



*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.
– Pope Francis, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home**

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is not often, I suspect, when a Lutheran church newsletter quotes a pope. Yet in a month when we remember *Reformation* – a phenomenon that has had important moments throughout history and a process that continues through the power of the Holy Spirit today – we can learn a great deal from the reforming spirit of Pope Francis. The prayer above alludes to themes he has already demonstrated in just over two years as pope: the dignity of all human beings, a justice for the poor, and concern for the plight of the earth.

In anticipation of his visit to the United States in late September, a small group from Gloria Dei has been reading his recent encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, which we also set aside time to discuss in adult forum. The translation is “Praise be to you” and comes from St. Francis of Assisi, whose famous *Canticle* begins that way, praising God for “Brother Sun” and “Sister Moon,” “Brother Wind” and “Sister Water.” Francis referred to all creatures, from birds and cicadas to fish and donkeys, as his brothers and sisters – not simply for their usefulness to human beings but for their intrinsic worth as reflections of God’s glory.

It is heartening to see such “fraternity” with other creatures being lifted up in various parts of our shared ministry:

+ *Intergenerational Sunday School*, which began last month and whose

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Organist	Stan Wold	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Mary Garner
Assisting Minister	Cassie Borges	Patti Maguire	Lexie Cieluch	Madeline Pass
Sound Technician	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Molly Weberg	James Crane	Katie Carlson	Linda Kalweit
Acolytes	Joey Peterson & Raine Amundson	Molly Weberg & Katie Carlson	Danny Pass & Journey Amundson	Shameka Johnson & Morgan Wimer
Ushers	Per & Elaine Wickstrom	Nancy & David Gangeness	Deonta Lew & Paul Steklenski	Ed & Colleen Martin
Nursery Attendants	Terri Erickson	Sherry Dalager	Stephanie Carlson	Daphne Amundson
Counters	Lexie Cieluch Kathy Wimer	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson
Coffee Servers	Sue Anderson	Sherry Dalager	Eve Gathering	Rick & Marcia Troy
Communion Assistant	Julie Jagim Steve Dalager	Lexie Cieluch Karen Bockelman	Julie Jagim Bev Pehkonen	Brett Amundson Barb Renick

theme this year is “All God’s Critters!” Take a look at the collages created by kids and adults from magazine clippings showing creatures that swim in the sea, fly in the air, walk on the land, and “creep upon the earth.”

+ *Monarch Buddies*, composed of Gloria Dei community and members and convened by Tom Uecker, seeking ways to protect Monarch habitat.

+ *Blessing of the Animals* – on Sunday, October 4, which happens to be St. Francis’ commemoration day, we open the sanctuary to pets during the first part of the service for a procession and a blessing, while we sing “All Creatures Worship God Most High.”

St. Francis was in many ways a reformer a few centuries before Martin Luther, especially in embracing poverty as an act of solidarity with the poor and seeking to realign the church with a more intentional form of social outreach. His namesake, *Pope Francis*, links the current ecological crisis with global poverty, saying, “*The mindset which leaves no room for sincere concern for the environment is the same mindset which lacks concern for the most vulnerable members of society*” (par. 196).

I am thankful for Gloria Dei’s sensitivity to social justice, earth stewardship, and the themes of reformation coming to light this month at Gloria Dei:

+ *Eco-Reformation Seminar with Professor Barbara Rossing* – on Saturday, October 10, hosted by Gloria Dei and co-organized by the Synod Creation Care Team and the Lake Superior Conference Women of the ELCA. Believing that Lutheran theology can contribute to the kind of new reformation needed for a more ecological civilization, her talks will be: “*On Earth as in Heaven: Scripture and Hope for Healing Our World*,” and “*A Kairos Moment: Pope Francis, St. Francis, and the Lutherans*.” Dr. Rossing will also be preaching and leading adult forum on Sunday Oct11.

+ *Healing Service* – on Sunday, October 18, which is a day the church remembers St. Luke the Physician and Evangelist, we incorporate into our worship the laying on of hands and prayers for healing in all its dimensions.

+ *Reformation Sunday* – on October 25, we give thanks for God’s Spirit by which the church that is reformed is always in the process of reforming, and we pray for five youth who will be Confirmed that morning, affirming their baptism and assuming greater responsibility in the life of the church.

Pope Francis closes his encyclical with these words: “[*God*] does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!” May such a vision of reformation hope give us courage and strengthen our faith in God’s redemptive love for all creation.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

2015 NUTS FOR YOU

We are planning our annual nut sale at Gloria Dei. As with many other food products, prices have increased this year. Please indicate, next to the item, the amount that you would like to order.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u># ORDERED</u>
Pecan halves \$11.00	_____
Pecan pieces \$11.00	_____
Walnut halves & pieces \$10.00	_____
Trail Mix \$7.00	_____
Berry Nut Mix \$ 10.00	_____
Mixed Nuts (no peanuts) \$11.00	_____
Melt Aways (candy) \$7.50	_____
Cranberry Almond Granola \$7.00	_____
Dark Chocolate Mint Patties \$8.00	_____
Dark Chocolate Sea Salt Caramels \$8.00	_____
Chocolate Covered Pecans \$10.50	_____
Harvest Medley Mix \$11.00	_____
<i>(pecans, pistachios, cranberries & cherries)</i>	
Pistachios \$11.00	_____
Roasted & Salted Almonds \$8.50	_____
Apricots \$8.00	_____
Mixed Chocolate Cranberries \$7.00	_____
Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Melts \$8.00	_____
Total Price	_____

Keep in mind that these products are far superior to those purchased in the grocery store. They make great snacks, gifts and stocking stuffers. They also make your holiday baking super yummy. Available the beginning of November.

Name _____

Phone number _____

IF ORDERING BY MAIL—ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY OCTOBER 5th

Orders will be ready to pick up on November 1.

Payment required at time of pick up. Thank You!

portion of what God has so graciously entrusted to us. THANK YOU for remembering your offering as a regular part of your worship, especially during the summer months!

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.



+LIFE'S LANDMARKS+

Baptism -
Barrett William Haus, September 13, 2015

QUILT CARDS FOR SALE

The WELCA quilt made this year by congregations in the Lake Superior Conference was photographed to create beautiful note cards that can be purchased at the Fair Trade Table during coffee hour. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will go to the PV for Phoebe project.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 ~ Logan Baker | 13 ~ Tracy Pearson |
| 1 ~ Rod DeVogel | 15 ~ Linda Kalweit |
| 2 ~ Ryan Velez-Crane | 15 ~ Helen Wikblad |
| 4 ~ Jacob Anderson | 16 ~ Bob Lufholm |
| 5 ~ James Crane | 18 ~ Bob Forbort |
| 6 ~ Thomas Leight | 18 ~ Morgan Wimer |
| 7 ~ Laura Hoelter | 25 ~ Phoebe Jorgensen |
| 7 ~ Scott Ruzich | 26 ~ Brandon Kehoe |
| 8 ~ Lexi Baker | 26 ~ Roger Oman |
| 9 ~ Steve Baker | 27 ~ Deborah Adele- Paulson |
| 10 ~ Sue Anderson | 27 ~ Judy Oman |
| 10 ~ Cheryl Fleckenstein | 28 ~ Theodore Lew |
| 10 ~ Bob Hewitt | 29 ~ Laura Cieluch |
| 13 ~ Alyvia Baker | 29 ~ Alice Lahti |
| 13 ~ Jackie DeVogel | |

Sunday, October 04, 2015 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 11, 2015 20th Sunday after Pentecost

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Heb. 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 18, 2015 - St. Luke, Physician and Evangelist

St. Luke is identified by tradition as the author of both Luke and Acts. Luke is careful to place the events of Jesus' life in both their social and religious contexts. Some of the most loved parables, including the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son, are found only in this gospel. From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.

Isaiah 43:8-13, Psalm 124, 2 Timothy 4:5-11, Luke 1:1-4, 4:16-21

Sunday, October 25, 2015 - Reformation Sunday

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

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

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, Oct 4 – 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.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS, OCT 4 - St. Francis (d. 1226) is remembered as an important renewer of the church. Founder of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), he led others in ministry to the poor and among lepers, the most despised people of society. St. Francis also had an understanding of the unity of all creation and treated everything with reverence as his Brother and Sister. The hymn he composed, "Canticle of the Sun," is adapted in our hymnal as "All Creatures Worship God Most High" (ELW 835). We honor God's creatures St. Francis called brothers and sisters on Sunday, October 4. Feel free to bring your pets (or a picture) for a blessing during the worship opening.

EUCCHARIST AT EDGEWOOD VISTA, Oct 7. Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the worship and fellowship time are scheduled at Edgewood Vista in the chapel on Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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

ONE BREAD - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is Oct 18 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!

HEALING SERVICE, OCT 18 - During worship Sunday, October 18, we will incorporate the Order of Healing (ELW pp. 276-78) into the service, which includes the Prayers of Intercession, the Laying On of Hands, and a Blessing. A traditional time of the church year to incorporate these prayers of healing is on the Sunday closest to the day commemorating St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician. Gathered by the Holy Spirit around Jesus Christ, the Word of salvation, we pray

MACEDONIA: STEWARDSHIP EVENT OCT 11

By Pr. John Dietz, Assistant to the Bishop

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia. - 2 Corinthians 8:1

You are invited to the upcoming Macedonia Project workshops on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, October 11. This is a great opportunity for leaders to learn how to grow faithful stewards in their congregation and community. The workshop is free to everyone in the synod.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul praises the spirit of the Macedonians. He talks about them being enriched in every way for great generosity producing thanksgiving to God. The Macedonia Project will help you:

- + Embrace the spiritual principles of giving
- + Connect faith with Christ's call to mission
- + Invite people to grow toward a tithe
- + Grow regular giving in your congregation

Find out more about the Macedonia Project at: elca.org/macedonia

+ Initial Session 1 - Saturday, September 12; 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing

+ Follow-up Session 2 - Sunday, October 11; 1:30 - 5:30 pm

at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmo

Pastors and interested members will really benefit from sharing this experience together. Register, and register early! While the event is free, you need to register for it by Sep 3 at <https://macedonia-nemn.eventbrite.com>. Registering not only helps us and our hosts to plan for the event, but it will guarantee that the event will be able to take place and it will get you the pre-event materials needed to really capitalize on your participation.

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.

FINANCE REPORT THRU AUG 2015

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 8 months \$134,667

Actual, 8 months \$142,185 105%

Difference, *ahead* \$ 7,519

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



GOT AN EXTRA RADIO? - If you have an extra radio laying around—that the AM works on it, we have a handful of homebound members who want to listen each Sunday to the live broadcast but their radios are no longer functioning.

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

EARTH STEWARDSHIP NOTES

About 30% of children in the US today are obese or overweight according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We can help support families, farmers, businesses, students and local government who are helping local food systems to get more local and organic food to homes, schools, hospitals and restaurants.



Read labels carefully when buying cereals and other products that claim to contain blueberries and other fruits. Many products contain little or NO real fruit, but concoct look-a-likes consisting of starches, sugars and dyes.

The Clean Air Act of 1970 has saved millions of lives and protected rivers, lakes and forests. Since Environmental Protection Agency began implementing this Act, emissions have dropped by 55%.

Around 25 million acres of ancient forests are being cut down each year to produce timber, paper and toilet tissue. Sustainably harvested timber and paper products made with a high percentage of post-consumer material are alternatives.

for all medical workers and caregivers and for God's healing in all its dimensions.

CLASS FOR FIRST COMMUNION, OCT 24 The age when children begin to receive Holy Communion varies among Christian denominations and even different Lutheran churches, from infants to confirmation age. At Gloria Dei, we believe that all are welcome at the Table of the Lord. At the same time, we find it beneficial for young children and their parents to have some instruction about the sacrament, especially when they begin asking questions about it, or express the desire to receive it. Parents often know when the time seems right for their children and prior to that are encouraged to bring children forward for a blessing during communion. First communion instruction for children and their parents is being offered Saturday, Oct 24 from 10:30-11:30. Please contact Pastor Carlson to attend.

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, Oct 4 — "All God's Critters!" 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!

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

Oct 4 – Intergenerational Sunday School, "All God's Critters!"

Oct 11 – Special Guest: Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Oct 18 – "The Good Funeral" reflections with Karen B. & Patti M.

Oct 25 – "Reformation & Confirmation" with Karen B. & Pastor David

CONFIRMATION CLASS Oct 10 & 24 - 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 Oct 10 and 24. All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.*

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Oct 21 - 8 a.m. at Valentin's (London Rd). Through the College of St. Scholastica, Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and connects our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! For October, we're reading the last two chapters (ch. 5-6) of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS Sundays beginning September 20, from 11:30-12:30 in the Lakeside Room. This is for anyone interested in learning more about Christianity and the Lutheran Church, being baptized or confirmed as an adult, or joining our parish. Lunch and materials will be provided. We will be using the helpful booklet, *Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life*, by Dan Erlander, to guide our discussions. Our class will meet for four consecutive Sundays, and new members will be received at the All Saints Sunday service on November 1. Current members also welcome for a review! If interested in attending, please contact Pastor David so we can plan accordingly, 722-3381

ECO-REFORMATION SEMINAR, Oct 10 - The promise of earth renewal in scripture and practice with Prof. Barbara Rossing. 8:30-2:30 at Gloria Dei, co-organized by the NE MN Synod Creation Care Team and Lake Superior Conference WELCA. Dr. Barbara Rossing is Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Known for her scholarship on the Book of Revelation, Rossing believes the scriptural witness speaks of God not abandoning the earth but of a vision of renewal where the New Jerusalem and the Tree of Life provide inspiration for ecological civilization. An active theologian for the Lutheran World Federation, Rossing also sees the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as an opportunity for Lutherans to embrace an Eco-Reformation for our times. *This event coincides with the WELCA Lake Superior Conference Fall Gathering.*



ABRAHAMIC FAITHS SPEAKER AT CSS, Oct 21 - This year's Silver Memorial Interfaith Lecture will feature New York Times bestselling author Bruce Feiler, on Wednesday October 21, 7:30pm, Mitchell Auditorium. Feiler has written seven books including *Abraham*, *Walking the Bible*, and *Where God Was Born*. His work explores the connections among religion, geography, and the emotional issues of our time. *Walking the Bible* has been translated into fifteen languages and describes Feiler's difficult 10,000-mile journey to retrace the Five Books

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.

COMMUNITY CONNECT, Oct 22 - 10-2 p.m. Formerly "Homeless Connect," this event at Gimaajii Gathering Place 202 W. 2nd St will include a hot meal, free haircuts and nail care, a bike shop and assistance with voter registration. Agencies will have booths to provide information and referrals. Last year over 300 men, women and children attended the event and well over 50 providers were onsite. This event is sponsored by CHUM, Loaves & Fishes, American Indian Community Housing Org., LISC, Gloria Dei, and many other organizations.

NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST

October 24—All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday September 26 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room.



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*

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of August 31, Radio Ministry has received \$7186 nearly on track to meet our budget needs. Thanks to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts of \$230 to sponsor a Sunday or in any amount continue to make this an important outreach.

Lake Superior presented by the Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association

October 15-16 - St Louis Co Health & Human Services Conference at the DECC

October 22 - "Art of Dying & Living while Dying" in the St Luke's Auditorium, 6-8 PM

October 27 - Essentia Grief Support Program will be presented from 8-4PM

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH -

Watch for the pink ribbons

- 1) Although men can also get breast cancer, the greatest risk for breast cancer is being a woman.
- 2) Any woman can get breast cancer even without a family history.
- 3) Check your breasts monthly and get a yearly mammogram after age 40.
- 4) Early detection and improved treatments lead to more survivors.



Questions? The Cancer Hotline is answered 24/7: 1-800-227-2345

Essentia Health Hospice and Palliative Care invites you to their annual Memorial Service on Sunday, October 11th at Lakeview Covenant Church at 2PM. This memorial service lets family members know that their loved ones are not forgotten and that they are supported. Your presence at the service could be one way to show your support, or you might want to call or send a card.

BRIDGE to Health Survey - Watch your mail. Surveys are being sent to randomly selected households to help answer the question of how healthy the Northland really is. Please fill out the survey if you are selected. Your information is valuable and will be used by the regional health organizations develop healthier communities.

TENDING ON TUESDAYS – Gardeners needed to help weed and preen the church gardens from 10 – noon each Tuesday.



RUBY'S PANTRY October 15 -

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



of Moses through the desert. Abraham recounts his personal search for the shared ancestor of Jews, Christians, and Muslims; the book was featured on the cover of TIME Magazine and inspired thousands of interfaith discussions around the world. *Sponsored in part by Gloria Dei's Mission Endowment Fund.*

GLORIA DEI HOSTS CHUM SPEAKER, November 19 -

ELCA Pastor Heidi Neumark from Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan will be a guest of CHUM for a speaking event at Gloria Dei on Thursday, Nov 19 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a social time from 6:30-7:00 in the Hillside Room. Heidi has preached for national ELCA events, is a personal friend of Chum Director Lee Stuart, and has written *Breathing Space: A Spiritual Journey in the South Bronx* (2002). She will also participate in an "Theology Brown Bag" talk at noon that day, location TBA.



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.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will meet on Tuesday October 6 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 resumes meeting starting on Thursday October 1 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..

EVE GATHERING resumes their meeting, the third Tuesday of the month. The next gathering will be Tues Oct 20, at 5:30 in the Lakeside Room.

SWEDISH CULTURAL SOCIETY OF DULUTH will meet on October 18, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. The scheduled program will be; Claudia Lundquist & Cindy Ruce: "Pictorial History of the Swedish Cultural Society of Duluth"



SOUP LUNCHEON OCTOBER 4, 2015 - There will be a soup luncheon Sunday, October 4 during coffee hour. A variety of soups, breads and bars will be served, and there will be a free will donation. All money collected will go to support Welcoming Ministries here at Gloria Dei

THANKS - Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Pride Breakfast on Sunday, September 6. When Gloria Dei agreed to host this annual breakfast, we had no idea as to how many people would come to the breakfast and how we could put together a full breakfast. It worked out so well. We couldn't have done it without all of you who brought muffins and fruit and those who helped with set-up and clean-up. Your willingness to help out was testimony to Gloria Dei's ongoing radical welcome to all who come through our doors. - Welcoming Ministries



**WELCA FALL GATHERING DETAILS, CARING FOR CREATION
Oct 10, 8:30-2:30**

The Lake Superior Conference of Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering, hosted by Gloria Dei. Our guest presenter is Dr. Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Dr. Rossing believes the scriptural witness speaks of God not abandoning the earth but of a vision of renewal where the New Jerusalem and the Tree of Life provide inspiration for ecological civilization. She also sees the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as an opportunity for Lutherans to embrace an Eco-Reformation for our times.



Our offering will be divided between church wide WELCA and the Community Action's Seeds of Success Program. Our in-kind offering will be donations to the area's food shelf. Please bring food items that you would eat, especially tomato products, juice, cereal, crackers and bean products.

You may bring an item or two for the ongoing silent auction to support attendance at our next WELCA Triennial convention. Handmade scarves — it's going to get cold sooner than you think — jams, jellies, fall produce, baskets, etc are all welcome. If you would like to buy it, it's a good item to bring. Our quilt note cards will also be on sale.

The seminar is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected for lunch (suggested amount \$8). Handicap street parking is available on 6th Ave; otherwise park in the lot on 3rd St, next to the church. Bring a friend!

REMINDER: If you are in the hospital, be sure to notify the church. We will gladly come and see you there. Also, Gloria Dei has two Transition Coaches, Bev Pehkonen and Barb Erickson, who will help you when you are discharged. Both Barb and Bev are RN's with spe-

cial training to help patients understand the care they need to take at home so that they won't have to go back to the hospital.

WELCOMING MINISTRIES will resume meeting the first Thursday evening each month starting with October 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

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.

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

September brought new energy and new activities: the PRIDE breakfast and parade, worship at St Ann's and fellowship later that week, and Inter-generational Sunday School were all in the first weeks. At the monthly Parish Nurse meeting we heard a great presentation by a speaker from First Witness Advocacy Program on youth and child abuse. On September 23rd, a few of us went to a special presentation on Funeral Planning in St Paul which will be helpful for the upcoming "Planning Ahead" presentation in November.



Even in these beautiful fall days, some congregation members have health concerns. Please notify the church if you or a friend are in the hospital. Also please continue to pray for them and for the Care Team that visits, calls and brings communion to folks who can't always get to church. It is so important for all of us to keep connected to Gloria Dei and remember God's healing love. Please join us as we worship at Edgewood Vista on October 7th at 1 PM in the chapel. Call me if you want a ride. Mark your calendars for a Healing Service on Sunday, October 18th.

October education and training opportunities:

(see me for registration & CEU info)
October 6-7 - "Community Awakening on Mental Health" at the Inn on