

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Organist	Barbara Erickson	Mary Garmer	Worship Band	Barbara Erickson
Assisting Minister	Patti Maguire	Kristen Hylenski	Journey Amundson	Katie Carlson
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Sue Anderson	Linda Kalweit	Mark Pass	John McDonald
Acolytes	Maggie Winesett & Deonta Lew	Brynn Erickson & Kingston Lew	Raine Amundson & Adrian Erickson	Esmeralda Lew & Brynn Erickson
Ushers	Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer	Paul Steklenski & Linda Kalweit	Corrine Helmen & Carol Kelley	Alison & Duane Stucke
Nursery Attendants	Sherry Dalager	Stephanie Carlson	Chuck Erickson	Self Serve
Counters	Kristen Hylenski & Julie Jagin	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson
Coffee Servers	Church Council Parish Conversation	Sue Anderson	Eve Gathering	Youth Group - fundraiser for 2018 Synod Youth Gathering
Communion Assistant	Mary Gagnon	Mary Gagnon	Mary Gagnon	Mary Gagnon
Altar Guild	Jackie DeVogel & Esmeralda Lew	Judy Oman & Sue Anderson	Marlaine Williams & Sherry Dalager	Elaine Wickstrom & Ruth Wittmers

*Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. - ELW p. 97*



### From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

*Fresh Start.* It's the name of the primer I've applied to the siding on our house before painting. Years of sun especially on one side have resulted in areas of peeling and exposed wood, which I've wanted to get covered before the snow comes. And cover is something this primer does well. Scraping loose paint and caulking the gaps also help, and when the primer is applied it looks like a clean slate – helping prevent the wood from deteriorating, smoothing imperfections, and unifying all it covers.

*Fresh start* – here's a baptismal image that reminds us of the clean slate we receive through Christ Jesus in water and Word. As we have been learning in our fresh studies of Paul's letters this year, baptism transfers us from the dominion of sin and death to the dominion of God, so that we belong to God. And sometimes Paul uses the metaphor of *clothing* to illustrate that baptismal belonging: "*As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ,*" he says (Galatians 3:27), and, "*put on the Lord Jesus Christ*" (Romans 13:14). Like a coat of primer, Christ's righteousness covers our imperfections, saves us from the deteriorating power of sin and death, and unites us with the baptized of every time and place as children of God.

*Fresh start* – this is why we begin each worship service at the font with confession and forgiveness or a thanksgiving for baptism. This is why Martin Luther encouraged people to remember their baptism everyday. For the promises of baptism enable God's people to acknowledge the brokenness of the world but not be crushed by it, to embrace new beginnings with courage and resurrection hope. *Fresh start* is a theme that characterizes the Christian life and it could also characterize this month in our shared ministry.

+ We celebrate it on *All Saints Sunday*, November 5, as we welcome new members. Affirming their baptism just as the confirmands did the Sunday before, they become part of our parish family and the mission we share. Like everyone who has become part of Gloria Dei – indeed like those from our congregation who have passed from this life into life eternal since last All Saints – each of these new members also has a unique story (see p. 7), and with them we share in the joy of a new beginning. Whenever we gather at the font and recall God's promises, we are reminded how the body of Christ is living and ever-changing, how we as a congregation are always being made new by the Holy Spirit, and how God continues to call us into emerging chapters of discipleship and faith.

+ A fresh start is also expected soon in our *rebuilding process*. After months of discernment and prayerful conversation, re-envisioning ministry spaces, and refining general schematics into construction documents, our general contractor Johnson Wilson will soon commence with Phase 1 of Gloria Dei's rebuilding project at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. As member architect Terri Erickson explained in an adult forum last month, this first phase will involve several major components like removing the old balcony and sanctuary floor and creating new ones, constructing a new elevator that will access every level of the building, and removing walls and replacing windows in the 1959 addition (see her update on p. 13). While the exact starting date is yet to be determined, we will plan to give the congregation an opportunity to be there prior to construction and surround the project with scripture and prayer.

+ Along with rebuilding has been a *fresh start on its fundraising*. Ryan Jagim summarizes the good meeting several leaders had with Pastor Jon Olson of the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund and the unanimous recommendation from the Council for the congregational meeting on November 5 that Gloria Dei utilize MIF's complete services to help our leaders conduct our capital campaign (see pp. 4 & 14). I came away from that meeting excited about the process that lies before us, and I think together we will be well equipped to help generate and spread excitement about our rebuilding and renewing throughout our congregation and beyond. There could be some surprising things we all experience as a result of going through the process with MIF, and what we learn now could have lasting benefits for everyone even beyond this campaign. Other pastors who have used such services have also told me in their experience it is worth the investment.

+ A fresh start is something *immigrants* look for when coming to the U.S. Our friends at Peace Church have voted to become a Sanctuary Congregation, offering compassionate treatment and shelter to immigrants who may be in need in our area. Last month, the Council approved Gloria Dei's role as a supporting congregation to their efforts through prayer, volunteers for specific tasks, and the possibility of donations. Peace is hosting a Sanctuary Church Fiesta November 18 with food, dancing, and activities to raise awareness and funding for costs related to people they plan to serve (see p. 11).

+ Dedicating our *giving commitments* on November 12 to support God's mission through Gloria Dei for the coming ministry year, worshiping with our neighboring Chum congregations at *Thanksgiving* on November 21, and witnessing another *church year* come full circle at month's end are more opportunities to reflect on the fresh starts God continues to provide.

*Thanks be to God for fresh starts made possible by the promises of baptism.* In all our endings and beginnings, may we ever rely on Christ Jesus, whose Spirit renews us in grace, unites us in ministry, and empowers us to share in God's love for the sake of the world.

See you in worship!  
+ Pastor David Carlson

developed that the best way to reach our goals was to contract with MIF capital campaign services for the full campaign. This was not an easy decision as we have differences of opinions on whether we should do the capital campaign ourselves or use MIF to direct our campaign. Yet, as Pastor David shared, *"My sense of what was expressed at the meeting is not that Gloria Dei couldn't do it on our own - we could. Nor is it that this lets us off the hook - we will still have a lot of work to do. But the committee felt that more direction from MIF preparing for and surrounding the kickoff and commitment Sundays, as well as the templates and other materials that we can adapt for our use, will help both volunteers and staff do this with greater confidence and efficiency - especially when we are also planning community fundraising events as well as engaging our ongoing ministry needs."*

On November 5, 2017, the congregation will vote on the following recommendation unanimously approved by the council: that ***Gloria Dei contract with MIF Capital Campaign Services to conduct a comprehensive capital campaign to raise \$800,000 for our rebuilding effort. This authorizes up to \$12,000 (\$9,500; plus the consultant's travel for two on-site weekends & other out-of-pocket campaign-related expenses).***

We continue to develop plans for the *community focus fundraisers* also. The following list is a quick summary of some of these strategies: Community Events like a benefit concert, benefit supper, benefit barbecue, raffling off items made by the congregation; online and peer to peer fundraising platforms; using our Gloria Dei brochure and video to approach community organizations, businesses, and alum. This community focused effort will also need congregational volunteers and support. Rick Troy has been exploring options for approaching community contacts for financial support. We continue to look for ways of involving all of you in these efforts. Please be creative in sharing your ideas and looking for opportunities to support these projects either as a coordinator or as a volunteer.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1 ~ Timothy Stark	12 ~ Kristen Bauerkemper
2 ~ Bart Smith	16 ~ Danny Pass
3 ~ Janice Woldmoe	17 ~ Mark Johnson
4 ~ Pakou Ly	17 ~ Duane Stucke
5 ~ Stephanie Anderson	18 ~ Brett Amundson
5 ~ Ruby Hill	24 ~ Marjorie Lindemann
5 ~ Julie Jagim	27 ~ Dianna Boortz
6 ~ Peder Norr	27 ~ Gayle Salmela
8 ~ Timothy Jorgensen Jr.	29 ~ Laurie Hagen
9 ~ Esmeralda Lew	29 ~ Mia Johnson

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DETAILS** - by Ryan Jagim

The Capital Campaign Committee has been busy over this last month. It has been a time of planning, learning and discussion as we look to raise funds for our rebuilding. We have started to use the concept of a *congregation focused campaign* and a *community focused campaign*.

The need for two prongs of this campaign is related to the amount of money we need to rebuild beyond the insurance settlement: \$800,000. As we talked with fundraisers and bankers, we have learned that the amount of money that can be reasonably raised by a congregation focused fundraising effort is based on its overall budget and giving patterns. For us at Gloria Dei, that goal is \$500,000 (approximately two times our annual budget), which will have a special *congregational focus* in the new year in the form of 3-year pledges. In order to raise the remaining \$300,000, we plan to turn to fundraising activities from outside our congregation that is described as a *community focused* campaign. We have had a generous response already from those outside our congregation and plan to continue those efforts.

On Saturday, October 14, twenty-four capital campaign committee and congregation members met with Pastor Jon Olson, Capital Campaign Services Consultant from ELCA Mission Investment Fund (MIF) to learn about the capital campaign process, to understand the organizational and leadership structure needed to plan and implement a campaign, and to develop a timeframe for our campaign. After reviewing the multiple components of the capital campaign with Jon that day, we better understood the complexity of a capital campaign and the need for a strong capital campaign leadership team. Capital campaign committee and congregation members agreed to take on the leadership roles of the capital campaign as listed below:

- + Pastor – Rev. David Carlson
- + General Chairperson or Co-chairs – Greg Garmer & Don Hoaglund
- + Communications Chairperson – Kathy Wimer
- + Hospitality Chairperson – Colleen Martin
- + Spiritual Emphasis Chairperson -- Patti Maguire
- + Children and Youth Chairperson – Chelsea Froemke
- + Follow-up Chairperson – John McDonald
- + Advance Contacts Chairpersons – Judy Bailey, Ryan Jagim, Pastor David, and support from the Service and Justice Committee

We also developed a *timeline for the Congregational Capital Campaign*, with a kickoff date of February 18, 2018 (the beginning of Lent and the anniversary date of our fire) and concluding with March 25, 2018 as Commitment Sunday. In general, we left that training session with a better sense of direction and a sense of energy and hope as we take on the task of raising \$800,000 for our rebuilding process.

The following Tuesday (October 17, 2017), the Capital Campaign Committee met and discussed the task ahead. We had an important discussion identifying different concerns and ideas about how to proceed. A consensus

**Sunday, November 5, 2017 All Saints Sunday**

Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.  
**Micah 3:5-1, Psalm 43, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12**

**Sunday, November 12, 2017 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.  
**Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Matthew 25:1-13**

**Sunday, November 19, 2017 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12,  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30**

**Sunday, November 26, 2017 Christ the King**

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23,  
Matthew 25:31-46**

**+ LIFE LANDMARKS +***Confirmation*

Oct 29 - Raine Amundson, Martha Carlson, Else Madsen, Bryn Weberg

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, NOV 5** – The Council has called a special congregational meeting for, November 5 after worship. The purpose of this meeting is for the congregation to vote on the unanimous recommendation of the Council to contract with Mission Investment Fund Capital Campaign Services to help our church leaders conduct a comprehensive capital campaign for our rebuilding effort. Details about the capital campaign services and its cost (up to \$12,000) shared at Adult Forum on Oct 22, after worship on Oct 29, in the November *Dei by Day* newsletter, and posted in the church foyer. The meeting will coincide with the quarterly Parish Conversation during coffee hour on Nov 5, at which we will also have updates on other ministries. Please note: this will NOT be a potluck, but the council will provide bars and coffee. 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.*

**EUCHARIST AT KING MANOR, Nov 1** - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month a Holy Communion service is planned at King Manor on Wednesday Nov. 1st at 2:00 p.m.. All are welcome.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, Nov 5** – *"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:

+ Thomas Sullwold	+ Lyle Helmen
+ Gerald Sutherland	+ Michael Lovshin
+ Conrad Nelson	+ Karen Kjolhaug
+ Harriet Starkey	+ Bud Pass

*If you have a family member this year you also wish to remember in prayer at this service, please inform the church office by 9:00 a.m. on October 31.*

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV 5 –

A reminder to set your clocks back 1 hour.



**SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Nov 5** - 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. Gloria Dei has been asked to collect canned fruits as a part of its food collection, though other foods are also still welcome. These can be brought the first Sunday and other times.

planned early in the new year. For questions related to estate gifts, in-kind donations, investment giving, please call the church office—722-3381.

### EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS

November

- Repeat after me, "weather and climate are not the same." Weather consists of short-term changes over a period of hours, days or even a few years. Climate change is about average weather conditions over a long period of time ranging from decades and centuries to thousands of years.
- Confusing weather and climate - during a very cold January 2010 - some members of Congress had a snowman built in front of the U.S. capital in Washington, DC. They used it as a media event to argue publicly that *climate* change ideas had been debunked. Not.
- If you want one article that thoroughly reveals the confused and misleading ideas of climate change skeptics, google "The Real Truth about Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change," by Dr. Michael MacCracken, Chief Scientist for Climate Change Programs. He critiques climate change skeptic, Dr. William Happer (see Opinion, Duluth News Tribune 7/15/2017).
- Dealing with climate change is a long-term scientific and political problem. Unfortunately, long-term threats are easier to ignore than are short-term threats. Most of the people who could suffer the most serious harm from climate disruption have not been born yet or live in other countries, thus they can't vote; enough said for some leaders.



### MOVING FORWARD UPDATE

- by Terri Erickson

As of October 16th, the Phase-I bid package has been completed by our architect and passed on to the contractor for a refined cost estimate in order to confirm that we are still in line with our budget goals. Once this has been evaluated and approved, construction should be set to begin - hopefully this month! The primary demolition work includes the removal of burned elements in the sanctuary such as the remaining floor system, walls, and material finishes down to any reusable structure. The sanctuary attic space will be cleaned for soot removal and existing windows extracted for future replacement. The new construction will consist of the elevator shaft enclosure and the new sanctuary and balcony floor structures. As these tasks get underway, the remainder of the work will be in the process of completion under the Phase-II bid package. During this stage, meetings with Gloria Dei sub-committees and specialized consultants will be arranged to help determine the final floor plan layout



**PROJECT CHEBOKSARY** - The Lutheran Church of St. Luke in the city of Cheboksary on the Volga River is a congregation of the Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia, one of our companion synods. Pastor Konstantin Subbotin has written a letter describing his parish and its need for a church building, a request supported by the Ingrian Lutheran Bishop. The Council has earmarked about \$280 from our Mission Endowment interest and invites other contributions. If you would like to help, checks can be made out to Gloria Dei with "Project Cheboksary" in the memo. For more information, a pamphlet is available in the narthex or speak with Pastor or Stephanie Carlson.

### 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 SEP 2017

Needed per month \$18,667; per week \$4,308

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 9 months \$168,000

Actual, 9 months \$177,944 105.9%

Difference, *ahead* \$9,944

Thank you for supporting God's Mission through the ministry of Gloria Dei. Our regular offering is a sign of worship and thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do. In our offering, we return to God a portion of what God has so graciously entrusted to us. THANK YOU for remembering your offering as a regular part of your worship!



**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.

### REBUILDING & RENEWING - THRU SEP 2017

*The Campaign to Rebuild Gloria Dei*

Rebuilding Fund Designated Gifts & Interest:

Month of September \$10,976

Year to Date 2017 \$87,946

Total Rebuilding Gifts \$254,052 (since Feb 2016)

Thank you for your prayerful support during our rebuilding process. Gifts *above regular offering* are welcome anytime, payable to Gloria Dei with "Rebuilding Fund" in the memo. A 3-year pledge campaign is being

**PLEDGE CONSECRATION SUNDAY, Nov 12** - *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 him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* A stewardship letter and Giving Commitment card is being mailed to all members and regular visitors – extra cards are in the church Narthex. In response to God's abundant grace, please prayerfully consider your regular offering for 2018 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 before Nov. 12 when we dedicate our financial commitments for God's work through Gloria Dei at morning worship. Thank you!



**ONE BREAD, Nov 19** - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, this month with the *God Give Us Life* liturgy by Ray Makeever. Other Sundays, liturgy will be accompanied with piano and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Nov 21** - CHUM interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Glen Avon Presbyterian Church on Woodlawn Ave.), Tues Nov 21, 7:00 pm. 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.*

**INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, Nov 5** - "A Great Cloud of Witnesses." Christians of all times and places witness to God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ, and we can learn much about faith through their lives and writings. Through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we become part of the Communion of Saints too, knit together into the church, inspired by the Spirit for faith and courage today. Join us once a month for singing, bible verses, crafts and conversations that will focus on God's people throughout history and across the world. See you there!

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Nov 4 & 18** - In addition to regular worship, our confirmation class will be focusing on Luther's Small Catechism and the Marks of Discipleship. We meet every other Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.—this month November 4 & 18. All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.

**ADULT FAITH FORUM** – All are welcome to join us at 8:45:  
Nov 5 – Intergenerational Sunday School: "A Great Cloud of Witnesses"  
Nov 12 – NOMADS Mission Volunteers presentation by Steve and Glenita Geving. They have been active with this organization for 5 years. NOMADS

is a mission outreach ministry of United Methodists, though all faiths all welcome, rebuilding lives, homes and facilities with God's love and our hands.

Nov 19 – "Reading Biblical Literature" DVD with Prof. Craig Koester, Luther Seminary: Exodus and Mt. Sinai

Nov 26 – Synod Journey & ELCA Youth Gathering overview

**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 2018 paperback book costs \$7.00 and would make a great Christmas gift (checks payable to Gloria Dei). Our order needs to be sent in by November 15 to arrive in time for Christmas giving. Call Donna at the church office 722-3381 to reserve your book(s).

**STUDY OF PAUL'S LETTERS, Nov 8, 15, 29** - Jim Bailey and Pastor David offer Part 2 of the study of Paul's Letters for six sessions Wednesdays at Faith, 6:30-8:00 pm. Sessions include Philemon & Colossians (Nov 8), Ephesians (Nov 15), and The Pastorals (Nov 29). This year as we renew our awareness of the Reformation and its legacy, we look forward to our time together dwelling in the Word and reflecting on how these letters from scripture influenced Luther's theology and continue to shape us today. Overviews prepared by Wartburg Seminary. Jim Bailey, selected passages, explanatory handouts, and group discussion. Feel free to invite others - we hope to include you in this rich, participatory journey of faith!

**NEW COMMUNITY STUDY GROUP, Nov 9** - The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a new study group on *Natural Harmony / Environmental Stewardship*, co-facilitated by Pastor Carlson and Bill Mittlefehldt, a retired educator, environmentalist, and member of Peace UCC. As the widespread and systemic problems of the ecological crisis increasingly call for adaptive changes in society, faith traditions play a vital role in helping shape human response. These sessions will explore a variety of spiritual perspectives that recognize our deep creaturely interrelatedness, lament our negative impact on the earth's well-being, and highlight our vocation as stewards. A shared global consciousness emerging from diverse cultural experience invites local communities into hopeful reflection and collaboration. This study group meets monthly on the second Thursday from 8-9 a.m. beginning November 9, 2017 at Sara's Table. The initial session will summarize and propose possible readings and topics for future sessions. initial plan is a monthly group for 6 months, November 2017 through April 2018, after which the group may decide to continue. Please contact Pastor Carlson if interested in attending.

\$20.00 donation, people receive approximately two boxes of food. Cash only, no income guidelines. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop, please contact First United Methodist Church at 727-5021, located at 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth.



**CHUM ASSEMBLY, Nov 16** - Asbury United Methodist Church, 6822 Grand Ave, West Duluth, 6:30 PM 8:15 PM. Please join us from 6:30 for a social gathering before the program which will run from 7:00 - 8:15. Guest Panel: Fatima Moore, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless and Anne Krisnic, Executive Director of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition

**SANCTUARY CHURCH FIESTA, Nov 18!** Saturday, November 18th, 5:30 to 8 pm Peace Church in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a Taco Dinner, Salsa Dancing and Movies as we celebrate and raise money for our Sanctuary Project are so excited our partnership with Sanctuary Supporting Congregations (including Gloria Dei). Come when you can and stay as long as your are able. Please come to celebrate and learn about being a sanctuary and immigrant welcoming community.

- Taco dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- Salsa dancing with lessons by Kirsten and Juan Gonzales
- Movies: "The Other Side of Immigration" and "Dying to Get In"
- Activities and games for children -- child care provided
- Resource table with information and opportunities to take action

**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, Nov 25** - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Hunger takes no vacation—we can use your help any time from 7:30 to 11:30. Please let Paul (728-6206) or Carol K. (525-6098) know if you can help.



### 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 / month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of September 30, Radio Ministry has received \$8698 which is \$302 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 outreach happen.

Some congregation members have been in the hospital lately and are recuperating nicely. Cards and calls are always appreciated. The Care Team continues to reach out and keep connected with those who cannot get to church regularly. Thank you for your faithful ministry. I will be asking the Care Team and others to help with the Spiritual Team activities during the Capital Campaign for Moving Forward. You'll hear more about that in the months to come.

A special FREE presentation will be Thursday morning, November 16th from 9-12:30 at St Mary's Auditorium. Reservations are required; see me for details.

#### **REMINDER OF IMPORTANT HEALTH INSURANCE DATES:**

**Medicare**-enrollment opened on October 15 and ends on December 7, 2017. If you want to change your coverage, you **must** make the change by December 7th or your coverage will stay the same until the end of 2018. For more info see [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-633-4227.

**Affordable Care Act (ACA/Obamacare)** enrollment starts November 1 and ends on December 15, 2017, for coverage that begins on January 1, 2018. For help re-enrolling, contact the Health Care Access Office at 722-9650. MNSure information can also be obtained at [www.MNSure.org](http://www.MNSure.org).

**November is LUNG CANCER Awareness Month** The American Cancer Society estimates that 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 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. The Great American Smoke Out is Thursday, November 16th. Why not be a non-smoker that day. For more information on lung cancer see [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) and [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org) (American Lung Ass'n)

**VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS/GREETERS.** Once again CHUM will sponsor volunteer tax preparation through AARP. If you have an interest in joining the CHUM group as a tax preparer or greeter, please contact Tom Uecker: [tluecker1@msn.com](mailto:tluecker1@msn.com) or 218-525-4173. Training is provided by AARP, and you can select the time periods that you would like to help.

**CHUM FOOD SHELF AT FAITH**—Distribution is held on Mondays from 11-1. We are in need of volunteers from the seven cooperating churches of the Lakeside-Lester Park community. On occasion a volunteer will be asked to go to the downtown site to pick up food. You can train the day you serve with someone already volunteering as we try to have 3 people each week. Please contact Betty Wolterstorff at 728-2600 or Ruth Wittmers at 525-6273.

**RUBY'S PANTRY, Nov 16** - Volunteers Needed at Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop, 3rd Every Month, 3:30-5:30pm: Set up for food distribution, 5:30-6:45pm: Assist with food distribution, 6:45-7:30pm: Assist with clean-up. For a

**RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Nov 15** - 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 p. 40 of *Making Sense of Evolution: Darwin, God, and the Drama of Life* (2010) by John Haught.

**TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, Nov 28** - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. All are welcome! But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

#### **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 welcome the following new members into Gloria Dei's family and ministry through the Affirmation of Baptism on November 5. Thank you to all those who helped organize and provide lunches for the new member classes on previous Sundays: Paul S., Kristen B., Maury A., Carol K., and Chelsea F.*

**Dale App** is a lifelong Duluthian and a returning member of Gloria Dei. After earning his BA and MBA degrees from the Univ. of Minnesota, he served 4 years on active duty with the U. S. Air Force. Returning to Minnesota, he was employed by the 3M Company as an Internal Auditor and subsequently joined United States Steel Corporation's Great Lakes Fleet. He retired as General Manager after more than 30 years of service. Dale enjoys travel, geology, fly fishing and being a "Dog Dad" to his Egyptian Saluki puppy, Jasper.

**Bob and Candice Maki** - We moved to Duluth in February, 2017, after living most of our lives in Cherry, Minnesota, on the Iron Range where we were members of Faith United Lutheran Church in Iron. Bob worked as a high school teacher and later as a school counselor for K-12 and Candice worked as a medical transcriptionist until retirement. We have been married for 50 years and have a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren in Duluth as well as another daughter in Hibbing. Candice enjoys sewing, beading and scrapbooking. We were initially invited to attend Gloria Dei by Candice's high school classmate, Mona Wold. We also were drawn to Gloria Dei by our positive impression of Pastor Carlson, by Gloria Dei's ministry to others, inclusiveness and emphasis on Creation Care. We are happy to be here!

**Wes & Lois Rowe** are lifelong Lutherans and former members of Faith. Lois grew up in Moose Lake and Wes near Kettle River. They were married at Hope Lutheran Church in Moose Lake. In Duluth they raised three boys and have seven grandchildren. Wes worked in construction and Lois was a home-

maker. They enjoy entertaining for the holidays, family celebrations, and gardening. Wes had been an avid hunter, camper, and fisherman and now his family helps him continue his love for the outdoors as he deals with Parkinson's and is unable to go out as often. Wes and Lois are glad to have been able to attend some of the afternoon services Gloria Dei offers.

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**THANK YOU** What a wonderful birthday I had at Gloria Dei on Oct 15th where I celebrated my 60th birthday with my church family, and friends and family from near and far. It was a treat to have Martha play her harp for us all during coffee hour. Thank you for cards and hugs! I am so blessed to be part of this wonderful Gloria Dei family. In honor of my birthday friends and family donated to our Gloria Dei rebuild in lieu of a birthday present and I am happy to share that I received over \$450 - that will go to our Gloria Dei rebuild! God be with you all. Linda Kalweit

**FAIR TRADE ADVENT CALENDARS.** The chocolate Advent calendars will again be available from--a Fair Trade nonprofit organization committed to fighting poverty. The cost for a calendar is \$8.00. If you would like to order a calendar, please stop at the Fair Trade table (or call Tom Uecker) before. 20sign up for one. We will be placing our annual chocolate order on Nov. 21. Also, the catalog will be available at the Fair Trade table until that time for anyone to browse. We can add handcrafted products from around the world to our order—you may find possible Christmas presents!

**PREORDER CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Back by popular demand, the cards (5.5" x 4.25") are available in sets of 10 cards with 10 envelopes for \$12.00 per set in original artwork of Gloria Dei building in winter by Duluth artist Joel Cooper, used by permission (artwork only, no words). All proceeds to Rebuilding Fund. Pre-orders can be placed at the Fair Trade table after worship or mailed to the church office. Enclose a check payable to "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church" with "Christmas Cards" and number of sets in memo.

**GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, Nov 7** - Quilters meet the 1st the month at 6:30 pm the former Faith building and put together warm and colorful quilts that are then donated to Lutheran World Relief and other needy organizations. Newcomers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.

**MARTHA CIRCLE** has been moved to the 2nd Thursday of each month for 2017-18. next meeting is Nov 9 at 9:30 AM at St. Ann's (west meeting room). this is for the entire school year (Sep - May)

**WELCA FALL FAIR, Nov 11** - 9-1 at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Our current Neighborhood Breakfast partner has very graciously agreed to host our Fall Fair again and it is exciting to know we can offer this event in "our" neighborhood! We will be looking for lots of donations. Items for both the Country Store (new and gently used, please), baked goods (including special Scan-

dinavian treats!), and hand crafted items would all be greatly appreciated! Your support of this event allows WELCA to continue to support local ministries. Items may be dropped off at the Faith building on Sundays, or Monday—Thursday 8:30-1:00 they can be dropped off at the church office on East Superior St. Items may also be brought directly to St. Mary Star of the Sea, but only on Friday November 10th between 11:00 and 5:00. Thanks in advance for all your support! If there are any questions please contact Kathy Wimer at 727-1987 or [kathy.wimer@nemnsynod.org](mailto:kathy.wimer@nemnsynod.org), or Donna in the church office.



**BOOK CLUB** The Gloria Dei Book Group will meet on Monday, November 20th at 9:30 a.m. at the Faith location. We are reading THE WOMEN IN THE CASTLE By Jessica Schaddock. We will take a break in December and resume on Monday, January 15th at 9:30. The January book is THE FAVORITE DAUGHTER By Fawzia Koofe. All are welcome.



**EVE GATHERING** will meet on Nov 28 at 5:30 at the Faith building. Please note the change in date. We will meet a week later than normal due to the Thanksgiving week. Hope to see you there.

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

### 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

This year's glorious golden October was filled with health activities, visitations and Bible studies. We worshiped with our friends at Edgewood Vista on October 4th and the Pastor was at Aftenro on October 8th with members of the Health Cabinet. On October 15th we offered a healing service for all who felt a need for prayer. Blessings on all who came forward seeking reassurance of the healing power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. November 1st we will be at King Manor for an afternoon worship service with communion. Please join us at 2 PM.

I attended an Ethics Lunch & Learn at Essentia early in the month to learn more about organ donations, and at the monthly Parish Nurse meeting we practiced contemplative prayer and meditation. The quarterly Board meeting for APNA was mid-month. I will be going off the Board in January. If you are interested in parish nursing, please talk to me.

