



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. – 1 John 4:7-8

From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Love is the way forward. Nearly 30 million Americans watched the live broadcast of the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in the U.K. last month. It was a beautiful wedding, and it was also an opportunity for people to hear an outstanding sermon by a church leader from the U.S. who represents Christianity very well on the world stage. If you haven't seen the 13-minute sermon by Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry, I encourage you to watch it online. For his homily about love dug deeply into scripture and described a vision of God's love that in addition to shaping personal relationships also could describe *God's call for us as individually and collectively as people of faith.*

He began with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: *"We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that, we will be able to make of this old world a new world, for love is the only way."* Bishop Curry spoke of the power of love to bring people together and of *God as the source of love.* He referenced the medieval song affirming that "where true love is found God is dwelling there" and the African American spiritual "there is a balm in Gilead" that led him to *"tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all"* (ELW # 642, 614):

He gave up his life, he sacrificed his life, for the good of others, for the good of the other, for the wellbeing of the world ... for us. That's what love is. Love is not selfish and self-centered. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives, and it can change this world.

If you don't believe me, just stop and imagine. Think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine our neighborhoods and communities where love is the way. Imagine our governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce where this love is the way. Imagine this tired old world where love is the way.

When love is the way – unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive – when love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again. When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook. When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary. When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more. When love is the way, there's plenty good room – plenty good room – for all of God's children. Because when love is the way, we actually treat each other like we are actually family. When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all, and we are brothers and sisters, children of God.

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Organist	Mary Garmer	Barbara Erickson	Mary Garmer	Worship Band
Assisting Minister	Tanner Hall	Kristen Hylenski	Linda Kalweit	Journey Amundson
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Diane Meehan	Maury Aaseng	Roger Oman	Linda Kalweit
Acolytes	Samantha Stevens & Maggie Wiresett	Brynn & Adrian Erickson	Mackenzie Albright & Raine Amundson	Samantha Stevens & Maggie Wiresett
Ushers	Julie & Ryan Jagim	Candice & Bob Maki	Alison & Duane Stucke	Linda Kalweit & Paul Steklenski
Nursery Attendants	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve
Counters	Kristen Hylenski & Laura Hoeller	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson
Coffee Servers	Nancy Gangeness	Quilting Group	Eve Gathering	Patti Maguire Relay 4 Life fundraiser
Communion Assistant	Craig Haugan	Craig Haugan	Craig Haugan	Craig Haugan
Altar Guild	Judy Oman & Susan Anderson	Barb Renick & Sherry Dalager	Elaine W., Ruth W. & Stephanie C.	Marlaine Willms & Alison Stucke

This love is “*agape*” – God’s love. And while it can sometimes seem abstract even when we add words like self-giving, unconditional, gracious and free, Bishop Curry reminds us *how concrete and transforming* it can be when it is shown. For it seeks to address poverty and hunger, it works for peace through justice and harmony with the earth, it overcomes division and practices inclusion of the other and all the while glorifies God.

Love is the way forward. How thankful we can be for opportunities this month to welcome such love and, along with royals and celebrities, to imagine the redeeming potential of God’s love for our own lives and ministry.

+ Worship – We hear God’s love in scripture and hymns, liturgy and prayers, children sermons and homilies. We see God’s saving love in the waters of baptism to which we return each week. We taste God’s love in and under the bread and wine of the Eucharist, Christ’s body and blood, forgiving and renewing us on the journey of faith. This month we start our 6th Season of Creation, mindful that God’s love encompasses the whole earth community.

+ Learning – Love brings faith into dialogue with everyday life, and this month we give thanks another Sunday School year culminating in our inter-generational exploration of the “Great Cloud of Witnesses.” June 3 we bless graduates as they enter a new chapter in life, and in weeks following we study the ELCA Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice.

+ Fellowship – Loving the neighbor happens through relationships. Two new opportunities for building relational bridges in our community include the Family Freedom Center in Lincoln Park with African American neighbors and the synod’s Together Here initiative with Native American neighbors.

+ Service – Love can be as concrete and ordinary as serving French toast at the breakfast or supper at Chum Church, or rehabbing a garden. June 23 we send five of our members to the ELCA National Youth Gathering and the Synod Journey, which will involve service projects and hurricane recovery.

+ Stewardship – Faithful use of God’s gifts is also a sign of God’s love at work. June 10 we hear an rebuilding update that will include a presentation of the altar window, and continue keep this whole process in our prayers.

“*There’s power in love,*” Bishop Curry said. “There’s power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. There’s power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There’s power in love to show us the way to live.” May we always find our way forward in the redemptive love of God.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

** Please note, as of this writing, the first draft of Johnson Wilson’s guaranteed maximum price for Phase 3 has come in significantly higher than the estimate we have been using for Phase 3 in our expected expenses. As that figure is further refined we plan to share an update on June 10 as part of the when there will be a presentation on the altar window from the stained glass subcommittee.

June 2018 Earth Stewardship Tips

- “Large, corporate farms *appear* to be more productive than small farms because they use few human laborers. But when productivity is measured as production of food *per acre* or *per unit of energy*, then it is small farms that are more productive.”
- “Small family farms struggle to compete without the Federal subsidies given to corporate farms. If herbicides, pesticides and fuel were taxed (instead of subsidized) to include all their unpaid polluting costs, then the true price of corporate-farm products would be higher.”
- “Small family-farmers describe corporate farming as something closer to *strip mining* than farming. It produces short-term gain in exchange for long-term social/natural losses. It is depleting the soil, small towns and species habitat.”
- We are the only species that takes large quantities of nutrients from the soil but rarely puts them back in a usable form. Our agricultural and industrial systems are designed this way. This is sad, because it is not the only way. It is, however, profitable for a few, for now.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 ~ Samantha Stevens 2 ~ Jonas Eske 2 ~ John Sorensen 3 ~ Gordon Carlson 3 ~ Tanner Hall 3 ~ Mason Hills 3 ~ Anna Grace Norr 5 ~ Sherry Dalager 5 ~ Adeline Moe 7 ~ Joan Fechtelkotter 8 ~ Andrea Asleson 10 ~ Marilyn Heltzer	11 ~ Deonta Lew 12 ~ Craig Haugan 14 ~ Erik Forbort 17 ~ June Chesney 17 ~ Ryan Jagim 17 ~ Dan Lew 19 ~ Beckie Aitken 24 ~ Jacqueline Wicklund 25 ~ Diana Meehan 26 ~ Connie McGurk 27 ~ Ruth Andersen 30 ~ Loren Anderson-Bauer
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Ryan Jagim, co-chair

As I was reflecting on the May 20 dedication of our commitment pledges, I was reminded of the phrase on our T-shirts "**God's work** Our hands". On March 25, when as a congregation we celebrated Commitment Sunday, I still remember the jubilation and applause as we announced the pledge total at our luncheon at St. Mary's. This process of discernment following our fire has helped us continue to focus on **God's work**, not only in rebuilding our church at 6th Avenue, but continuing the ministries that are important to our congregation during this time of rebuilding. Our hands have worked together not only in the planning process for rebuilding our church (Terri Erickson has an update in the June Dei by Day) but in our capital campaign fund-raising. Since our celebration on March 25, we have continued to increase our commitment pledge total which now stands at \$490,892 (98.2% of our \$500,000 goal. Another milestone that we have reached at our May 20th Dedication Sunday is that we have received over \$100,000 in fulfilling our pledges. Our Capital Campaign Committee, our Capital Campaign Leadership Team, our church staff (Pastor David, Donna Gerdes, Kathy Wimer, Patti Maguire), and the dedicated response of our Congregational members in putting our hands together to do God's work. These dedicated have and will continue to help us reach our financial goals.

Our Skorich Barbecue hosted by St. Michael's and supported by Thrivent Action Grants submitted by David and Nancy Gangeness on May 20th raised \$1,600. These efforts and more efforts planned for this year will continue to help us reach our \$300,000 community fund-raising goal. The amazing and anonymous \$200,000 donation remind us of the generosity of those around us. We continue to plan efforts directed toward community individuals, businesses and organizations.

As we encounter unexpected costs in rebuilding Gloria Dei (sprinkler systems, abatement costs, needed upgrades in plumbing costs) as well as anticipating expected costs for replacing furnishings, we continue to present a snapshot of our current financial picture through April 2018.

Revenue in Hand (Insurance Payments, Rebuilding Fund Gifts, Rebuilding Fund Commitments Received, Mission Investment Fund Interest)	\$4,189,098.06
Expected Revenues (City Fire Escrow, Brotherhood Mutual Code Upgrades)	\$744,079
Total Revenues	\$4,933,177.06
Total Expenses (Full Amount of Signed Contract minus Payments Made to Date)	\$5,204,702.45 **
Balance Needed	\$271,525.39 **

**Sunday, June 3, 2018 Pentecost 2**

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work any one else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23--3:6

Sunday, June 10, 2018 Pentecost 3

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 17, 2018 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 24, 2018 Season of Creation - 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

+ LIFE'S LANDMARKS +

Marriage

Kate McDonald and Sean Sutherland, May 26

Funeral

Emma Laine, May 10

Betty Lavin, May 19

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, June 3 - 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 ST. ANN'S, June 3 - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month a Holy Communion service is at St. Ann's on June 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.

HELP WITH SUPPER AT CHUM CHURCH, June 10 - Gloria Dei will be serving supper at CHUM Church on Sunday, June 10th. We will need people to provide food and also help with serving the meal and clean up. Pre-worship gathering is at 4:00pm, worship at 4:35, and supper is served at 5:15pm. If you are able to help out with this, please contact Sue Anderson at 390-6547 or susanfanderson@yahoo.com.

MANY THANKS to Bishop Tom Aitken for preaching and leading worship today while Pastor Carlson is at the ELCA National Youth Gathering. A member of Gloria Dei along with his wife Beckie, Tom has served as bishop of the Northeastern MN Synod since 2008. Join him for conversation about the ministry of our synod during Adult Forum before worship as well.

SEASON OF CREATION 2018 From June 17 through July 15, each Sunday will focus on a specific aspect of creation, each praising the Creator in its own way.

For the past five 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 Earth-keeping 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 17 – **PLANET EARTH**, June 24 – **MOUNTAIN**, July 1– **SKY**, July 8 – **BIOREGION**, July 15 – **OCEAN** (Lake Superior Sunday).



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.



MOVING FORWARD COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Terri Erickson

Current construction progresses with primary work focusing around the elevator shaft, mechanical and electrical installation. A large steel beam has been installed to shore up the existing structure around the shaft which will allow the construction of the surrounding walls and waterproofing to begin. The mechanical and electrical contractors are in the attic working on the installation of the sprinkler system and electrical wiring.



The slope of the new sanctuary floor is currently being evaluated by the architect, altar window artist and sub-committee for various seating options, furniture layout and desirable altar facade sight lines. The kitchen sub-committee met with the kitchen designer to review the kitchen layout in regards to circulation, various church functions, equipment and storage requirements. Once approved, installation of plumbing for this area with ensue. Several members involved with the choir, band and worship teams met with the sound consultant to review requirements for our various services and events. The acoustical evaluation process will include a digital assessment of our sanctuary space to help determine how we design our system for the best possible sound potential. Several members helped with a day of disassembling and transporting gently used Herman Miller office furniture to our current trailer storage for possible future use in our new office spaces. This was gifted to Gloria Dei from John Goldfine of Duluth, past president of ZMC hotels.

Phase 3 construction documents were completed in early May and Johnson Wilson has completed an updated cost estimate of this portion of work for review and approval. These costs will be evaluated and the design manipulated accordingly to assure that we are still on track with the budget. This phase consists of interior non-structural elements such as wall partitions, plumbing fixtures, casework, materials and finishes. Portions of work remaining to be designed and assessed include the main entry canopy and the north exterior planter.

Please contact Ryan Jagim (218-464-0675, rdjagim@gmail.com) or Terri Erickson (715-398-0502, tlricks@centurytel.net) with comments or questions over the summer.

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 \$4561 which is \$561 ahead our budget needs. This surplus includes funds from the anniversary appeal in March, but there is ongoing funding need. 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 or FM 98.1 - WDSM Radio, since 1942

VIDEO STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET

+ Live Video streaming of our worship is available each on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
+ We are experimenting with inexpensive live streaming options.
+ Visit: <http://gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/livestreamingworship.html>

STEWARDSHIP

Our stewardship celebrates the abundance and the value of God's gifts, practicing sustainability and generosity as joyful expressions of God's love for all creation.

FINANCE REPORT THRU APR 2018

Needed per month \$19,500; per week \$4,500
Envelope Offerings:
Budget, 4 months \$78,000
Actual, 4 months \$82,997 106.4%
Difference, ahead \$4,997



Thank you for supporting God's Mission through the ministry of Gloria Dei. 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!

SPECIAL MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER - 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.

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, June 3 - "A Great Cloud of Witnesses." Christians of all times and places witness to God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ, and we can learn much about faith through their lives and writings. Through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we become part of the Communion of Saints too, knit together into the church, inspired by the Spirit for faith and courage today. Join us once a month for singing, bible verses, crafts and conversations that will focus on God's people throughout history and across the world. See you there!

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR, June 3 - Thanks to all students, parents, and teachers for a great year! We will reconvene with Rally Sunday, September 9. God's blessings over the summer!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING 2017-18 - In keeping with the intergenerational theme of "A Great Cloud of Witnesses" this year, the Sunday School will be raising funds to support two projects, one local and one global, with the goal of raising \$500 for each project.

+ Synod Journey/ ELCA Youth Gathering Projects - as youth from Gloria Dei begin preparing for the National Youth Gathering, this will support their service projects, offering, and travel there.

+ Bright Stars of Bethlehem - a U.S. charitable organization that supports the outreach ministries of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem to build hope and a brighter future for the Palestinian people. Bright Stars is currently raising funds to match the grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to construct the new Library and Multimedia Resource Center at Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem. Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb is the President and Co-Founder of Christmas Lutheran's multiple ministries.

HONORING GRADUATES, June 3 - Congratulations to all those from Gloria Dei who are graduating this year: Dan Pass from Esko High School and Joey Peterson from Denfeld High School. We plan to honor high school on Sunday, June 3, and include all grads in our prayers.



ADULT FAITH FORUM – All are welcome to join us at 8:45:
 June 3 - Intergenerational Sunday School - “A Great Cloud of Witnesses”
 June 10 & 17 - ELCA Social Statement Draft “Women and Justice”
 June 24 - Conversation with Bishop Tom Aitken

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, June 6 - 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! This month, we’re reading God of Earth by Kristin Swenson.

EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, June 13 - The Oreck-Alpern Inter-religious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a study group on environmental stewardship, facilitated by Pastor Carlson. These sessions explore a variety of spiritual perspectives that recognize our deep creaturely interrelatedness, lament our negative impact on the earth’s well-being, and highlight our vocation as stewards. This study group meets this month on Wednesday June 13 from 8-9 a.m. at Sara’s Table. We are reading Earth Honoring Faith by Larry Rasmussen.

TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, June 19 - Most “First Word” bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. All are welcome! But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

TOGETHER HERE - A task force of the Northeastern MN Synod, Together Here is about cultivating awareness and relationships of accompaniment between our faith communities and indigenous communities. This month a series of events begins June 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with viewing the film “The Doctrine of Discovery” and discussion at Hope Lutheran, Moose Lake. It continues August 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a presentation and discussion on “Understanding Treaty Rights” with Dr. Joseph Bauerkemper at Concordia Lutheran in Duluth.

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.

STAINED GLASS PROJECT - Thanks to all who have helped clean the pieces of stained glass from our old windows: Glenita Geving and grandson Zane, Marianne Kjolhaug, Munda Forbort, Sharon Stenberg,

Catherine Anderson, the Synod’s Youth Director, in all aspects of the trip for the 450 young people from our area. I will be gone from June 21 to July 1st. Contact the office if you have specific needs, otherwise you could reach me on my cell 218-341-6821.

Gloria Dei RELAY for LIFE team needs YOU! This year’s Duluth Community Relay for Life event is Friday, July 20th from 6-midnight at the College of St Scholastica. Relays raise money and awareness about cancer. Too many families are face cancer diagnoses each day. Gloria Dei has participated for almost two decades and we need YOUR HELP.

- 1) Please join our team - it is always more fun with more people! The theme is “Shoot for the Stars!” so our team will be dressed as spacemen or little green Martians!
- 2) Register or donate on-line by going to the Gloria Dei page www.relay.acsevents.org or contact Patti for more information.
- 3) Support the team by selling luminary bags during coffee hour in July. Each bag you purchase for \$10 is personalized to honor someone who has had cancer, or to remember those who died of this terrible disease.

Need a referral? Call 211 - this free resource service sponsored by the United Way is available 24/7 by phone or on-line at www.211.org. They have access to local, state and national resources.

Make It OK - Tips for talking to folks experiencing mental illness: Mental illness is a touchy subject, creating voids in conversation. Below are a few suggestions of from NAMI on what to say when talking to people going through mental illness.

- 1) Stop the Silence - If someone shares with you that they are experiencing a mental illness, they are opening themselves up to you in a big way. Ask questions, show concern and avoid awkward silences.
- 2) Be Nice - It sounds simple enough, but try to say things with openness, warmth & caring.
- 3) Listen - In your conversation, try to do more of the listening and less trying to “fix” things.
- 4) Keep in Contact - Offer to be available by phone, text, email, or meet in person. Just be there.
- 5) Don’t Ignore It - Don’t be afraid to ask about someone’s well-being if you think they might be hurting. Trust your judgement.
- 6) Offer Help - Everyone is different, and may want very specific help, or no help at all. Either way, ask and be open to the answer.

For more information, contact NAMI-MN or the local NAMI-Duluth Area office at (218-409-6566) or contact www.makeitok.org

FAIR TRADE All profits from the Fair Trade table will be going to the rebuilding fund for Gloria Dei. If there are certain items you want available, tell Tom at the Fair Trade table. New items include Will Stenberg photos on magnets and bookmarks. These items are donated by Will.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD ACCESSORIES - At our next clothing tag sale we would like to offer other accessories like purses, belts, scarves and jewelry (necklaces, earrings, bracelets, pins). If you have any gently used items like this that you would like to contribute to the clothing tag sales, please contact Kathy Wimer. The date for the next tag sale will be posted soon.

CHUM FOOD SHELF AT FAITH - Distribution at 51st and Glenwood is held on Mondays from 11-1. We are in need of volunteers. You can train the day you serve with someone who is already volunteering as we try for 3 people each week. To volunteer please contact Betty Wolterstorff at 728-2600 or Ruth Wittmers at 525-6273.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Patti Maguire

May was full of joys and sadness. Spring seems to be coming on fast with budding trees, greening grass and daffodils - even a 91st birthday party! Yet some of our congregation members have been in the hospital, and we have had two funerals. We offer prayers for healing for those who are ailing as well as for those who are mourning.

The first weekend in May was the Synod Assembly at Cragun's near Brainerd. It was so good to be with Lutherans from all over our Synod to re-connect and complete the business of the church. There were many inspiring speakers, great devotions and prayers, as well as workshops and worship. It is a privilege to serve on the Synod Council and be a part of this great church.

The Health Cabinet met on May 10th and the Care Team continues its visitations, calls and friendship for those who can't always get to church. I attended the APNA Board meeting on May 1st and the special training on mental illness titled "Make It OK" on May 10th. I also attended the Palestinian Food & Film presentation on May 14th. There is also a worship service at Ecumen Lakeshore on May 22nd and a Synod Council meeting on May 25th.

In June the Pastor preaches at St Ann's on June 3rd and later in the month the Health Cabinet will bring treats to our friends there. I will be helping with blood pressure checks at the Juneteenth Celebration on June 16th.

Much of the month will be focused on getting ready for the Synod Journey to Texas for the Youth Gathering in Houston. I will be assisting



Kathy Wimer, Barb Renick, Martha Carlson, Bev Pehkonen, Ruth Wittmers, Laura Hoelter, Carol Uecker, Linda Kalweit, Karen Bockelman.

There's still more glass to clean. We have scheduled cleaning mornings in June for June 9 and June 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Teaching House. If you are able to help, just show up on either or both of those days. If you are interested in taking some glass home to clean, check with Karen Bockelman on Sunday morning. She will get you a pail of glass, gloves, and a scrub brush.

Watch the bulletin and *July Dei by Day* for announcements about class days and times for making various stained glass items at Shannon's Stained Glassery in Superior.

Meanwhile, you can collect materials for decorating--flower pots, old ceramic floor tiles, picture frames, square glass vases or votive candle holders, glass plates or trays from old microwave ovens. Check out garage sales, Savers, Goodwill, or your own basement. NO PLASTIC OR METAL ITEMS. There is a box in the narthex at church where you can put these items.

If you have more questions or offers of help, contact Karen Bockelman (349-5863) or kgbockelman@gmail.com.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, June 5 Quilters meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the former Faith building and put together warm and colorful quilts that are then donated to Lutheran World Relief and other needy organizations. Newcomers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493. If you can help, please join us! We can teach you all that needs to be done! Our goal is 30 quilts so helpers are appreciated!



FAMILY FREEDOM WEEKENDS – Family Freedom Center (2424 W. 5th Street) seeks to foster positive change in various systemic landscapes that directly impact the Black community while being inclusive to the Duluth community at large through engagement, empowerment, and education. Free summer program meets Fridays 5-8 pm and Saturdays 2-5 pm including June 1-2, 8-9, and 15, with Juneteenth Celebration on June 16. Visit www.familyfreedomcenter.org.

PONTOON RIDE, June 4 - The boat is sponsored by the various senior citizen affiliates in Duluth. It is a 14- passenger boat, handicapped accessible, will take up to 3 wheel chairs. Join us for this 2-hour round trip up the St. Louis River, starting at Pier B. There is no cost, but they rely on donations, run by volunteers. In inclement weather, curtains are rolled down. Monday June 4, 1:30 reserved for Gloria Dei but non-members welcome. Come early to get life preservers on. There is still room for 8 people. Sign up with Jergen Fuhr 525-5202.

SYNODICAL WOMEN'S SUMMER GATHERING, June 4-6

The next synod-wide Summer Convention Gathering is Monday, June 4 to Thursday, June 6, 2018, at the beautiful Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids. Our theme is "God's Amazing Grace" and our theme verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." For information on how to attend, contact the synod office, 724-4424.



LGBT ELDERS - meets the 2nd Saturday each month at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church (The Coppertop). For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates gatespea@centurylink.net or 624-4589.



GLORIA DEI DREAMERS SOFTBALL! All games at Wheeler Field. All skill levels are welcome. Fans also contribute to the fellowship. Schedule posted at church when available. Come play or cheer on the team! Contact Coach Paul at 728-6206 or email at psteklenski@gmail.com

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.

SPENT DANDELION WORK DAYS, June 2 & 9 – Spent Dandelion is a retreat center in Two Harbors operated by GD member Anna Madsen and in need of some outdoor work. Thrivent-supported projects include rehabilitating and planting a large garden mostly on June 2, and on June 9 consolidating and mulching brush, trimming trees, clearing trails, and sorting outbuildings. Coffee starts at 8:30 and work from 9:00-12:00, with a lunch at the end. Tools provided, or bring your favorite for garden or yard work. Please sign up in the narthex – join us for either or both Saturdays!



LSS LSS FOOD DRIVE - On June 7, Lutheran Social Service of MN (LSS) Youth Services are hosting an open house for youth at the Center for Changing Lives. The event is for all young people in Duluth who are in need of LSS support. We need your help gathering non-perishable food items for the event! Collected items can be dropped off: At worship in church through Sunday, June 3 OR - At the Center for Changing Lives - 1422 E Superior Street – through Wednesday, June 6. Needed items: Boxes of Granola Bars, Boxes of Mac & Cheese, Cereal & Cereal Bars, Ramen, Fruit Snacks, Canned Soup, Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Cheese & Cracker Snacks, Peanut But-

ter Cracker Snacks, Pudding Cups, Jars of Peanut Butter & Jelly, Nutella, Rice Cups. Thank you!

RUNNING TO "KEEP PEOPLE ON THEIR FEET" – Each year, those running any of the races on Grandma's Marathon weekend who are also part of CHUM churches raise funds and awareness for the Gabriel Project. This important outreach ministry, which Gloria Dei helped start in 2001, provides assistance for the homeless and needy in Duluth through a CHUM social worker. We have several runners this year for you to support by pledging ANY AMOUNT at coffee hour Sunday through June 17, or by contacting Steve Dalager at dalagest@gmail.com or 218-391-4523 (text).

**RUBY'S PANTRY, June 21** Volunteers

Needed At Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop, 3rd Thursday of Every Month, 3:30-5:30pm: Set up for food distribution, 5:30-6:45pm: Assist with food distribution, 6:45-7:30pm: Assist with clean-up. For a \$20.00 donation, people receive approximately two boxes of food. Cash only, no income guidelines. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop, please contact First United Methodist Church at 727-5021, located at 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth.



NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, June 23 - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Hunger takes no vacation—we can use your help any time from 7:30 to 11:30. Please let Paul (728-6206) or Carol K. (525-6098) know if you can help.

**CHUM RHUBARB FESTIVAL, June 23**

- Come for the Food, Stay for the Fun! Saturday, June 23rd, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at 1100 London Road and inside First Lutheran Church. a day for all ages! This FREE event on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior offers rhubarb baked goods like, Rhubarb Pies, Crisps, Breads, Jams and more! Outdoor booths offer Rhubarb Burritos, Rhubarb Lemonade and Rhubarb Brats. A day long stage show includes local musical performers, dancers and jokesters. Booths offer activities including arts and crafts and fun for children of all ages. You will have to come to learn what is new this year! If you have questions, please contact Mary Schmitz 720-6521. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, go to Rhubarb Festival on the CHUM website, www.chumduluth.org.

