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# DEI BY DAY

We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. – 2 Corinthians 4:7

#### From the Pastor

#### Dear friends in Christ.

"We have this treasure." Imagine these words inscribed on a church's pulpit or lectern – as they are at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of central Washington State. That image came to mind when this excerpt from Paul's letters was read recently in our sanctuary from the lectionary in worship. We have this treasure.

Which treasure? It made me think of the beautiful surroundings in which that pulpit is situated, in Holden's case amid snow-capped peaks and lakes with streams flowing through dense forests, not unlike our landscape - we have this treasure. It made me think of people who stand to read or preach or address the community, those who serve as leaders over the years, some younger and some older, who are there for a season but also in that moment - we have this treasure. Finally, it made me think of what they are reading from, God's Word, scriptures often resting open on the pulpit conveying God's justice and love in Jesus Christ for our time and place – we have this treasure.

In each sense the treasure of which Paul speaks is conveyed in "clay jars," earthen vessels, a term that connotes fragility, imperfection, the fleeting impermanence of life, but also incarnation, the idea of something material embodying, carrying, or pointing to something more precious. Martin Luther believed the finite is capable of bearing the infinite - a sacramental statement about water or bread and wine expressing God's eternal grace with the Word and also an affirmation that even we, as imperfect and limited as we are, are nonetheless called to be bearers of God's redeeming grace in the world.

At its meeting last month, the Moving Forward Committee reflected on this verse in our devotions and Paul's idea of treasure – in terms of our building and more importantly in terms of God's mission for us in that location among neighbors in the Central Hillside. Decisions continue to be made that take seriously the stewarding of both the resources and the mission God has entrusted to us. We have this treasure. With the elevator shaft now being built, the slope of the sanctuary floor determined, the plans for a commercial kitchen finalized, the design for the altar window affirmed, gardeners moving plants away from work zones, and waterproofing happening around the foundation where the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street stairway had been – construction is moving forward with the congregation's values of accessibility, welcome, community service, and sustainability.



We also reflected on another verse that evening from 2 Corinthians 4:5: "We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake."

Our capacity to move forward in ministry and in rebuilding will be *faithful*, I said, as long as our decisions emerge from prayerful reflection on God's mission, as long as we keep central "proclaiming Christ" as Paul says. Such reflection starts by asking questions like, "What is God doing? How might we participate in what God is doing?"

Such reflection, centered in God, is also *hopeful*. For the word translated "slaves" here can also mean "servants" – and in the original language it is related to the word "doula" or midwife. *That* image reminds us that there is indeed work – sometimes hard work – yet it is a hopeful and joyful calling because we are laboring with God and with neighbors toward something good: the new life of justice, reconciliation, and peace God has promised.

As Luther Seminary professors Craig Van Gelder and Dwight Zscheile put it in a new book our Long Range Planning Team is reading called *Participating in God's Mission*, "God's mission is the generative, creative, and redemptive sending by which the cosmos first came into being and continues to be healed and restored in the midst of its brokenness.... The church is a community created by the Spirit, intended by God to fully participate in God's mission. It exists, not for itself, but for God and for its neighbors both at home and around the world, *pointing toward the horizon of an alternative future of a healed creation.*" (36-37)

That insight reminds me of the horizon line depicted in the new altar window design (see p. 5) and its central focus – the cross – by which we always have a future with God and through which we look on the neighborhood in love. It relates to a final reflective verse from that Moving Forward meeting from 2 Corinthians 4:6: "For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Here is a rare instance of Gloria Dei's name in scripture – *glory of God* – which Paul reminds us becomes known when Jesus Christ is visible in our midst – through Word, sacrament, and service. How has God shone in your heart? How are you gifted and called to participate in God's mission?

We have this treasure, Paul reminds us. Like a window refracting the light in the shape of a cross, each of us is equipped by the Spirit to be a bearer of the grace and love of Christ we have first received – to the glory of God and the good of our neighbor.

See you in worship! + Pastor David Carlson will be focused on opening our building, especially our kitchen, to other community events and organizations. We continue to look at a way that we can use our facility to forward our ministry and mission in the hillside community.

We are hoping to have another tour of the facility. A tour moves us from the abstract plans to a personal view of the new sanctuary and how we are integrating and utilizing our whole building. Once the elevator shaft is completed, then the rest of the sanctuary floor will be built and roof opening will be enclosed. At that point we are hoping to have a tour of the rebuilding process. Our time frame is uncertain but we hope to tour will be sometime in August.

There are so many people who have been involved in this process. We are blessed to be working Bob Fern and with Johnson Wilson as they continue to help us rebuild our church and find ways in to have a beautiful church and to best use our financial resources. Terri Erickson continues her efforts to coordinate between the consultants and our congregation in making decisions to rebuild our church in a way that meets our needs and provides a space for continued worship and ministry in the Central Hillside. Members of the Moving Forward and the Capital Campaign Committees have been committed in providing time and input in the decision-making and fundraising process. Pastor David and church staff continue to do double duty in carrying out the day-to-day ministries of the church and while meeting the multiple demands of reconstruction. We continue to have a congregation that has responded to the financial needs of rebuilding and continues to provide support and input.

We continue to have weekly meetings with the contractors, our architects, and our consultants as we move forward in the rebuilding process. We are anxiously looking forward to the completed reconstruction of our church so that we can return to Gloria Dei in the spring of 2019.

Respectfully submitted. Ryan Jagim Co-Chair Moving Forward Committee

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

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our kitchen consultant (John Wilson), and a dedicated group of congregation members on the kitchen design group.

Our Moving Forward Committee made several decisions at our June 6 meeting. We decided that the ¼ inch slope for the sanctuary floor was the best option, as it allowed for better visual lines to the altar throughout the sanctuary and at the same time allowed flexibility for handicapped seating. We also felt that all three "exterior options" needed to be included in the rebuilding process. 1) Refurbishing the old entrance would include the waterproofing of that basement wall, the removal of the old steps, and replacement with a "to be decided" planter design. 2) Exterior Insulation and Finishing System (EIFS) will be used to cover the cement block on the educational wing (wall facing the parking lot) as well as on the 3rd Street side of the building as we replace the old doors to the church. This EIFS system allows us to choose colors that integrate with the original brick sanctuary with the '59 Addition. The current electrical access panels on the parking lot wall will be moved. 3) Finally, we agreed that a canopy entrance would be an important welcoming visual reminder of the new entrance to our sanctuary.

- We continue with ongoing subcommittee work which provides input to our decision-making. A subcommittee led by Gary Olson is working with Energy Systems as we transition from a steam base heating system to hot water circulation system. This involves signing a long-term contract with Energy Systems with the benefit of receiving a \$30,000 rebate to help cover the heat exchange costs.
- Karen Bockelman continues to work with the stained-glass committee as presented after worship on Sunday June 17. She also is leading discussions on several possibilities for altar furnishings.
- A security committee is being formed to help look at ways of keeping our building welcoming but also addressing safety issues.
- The pew committee will continue to meet. Layout of handicapped seating and pew selection are decisions to be made. Feedback from Greg and Peggy Stevens was shared with their observation that the use of the old pews and pew ends was not financially and practically viable. They recommended getting new pews with an option of refurbishing a few of the old pews for selective use in different parts of the church.
- A subcommittee to address color selection/coordination of walls, carpets, and floor coverings is being formed.

The Capital Campaign Committee reports that we exceeded our goal and now have pledges totaling over \$514,000 and have already received over \$140,000 in filling those pledges. We continue to raise money with the Skorich Barbecue on May 20 generating \$1600 in profits. A New York clothing tag sale is scheduled for June 22 & 23. Special thanks to Nancy and David Gangeness for their efforts, not only in obtaining Thrivent Grants, but in coordinating the multiple volunteers in making the BBQ a successful effort. Community directed fundraising has been challenging as our initial thoughts of donations from organizations has met with a uniform response that they do not support capital campaign efforts. We are looking at initiating a smaller effort under the theme "Help Us Build Our Community Kitchen." These efforts

#### Sunday July 1, 2018 Season Of Creation - Sky

"The heavens declare the glory of God," the psalmist proclaims. From the early morning dawn to twilight, the sky reveals God's faithfulness from day to day to the edges of the world, for people under the same

canopy, the same atmosphere. At Jesus' death, the darkening sky bears witness to God's saving power in the cross, hidden in solidarity with the forsaken, calling forth faith, and enabling God's children to shine like stars. Jeremiah 4:23-28, PSALM 19:1-6, Philippians 2:14-18, Matthew 27:45-54

#### Sunday July 8, 2018 Season of Creation Bioregion

In a culture of anxiety, Jesus points to birds and lilies to illustrate the trust in God's providence he desires for his disciples. Seeking first the reign of God for all creation brings the bioregional concept of thinking globally and acting locally into the context of faith. God, who forgets none of his creatures, enables us to sing with them a new song and bear the fruit of his righteousness for the well-being of the land.

Isaiah 49:8-16a, Psalm 98, Colossians 1:3-12, Matthew 6:24-34

## Sunday July 15, 2018 : OCEAN (Lake Superior Sunday)

"We praise you, O God, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams," says our thanksgiving for baptism. The same God who sets the sea's limits and knows its depths even from the world's beginning chooses us in Christ to participate in his stewarding work. "With earth and sea and all their creatures," we worship at the feast of all creation, and with Job and Peter, we discover that encountering God will never leave us the same. Job 38:1-18, Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26, Ephesians 1:3-10, Luke 5:1-11

#### Sunday, July 22, 2018 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

## Sunday, July 29, 2018 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-18, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

#### LIFE'S LANDMARKS

Birth

June 5 - Carver Edward Aaseng to Char & Maury Aaseng June 9 - Odin Richard Hellman to Amber Olson & Brandon Hellman *Memorial* 

June 2 - Sandi Bolander

**PARISH CONVERSATION & BBQ POTLUCK—July 15** - In an effort to increase communication and awareness in the parish, Pastor David and the Council have planned quarterly "parish conversations" after worship, during which everyone can hear updates about various ministries, receive a quarterly financial report, and become more aware of parish leaders, newcomers, and upcoming events. This month's Parish Conversation coincides with Lake Superior Sunday. <u>Please Note</u>: BBQ left over (frozen) from the May fundraiser will take the place of fish this year—consider bringing sides, desserts, and other potluck items. All are welcome!

# **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.

**PASTORAL CARE – THANK YOU** to Chaplain Steve Wlosinski (218-461-7083) and Chaplain Bob Saunders (218-591-0642) from our congregation who are available for hospital visits or in case of a pastoral emergency while Pastor Carlson and Patti Maguire are in Texas from June 23 to July 2.

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

**QUILTS AND KITS DEDICATED** - In addition to wrapping two quilts around our high school graduates on June 3, the following items were also packed and sent with our prayers during worship that Sunday in time for the WELCA convention: 21 quilts, 10 personal kits, 35 school kits, 7 baby kits, and 11 fabric kits. Many thanks to all who contributed!

# STAINED GLASS PROJECT - CLASSES & CLEANING

We're ready to take the next step in making use of the stained glass pieces from the Gloria Dei windows. Two class times have been scheduled in July: Thursday, <u>July 19</u> at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesday, <u>July 25</u> at 4:00 p.m. Classes will be held at Shannon's Stained Glassery, 5904 Tower Avenue, South Superior, and include mosaic instruction and the use of tools. If there is interest, additional classes will be arranged in August and in the fall. Some may wish to continue working on projects at Shannon's The Moving Forward Committee met on June 6, 2018 and we had many updates and discussions.



Phase 3 construction estimates were submitted by Travis Johnson (from John-

son Wilson) and were \$808,000. This was significantly more than the initial estimate of \$520,000 that has been used in our previous cost projections. Several reasons for this increase were provided. The \$520,000 did not include the 10% overhead and profit line item (\$67,555). There was a \$70,000 increase in mechanical and plumbing costs (related to coding requirements for the building airflow requiring and additional unit, increased costs related to additional bathrooms). As our designs have changed, we have made some additional requests and these add-ons increased costs. We have always been informed that construction costs estimates change as the bids are let out and the Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract is finalized and this was the case here.

The \$288,000 Phase 3 increase does impact our expense revenue budget. Before the bids were let out for Phase 3 and we were using the \$520,000 estimate, we projected \$150,000 available revenues over the estimated construction costs. Discussions were directed toward utilizing these funds to address refurnishing the church (i.e., altar furniture, kitchen supplies, worship, Sunday School, and music supplies). Now, utilizing the \$808,000 Phase 3 costs projections, we will be about \$140,000 short.

Our committee discussed several ways to address the shortfall:

- Continued fundraising through the community appeal,
- "value engineering" which utilizes an adjustment of current bids and using less expensive options (lower cost flooring options, lower cost cabinets and countertops)
- utilizing congregational volunteers to offset final cleaning costs
- possible return of part of the contingency funds from Johnson Wilson GMP contract
- taking out a short-term loan
- eliminating parts of Phase 3 such as "exterior options" (see below)
- using the \$30,000 rebate from Energy Systems contract to offset construction costs

Construction at our 6th Avenue site is continuing and will increase in pace once the elevator shaft is completed. Initially the bedrock was removed, sump pumps installed, and waterproofing was completed, and now the walls of the elevator shaft are being built. Much of the work has been in the '59 Educational Wing: walls for the rooms have been roughed in, electrical and ductwork installed, doorways and plumbing installed. Old windows have been removed, frames installed, and new windows have been ordered. In the sanctuary, work continues on refurbishing the window frames for the stained-glass windows. The sprinkler system is being installed. Lighting, sound systems/AV decisions are occurring in conjunction with consultants. Kitchen plans have been finalized in a coordinated effort by Terri Erickson,

## 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 MAY 2018

Needed per month \$19,500; per week \$4,500 Envelope Offerings: \$100,192 Budget, 5 months \$97,500 Actual, 5 months \$100,192 102.8% Difference, *ahead* \$2,692



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 <u>especially</u> <u>during the summer months</u>!

## July 2018 Earth Stewardship Tips

- "The World Bank's Growth Report expects a four to five-fold increase in the size of the world economy by 2050 and is eager to help this happen. They do not tell us by how much they expect the earth to grow by 2050!" Herman Daly.
- "Why this destructive refusal to face the limits of a finite earth? The answer is distressingly simple within the "free-market" economic ideology. Without growth the only way to cure poverty is by *sharing*. But redistribution is political anathema." Herman Daly.
- The overriding concerns of our growth-oriented food industry are not quality and health, but high volume and low (government subsidized) costs. Advances in technology substitute machines, robots, drugs, and chemicals for human workers, ecosystem diversity, natural health and fertility of the soil.



- "The business of food advertising is to persuade the consumer that her food is good, tasty and healthful. It would not do for the consumer to know that the hamburger she is eating came from a steer who spent much of his life standing deep in his own excrement in a feedlot, helping to pollute the local streams."
- "I dislike the thought that some animal has been made miserable in order to feed me. If I am going to eat meat, I want it to be from an animal that has lived a pleasant, uncrowded life outdoors, on bountiful pasture, with good water nearby and trees for shade." Wendell Berry.

or at home. (Grouting cannot be done the same day as you glue since the glue needs to cure before grout is applied.)

Meanwhile, we still have glass to clean (11 buckets!) and materials to collect. Thanks to all who have helped so far. Cleaning mornings will be <u>June 30, July 7, 14, and 21</u> from 10 a.m. to noon at the Faith Teaching House. Materials needed for decorating include flower pots, ceramic floor tiles, picture frames, square glass vases or votive candle holders, glass trays or plates. NO PLASTIC OR METAL ITEMS. There is a collection box in the narthex.

Please contact Karen Bockelman (349-5863) or <u>kgbockel-</u> <u>man@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in the classes or able to help with the glass cleaning.

#### ALTAR WINDOW

On June 17 the Window Committee presented the design for the new stained glass window that will be behind the altar in our rebuilt sanctuary. The altar window is more abstract than the scenes and symbols of the windows along the side of the sanctuary. The strongest design element of the altar window is a large cross, made of circles of layered glass. The layering of glass will create a dazzling, spark-like effect of colors ranging from yellow to orange to pink, with glimpses of green, purple and blue. (It's very hard to describe in words.) It's also hard to describe in words or depict in a drawing the varieties of glass that



will be used—clear, textured, opaque—and how the sky and hillside will be seen through that glass.

Elements of the altar window will connect with the side windows—the horizon line and blue glass representing Lake Superior, the golden sun at the top of the window, and the flowing, organic lines that move upward.

The committee has worked with the artist to design a window that connects us to our neighborhood and community through the cross of Christ. The Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer said that Christians should look upon our neighbors as those "for whom Christ died." Gloria Dei's strong sense of mission is a living out of that calling.

A large rendering of the window and samples of the glass that will be used will be on display at the Faith building for several weeks. Please take a look and feel free to ask questions of the committee members: Brett Amundson, Karen Bockelman, Pastor David Carlson, Deb Hannu, Mark Pass, and Alison Stucke.

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**SAMARITAN SUNDAY, July 1 -** 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 EDGEWOOD VISTA, July 3 -** 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 Edgewood Vista on Tuesday, July 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.

## SEASON OF CREATION 2018 From June 17

through July 15, each Sunday will focus on a specific aspect of creation, each praising the Creator in its own way. For the past five summers, Gloria Dei has observed this 5-week alternative lectionary beginning with the anniversary weekend of the 2012 Northland Flash Flood and ending with our annual Lake Superi-



or Sunday. Our worship uses portions of the Earthkeeping Liturgy developed by Dakota Road for Luther College, our quilters have created beautiful paraments for use throughout the summer, and our readings are adapted from the Season of Creation developed by the Australian Lutheran Church. This year's themes are: June 17 – **PLANET EARTH**, June 24 – **MOUNTAIN**, July 1– **SKY**, July 8 – **BIOREGION**, July 15 – **OCEAN** (Lake Superior Sunday).

**SPECIAL MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER -** The Worship Committee is beginning to schedule special music throughout the summer Sundays. If you would like to offer special music, please contact Steve Dalager 786-0515 or Karen Bockelman 349-5863.

**MANY THANKS** to the **Rev. Karen Bockelman** for preaching and leading worship on July 1 when Pastor Carlson is at the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Karen is a member of Gloria Dei and retired pastor, having served as assistant to the bishop in our synod. THANKS ALSO to the **Rev. Doug Paulson** for preaching and leading worship on July 15 while Pastor Carlson is on vacation. Doug is a member of Gloria Dei and serves as Campus Pastor of UMD and Director of the Ministry to Seafarers. THANKS ALSO to the **Rev. Stacey Jutila** for preaching and leading worship on July 29 while Pastor Carlson is on vacation. Stacey recently moved back to the Duluth area and serves as Director of Chaplaincy Services at Essentia.

**HEALING PRAYERS, July 22** - During worship today we will incorporate the Order of Healing (ELW pp. 276-78) into the service, which includes the Prayers of Intercession, the Laying On of Hands, and a Blessing. Gathered by the Holy Spirit around Jesus Christ, the Word of salvation, we pray for all medical workers and caregivers and for God's healing in all its dimensions.

**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, July 28 -** 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 May<u>31</u>, Radio Ministry has received <u>\$4,944</u> which is <u>\$56 ahead</u> our budget needs. This surplus includes funds from the anniversary appeal in 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

HILLSIDE FARMERS MARKET - Operates every Tuesday 3 to 6 pm from June 19 to 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. Additional programming ranges from kids activities facilitated by Damiano to chef demos by Essentia and grilling demos by the Whole Foods Coop.

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the Care Team. As part of the Juneteenth celebration, I represented both Gloria Dei and the Parish Nurse Association on Saturday, June 16th. I had a great time reconnecting with our neighbors by offering blood pressure screenings and health education.

Much of this month has been consumed by planning for the Synod Journey trip to Texas. The Pastor, Chelsea and I will all be gone for the last week of the month. While we are gone, the Care team will continue to visit, pray with, and bring communion to those who are ill or cannot attend church on a regular basis. We thank Pastor Steve Wlosinski and Chaplain Bob Saunders for being available for hospital visits or other spiritual needs.

**Gioria Dei RELAY for LIFE team needs YOU!** This year's Duluth Community Relay for Life event is Friday, July 20th from 4-midnight at the College of St Scholastica. Relays raise money and awareness about cancer. You all know someone who are facing cancer. Gloria Dei has participated for almost two decades and I need YOUR HELP.



1) <u>Please join the team</u> - it is always more fun with more people! The theme is "Shoot for the Stars!" so our team could be dressed as spacemen or little green Martians!

2) Register or donate on-line by going to the Gloria Dei

page <u>www.relay.acsevents.org</u> or contact Patti for more information.
3) <u>Support the team</u> by buying luminary bags during coffee hour July 8th and July 15th. Each bag you purchase for \$10 is personalized to honor someone who has had cancer, or to remember those who died of this terrible disease.

**CHUM GABRIEL FUND THANKS** -Great job, Team GDL! As of Sunday, June 17, **\$1086** had been pledged to support Central Hillside families through CHUM's Gabriel Fund. Pastor David did his high-five and fist bump victory lap around the sanctuary. Leading the Half Marathon team was



Martha "The Harp" Carlson, who finished 31 seconds ahead of David "Guts" Carlson (known to some as "Dad"). Other finishers were Ed Martin, Heidi Baker, Stew Sandstrom, Natasha Myhal, Maia Dalager, and Steve Dalager. If you still have not given your pledge, please make checks payable to Gloria Dei w/ "Gabriel" on the memo and 1) give during regular offering, 2) mail check to the church office (219 N. 6th Ave. E, 55805), or 3) give at the <u>GDL</u> Website. Thanks to everyone for your support!

**RUBY'S PANTRY, July 19** 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.

# 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.

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING** – God's blessings to all youth and leaders from our synod attending the Synod Journey and National Youth Gathering June 23-July 2 including from Gloria Dei: Journey A., Martha C., Else M., Chelsea F. and Pastor C. Thanks for keeping them in your prayers!

#### **ADULT FAITH FORUM** – All are welcome to join us at 8:45:

July 1, 8, 22 - ELCA Draft Social Statement on Women & Justice July 15 - Conversation with Rev. Doug Paulson, UMD Campus Pastor and Director of the Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers

July 29 - Conversation with Rev. Stacey Jutila, Director of Chaplaincy Services at Essentia Health

**GLORIA DEI PRAYS** - Anna Madsen is a member of Gloria Dei. She is a Pastor and preaches from time to time. She is Mom to Else and Karl. George is her Dad.



Anna had written the Bible Studies for June, July and

August in the *Gather m*agazine called "Let Us Pray". Anna has graciously agreed to come and talk about the studies with us on July 11 from 3:00-5:00 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."

Please come July 11 from 3:00-5:00 to hear what Anna has to say and possibly to learn a new prayer practice.

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* 

**RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, July 18 -** 8 a.m. at Valentini'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 *God of Earth* by Kristin Swenson.

**EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, July 19** - The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a study group on environmental stewardship, facilitated by Pastor Carlson. These sessions ex-

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plore 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.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 23-27 -

Gloria Dei will again be collaborating with Trinity Lutheran for Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will be held at Trinity, 1108 E 8th St, Duluth, from 8:45-12



noon July 23-27. Registration materials will be available soon.

The theme for the year is SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus. Kids love VBS!!!! Goofy songs, crazy chaos, and great stories about God's love help children learn about Jesus and God's work in the world.

Please check your calendars and let me know if your children ages 3-5th grade will attend. Older kids in 6th-9th grade can participate as Youth leaders. Adults who would like to help are also needed in various stations each day. Let us know what you would like to do.

If you have specific questions now, call me or Shivon Miller at Trinity, 724-9369

TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, July 24 - 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!

PRAYERS FOR CAMPERS - Gloria Dei has youth and families attending camp this summer, including camp weeks at Vermilion, Hiawatha, and Wilderness Canoe Base. Thanks for keeping them in your prayers that all may have a safe and faith-enriching experience!

#### VLM BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL - 7th Annual VLM Bluegrass Festival! You're Invited! Saturday, July 28th, 1pm -7pm Camp Vermilion Enjoy great music, great food, fel-



lowship and fun! Support camp! Featured bands Sloughgrass and No Grass Limit will be playing free LIVE music throughout the day on our Thrivent stage! Games and activities for kids of all ages! And, new this year, we'll be hosting a Bluegrass Sing-a-long! The Bluegrass Festival features a live and silent auction, a church basket raffle challenge, and a grand prize raffle. All funds raised during this event support the programs & ministries of Camp Hiawatha, Camp Vermilion, and VLM!

2018 Bluegrass Festival Grand Prize Raffle! 1st Prize: Toro 50" Timecutter Zero Turn Riding Lawn Mower 2nd Prize: Pair of Grey Duck Sol Paddleboards, including paddles 3rd Prize: \$500 Cash. To purchase YOUR raffle tickets, contact the VLM office today! You don't have to be present to win.

# 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.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, July 3. 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 guilts 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, please contact Kathleen Gates gatespea@centurylink.net or 624-4589.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE - July 3 - 6:00 PM vs Salem Covenant, July 10 - 8:00 PM vs Concordia Lutheran, July 17 - 6:00 PM vs CSS, July 24 - 8:00 PM vs LDS Angels, July 31, & August 7 - Playoffs. Printed schedules are available in the narthex. All games at Wheeler Field. All skill levels are welcome. Fans also contribute to the fellowship. Come play or cheer on the team!



**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.

#### 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**

June began with Pastor Greg Garmer preaching at St Ann's on the first Sunday. With Carol Kelley's help we brought fellowship treats to our friends there on June 19th. The worship service at Edgewood Vista is scheduled for 1 PM on Tuesday,



July 3rd in their chapel. Please call me if you would like a ride to any of these monthly services sponsored by the Health Cabinet and members of