

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Organist	Mary Garner	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Stan Wold	Mary Garner
Assisting Minister	Cassie Borges	Chelsea Froemke	Lexie Cieluch	Patti Maguire	Sue Anderson
Sound Technician	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Joseph Bauerkemper	Lexie Cieluch	Linda Kalweit	Nancy Gangerness	Roger Oman
Acolytes	Christian Leight & Raine Amundson	Deonta Lew & Bryn Weberg	Esmeralda Lew & Martha Carlson	Morgan Wimer & Christian Leight	Raine Amundson & Deonta Lew
Ushers	Rick & Marcia Troy	Mary Gagnon & Carol Kelley	Alison & Duane Stucke	David & Nancy Gangerness	Corrine Helmen & Paul Steklenski
Nursery Attendants	Terri Erickson	Chuck or Katie Erickson	Daphne Amundson	Stephanie Carlson	Self Serve
Counters	Lexie Cieluch & Janine Dahquist	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangerness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Lexie Cieluch & Janine Dahquist
Coffee Servers	No Coffee Hour	Men in Mission	Butterfly Buddies	Eve Gathering	Service & Justice
Communion Assistant	Barb Renick	Barb Renick	Munda Forbort	Munda Forbort	Munda Forbort
Altar Guild	Barb Renick	Barb Renick	Barb Renick	Barb Renick	Barb Renick

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. – Lutheran Book of Worship, p. 88



From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The *care and redemption of what God has made* has been on my mind lately. Last month, teams of Gloria Dei members sifted through smoke-damaged items in our building after the fire – what can be thrown away, what should be claimed, what is worth saving? Teams of professionals that have worked with our organ, piano, and stained glass windows have helped give informed perspective on what it would take to replace what was lost. Teams of leaders have been stewarding the ministry God has made among us so that it continues beyond those walls – ensuring communication for meetings, lining up places to host outreach efforts like the breakfast, and keeping the love of God and neighbor central to our focus.

Considering the care and redemption of what God has made helps us view our relationships with others from God's perspective. *We are invited into God's love and care for them.*

Example 1: Gloria Dei and Faith congregations

When I met with members of Faith last month to share about Gloria Dei's ministry, I emphasized how thankful we are for *the hospitality and care we've received*. As I said in my Easter sermon, we were greeted in tragedy not by an empty building but by a living congregation and we have been discovering together these past weeks that *the risen body of Christ is real* in the inseparable bonds of the church here and across the world, that this is not the end but the growth of something new, and that our ministry lives by resurrection faith.

Their leaders have also shared with me *their appreciation for Gloria Dei's presence and energy at Faith* during their last months. We continue to pray for Faith members as they meet May 1 to determine the future of their property, and as members explore their individual church affiliation after June 1, when Faith officially closes its books. We, like any other congregation, would want those who wish to join Gloria Dei in ministry to do so actively and consciously. At the same time, as Patti and I get to know Faith's homebound members, another concern is that no one falls through the cracks. In the event any Faith member does not actively transfer membership to another church by that time, I have offered to provide *pastoral care* to the remaining membership, if desired.

Example 2: Lutheran Social Service

At an interview this spring in preparation for the lunch and groundbreaking for the Center for Changing Lives on May 5, I said I believe two things motivated people of faith to begin LSS – *the needs of youth in their community and the love of Christ*. A teacher of mine once said that *God’s love doesn’t seek value, it creates value*. God doesn’t look for what the world values but seeks out what the world has sometimes abandoned or rejected: the lost and the lowly, the ones on the margins and at risk, and when God’s love meets them there, it creates value, restores dignity, and gives transforming hope. *It says to youth: you are loved, you have a safe place to be, you are worth it.*

This is what I’ve seen in my experience with LSS over the years. This is how I see the vision of the Center for Changing Lives: meeting youth where they are with radical hospitality, recognizing their potential, helping them develop their gifts, and accompanying them into adulthood with solidarity and love, helping them not to give up hope. Gloria Dei has been a partner since the beginning of LSS in Duluth – supporting the Bethany Crisis Center, hosting the Together for Youth program for LGBT youth and at one time the Oh No Eighteen program, and volunteering at the Renaissance House. Now some in our parish are considering LSS’s “host home” program. *We have always seen LSS as an important ministry partner in putting faith into action.*

Example 3: Earthkeeping

After five years as a part-time graduate student at Luther Seminary, I completed my coursework, successfully defended my dissertation, and will receive the Doctor of Ministry degree on May 22. The title of my thesis was, *Earth Stewardship and the Missio Dei: Participating in the Care and Redemption of All God Has Made*. In an age of increasing ecological concern, the church is an ideal setting in which to model the kind of earth stewardship needed for a more sustainable world.

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout this process. My thesis’ dedication page includes these words of thanks: *“I am grateful to my congregation, to its leaders and members, who have been wonderful ministry partners, who live by the promise that all God has made is worth redeeming, and with whom I learned to embrace earth stewardship as essential to the missional church.”*

So many aspects of our life of faith are found in the above prayer about God’s care and redemption. God demonstrates infinite self-giving love through Christ Jesus. In response, *we become a living offering of praise to God* – from whom all blessings flow, and with whom we are empowered to participate in the healing of all relationships.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson



EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS

The name Adam (*adamah, in Hebrew*) means “soil” or “farmable earth.” so Adam was an “earth man” who belonged to the land. I wonder, if we had accurately translated (into English) his name as “earthman” or “soilman” or even “farmer,” would we feel more a part of nature rather than separate from it and above it?

We tend to think that God created the Earth for the sole benefit of humans. We think of everything else on Earth as *our* environment, there to serve us. How might we act differently if we knew that the well-being of other species depended on how we functioned as part of *their* environment?

A striking thing about the Earth in the Bible is that all creation is commanded to worship God. This does not mean that each animal and plant and land and sea have special hidden ways to do that. No, it means that all created things praise God simply by being and doing what God created them to be and to do.

We tend to read Genesis as if God said only to people: *“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”* (Genesis 1:22; 8:17). No, God said it to the fish and to the birds. God wants all creatures to thrive. To the fish and the birds, God said, *“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”*

We depend on Earth’s bio-geophysical functions in ways we seldom think about and take for granted (solar energy, soil fertility, carbon cycle, nitrogen cycle, phosphorus cycle, water cycle...) All of these function without any human help, but they all can be disrupted by human ignorance and greed.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

*	2~ Sydney Erickson	18 ~ Liberty Bergren	*
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*	3 ~ Kristen Hylenski	20 ~ Martha Carlson	*
*	3 ~ Janet Schramm	21 ~ Andrew Ernst	*
*	4 ~ Kathy Wimer	23 ~ David O’Brien	*
*	5 ~ April Riggio	23 ~ Maya Smith	*
*	6 ~ Bryn Weberg	24 ~ Peggy Stevens	*
*	8 ~ Marie Lindemann	25 ~ John Dietz	*
*	11 ~ Stephanie Carlson	25 ~ David Gangeness	*
*	12 ~ Doris DeGaetano	28 ~ Molly Weberg	*
*	15 ~ Maury Aaseng	29 ~ Neva Maly	*
*	17 ~ Janice Meyer	30 ~ Julie Ernst	*

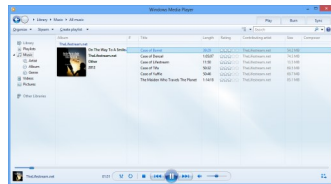
WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO OR STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET

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://24.159.193.198:8080>

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

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 MAR 2016

Needed per month \$17,833; per week \$4,115

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 3 months \$53,500

Actual, 3 months \$53,442 99.9%

Difference, *behind* \$ 58

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 amount and a schedule for giving automatically. Forms for Simply Giving are available through the church office—722-3381.

QUAKER MEETING ON POLYMET MINE, May 1. Join others in the community from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House (1802 E. 1st St) to hear and discuss the current legal status of the Polymet mine proposal and what, why, and how people of faith can still be involved. Presenters include Paula Maccabee, Barton Sutter, and a possible performance by Sara Thomsen.

Sunday, May 01, 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination. **Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5, John 14:23-29**

Sunday, May 08, 2016 Ascension Sunday

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. **Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53**

Sunday, May 15, 2016 Day of Pentecost

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul. **Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, 25-27**

Sunday, May 22, 2016 The Holy Trinity

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15**

Sunday, May 29, 2016 Second Sunday after Pentecost

God hears every prayer—the prayer of the outsider as well as the prayer of the insider. The attentive nature of our God is evident as God comes to us again and again in the word and in the supper. "Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD." Do it today. **1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43, Psalm 96:1-9, Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10**

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JUNE 5, 2016

Called by the Council, the purpose of this meeting is to authorize the Moving Forward Committee to pursue a focus from possible options for continuing Gloria Dei's ministry in relationship to our location and building. The Committee will gather opinions about these options through a congregational survey, which will be distributed in mid-May with a congregation-wide letter, and which will be informed by the report of structural engineer. Questions about this process can be directed to Moving Forward Chair Ryan Jagim, Council President Brett Amundson, or Pastor Carlson.

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, May 1 – 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.

ECHOES OF PEACE, May 1 - Echoes of Peace Choir is performing a benefit concert, "The River Sings," for Nibi Walk (Water Walk, www.nibiwalk.org) on Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m. at Weber Music Hall. Directed by Sara Thomsen and featuring guest artist Regina Laroche; Kako's Choir, directed by Rachel Kilgour; Lyz Jaakola and the Oshii Giizhik Singers. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; www.echoesofpeace.org.

EUCHARIST AT AFTENRO & KING MANOR, May 4. Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the fellowship time will be on May 5th at Aftenro at 10:30 a.m. and King Manor at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 pm on Wed., May 4, 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church Regular weekly rehearsals on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

ONE BREAD, May 15 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

MAY 15 - DAY OF PENTECOST, we will be ordering red geraniums. The cost is \$3.50. If you order a plant you can take it home on Pentecost Sunday or they will be planted on the church grounds (Gloria Dei and Faith) Make checks payable to Gloria Dei or Faith. Deadline to order is May 8.



HONORING GRADUATES - Congratulations to all those from Gloria Dei who are graduating this year. We plan to honor graduates during morning worship on Sunday, June 5. *If you have a graduate in your family, please contact the church office by May 16 to be included in the prayers and recognitions this spring. Thanks!*



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.

ONLINE PICTURE DIRECTORY - The Evangelism committee is working on an updated picture directory that is online on a secure church directory website with password protection. Our directory is only available to view by our members. Pictures will be taken after church for the Gloria Dei online picture directory in May and June. May dates are: May 15th (with Linda Kalweit) and May 29th (with Munda Forbort). June dates will be posted in future bulletins and June Newsletter. We are planning to be "online" the end of May or early June. You can also choose to upload your own picture from home after we are "online". The upcoming June Newsletter will provide login information so you can access our Gloria Dei Directory print information, use the search capabilities for finding members, and start viewing pictures as they are uploaded. You can also choose to upload your own "selfie" or picture from home after we are online. Can be a fun picture of you to share an interest you have, no need to have a formal photo! For those of you who aren't using the Internet there will be a way for us to do a print directory. More information on that will follow. For members who are homebound, Pastor Dave or Patti Maguire will be taking your photo for the directory at one of their visits with you this summer.

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of March 31, Radio Ministry has received \$3777, which is on track for 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.



THANKS to Gordy and Helen Carlson for sponsoring the Radio Broadcast on April 24 in memory of Harry Wick and his many years of ministry as Lay Associate at Gloria Dei. That week (April 20) was the 18th Anniversary of Gloria Dei officially becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

RELAY FOR LIFE, JULY 15th, at UMD

Please join the Gloria Dei Relay for Life team. Gloria Dei has been part of the Duluth RFL event for many years. Our teams have been large (over 20 participants) and small (2-3). It is much more fun when we have more folks involved! Come to the kick-off on Thursday, March 31st at the Hampton Inn in Canal Park, 6-7:30. Contact Patti to sign up for the team.

This year the theme is the Olympics and will be held at UMD on Friday, July 15th, from 4-midnight. This is a special time to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those who have died and to raise money to find a cure! The event is family friendly, fun, and a great community happening filled with music, games and luminary bags!

Every family has some connection with cancer. Help us raise money to fight cancer, it is a terrible disease!

NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday, May 28, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea.



SPONSOR OUR RUNNERS! Each year, Gloria Dei helps raise funds during Grandma's Marathon weekend for those in need. This year, we're partnering with Lutheran Social Service of MN since it is the 100th anniversary of LSS in Duluth in 2016. Registrations for runners had to be in last fall, and **Maury Aaseng and Conor Weberg** are our runners for the Bjorkland Half Marathon. LSS created a crowd rise link to raise funds with the marathon - our link is through Maury - follow the directions at <https://www.crowdrise.com/2016lssgrandmasmarat/fundraiser/mauryaaseng>. There will also be an opportunity to give during coffee hour in mid-June. Go Maury and Conor!

GLORIA DEI GARDENS - Nobody knows for sure what will come up this season, but we are planning to tend the things that do. We cannot worship at this corner, but we will keep it looking nice. Hartel's has agreed to allow us to rent a Yard Waste bin even though we don't have waste removal at that site. We do not have water hooked up either. We will use the rain barrel we have and others that might get donated to supplement regular rains. If you have a rain barrel we could place near the church this season or soaker hoses, please contact Carol Uecker (515-4173). We will try and place them out of the way of any construction that might be happening. There will be no vegetable gardening around the building this season due to shortage of water, but established perennials should be fine. We just have to keep weeds under control.

**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, May 1 — "All God's Critics!" Human beings aren't God's only concern but throughout scripture we find how animals share in God's praise, accompany God's people as part of the web of creation, and even provide lessons about faith! Join us once a month for singing, bible dramas, crafts and conversations across the generations that will focus on God's creatures, great and small. 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.



YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS May 7 - In addition to regular worship, our confirmation class will be focusing on the biblical story of God and God's people. *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. May 7 is our final class this spring—we will meet at Faith to review and give thanks for this year.*

YOUTH BE THE SPARK! May 14 - FREE outdoor adventure & workshop, Saturday May 14th, 9am-4pm, organized by MN Interfaith Power & Light and Positive Energy Outdoors. Day includes: kayaking, rock climbing, Percheron horses, hot lunch by the lake, and afternoon workshop to plan how to make a difference in caring for the earth. For Youth 7th-11th Grade from area faith communities. Location is 15 miles north of Duluth - we will carpool. FREE to all participants with funding provided by MNIPL and CERTs (certs.org).

Follow up activities: A half day of service working with EcoLibrium3 to learn how to retrofit homes and buildings to conserve energy; plus follow-up gatherings to keep up with the group and support your plans for action. Leaders: Erin Pratt, MNIPL Program Director/youth development specialist, assisted by Nathan Holst, Youth Minister of Peace UUC in Duluth, & Muhammad Jiwa, Twin Cities Outreach Coordinator for MNIPL. Register at www.mnipl.org/Programs. More information: Erin at 612-716-3336.



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

May 1 - Intergenerational Sunday School

May 8 - Recap of Synod Assembly

May 15 - Ancient Greek Papyrus Fragments with Cassie Borges

May 22 - TBA

May 29 - DVD discussion "National Parks" final disc

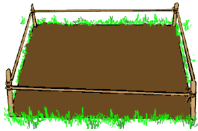
TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, May 17 - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at church by 11:45 to car-pool. The Word is on the move!

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, May 25 - 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! This month, we're reading the final part of *Ecology & Religion* by John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker (2014).

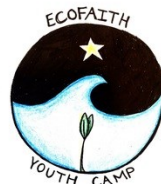
MAY BOOK STUDY with Pr. Carolyn, author of "Holy Purpose: The Blessings of Obedience and Service" (2007). Join Pr. Carolyn for a 3-session book study as part of Tuesday Nights Together (TNT) May 10, 17, 24, 5:30 soup supper, 6:30 study. Books can be ordered through Nancy M 525-5143, or personally online.



GET YOUR GARDEN PLOTS! Faith has a spacious Community Garden and invites anyone to consider renting a plot for the summer or adopting one of the CHUM plots that provides fresh produce for those in need. interest should be directed to Nancy Marschke 525-5143, who is in charge of plot reservations .



ECO-FAITH YOUTH CAMP, June 26 - 30 - Grades 9-12 and their Adult Leaders (\$125 cost for the week) Organized by Northeastern MN Synod's Catherine Anderson, youth, & other leaders. This week long day camp will begin on Sunday, June 26 and will end on Thursday, June 30. Our week will be spent exploring our role as God's people and understanding our call to care for all of God's creation and people. Throughout the week we will be in conversations with local indigenous communities and local farmers, learn the history and story of the St. Louis River, and



LSS LUNCHEON AND GROUNDBREAKING, May 5 - LSS will hold its annual luncheon on Thursday, May 5 at the Greysolon Ballroom. The event registration begins at 11:30 with lunch and the program beginning at noon.

It is a one hour event. A donation of your choice is requested. Make your reservation for the Gloria Dei table by contacting Maury Aaseng (464-0189) or Carol Kelley (525-6098). Following the luncheon the ground breaking will be held for "The Center for Changing Lives" at 14th Avenue East and Superior Street. An exciting day!



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS DRIVE

Saturday, May 14, 2016

The 24th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive will be held on Saturday, May 14. This drive provides local food shelves with food to feed our neighbors throughout the spring and into the summer.



You can help make this a successful food drive in two important ways: 1. Put your donated foods in a bag by your mail box by 9 AM on May 14th. 2. By VOLUNTEERING. We are seeking 12 teams to collect food with the letter carriers. Volunteer teams need a roomy vehicle, a driver and a walker. This is a great family or youth group volunteer opportunity! Contact Meg 218-720-6521 to sign up!

RUBY'S PANTRY – May 19 Volunteers

Needed ! 3rd Thursday of Every Month Ruby's Pantry is an organization that distributes food to those who want to stretch their food dollar. For a \$20.00 donation,



people receive approximately two boxes of food. Cash only. There are no income guidelines. Ruby's Pantry depends upon volunteers to help set up the food distribution site, assist with the distribution of food, and clean-up after the distribution. Volunteers are welcome for all or a portion of the distribution process. 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. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop, please contact First United Methodist Church at 727-5021. First United Methodist Church is located at 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth. Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop is a cooperative effort of several local congregations. Gloria Dei was one of the initial congregations that gave start up money so the distribution site at First United Methodist could be established. Over the years Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop has been able to return that start-up money several times over in the form of grants to local charities, including Gloria Dei's neighborhood breakfast. Sue Anderson, Ruby's Pantry Steering Committee Member

ion service. The Care Team members continue to bring communion, call, and visit home-bound members. During May we will begin sharing the images of the fire with them to help understand the current state of our sanctuary. We will also be taking their photos to be used in the on-line directory. For those who do not use a computer, a printed directory with photos will be distributed later.

April was busy with training opportunities for me. April 4th was a DVD presentation on "The Meaning of Death" given by Dr Ira Byok; the 7th I learned about "Ethical Family Meeting"; and on the 11th I attended an Ethics Lunch & Learn with Dr Jon Sande about proposed legislation concerning physician aided end-of-life care. Coming up in May, I will be attending a 2 day session on the "Sacred Art of Living and Dying". (There seems to be a theme here.) The Arrowhead Parish Nurse Assn Board of Directors met on April 19th; I serve as Treasurer for this group. As an elected member of the Synod Council, I'll be attending the Synod Assembly on April 29th - May 1st.

April 11-17th was National VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank you to all Gloria Dei and Faith members who volunteer regularly. When you usher or greet someone at the door of the sanctuary, or make a call to a shut-in, or work on the garden, or teach Sunday School, or serve breakfast, or drive someone to/from church, or bring a dish or pan of brownies to one of the many events our church is involved with, YOU are serving as Jesus commanded! The ELCA tag-line is "God's Work, Our Hands"; YOU are doing that work! Thank you all for your helping hands, genuine smiles, and generous spirits!

CANCER Events:

1) Saturday, June 4th is first home game for the Duluth Huskies! They are graciously supporting the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life that day. If you plan to attend, look for me and the Gloria Dei Relay for Life team. We will be selling luminary bags and talking about ACS and RFL

2) Friday, July 15th is the annual Duluth Community Relay for Life event. This year it will be held at Malosky Stadium at UMD. Please join our team! This is an action packed, family friendly event with music, games, a great silent auction, and fun. See Patti if you want to join or donate.

May is:

Better Sleep Month: <http://www.bettersleep.org>

Lupus Awareness Month: <http://www.lupus.org>

Clean Air Month: www.cdc.gov/features/cleanairmonth

National Mental Health Month: <http://www.nmha.org>

National Stroke Awareness Month: <http://www.stroke.org>

May 6-12 is National Nurses Week

May 8-14 is National Women's Health Week

May 25 is National Senior Health & Fitness Day

explore the complexities of our food systems. Our week will also involve one night of camping, a morning of canoeing, and time to learn, play, and grow together! <http://www.nemnsynod.org/ecofaith-youth-camp.html>

SACRED WORD, SACRED WORLD, SACRED CALL, July 7-16 -

Youth Theology Institute at the College of St. Scholastica. Grades 10-12 (cost \$300 for 9 days/nights, with scholarships available)

Organized by the College of St. Scholastica and Duluth area churches. What does God want me to do? Why am I here? What are my gifts? How will I leave my mark? The College of St. Scholastica invites you to deepen your faith, discover theological resources to deepen your thinking and your understanding of the Bible, explore your spirituality, and learn how to listen to your true life's calling, all within the beauty of the Northwood's and Lake Superior. Ponder life's big questions while roasting marshmallows on a bonfire. Make lifelong friendships while completing a teambuilding ropes course. Consider how to find meaning and direction in your life, guided by caring professors and spiritual leaders.

This summer, St. Scholastica will host its first "Sacred Word, Sacred World, Sacred Call" Youth Theology Institute for rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Twenty high school students and five college student mentors will participate during this inaugural year. Students will stay in the Somers Hall Dorm Suites on campus from July 7-16, 2016. Activities are inspired by three themes: "Sacred Word, Sacred World and Sacred Call, and the experience wraps up with a two and a half-day "Wilderness Retreat and Sending Forth." The St. Scholastica Youth Theology Institute is made possible by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. The introductory cost is \$300.00. Scholarships are available. <http://css.edu/youth-theology-institute.html>

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.

WELCOMING MINISTRIES meets after worship on Sunday, May 1. Thanks to all for your contributions at the salad luncheon on April 24.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will meet on Tuesday May 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran. New comers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.



INTERFAITH BENEFIT FOR GLORIA DEI, May 1 - Temple Israel of Duluth, 1602 E. 2nd St, will host a traditional Jewish lunch and silent auction to benefit the Gloria Dei Rebuilding Fund on Sunday, May 1 from 12:00 noon to 2 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10, \$25 for families. Parking available on street and in the parking lot on the side of the building. To help, contact Colleen Martin - colleenmartin2817@gmail.com or 728-1202.

There will not be a regular coffee hour on May 1—all are invited to attend the luncheon at Temple Israel.

FAITH RUMMAGE SALE, May 6-7 –

Faith Lutheran will hold a church closing sale Friday, May 6 from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to Gloria Dei Rebuilding Fund. Additional donations for the rummage sale welcome.



BOOK CLUB will meet Monday May 16, 10:00 a.m. at Sara's Table. This month's selection to be discussed will be "I Am Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout.

EVE GATHERING will be meeting on Tuesday May 17, 4:45 at Unitarian Universalist Church located at 835 West College Street.

WELCA News The next event WELCA will have is the annual summer synod gathering at the Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids. Thursday June 9th and Friday June 10th we will gather – Thursday will be a day of informational sessions and Friday will be the business meeting and plenary speaker from the Jacob Wetterling Foundation. We are planning to arrange group travel for both days so please let Karen Kjolhaug (218-591-3432) know if you are interested in participating. We will also be arranging group travel so contact Karen if you would like to do that. It will be a new and rejuvenating space for us to meet, a beautiful resort in the north woods! Sign up soon! We will be in touch with all as we move into summer with some new activities offered and new plans for fall being arranged!



PHOTO CARDS FOR REBUILDING – Munda Forbort will be selling her hand-made photo cards during Coffee Hour on select Sundays. A variety of scenic (local and other), flora, and fauna will be available. The cost is \$3 per card, and all monies will go to Gloria Dei's Rebuilding Fund. Pre-paid special orders will be considered; please allow approximately 3 to 4 weeks for delivery. \$2 of each "special order" card will be given to the Re-building Fund.

PHOTO MAGNETS If you are a fan of Will Stenberg's greeting cards, then this is the next step for you. Will's photo images are now on magnets (about 2x3 inches). There are several images that sell for \$3.00 each at the coffee kiosk. Proceeds from these will go to the Rebuilding Fund.

LGBT ELDERS - meets the 4th 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.

HIV SUPPORT - The HIV Support Group meets once a month on the 2nd Monday at 6pm and is located at the office of Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN) at 114 North First Avenue West.

GLORIA DEI-DREAMERS - Summer softball is organizing! This year Coach Paul Steklenski got a surprise at a manager's meeting. Concordia Lutheran Church will pay Gloria Dei's registration for this season! What a thoughtful gesture. Now we need to come up with a team. Church league softball is a mix of men and women, old and young. There is a system that assures that members of the fielded teams are older, female or youth. The Gloria Deidreamers have been part of the league for several years under coach Steklenski. The team plays once a week for an hour on the UMD fields. Time varies: games start at 6, 7, 8, or 9 PM. Schedules come out at the start of the season. Players of all skill levels are welcome and must not attend every game. Coach Paul is recruiting now! Members of Faith Lutheran are welcome to be part of this team. Game schedules are posted in the bulletin each week and cheerleaders are very welcome to bring a lawn chair and enjoy a game. The games will begin on May 24th this year. It's early so the practice on May 29th will be changed. A practice is planned on May 8th at 6p.m. It's Mother's Day but we're hoping some will be able to attend seeming it's an evening event. Another practice will be scheduled on May 15th at 1 p.m. Both practices are at the Chester Bowl soccer field.



MINISTRY OF SERVICE

Purpose: Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and the powerless and committing to their needs.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT-Patti Maguire

We are EASTER people and we continue to celebrate the EASTER season until Pentecost on May 15th! Remember the gospel lesson from John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

April 6th the Health Cabinet and Pastor celebrated a communion worship service at Edgewood Vista with Harriet Schwenk, June Chesney and their friends. On May 4th we will be at King Manor for the commun-

