

WORSHIP LEADERS - August 2018



*Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you,
and pray to the LORD on its behalf,
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*
– Jeremiah 29:7

From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

At the Parish Conversation last month, members of the Capital Campaign Committee shared a letter I wrote with community organizations and individuals in mind who may wish to support the rebuilding and renewing of Gloria Dei. In addition to our insurance settlement and the congregation's generous commitments to the Rebuilding Fund, we are deeply grateful for the tremendous support we have already received from members of the community. For others who may wish to participate in this process, this letter frames the remaining financial need in terms of aiding Gloria Dei's community outreach and begins with the scripture reference above. Feel free to share this letter with friends beyond the congregation (paper copies are in the narthex).

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For nearly 150 years, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has been a *center for community outreach and well being* in the Central Hillside neighborhood of Duluth. As we rebuild from our church fire and return to 6th Avenue East and 3rd Street, we invite you to share in our vision for the welfare of the city by considering a financial gift.

From the beginning, our mission has been collaborative as a founding and ongoing participant in several community service efforts including:

- *Lutheran Social Service* since 1916, with programs for homeless youth and young adults
- *CHUM* since 1973, and the Gabriel Fund since 2001, providing housing, food, and assistance for people experiencing poverty and homelessness
- *Central Hillside Parish Nurse Program* since 1987, focusing on community health with Essentia, St. Mark AME Church, and St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church
- *Ruby's Pantry* since 2010, a food distribution program to assist those on limited income
- Since January 2006, we have conducted a *Free Neighborhood Breakfast* that consistently serves 150 meals on the fourth Saturday of each month
- In recent years, Gloria Dei has also been a pick up site for two different farms distributing *community supported agriculture* (CSA) shares downtown.

Over the decades in a changing neighborhood, our vision has remained consistent – *to seek with God's love the welfare of the city in which we are placed*. As we prepare to return at Easter 2019, our intention is that Gloria Dei will continue to be a nurturing presence in the Hillside neighborhood and beyond.

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Organist	Mary Garmer	Worship Band	Barbara Erickson	Barbara Erickson
Assisting Minister	Kristen Hylenski	Linda Kalweit	Journey Amundson	Patti Maguire
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Greg Garmer	Julie Jagim	Paul Uecker	Ed Martin
Acolytes	Samantha Stevens & Journey Amundson	Esmeralda Lew & Mackenzie Albricht	Brynn & Adrian Erickson	Kingston & Deonta Lew
Ushers	The Uecker's	TBA	Alison & Duane Stucke	Bob & Candice Maki
Nursery Attendants	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve
Counters	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Janine Dahquist & Julie Jagim	Barbara Switzer & Gerald Erickson	Kristen Hylenski & Laura Hoelter
Coffee Servers	Rick & Marcia Troy	Sherry Dalager	Eve Gathering	Roger & Judy Oman
Communion Assistant	Bob Kelley	Bob Kelley	Bob Kelley	Bob Kelley
Altar Guild	Jackie DeVogel & Esmeralda Lew	Sandy Uecker & Kristen Hylenski	Judy Oman & Sue Anderson	Linda K. Sherry Dalager & Stephanie Carlson

To that end, one component of Gloria Dei’s rebuilding will be a *new commercial kitchen*. Through upgrades and training, the kitchen will not only be an asset to congregational life but also *will benefit the community*. In addition to serving our free monthly Neighborhood Breakfast, we are excited about the potential for this kitchen to be used to promote healthy food practices and support small businesses in the area, connect with farmer’s markets, and provide meal preparation space for community group fundraisers.

We are very grateful for the generous support we have already received from individuals and organizations in the community. Beyond our insurance settlement the congregation has also pledged enough funding to cover the sanctuary and operational parts of the building. But *\$100,000 is still needed – please consider helping us build our community kitchen*. Your gift will participate in a renewed capacity for serving an area of need.

THANK YOU for your partnership in seeking the welfare of the city in which we live.

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Speaking of such generous support... Last month I had the joy of meeting a 3-year old from the community who sold her own artwork to support the rebuilding of Gloria Dei. Living in the Hillside neighborhood, Silje and her family see the church building regularly and, after hearing about the fire wanted to help. According to her mother’s Facebook post, “She worked hard and made 70 little pieces of art to sell, opened up shop at the Park Point Art Fair and collected \$125 in a little glass jar next to a sign that read *Art by Silje. I’m giving the money to Gloria Dei Church because they had a big, bad, crawly fire and I want to fix it!*”

Silje and I met at the construction site, in hard hats, along with her parents and little sister, and reporters from the *Duluth News Tribune*. Her mother called it “the tour of her dreams where she got to go inside and see the bubbled plaster and broken stained glass windows...and hand over her little jar to the kindest people. She’s 3 and so there is so much about this that she doesn’t really grasp ... but we are so proud that she is experimenting in both working hard and living generously. We love the goodness and beauty in her and goodness and beauty she is already a part of!”

Even more than the generous monetary gift this young artist gave, Silje demonstrated something priceless -- *a concern for the neighbor that can overflow with creative imagination and self-giving love that points beyond itself*. What a sign of God’s love and grace to us, and an inspiration for our ministry as a congregation that would, in the vision of Jeremiah, “seek the welfare of the city.” Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

simply say: “*It’s so hard to explain.*” They might use other words like, “It was fun” or “Good” or my favorite, “(inaudible grunt)”. But for most youth, I really do believe they want to tell you about it. The problem is, while they may be able to put into words what we did, it’s practically impossible to put into words what the trip did to them. There is something elusive about the work of the Holy Spirit that defies capturing in words how meaningful and transformative this faith journey can be...

We could tell you about the bus trip... Stewart Beach... service projects in Galveston... worship in Galveston... family time... mass gatherings at the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston... gathering for Synod Day... service learning in Houston... interactive learning... closing worship... [These topics and more will be part of Gloria Dei’s summary during adult forum on Sep 16.]

“It’s so hard to explain” the Synod Journey, and this only scrapes the surface. *What happens when you spend a year intentionally investing in the faith lives of young people? They are challenged, stretched, nurtured, and transformed.* They grow in faith... *I encourage you to ask the young people in your congregation about their journey.* Give them time to find their answers. The Synod Journey is only the beginning...

I leave you with the sending blessing from the Closing Worship at the ELCA Youth Gathering. May we all look each other in the eye this coming year and share these words with each other:

“You are called by God. You are loved by God. You are saved by God’s grace. You are God’s hope for the world. God has given you a holy vocation: Stand up – using your gifts to serve God. Stand for – using your talents to care for all people. Stand with – God’s creation using your passions to better God’s creation and change the world. We go out with the words of St. Paul: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” Jesus changes everything! Jesus is everything. Thanks be to God!”

On the Journey with you, Catherine Anderson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
1 ~ Journey Amundson	14 ~ Caprice Peterson
1 ~ Marjorie Nelson	16 ~ Charlene Aaseng
1 ~ Skylar Peterson	17 ~ Darlene Anderson
6 ~ Katherine Frostman	17 ~ Charlotte Rothman
7 ~ Susan Chicag	21 ~ Stephanie Heilig
8 ~ Maggie Winesett	24 ~ John Pehkonen
8 ~ Stephen Wlosinski	25 ~ Arianna Gault
10 ~ Carl Schramm	25 ~ Christian Leight
11 ~ Brynn Erickson	

BISHOP AITKEN'S REFLECTIONS*Scripture, Theology and daily life*

Not only do Lutherans have a certain lens through which we read, understand, and apply Scripture to our lives, but we also have a time-tested theological lens: We start and end with Jesus, both in the way we read Scripture and the way we understand how God works in the world (theology.) For Christians, there is one faithful framing of all theology, and it's called the Gospel which is this: God so loves the whole world that Jesus came into it to save, make whole, redeem and bring the entire world into reconciliation. Its response is a transformed life that moves us to live out this love in our daily lives. This is a different framework to life than one which begins with me, or my country, my power, my race, my standard of living, or my ideology first - and then tries to tack on some Scripture and theology to fit it and endorse it.

Judging by what we read and hear in the media, this Gospel-way of understanding is certainly not universal. For example, the Christian who simply points and quotes Scripture to bolster her view about this or that social issue will at some point quote a verse that is at odds with the way Jesus lived and taught. Let's be honest, this is at the heart of Christian debates over many of the grave social ills we live with. When Jesus is not first, when Jesus gets slapped on as an afterthought in our Christian lives, we have missed our Lord's tender but courageous leadership which trumps everyone and everything else. His life teaches us that we all belong together, all of us, this whole world! That's the Christian message.

Just one example: At our recent Youth Gathering in Texas, where we spent time each day in faith study, we shared together about how Jesus was and is reconciling all people, granting love and a sense that "you belong" no matter who you are, what your skin color, your age, your occupation, your country of origin, how cool you are, whatever your gender orientation is, whatever your income, status, or politics is, or what your past is. To come to that conclusion, is to let Jesus the Christ, the Lord and Savior of all, be the lens through which insights arise.

This week: Think of Jesus, the Savior and Lover of all creation, then read your Scripture and Devotional, then act as his sister, his brother, his life in your daily Christian vocation.

+Bishop Thomas M. Aitken, Northeastern MN Synod, ELCA

FROM CATHERINE ANDERSON*Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator*

If you had youth from your congregation attend the 2018 Synod Journey and ELCA National Youth Gathering, I wonder if you've had a similar experience as I often have in asking youth about the Synod Journey...they get a distant look in their eyes, as if seeing something that isn't visible to others in the room, and

**AUGUST LESSONS****Sunday, August 5, 2018 11th Sunday After Pentecost**

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him. **Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35**

Sunday, August 12, 2018 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other. **1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25--5:2, John 6:35, 41-51**

Sunday, August 19, 2018 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share. **Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58**

Sunday, August 26, 2018 14th Sunday After Pentecost

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

Join us each Tuesday at 12:00 noon at the church offices for a bible study of the coming Sunday's readings. All welcome!

+ LIFE'S LANDMARKS +*Birth*

July 10 - Ellis Alynne Wills to Jeffrey and Annika Wills; grandparents are Nancy and David Gangeness and Judi and Mike Wills

Funeral

July 9 - Lilly Peterson
July 25 - Larry Steffen

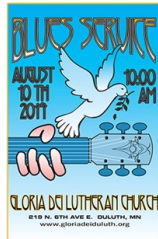
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.

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, Aug 5 - 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.

BLUES SERVICE Aug 12 - Let the Spirit move you at our annual Blues Service on August 14th at 10:00 a.m. - the weekend of the Bayfront Blues Fest. Join us for a mixture of new music and old favorites for a worship service that will move body and soul. Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, including this special annual service! Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied by piano. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!



EUCCHARIST AT LAKESHORE, Aug 14 - 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 Lakeshore Ecu-men on London Rd., Tuesday, August 14 at 2:15 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.

SPECIAL MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER - The Worship Committee has scheduled special music throughout the summer Sundays. Many thanks to month's musicians! Rachael Kilgour Aug 5, One Bread Aug 12, Char Matheson Aug 19, and Martha Carlson Aug 26.

Gloria Dei Moving Forward DEI by Day August 2018

The construction process continues with the removal of the 3rd Avenue stairs, removal of the exterior brick wall next to the 59' addition, pouring of the base support for the balcony, and some initial re-plastering of the sanctuary ceiling. Block walls will be installed around the elevator shaft and walls will be built that will connect with the 59' addition building. Once this area of the church is enclosed and the balcony base supports are completed, then the sanctuary floor can be completed and the pace of re-plastering sanctuary ceiling can increase.

We are still planning to have tours later this summer but are not sure of the timetable for the completion of the sanctuary floor.

The Phase 3 contract is in the final stages of signing and this will allow Johnson Wilson to get subcontractors under signed contracts. Adjustments for casework and flooring will allow for cost savings from the initial \$808,000 figure. Jim Morris of ESC Systems, in response to the meeting with our A/V subcommittee, has put together a proposal. This proposal is being distributed back to our subcommittee and will be reviewed for approval/changes. The pews subcommittee, headed by Carol Uecker, is planning to meet with Terri Erickson in the near future. Karen Bockelman is also leading a group considering worship space art and design. Input will continue to be requested as we make ongoing construction decisions and questions can be directed to Terri Erickson or Ryan Jagim.

The community capital campaign plans currently are focused on the concept of a "community kitchen" as described in the attached letter by Pastor David (see p. 1). We hope to use this concept not only to raise \$100,000 but also to look for ways of developing relationships in the Central Hillside which can utilize our church. The last WELCA clothing sale raised \$2,200.

Ryan Jagim Co-Chair Moving Forward Committee

THE GREAT GLORIA DEI SALE, Aug 3 & 4 - will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1108 E. 8th St. Donations can be dropped off there between 1 and 5 pm on Sunday, July 29. Any other time you need to drop off you will need to contact Kathy Wimer - she will have a key. No drop off to the outside of the building. **NO ELECTRONICS PLEASE.** We are looking for volunteers to help set up, work during the sale and then cleanup afterwards. All proceeds will go to the Gloria Dei Rebuilding fund. Call Kathy Wimer to volunteer or if you have questions 218-727-1987 or 218-355-0817.

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 JUNE 2018

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 6 months \$117,000

Actual, 6 months \$123,414 105.5%

Difference, *ahead* \$6,414

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.

August 2018 Earth Stewardship Tips

- “How does nature manufacture surfaces (in abalone shells) that are harder than our hardest high-tech ceramics and silk threads (spun by spiders) that, ounce for ounce, are five times stronger than steel? And how are these miracle materials produced silently, at ambient temperatures, and without any toxic by-products?”
- “Science writer Janine M. Benyus and other scientists have been promoting a new science called BIOMIMICRY. They encourage scientists, engineers, business leaders and entrepreneurs to study the earth's living systems to find out what works and what lasts and how we might copy such earth wisdom.”
- Biomimicry: “Schools of fish save energy by swimming in vortices created by their neighbors. Energy researchers are using similar principles to find optimal positions for tight arrays of vertical-axis wind turbines.”
- Biomimicry: “Serrated feather shapes allow owls to fly without creating turbulence or noise. Mechanical engineers have emulated these shapes to design fans and turbines that are nearly silent.”



HELP NEEDED: FUNERAL CO-CHAIR - In the event of a funeral at Gloria Dei, a Serving Coordinator is needed who would find serving/kitchen workers for the day of the funeral and be present to supervise the reception. Carol Uecker will continue as Arrangements Coordinator. Her duties include meeting with the Pastor, family, caterer and Funeral Home; setting up the tables in the sanctuary and reception area (tables, coverings and flowers); working with florists and family regarding any "upstairs" needs the day of and after the funeral. After Karen Kjolhaug's death, Carol has assumed all the duties of coordinating both the arrangements and the serving, and it would be good to share some responsibilities with another person. If you could help coordinate funeral serving, or have questions, please contact Carol, 525-4173.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – Adult forum takes a break during August—we resume on Rally Sunday, September 9.

TOGETHER HERE, Aug 6 - A task force of the Northeastern MN Synod, Together Here is about cultivating awareness and relationships of accompaniment between our faith communities and indigenous communities. Join us on Mon, Aug 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a presentation and discussion on “Understanding Treaty Rights” with Dr. Joseph Bauerkemper at Concordia Lutheran in Duluth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING, Aug 12 after worship in the narthex. Thinking together about the year ahead!

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Aug 15 - 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! This month, we're reading two articles, “Deep Incarnation” by Niels Henrik Gregerson, and part of *Kabbalah and Ecology: God's Image in the More-Than-Human World* by Rabbi David Seidenberg.

EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, Aug 16 - The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious 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 meets this month on Wednesday June 13 from 8-9 a.m. at Sara's Table. We are reading *Earth Honoring Faith* by Larry Rasmussen.

TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, August 28 - 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!

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.

DEIDREAMERS – MANY THANKS to Coach Paul Steklenski, the managing Ueckers, to all the players, and to dedicated fans for another enjoyable season!



SOFTBALL SCHEDULE - July 31, & August 7 - Playoffs. All games at Wheeler Field. All skill levels are welcome. Fans also contribute to the fellowship. Come play or cheer on the team!

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, Aug 7. 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!



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

PONTOON RIDE, Aug 22 - The boat is sponsored by the various senior citizen affiliates in Duluth. It is a 14- passenger boat, handicapped accessible, will take up to 3 wheel chairs. Join us for this 2-hour round trip up the St. Louis River, starting at Pier B. There is no cost, but they rely on donations, run by volunteers. In inclement weather, curtains are rolled down. Wednesday Aug 22, 1:30-3:30 reserved for Gloria Dei but non-members welcome. Come early to get life preservers on. There is still room for 8 people. Sign up with Jergen Fuhr 525-5202.

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 June 30, Radio Ministry has received \$5201 which is \$799 behind 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 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>

RIC CD AVAILABLE - To commemorate Gloria Dei's 20th Anniversary of becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, a special compilation CD set has been created. This includes a digitized recording of an entire Gloria Dei worship service in 1997 at which Rev. Anita C. Hill preached, along with sermons from four other significant voices on this journey: Rev. John Sippola, Rev. Jen Nagel, David Weiss, and Rev. Nicole Garcia. Several copies of this CD set are available from Doug Maguire for a donation that will support the Radio Ministry.

HILLSIDE FARMERS MARKET - Operates every Tuesday 3 to 6 pm thru October 16, 2018 in the Essentia parking lot near Gloria Dei. This food access market accepts EBT cards from SNAP participants with a 1:1 match. It also has a program for children called the Power of Produce Club, or simply 'PoP Club', where children aged 2 to 17 can receive \$4 for free to spend on fruits, vegetables, or plants that produce food. *Gloria Dei has set up a table twice in July and plans another time August 28—serving free ice cream cones. Join us!*



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.



2018 9th ANNUAL HILLFEST CELEBRATION -

Sunday August 19th from 2 - 6 pm. Hillfest is a great opportunity for the Central Hillside community to come together by opening 6th Avenue East and 4th Street to bicycling, walking, dancing and playing. Gloria Dei has participated each year both as a church and as part of the Central Hillside Parish Nurse Program. Bring your family and friends to this fun-filled afternoon of music, food, events and games. Our presence reminds our community friends that we will return to our church. We love getting to know our neighbors better and talking about how we can work together for the Hillside! If you would like to help, see Pastor.



NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, August 25 -

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.



TEMPORARY FOOD SHARE HELP FOR KING MANOR: The area SNAP education coordinator has started a food share purchasing program at King Manor. Gloria Dei is the host and supplier of volunteers. However, the fire caused a relocation, and a member of Star of the Sea offered that kitchen and a second worker. Carol Uecker is the Gloria Dei worker. The Star of the Sea volunteer is having knee surgery soon. Briefly, the program works this way: Residents can pre purchase fruit or veggie shares. Payment is collected over the noon hour on the first Monday of the month, and deposited with Whole Foods COOP. The third Monday of the month, shares are picked up at the COOP, taken to the commercial kitchen, divided by shares, and delivered to King Manor. This temporary help would be for the 3rd Monday from about 10:30-12:30. Carol Uecker does the first Monday portion and helps with the 3rd Monday portion. Could you lend a hand? Please let Carol know. She can also provide more information (525-4173).

GLORIA DEI PRAYS, Aug 16 – Rev. Dr. Anna Madson from our congregation has written the Bible Studies for June, July and August in the *Gather* magazine – a series called “Let Us Pray.” Anna has graciously agreed to come and talk about the studies with us on Thursday, August 16 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Faith Building. All are invited! Anna will talk about her studies and may set us to work in small group discussion or individual prayer times. Anna writes in the June study, “We often hear that God answers prayers. However, that doesn’t mean that God always answers our prayers as we expect. That said, these passages (1 Samuel 12:12-23) suggest that sometimes God does answer our prayers exactly as we frame them, even when God disagrees with our petition.” If you want to read ahead: 1 Samuel 12:12-23, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, and Romans 8:26-28 are the highlighted texts for the studies in *Gather*.



THANKS AGAIN to everyone who helped to fill the Lutheran World Relief bins last year. But now the bins are empty, fall sales are happening. If you would like to contribute items for any of the bins, lists of needed items will be on each bin. Thank you for your support.”

SAVE THE DATE! 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. More information will be revealed soon. 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

July finally brought hot weather. Even as we enjoy the blessings of summer in the Northland, don't overdo your fun in the sun. Use plenty of sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher. Wear a hat and keep out of the sun between 10-2:00. Please remember to drink plenty of water while working and playing outdoors. Early indication of dehydration is increased thirst. Be aware of lightheadedness and muscle cramps or even palpitations as dehydration get worse. Water and sunscreen can help keep you safe.



After returning from our whirlwind Synod Journey trip to Texas, the Pastor and I jumped right into July with worship at Edgewood Vista on the 3rd. August 14th we'll offer a worship service at 2:15 in the chapel at Lakeshore. Everyone is invited to join us as we worship with our friends. A Healing Service was part of Sunday service on July 22nd. July also meant raising funds for Relay for Life and recruiting kids for Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran.

Please keep our congregation members who can't always be in church in your prayers. Gloria Dei has recently lost some precious long-time members, so remember their families as they mourn. And finally, pray for the Health Ministry of our church. Our Care Team reaches out to keep folk connected with their faith family and they do a great job. Thank them.

RELAY for LIFE Thank you to everyone who came to the College of St Scholastic on July 20th to celebrate and remember those who have been stricken with cancer. Thank you to all of you who donated to help the American Cancer Society support cancer patients and their families. We raised over \$1100! If you weren't able to donate earlier, talk to Patti or donate on line at Relay for Life, Duluth (be sure to give to the Gloria Dei team).



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.

UNWANTED MEDICATIONS??

Now you can safely dispose of your unwanted and expired medications at a year-round drop box. Help protect our kids, environment, and community. Old and unwanted medicines in your home can pose a risk for accidental poisoning, theft, and drug abuse. Research also shows that medication put in the trash or flushed may pollute water and harm fish and wildlife.



What is accepted? Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medication in any form FROM HOUSEHOLDS.: pills and capsules, blister packs, creams and gels, inhalers, IV bags, liquids, patches, powders, sprays, vials.

Not accepted are: Needles, syringes, lancets and thermometers.

(These can be taken to the WLSSD site at 27th Ave W.)

Preparing for drop off - Keep medications in the original container and place in a sealed, clear plastic bag. Use a marker to cross out your name on the container. Drop off is anonymous - no ID is required. If

you don't have the original container, place it in a clear plastic bag and write the name of the medication (if known) on the bag.
DROP OFF SITES: Duluth Police Department/St. Louis Co. Sheriff Public Safety Building at 2030 Arlington Ave. Mon - Fri 8 am - 6 pm

CHUM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, Aug 7 – Come celebrate with CHUM Tuesday, August 7 – First Avenue West will be blocked off in front of Chum and food will be served from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Food Shelf (120 N. 1st Ave. West). There will be good food (hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, treats), fellowship, and music until the street is reopened at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome! Get to know your neighbors! Enjoy free food and good company!



CHUM CHURCH will be gathering on August 12 at Peace UCC, 1111 11th 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. Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary will be serving supper and Pastor Greg Garmer will be leading worship. For more information contact Sue Anderson, CHUM Church Coordinator, 740-2498 or sanderson@chumduluth.org.



ADOPT-A-BACKPACK - CHUM is collecting donations for backpacks to be distributed at the Duluth School district Back to School fair on August 23.

There is a website that you can go to, to order complete backpacks (before August 17th) and Educational Products Inc will ship it to CHUM in time for distribution. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/CHUM-school-backpacks> once you are on the web page you can order either a Kindergarten - 5th Grade for \$10.88 or a 6-12 grade for \$11.21 each.

Individual items may be brought to the church or directly to CHUM.

Items needed are:

16x11x5 backpacks, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, pocket folders, 3 ring binders, College-ruled loose leaf filler paper, scissors, No. 2 pencils, black pens, box of 12 colored pencils, box of 8 markers, box of 24 crayons and glue sticks.



RUBY'S PANTRY, August 16. 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-