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| | June 2 | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 | June 30 |
| Organist | Mary Garmer | Barbara Erickson | Mary Garmer | Worship Band | Barbara Erickson |
| Assisting Minister | Kristen Hylenski | Katie Calson | Chelsea Froemke | Tanner Hall | Kristen Hylenski |
| Altar Guild | Marlaine Willms & Alison Stucke | Elaine Wickstrom & Ruth Wittmers | Jackie DeVogel & Esmeralda Lew | Sandy, Thomas U. Kristen Hylenski | Stephanie C. & Linda Kalweit |
| Reader | Kathleen Gates | Ed Martin | Janet Worthing | Esmerelda Lew | Maury Aaseng |
| Acolytes | Brynn Erickson & Adrian Erickson | Gigi Calland & Eliza Bauerkemper | Esmerelda Lew & Mackenzie A. | Sam Stevens & Eliza B. | Esmerelda Lew & Kingston Lew |
| Communion Assistant | Craig Haugan & Mary Gagnon | Craig Haugan & Mary Gagnon | Craig Haugan & Mary Gagnon | Craig Haugan & Mary Gagnon | Craig Haugan & Mary Gagnon |
| Nursery Attendants | Self Serve | Self Serve | Self Serve | Self Serve | Self Serve |
| Sound Technician | Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich | Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich | Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich | Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich | Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich |
| Ushers | Karen Dahlquist & Paul Steklenski | Craig Haugan & Rick Troy | Alison & Duane Stucke | Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer | Paul Steklenski & Linda Kalweit |
| Counters | Janine Dahlquist & Julie Jagim | Barbara Switzer & Gerald Erickson | Kristen Hylenski & Laura hoeller | Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness | Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg |
| Coffee Servers | Marcia Troy | Quilting Group | Eve Gathering | Nany Gangeness | Service & Justice |

... And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. – Romans 5:5



From the Pastor

During synod assembly last month, I reported on the EcoFaith Network and began with a quote from Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old Swedish climate activist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Youth like Greta around the world are *coming of age in a time of climate change*. Many are deeply worried about the future of the planet and are participating in climate marches and school walkouts to draw attention to the urgency for action in the face of climate change. Last year at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland, Greta said to the leaders, “I don’t want your hope... I want you to panic.”

There are reasons for panic. Climate change is not a future phenomenon but is happening now, and even we in Northern Minnesota are feeling its effects. Through increased global temperatures from higher concentrations of CO2 and other greenhouse gases, extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and more intense. These severe storms and conditions impact food production, economic security, health, and migration. They are motivating countries around the world to reduce carbon emissions and set targets for carbon neutrality. They relate to the realities people in our companion synods live in, issues of world hunger and poverty, and our church’s ability to respond to hunger and disasters.

There are reasons for panic, but also reasons not to give up hope. The week prior to assembly, I had the opportunity to participate in an ELCA “convening” in Washington D.C. about our advocacy in light of disasters intensified by climate change. With about 60 others, I heard from church leaders around the ELCA – from Texas about the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and the suffering of people who had no flood insurance, from Philadelphia whose social service agencies were overwhelmed when they received 900 families from Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria there, from Flint Michigan which exemplifies the disproportionate effect of ecological problems on people of color and people in poverty, from California trying to cope with wildfires each year, from a bishop of Native American descent who spoke about the marginalization of indigenous people, from a Central American leader who showed how migrants are not just leaving their countries because of violence but because of drought.

ELCA leaders named climate change as a moral imperative and we talked with lawmakers in Washington about the need to speed up the transition to clean, carbon neutral energy, to increase our energy efficiency, and not to leave anyone behind. For we are part of unsustainable and unjust trends that necessitate adaptive change, on personal and systemic levels. Across party lines, many people do believe climate adaptation will help the economy,

health and jobs. But the transition must be just, taking into account the most vulnerable among us, and solutions will require investment. The ELCA has an advocacy office in Washington and Lutheran Advocacy offices in several states, including Minnesota, connecting us with ways we can take action.

Building on its social statement of Caring for Creation in 1993 and emphases since then, *the ELCA invites congregations to see themselves as centers for earth stewardship with God in their communities.* To be places of refuge and response, places where we may open a conversation about climate through engaging not only science but also scripture and Lutheran theology, places where we may bear witness to the God who hears the groaning of creation and invites us and empowers us to participate in the care and redemption of all God has made. *It is this God who gives us hope.*

I'm thankful for the ways in which Gloria Dei has been cultivating creation care in ministry for more than a decade. *I'm inspired* when I hear about the EcoFaith Network of our synod growing in leadership and initiatives through the earthkeeping activities of many congregations, with conference liaisons, and an annual EcoFaith Summit that this year involved over 110 participants from all five conferences in our synod, five other MN synods and several ecumenical partners. *I'm excited* about ways in which Gloria Dei members continue to be involved in these and other efforts this month to organize:

- + Earth Stewardship Tips regularly in the newsletter
- + Gardens at both the Gloria Dei and Faith buildings
- + The June 8 annual monarch festival at First Methodist, featuring Duluth News Tribune naturalist columnist Larry Weber
- + A June 18 webinar with Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light at Gloria Dei titled, "The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si"
- + Our June 23 beginning of this year's five-week Season of Creation and the Earthkeeping Liturgy for the summer in which we highlight worshiping with all creation.

We have a calling and responsibility to children and youth like Greta, and to vulnerable families and communities, who do not want words without action. Yet they and we have *reasons to hope.* For *God is faithful* and God's circle of concern is broad, encompassing all creation with whom we worship and live. *God's Son shows us* the kind of self-giving love the world needs, and overcomes sin and even death, leading us to new ways of life. And *God's Spirit empowers us* with gifts to respond boldly to climate change and its effects, offering spaces for conversation and action, and drawing strength from biblical and faithful witnesses who have gone before us, and who are increasingly around us. May the hope we share in Christ guide our vision and our action now for the life of the world God so loves.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

Wednesday and Thursdays from 8:30 – 2:00 pm. He has a lot of computer experience and a lot of customer service experience. Please introduce yourself when you see his smiling face in the office!

We have been able to recognize the additional work that Kathy Wimer has been performing for the past three years in additional facilities management support. We have changed the title of her position to Administrative Assistant which encompasses the financial secretary, bookkeeping and facilities management duties. We are thankful for her organization and dedicated service as we are thankful for the dedicated service of all the staff of Gloria Dei.

Lastly, Chelsea has been working with us to update the Child and Youth Protection policies. We will be updating all volunteers who work with children and youth (Sunday school teachers, nursery attendants and youth ministry helpers), tracking background checks and providing additional education and support regarding child safety. More to come this summer and fall.

Feel free to reach out to the Executive Committee or any council member if you have comments or suggestions for Gloria Dei leadership. Council and leadership names are listed on the front of the Gloria Dei Directory.

GIFT OF TIME - Last December, the Council approved for Pastor Carlson one month of paid time away in addition to regular vacation for 2019, recognizing in its minutes that "more than the usual duties have been required of the Pastor in these three years since the fire at Gloria Dei." Pastor and his family have chosen June 30 to July 31. Thanks to Karen Bockelman for coordinating all ministerial tasks while Pastor is away from the church office.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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We were informed we were granted \$25,000 from the St. Luke's Foundation and \$10,000 from the Essentia Health Foundation. We expect continued expenditures for paraments, fellowship hall and kitchen furnishings, as well as furnishings for the narthex, offices, and rooms in the educational building.

Ryan Jagim, Moving Forward Chair

LIVING INTO ... NEWS FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM

As we move into the summer months, the Transition Team is concentrating on determining how various spaces at Gloria Dei will be used, what equipment and furnishings will be needed, and how storage spaces will be allocated. There is a form posted on the wall of various rooms asking for information: what this room is/could be used for, what could/should be stored in the cupboards/closet of this room, and what supplies are still needed for the functioning of the room. (Every room that contains a sink will need soap and paper towels.) Most rooms are likely to have more than one purpose (for example the Conference Room on the first floor can be used for council meetings, confirmation, Sunday School, counting offering, Bible study, circle meetings) so storage in that room should be related to a variety of needs and a system for scheduling the room will need to be developed to prevent overlap. While there are key people who will be contacted for this information, everyone is invited to check out the rooms and contribute to the information. You may have an idea that no one has thought of or a dream of how our spaces can further our mission in new and exciting ways. We want to hear from you—put your thoughts in writing on the forms provided. The timetable is: receive information on space use until the end of June, determine space use by July 15, determine furniture needs and place orders by August 1, complete furnishings for Conference Room, Classroom, and Narthex by the beginning of the program year in September.

In addition to this major space use project, the following ongoing issues are in the process of being addressed: Signage, Parking, Sound issues in Hillside Room and sanctuary, Window treatments, Clearing out items in truck storage.

As always, feel free to contact members of the Transition Team: Julie Jagim, Ryan Jagim, Janine Dahlquist, Gayle Salmela, Terri Erickson, Karen Bockelman, Pastor David.

STAFF NEWS

A couple updates from the Council Executive committee (President Janine Dahlquist, Vice President Bob Asleson, Secretary Mary Gagnon, Treasurer Julie Jagim and Pastor David):

We were able to hire a temporary secretary as Donna is on medical leave for a short time. Addison Houle is staffing our office on Tuesday,

Sunday, June 2, 2019—Ascension of Our Lord

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, June 9, 2019—Day of Pentecost

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

Sunday, June 16, 2019—The Holy Trinity

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Sunday June 23, 2019—SEASON OF CREATION: RAIN

Rain, along with fertile soil and field workers, is not only essential for the planting and growing seasons but also a sign of God's gracious care. In a changing climate that can mean deluges in some areas and drier spells in others, Jesus' words provide stability and a long view of faith marked by anticipation and patience.

Deut. 11:8-17; Psalm 68:4-10; James 5:7-11; Matthew 7:24-29

Sunday, June 30, 2019—SEASON OF CREATION: TREE

The Bible is bookended by trees—the tree of life set in Eden and the tree of life set in the New Jerusalem. Between these trees is a forest of other trees—gopher, tamarisk, palm cedar, cypress, broom, apple, fig, sycamore, olive—a sacred woodland. The tree of God is both Paradise and Calvary, bounty and cross.

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-16; Psalm 92:1-5, 12-15; Rev 22:1-5; Luke 13:6-9

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TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, June 25

Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are at Gloria Dei. All are welcome! 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!



+LIFE'S LANDMARKS+

First Holy Communion

Makayla Pearson, Nicholas Pearson, Nadia Tessier, Teagen Tessier, Leela Xiong, Kenji Xiong, May 19

Funeral

Brenda Breimon, May 10
Robert Brander, May 22

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 PLACE IN THE PEWS - Each Sunday Pastor says, and we all try to live it, "Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here at Gloria Dei". When we designed the seating in the sanctuary, we tried to think ahead to the place in our journey where we might need accommodation for movement disability (think walkers, wheelchairs and crutches). There are two double pew cuts designed for wheelchairs. And the adjoining pew or chair is for their family or companion. You will notice that these short pews have different ends on them, allowing family to easily reach across the wheelchair arm. There are some single cuts which would accommodate a walker for the worshiper seating behind them. These are near pillars. And there is the entire front row of chairs which can be moved or rearranged for flexible needs. When early worshippers sit in these spaces (or chairs get placed in them), the mobility challenged person cannot use them. This also makes the ushering job a bit more complex. As the population ages and we live longer lives, we each may experience these mobility challenges. Gloria Dei has promised to be accommodating. We have built considering that. When the weather warms, the parking lot will be more flexible as well. We will watch for you and try to lend a hand with a chair or hymnal. We may also wheel you through the communion line if you want to join the family in this way. You are welcome at Gloria Dei.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, June 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.

EUCCHARIST AT ST. ANN'S June 2 - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts

High chair, booster seat, dish rack, drainer, microwave for Lakeside Room, tea pot, three 12-cup coffee makers, electric mixer, clocks, oven mitts, hot pads, knives, pizza pans, fry pan and many kitchen and serving utensils.

There are still needs. If you would like to add to the list, please give your gift cards or cash to Gayle, Sharon or Carol and your shopping will be done for you. If you find there still needs as you use this space, please let us know. Thank you for all of your support. It is a big project! Special thanks to Gayle and Sharon for their organization and shopping.

MOVING FORWARD REPORT, JUNE 2019



As we have moved back into our building, weekly construction meetings have stopped and remaining projects are being addressed during the weekly Transition Task Force meetings.

Final projects include painting the new canopy entrance, refurbishing the flashing on the 6th Ave. entrance canopy, completing the 3rd Street planter and fencing. We will be replacing the 3rd St. sidewalk along with parking lot renovation (Removal of the concrete curbing with replacement by handicap access parking, asphalt replacement and sealing, traffic flow signage).

Old World Windows will be replacing Bell Tower windows and previous entrance doorways. Phil Daniel put final touches on the altar window. Al Palmer will be taking the boxed Martin Luther Window pieces (currently stored in the Synod building) and making a window box for Gloria Dei.

Benson Electric has been contracted to install telephone to our kitchen, and add computer, telephone, and electrical lines to office spaces. Under counter lighting will be added to Narthex and Lakeside cabinets. Track lighting for Sanctuary back lighting is being reviewed. We are working with Todd Signs for interior and exterior signage.

Updated financial information based on Gloria Dei April 2019 Rebuilding Fund's Report and Johnson Wilson March financials are as follows. As we look at the financial dashboard, anticipated expenses \$1,124,595 exceed anticipated revenues \$975,858 by \$148,737. Any remaining amount in the contingency fund as well as any unused construction costs from Johnson Wilson will be returned to the congregation.

*as of March 30, 2019 Johnson Wilson contingency balance was \$176,996;

**as March 30, 2019 JWC labor/materials/equipment balance was \$76,855.

JUNE EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS

- Some people still try to convince us that conservation costs too much money, destroys jobs and ruins the economy. On the contrary, clean energy jobs, for example, offer above-average wages in careers that often do not require formal education beyond high school while restoring valuable ecosystem services that free markets are incapable of valuing.
- It was once common sense that many species and their habitats had no economic value. We now know, and are still learning, how absolutely necessary other species are to bring us our daily bread. They are fundamental in providing all of nature's services; keeping our watersheds, air sheds, and flood sheds functioning for us and other species as well.
- Some conservative think-tanks still argue that pollution is unavoidable, and only as we become wealthier are we able to afford the high costs of pollution abatement. This flies in the face of many reports such as the prestigious 2017 Lancet Commission showing an estimated \$30 in health benefits for every dollar invested in air pollution control .
- Some people still think that free markets and "common sense" science are enough for wise use of natural resources. Other people, however, now recognize that collaborative efforts between scientists, policy makers, and on-ground resource managers (public and private) along with ethicists, faith-based communities and culture-bearers are necessary for creation care.
- The pessimist in me can sometimes believe that the earth is doomed by greed, selfish actions and ecological ignorance. "But isn't it possible that if we have developed the capacity to destroy the earth, we also might have the ability to restore it? And to somehow be healed ourselves by participating in that restoring process?"



MONARCH FESTIVAL, June 8 - The 4th Annual Duluth Monarch Festival is Saturday, June 8, 10-2 at First Methodist (Coppertop) Church. Featuring guest speaker naturalist Larry Weber at 11:00, and a mini-session on how to raise monarchs from 1:00-1:30. Cost is \$5 adults, with children 12 and under free. Milkweed, pollinator plants, kids' activities, vendors, and food. For more information speak to Tom Uecker or visit Duluth Monarch Buddies FB page.

KITCHEN SHOWER THANK YOU'S

April showers brought many gifts to begin supplying our new kitchen areas. Thank you to all who supplied so generously with gift cards, cash and purchases from Target and beyond. This is a sample of what has been supplied:

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, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. A fellowship time will be held on Tuesday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m. in the bible study room. All are welcome.

CHOIR REHEARSAL, June 5 - The choir has weekly rehearsals at 8:30 a.m., on each Sunday except when the band plays, and on the first Wednesday, this month June 5 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Director of Music Stan Wold, 728-5925.

HARP RECITAL, June 8 - Martha Carlson is a harp student of Janell Lamire of the DSSO and has reserved the sanctuary for a short recital at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8. All are invited.

IT'S PENTECOST—WEAR RED! June 9 - At Pentecost, we remember the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in the world. Red is the liturgical color of the day, symbolic of the fiery Spirit that creates faith in us and in all whom Christ calls.



CONCERT, June 9 - The WolfGang: a concert of 80s music (the 1980s that is) - On Sunday, June 9, at 3 p.m., Gloria Dei will host a concert by The WolfGang, a Mozart era ensemble from the Twin Cities. The five-person group plays works of Mozart and his contemporaries on instruments of that era, giving a vivid "picture" of how it sounded and felt in Mozart's time. The program includes a new transcription of Mozart's "Great" and quite amazing Symphony #40 in G Minor. This concert is an opportunity to let the Duluth music community know that Gloria Dei is once again open to be a space for musical events. Open to the public with a free will contribution (suggested amount of \$15/adult); children welcome without contribution.

HEALING SERVICE, June 16 - *"Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow."* During worship on Sunday, June 16, 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 anointing, 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.

ONE BREAD, June 23 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is June 23 using the Earthkeeping Liturgy by Dakota Road. Other Sun-

days, the liturgy will be accompanied by piano and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

SEASON OF CREATION, June 23 -

July 21 - Each Sunday will focus on a specific aspect of creation, each praising the Creator in its own way. Since 2013, 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 Superior 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 23 – RAIN, June 30 – TREE, July 7– COSMOS, July 14 – ANIMAL, July 21 – RIVER.**



MANY THANKS to the **Rev. Karen Bockelman** for preaching and leading worship on June 30 when Pastor Carlson is on vacation. A member of Gloria Dei and retired pastor, Karen is the chair of the Worship, Music, and the Arts committee.

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.

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, June 2 - "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!

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS - *It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of April 30, Radio Ministry has received \$5,159 which is \$1,159 ahead of our budget needs. Thanks to all who responded to the anniversary appeal in March—this figure reflects that. 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.*

VIDEO STREAMING LIVE ON INTERNET OR PHONE

+ Live Video streaming of our worship is available each on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and during special worship services
+ Visit: <http://gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/livestreamingworship.html>
+ Or, download "Sunday Streams" app on your phone: ID is gloriadeiduluth. This app offers viewing and recorded worship services.

TUESDAY FARMERS MARKET STARTS June 18 - Community Action Duluth organizes a weekly farmers market in the parking lot between Essentia and Gloria Dei on Tuesdays from 2-5 p.m. June 18 to October 1. Gloria Dei hopes to have a table there twice a month; if interested speak to Pastor Carlson. A good opportunity for us to meet neighbors!

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 APRIL 2019

Needed per month \$20,208; per week \$4,664
Envelope Offerings:
Budget, 4 months \$80,833
Actual, 4 months \$87,039 107.7%
Difference, ahead \$6,206



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.



CURRENT FOR CURRAN

As you know bringing solar power to rural hospitals in Liberia has been a passion of mine for over 6 years. The Northeast Minnesota Women of the ELCA, Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL) and their friends are working together to bring solar power to Curran Lutheran Hospital, located in ZorZor, Liberia near the Sierra Leone and Guinea borders. Curran has been supported in a small way by the Women of the ELCA for nearly 100 years.

Curran is an essential health care facility providing care for some of the world poorest people. It is also a referral hospital for 17 clinics serving about 6,000 people. The hospital compound also include the Esther Bacon School of Nursing, which enrolls about 250 students per term.

A solar electricity array will provide financial relief to the hospital and bring a lasting, healthier source of reliable electrical power. The hospital compound is currently solely dependent upon diesel generators for its essential electrical needs, burning about 6 gallons of fuel per hour at a cost of \$37,000 to \$43,000 per year. And this only gives the hospital power for 10 - 12 hours per day.

I am encouraged by the fact that we have raised over \$295,000 to date, but we need an additional \$293,000 to make this project a reality. It is essential that we complete the project this year. So to get us started on raising the last half of the money we have created a GoFundMe Campaign to raise \$30,000 by June 30, 2019. My hope is that we will surpass that tenfold. To donate, simply visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/Skip-the-Grid-Current-for-Curran> It would also mean a lot if you could share my fundraiser link on social media. The more exposure we get, the faster we will reach our fundraising goal. I'd love to talk to you in person about Curran and the fundraiser, so please don't hesitate to reach out. ~ Mary Jo Mettler, Pine City

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.

WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO

+ Live Radio Broadcast Sundays 10:00 a.m. on AM 710 or FM 98.1 - WDSM Radio, since 1942
+ Live Audio stream Sundays at WDSM Radio website <https://wds710.com/> - click "Listen Now" near the top. Gloria Dei's website also has a link to this service.



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:

June 2 - Intergenerational Sunday School "Seasons of the Church Year" - the last Sunday School time planned before summer break!

June 9 - People First Language with Sue Anderson

June 16 - Reading Biblical Literature DVD discussion

June 23 - Long Range Planning Team Updates

PEOPLE FIRST, June 9 - Arc Northland and CHUM Church will be presenting at the June 9th Adult Forum. They will be sharing information regarding the use of person-centered language and the person-centered philosophy. Briefly, person-centered language is language that puts the person before the disability in conversation or writing. A person-centered philosophy is seeing all people as individuals first and seeing that person's perceived disability as part of, but not the defining aspect of that person's life. For many people it becomes uncomfortable or clumsy to discuss issues related to disabilities, because people are worried that they will say "the wrong thing". The purpose of Arc Northland and CHUM Church's joint effort is to assist people in becoming more comfortable with person-centered language and therefore more comfortable in speaking about the subject of disabilities in a respectful manner. Written information will be shared along with personal stories from Arc Northland's People First organization members. For more information, contact Sue Anderson.

HONORING GRADUATES, June 9 - Congratulations to all those from Gloria Dei who are graduating this year: high school seniors Journey Amundson, who is attending Macalester College in the fall; Katie Carlson, who is attending Swarthmore College in the fall; Molly Weberg, who is attending Gustavus Adolphus College in the fall; and college senior Annagrace Norr, graduating from the University of Wisconsin Madison with a BA in Political Science and Spanish. We plan to honor high school grads on June 9, and include all grads in our prayers.



EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, June 13 - 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 usually meets on the second Thursday, from 8-9 a.m. at Sara's Table. This month, we continue our reading of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

TEN GREEN COMMANDMENTS OF LAUDATO SI', June 18 -

Webinar on Tuesday June 18, 12:15-1:45 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lakeside Room, hosted by MN Interfaith Power & Light, convened by the Parliament of the World's Religions features a discussion with Fr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam. Pope Frances' encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home," asks "every person living on this planet" to begin a dialogue about the future of our world. The discussion will be a multi-faith perspective on how the religious community is responding to the climate crisis. Where is leadership coming from for this movement and how is it advancing? How can it be accelerated?

THANK YOU—Dear Gloria Dei, thank you so much for opening your hearts and door to share your new building with us. We are excited to work with and learn from your congregation as we move forward together for a cleaner, more just world. With much appreciation, Bret Pence and Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light.

RELIGION & SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, June 19 - 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 the first chapters of *Finding Darwin's God* by Ken Miller.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 22-26 - 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. Registration materials will be available soon. Cost is \$25 per child, adjusted cost for siblings. The theme this year is "ROAR; Life is Wild; God is Good". 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 us know if your children ages 3-5th grade will attend. Older kids in 6th-9th grade can participate a youth leaders. Adults who can help are also needed in various stations each day. Let us know what you would like to do. If you have specific question, contact Shivon Miller at Trinity, 724-9369.



PRAYER VIGIL FOR MIGRANTS, June 23 - Calling people of faith and conscience to stand together for a just and compassionate immigration policy. Gather rain or shine at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 23 at Lake Superior Plaza (Lake Ave. & Superior St.) for a short program and words from spiritual leaders. Walk to the Federal Building (1st St. and 5th Ave. W.) for a time of prayer, reflection, and music at approximately 2:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us there, if walking is difficult. Faith community banners and signs displaying shared values for migrants are welcome.

RHUBARB PIE MAKING FOR CHUM, June 25 - Gloria Dei will be making pies for the CHUM RHUBARB FESTIVAL on Tuesday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Church. Your help is needed. Please let Carol Kelley know if you can help. We can use your rhubarb also. If possible cut in small pieces and place in bags of four cups. Keep refrigerated, not frozen. We can also do the cutting if you prefer.



CHUM RHUBARB FESTIVAL,

June 29 - Hosted by First Lutheran Church Saturday, June 29th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at 1100 London Road. This FREE event on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior offers rhubarb baked goods, rhubarb street food, and more including a day long stage show, informational booths, contests & games, raffles, arts & crafts and fun for children of all ages. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, go to the CHUM website, www.chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival.

MORE RHUBARB FUN - June 11 "Sir Ben's Does Rhubarb" at Sir Benedict's Tavern on the Lake (805 E. Superior St.) and June 29 "Rhubarb After Dark" at Dubh Linn Brew Pub (109 E. Superior St.). All proceeds benefit CHUM.



FAMILY FREEDOM FRIDAYS

Inspired by the Freedom Schools that took place in Mississippi during the Civil Rights Movement, Freedom Summer as a movement organized by Duluth's Family Freedom Center to create stronger communities centered around Black excellence. Our goal is to connect and share the diverse set of skills and knowledge inherent in our community for the betterment of all families in Lincoln Park and the greater Duluth area. For more information, visit FamilyFreeomCenter.org.

In addition to workshops we also invite everyone to come together on Friday nights in May-July, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at First Covenant Church (2101 West 2nd St) to share a meal and spend time continuing to grow and bond as a community. Call 218-522-4445 to register.

that of your children or grandchildren is:

- 1) stay out of the sun during the hottest times of the day between 10AM - 2PM;
- 2) wear protective clothing such as a floppy hat and long sleeves; and
- 3) slather on sunscreen of SPF 30 which blocks 97% of UVB rays.

For more information on skin cancer see www.cancer.org

PASTOR ON A STICK - Have you met him? He is the famous Pastor David on a stick. He is on a mission to help us fill the "quarter bank" with donations to reduce the number of people in need of food. Watch for him around the building and slip some quarters his way. God's work, our hands!

RUBY'S PANTRY June 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.



**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST AT GLORIA DEI,
June 22** -

All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Gloria Dei. 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.



HOLY COW! GDL MARATHON TEAM! This year,

Marathon runners are highlighting ELCA World Hunger Appeal and the Holy Cow Award. You can support them by pledging ANY AMOUNT at coffee hour Sunday through June 23, or by contacting Steve Dalager at dalagest@gmail.com or 218-391-4523 (text). You may also send checks to the church office @ 219 N. 6th Ave. E, Duluth, MN 55805 (payable to GDL/"Holy Cow!" on memo) or give at the GDL website. TEAM: Coach Ed "Da Lute" Martin (bicycle pace setter), Chelsea "Portage Power" Froemke (Marathon), Martha "The Harp" Carlson, Maria "Great Bear" Dalager, David "Guts" Carlson, Steve "Blind Dog" Dalager (Half), Kevin "Gramps" Nelson, Lindsey "M-elodie" Moffitt, and Ashley "The Closer" Nelson (5K/Sherry Dalager's family from out-of-town). Go team!



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.

GARDEN After three summers of forced neglect, the garden areas around the building need some work. It is a task that is greater than Carol Uecker, Judy Bailey, Tom Uecker and Paul Steklenski. In the past, maintenance has been managed by them and Della and Lloyd Curtis on Tuesdays at 10:00. Lloyd and Della no longer spend summer in Duluth. While Judy and Carol may work at that same time, there will be added early evening time to allow for gardeners who work during the day to help condition and replant things. There are some hardy perennials showing green despite construction trampling. The garden along 3rd Street that replaces the old entry steps is brand new. If you are willing to help return our gardens to stability, recreate the Monarch Way Station that will soon be removed, or just spend a little time in the dirt and the neighborhood, contact Carol Uecker (525-4172, cruecker1@q.com) or leave word in the office. If you do not garden but are interested in this project, you may donate to the Garden Fund. Mark any donation "Garden Fund" and leave it in the offering or the office. Insurance money to rebuild the garden got used in other important ways. We will need some plants, new hoses and a heavy duty hose reel (accidentally taken from the outdoor enclosure). The garden cart was also taken but has been replaced. Also, we may want to replace the raised beds, destroyed in the construction.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, June 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!



GLORIA DEI DREAMERS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE!

June 4 - 6:30 PM vs Our Savior's, June 11 - 6:30 PM vs First Lutheran, June 18 - 6:30 PM vs Concordia, June 25 - 7:30 PM vs CSS, July 2 - 6:30 PM vs Salem Covenant, July 9 - 7:30 PM vs Popes, July 16 - 6:30 PM vs St. James, July 23 & 30 - 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!

THE ST. LOUIS RIVER EXPERIENCE, June 10 - The pontoon boat is reserved for Gloria Dei members June 10, 1:30. Boat is docked at Pier B - Pier B resort. Arrive no later than 1:15. Two hour cruise, no fee, though they do ask for donations. Boat holds 14 passengers, is handicapped accessible, room for three wheelchairs. Reservations needed by June 3. First come - first served. Call Jergen at 525-5202 or E-mail at jergen_fuhr@yahoo.com

LGBT ELDERS, June 10 - meets the 2nd Monday each month, 6:00 p.m. at the LARCC (at Gloria Dei). For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates gatespea@centurylink.net or 624-4589.

MARTHA CIRCLE, June 13 - We will meet at 9:30 AM in the conference room on floor 1. If you need a ride or would be willing to provide one, contact Judy Bailey, Patti Maguire or Carol Uecker.

SYNODICAL WOMEN'S SUMMER GATHERING,

June 24-26 The next synod-wide Summer Convention Gathering is Monday, June 24 to Thursday, June 26, 2019, at the beautiful Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids. Our theme is "Called to Serve" and our theme verse is Ephesians 2:10: "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ for good works..." For information on how to attend, contact the synod office, 724-4424.



FISHING TRIP IN WORKS, June 29 – Plans are forming for a fishing trip on the big lake –nine spots are available. Speak with Mark Pass 612-860-4570 or Rick Troy 218-340-2021.



BOOK CLUB - No book discussions for the summer months. We resume meeting on Monday September 16 with *Educated*, by Tara Westover. All are welcome. For more information, call Carol Kelley 525-6098.

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 REPORT - Patti Maguire

The Merry Month of May was certainly full of surprises. As I write this, the snow from the weekend is melting and I



have sheets hanging on the line. I hope that was the last of the sleet and wind so we can enjoy Spring.

Not only was the weather continually changing this month, a number of our congregation have experienced serious medical issues and/or moved. Prayers for healing continue for all, and especially for Donna as she recuperates. The Care Team will continue to call, visit and bring communion to all in need of special care. Please keep us informed of hospitalizations or other issues that might require some extra help.

The first weekend in May was the Synod Assembly here in Duluth. It was so good to be with Lutherans from all over our area to re-connect and complete the business of the church. The theme was accompanying folks both locally, nationally, and globally. Great global music echoed throughout the days we met.

The Health Cabinet met on May 1st to discuss our health ministry. Note that we received our grant request this month that will fund the Central Hillside Parish Nurse Program for the next full year. We also got our first donation toward purchase of the AED we plan to buy for the church.

May 9th I learned about seizures from Lisa Peterson of the Epilepsy Foundation at the monthly PN meeting. The Pastor preached at Af-tentro on the 12th and on May 14th we worshiped with our friends at Ecumen Lakeshore. May 23rd is the CHUM quarterly meeting at Salem Lutheran church and on May 26th I will be presenting an Adult Forum report on my trip to San Francisco for the "Why Christian?" conference.

June will bring a number of events. The Pastor will preach at St Ann's on Sunday, June 2nd and we'll bring treats to them later in the month. I hope to help with blood pressure screening at Juneteenth again this year at the celebration on Saturday, June 15th.

EPILEPSY and SEIZURES

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder of the brain characterized by two or more unprovoked seizures.

- * 1 in every 26 people will develop epilepsy
- * There are more than 40 types of seizures
- * About 60,000 people in our region & 3.4 million in the US have epilepsy.

Information provided by Lisa Peterson, Outreach Coordinator for the Epilepsy Foundation. More questions? Check out <http://onein26.org/> or call 800-779-0777.

SUMMER SKIN CARE:

Skin cancer is by far the most common cancer. Some types are fairly easy to treat (basal cell and squamous cell) but melanoma is less common but much more serious. The best way to protect your skin and