

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Organist	Barbara Erickson	Mary Garner	Worship Band	Stan Wold
Assisting Minister	Patti Maguire	Cassie Borges	Chelsea Froemke	Conor Weberg
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Cassie Borges	Car Aaseng	Marlaine Wilms	Daphne Amundson
Acolytes	Samantha Stevens & Esmeralda Lew	Brynn Erickson & Raine Amundson	Deonta Lew & Christian Leight	Bryn Weberg & Samantha Stevens
Ushers	Martha Carlson & Corrine Helmen	Rick Troy	Ed Martin & Mary Gagnon	Karen Dahlquist & Colleen Martin
Nursery Attendants	Self Serve	Self Serve	TBA	TBA
Counters	Janet Worthing & Gerald Erickson	Lexie Cieluch & Janine Dahlquist	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg
Coffee Servers	Stephanie Carlson	Youth Group	Eve Gathering	Altar Guild
Communion Assistant	Alice Lahti	Alice Lahti	Alice Lahti	Alice Lahti
Altar Guild	Jackie DeVogel & Carol Kelley	Jackie DeVogel & Carol Kelley	Jackie DeVogel & Carol Kelley	Jackie DeVogel & Carol Kelley

"It wasn't about leaving the boat, just making the boat bigger."
- Heidi Neumark, ELCA pastor

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our council recently reflected on this comment from Pastor Heidi Neumark in her book we're reading, *Breathing Space*. She had been on vacation one Sunday in New York City and worshiped in another Lutheran church. The sermon text spoke to her: Jesus had just finished feeding the 5,000 and let the disciples get a head start in the boat while he dismissed the crowds (Matthew 14:22-33). While he was saying evening prayers, the disciples were far from the land, battered by the waves, with the wind against them.

When she wrote that book, Heidi was pastor of a church in the South Bronx, an area of urban poverty, in ministry among people with many needs, too. Equipped with the gospel, the congregation was becoming re-rooted in the neighborhood, rediscovering its identity as a vehicle of God's transforming embrace through welcoming, reaching out, and cultivating relationships. After some years of steady growth, the church embarked on a project to build a new addition, in order to house more space for youth ministry and community projects. But there were setbacks – problems securing permits, delays, lack of funding – and in the midst of busy ministry, she felt like the disciples: far from their destination, battered by the waves, with the wind against them.

Yet in the early morning, Jesus comes to his disciples walking on the waves. *"Take heart, it is I,"* he says. *"Do not be afraid."* He beckons Peter to get out of the boat and come to him, and even catches him when he falters. Heidi was on the receiving end of the sermon that day, and like any good pastor she needed to hear good news before she could proclaim it. As she wrestled with what the text – about getting out of the boat – could mean for her, this is what came to her, over the waves, in her life: *"It wasn't about leaving the boat, just making the boat bigger."*

We can resonate with Pastor Heidi, who actually spoke at Gloria Dei last fall. In some ways, after the fire, we have *"stepped out of our boat"* – our building – setting up offices with the synod, worshiping at the Faith church building, and scheduling meetings and ministries at other locations. In some ways, after their vote, former Faith members have also *"stepped out of their boat,"* beyond the years of their congregation, into a new chapter of faith. Yet in both instances Jesus comes to us where we are, tells us not to be afraid, and holds out his hands to catch us.

It has been a privilege to get to know more and more former Faith members, and to work together in various ministry teams, to visit homebound members together, and to see Gloria Dei help with the Chum food shelf there. In our



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.



ELW DEDICATIONS—THANK YOU - Out of 225 ELW hymnals ordered to replace those we lost in the fire, 121 have been underwritten—thank you! As they will receive dedication labels when they arrive in early September, it is still not too late for yours to be included. Each is \$11.25 and notice should be into the church office by Sep. 6. Thanks!

EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS—

+ We have used three unsustainable “solutions” to our trash woes: burn it, bury it, or dump it in the ocean (now illegal). A new solution, however, called “zero waste,” is the goal of thousands of new *for-profit*, small businesses that do composting, recycling and most importantly, *reuse/repair*, rather than burying or burning.

+ The “zero waste” goal sounds like ‘pie in the sky,’ but according to a 2001 report from the EPA, “The U.S. Recycling and *reuse* industry consists of about 56,000 (and growing) small businesses that employ over 1.1 million people, generate an annual payroll of nearly \$37 billion, and gross over \$236 billion in annual revenues.”

+ A frustrating obstacle to achieving zero waste is that too many products are *designed* to be disposable. Moreover, since consumers have to pay the disposal costs, this provides an economic incentive for manufacturers to keep designing disposable, unrepairable, over packaged, and even toxic products.

+ To eliminate the economic incentive for manufacturers to keep designing disposable, unrepairable, over packaged stuff, a new concept - “*extended producer responsibility*” - is being explored, whereby the manufacturers would be legally responsible for either recycling or reusing or repairing their products. Remember returnable bottles? Repairable products?



SEPTEMBER LESSONS

Sunday, September 04, 2016 16th Sunday of Pentecost

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul’s request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God’s grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to “choose life”—to choose life in God as our own.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 11, 2016 17th Sunday of Pentecost

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today’s gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul’s first letter to Timothy reminds us, “The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” Thanks be to God.

Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 18, 2016 18th Sunday of Pentecost

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 25, 2016 19th Sunday of Pentecost

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

+LIFES LANDMARKS+

Baptism

August 21, Dana Sophie Burr Albertson

Funeral

August 24, Odette Miller

August 28, Donald North

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.

IN THE CITY FOR GOOD – At its congregational meeting June 5, Gloria Dei affirmed its intention to rebuild at 6th Avenue East and 3rd Street and authorized the Moving Forward Committee to work with architectural consultants to develop conceptual drawings and cost estimates for worship and ministry space that seek to incorporate the original structure with values of accessibility, energy efficiency, and community ministry. Meanwhile, we are worshiping at the Faith church building at 51st Ave. E. and Glenwood St. Thanks for your participation and prayers throughout this process. To become involved in a subcommittee, or share a thought on the idea board, talk with chair Ryan Jagim.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Sep 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.

EUCCHARIST AT ST. ANN'S Sep 4. Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the Holy Communion service is at St. Ann's residence on Sunday, September 4 at 3:00 p.m. and the fellowship time will be on an upcoming Tuesday in September. All are welcome to attend. Special thanks to Rev. Steve Wlosinski for conducting the service on September 4.

LITURGICAL SETTINGS - With the change of seasons and after another summer of the Earthkeeping Liturgy, our liturgy for worship will shift to ELW Setting 6 for most Sundays and Setting 8 for Sundays the band is accompanying worship.

CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES for Fall at 7:00 pm on Wed., Sept. 7. The choir returns to singing in Sunday Worship on Sunday September 11 and begins regular rehearsals on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Director of Music Stan Wold, 728-5925.

ONE BREAD, Sep 18 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of July 31, Radio Ministry has received \$6,226 which is below 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 OR STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET

+ Live Radio Broadcast Sundays 10:00 a.m. on AM 710 - WDSM Radio

+ Listen live using Windows Media Player - download Windows Media Player for best software interface with the audio stream.. Please note that there is a new IP address for Internet streaming.

+ Directions at: <http://www.gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/liveaudio.html>

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://24.159.193.198:8080>

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.

FACEBOOK CHANGES - If you are on Facebook, please check out and LIKE our page! 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Our stewardship celebrates the abundance and the value of God's gifts, practicing sustainability and generosity as joyful expressions of God's love for all creation.

FINANCE REPORT THRU JULY 2016

Needed per month \$17,833; per week \$4,115

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 7 months \$124,833

Actual, 7 months \$126,538 101.4%

Difference, *ahead* \$1,705

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!

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.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS DAYS, Sep 10-11 -

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.

"God's work. Our hands" annual "dedicated day of service" is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Join with members of several other area ELCA Lutheran congregations partnering to volunteer for one of these community service projects at Aftenro Home nursing facility (510 W College St). 1) Painting two 3rd floor hallways; needed: 18 volunteers—6 crews of 3 each for taping, wall painting and trim painting (estimate 5 hours). 2) Staining timber frames of raised gardens, railing, two benches; needed: 5 volunteers (estimate 4 hours). 3) Trim encroaching brush and small trees on one side of board fence, repair of fence; needed: 4 volunteers, chain saw, nippers, pickup or trailer (estimate 4 hours – should be done Saturday morning, Sept. 10, prior to staining). 4) Staining board fence around secure area; needed: 6 volunteers (estimate 4 hours); note: This could be done with a spray painter by one or two volunteers. For information contact Paul Anderson: 728-5853 or pander-so@d.umn.edu



HELP FUND A SCHOLARSHIP IN TANZANIA - Some Gloria Dei members would like to fund a scholarship for a student from the Northwestern Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania who is preparing to teach young children. The 1-year training course takes place within the diocese and follows a Montessori design. The Ibura Parish of Bukoba, one of Gloria Dei's companion churches, is in this diocese. Dr. Faith Lugazia, a theology professor who studied at Luther Seminary and has preached at Gloria Dei, will be the liaison between Gloria Dei and the 2016-17 scholarship recipients. To contribute, checks can be made to Gloria Dei with "Tanzania Scholarship" in the memo. For more information, contact Pastor David.

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 SUNDAY, Sep 11 – begins with Intergenerational Sunday School at 8:45 – "Families in the Bible" is our theme, and children can meet their teachers, who will be installed during worship. Yellow T-shirts are expected & service opportunities announced in celebration of "God's Work Our Hands!" We will also be taking a congregational photo after worship outside to send with "Hope the Bear" to Hawk Creek Lutheran Church of Sacred Heart MN, whose sanctuary burned this summer.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, Sep 11 - "Families in the Bible" From the very beginning faith has been nurtured in families of many shapes and sizes! Across generations and cultures, God's promises through faith have blessed all the families of the earth, and we are part of God's family through baptism, each with unique gifts. 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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING 2016-17– In keeping with the intergenerational theme of "Families" this year, the Sunday School will be raising funds to support two projects, one local and one global, with the goal of raising \$500 for each project.

+ Families at the Steve O'Neil Apartments, a wonderful initiative of Chum providing permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless families through programs and the recent building completion.
+ 500for500 -- Located in St. Petersburg, Russia, 500for500 is a project of the Lutheran non-profit organization "Kazhdy" (Every), whose mission statement is "Every person can be in need of a helping hand; every person can receive a helping hand; every person can give a helping hand. "Kazhdy" works with families of children in Russia with disabilities or serious illnesses. (A parallel could be LSS here.) The goal of 500for500 is to make a difference in 500 such children's lives in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation being celebrated in 2017. 500for500 helps families obtain services or special items or equipment related to their child's special needs. In 2016, 500for500 also held a

week-long summer camp for youth both with and without disabilities. The camp, which was held at the Ingrian Lutheran Seminary, brought together youth to have fun, build friendships, and learn about God's love for all people. 500for500 hopes to expand their summer camp program in 2017.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – August break, resuming with Intergenerational Sunday School on Rally Sunday. Thereafter, all are welcome to join us at 8:45 downstairs before worship.

Sep 11—Intergenerational Sunday School: “Families in the Bible”

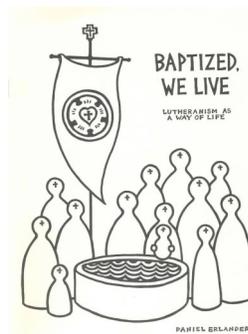
Sep 18—Chelsea Froemke: Journey4Renewal, canoe trip benefit for Wilderness Canoe Base

Sep 25—Stephanie Carlson: Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia, recap of synod's June mission trip

TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, Sep 27 - Most “First Word” bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Sep 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. This month, we are reading chapters 7-9 of *Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?* (2016) by primatologist Frans de Waal. Newcomers are welcome!

CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS Sundays beginning September 25, 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 five consecutive Sundays, and new members will be received at the All Saints Sunday service on November 6. Current members also welcome for a review! If interested, please contact Pastor David so we can plan accordingly, 722-3381



by's Pantry—Coppertop is a cooperative effort of several local congregations. Gloria Dei was one of the initial congregations that gave start up money so the distribution site at First United Methodist could be established. Over the years Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop has been able to return that start-up money several times over in the form of grants to local charities, including Gloria Dei's neighborhood breakfast. Sue Anderson, Ruby's Pantry Steering Committee Member

CHUM FOOD SHELF AT FAITH - We are still open at 51st and Glenwood. This is a emergency food distribution that is in connection with the downtown CHUM site. The food provides a 2-3 day supply of food to a family up to 4 people. If there are more in a family they can receive 2 boxes. We now start distributing fresh vegetables from the community garden on site. Some are designated CHUM gardens and garden members are asked to contribute from their harvest. Distribution is held on Mondays from 11-1. We are in need of volunteers from the seven cooperating churches of the Lakeside-Lester Park community. On occasion a volunteer will be asked to go to the downtown site to pick up food. You can train the day you serve with someone who is already volunteering as we try for 3 people each week. If you are able to volunteer please contact Betty Wolterstorff at 728-2600 or Ruth Wittmers at 525-6273.

NEIGHBORHOOD SHARING—CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

We have been so fortunate for the past seven months to be able to hold our Fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast at St. Mary's Star of the Sea, our neighbor congregation. They have graciously received us and offered all the benefits of their facilities. We have a great opportunity to forward this giving spirit by working with them on a fall project which they traditionally host.

They would appreciate some help with their German dinner which will be held on Sunday, October 30th. We can help by working with them on Saturday, Oct. 29 in preparation and on Sunday, the 30th with serving and clean up. On Saturday from 9:00 to noon it would be cutting up veggies and helping make apple dessert. On Sunday it would be serving and clean up from 11:30 to 2:00-- this is right after our Sunday service. Any help that you can offer for any period of time on either of these dates would be greatly appreciated.

- Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 to noon
- Sunday, October 30 from 11:30 to 2:00, plus perhaps some clean-up time

Contact Carol Kelley to offer your help.

Keep the 30th in mind for a great German lunch. More ticket information coming soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September is Healthy Aging Month— www.healthyaging.net
 Prostate Health Month— www.pct.org
 National Preparedness Month— www.redcross.org &
www.ready.gov.

October 4 & 5 Mental Health Community event sponsored by NAMI
 October 13 & 14 St. Louis County Health & Human Services Conference.

CELEBRATE THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARROWHEAD PARISH NURSE ASSOCIATION,

Thursday, October 20th at Greysolon Plaza Ballroom. This event will honor Winnie Gustafson who was the first Parish Nurse in Duluth and was housed at Gloria Dei in the late 1980's. There will be music, a sit down dinner and recognition of past Parish Nurses. It would be very fitting for Gloria Dei to sponsor a table. It will certainly be a fun evening! Please see Patti for details; reservations must be in by September 15th.



**Arrowhead
 Parish Nurse
 Association**
 Support. Educate. Encourage.

FAIR TRADE: Fair Trade items for sale will be available after worship each Sunday during coffee hour.

NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, September 24 -

All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea, two blocks west of Gloria Dei on 3rd St.

**RUBY'S PANTRY, September 15 -** Coppertop, 3rd Thursday of

every Month Ruby's Pantry is an organization that distributes food to those who want to stretch their food dollar. For a \$20.00 donation, people receive approximately two boxes of food. Cash

only. There are no income guidelines. Ruby's Pantry depends upon volunteers to help set up the food distribution site, assist with the distribution of food, and clean-up after the distribution. Volunteers are needed for all or a portion of the distribution process. 3:30-5:30pm: Set up for food distribution, 5:30-6:45pm: Assist with food distribution, 6:45-7:30pm: Assist with clean-up. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop, please contact First United Methodist Church at 727-5021, located at 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth. Ru-

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.

ONLINE PICTURE DIRECTORY

Gloria Dei's Evangelism committee has been working on an updated picture directory that is online on a secure church directory website with password protection. The directory is up and running!

Our directory is only available to view by our members whose emails have already been entered into the system. Instructions for viewing it are attached. Many of our members have had their picture taken at church, and some have submitted their own digital picture to Linda Kalweit - thanks to everyone who has been a part of this process. Already, Linda has heard how helpful the online directory has been for matching faces and names, including by smartphone.

The opportunity to have pictures taken will again be offered in the fall, and a print directory will be made available in the near future for members who do not use email. For now, the Evangelism committee wanted to share the attached instructions with our email members.

Questions? Have a digital picture you would like for your spot in the directory? Contact Linda at lnkalweit@gmail.com. Thank you!

PRIDE WEEKEND, Sep 1-4 - Gloria Dei

will be given a Pride Award at the Mayor's Reception this Thursday for hosting and helping with the development of the LGBT Resource Center. Pride Weekend events include Thu, Sep 1: Mayor's Reception at the Depot, 5:00-8:00. Fri, Sep 2: Family Picnic 5:00-7:00 at Sport Court 5th Ave E and 7th Street. Sat, Sep 3: Pride Festival at Bayfront, 11:00-7:00. Sun, Sep 4: Worship Service at Peace UCC, 9:30; Pride Parade in Superior 12:00 noon.



GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will meet on Tuesday September 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran. New comers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.

MEN IN MISSION BREAKFAST, Sep 10

– 9:00-10:30 a.m. annual gathering of Gloria Dei men's group at Wickstroms' home, 2830 London Rd, includes updates from Brett Amundson, Roger Oman, planning for the year, and Elaine's famous breakfast! Guys of all ages are part of GD Men in Mission, please come!



PHOTO MAGNETS If you are a fan of Will Stenberg's greeting cards, then this is the next step for you. Will's photo images are now on magnets (about 2x3 inches). There are several images that sell for \$3.00 each at the coffee kiosk. Proceeds from these will go to the Re-building Fund.

EVE GATHERING will meet Tuesday, September 20th at 5:30 P.M. at Faith Lutheran in the area in back of the Sanctuary.

ATTENTION GLORIA DEI MEMBERS - When you're out shopping, keep in mind the contents of school supplies that we will be putting in WELCA school kits next spring for sending to Lutheran World Relief. These will be collected and assembled by the 2 women's circles. A box will be put in the community room in the basement. These are the materials that we need:

- 70 page college or wide-ruled notebooks
- boxes of 16 or 24 count crayons
- blunt edge children's scissors
- plastic small pencil sharpeners
- pens
- plastic 12 inch or 16 centimeter rules



FALL WORK DAY AT CAMP VERMILION
Saturday September 17 starting at 9:00 a.m.

The VLM staff invite you to join us for a Fall Work and Clean-Up day at Camp Vermilion. This is the perfect chance to finish any projects you might have started in the spring, or to help close the building down for the season. Congregations can also talk with staff about projects to plan for in 2017.

9:00 am - Check in & Coffee
 12:00 - Lunch. Groups are welcome to continue working after lunch, enjoy a few hours at camp, or depart for home.
 Please RSVP by September 12 to 1-800-331-5148



YOUTH WORK WEEKEND AT CAMP VERMILION - September 23-24. Calling all youth groups and Confirmation classes! Confirmation service hours, and/or enjoy a short getaway with our youth group all while helping Camp Vermilion get ready for the fall and winter. Projects will vary from raking and other yard work, bud capping trees, cleaning, and helping to close down some buildings for the season. Friday evening begins with registration at 7:00 pm followed by games and camp-

fire; Saturday morning will be filled with work projects. This event will end with lunch on Saturday, but groups are welcome to stay a bit longer to connect as a group. Cost: \$10 per person
 Please talk to Pastor David if you are interested in attending this work weekend.

LGBT ELDERS - meets the 4th Saturday each month at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church (The Coppertop). For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates gatespea@centurylink.net or 624-4589.

HIV SUPPORT - The HIV Support Group meets once a month on the 2nd Monday at 6pm and is located at the office of Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN) at 114 North First Avenue West.
 Funeral Serving Committee

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

August raced by and September is almost here; why does the summer always go so fast? It was a very full month, starting with the CHUM Neighborhood Picnic and then worship with our friends at King Manor on August 20 and at Lakeshore on August 23rd. Hill Fest and the PRIDE celebration are coming up. Thank you to all who participate and help with these events as well as our monthly Neighborhood Breakfast. Gloria Dei's ministry is centered on the Hillside and we intend to stay here.



Even in the summer, people get sick, are hospitalized or feel isolated. The Care Team continues to visit, call and bring communion to members of this congregation year-round. We've added some new members to the Care Team to help keep up with some of the Faith congregation. Welcome to Betty Wolterstorff, Diana Meehan and Ruth Wittmers. Remember to let the church know when you or a loved one is hospitalized or need extra attention from the Care Team.

Mid month we somehow managed to keep the office running while Donna was on vacation, but I am personally very glad she had a good time and came back safe and sound.