake of the world. “We are a church that is known for showing up in disasters and staying to the end,” said Boerger. Less than a week after the first earthquake in Nepal this spring, he said quilts – perhaps some made in our synod – were arriving there as he spoke.

+ He mentioned the *Lutheran Malaria Initiative*, saying the \$15 million goal we set will be reached this year and that malaria deaths have been cut in half since the initiative began. The assembly brought in \$20,277 for *ELCA World Hunger* relief through financial gifts, quilts, and other handmade items.

+ The assembly also passed a resolution to raise awareness and funds for Phebe Hospital in Liberia. With the electric grid destroyed in civil war, the hospital relies on diesel generators for power. Over the last year or so, the Women of the ELCA from our synod have started partnering with RREAL to plan the installation of solar panels there. It is an initiative that has also been endorsed by the national WELCA and will be lifted up at the Synod WELCA Gathering at UMD on June 13, and later this year.

Behind all these inspiring developments, Chris Boerger reminded us, “The church is about more than being a service organization; it is about *re-presenting Christ in the world.*” This month as summer begins, these pages remind us of how we as Gloria Dei are also church... together... for the sake of the world. Thanks be to God for the Holy Spirit, who centers us in Christ, nurtures us in faith, and makes all things in our life and ministry possible.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

FINANCE REPORT THRU APR 2015

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 4 months	\$67,333
Actual, 4 months	\$69,377 103%
Difference, <i>ahead</i>	\$ 2,043

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 as we begin entering the summer months!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR SEASON OF PENTECOST

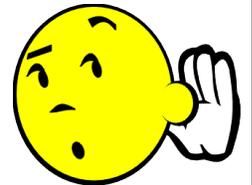
We praise you, O God, for “the power at work within us ... able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20). There is nothing you ask us to do, nothing we are ever meant to do, which you do not enable us to do! May we grow in sharing your life-giving Spirit, which “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.

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.



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 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 Northeastern 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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 ~ Samantha Stevens	11 ~ Deonta lew
2 ~ Jonas Ekse	12 ~ Craig Haugan
2 ~ John Sorensen	14 ~ Erik Forbort
3 ~ Gordon Carlson	17 ~ June Chesney
3 ~ Tanner Hall	17 ~ Ryan Jagim
3 ~ Annagrace Norr	18 ~ Shaniyah Johnson
5 ~ Sherry Dalager	19 ~ Beckie Aitken
5 ~ Adeline Moe	24 ~ Jacqueline Wicklund
10 ~ Shalonda Johnson	26 ~ Connie McGurk
10 ~ Alivia Swanson	27 ~ Ruth Andersen
11 ~ Annika Gangeness	30 ~ Loren Anderson-Bauer

Sunday, June 7, 2015 Second Sunday after Pentecost

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Genesis 3:8–15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1, Mark 3:20–35

Sunday, June 14, 2015, Third Sunday after Pentecost

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding. Ezekiel 17:22–24, Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15, 2 Corinthians 5:6–10[11–13] 14–17, Mark 4:26–34

Sunday, June 21, 2015, “Season of Creation” - PLANET EARTH

The earth is not simply a stage on which human redemption occurs but is an integral part of God's creative and redeeming purposes. The image of our home – the blue, green, and white swirl rising above the lunar landscape – compelled astronauts to read from Genesis, “In the beginning God created...” The Word through whom all things were made reflects God's indwelling love that fills the whole earth, becoming enfleshed in creation to heal it from within. Genesis 1:1-25, Psalm 33:1-9, Acts 17:22-28, John 1:1-14

Sunday, June 28, 2015, “Season of Creation” - BIOREGION

In a culture of anxiety, Jesus points to birds and lilies to illustrate the trust in God's providence he desires for his disciples. Seeking first the reign of God for all creation brings the bioregional concept of thinking globally and acting locally into the context of faith. God, who forgets none of his creatures, enables us to sing with them a new song and bear the fruit of his righteousness for the well-being of the land.

Isaiah 49:8-16a, Psalm 98, Colossians 1:3-12, Matthew 6:24-34

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+

Burial

Fern Cooper, May 29

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Staff & Members,

Our sincerest appreciation for your hospitality and willingness to host the "Pedals, Pipes and Pizza Event" on April 25th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists had 6 scholarship students play for the recital and 24 students as well as several adults participate in the event. Your involvement made the event successful!

Carol Donahue, chair

Education & Scholarship Committee - Arrowhead Chapter, A.G.O.

CHOIR REHEARSAL, June 3 - Monthly on the 1st Wed 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, June 7 – 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 St. Ann's, June 7. Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the worship time will be at St. Ann's on June 7 at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

MANY THANKS to the **Rev. Karen Bockelman** for leading worship at Gloria Dei on June 7 when Pastor Carlson is attending a theological conference. Karen is a retired pastor and long-time member of Gloria Dei. Also thanks to the **Rev. John Dietz** for leading worship on June 21 when Pastor Carlson is on vacation. A member of Gloria Dei, John is Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern MN Synod. Also thanks to the **Rev. Doug Paulson** for preaching on June 28. Also a member of Gloria Dei, Doug serves as Campus Pastor of UMD and is the Director of the Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers. Pastor Carlson is planning to preside that morning.

CHOIR SEASON AND SPECIAL MUSIC – A special thank you to all choir members and to Music Director Stan Wold and Organists Barba-

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 Patti to join the team.



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



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 June 27—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.



CALLING ALL RUNNERS! If you're running any Grandma's events (Marathon, Half, 5K), you can help us raise money for CHUM's Gabriel Fund! Every June, we join with Trinity Lutheran and Grandma's to see who can raise the most to support Central Hillside families! Last year, we won the Oasis Cup back. We need to keep it! If you're running, or know someone who is running who would love to be the legs (God's work; our



Legs) of GDL, let Steve Dalager know @ dalager@charter.net or 218-391-4523. Runners have no obligation other than to run, run, run!



CHUM RHUBARB FESTIVAL JUNE 27

The 11th Annual CHUM Rhubarb Festival is June 27, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 11th Avenue East and London Road. A wonderful event for a great cause, featuring rhubarb delicacies, including hundreds of pies, muffins, and crisps as well as rhubarb brats and burritos. A variety of games and crafts, live musical performances, and a silent auction promise a day of fun and entertainment for the entire family. And the best part? Admission is free!

PIE MAKING FOR THE RHUBARB FESTIVAL— Look for more information in the weekly bulletins - for dates and times for gathering with Trinity Church to make pies for the Rhubarb Festival. Also for dates and times for collecting , washing and chopping the rhubarb. If you have extra Rhubarb—see Carol Kelley.

ra Erickson and Mary Garmer for their dedication and for sharing their gifts of music to the glory of God. June 14 is the last Sunday of the regular choir season and a new season will begin in September. The Worship Committee is beginning to schedule special music throughout the summer Sundays. If you would like to offer special music, please contact Steve Dalager 786-0515 or Karen Bockelman 349-5863.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MUSIC MINISTRY, June 14 - We give thanks to God for the gifts of Dr. Stan Wold, who has been involved with the worship and music ministry of Gloria Dei for 30 years this year and Director of Music for nearly all of that time. Join us during coffee hour on June 14, the last Sunday of the choral season, to honor Stan and Mona for their faithful commitment to the ministry of Gloria Dei.

HARP RECITAL, June 14 - Martha Carlson is a harp student of Janelle Lamire in the Suzuki program and has reserved the sanctuary for a short recital at 2:00 p.m. on June 14. All are invited.



ONE BREAD, June 21 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is June 21 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 week-end of the 2012 Northland Flash Flood and ending with our annual Lake Superior Sunday. Our worship uses portions of the Earthkeeping Liturgy 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.

INTERGENERATIONALSUNDAY SCHOOL, June 7 — “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 recap our year of Jesus’ parables. See you there!

HONORING GRADUATES, June 7 - Congratulations and God’s blessings to all graduating this year, including high school grads Joe Birdseye, Danielle Cieluch, Annagrace Norr, Jesse Moody, and Lubov Willms; and college grads Maia Dalager (UM Morris), Erin Maly (UMD), Lisa Rogers (Luther College), and Lauren Willms (St. Cloud State).



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING, June 7 - On this last Sunday School Sunday for the year, we want to thank all Sunday School teachers and note a special anniversary with a special thank-you to Barb Renick, who has taught Sunday School for 50 years! Join us at this Sunday’s coffee hour, as we honor not only graduates, but also all Sunday School teachers, and especially Barb on this special day.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – All are welcome to join us at 8:45 in the Hillside Room before worship.

June 7—Intergenerational Sunday School—“Holy Parables” recap
 June 14—Report from Pastor Carlson about the “Pandopopulus” Theological and Ecological Conference in Claremont, CA he attended June 4-8
 June 21—Conversation with Pr. John Dietz, member of Gloria Dei and Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop of the North-eastern MN Synod
 June 28—Conversation with Pr. Doug Paulson, member of Gloria Dei and Campus Pastor at UMD and Director of the Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers

YOUTH GROUP, June 13 – All youth going into 7th Grade and up – enjoy an afternoon of fun at the Weberg home, 4101 Hemlock Dr. (end of Howard Gnesen Rd), Saturday, June 13, beginning at 1:00pm. Wear clothes appropriate for outdoor activities (net games, bocce ball, trampoline, bean bag toss) and at a nearby lake (canoeing, possibly swimming), weather permitting. Come for as much or as little time as you can – dinner is being planned, and there is the possibility of staying overnight in tents or bunk-

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS MTG, May 30 – A planning meeting for ELCA congregations looking ahead to the “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday, Sept 13, and possible collaboration with each other for large projects, is being hosted by First Lutheran Church, Duluth, Saturday, May 30, 10:00 a.m. lower level. All interest-ed welcome.



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 –

The Center for Changing Lives, to be completed in 2016, will provide housing and stability services for homeless and at-risk youth. Thanks to all who have participated in giving above their regular offering for this project. Including proceeds from the Mother’s Day Brunch, Gloria Dei raised over \$2000 in May, that will be matched 50% by Thrivent, and a total of over \$3300 since January. Designated gifts to Gloria Dei marked “LSS CFCL” in the memo, or in the special envelope, in the narthex, may be given any time.

RUBY’S PANTRY JUNE 19 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

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.

SERVICE & JUSTICE UPDATE

by Maury Aaseng

CHUM: Dinner was served at CHUM on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. We are looking for a date to serve dinner at the Steve O'Neil Apartments. The Rhubarb Festival coming up, at First Lutheran Church on June 27th. Volunteers needed for Saturday morning setup (7:00 am) and take down (4:00 pm). Proceeds go to CHUM.

Lutheran Social Service: The Homeless Youth Luncheon was on May 7th at the Greysolon Ballroom.

Proceeds from Mother's Day Breakfast went towards the Center for Changing Lives.

Reconciling Works: A special service for PRIDE Sunday will be held at Gloria Dei on Sep. 6th. There will be a soup lunch on Oct. 4th to raise funds for the Welcoming Ministries Committee.

Tax Service: Tom Ueker is looking for a volunteer to help prepare taxes at CHUM from 12–5 on Wednesdays during next year's tax season. They will teach you everything you need to know; the process is largely automated. This last year's effort brought \$600,000–700,000 in refunds back to Duluth citizens, many of them living with financial hardships. Please contact him if you might be interested in learning more.

GARDEN OF EATIN' PROJECT, May 29 –

We are going to build 6 boxes for raised bed gardening on Friday, May 29th at 1:00 pm at Sue Anderson's garage at 1002 N Central Avenue, Duluth. More about the overall plan for the Steve O'Neil apartments gardening project: they already have built several larger garden beds and now are using these smaller ones for specific available areas. When we meet to build them, we will get more specifics on what plants they will need, but it will probably be tomatoes. Needed materials are being purchased through our Thrivent Action Team grant. A date for installing the beds at the apartment complex will be set by June 5. We have T shirts from Thrivent and need names and addresses of team members in order to take a picture of our project.



house at the Webergs (bring a sleeping bag), along with getting up in time to attend worship the next day! RSVP to Cara at 724-0886 and let us know what you can bring for snacks or supper – side dish, salad, chips, soda (some grilled things will be provided), plans for staying overnight, logistics, or for more information. 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. 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, June 17 - 8 a.m. at Valenti'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 June, we're reading a chapter from the *Oxford Handbook of Religion & Science* on "Judaism and Science" by Norbert Samuelson (2006), available from Pastor Carlson. Our guest that morning will be Rabbi David Steinberg from Temple Israel.

Volunteer and Register Today!

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

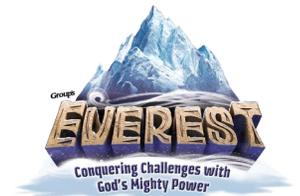
-Adults Leaders Needed – See Patti for job descriptions

-Supplies Needed: Donation coupons will be posted in June.

Congregation members are invited to take a coupon, purchase the needed supply and return it to church prior to the date listed on the coupon. Donations are greatly appreciated and help make VBS possible at Trinity.

Holding the Everest area in our Prayers:

During the month of April, many of you may have seen in the news the



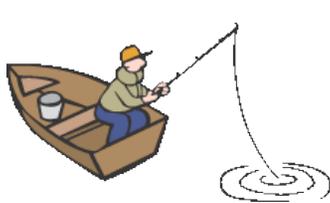
tragic stories of disaster in the Everest area. On Everest itself there were massive avalanches in which many base camps were destroyed and many died. Cities below Everest suffered mass casualties and total destruction of homes and businesses following the earthquake and aftershocks. As we approach this 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.

MEN IN MISSION – Thanks to the many people who made contributions of ingredients, time, and effort for the Mother's Day Swedish Pancake brunch. Through the proceeds and in-kind gifts that weekend, Gloria Dei Lutheran Men in Mission was able to make a \$650 contribution to LSS for the Center for Changing Lives.



GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will meet on Tuesday June 2 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.



JOHN ISAACSON MEMORIAL FISHING TRIP, June 12 – A full day of fellowship and charter fishing on the big lake awaits you with the group that provides fish for Lake Superior Sunday. Organized by the Men's Ministry and open to all. For more info or to sign up, contact Per Wickstrom 728-2563 or

perelaine@chartermi.net.

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.

CHURCH SOFTBALL – Gloria Deidreamers

Submitted by, Coach Paul (Steklenski)



Hi everyone! The 2015 church summer softball season is upon us. A few of our players are retiring so we are hoping to get some new recruits. Skill level isn't important...just the desire to have fun. We play one game a week for one hour at one of the UMD softball fields against another church softball team. It is fun to play and fun to come with your chair and cheer the team on! If you can't come to all the games no worries.... make the ones you can! Please plan to sign up with Carol Uecker or me. The season starts @ June 2nd and we will have one more practice May 31 at 1:00 at Chester Bowl Park. Questions about church softball or the Gloria Deidreamers team.... Please ask Carol or me.

WELCA CONVENTION AT UMD, June 12-13 - All women invited to our 2015 Summer Convention/Gathering at UMD. Our theme is "Trust in the Lord" from Proverbs 3:5-6. We are delighted to have Pastor Trish Jorgensen from Longville as our Chaplain. Our keynote speaker will be Ilene Rice, a nationally renowned author, who will talk about suicide. In addition, the in-kind truck will be parked in Lot J-3 collecting quilts, kits and gifts. There are scholarships available for young women to attend (ages 18-45). Registrations are still being taken. For more info, see the newsletter "Northern Lights" on our website www.nemnsynodwomen.org, or contact Karen K @ 591-3432.



PV FOR PHEBE PROJECT UPDATE

Momentum continues to pick up for the PV for Phebe mission! After our synod passed a resolution declaring "Solar August" to raise funds and awareness for our Brothers and Sisters in faith at Phebe Hospital in Liberia (who must run their hospital with only a diesel generator), the Northwestern Minnesota Synod has rallied to our call and have passed a resolution of support for the project. Word is continuing to spread about this life-giving mission - so how can you help? An easy way to support PV for Phebe is to like the project page! Go to www.facebook.com/SkipTheGrid and hit "Like" to show your support, keep updated about the progress being made, and share the good news with your friends. Consider "liking" the page and then "sharing" it with three of your friends in other synods!

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