

*i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes – e e cummings, 1950*

**From the Pastor**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lutheran scholar Joseph Sittler once referred to this short poem in a sermon about joy and the earth. *It is our enjoyment of something, he said, not our use of it, that moves us to serve its needs.* I saw such amazement and joy last month at Hillfest when neighborhood kids and adults flocked to the monarch butterflies at Gloria Dei’s booth, released many into the air for their journey to Mexico, and even witnessed a caterpillar transform into a chrysalis. “If this isn’t a miracle, I don’t know what is,” one said.

+ Breakfast. *Joy visited us* last month also at the benefit dinner for Gloria Dei's Neighborhood Breakfast at the Unitarian Church. Many thanks to all who attended and helped serve, especially Carol Kelley. We were so encouraged by the turnout of 125, the wonderful food, and the hospitality of our hosts for the event, which raised over \$3400. Since its beginning in 2006, the free 4th Saturday breakfast has been a ministry for and by the community, and that sentiment was certainly felt that evening with a crowd of friends and folks from other congregations.

The room was filled with joy as we sang, “*Come, live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord, we are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God...*” (ELW 720). Speaking that evening with Koresh and Jill Lakhan, whose vision has enabled many others to share in this effort, they expressed their thanks to Gloria Dei members who helped set up, serve the meal, and clean up. How thankful we can be for the generosity of friends, companions in faith and partners in God's work in the world. We pray that this ministry may continue to be a sign of God’s compassion and grace in the community (see p. 11).

+ God’s work. Our hands. This ELCA tagline, appearing on yellow T-shirts often worn at the Breakfast, is becoming a national theme for ELCA churches on the first Sunday after Labor Day, this year September 7. “God’s work. Our hands.’ Sunday reminds us that *we are church together for the sake of the world,*” says Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. “Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it’s that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference.”

That Sunday during Intergenerational Sunday School, in addition to singing and learning about Jesus’ parables, we are planning a service project for all ages. “Our Lord moves always in his speech from the *source of joy,*

	<b>September 7</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 28</b>
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Erickson	Mary Garner	Worship Band	Stan Wold
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Patti Maguire	Lexie Cieluch	James Crane	Sue Anderson
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich
<b>Reader</b>	Peggy Stevens	Lexie Cieluch	Ken Willms	Cassie Borges
<b>Acolytes</b>	Katie Carlson & Esmeralda Lew	Martha Carlson & Sam Winesett	Bryn Weberg & Journey Amundson	Molly Weberg & Danny Pass
<b>Ushers</b>	Wayne & Joann McCall	Marlaine & Lubov Willms	Corrine Helmen & Sandi Johnson	Per & Elaine Wickstrom
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>				
<b>Counters</b>	Bob & Carol Kelley	Lubov Willms & Janine Dahquist	Rod Dahquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Youth Group	Myrna Matheson	Eve Gathering	Altar Guild

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of **September** is; Jackie DeVogel, Ruth Anderson & Carol Kelley

COMMUNION ASSISTANT for the month of September is Janine Dahquist.

that we are loved by the holy, to the *theater of joy*, that we must serve the need of the neighbor,” Sittler said. If you have a yellow T-shirt, wear it, and if you don't, we are planning to order more for future events (see p. 5).

+ Worship. *God is the fountain of joy*, gathering us weekly around word and sacrament. This month, as the choir begins a new season, I'm also excited for the *God Give Us Life* liturgy that One Bread, our worship band, is going to introduce in our worship on September 21. Though it will be “new” to many of us, the first time I heard it was as an intern pastor in International Falls working with then Pastor Tom Aitken (now Bishop Aitken). It's actually been out of print for a while and hard to find, and only this summer was I able to locate an original copy from another church that we could reprint with permission under an Augsburg Fortress license.

In addition to being very singable, its words integrate the Prayer of St. Francis (Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...) and affirm in worship how *this world's needs are met by God who is the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all life*. Some of these needs are named: “rest for the weary... food for the hungry... hope for the children.”

+ Earthkeeping. Another Lutheran scholar from Chicago, David Rhoads, will be with us for a very special weekend, September 26-28 (see p. 6). In addition to an evening of “Performing the Gospel” at First Lutheran on that Friday, he is leading a training at Gloria Dei on that Saturday morning, 8:30 -12, “Earthkeeping with God: why we do this, how we do this.” Rooted in the Gospel and the Lutheran Reformation, we'll explore the biblical and theological foundations for creation care, set within a context of growing ecological concern, and look for practical ways creation care can be integral to the church's whole ministry. Free and open to the public – invite a friend!

On this same theme, we are looking forward to hosting *Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness*, which the council authorized to begin renting office space at Gloria Dei later this month. It is a regional wilderness advocacy group formed in 1996 and based in Ely, MN to foster education about the value of wilderness and to protect the BWCA and other wild places. Stories of how wilderness has inspired joy and action are featured on its web site (see [www.nmworg.org](http://www.nmworg.org)).

“Where does your deep gladness meet the world's deep need?” former Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson once asked. This month, may we all be moved by joy – as we bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

See you in worship!  
+ Pastor David Carlson

## STEWARDSHIP

### FINANCE REPORT JULY 2014

*Needed per month \$16,500*

*per week \$3,807*

Envelope Offerings

Budget, 7 months \$115,500

Actual, 7 months \$116,306 100.7%

Difference, *ahead* (\$ 806)

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, especially during the summer months!

### ONLINE GIVING - At the web site

([www.gloriadeiduluth.org](http://www.gloriadeiduluth.org)), click on the "Donate Now" button for a convenient way, through automatic withdrawal or secure credit/debit card transactions, to support God's mission through Gloria Dei with a donation or monthly commitment. Make an offering from your smartphone by scanning this QR code, which will take you to our secure online giving site.



**SIMPLY GIVING** There's a way to give your weekly offering that's easy, that helps reduce the cost of envelopes, and that benefits Gloria Dei with knowing more consistently what the electronic giving amounts will be. It also can be easier for you with one less thing to do, and at the same time for people who like to place their gift in the offering plate can still do that, too. Laminated cards for people who give their offerings electronically will be provided in the church pews. It's our goal to increase the number by 50 families or individuals. Thank you. *The Stewardship Committee*

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR SEASON OF PENTECOST

We praise you, O God, for “the power at work within us ... able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20). There is nothing you ask us to do, nothing we are ever meant to do, which you do not enable us to do! May we grow in sharing your life-giving Spirit, which “lifts us up where we belong” and which is the hope of the church for the world, the grace made ours in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. - *UCC Resources*

- 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*

**DO YOU USE FACEBOOK?** If you are on Face Book, please check out two Gloria Dei sites and LIKE us! The official/administrative page is GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH - DULUTH. You're on the right page if you see the gorgeous golden stained glass windows. This page has schedules and special information about services and church events.



The more informal page is GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH which has a black & white picture of the church. This one has comments from our friends and pictures of church events such as the softball team. Please be our friend on both pages; they serve different purposes.

**WELCOMING MINISTRIES**

**LGBT ELDERS** - This group gathers for support and fellowship and will resume meeting starting in September. For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates [gatespea@centurylink.net](mailto:gatespea@centurylink.net) or 624-4589.

**PRIDE WEEKEND THANKS** - Thanks to all for joining Gloria Dei's LGBT friends and allies August 28-31, especially for helping at our Pride Festival table on Saturday and walking with our banner in the Pride Parade on Sunday.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 ~ Pat Ruskell	16 ~ Jane Hoffman
3 ~ Noah Winesett	16 ~ Elizabeth Lavin
5 ~ Patti Maguire	18 ~ Abraham Winesett
8 ~ Maritha Dalager	19 ~ Sue Pass
9 ~ Alicia Johnson	21 ~ Jason Uecker
12 ~ Arnold Johnson	23 ~ Patsy Lovshin
13 ~ Grace Johnson	23 ~ Makayla Pearson
13 ~ Cara Weberg	26 ~ Janine Estrem
15 ~ John McDonald	30 ~ Carol Kelley
16 ~ Bill Carlson	

**SEPTEMBER LESSONS**

**September 7, 2014 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation. **Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20***

**September 14, 2014 HOLY CROSS DAY**  
*This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as a sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ. **Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17***

**September 21, 2014 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars. **Jonah 3:10—4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16***

**September 28, 2014 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world. **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32***

**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+***Baptism*

August 17 - Mason Allen Hills

*Marriage*

August 8 - Jenny Fallang &amp; Chris Slygh

**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 SEP 3** - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month, Pastor David and the Health Cabinet are planning to meet at King Manor on Wednesday, September 3 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES** for Fall at 7:30 on Wed., Sept. 3. The choir returns to singing in Sunday Worship on Sunday September 7. The choir will rehearse on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

**SAMARITAN SUNDAY SEPT 7** – 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.

**ONE BREAD—** Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for leading and accompanying worship once a month (usually the 3rd Sunday). The next Sunday planned is September 21, on which they will introduce “God Give Us Life” liturgy by Ray Makeever. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be led on organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

**END OF LIFE MINISTRY** - The response to glass vases for tables at funerals has been fantastic! Thank you all. We could still use some acrylic photo frames (these are clear with a molded stand). Sizes 5x7 or 4x6 inches would work best to still allow guests to see over them. Now, the harder part: Cloth table cloths for the tables. In the near future a sample color will appear for folks to see it on the tables. At that time, we might know the cost per tablecloth. These could still be used with the lace overlays if a family wished to do that.

**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.*

**THANKS** to everyone who attended and helped out at Hillfest Aug 24: Tom & Carol U., Thomas L., Kristin H., Ed M., Sioux & Dave, Kathleen G., Marg F., Wayne & Joanne M., and Martha & Pastor C. Also thanks to Sue A. for the use of her canopy to Donna G. for the cold drink dispenser, and to Patti & Doug M. for putting together other needed materials. The butterflies were a big draw, and it was great to meet others and share about Gloria Dei's ministry over a cup of Lutheran Iced Coffee!

**THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS**

*It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of July 31, Radio Ministry has received \$7,539, on track to meet our budget needs. Thanks to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts in any amount continue to make this an important self-sustaining outreach.*

**RADIO MINISTRY SINCE 1942****Become a friend of Gloria Dei Radio Ministry**

- Worship with us on Sunday morning at 10:00.
- If you can't attend in person, listen to the live broadcast on AM 710 - WDSM Radio.
- Make a difference in our community by supporting Gloria Dei's Radio Ministry through your regular gifts, or as a special gift in memory or in honor of someone to recognize an event.
- Each Sunday broadcast costs \$230.
- Call the church office at 218-722-3381 to sponsor a Sunday and support the spread of the Gospel!

**WORSHIP 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."

"We believe Christ is present not only when sharing the sacramental meal, but also when food is shared in his name with anyone who hungers. It's about food, but also more than food. This ministry is a way for us not only to live our faith but also to grow in relationship with the community, with our neighbor, and with God," said Pastor David Carlson.

The breakfast is cooked and served entirely by volunteers. There is a steady crew that shows up, but help is always welcome. "We can almost always use more volunteers," Kelley said. "If somebody wants to stop in on a Saturday morning and pitch in, that's great." If you would like to volunteer, simply show up at Gloria Dei, 219 N. Sixth Ave. E. between 8 and 8:30 a.m. on a fourth Saturday of the month. Kelley said the volunteers always have a cheerful spirit. "That's one of the things that people commented on, that we look like we're having fun. It's a job in which we find joy," Kelley said.

The free breakfast is supported by the church budget and offerings from various members. People watch the grocery ads and contribute sausages, juices, butter, margarine and syrup as these items go on sale. All of this helps the church stay on target with costs, which Kelley said seem to keep increasing. This is why the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth is holding fundraiser dinner to support the breakfast program. The dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 9 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 835 W. College St., and will include Indian cuisine. Free will donation.

*About 125 attended the dinner including many from the community and from other congregations, and raised over \$3400. We are grateful to God for the broad support of this ministry with and for the community. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to this communal effort to provide hospitality and a hot breakfast to those in need.*

**THANKS**—Gloria Dei, You all do such a wonderful job of inviting your neighbors in for breakfast each month! I applaud your commitment to mission and neighbors and community. This small gift is for your Breakfast Fund. - Mary Schmitz, CHUM

**CHUM** **STEVE O'NEIL APARTMENTS – HOUSEWARMING REGISTRY** - CHUM is building a new six-unit emergency family shelter in conjunction with the Steve O'Neil Apartments, now under construction in Duluth's Hillside neighborhood. In addition to the new CHUM Family Shelter, the Steve O'Neil Apartments will provide 44 units of permanent supportive housing for families with children who have a history of recurrent or long-term homelessness. Help Gloria Dei sponsor a kitchen (\$600 ea.) – gifts can be made in any amount and checks to Gloria Dei with "O'Neil Apartments" in the memo. As of August 24, \$797 has been raised – covering more than one kitchen - Thanks be to God!

### 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.*

**RALLY DAY - SEPT 7** Parents, be prepared to register our children for Sunday School at 8:45 in the Hillside Room on September 7th.

They will meet their teachers and all of us will be part of the Intergenerational Sunday School, HOLY PARABLES! Sunday School teachers will be installed during worship and afterward have a meeting in the Lakeside Room. Everyone, remember to wear your bright yellow T-shirts as we celebrate "God's Work, Our Hands!"

**YELLOW T-SHIRTS** - Several folks have asked about Gloria Dei placing another order of T-shirts from the ELCA that say "God's Work, Our Hands." A minimum of 10 shirts need to be ordered for the "Gloria Dei" inscription on the back. Cost per shirt is under \$10, depending on size. Call the church office or place your order (checks made out to Gloria Dei) at the Fair Trade Table during coffee.



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

Sep 7 – Intergenerational Sunday School – "Holy Parables!"

Sep 14 – "What is the Missional Church?" – with Pastor David & the Long Range Planning Team

Sep 21 – "Sacraments: Means of Grace in A Changing World" – with Pastor Karen Bockelman & Pastor David

Sep 28 – "The Gospel of Mark" – with Prof. David Rhoads, Lutheran School of Theology Chicago

**CONFIRMATION CLASS SEP 13 & 27** - In addition to discipleship practices of worship, prayer, and service, our confirmation will focus on Luther's *Small Catechism*. *We meet every other Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.—this month Sep 13 and 27 (come to the Earthkeeping event). All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.*

**PRACTICE DISCIPLESHIP—TRAIN THE TRAINER SEP 16** - This Northeastern MN Synod event equips congregational teams to lead Practice Discipleship trainings, adult forums, or other events. Includes curriculum notebook, lunch, training, and synod support. Thursday,

Sep 16, 9:30-4:00 at Our Savior's Lutheran in Cloquet. Must attend with 2 or more members. Congregation Teams are expected to lead 1 or more sessions in your congregation/area by February 2015. Gloria Dei will pay the registration fee. If interested, please see Pastor David.

**GATHER THE HERD – SEP 20** - The Annual Hunger Training Event, Saturday, Sept 20; 9 am - 3 pm at Salem Lutheran Church, Deerwood, with presenter Ryan Cummings, Dir. for ELCA Hunger Education. If you'd like to become more involved in efforts to address hunger issues in your community, this gathering is for you. You will hear real-life stories about people making a difference and experience hands-on roles of families in our communities who are hungry and struggle with issues related to food, shelter and basic needs. Each congregation is encouraged to bring 2 adults and 2 youth (grades 9-12). No charge for this event, but a freewill offering will be received for lunch. If interested in attending, please see Pastor David.

**RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE SEP 24** - 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 September we're reading the first 90 pages of *War of the Worldviews: Where Science and Spirituality Meet* by Deepak Chopra and Leonard Mlodinow (2012).

#### **VISITING SCHOLAR AT GLORIA DEI, SEP 26-28**

Dr. David M. Rhoads is Professor of New Testament Emeritus from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. A passionate advocate for eco-justice and environmental ministry, and founding director of an online resource, Lutherans Restoring Creation [www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org](http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org), he has engaged many congregations, synods, and seminaries with both biblical/theological foundations and practical training for creation care that is faithful, contextual, and restorative.



**+ Friday, Sep 26** at First Lutheran, Duluth 7:00-8:30 p.m. **“Performing the Gospel”**

- Oral culture in the First Century – what might we learn from this practice of early Church?
- Performing the Gospel of Mark (portion) and reflecting on the spoken word

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stretch their food dollar. 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 SEP 27** —All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday April 26 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room.

*\* IMPORTANT: This is the same day we are hosting the Earthkeeping 2.0 seminar upstairs, 8:30-12. Help is needed to ensure each event is coordinated with the other in mind. See Pastor David if you can be part of the leadership that day.*



#### **BRINGING BREAKFAST TO THE HILLSIDE COMMUNITY**

By [Teri Cadeau](#) reprinted from the *Duluth Budgeteer* on Aug 8, 2014,

French toast, egg bake, sausages, cold cereal, toast, orange juice and coffee. That's the basic menu of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church's free neighborhood breakfasts on the fourth Saturday of each month. “The French toast is kind of our trademark thing. We've heard people get off the bus and say, “Oh, we heard that you have really good French toast at Gloria Dei,” said Carol Kelley, organizer of the breakfasts. “We know what works. We serve pretty much the same meal every month.”

The breakfasts started nine years ago when a church member noticed Holy Trinity Lutheran had launched a breakfast for community members. “One of our members was an interim pastor there and he thought Gloria Dei is actually a prime location for something like this, because it's right downtown and on the bus lines,” Kelley said.

Kelley gathered volunteers to start the program. At first there were more volunteers than guests, but now they serve about 200 people. “We know that there are a lot of people who are struggling or hungry. We have it on the fourth Saturday because by that time in the month, people are low on funds,” Kelley said. Kelley said she thinks the breakfast is so popular because it doesn't have any strings attached. “We don't require anything of people. They don't have to go to church, they don't have to listen to a sermon — just come and eat,” Kelley said.

All in all, God has been good! I will keep you 'up to date' as we move forward!

In deep Appreciation. Pam Franklin—Parish Nurse Coordinator/Director APNA

#### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Patti Maguire

The days are getting shorter and there is a nip in the mornings. Seems like the summer raced by way too fast. August was full of activity including the CHUM Neighborhood Night Out, fellowship at St Ann's, and the amazingly generous Dinner for Breakfast put on by the UUCD. Thank you to all who helped and/or stopped by Gloria Dei's table at HillFest on August 24th. Wasn't that a great way for us to meet our neighbors and renew old friendships over Lutheran iced coffee? It's been a busy month.

Regardless of the season, people still get sick, are hospitalized, or feel lonely. The Care Team continues to visit, call and bring communion to members of this congregation year round. The Care Team's goal is to keep members connected to Gloria Dei through fellowship and loving care. There were some major transitions and scares this month but prayers were said and healing comes from our Lord. Thank you all for your support.

Another aspect of this health ministry is the on-going worship/communion services we bring to local assisted living facilities for our members. The Pastor, Health Cabinet and I went to St Ann's on August 12th, We will be worshipping with our friends at King Manor on September 3rd at 2 PM and at Edgewood Vista on October 1st at 1 PM in their chapel. Please join us.

**ACS CANCER ACTION NETWORK** Mid September I will be traveling to Washington, DC, to lobby our Congressional team as part of the Cancer Action Network. Over 400 volunteers from all over the USA will be in DC to talk with their Representatives and Senators about cancer issues and specifically about raising the funding for cancer research.

There are so many exciting and promising cancer treatments and drugs "in the works" but they all rely on continued funding. Not only is this good for individual patients and their families, it is good for our country. Too many people are affected by cancer. Please say a prayer for me and the other volunteers as we step out of our normal lives to advocate to make cancer a national priority. Thank you.

**RUBY'S PANTRY September 18** Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop has been distributing food at (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



#### + **Saturday, Sep 28** - at Gloria Dei

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **"Earthkeeping 2.0: Taking Creation Care in the church to the next level"**

Rooted in the Gospel and the Lutheran Reformation, we'll explore biblical and theological foundations for creation care, set within a context of growing ecological concern and a calling of faith communities to participate with God in "the care and redemption of all God has made." Empowered by the Spirit, we'll look at practical training for congregation groups – the goal is comprehensive planning to make creation care integral part of the congregation's whole ministry as part of God's mission in the world. Free attendance, but registration requested for planning – pick up a flyer and contact Pastor David.

*sponsored by the Northeastern MN Synod Creation Care Team.*

*\* IMPORTANT: This is the same day we are hosting the Neighborhood Breakfast in the Hillside Room, 9:00-10:30. Help is needed to ensure each event is coordinated with the other in mind. See Pastor David if you can be part of the leadership that day.*

#### + **Sunday, Sep 28** - at Gloria Dei

8:45 a.m. The Gospel of Mark (Adult Forum)

10:00 a.m. David Rhoads preaching during morning worship

**CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS** Sundays beginning October 5, 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 Erlandson, 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 2. Current members also welcome for a review! If interested in attending, please contact Pastor David so we can plan accordingly, 722-3381.

**WHERE 2 OR 3 ARE GATHERED** - Jesus promises to be with us when we gather in his name around God's Word (Matthew 18:20). In a fast-paced world, having a variety of opportunities for Bible study and companionship on the journey of faith is essential for the life of the church. Pastor David is putting together a *Bible study facilitating series*, beginning sometime this fall, for those who will consider hosting a Bible study at the end of the training. If you are interested in learning more about this possibility, please contact him and we will find a time when this group can begin meeting.

**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.*

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE** – Friday, Sept 5th 3-7 and Saturday, Sept 6th 9-3 to benefit Gloria Dei's Building Renovation. Always fun. Gently used items needed, including clothing. Contact Kathy W, Barb R or Patti M. Help needed for set up on Thursday, Sept 4th and early in the day on Friday.

**GLORIA DEI MEN IN MISSION SEP 20**

– all are invited to Per Wickstrom's home at 2830 London Rd – 9:00 – 10:30 AM – SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> Elaine Wickstrom promises her famous breakfast, and there will be an Exotic Program presented by Per Wickstrom. ALL GUYS - Fathers and Sons – you won't want to miss this event! From Roger Oman, Chairman



**THE MANY FACES OF GLORIA DEI** - Ever wish you remembered the name of someone at church? Or... Do you need help matching a face with a name at church? *THE MANY FACES OF GLORIA DEI* is a new picture board featuring our Gloria Dei Family. It's better than a directory of pictures at home – it's where you need it – AT CHURCH! Featuring:

- small “head shots” of each of us (individual pics – not family pics)
- as new “faces” join our Gloria Dei family, the Velcro backing makes easy movement of pictures on the board
- each face will be labels with your First Name and your Last Name initial.

How do I get my Gloria Dei “FACE” on this cool board?

- Linda K can take your picture during coffee hour most Sundays, or e-mail Linda a picture: [Lkalweit@d.umn.edu](mailto:Lkalweit@d.umn.edu) or
- Bring Linda a picture and she will scan it and return the original to you. If you have questions contact Linda: 728-6206.

**GLORIA DEI QUILTERS** - will meet on Tuesday Sept. 2 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.



**BOOK CLUB** On Monday Sept. 15, we will discuss “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak. The October 20th book is “Wild” by Cheryl Strayed. On November 17th, the book to read is “Philomena” by Martin Sixsmith.

**WELCA NEWS** - WELCA will kick off our autumn season with a booth at our Gloria Dei Rally Sunday event. Come and find out about all that WELCA has to offer!

The Fall Fair will be held Saturday November 8. We will have great shopping at the Country Store, a delicious lunch and much much more! Watch for more news!



**COFFEE & CONVERSATION** will meet on Tuesday Sept. 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the back room at London Road Perkins. For more information please call Marjorie Nelson.



**SWEDISH CULTURAL SOCIETY** resumes its meetings here at Gloria Dei on Sunday September 21st at 3:30 p.m. in the Hillside Room. This month we will have a visitor, Historical Collector, Natalie Norman, will give a presentation on “Swedish Waistbags with respect to History and Culture”.

Can you even imagine a day when clothing had no pockets? The answer was a waistbag, forerunner to today's fanny pack. Worn by men and women, they date as far back as the 1400's. Natalie Norman will be sharing her collection of lovely waistbags collected from throughout Sweden. Listen to the stories these bags will tell.

**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.*

**ARROWHEAD PARISH NURSE ASSN THANKS**

Dear Gloria Dei Church Council, Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$200 for the Parish nurse Association continued progress towards our 501c3 status. It has been a long and steady road for our group—and God has provided resources for us along the way—in all aspects.

This past year with the help of a UMD marketing student, we now have a logo!! We also look forward to growing our “Transitions Coach” Ministry with the hospitals.