



Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine. - ELW # 581

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Two months ago the people of Emanuel A.M.E. church in Charleston, S.C. came together after the horrific shooting that had claimed the lives of nine parishioners, including the senior pastor. Within a week after that violent and racially motivated hate crime, they had worshipped in the sanctuary, resumed bible study where the deaths occurred, and publicly declared their forgiveness of the gunman, Dylann Roof. *"This territory belongs to God,"* Interim Pastor Norvel Goff said, as he began that evening's bible study, the theme of which was "the power of love."

Like Joshua who addressed the children of Israel as they stood on the verge of the Jordan after their time in the wilderness, Pastor Goff was *encouraging the church to live into their identity as God's redeemed people*. "When times of trouble come into our lives how do we respond?" he asked in his Sunday sermon. "Do we respond by being afraid ... or do we respond in faith?"

Fear, self-preservation, or righteous anger could have been among any number of understandable reactions to the senseless violence they suffered, but as one commentator put it, they *demonstrated the gospel* in their actions more than any theologian could have articulated it. And in their concern for justice and compassion for those living in poverty, in their forgiveness and prayers, in their witness to life in the midst of death, they showed the true character of God to whom they and we belong.

Bishop Tom Aitken recently reflected online about these events: "Our Lord knew all about marginalized people and the fear that often precedes such attitudes. He broke through; with love, with understanding, with a brave kind of savviness and courage that brought people new life. The ELCA holds that faith is more than a spiritual relationship with Jesus. It means being connected to Jesus' work. *Faith involves "love in action"* as the Scriptures so often point out. God calls us to a courageous life that will mean advocating for peace, mercy and justice. This means we are engaged in the public square, speaking and acting for those whose voices are not heard by the powers of this world."

God's work through the church today is significant – and not only in high profile events. As September arrives, I am thankful for many ways in which the Holy Spirit invites and empowers us to live more deeply into our identity as God's redeemed people, and to demonstrate the gospel by directing our love in action.

Living into our identity as God's redeemed people
+ *Weekly worship is the heartbeat of our life together.* Through Word and

		September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Organist	Mary Garmer	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Stan Wold	
Assisting Minister	Tanner Hall	Kristen Hylenski	Madeline Pass	Bob Kelley	
Sound Technician	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	
Reader	Barb Renick	John McDonald	Julie Jagim	Joan Gunderson	
Acolytes	Journey Amundson & Morgan Wimer	Deonta Lew & Shameka Johnson	Danny Pass & Maggie Winesett	Molly Weberg & Shakira Johnson	
Ushers	Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer	Per & Elaine Wickstrom	Julie Jagim & Corrine Helmen	Alison & Duane Stucke	
Nursery Attendants	Self Serve	Stephanie Carlson	Daphne Amundson	Cara Weberg	
Counters	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Mary Gagnon & Gerald Erickson	Bob & Carol Kelley	
Coffee Servers	Mary Savolainen	Rally Sunday - Youth Group	Eve Gathering	Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Alice Lahti	Alice Lahti	Alice Lahti	Alice Lahti	

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of September is Jackie DeVogel, and Carol Kelley

Sacrament, God speaks to us and nourishes our faith, feeding us with Christ's presence. We return again and again to the Lord's Table and the baptismal font, where God has called us each by name, delivered us from sin and death, and joined us in God's mission for the life of the world.

+ *Disciples grow in faith.* Martin Luther used to say he always thought of himself as a student of scripture and of the catechism. As Sunday School, Youth Confirmation, New Member classes, and Adult Forum start up again this month, and more opportunities are offered in the community, we discover more and more spaces for faith to interact with everyday life.

+ *Fellowship strengthens our unity in the Spirit.* At coffee hour, women's circles, choir and One Bread, youth gatherings, synod events, book studies, and other small groups, we accompany each other on the journey of faith and friendship in the gospel. Our prayers for one another and for global companions also remind us of the wider scope of God's love and work.

Demonstrating the gospel: love in action

+ *Hospitality opens us to the image of God in our neighbor.* Gloria Dei's free Neighborhood Breakfast served 200 last month, building relationships as well as setting the table. Welcoming Ministries provide ongoing support for LGBT members and friends, and this month it is a privilege to host the annual community breakfast and worship service for Pride Week-end on Sep 6.

+ *Stewards celebrate God's abundant generosity.* Along with regular giving that is part of our worship, I've been amazed at Gloria Dei's generosity toward special needs like the Garden Party to support the youth and special projects beyond our walls like LSS Center for Changing Lives, ELCA World Hunger, and the Solar Project for Phebe Hospital in Liberia. Stewardship embraces the whole of God's creation and I'm thankful for stewards of Gloria Dei's gardens, butterflies, renovation, and earthkeeping concerns.

+ *Service involves us in Christ's self-giving love for others.* We just received great news that the Central Hillside Parish Nurse Program, which funds Chaplain Patti's part-time position in addition to two other health care coordinators in our neighborhood, has again received a grant from the Essentia Foundation. We are thankful for this and other ongoing community relationships we have. This month's *God's Work, Our Hands* emphasis includes projects for both the Seafarers Center and Lutheran Social Service.

As the creation of the Holy Spirit, the church is empowered to do what it is. This fall, I give thanks to God for you and for the opportunities we have as partners in ministry to deepen our identity and witness in Christ's love.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

FINANCE REPORT THRU JULY 2015

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 7 months	\$117,833
Actual, 7 months	\$122,959 104%
Difference, <i>ahead</i>	\$ 5,126

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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE! WELCA'S Fall Fair will be Saturday November 14, 2014

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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



MACEDONIA: STEWARDSHIP EVENT SEP 12 & 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.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir. **Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 7:24-37**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 116:1-9, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly. **Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on. **Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50**

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

+LIFES LANDMARKS+

Baptism

Ainsley Marie Aaseng, August 23

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, Sep 6 – 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.

EUCCHARIST AT ST ANN'S, Sep 6. Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the worship time will be at St. Ann's on Sunday, September 6 at 3:00 p.m. A fellowship time is planned for Tuesday, Sep. 8 at 3:00. All are welcome to attend.

CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES for Fall at 7:00 pm on Wed., Sept. 9. The choir returns to singing in Sunday Worship on Sunday September 13 and begins regular 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 Sep 20 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!

ALTAR GUILD will have a meeting after worship on Sunday Sept. 13, in the Lakeside Room. Bring your coffee and treats and we will see you then

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.

GARDEN PARTY THANKS - Many thanks to Colleen and Ed Martin for hosting a beautiful garden party at their home and to Tanner H., Lexie C., Katie & Martha C., Esmeralda L., and Dan & Pakou L. for their help in preparation and clean up for this elegant affair, which included various cold sandwiches, grape salad, scones, cakes and of course tea! A total of \$450 was raised to benefit the Youth Fund to help offset the costs for kids attending camp and other events. Thanks to the hospitality and generosity of all who participated!



September 26-Oct 6 - Active Aging Week - www.icaa.cc

October 6 & 7 Mental Health Community Event
(evening 10/6 and morning 10/7)

October 15-16 - St Louis Co Health & Human Services Conference
(See Patti for details)

November 19 - Spiritual Companion Series "On the Dementia Road"

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.

HILFFEST THANKS - Thanks to all who braved the chilly wind and a few rain drops during the Hillfest on August 23: Jim & Judy B, Martha & Pastor C, Carol K, Patti & Doug M, and Paul & Tom U. The butterflies were again a big hit with kids of all ages, and information about Gloria Dei and the Parish Nurse Program was distributed to neighbors.

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of July 31, Radio Ministry has received \$6806, 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.

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

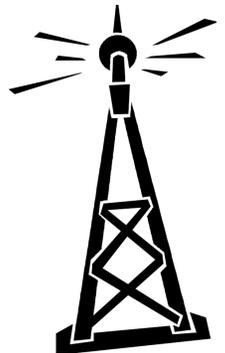


table at HillFest on August 23rd. What a fun way to meet our neighbors and renew old friendships over Lutheran iced coffee and butterflies.

The Care Team met on August 8th and welcomed Jim Bailey, Mary Gagnon and Julie Jagim to the group. We added a few folks who seem to be having health issues, and scheduled another "Planning Ahead" program for November. Regardless of the season, congregation members still get sick, are hospitalized, or feel isolated. The Care Team's goal is to keep members connected to Gloria Dei through fellowship and loving care. These folks continue to visit, call and bring communion to those who can't always get to worship. Another important part of Gloria Dei's health ministry is the on-going worship and communion services we bring to local assisted living facilities for our members. The Pastor will be at St Ann's on Sunday afternoon, September 6th and the Health Cabinet will provide a fellowship hour later in the month. In October, we will be worshipping at Edgewood Vista at 1 PM in their chapel. All are welcome to join us.

Good news—we received word from Sister Joan Marie that we have again received a grant from Essentia's foundation to fund the Central Hillside Parish Nurse Program. We are very thankful for this long-standing partnership over the years. Wishing you a healthy and happy end of the summer!

ACS Cancer Action Network

At the end of September I will be traveling to Washington, DC, to lobby Congress as a volunteer with the Cancer Action Network (CAN). Over 650 CAN volunteers from all over the USA will be in DC to talk to their Representatives and Senators about cancer issues and legislation that will benefit cancer patients and their families. Specifically we are urging them to increase funding for cancer research. There are so many exciting and promising new cancer treatments and drugs "in the works", but they all rely on continued funding. Not only is this important for individual patients and their families, it is good for our country. Everyone knows someone with cancer. Please say a prayer for me and the other volunteers as we step out of our comfort zones to advocate to make cancer a national priority. If you would like to join CAN, see me. Thank you.

Mark your calendar:

September is Healthy Aging Month - www.healthyaging.net

Prostate Health Month - www.pct.org

National Preparedness Month -

www.redcross.org and www.ready.gov

September 7-13 - Suicide Prevention Week, www.suicidology.org

September 12 - Walk to End Alzheimer's

(meet at the DECC to walk the Lakewalk)

September 11 - National Day of Service and Remembrance

www.911.org

RALLY DAY - Sep 13 Parents, be prepared to register our children for Sunday School at 8:45 in the Hillside Room on September 13th. will meet their teachers and all of us will be part of the Intergenerational Sunday School, ALL GOD'S CRITTERS! 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!"

INTERGENERATIONALSUNDAY SCHOOL, Sep 13 — "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.

Sep 13—Intergenerational Sunday School

Sep 20—Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home* - Overview & discussion with Pastor David. Paper copies available in early September for \$4.

Sep 27—ELCA Social Statement on Economic Life (1999) *Sufficient Sustainable Livelihood for All* - overview and discussion with Pastor David & Tom Starkey. Paper copies available in early September.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SEP 12 & 26 - 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 Sep 12 and 26. All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.*

A CONFIRMATION EVENING WITH THE BISHOP, Sep 30 - All youth in the confirmation process, going into 7th grade and up (including those being confirmed in October), please mark your calendars for the evening of Wednesday, Sep 30, beginning with supper around 5:15 pm at First Lutheran, and also with youth from Trinity. This evening will include Q & A with Bishop Tom Aitken, hearing his own faith story, and a commissioning prayer for all the youth.

INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT TALK ON CLIMATE JUSTICE, Sep 14 - Humans, unwittingly, have become a planetary force. We are changing the very climate of our world. What vision will carry us forward and inspire us to work together? A talk by Rev. Michael Dowd at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth, 835 College St., 7-9 pm. This presentation will focus on 6 points of agreement between science and religion—and how

to stay inspired in the face of changing climate and other large-scale challenges. It builds on Rev. Dowd's most recent TEDx talk, "Reality Reconciles Science and Religion." Free and open to the public. The talk will be followed by discussion and a reception. Avenues for action on climate change will be offered. Child Care will be available. Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth, Climate Action Team & Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light, Arrowhead Network FFI contact: 218-728-0711 or www.mnipl.org.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Sep 16 - 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 second half (ch. 3-6) 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.*



GLORIA DEI HOSTS CHUM SPEAKER, Nov 19 - ELCA Pastor Heidi Neumark from Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan will be a guest of

as well as bringing many of LSS' at risk programs in the area under the same roof. Join an LSS team for the Inline Marathon, Wheels Off Half Marathon, or Tunnel 10K roadrace, and raise funds for the Center for Changing Lives. If interested, an LSS discount code is available from Pastor David. Or, sponsor Gloria Dei's team of runners by Sunday September 20—all proceeds will go to LSS Center for Changing Lives. There are other ways to help throughout the day—for more information contact Robin Maxwell 218-302-6837.

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

RUBY'S PANTRY Sep 17 - Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop has been distributing food at First United Methodist Church (the Coppertop Church) 230 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth on the third Thursday of every month since 2010. Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop is a community partner of Ruby's Pantry; making food available to anyone who needs to stretch their food dollar. Due to increased transportation and warehouse expenses, the cost for a share of food is now \$20.00. For \$20.00 those purchasing a share will receive approximately two large boxes of food. Cash only, no checks or EBT cards will be accepted. There is no "typical" food order and contents of a share vary depending upon what food is available to Ruby's Pantry at the time. You will need to bring your own boxes (laundry baskets work very well). There are no income guidelines. The Pantry operates the third Thursday of every month with distribution from 5:30-7:00 pm. We depend upon volunteers to help with the distribution process. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please call First Methodist Church at 727-5021 or talk with Sue Anderson.



NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST September 26—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.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT- Patti Maguire

After a very hot and humid first half of August, it is a pleasure to have cooler mornings and much-needed rain. God provides what we need. August really zoomed by filled with various activities. Early in the month was the CHUM Neighborhood Night Out and worship with our friends at King Manor. Mid-month Lutherans sang the Blues and I finished up a seven month course on issues dealing with older adults. (See me if you are interested in this topic) Thank you to all who helped or stopped at Gloria Dei's



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.

SOLAR AUGUST THANKS - The response has been wonderful in helping support the installation of solar panels at Phebe Hospital, a ministry of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. Final numbers will be available in the coming weeks, but hundreds of dollars have been collected through the new clothing boutique, notecard sales, fresh bread sale, and special offering on Aug 23. Thanks to all for your creativity and generosity in supporting this ministry of healing and light!



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS WEEK, Sep 13-19 - Each fall, the ELCA encourages congregations to consider service projects that for the benefit of their communities and the visibility of the church participating with God for the sake of the world. This fall, rather than a single day, a week of possible projects has been put together by a planning team in conjunction with other Lutheran churches in the Duluth area. Gloria Dei is emphasizing the following projects:



SEAFARERS CENTER

Project Date: Thursday, September 17 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
 Project Location: 2024 West 3rd Street, Duluth, MN 55806
 Contact Information: Pastor Doug Paulson 218-343-8801
 During the holiday season, the Seafarers Center provides gift boxes to and customized Christmas cards to all sailors visiting our Duluth ports. These gift boxes must be packed and assembled and Seafarer's is seeking 20-30 volunteers to help with this process. If interested, contact Carol Kelley—525-6098. Seafarers is also in need of supplies for these gift boxes: *full size bar of soap, wash cloth, tooth brush, medium toothpaste, small sized notebook, pen, two razors, sturdy comb, travel size shampoo/conditioner/lotion, sewing kit (optional)*. Patterns for cloth "ditty bags" can be obtained from Carol Kelley. Gloria Dei will be collecting these items by September 13.

LSS & NORTHSORE INLINE MARATHON

Project Date: Saturday, September 19th 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota is acknowledged as an official charity of the NorthShore Inline Marathon's 20th anniversary celebration. Lutheran Social Service of MN is developing the Center for Changing Lives in Duluth which will create new transitional and permanent housing for young people

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.

THANK YOU to those who sent a card, said a prayer or gave a gift as a memorial to my beloved mother, Martha Stromberg. Your support was/is most appreciated. A gift to the Neighborhood Breakfast was given in memory of Mom.
 Bob, Munda, Aaron, Erik Forbort and David Haines

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will meet on Tuesday September 1 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 September 3 at 9:30 in the Community Room. The group will continue to meet the first Thursday each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m..

SWEDISH CULTURAL SOCIETY meets on Sunday September 20th at it's new time—2:30 p.m. This month the program will be Inger Lauritsen: **"The Folklore Wood Carvings of Swedish Immigrant, Ruben Hornfeldt"**

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!

BOOK CLUB will start meeting again each month on the third Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the community room. The choice for discussion on Monday, Sep 21 will be "Home of the Brave" by Applegate.



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 special 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.

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.

2015 TWIN PORTS GAY PRIDE WEEKEND, Sep 3-6

Although many communities celebrate Pride during the month of June to commemorate the Stonewall Riots in New York that many point to as the beginning of the fight for civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, the Twin Ports has long chosen Labor Day weekend to hold its annual Pride Celebration. This is the 28th year that the Twin Ports is holding Pride festivities. What started out as a small gathering at a park and at the original Main Club, Pride weekend has developed into a major festival in both Duluth and Superior—with quite the economic impact for the area. The following are but a few activities highlighted during this year's Pride. Check out the Duluth Superior Pride website for more activities and details.



Mayor's Reception On Thursday, Sep 3, 2015 at 5pm Duluth Mayor Don Ness, as well as mayors from the surrounding communities, welcome visitors and residents alike to the downtown Duluth Depot for the opener of our Labor Day Weekend 2015 Pride Celebration. This is an annual event hosted by local government representatives and Duluth's Mayor. Enjoy live music, food, cocktails as well as a brief presentation to honor outstanding contributors to the GLBTQAI Community. Meet and mingle with friends old and new! The evening caps off with a performance from aerialist Alex Loch inside the Duluth Depot's Great Hall.

Pride Festival On Saturday, Sep 5, 2015 from 11am – 7pm, the annual free Pride Festival will be held for the 11th year in Duluth's beautiful panoramic Bayfront Festival Park. With an expanded festival layout, the day promises to be fabulous! Gloria Dei will have a presence at the park, along with the Gay Men's Center and the Elders Group. Be sure to visit the historical collection at the Festival on Saturday. It marks 29 years of history in the Twin Ports and the important strides the GLBTQAI community has made. It's so important to remember how we've gotten to the place we are now and the important people who have helped get us here.

Annual Pride Parade Sunday, Sep 6, 2015 at Noon. Gloria proudly marches annually in this annual parade. Join us on Tower Avenue in Superior between Broadway and Belknap at noon to see the many supporters of our GLBTQAI community. Let Pastor David know if you plan to attend, so we can ride share.

Gloria Dei Hosts Annual Pride Weekend Sunday Breakfast at 8:30 and Worship Service at 10 on Sep 6

Gloria Dei will be hosting the annual Pride breakfast and worship service on Sunday September 6. The breakfast will be served in the Hillside Room from 8:30-9:30 and worship will follow at the regular time of 10am. The breakfast is free and open to congregation members and members of the community. A freewill offering will be taken to defray costs. This is a time for Gloria Dei to show its grand and radical welcome to the lgbtq community, and we are hoping for a good turnout. We are looking for people to help out at this event. We already have plans to make egg bakes for the breakfast, but will need some additional foods. If you can help with any of the following, please contact Sue Anderson, 624-0171 or susanfanderson@yahoo.com. Thanks.

Food items requested: muffins and fresh fruit
Help needed: set-up and clean-up on Sunday morning. We would especially appreciate clean-up help, so those desiring to go to the Pride Parade can do so.