



*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us... Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time.*  
– Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-16

### From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

*Making the most of the time.* This phrase has been on my mind lately as another school year begins, this time with a high school senior in our house. Anticipating the last school year she is living at home with us before college has made us think about the gift of time we have. How will we as a family cherish our together time in the months ahead?

*Making the most of the time.* As I continue to meet weekly at the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue site with our contractor, architect, and church leaders, it is amazing to see the transformation taking place. At the time of this writing, the elevator shaft is up, the roof over it and the adjoining balcony space for the organ is being completed, and the sanctuary subfloor is being laid down, connecting the two halves of the building. How thankful we can be for the steady progress of the workers and for the faithful leadership of Ryan Jagim, Terri Erickson, and other members of the Moving Forward Committee and subcommittees who throughout this process have helped us make informed and mission-minded decisions in a timely way. We look forward to another opportunity for the congregation to see the progress after coffee hour on Sunday, September 9.

*Making the most of the time.* At each of these meetings, the timing of our return to the Hillside neighborhood is also coming into sharper focus. Talking at Hillfest last month with neighbors curious about what's happening, our general answer has been that we hope to have our first Sunday worship service in the renewed sanctuary at Easter. It fits with the construction timing we are told, and it also fits well with themes of resurrection new life. Yet with Easter only 8 months away, our relocation seems closer, more imminent, and the time we have to prepare a bit more finite. As someone mentioned in a recent meeting, we will be there before we know it! How will we as a congregation make wise use of our time during the coming months, working toward a smooth transition while retaining our ministry emphases?

To help guide our action and reflection, the Church Council has been lifting up Gloria Dei's three-year *Mission Plan* we adopted in the summer a year ago. In short form, it says our primary mission emphasis is *"To deepen our relationships with God, within the congregation, and with neighbors in the community"* during our temporary relocation in the Lakeside area and during our process of rebuilding and returning.

"Specifically," it goes on to say, "we plan to:

- *PRAY* that God grant wisdom and courage as we envision a new future, patience and graciousness in our relationships, and faithful vision in every

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Organist	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Mary Garner	Mary Garner	Barbara Erickson
Assisting Minister	Danny Pass	Katie Carlson	Journey Amundson	Tanner Hall	Kristen Hylenski
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Bryn Weberg	Cardice Maki	Nancy Gangeness	Rachel Komarek	Duane Stucke
Acolytes	Maggie Winesett & Samantha Stevens	Esmeralda & Deonta Lew	Adrian Erickson & Kingston Lew	Mackenzie Albright & Brynn Erickson	Samantha Stevens & Esmeralda Lew
Ushers	Kathy Wimer & Barb Renick	Paul Steklenski & Linda Kalweit	Karen Bockelman & John McDonald	Alison & Duane Stucke	Bob & Candice Maki
Nursery Attendants	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Counters	Rod Dahlquist & Barb Renick	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	David Gangeness & Joan Gunderson	Janine Dahlquist & Julie Jagim	Barbara Switzer & Gerald Erickson
Coffee Servers	Eve Gathering	Youth Group	Nancy Gangeness	Altar Guild	Service & Justice
Communion Assistant	Janine Dahlquist	Janine Dahlquist	Janine Dahlquist	Janine Dahlquist	Janine Dahlquist
Altar Guild	Elaine Wickstrom & Ruth Wittmers	Marlaine Willms & Alison Stucke	Jackie DeVogel & Esmeralda Lew	Sandy Uecker & Kristen Hylenski	Judy Oman & Sue Anderson

ministry as we discern our participation in God’s mission.

- *RENEW* Gloria Dei’s ministry in light of what God is doing in the world and in the neighborhood and how we may participate in it as “a sign, foretaste, and instrument” of God’s mission.
- *REBUILD* our church structure as an instrument of God’s mission that is re-rooted in the neighborhood and reflective of our mission and vision statements.”

*Committees and ministry teams* are focusing on the work of listening to the community and strengthening relationships with ministry partners. Some are taking time to reflect on our mission and vision statements in light of our ministry together and re-reading the details of the Mission Plan (copies in the narthex). But an emphasis is also addressed to *each one of us*:

- “Encouraging prayer throughout this process, deepening personal involvement in living out our faith and working for justice through worship, prayer, study, witness, giving, fellowship, and service.”

*Making the most of the time.* How will each of us reassess and renew our own faith practices in light of the time and place we’ve been given to live out God’s call as church today? These pages contain several reminders about our life together as people of God, who gather regularly around Christ’s gifts of Word and Sacrament and who are sent into the world through the power of the Spirit to participate in God’s mission:

- As our Intergenerational Sunday School begins a focus on the “Seasons of the Church Year,” we reflect on different emphases in worship and God’s faithfulness throughout the changing seasons
- A celebration of women in ministry on September 9, a recap of the ELCA National Youth Gathering on September 16, and educational opportunities highlight the importance of life-long faith formation and conversations that relate church and society
- With choir rehearsal resuming, we have much to be thankful for: the return of Stan Wold as Director of Music, the dedicated service of Cal Metts as Interim this past year, and the opportunity to welcome Katheryn Hamm as an Assistant Director of Music this year
- A “God’s Work Our Hands” project for LSS, a training course for kitchen work, and a synod event to deepen our relationships with indigenous peoples help connect love of God with love of neighbor.

*Making the most of the time* – is not simply about filling up time but remembering the gift that time is, for tending relationships with God, one another and the community. May it be so in your life and our life together.

See you in worship!  
+ Pastor David Carlson

- “Indeed, it is doubtful that free government can long exist in a country where such enormous amounts of money are ... accumulated in the vaults of corporations, to be used at discretion in controlling the property and business of the country against the *interest of the public* ....” Nebraska Supreme Court (late 19th C.).
- “The 19<sup>th</sup> C. goal of the common good degenerated into the 20<sup>th</sup> C. goal of growth in *consumer goods*. Corporations and “free-markets” have achieved this goal by putting many of us waist-deep in consumer goods while sacrificing the common good of equitable income and wealth distribution, healthy ecosystems, species habitat, and a stable climate.”
- The common good for the 21<sup>st</sup> C. will need to include a *redesigned* economy that has two goals: producing *sufficient* consumer goods and conserving the life sustaining functions of nature. These are not the goals of a free-market economy and GDP growth.

**PEACE NOT WALLS**

The ELCA is working for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel through our campaign, Peace Not Walls.



Through **accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising**, Peace Not Walls connects ELCA members to our companions and promotes dignity, full respect for human rights, healing and reconciliation. With our Palestinian Lutheran companions, we also accompany Palestinians and Israelis, Jews, Christians and Muslims working together for peace with justice. For more information, visit <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Peace-Not-Walls>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
3 ~ Courtney Josefson-Hall	15 ~ Lois Rowe
3 ~ Pat Ruskell	16 ~ William Carlson
3 ~ Noah Winesett	16 ~ Jane Hoffman
5 ~ Patti Maguire	18 ~ Abraham Winesett
6 ~ Jergen Fuhr	19 ~ Sue Pass
8 ~ Maritha James	21 ~ Jason Uecker
13 ~ Grace Johnson	23 ~ Patsy Loveshin
13 ~ Cara Weberg	23 ~ Makayla Pearson
14 ~ Elysia Stark	24 ~ James Van Loon
15 ~ Uno Wehvila (Sonny)	30 ~ Carol Kelley
15 ~ John McDonald	

plans now turning into reality. The sanctuary floor will be complete this week and the balcony will likely be completed by early September. We are planning to have a congregational tour on September 9 after church. Please put this on your calendar and take the opportunity to tour our progress.

The elevator shaft and connecting walls between the sanctuary and the '59 addition are almost complete. There are a few final steps for completion of the roof, which will then provide rain protection. This will allow for the drywall completion in the '59 addition and the re-plastering of the sanctuary ceiling. It will also allow work on the stained-glass window replacement to progress as well as measurements to be taken for the organ replacement. The floor in the Hillside Fellowship Hall will be poured. The final electrical and A/V sound systems are being wired.

This progress also means that a lot of decisions are required and have been made at the weekly construction meetings. The subcommittees continue to be busy and the pew committee (Carol Uecker), stained-glass window committee (Mark Pass, Allison Stucke, Deb Hannu, and Karen Bockelman) altar worship design committee (Karen Bockelman), and color coordination committees will be hard at work. Thanks to all of those members for their efforts. If you have an interest in any of these please contact a member of those subcommittees, Terri Erickson or Ryan Jagim.

The community capital campaign (Rick Troy, Greg Garmer, Ryan Jagim, and Pastor David) subgroup is currently focused on the concept of a "community kitchen". The letter by Pastor David is being used to approach different foundations for support. We continue to discern our mission and ministry in the Central Hillside and increasing collaboration with CHUM and other congregations. So as we anticipate the rebuilding of our church, we hope that our building will be open to meet the needs of the Hillside Community.

Ryan Jagim Co-Chair Moving Forward Committee

### September 2018 Earth Stewardship Tips

- Would you be surprised to learn, "at the time of America's founding, corporations were created by state charters only to serve the *public good*?" "Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."
- "A corporation is just what the Incorporation Act {Pennsylvania 1834} makes it. It is the creature of the law and may be molded to any shape or for any purpose the Legislature may deem conducive for the *common good*."



### Sunday, September 2, 2018 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts. **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

### Sunday, September 9, 2018 16th 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**

### Sunday, September 16, 2018 17th 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**

### Sunday, September 23, 2018 18th 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**

### Sunday, September 30, 2018 19th 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**

**+ LIFE'S LANDMARKS +****Death**

Marjorie Nelson, Aug 24

A funeral is being planned for Sep 8

**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.*

**A PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS** - O God, source of all goodness: We give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. ELW p. 78

**A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS** - God of wisdom, you Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ELW p. 78

**LARGE PRINT** - The Sunday bulletin continues to be available in large print for those who may find it helpful. We now also have three notebooks containing large print hymns – available from an usher.

**SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Sep 2** - 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.

**EUCHARIST AT ST. ANN'S, Sep 2** - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month a Holy Communion service will be held at St. Ann's Senior Residence on Sunday, September 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.

**ONE BREAD, Sep 9** - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, this month with Setting Seven in the ELW. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with piano and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

*March, but there is ongoing funding need. 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 or FM 98.1 - WDSM Radio, since 1942

**VIDEO STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET**

+ Live Video streaming of our worship is available each on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.  
+ We are experimenting with inexpensive live streaming options.  
+ Visit: <http://gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/livestreamingworship.html>

**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 2018**

Needed per month \$19,500; per week \$4,500

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 7 months \$136,500

Actual, 7 months \$147,919 108.4%

Difference, *ahead* \$11,419

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



**SIMPLY GIVING** - An increasing number of people at Gloria Dei are using Simply Giving, an automatic withdrawal process operated through Thrivent Financial. This process allows one to designate an offering amount and a schedule for giving automatically. Forms for Simply Giving are available through the church office—722-3381.

**Gloria Dei Moving Forward**

It has been exciting to see the progress being made at the church over the last few weeks. It is amazing to see the construction



**GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES FORUM, Sep 12** - "A Foundation for our Future: Housing as an Economic Driver." Join Homes for All, Chum, and others at the DECC to hear from the gubernatorial candidates about their vision for affordable housing in Minnesota. Register in advance at [www.homesforallmn.org](http://www.homesforallmn.org). Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Forum from 5:30-6:30, and reception 6:30-7:30. This event is free and open to the public.

A note from Chum Director, Lee Stuart: "It is important for the governor candidates to hear about the importance of investing in affordable housing, as the governor has the option to set the bar in his or her budget. In recent years, the bonding bills have started with a relatively low bar, and included less money for the entire state than we could absorb in Duluth alone. As a rule of thumb, it costs about \$13-\$15 million to build a 50-unit apartment building in Duluth. Currently there are about 775 households who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, meaning we could use 16 of those sorts of buildings (\$240 million). In addition to providing housing at the scale that is required to address the scale of homelessness in Duluth, this level of investment would help the construction industry in northern MN regain some of the capacity we lost in the Great Recession. When you think "investment in affordable housing" it is also investment in jobs, both in construction and in post-construction operations."

**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, September 22** - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Hunger takes no vacation—we can use your help any time from 7:30 to 11:30. Please let Paul (728-6206) or Carol K. (525-6098) know if you can help.



### EVANGELISM - WITNESS

1) Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations. 2) Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.

### THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of July 31, Radio Ministry has received \$5970 which is \$1030 behind our budget needs. This surplus includes funds from the anniversary appeal in

**CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES** at 7:00 pm on Wed., Sep 12. The choir returns to singing in Sunday Worship on Sunday, Sep 16 and begins weekly rehearsals then at 8:30 a.m., on each Sunday except when the band plays. For more information, please contact Director of Music Stan Wold, 728-6206.



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** - On September 16, we welcome and install Katheryn Hamm as Gloria Dei's Assistant Director of Music from September through June 2019. Katheryn holds a Master's degree in vocal performance from UMD and is a former student of Stan Wold, whom she will assist in choral leadership and the planning and selection of seasonal music. Welcome Katheryn!

### 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.*

### CELEBRATING A NEW YEAR! by Karen Bockelman

The calendar says that the new year begins on January 1, but for many of us September is the real beginning of the year--the start of school. Churches also start a new education year in September with Rally Sunday, the start of Sunday School and other programming. This year Rally Sunday is September 9, a special date for me since it marks the 39th anniversary of my ordination (September 9, 1979) and the 73rd anniversary of my father's ordination (September 9, 1945).

I'd like to mark this anniversary by lifting up our seminarian, Cassie Borges. I graduated from college in 1969, before the ELCA's predecessor church bodies began ordaining women in 1970. My seminary class was the first class to have a significant number of women--about 20%. The classes just ahead of me were 2-3% women. Lutheran seminaries today are 50% women or more. I was a second career seminarian, as is Cassie. It, can be quite a challenge to pick up stakes, leave a job, move to a different city--all to answer God's call to ministry.

We pray for Cassie every Sunday. During the coffee hour on September 9 you will have an opportunity to give a card and/or a financial gift to Cassie. Now beginning her second year of seminary, she is hoping to participate in a January term cross-cultural immersion trip to Guyana so a little extra money would be helpful and most welcome. We'll have a basket at the coffee table and send any cards or contributions on to her at Wartburg Seminary.

See you in the "new year!"

**RALLY SUNDAY, Sep 9** – begins with Intergenerational Sunday School at 8:45 – “Seasons of the Church Year” is our theme, and children can meet their teachers, who will be installed during worship. Wear your yellow T-shirts in celebration of “God’s Work Our Hands!”

**GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS T-SHIRTS** – Starting at \$8 with Gloria Dei on back – order yours today!



**INTERGENERATIONIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, Sep 9 -**

“Seasons of the Church Year.” From earliest times Christians have organized the church’s worship life around major events that follow the biblical life of Jesus (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension), times of preparation (Advent, Lent), and growth in faith through the power of the Spirit (Pentecost). The rhythm of the church year invites us anew to see God active in the world today and respond to Christ’s call toward deeper discipleship in every time and place. Join us once a month for singing, bible verses, crafts and conversations that will focus on God’s enduring faithfulness throughout the changing seasons. See you there!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE** - All children and youth—Sunday School is the best with everyone there, including you! Parents—thank you for the important role you have in your child’s faith formation! Please come before worship: singing starts at 8:45 a.m. and classes for all grades/ages begin at 9:00. We’re in the Teaching House next door except for Intergenerational Sunday, which will be in the fellowship hall downstairs. We thank God for all the children and youth of Gloria Dei.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING 2018-19** – Since hunger is a concern for people of faith in every church season, this year, the Sunday School will be raising funds to support two efforts that alleviate hunger, one local (Loaves & Fishes) and one global (ELCA World Hunger Appeal), with the goal of raising \$500 for each project. Thank you!

**ADULT FAITH FORUM** – All are welcome to join us at 8:45:  
 Sep 9 - Intergenerational Sunday School - “Seasons of the Church Year”  
 Sep 16 - Synod Journey and ELCA National Youth Gathering Recap  
 Sep 23 & 30 - Reading Biblical Literature DVD discussion

**EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, Sep 13-** The Oreck-Alpern Inter-religious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a study group on environmental stewardship, facilitated by Pastor Carlson. These sessions explore a variety of spiritual perspectives that recognize our deep creaturely interrelatedness, lament our negative impact on the earth’s well-being, and highlight our vocation as stewards. This study group

The following is a list of items that are needed in each welcome package:

Shower curtain, eating utensils, set of 2 plates, bowls, salad plate, drinking glasses, mixing bowl, measuring cups and spoons, wooden cutting board, multi-surface cleaner, windex, disinfectant, toilet bowl cleaner, Ajax dish soap, laundry soap pods, laundry basket, comforter, pillow, one set of sheets (full size), 2 towels, 1 wash cloth, 1 hand towel, 1 sponge for the kitchen, 2 cleaning cloths for the kitchen, stainless steel 4 quart pot with steamer basket, Teflon fry pan, can opener, wooden turner/spatula, long metal turner/spatula, rubber spatula, 4 rolls toilet paper, 1 bar of soap, trash bags, 1 trash can, 1 tooth brush, tooth paste, broom & dust pan, toilet brush & plunger.

Beginning Sunday, September 9th, baskets will be available in which you can place the item which you wish to donate. There will be a sign up sheet so that we do not repeat items. We hope to complete two baskets by Sunday, September 30th. If you do not wish to shop but would like to contribute, give your monetary contribution to Carol K. and your Service and Justice team will shop for you.

An extra basket will also be available in which consumable products can be placed. . . Tooth paste and brushes, soap, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, etc. No need to sign up for these, just place in the basket.

THANK YOU for your help with filling these baskets for the LSS “God’s Work Our Hands” project!

**CHUM CHURCH** will be gathering on September 9 at Peace UCC, 1111 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. We intentionally invite people who may have a disability and wish to worship in an accessible, welcoming, and inclusive environment.



Join us for pre-worship activities at 4:00 pm and worship at 4:30pm, with a light supper following. For more information contact Sue Anderson, CHUM Church Coordinator, 740-2498 or [sander-son@chumduluth.org](mailto:sander-son@chumduluth.org).

**RUBY’S PANTRY, September 20.** Volunteers Needed At Ruby’s Pantry—Coppertop, 3rd Thursday of Every Month, 3:30-5:30pm: Set up for food distribution, 5:30-6:45pm:



Assist with food distribution, 6:45-7:30pm: Assist with clean-up. For a \$20.00 donation, people receive approximately two boxes of food. Cash only, no income guidelines. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby’s Pantry-Coppertop, please contact First United Methodist Church at 727-5021, located at 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth.

October 11 & 12 St. Louis County Health & Human Services Conference  
November 15 - Spiritual Companion Series , FREE, details to follow

**REMINDER:** If you are in the hospital, be sure to notify the church. We will gladly come and see you there. It used to be that hospitals would automatically contact the church. This is no longer true. We care about you and your family so please have someone call us.

### THE SERVSAFE PROGRAM

As we prepare to move into using our new commercial kitchen in the rebuilt Gloria Dei building, we are organizing volunteers who are interested in learning about food safety. These volunteers would be present during times when the kitchen will be utilized for internal events where food is served as well as during events when community members or organizations request to use the kitchen.

The ServSafe program (<http://www.servsafe.com/>) offers an online Food Handler course for \$15.00. The assessment (exam) is 40 multiple choice questions, and usually takes about 90 minutes to complete. To get the certificate of achievement, 75% of the questions need to be answered correctly. The course is open for 60 days after purchasing the course. The content covered is basic food safety information. We also plan on purchasing "Food Handler guides" that covers the information.

Sharon Stenberg has agreed to coordinate the list of volunteers who are interested in taking the course. Volunteers will be asked to be available for internal and external events when the kitchen will be used. We have access to a grant to purchase the course for interested individuals during the month of September. If you are interested, please contact Sharon at [sharonsw1943@gmail.com](mailto:sharonsw1943@gmail.com) or home phone 729-5969.

### GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS CENTER FOR CHANGING LIVES -"THE WELCOME HOME PROJECT "

Create a welcome home package for new youth tenants.

Many of the youth who move into our apartments often come in with minimal belongings and household supplies. Each apartment is completely furnished. Upon move-in residents are provided a welcome package, items to help them start out with all the things they need to help make their place feel like home. When or if a youth vacates the apartment, they are able to keep these items. When a new youth is housed, we like to replace the welcome package for the new tenant.



meets this month on Wednesday June 13 from 8-9 a.m. at Sara's Table. We are reading the last three chapters of *Earth Honoring Faith* by Larry Rasmussen.

**DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY FILM, Sep 13** - Together Here is a task force of the Northeastern MN Synod, with the purpose of cultivating awareness and relationships of accompaniment between our faith communities and indigenous communities. Gloria Dei is hosting a viewing and discussion of the film, "The Doctrine of Discovery" from 6:30-8:30 p.m., a film that was shown earlier this year in another part of our synod.

**TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, Sep 18** - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. All are welcome! But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

**RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Sep 19** - 8 a.m. at Valenti's (London Rd). Through the College of St. Scholastica, Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and connects our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! This month, we're reading the first half of *Gathering Moss* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

**BLANKET EXERCISE TRAINING, Sep 22** - On Saturday Sep 22 from 8:30 a.m. into the late afternoon Gloria Dei will host a Blanket Exercise Facilitator Training. This is being sponsored by the Northeastern MN Synod Together Here Team and led by Prairie Rose Seminole, Program Director of the ELCA's American Indian/Alaska Native Ministries, who spoke at this year's NEMN Synod Assembly.

The Blanket Exercise, originally developed by KAIROS in Canada, is an excellent tool that literally walks participants through the history of relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. During this workshop, blankets arranged on the floor represent North America and participants are invited to step into the roles of Indigenous peoples. The experience is designed to help participants understand the impact of colonization on Indigenous communities and our cross-cultural relationships by engaging people's minds and hearts in understanding why the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples is often broken and how we can take action together.

The Together Here team is seeking partners throughout our Synod to be trained as facilitators to lead the Blanket Exercise Workshop in their areas. To attend the training, or if you can help with hospitality, please contact Julie Jagim 464-0675 or Pastor Carlson 722-3381.

## TOGETHER HERE NEWS

By Deacon Brenda Tibbetts, Assistant to the Bishop

On Wednesday, August 8, about 30 people gathered at Concordia Lutheran Church in Duluth to hear Dr. Joseph Bauerkemper who gave a very informative presentation on "Understanding Treaty Rights" as well as moderated the Question & Answer discussion which followed.

Dr. Bauerkemper is an Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and teaches with a deep background in governance, literature and law. He began by quoting Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God." Humility, kindness and justice are key in listening to one another's stories, for acknowledging wrong doing leading to a desire to repair relationships.

Hosted by the synod's Together Here Team and Concordia Lutheran, Dr Bauerkemper led us through the history of treaties in conjunction with papal bulls, various U.S. court cases and how this history and the treatment of Native Americans, both past and present, which has served as a catalyst to bring about the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery affirmed at the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Action and our own Northeastern Minnesota Synod's Assembly.

A portion of the Resolution reads, "To repudiate explicitly and clearly the Doctrine of Discovery...to acknowledge and repent from this church and its complicity the evils of colonialism in the Americas which continue to harm native governments and native member."

"The treaty is not a grant. Treaties create settler rights and reserve tribal rights," Bauerkemper said, "Anything not given explicitly to the U.S. government is reserved by the tribe. Treaties are not special race-based rights given to Indians by the U.S government. Rather, they are enumerated rights given to settlers by Indian nations."

Understanding Treaty Rights is a necessary step to begin to understand the many of challenges Native American communities face today as well as intentionally listening respectfully to their personal and cultural stories in order to build better relationships with our Native American brothers and sisters.

To learn more, check out Dr. Bauerkemper's website: [z.umn.edu/jkb](http://z.umn.edu/jkb), and [z.umn.edu/treaties](http://z.umn.edu/treaties) You are also encouraged to check out [treatiesmatter.org](http://treatiesmatter.org)

Thank you to Pr. James Muske for videotaping the evening's presentation and discussion. Watch the On-Line Reflections, NEMNSynod.org website and the Facebook page for further information on the 8/8/18 presentation as well as upcoming Together Here events or contact Pr. Amy Odgren, Assistant to the Bishop; Ms. Colleen Bernu, Deacon Candidate or Pr. James Muske to learn more about Together Here.



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. Remember to let the church know when you or a loved one is hospitalized or need extra attention from the Care Team.

### Central Hillside Parish Nurse Program Grant

Each year we need to renew the CHPNP grant request through the Essentia Health Foundation. Thanks to all the hard work done by Donna, we have submitted a new request for funding for the health ministries for 2019 at Gloria Dei, St Mary's Star of the Sea and St Mark's AME congregations. We expect to hear about the grant in December. Below is a summary of my goals for 2019:

1) Continue monthly meetings and involvement with Gloria Dei's Health Cabinet; members are Pastor David Carlson, Diana Meehan, Carol Kelley, Elaine Wickstrom, Ruth Wittmers, and Betty Wolerstorff. Each month we discuss the work of the Care Team which keeps regular contact with homebound, elderly, and other-abled congregation members who cannot always attend church. The Health Cabinet members also help with monthly worship services at local assisted living facilities.

2) Continue to coordinate, train, and support the Care Team. I send out info on educational and training opportunities and write monthly newsletter articles promoting healthy life activities and safety for our congregation. I also collect resources for any folks who want specific information on health, grief, or emotional support. In addition, I provide a Grief Card Ministry that supports members during the first year of mourning after the death of a loved one.

3) Continue to reach out to the Hillside community by offering health education and blood pressure screening at Gloria Dei's monthly Neighborhood Breakfast, the annual Valentine's Day Party, and Juneteenth. I also serve as Treasurer for the Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association which provides networking and educational support for the 60+ congregations in our area that have active Parish Nurse programs. As Gloria Dei's delegate to the NE Minnesota Citizens' Federation and to CHUM, I represent the church at their meetings and educational programs.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September is: Healthy Aging Month - [www.healthyaging.net](http://www.healthyaging.net) Prostate Health Month— [www.pct.org](http://www.pct.org), & [www.zerocancer.org](http://www.zerocancer.org) Ovarian Cancer Month - [www.ovarian.org](http://www.ovarian.org) National Yoga Month - [www.yogamonth.org](http://www.yogamonth.org) September 8 - Walk to End Alzheimer's (meet at the DECC to walk the Lakewalk) September 9-15 - Suicide Prevention Week, [www.suicidology.org](http://www.suicidology.org)



**WELCA EXEC BOARD MEETING, Sep 10** - at the London Road Perkins in the back room, 5:30 p.m. On the agenda is the planning on the upcoming year for WELCA. All women are encouraged to attend.

**MARTHA'S CIRCLE, Sep 11** - We meet the second Tuesday each month from September to June at St. Ann's residence at 330 E. 3rd Street from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. All women in the congregation are welcome to attend.

**EVE GATHERING, Sep 18** - We resume our meetings and bible studies on the 3rd Tuesday each month from September to May - except there is no meeting in December. The group meets at church at 5:30 p.m. with a lite pot-luck and bible study (from the *Gather* magazine). All women in the congregation are welcome to attend.

**WELCA FALL GATHERING, Sep 29** - The Lake Superior Conference of WELCA will hold their Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 29th from 9 AM to 1 PM at Kenwood Lutheran Church in Duluth, at 2720 Myers Ave. Our speaker is BJ Allen from RREAL, the company that brought solar power to the Phebe Hospital in Liberia. REAL is now working with us to provide the same solar power to Curran Hospital. Ideas for In-kind donations: Diapers, size 4-6, Diaper ointment, Gently used children's books, sippy cups, baby wipes, games & toys. In-kind donations will be used for the clients of Bethany Crisis Nursery/Supervised Visitation Program. Every woman is part of WELCA, whether active or not. Please plan on coming!

**MINISTRY OF SERVICE**

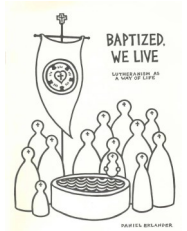
*Purpose: Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and the powerless and committing to their needs.*

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT-Patti Maguire**

After a hot and humid August with little rain, 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 Ecumen Lakeshore on August 14. The Pastor and others were at Hill Fest on the 19th and the PRIDE celebration are coming up. Thank you to all who participate and help with these events as well as our monthly



**CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS** Sundays beginning September 23, from 11:30-12:30 in the Teaching House. 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 4. Current members also welcome for a review! If interested, please contact Pastor David so we can plan accordingly, 722-3381



**PEACE & JUSTICE LECTURE AT CSS, Sep 27** - "The Roots of the Israeli-Palestinian Dispute" with James Gelvin (Professor of History at UCLA), September 27, 7:30 p.m. at Mitchell Auditorium, College of St. Scholastica. Arguably, the so-called Arab-Israeli dispute has captured the world's attention for more than 70 years and seems intractable. In essence, this often violent quarrel is about real estate in the heart of the Middle East. Present-day Palestinian and Jewish residents both claim the right to inhabit and control all or part of the territory in question. These conflicting claims are made by many on both sides based on deeply held cultural, historical and religious traditions. The 2018-19 season of the Alworth Peace & Justice Lecture Series will examine the roots of this conflict and explore paths to resolution. All lectures are free and open to the public.

**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.*

**PRIDE WEEKEND, Aug 30—Sep 2** - Gloria Dei has been a longtime participant in Duluth Superior Pride. Events include Thu,

Aug 30: Mayor's Reception at the Depot, 5:00-7:00. Fri, Aug 31: Worship at Temple Israel 6:00 p.m., Sat, Sep 1: Pride Festival at Bayfront, 11:00-7:00. Sun, Sep 2: Parade in Superior 12:00 noon. More at dspride.com.



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

**GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, Sep 4** - Quilters meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the former Faith building and put together warm and colorful quilts that are then donated to Lutheran World Relief and other needy organizations. Newcomers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493. If you can help, please join us! We can teach you all that needs to be done! Our goal is 30 quilts so helpers are appreciated!



**MEN IN MISSION BREAKFAST, Sep 8** -

You are invited! Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Lyric Restaurant (formerly Porter's), located in the Holiday Inn Center. Free Parking - enter ramp on 2nd Ave W. & 1st St. and keep parking ticket. Come for fellowship, breakfast (on your own), a presentation by Bishop Tom Aitken along with devotions from Pastor Dave. For all the guys of Gloria Dei sons, dads, granddads, etc... BRING A FRIEND! This is our annual Men in Mission event - DON'T MISS IT!



**CELEBRATING WOMEN IN MINISTRY, Sep 9** - Rally Sunday this year happens to coincide with the 39th anniversary of Pr. Karen Bockelman's ordination (which also took place on a Sunday). In addition to giving thanks for Karen's years of ministry, our coffee hour that day is also an opportunity to lift up our seminarian, Cassie Borges, and to support her call to ordained ministry. The Council has a designated "Scholarship Fund" into which contributions for Cassie are welcome (a check could be made to Gloria Dei with that in the memo); they can be put into the basket during coffee hour, as can any cards separately, and a single check will be sent to Cassie at Wartburg Seminary where she is starting her second year.

**BOOK CLUB, Sep 17** - Fall is upon us. It is time to plan our Book Club reads for the year. We will meet on Monday, September 17th, 9:30 a.m. at the Faith building. Let's begin by talking about THE WIND AND THE DRUM by Katharine Johnson. We never did finish that last spring. Next lets get our list started for this year.

Bring some titles of books you have been wanting to read and we will make some choices. All are welcome to join the group. It is very informal with an opportunity to share stories which we have chosen to read. Some great, some on the line. You decide. Questions? Give Carol Kelley a call, 525-6098.



**CAMP VERMILION WORK DAY, Sep 22**

- In addition to a great summer of programs this year, Camp Vermilion also had a few storms roll through. Even with all of the amazing volunteers we have already had help with clean up, we still have some work to do. We also have quite a few projects on our "to do" list! Join us for a day of work, fellowship, and caring for God's great northwoods. Work Day begins with registration at 9:00 a.m. with coffee, and lunch will be served around 12:30. Contact Brett Amundson (brett.amundson@yahoo or 218-349-9013) if you are able to help. Please let us know by September 19 if you plan to join us!



**THEOLOGY UNCAPPED, Sep 27** - A Lutheran and Catholic dialogue organized in part by the Lake Superior Conference of our Synod, Theology Uncapped seeks to bring people closer together through educational discussions centered around faith-based topics. We hold three events a year that are open to people of all faiths. Each event features speakers on a topic of faith from differing points of view. A catered meal is included to help facilitate fellowship and hopefully foster new relationships. This month's topic is "Confession" held on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church 5454 Miller Trunk Highway in Hermantown; speakers are Fr. Richard Kunst of St. James & St. Elizabeth Catholic Churches in Duluth and Pr. Peter Peter Kowitz of United Lutheran Church in Proctor. Seating is limited, so registration is required and can be completed through this site: <http://www.theologyuncapped.org/>

**WELCA NEWS**

Fall is here and a new year of WELCA begins! Remember that all Gloria Dei women are automatic members of WELCA--you don't need to do anything to join! We are the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America!

Help fill the bins in the narthex to make needed kits for Lutheran World Relief. We put together five different kits: 1) School Kits, 2) Health Kits, 3) Sewing Kits, 4) Baby Kits, and 5) Newborn Kits. They're shipped to help people around the world. Lists of what's needed for each kit can be found on the white bins in the narthex, or you can talk with Barb Rennick or Marianne Kjolhaug. All items should be new or very gently used. Now is a great time to find items at rummage sales or back-to-school sales. Bring your items and place them in the appropriate bins. Thanks so much for your help, and for supporting WELCA in this important worldwide project!

