

WORSHIP LEADERS - May

Uprootedness is by far the most dangerous disease of human society. Whoever is uprooted uproots. Whoever is rooted doesn't uproot. Rootedness is perhaps the most important and most overlooked need of the human soul. - Simone Weil (1909-1943)

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year is the 150th anniversary of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, whose mission is *"to express the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives, and builds community."* In 1865, Vasa Lutheran Church in southern Minnesota near Red Wing, a congregation of farmers, took in four orphaned children. Later, a consortium of Swedish American Lutheran Churches expanded the outreach to serve more children.

Jodi Harpstead, CEO of LSS Minnesota writes, "For the first third of our history, we did only orphanages and adoption." That included Bethany Children's Home in Duluth, which Gloria Dei and other church leaders helped to establish in 1916, and which continues today as Bethany Crisis Shelter, providing short-term emergency shelter and care for children and youth ages 0-17. Other LSS ministries for youth in Duluth include the Renaissance House, the Oh No Eighteen (O.N.E.) program, and Together for Youth – all of which are being supported by Gloria Dei space, benevolence, or volunteers.

Such programs are an extension of the church's ministry. They are part of the Holy Spirit's action through the church conveying to the community in the words of Jesus, *"I will not leave you orphaned"* (John 14:18). We can do more together than we can do separately for youth and others in our midst who continue to experience *uprootedness*.

Building the *Center for Changing Lives* in Duluth is a significant way LSS is partnering with congregations to address youth homelessness, and it will be a particular focus this month:

- + April 29 informational dessert with Bob & Carol Kelley and LSS speaker Bob Sherman in the Fireside Room at Lakeshore, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- + May 7 LSS fundraising luncheon at the Greysolon Ballroom, 11:30 registration through 1:00 p.m.
- + May 10 Jodi Harpstead from LSS will be our guest preacher and adult forum leader, sharing more about our ministry together with LSS.
- + May 10 after worship is our Mother's Day Swedish Pancake Brunch, with proceeds going to the Center for Changing Lives.

Together with Bishop Tom & Beckie Aitken's \$1000 matching challenge, Gloria Dei has raised over \$2200 toward the Center for Changing Lives.

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Organist	Barbara Erickson	Stan Wold	Mary Garmer	Band Sunday	Stan Wold
Assisting Minister	Cassie Borges	Patti Maguire	Lexie Cieluch	Madeline Pass	James Crane
Sound Technician	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Lexie Cieluch	Danny Pass	Roger Oman	Myrna Matheson	Gerry Erickson
Acolytes	Joey Peterson & Raine Amundson	Sam Winesett & Martha Carlson	Shameka Johnson & Molly Weberg	Katie Carlson & Maggie Winesett	Shakira Johnson & Esmeralda Lew
Ushers	Marlaine & Lubov Willms	Corrine Helmen & Carol Kelley	TBA	Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer	Linda Kalweit & Paul Steklenski
Nursery Attendants	Daphne Amundson	Cara Weberg	Katie Erickson	Self Serve	Sherry Dalager
Counters	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Mary Gagnon & Gerald Erickson	Bob & Carol Kelley	Lubov Willms & Janine Dahquist	Rod Dahquist & David Gangeness
Coffee Servers	Nancy Gangeness	Men in Mission Mother's Day Brunch	Birthday Sunday Eve Gathering	Roger & Judy Oman	Service & Justice
Communion Assistant	Lexie Cieluch &	Lexie Cieluch &	Lexie Cieluch &	Lexie Cieluch &	Lexie Cieluch &

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of May is Jackie DeVogel, Ruth Andersen and Pearl Johnson

Gifts are particularly needed before June 1, when private contributions will be leveraged for public funds. Thanks to all who have already given above their regular offerings to this project. These are additional opportunities to broaden the outreach and participation – *who else in our community might you invite to the dessert, the luncheon, or the brunch to learn more?*

Rootedness – this is another way to talk about the enduring purpose of the work we do with LSS, CHUM, and other social service organizations. As Gloria Dei member Bob Niedringhaus has put it, “Giving kids a chance to find worth and security through places like the Center for Changing Lives not only changes their lives, it changes the lives of their future families.”

Rootedness is also another way to think about God’s enduring purpose for the church.

+ In worship... Through Word and Sacrament each week, we are centered in God’s promises, renewed and equipped with the Holy Spirit to reflect Christ’s love in the world.

+ In fellowship and discipleship with one another... Last month we welcomed several new members into Gloria Dei’s family and ministry, who are “putting down roots” and continuing the journey of discipleship (see p. 7), and this month a new Youth Committee will be forming in earnest (see p. 5).

+ In partnership with Christians across the world... As congregations of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod meet for the annual assembly May 1-3, we are also joined by representatives from the Lutheran Church of Honduras, one of our companion synods, with whom we share unity in the Gospel.

+ In the biblical story through which God continues to speak today... During adult forum on May 31, I am planning a broad (intergenerational) overview of the Bible especially for parents but for all who may wish to have a larger historical and contextual framework for seeing the biblical stories they may be reading with children.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,” Jesus says to his followers, “and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Thanks be to God, whose Spirit calls, gathers, and equips the church with abundant gifts to deepen our rootedness and stretch our service, with the love of Christ that knows no bounds.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

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.

CURRENT WISH LIST



For those who are homeless: warm water-proof hats and gloves, sewing kits, blankets, bath towels and wash cloths, wallets. Also, help to pay co-pays/cost of medication - please make checks out to “CHUM Fund”

For those who are hungry: Peanut butter, tuna, whole chickens, canned peaches, pears, and pineapple, canned stew, hash, chili, creamed chicken soup and Spaghettios.

For Households: Two-gallon cleaning buckets filled with cleaning supplies: dish soap, all purpose kitchen and bathroom cleansers, window cleaner, floor mop, broom, dustpan, oil soap for wood floors. ,New vacuum cleaners, laundry items (sturdy laundry baskets/bags, laundry detergent, bleach, dryer sheets; grocery and gas cards

For Personal Hygiene: baby and children’s soap, shampoo, lotion, diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5) and wipes:. Family sized shampoo, hair conditioner, bath soap, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes; denture adhesive and cleaning tablets; Feminine hygiene products.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 ~ Sydney Erickson 3 ~ Kristen Hylenski 3 ~ Janet Schramm 4 ~ Mario Johnson Jr. 4 ~ Kathy Wimer 5 ~ April Riggio 6 ~ Bryn Weberg 8 ~ Marie Lindemann 11 ~ Stephanie Carlson 11 ~ Gina Fitzpatrick 12 ~ Doris DeGaetano 15 ~ Maury Aaseng	17 ~ Janice Meyer 18 ~ Liberty Bergren 19 ~ Eloise Pass 20 ~ Martha Carlson 23 ~ Nick Haus 23 ~ David O’Brien 23 ~ Peggy Stevens 25 ~ David Gangeness 27 ~ Helen Lahti-Schlotec 28 ~ Molly Weberg 29 ~ Neva Maly 29 ~ Andy Peterson
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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 March 31, Radio Ministry has received \$4,228, 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.

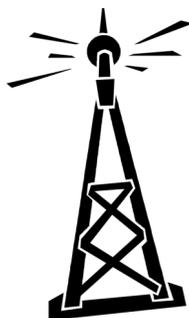
WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO

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



STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT THRU MAR 2015

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 3 months	\$50,500
Actual, 3 months	\$50,323 99%
Difference, <i>behind</i>	\$ 177

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!

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

Sunday, May 3, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world. Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 10, 2015 Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit. Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 17, 2015 Seventh Sunday of Easter

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit! Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 24, 2015 Day of Pentecost

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray. Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 31, 2015 The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him. Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

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

+LIFE'S LANDMARKS+*Birth*

April 20, Ainsley Marie Aaseng

Baptism

April 12, Livia Ann Dietz

Funeral

April 9, Fern Cooper

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.

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

MANY THANKS to the Rev. Karen Bockelman for leading worship at Gloria Dei on May 3 when Pastor Carlson is at Synod Assembly. Karen is a retired pastor and long-time member of Gloria Dei.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, May 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.

EUCHARIST AT King Manor, May 6. Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the fellowship time will be at King Manor on May 6 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

CHOIR REHEARSAL, May 6 - 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.

ONE BREAD, May 24 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is May 24 with the "God Give Us Life" liturgy by Ray Makeever. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

replace them. Thanks to Tom Uecker and Gary Olson for doing a great job preparing taxes, and to Donna Gerdes and Carol Uecker for managing appointments and arrivals. They are not allowed to be paid, but some clients donate to the church in appreciation for the AARP free service. Look for Tom's summary about this tax ministry.

LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION - Sunday May 17 from 1-4 pm at Clyde Iron Works. This free event is brought to you by Ecolibrium3, At Home in Duluth and LISC Duluth. *Expo *food *family *fun *FREE.

NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, May 23 - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room. To help, come early or stay late! 190 Plates served in March. All volunteers welcome!



CALLING ALL RUNNERS! Each year, those running Grandma's Marathon or the Gary Bjorkland Half Marathon 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. If you are part of Gloria Dei running this year, please contact Steve

Dalager (786-0515) or Pastor David.

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.



fit for the Steve O'Neil Apartments. Tickets are advanced sale, on-ly. Call 624-2264. A table of 8 may request reserved seating. Vintage dress is encouraged but not necessary. Let's drink tea for a special cause!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEEDS AT STEVE O'NEIL APARTMENTS

It has come to our attention that the Community Kitchen at the Steve O'Neil Apartments could use a few more donations. If you can contribute any of the following items (new or like-new), you may bring them directly to the apartment building OR give them to Carol Uecker or Mary Gagnon. Thank you for your help! Needed items: dish towels and wash cloths, colanders, salt/pepper shakers, cereal containers, sugar bowl, paper towel holder, vegetable peelers, can openers, large serrated knives, large sharp knives, measuring spoons, large mixing and large serving bowls, control flow pitchers, tea kettle or electric tea pot, frying pans.

LSS LUNCHEON AT GREYSOLON, May 7—

HELPING CATCH YOUTH before they fall too far.

Please join us at the annual Lutheran Social Service homeless youth luncheon on Thursday, May 7th at the Greysolon Ballroom from 12:00 to 1:00. Registration starting at 11:30 with lunch and program to follow. Contact Carol Kelley for your place at the table, 218-525-6098 or cannkelley@aol.com



GARDEN SEASON BEGINS

This year April is not forbidding for gardeners. There is lots of clean up and perennial division to be done in the church gardens. Someone has again driven through the little extension of a garden along 6th Avenue. Some soil needs replacing there. And this year we will need to re-mulch with wood chips. Soil enrichment specialist and raised bed master gardener, Paul Steklenski, usually has a surprise in store for us as well. If you would like to donate some bags of either soil or mulch, just set them in the shallow window well closest to the parking lot door. If you can donate an hour here and there to planting, weeding or watering, contact Carol Uecker.

The City wide crop this year is potatoes. There are many things online about how you can grow potatoes even in a garbage can. Check it out. Join the city wide " potato patch".

Donations from tax clients have swelled the garden fund. That is good. Every year one or two plants disappear from the gardens and we



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.

May 3—Intergenerational Sunday School

May 10—Special guest Jodi Harpstead, CEO of LSS of MN

May 17—Recap from Synod Assembly with Carol K. & Pastor David

May 24 - Discussion of John Dominic Crossan's presentation

May 31—Intergenerational bible overview with Pastor David

INTERGENERATIONALSUNDAY SCHOOL, May 3 — “Holy Parables!” Jesus taught in parables, hearing events in which God’s kingdom breaks into our minds and hearts with surprising grace. Join us once a month for singing, bible dramas, crafts and conversations across the generations that will focus on parables. In April, we’re focusing on parables about hidden treasures. See you there!

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

YOUTH COMMITTEE – FIRST MEETING, May 9 - All youth are invited to be part of a new committee being formed for and by the youth of Gloria Dei for activities to strengthen friendship and grow in God’s grace. Our first meeting will be Saturday, May 9, 10:00-11:00 at Gloria Dei in the Community Room (just off the parking lot). Confirmation students will already be meeting from 9:00 that morning, and other youth – and parents – are welcome to join the conversation at 10:00 as we think about possibilities for the summer and for the group in general. Contact Tanner or Pastor Dave for more info.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, May 20 - 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 May, we’re reading selections from *God and Evolution* edited by Mary Cunningham (2007).

VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY—
Support our Outdoor Ministry Partner:



**Through Service- Camp Vermilion
Work Day- May 16**

The work begins (after some coffee and a fresh caramel roll) at 8am and goes all day long. Come for as long as you can. Lunch is provided. There is plenty to do and all ages are welcome. Families can also make it an overnight stay too. Visit the website to see specific jobs or to learn more about the groundbreaking for the new dining hall the same day www.vlmcamps.org.

Through Donation- Bluegrass Festival Raffle

VLM's annual fundraiser, the Bluegrass Festival, will be held July 25. The event is free and filled with great food and music along with a silent auction and raffle. This year the raffle prizes are: 1st prize: \$3000 Duluth Pack gift card; 2nd prize: 2 paddle boards and paddles; 3rd prize: a propane grill from Lowe's. Raffle tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase from Brett Amundson (349-9013) today.

Through Presence- Summer Camp Registration

Summer camp registration is open and Gloria Dei members receive a discount! Additionally, Gloria Dei also gives \$75 toward each camper's fee as well. There are many different options at both Camp Vermilion and Camp Hiawatha for youth K-grade 12 and families! Visit www.vlmcamps.org/summer-schedule for more information or talk with Pastor David or Brett after worship.

HONORING GRADUATES, June 7 - Congratulations

to all those from Gloria Dei who are graduating this year. We plan to honor graduates during morning worship on Sunday, June 7. *If you have a graduate in your family (high school through grad school) please contact the church office by May 20 to be included in the prayers this spring. Thanks!*



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.

with the Parish Nurse group to Eveleth on the 9th for a special tour of Katherine's House. This new housing option for women with issues with alcohol and drugs will offer support and programming to help them prepare for a better life. On April 13th, Chaplain Barb Elliot, who teaches ethics at UMD Medical School, offered an interesting presentation on scientific evidence on religious practice and health. Since April 16th is National Informed Choices, it was appropriate to learn about how to help seniors talk about their wishes and help them make informed decisions about their health care. This class was on Tuesday April 14th. The annual Living with Grief Conference "Experiences of Grief with Dementia Patients" was held April 22nd. On April 28th an ethical discussion about "Moral Distress among Caregivers" will be held at Essential Health.

The Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association recently received a generous grant from the Northland Foundation that will allow us to expand our outreach especially into rural areas of the Arrowhead region. If you know nurses interested in serving their congregations in this healing ministry, please have them contact Pam Franklin the APNA Director. UWS students have created a wonderful website for APNA that will launch soon.

CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING in MAY

All Sunday School teachers and any parents, cabin dwellers, sports enthusiasts, anyone who are interested are encouraged to take a 3 hour training class this month. Karin Sollom who works with Karen Kjolhaug, a is Red Cross certified trainer. May 13 or May 14, 6-9 pm. Lakeside Room. The cost will be \$40 for materials and certification. Minimum age 14 yrs old and up. Call the church office to register. 722-3381

TAX SITE: Gloria Dei was again one of the AARP volunteer tax sites under the umbrella of the CHUM tax group. Other sites included: CHUM East Food Shelf, Lighthouse for the Blind, Greysolon Plaza, Lennox Place, Woodland Gardens, and Grace Lutheran Church. Tax preparers were Paul Glaesmann, Dick Larson, Gary Olson, and Tom Uecker. Gloria Dei was open every Wednesday during the tax season and took appointments from 12:00-5:00. In addition to tax preparers, others helping were Mary Gagnon, Donna Gerdes, and Carol Uecker. The CHUM team filed a total of 1581 tax returns (federal, state, and property tax/rent refunds) with refunds totaling slightly over \$600,000.



TEA TIME FOR O'NEIL APTS, May 2 - A Downton Abbey inspired High Tea and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 1-3 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4831 Grand Ave. Cost is \$10, to bene-



SWEDISH CULTURAL SOCIETY, May 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hillside Room. Program will be the annual concert of Svenska Sångarna.

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

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 practice late May. Questions about church softball or the Gloria Deidreamers team.... Please ask Carol or me. 728-6206



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.

HUNGER SUNDAY—Thanks to all for contributions to the ELCA Hunger Fund on Sunday. The salad luncheon was great. Thanks for the tasty food and your generous contributions of \$271.00. Our noisy offering brought in an additional \$287.49 for a total contribution of \$558.49 for the ELCA fund. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Patti Maguire

HAPPY EASTER to all. With Easter the first Sunday of April, we have all had a very busy month. On April 1st we worshiped with our friends at Edgewood Vista and on the 2nd, we brought communion to Martha Circle in a special session at St Ann's during Holy Week. The Care Team made a special effort to contact all homebound members with calls, communion and visits during the Lent/Easter season. Thanks to each of them for their love and service to each of them.

There were many great learning opportunities during April. I went



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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Easter Vigil, April 4, we joyfully welcomed these sisters and brothers in Christ into Gloria Dei's family and mission through Baptism and/or the Affirmation of Baptism.

+ **Jim and Judy Bailey** grew up in central Ohio--Jim in small towns and Judy on a dairy farm. They met at Capital University, an ELCA college in Columbus. After seminary and graduate school, Jim served a congregation in Cincinnati, where we welcomed our two sons, Jeff and Doug. Since then Jim has taught at the college and seminary level in Columbus, OH, Moorhead, MN, and Dubuque, IA. Judy taught math in Ohio and Scotland while Jim finished his studies and again when our sons were in junior high. After five years as a substitute teacher in Dubuque, she helped develop an afterschool program in a Lutheran church that had closed. We retired to Duluth in late July to be near our son Doug and his family. Jeff and family live in Massachusetts. Our foster son, Ha, is in Alaska with his family. We're enjoying the varied activities in Duluth and are grateful to be part of the Gloria Dei community.

+ **Nick and Allison Haus** relocated to Duluth from Madison, Wisconsin in 2013 to pursue careers in consulting. Nick is a soil scientist and Allison is a geochemist; both work at local environmental engineering firms. Our identical twins, **Atticus and Deacon**, are in preschool. We enjoy hiking, biking, camping and fishing, and are learning to appreciate the opportunity to renovate our very old house in Lakeside. We have been drawn into the warm and welcoming congregation at Gloria Dei because of the thought-provoking and action-inspiring message each week, for the opportunity to meet and serve our community, and to enjoy the good snacks at coffee hour; everyone in our family loves coming to church here.

+ **Donna Gerdes & Uno (Sonny) Wehvila:** We met online 17 years ago. Sonny is a native of Duluth, and I have lived all over MN and Michigan, Ottawa Canada, Louisiana and California. Sonny spent years as a CNC Machinist and now works Housekeeping at Superior Essentia Hospital. I have many years in fabricating multi-layered circuit boards and for the past 11 years have worked as the secretary of this congregation. Sonny enjoys fishing and hunting and I am an avid crocheter and seamstress. We both enjoy gardening and cooking. I was introduced to Gloria Dei through Steve O'Neil and encouraged to apply for the secretary position after my lay off from Community Action Duluth. I finally found HOME!

+ Jacqui Wicklund: I grew up in Hinckley, MN and spent my entire life in the ELCA church. I moved to Duluth after high school and attended the College of St. Scholastica pursuing a career in Social Work. After I finished school I joined a volunteer program and lived in California, and after I moved back to Minnesota a job opportunity happily brought me back to Duluth. I am now a Case Manager at Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, and plan on heading back to St. Scholastica to complete my Masters in Social Work this upcoming summer. I love Duluth and enjoy walks, being outside in nature, hunting, spending time with my family and friends, and live music. I was drawn to Gloria Dei because of the accepting and welcoming nature of the church, and the strong commitment to social justice and community service.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH, May 10 - An annual tradition hosted by Gloria Dei Men in Mission. Brunch served from 11:00 to 12:30 on Sunday May 10 downstairs in the Hillside Room. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth (12 and under), or \$24.00 for a family. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The menu is Swedish Pancakes with Lingonberry Sauce and sausages, with choice of beverage. *Proceeds to help homeless youth through the LSS Center for Changing Lives.*

BRUNCH PREP—We will need a crew of guys to show up on Saturday morning to do the prep work so we can jump right into Sunday morning cooking 800 to 900 Swedish pancakes on Sunday morning, fill lingberry cups finish setting up the dining room we didn't get to the day before, etc. Please let me know if you can help on Saturday or Sunday or both days. Thanks everybody—Rick Troy 724-1695

CONGREGATIONAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, May 17 - during coffee hour. If you would like to adopt a table to decorate for your month, or contribute some cupcakes, please let Carol Kelley know 525-6098.



WELCA NEWS we are collecting the following items in preparation of sending completed kits in June to Lutheran World Relief. Donation boxes can be found in the Hillside Room. If you can contribute entire kits or portions of the kits that would be fantastic. If you have questions, see Karen Kjolhaug.



SEWING KIT

- 2 pieces of fabric - cut to measure: 2 1/4 yards of 60" and 3 yards of 44"

- 2 spools matching or neutral colored general purpose thread
 - 6 matching buttons approximately (1/2")
- *Bundle together in fabric, tie with a string or strip of fabric. NO plastic bags!*

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- One light—or medium weight bath size towel (approximately 52: x 27:), dark color recommended
 - Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 ox.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
 - One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging* one sturdy comb, remove packaging
 - One metal nail clippers, remove packaging
- *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope: no plastic bags or wrap.*
**Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. (No plastic bags)*

SCHOOL KITS

Include the following items in each school kit:

- Four 70 - sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approx 8"x 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well.)
- One eraser (2 1/2 inches)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ball point pens (no gel ink); secure with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will meet on Tuesday May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeside Room. New comers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.



LGBT ELDERS - 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.