

WORSHIP LEADERS - NOVEMBER



*I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations. – Isaiah 42:6*

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Earlier this fall, Bishop Tom Aitken convened a confirmation cluster, with about 80 youth and parents from four Lutheran churches in Duluth. He shared stories from his life and faith formation, and encouraged each one there to remember who they are in baptism. Someone once asked him what the greatest sin is, and he said the early church from the first two centuries had an answer: *the greatest sin was forgetting.*

Not forgetting where you left your keys or a forgetting a phone number or an appointment, but *forgetting who you are in Christ, who Christ is for you.* Because when we forget who we are, he said, it's then that we do things that harm others, it's then that we neglect the gifts God has given us, it's then that we fail to see the needs of our neighbors. When Bishop Tom anointed the confirmands and their parents that night, he made the sign of the cross on their foreheads, the sign of baptism, and said, "*You are not your own; you belong to Christ, your brother, your Lord and Savior.*"

Several of Gloria Dei's youth attended that evening, including five who just affirmed their baptism last month. What a blessing to celebrate the Spirit's gifts in their lives, and to hear some of their encouraging reflections on the bible verses they chose:

+ From Mark 10:27: *For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.* "If you need help to get through a tough time," Joey wrote in his faith statement, "don't be afraid to ask God for help. Because no matter what God will always hear your prayers."

+ From Matthew 11:28: *Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I shall give you rest.* "Just as we can find a bench to sit on after a long walk," Molly wrote, "the Lord will give us a sanctuary when we need it." *Take my yoke and learn from me, Jesus says.* "God leads us in the right direction, but we also have a choice of whether to learn or not. God resides in our hearts, souls, and minds, always ready to welcome us. But God also wants us to understand him, to spread love for each other and all of creation."

+ From John 8:31-32: *If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth shall make you free.* "To fully experience the word God teaches," Katie wrote, "you must continue outside of Sun-

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of November is Pearl Johnson, Elaine Wickstrom & Carol Kelley
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	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Organist	Stan Wold	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Mary Garner	Stan Wold
Assisting Minister	Madeline Pass	James Crane	Sue Anderson	Kathleen Gates	Patti Maguire
Sound Technician	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Marcia Troy	Duane Stuck	Marlaine Williams	Sue Anderson	Kristen Hylenski
Acolytes	Deonta Lew & Shakira Johnson	Bryn Weberg & Noah Winesett	Esmeralda Lew & Martha Carlson	Sam Winesett & Shamayah Johnson	Raine Amundson & Maggie Winesett
Ushers	Marcia & Rick Troy	Karen Bockelman & John McDonald	Allison & Duane Stucke	Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer	Linda Kalweit & Paul Steklenski
Nursery Attendants	Daphne Amundson	Cara Weberg	Sherry Dalager	Terri Erickson	Self Serve
Counters	Mary Gagnon & Gerald Erickson	Lexie Cieluch & Janine Dahlquist	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Judy Bailey
Coffee Servers	Church Council Pot Luck	Linda Kalweit	Eve Gathering	Quilting Group	Service & Justice
Communion Assistant	Maury Aaseng & Munda Forbort	Maury Aaseng & Brett Amundson	Maury Aaseng & Bev Pehkonen	Maury Aaseng & Karen Bockelman	Maury Aaseng & Barb Renick

day worship, incorporate it into your daily life and discover it in the small things. Volunteering in the community, meeting new people, spending time in creation connect other days of the week to Sundays. Recognizing small acts of God's good work we can realize a positive outlook, a freedom that can change our perspectives and renew our lives in Christ."

+ From Isaiah 43:1: *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine.* Daniel was thinking of his baptism in Lake Superior when he chose this verse. "Being redeemed means we have been given eternal life," he wrote, "and being part of church means to learn, pray, and love God and one another. Church is not only for true believers but for everyone."

+ From John 15:5, 16: *I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.* "I always wanted to be independent," Journey wrote, "to prove to others I can do things by myself. Through confirmation, God, and the bible, I've found the key phrase I got wrong was not *I can*, but *by myself*. Not only do we need Jesus' help because without him we can do nothing, but with him we can do everything. His unconditional love makes us children of God. And he appoints us to bear fruit that endures, with the loving help of God."

November is a month of transition. Framed by All Saints Day on one end and the First Season of Advent on the other, these weeks take us through the end of one church year to the beginning of another. This is an apt time of *looking back and looking forward*, a time of *remembering who we are in Christ and who Christ is for us.* We do so on ...

+ Nov 1, as we remember All Saints, including saints of Gloria Dei past and present, welcome new members, and hear updates at the parish potluck (see p. 4).

+ Nov 15, as we dedicate our giving commitments for 2016 to further God's mission through the ministry of Gloria Dei during morning worship.

+ Nov 19, as we hear a CHUM speaker, Lutheran pastor Heidi Neumark, share about how her discovery of Jewish family heritage shapes her life (see p. 6).

+ Nov 24, as we participate in CHUM's interfaith Thanksgiving service at Temple Israel (see p. 5).

+ Nov 29, as we begin a new church year with Advent.

Looking back or forward, we are assured of God's eternal promises that can shape us in faith today. Thanks be to God.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS November 2015

- In winter you can help lower your energy bill by opening your curtains during the day and closing them at night while in summer you usually should leave them (and windows) open at night and close them during the day.
- Plant a Tree. Martin Luther (would plant a tree even if he thought the world was ending tomorrow) probably didn't realize that trees provide oxygen and consume carbon dioxide – way to go Martin.
- When doing a quick rinse of a dish or washing hands use the cold water tap rather than the hot. The hot water doesn't get to the faucet, but it does leave the hot water tank and is replaced with cold water which needs to be heated costing you more money and energy.
- Turning up your air conditioning by several degrees can reduce your energy bill, keeping CO₂ out of the air and dollars in your wallet. In the winter, putting on a sweater instead of blasting the heat can also save a hefty amount of energy.
- Think about how much more energy it takes to run than walk. Now think about how much more gas your car uses at 70 mph than at 65 or especially 55 mph.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 ~ Tim Stark	17 ~ Mark Johnson
3 ~ Janice Woldmoe	17 ~ Duane Stucke
4 ~ Pakou Ly	18 ~ Brett Amundson
5 ~ Julie Jagim	20 ~ Wayne McCall
6 ~ Peder Norr	21 ~ Catherine Hewitt
7 ~ Laura Hoelter	22 ~ Karen Kjolhaug
8 ~ Timothy Jorgenson Jr.	24 ~ Marjorie Lindemann
9 ~ Esmeralda Lew	27 ~ Dianna Boortz
10 ~ John Maly	27 ~ Gayle Salmela
12 ~ Kristen Bauerkemper	29 ~ Laurie Hagen
16 ~ Danny Pass	29 ~ Mia Johnson

September 30, Radio Ministry has received \$7739, which is \$1261 behind 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.

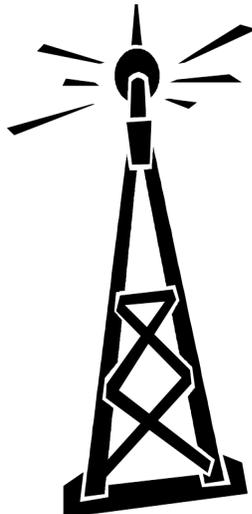
WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO

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 SEP 2015

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 9 months	\$151,500
Actual, 9 months	\$159,611 105%
Difference, <i>ahead</i>	\$ 8,111

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.

Sunday, November 1, 2015 All Saints Day

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come. **Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44**

Sunday, November 8, 2015 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance. **1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44**

Sunday, November 15, 2015 25th Sunday After Pentecost

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love. **Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25, Mark 13:1-8**

Sunday, November 22, 2015 Christ the King

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love. **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37**

Sunday, November 29, 2015 First Sunday of Advent

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

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

+LIFE'S LANDMARKS+

First Holy Communion, Oct 25
Shaniyah Johnson & Shalonda Johnson

Confirmation, Oct 25
Journey Amundson, Katie Carlson, Daniel Pass, Joey Peterson, Molly Weberg

POTLUCK AND PARISH CONVERSATION—NOV 1
In an effort to facilitate communication and awareness in the parish, Pastor David and the Council have planned quarterly "parish conversations" after worship with a potluck, during which everyone can hear updates about various ministries, receive a quarterly financial report, and become more aware of parish leaders, newcomers, and upcoming events. All are welcome!

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP
Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Nov 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV 1 – *"Blessed are they who die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them"* (Revelation 14:13). The first Sunday of November, we remember the church on earth and the host of heaven, united in the body of Christ. We thank God for all the faithful departed, especially those of our church family who have entered their eternal rest within the last year:
+ Charlene Ralph + Elsie Rothman + Fern Cooper + Tomas Velez

 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV 1–**
A reminder to set your clocks back 1 hour.

PLEDGE CONSECRATION SUNDAY, Nov 15 *Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of*



one or two days in January. If you can help or want more information, contact Tom Uecker.

RUBY'S PANTRY, Nov 19 - Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop has been distributing food at First United Methodist Church (the Coppertop Church) 230 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth on the third Thursday of every month since 2010. Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop is a community partner of Ruby's Pantry; making food available to anyone who needs to stretch their food dollar. Due to increased transportation and warehouse expenses, the cost for a share of food is now \$20.00. For \$20.00 those purchasing a share will receive approximately two large boxes of food. Cash only, no checks or EBT cards will be accepted. There is no "typical" food order and contents of a share vary depending upon what food is available to Ruby's Pantry at the time. You will need to bring your own boxes (laundry baskets work very well). There are no income guidelines. The Pantry operates the third Thursday of every month with distribution from 5:30-7:00 pm. We depend upon volunteers to help with the distribution process. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please call First Methodist Church at 727-5021 or talk with Sue Anderson.



NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, Nov 28—All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday Nov 28 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room.



FALL CHURCH CLEAN UP - is scheduled for Saturday December 5 from 9 a.m. - noon. Come join Paul Steklenski and Linda Kalweit in doing a few fall clean up chores. Lunch will be served.

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

cancer deaths and is by far the leading cause of cancer deaths among both men and women. Each year, more people die of lung cancer than die of colon, breast and prostate cancers combined. Overall chance for men of getting lung cancer is 1 in 13 and for women it is 1 in 16. This includes both smokers and non-smokers. For smokers, the risk is much higher while for non-smokers the risk is lower.

The Great American Smoke Out is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th. Why not try being a non-smoker on that day.

For more information on lung cancer see www.cancer.org or www.lung.org (American Lung Ass'n)

MEETING IN THIN PLACES: Spiritual Friends and Companions on the Dementia Road. The Hospice Chaplains at Essentia Health are offering their Spiritual Companions presentation on the morning of November 19th in the Miller Dwan Auditorium. Presenters Susan and John McFadden will discuss how to accompany a person with dementia from the time of diagnosis through the end of life. This presentation is FREE but registration is required. See Patti for registration forms.

On Wednesday evening, November 18th, the Miller-Dwan Foundation is presenting "Living Well with Dementia - A Shared Experience" from 5:30-7:30 in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn in Downtown Duluth. See Patti for details.

GARDEN To everyone who donated to the garden fund, the garden group wants to say thank you. The annuals in the 6th Avenue garden "island" and the wood chip mulch came from the fund. And now, if you see one of these faithful gardeners, please extend a thank you. The gardens are looking better than ever before! Tending on Tuesday group of "come when you can" gardeners were: Paul Steklenski, Judy Bailey, Susan Anderson, Mary Gagnon, Lloyd and Della Curtis (perfect attendance!), Tom Uecker, and Carol Uecker.



TABLECLOTHS: The cloth tablecloths arrived in time for the Rossing event in October. We have 15 round cloths and 2 long ones for use at funerals. They looked really nice October 10-11 and will look fine either with our without the lace overlays for funerals. JC Penney gave us a nice discount and with the money left over, we will purchase something else from the funeral wish list. A funeral is the last thing we can do for members. If you have donated to this, thank you!

VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS. Once again Gloria Dei will be hosting one of the free tax preparation sites in Duluth. We will be one of the sites under the CHUM umbrella. We could use an additional tax preparer. AARP offers training and this usually involves a day in December and



him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. A stewardship letter and Giving Commitment card are being mailed to all members and regular visitors – extra cards are in the church foyer. In response to God's abundant grace, please prayerfully consider your regular offering for 2016 as you complete this card. Be sure to include your name in the upper left hand corner. Place it in the offering or mail it to the church office on or before Nov. 15 when we dedicate our financial commitments for God's work through Gloria Dei at morning worship. Thank you!

EUCHARIST AT KING MANOR - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a worship service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month's gathering is planned for Wednesday, Nov 4 at 2:00. All are welcome to attend.

CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 pm on Wed., Nov 4. Regular weekly rehearsals on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

ONE BREAD, Nov 15 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is Nov 15 with the Setting 7 liturgy in the ELW. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE, NOV 24 - CHUM interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Israel (1602 E 2nd St.), Tues Nov 24, 7:00 pm. A mass choir is rehearsing at 6:00 p.m. All welcome!

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, Nov 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!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS NOV 7 & 21 - 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.—this month Nov 7 and 21. All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.

PLANNING AHEAD - The Health Cabinet presents a planning ahead event for Saturday November 7, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room. Kristin Parendo from the NE MN Legal Aid Society will discuss the legal issues you should consider, such as wills and health care directives. Pastor David will also talk about funeral planning, with the help of a booklet called, "Planning Ahead for when Death Comes." Coffee at 8:30, presentations begin at 9:00. Please RSVP to Patti, or Pastor. Also, contact them if you are unable to attend but would like the newly revised booklet.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – All are welcome to join us at 8:45 in the Hillside Room before worship. Participants are welcome to bring additional thoughts, readings, and prayers related to these themes.

Nov 1 – Intergenerational Sunday School, Hillside Rm

Nov 8 – "Hildegard House: A Catholic Worker ministry in Duluth" with guest Michelle Obed

Nov 15 – DVD discussion "Do the Math" (Bill McKibben on climate change)

Nov 22 – Biblical Reflections on Thanksgiving

Nov 29 – Advent and the Start of a New Church Year

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Nov 18 - 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 through page 91 of *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert (2014).

GLORIA DEI HOSTS CHUM SPEAKER, Nov 19 -

Rev. Heidi Neumark served as pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in the South Bronx for 20 years (where she and CHUM Executive Director Lee Stuart became life-long friends) and now serves at Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan.

"I'm a Lutheran pastor, but I'm not the same one I was six years ago." says Heidi Neumark "That's when our daughter was up late Googling family names and called out: 'Mom! Do you know you're from a prominent Jewish family and your grandfather died in a concentration camp? It's on Wikipedia!'"

Within months, that Wikipedia footnote sent Neumark on a personal journey across the globe to search for her family roots - taking her from Germany to the Czech Republic, to Brazil and eventually to a Passover

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

Gusting winds are blowing the leaves from our trees and roiling up Lake Superior as I write this report. Autumn is certainly here and winter will not be far behind. Get your flu shot and stock up on kleenex as cold and flu season approaches.

October was full of activities and events starting with the "Community Awareness on Mental Illness Conference" sponsored by the Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association. A good number of our congregation attended the evening and/or the morning sessions. The goal of the conference was to expand the awareness of mental health issues to the community and specifically to clergy and lay leaders in area churches. Members from 22 congregations participated in the two presentations.

During the month there were a number of other great learning and networking events too such as the panel discussion on "Compassionate Care Legislation" at UMD pm Oct 9th and a presentation on the most recent ways of treating strokes by one of the new doctors at Essentia. I attended the St Louis Co Health & Human Services Conference whose theme was "The Dance of Compassion", and I will be going to a 2-day training session on "The Sacred Art of Living and Dying".

We worshiped with our friends at Edgewood Vista on October 7th and held a special Healing Service on October 18th. Please join us in worship at King Manor on November 4th at 2 PM. the Health Cabinet provides fellowship and treats at these services and all are welcome.

Some Gloria Dei members have been hospitalized lately or have been "doctoring" for various ailments. Please let the Pastor or me know if you or a family member would like a visit whether in the hospital or at your home for encouragement and prayer. The Care Team continues to keep in contact with our members who can't get to church regularly. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

NOVEMBER is LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2015 over 221,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed and about 158,000 lung cancer deaths will occur. Lung cancer makes up approximately 27% of



All items can be dropped off starting Thursday, November 12th in the Hillside Room designated areas. Hope to see you there!

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will meet on Tuesday Nov 3 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.



MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Thursday November 5 at 9:30 in the Community Room. The group will continue to meet the first Thursday each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m..

SWEDISH CULTURAL SOCIETY meets on Sunday November 15, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.: Vi & Dale Klungness: **"The Story behind the Swedish & Norwegian Classic Calendars"**



WELCOMING MINISTRIES meets the first Thursday each month at 6:30 in the Youth Room. Next meeting will be Thurs Nov 5.

BOOK CLUB meets on the third Monday of most months at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Nov.23- Elephant Company by Vicki Croke (No meeting in December) Jan.17/2016 -I Am Malala by Malala Yousapzei Feb.21- All The Light You Cannot See by Doerr All are welcome to our Book Club meetings !

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.

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 renovation fund.

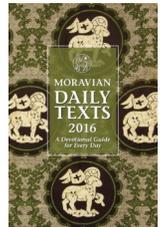
CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDARS. Once again we will be ordering chocolate Fair Trade Advent Calendars when we place our chocolate order in early November. The cost is \$8.00. So, if you are interested in one or more of these calendars, stop by the Fair Trade table before Nov. 15 and let us know so we have an approximate idea of how many to order. We will also have the SERV V handcraft catalog available. We can order these items at the same time that we place our Advent calendar order. If you are interested in looking at the catalog, stop by the Fair Trade table.

Seder in Los Angeles with newly found cousins.

Join us as Pastor Heidi presents *"Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith"* and takes us on her journey into an unimagined past. Personal narrative, social history, theology and Biblical reflection are interwoven in a story that challenges the author's identity, vocation and her theology. As Pastor Heidi uncovers her Jewish roots and successive family loss and trauma through the Holocaust, we are all invited to consider for ourselves how secrets, closeted identities and silence can shape our lives.

Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith is published by Abingdon Press and copies will be available for purchase and signing for \$20.00. Event is Thursday, November 19 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a social time from 6:30-7:00 in the Hillside Room. The Long Range Planning Team is also reading *Breathing Space: A Spiritual Journey in the South Bronx* (2002).

DAILY TEXTS ORDER BY NOV 15- Daily Texts is a devotional book in paperback with Bible verses and prayers for every day of the year. Published by Mt. Carmel Lutheran Ministries of Alexandria, MN, it is modeled after the Moravian Daily Texts. Each day has a selected text from the Old Testament, New Testament and a prayer for the day. The Moravian Church, with which the ELCA has a close relationship, has been selecting these texts annually and sharing them worldwide since 1731. Gloria Dei Council members have been using these texts for devotions at home and also for council and committee meetings; they are a wonderful resource for reflecting on scripture passages daily. Each 2016 paperback book costs \$6.50 and would make a great Christmas gift (checks payable to Gloria Dei). Our order needs to be sent in by November 16 to arrive in time for Christmas giving. Call Donna at the church office 722-3381 to reserve your book(s).



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!

With joy we welcomed the following new members into Gloria Dei's family and ministry through the Affirmation of Baptism on November 1. Thank you to all those who helped provide lunches for the new member classes on previous Sundays: Elaine W., Ed & Colleen M., Elders Group, Carol K., and Sue A.

Joseph & Kristen Bauerkemper - We are excited to join the Gloria Dei community! Joseph and Kristen grew up in Austin, TX attending an ELCA church where both of our extended families are still members; we have strong Lutheran connections across many generations. After living in the Twin Cities, Urbana, IL, and Los Angeles, we moved to Duluth in 2011. Joseph serves on the faculty in UMD's Department of American Indian Studies and Kristen cares for our two children, **Eliza** (5 years old) and **Thomas** (2 years old). Before becoming a mom, Kristen worked as a social worker. Eliza attends kindergarten at Congdon and Thomas enjoys various early childhood activities in the community.

Jason Hester - I was born and raised in Chicago, IL and relocated to Superior, WI in January 2012 to take care of my great-grandmother whose husband died in 2009. They were happily married for 63 years and grew up Lutheran. When she died in 2013, I decided to stay in the area and moved to Duluth last December, when I first started coming to Gloria Dei. I was looking for a Lutheran church and I finally found something I believe in and that is gay friendly and accepting of us.

Michael Reagen - I am from Muskegon, MI and am joining as an associate member. I had a rough life growing up. I went to the Baptist church for many years and for the last 10 years have been part of an Apostolic Church in Michigan. I've been blessed along the way with helpful pastors and friends who have prayed for me. I do have hills and mountains to climb, and am doing the best to overcome them with the help of the Lord. I love helping in the church wherever I am planted.

Sharon Knutson - I grew up in Babbitt and have lived in Duluth for forty years, working for Montgomery Wards, St. Ann's, and Oneida. I like to keep busy and enjoy movies, reading, crafts, and tying blankets. I've always attend Lutheran churches and have come to Gloria Dei to be more active in my faith and to meet new people.

Bart & Lisa Smith have transferred to Gloria Dei from Our Saviors Evangelical Church in Duluth. They have lived in Hermantown for 18 years, and have two daughters: Katy, who is 23, and a recent graduate of the College of St. Benedict, and Rebecca, who is a senior at the College of St. Scholastica. Bart is the Technology Manager at Duluth Public Schools, and Lisa is currently unemployed.

Tim & Elsbeth Stark - We have been living in Duluth since April 2014 and have been attending Gloria Dei since last February. Both of us have enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere and community focus of the church. Prior to moving to Duluth we attended University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis. We were glad to find another church

community that so closely matched what we had found there. Both of us are teachers for the Minnesota Virtual Academy. When we aren't working we enjoy getting outside and doing the many outdoor recreation opportunities that Duluth provides.

Ellen Taube - I'm a retired ELCA pastor and live with my spouse in Virginia, MN. Currently I preach twice a month and teach the Confirmation class at First Lutheran in Buhl. I love gardening and building things with power tools (fence, shed, shelves...). Gloria Dei draws me because it is an RIC congregation.

Stephen Wlosinski - I have been worshipping at Gloria Dei since January of 2012. I am a retired pastor of the Episcopal Church, having recently served twenty-three years as a chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. While searching for a spiritual home, I have been drawn to the preaching, music, justice concerns, and welcoming spirit of the people of Gloria Dei. For ongoing learning and fun (no tests!), I enjoy classes at the University for Seniors at UMD.

FALL FAIR, NOV 14

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Regift, Rejoice!

Join us for our annual WELCA fundraising event from 9 - 1, Saturday, November 14, 2015.

- Bake sale, Country Store, Artisan craft vendors, Hillside Bookstore, Fashion Tag Sale, Purses, Jewelry, and Holiday items.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Regift, and Rejoice with various make and take ideas and quick projects. New this year is the Fill 'er Up Mug Shop. Check your cupboards for mugs you no longer use, donate them to our Fill 'er Up Mug shop and then come and see what good that mug can do!



Coffee and goodies, soup, Sloppy Joes and chili served 11 - 1.

Your donations of "gently used" items including purses, jewelry, mugs, books, scarves, general household and holiday items, and your favorite baked goods will help make the fair a fabulous community event! If you would like to have a vendor table in the crafts area, the cost is just 10.00 dollars! (Please no used clothing or shoes for this event) All proceeds help to support twenty different ministries and projects through WELCA, including Seafarers Ministry, Hildegarde House, and Lutheran World Relief.

Any questions? Contact Karen Kjolhaug at 218-591-3432. Vendor sign up sheets will be available during coffee hour after worship on Sundays.