

WORSHIP LEADERS - MARCH 2019

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Organist	Mary Garner	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Barbara Erickson	Barbara Erickson
Assisting Minister	Chelsea Froemke	Tanner Hall	Kristen Hylenski	Linda Kalweit	Martha Carlson
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Gerry Erickson	John Maki	Ed Martin	Kristen Hylenski	Nancy Gangeness
Acolytes	Kingston Lew & Adrian Erickson	Eliza Bauerkemper & Sam Stevens	Maggie W. & Esmeralda Lew	Brynn Erickson & Mackenzie A.,	Kingston Lew & Eliza Bauerkemper
Ushers	Craig Haugen & Rick Troy	Candice & Bob Maki	The Stevens Family	Paul Steklenski & Linda Kalweit	Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer
Nursery Attendants	Cara Weberg	Terri Erickson	Betsy Hill	Kristen Bauerkemper	TBA
Counters	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Barbara Switzer & Gerald Erickson	Janine Dahlquist & Julie Jagim	Kristen Hylenski & Laura Hoelter	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness
Coffee Servers	Marcia Troy	Eve Gathering	Youth Group - Camp Sunday	Roger & Judy Oman	Service & Justice
Communion Assistant	Judy Bailey	Judy Bailey	Judy Bailey	Judy Bailey	Judy Bailey
Altar Guild	Martaine W., Alison S., & Carol K.,	Judy O., Sue A., & Carol K.,	Helen W., Sherry D., & Carol K.,	Elaine W., Ruth W., & Carol K.	Sandy U., Thomas U., & Kristen H.,



*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you. – Camp Song*

From the Pastor

Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria where I worked for four summers receives a new group of camp counselors each spring. They come from colleges and universities for a summer of singing around the campfire, Bible study and games, and cultivating a community of Christ for youth. Like other Lutheran camps, the staff training at Luther Crest includes a couple weeks of orientation, delving deeply into the Bible studies for the summer, learning songs, and getting familiar with policies and procedures. But *spring-cleaning* is also on the list, something in which the whole staff participates, getting the buildings ready for campers. Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries similarly hosts *spring workdays* at Camp Vermilion and Camp Hiawatha for this purpose too, in which several of our members have participated. During that time, cabin doors are opened, floors are swept, windows are washed, paint is touched up, bunks are wiped down, and mattresses aired out. The cobwebs of the past are eliminated and preparation is being made for something new.

I'm reminded of that image of *spring-cleaning* for a couple of reasons. The obvious one is our parallel process as a congregation preparing to relocate to Gloria Dei's 6th Avenue building. As I write this, the major reconstruction work is coming to a close. The sanctuary has been plastered and painted, the commercial kitchen has been installed, carpeting and cabinets have been put in the office and education areas, and the new heating system is on throughout the building. We are expecting the sanctuary's remaining clear thermal windowpanes, new stained glass, and flooring to be installed by the end of March, and the new pews around the same time. Meanwhile, members of the Transition Task Force have been working with committees and ad hoc groups to schedule cleaning days and moving days, identify furniture and other items to be repurposed or ordered for our new facility, and revamp policies for keys and building use. Staff members are thinking about the transition to the new office space. Ministry teams are considering what needs to take place before the new building's first worship service, first Sunday school, first coffee hour, first quilters meeting, first Neighborhood Breakfast, first ... [fill in the blank]. For all who knew the old building before the fire, as well as all who have become part of Gloria Dei since then, these next weeks will involve increasing preparation for living into a new reality. It's an exciting time! And I hope everyone can feel a part of this congregational journey.

Spring-cleaning also characterizes the season we're entering this month. In fact the word "Lent" comes from an Old English word meaning "springtime." It is a time to grow spiritually as we walk the road to the cross with our Savior. And like camp staffers and volunteers set a schedule for spring-cleaning, Lent

is a time for opening up the cabin door of our hearts, taking an honest look, and preparing to be aired out by the Spirit of the Risen Lord. Our sins, the cobwebs of our past, are eliminated in Jesus, and we have time to prepare for something new. The traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and sacrificial giving are practices that may help us see the clutter of our spiritual lives and open us up to the cleansing and renewing power of the Holy Spirit. "Create in me a clean heart, O God," we sing in the offertory this season, based on Psalm 51, "and renew a right spirit within me."

This too is an exciting time! And I hope everyone can feel a part of this congregational journey that begins soon:

- + Ash Wednesday – Mar 6
7:00 p.m. worship with ashes and Holy Communion
- + Sundays During Lent – Mar 10, 17, 24, 31
10:00 a.m. worship with Holy Communion
11:30 a.m. class with lunch for seekers and new members
- + Wednesdays in Lent – Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 10
5:15 p.m. Soup Supper and 5:45 Lenten Bible Study
7:00 Holden Evening Prayer

The process of *spring-cleaning* can sometimes reveal treasures. That's the case with the theme of our Lenten Bible Study this year, which I'm calling, "What We've Been Missing." Since we began doing the Season of Creation for five weeks in the summer, we have enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to reflect on earth stewardship in worship, but we have also been missing some scriptural treasures, gospel readings we would have had on those Sundays. This year, they include these five passages:

- + Luke 8:26-39 – Healing a Possessed Man
- + Luke 9:51-62 – Would-be Followers of Jesus
- + Luke 10:1-11 – Sending of the Seventy
- + Luke 10:25-37 – Parable of the Good Samaritan
- + Luke 10:38-42 – Mary & Martha

So, together on Wednesday evenings beginning March 13, we'll spend time both "Dwelling in the Word" and Dwelling in the World" – reflecting on these passages and what they may be calling us to consider as people of faith in regard to mental health, discipleship, mission, our neighbor, and hospitality, especially as we contemplate our relocation to Gloria Dei's 6th Avenue building. What word do we hear for ourselves, our church, our community?

It may be hard to see it beneath the snowdrifts, but *springtime is coming*. In the midst of our preparations, our hope is in God through whom new life awaits.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

INVENTORY NEEDED FOR TRANSITION - As we prepare to transition back into the Gloria Dei building we are asking for helping in locating any items that may have been "rescued" after the fire and are being kept safe in members' homes. If you have any such items (worship or altar guild items, archive or education materials, kitchen items, etc.) please

- (1) let Karen Bockelman (kgbockelman@gmail.com or 218-349-5863) know what you have, and
- (2) please continue to hold such items until May. Once the church office is moved back to the Gloria Dei building, we will ask for items to be brought to the lower floor of the synod office building (where the Gloria Dei office has been during the transition) for sorting, evaluation, and determining what can still be used. The one thing we want to avoid is bringing materials still smelling of smoke and/or needing to be cleaned into our new building. The Transition Team, along with various committees and task groups, will be spending much of the summer going through items as we "live into" our new space. Thanks for your help and continued patience.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - SPRING FORWARD, Mar 10 - A reminder to set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 ~ Deb Hannu	15 ~ Mark Peterson
1 ~ Kristen Wold	16 ~ Jim Bailey
3 ~ Judy Anderson-Bauer	17 ~ Andy Johnson
4 ~ Nancy Gangeness	18 ~ Eliza Bauerkemper
4 ~ Eldora Recksiedler	18 ~ Gary Bolander
6 ~ Judy Bailey	18 ~ Maia Dalager
6 ~ Adrian Erickson	18 ~ Barbara Erickson
6 ~ Donna Kallio	18 ~ Alison Stucke
7 ~ Gerald Erickson	19 ~ Betty Wolterstorff
8 ~ Karen Bockelman	21 ~ Marianne Kjolhaug
8 ~ Pearl Johnson	21 ~ Stan Wold
8 ~ Marlaine Willms	26 ~ Brenda Lufholm
9 ~ John Maki	27 ~ Greg Stevens
13 ~ Teagan Tessier	30 ~ Marcia Troy
14 ~ Grace Birdseye	31 ~ Raine Amundson
15 ~ Madeline Pass	

dows will be replacing the bell tower windows, but since outside work is still required, this work will not be completed until later this spring. The 3rd Avenue doorways are being framed and Old World Windows will install glass inlays for these spaces.

Pew installation is scheduled for March 25. Final decisions regarding sanctuary chairs and stain color for the pews have been made. Installation of the sanctuary flooring is being coordinated with pew installation. Sanctuary carpet will be installed once pews are in place. The elevator is completed and options for a dedicated phone line are looking more hopeful. The entrance canopy has been installed and finishing work continues. The main entrance door is being installed and the two other entry doors will be repaired. As stated previously, construction of the planter area will not occur until spring. Fenris Organ completed final measurements so that their construction can start.

Terri Erickson and Gayle Salmela have been working with Northern Business Products as we look at re-furnishing our building. A Northern Business Products proposal is being reviewed. We are also looking at an inventory of the items currently stored in the Foster trailers. The kitchen committee is looking at furnishings for the kitchen. Final revisions are being made for the key policy which facilitates staff and member access while providing safety and security of the building. Property committee is working with ESC in regards to the wireless fire and security monitoring systems.

A Transition Task Force has been meeting to coordinate and communicate logistics for transition back into Gloria Dei. They will be will be coordinating the cleaning our church and plan to work with Diane McGarry on the cleaning at the end of the construction process.

Here is the current financial information based on Gloria Dei Jan 2019 Rebuilding Fund's Report and Johnson Wilson financials through Jan 31, 2019.

Overall Total Revenue	\$1,399,676.89
EXPENSES (current balance)	\$1,922,425.83
Balance Needed	\$ 361,729.19

We have an anticipated pledge balance of \$297,444.60 and Additional anticipated balance of \$93,029 in expenses. \$240,025 currently remains in the contingency fund. \$235,114 remains in the JWC labor/materials/equipment balance. We met with representatives from the Lloyd Johnson Foundation on Wednesday, February 20 for review of our \$5000 grant for our community kitchen. Responses to the Essentia Health and St. Luke's Foundation Grants are expected this spring. Costs for sanctuary furnishings and paraments, fellowship hall and kitchen, as well as furnishings for the narthex, offices, and rooms in the educational building are currently being gathered.

Ryan Jagim, Moving Forward Chair

Sunday, March 3, 2019 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2, Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Sunday, March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 17, 2019 Second Sunday in Lent

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17--4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 24, 2019 Third Sunday in Lent

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday in Lent

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Join us for a look at the text for the next Sunday every Tuesday at 12 Noon at the Synod building. All are welcome!

+LIFES LANDMARKS+

Welcome to Holy Communion
Asher Hensel, February 24
Clara Hensel, February 24
Amelia Stevens, February 24

**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.

COME TO US, CREATIVE SPIRIT, Mar 1-2 - The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Center for Spirituality and Enrichment at St. Scholastica Monastery in Duluth have teamed up to offer this wonderful 2-part event for all interested in music for worship services. How is music for the church a tool to build community? From the organist to the pastor to the congregant in the pew: how can we all play a part in reaching out to others? The event includes panel discussions with diverse ecumenical voices with interspersed chamber music, a hymn festival, and Taizé prayer. Keynote and facilitator is Rev. Don Saliers, PhD., musician and theologian at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Friday Mar 1: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm and Saturday Mar 2: 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Cost is \$50 for 2-day pass or \$30 for 1-day pass.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Mar 3 - Thanks for remembering: 1) canned food items to help replenish the CHUM Food Shelf, which are brought forward as part of our offering. 2) Our loose cash offering on the first Sunday has for several years gone to the Gabriel Fund, a ministry started by Gloria Dei and other Central Hillside parishes and managed through CHUM, for direct assistance to the needy.

EUCHARIST AT ST. ANN'S, Mar 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 St. Ann's Senior Residence on Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. A fellowship time will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the bible study room. All are welcome.

CHOIR REHEARSAL- Wednesday, March 6 (before and after Ash Wed worship). The choir has weekly rehearsals at 8:30 a.m., on each Sunday except when the band plays. For more information, please contact Director of Music Stan Wold, 728-5925.



pollution. The average person welcomes that growth while ignorant of its environmental costs, and also ignorant of how those costs are knowingly shifted on to others – the poor, the future, and other species.” Herman Daly.

- “A portion of environmental destruction is the result of ignorance, but most of it is caused by how we live. We need the courage to face squarely the ‘structural evil’ that inhabits our lives, not because we intend it but because of the social/economic structures (policies, habits, institutions) that shape our lives.” Herman Daly
- The secular religion of Growthism believes that by building a modern Tower of Babel of unending economic growth and consumption, we will reach heaven on earth, or maybe in space, where at least as a species we might escape death, decay, and entropy within the present creation.” Herman Daly
- “Some of our decision-making elites may already understand that growth has become uneconomic [environmental costs outweigh benefits]. But apparently, they have also figured out how to keep the dwindling benefits for themselves, while ‘sharing’ the exploding extra costs with the poor, the future, and other species.” Herman Daly

MOVING FORWARD - Final touches are occurring with regard to construction details and painting throughout the sanctuary and three floors of the educational building. The hot water



heating system is operating in the educational wing and expected to be completed in the sanctuary this week. Cabinetry is installed throughout the building, and bathrooms have been completed with the installation of the paper towel and soap dispensers. Light fixtures are being installed as they arrive and sanctuary chandeliers are expected to be installed next week. We met with the electrician and lighting consultants to determine controls and zones for lighting in the sanctuary and throughout the building. Flooring for the educational addition will be completed this week.

Denny Hovde and Dean Hauge (local carpenters/organ builders) have submitted designs for chancel furnishings which have been approved by the worship committee. A second estimate for the audiovisual desk in the balcony was requested.

Old World Windows is completing the installation of the protective thermal panels and when that is complete, Al Palmer and Phil Daniels will be installing the sanctuary stained-glass windows. Old World Win-

Appeal, Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief. Also included are gifts to God's Global Barnyard and the Good Gifts catalog. This effort is to give thanks for so many that have supported us during our rebuilding. It is a way we can give back and share with others in need. If you have Thrivent Dollars, which must be used by March 31, consider sending them to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Those funds will then be sent on by the church and counted toward the Holy Cow award.

The Holy Cow award is given to the congregation with the highest per confirmed member (PCM) giving each year at the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly. All of the above worthwhile causes are included. Did you know that if you specify where your gift will go, 100% will go to that cause. As an example, a particular flood, hurricane or wildfire. Or, getting someone chicks, goat, pig or cow as a gift from God's Global Barnyard. It will then be given to a family in need. No administration fees are taken from your gift, because the ELCA covers those costs. Of course, you can also designate your dollars for another organization or another fund at Gloria Dei. If you give it to Gloria Dei, please indicate the fund of your choice and the dollar amount that you gave, and let Kathy Wimer know (727-1987) or kathy.wimer@nemnsynod.org).

SUPPORT THE BAG IT DULUTH EFFORT -

Come to see the *Bag It* movie at the Adult Forum at 8:45 on March 24th if you missed it in January. It packs a lot of inspiring information into 45 minutes. The Bag It Duluth effort, supported by Gloria Dei and 110 other groups as well as many individuals proposes a city ordinance requiring a small fee for paper or plastic bags at check-out of stores and environmentally-preferable to-go containers to replace Styrofoam. Check the website: BagItDuluth.org for more information or to sign to show your support. Jamie Harvie, who is coordinating the effort, said that four council people have agreed to support the ordinance. We can urge the At-Large council members who have made no commitment to add their voices to the effort:

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MARCH EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS

- What is a green economy? "A green economy maximizes its use of abundant solar energy and recycles earthly minerals and materials for reuse. It is not a growth-based economy. It can be sufficient, sustainable, and even wealthy as it develops *qualitatively* without growing quantitatively - it gets better without getting bigger." Herman Daly
- "We are caught up in a political/ economic system (free-markets) that promotes growth as the solution to most problems, from poverty to

ONE BREAD, March 17 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, this month with ELW Setting 8 by Dakota Road along with Camp Songs. Other Sundays, liturgy will be accompanied with piano and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, Mar 6 -

Our invitation to the season of Lent will include worship with ashes and Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

+ Sundays During Lent – Mar 10, 17, 24, 31
 11:30 a.m. class with lunch after worship for new members

+ Wednesdays in Lent – Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 10
 5:15 Soup Supper (downstairs)

5:45 Lenten Bible Study: "What We've Been Missing: Luke 8:26-10:42"

Bible Study Themes: Mental Health... Discipleship... Mission... Neighbor... Hospitality

7:00 Evening worship in the sanctuary



77 YEARS OF RADIO MINISTRY, Mar 24 –

This month we celebrate another anniversary of this significant ministry, which has broadcast Gloria Dei's worship since March 22, 1942. We thank God for this ongoing opportunity of sharing the gospel through the Radio and through the Internet. You're invited to reflect on this valuable outreach: share a story, support a broadcast or a portion of the broadcast, gift a special gift of \$77 for the anniversary, consider learning what happens behind the scenes to be more hands on if you wish. Thank you for your prayerful support!



LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL - In preparation for our relocation to Gloria Dei's 6th Avenue building, please keep our congregation in your prayers and mark your calendar for these special events:

- **April 7** - Final Sunday worship at the Faith building, 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, 11:00 a.m. Parish Conversation and thanksgiving for the hospitality of the people of Faith and the Synod
- **April 8-13** - Moving week, including pianos, more details to follow.
- **April 10** - Final Lent Wednesday soup supper, study and worship at the Faith building, 5:15-7:30 p.m.
- **April 14** - Palm Sunday, optional 7:30 a.m. walk from Faith building to Gloria Dei's 6th Ave building (estimated 2 hours); Eucharist

and Telling of the Passion of Our Lord; no coffee hour

- **April 18, 19, 20** - The Three Days, worship at 7:00 p.m. each night, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil
- **April 21** - The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day, Festival Eucharist at both 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- **April 28** - 2nd Sunday of Easter, 10:00 a.m. Eucharist and rededication of the new building with Bishop Tom Aitken; first coffee hour using the new kitchen

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.

CARDIA DEO, Mar 1-3 - Big Sandy Camp, McGregor. This weekend retreat is led by the NE MN Synod LYO Board, and includes small group Bible studies, service learning, mystery event, worship, camp life and much more. This year's theme is "Equipped". Thank you for keeping Chelsea and our senior high youth who are attending in your prayers!



INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, Mar 3 - "Seasons of the Church Year." From earliest times Christians have organized the church's worship life around major events that follow the biblical life of Jesus (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension), times of preparation (Advent, Lent), and growth in faith through the power of the Spirit (Pentecost). The rhythm of the church year invites us anew to see God active in the world today and respond to Christ's call toward deeper discipleship in every time and place. Join us once a month for singing, bible verses, crafts and conversations that will focus on God's enduring faithfulness throughout the changing seasons. See you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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:

Mar 3 - Intergenerational Sunday School - "Seasons of the Church Year"

Mar 10 - Reading Biblical Literature DVD discussion

Mar 17 - Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries

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.

THRIVENT & COMMUNITY

CONNECT - Thanks to all who donated at the Dec 30th coffee hour and the Service and Justice Committee who



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were organizers. The donations were \$295 which was sent directly to the Damiano Center, the host of the January 24th event. A small amount of the \$250 Thrivent grant was used for some food for the coffee hour but most went to buy 80 deodorant sticks that could be put in the toiletry bags for the homeless and low income persons who attended the event.

Results of the Community Connect event: 74 haircuts, 250 meals served, 15 ID's and 32 birth certificates, 22 coordinated entry surveys to help people apply for long term housing programs, and 44 surveys to count homeless or doubled up. Additional agencies provided guidance. Dan Lew(chief public defender), a judge, prosecutor, and other court officials were present to clear warrants. Staff from the volunteer attorney program coordinated by Rhonda Degelau were there to explain the services that can be provided for civil cases. Chelsea Froemke and Drew Anderson were helping as part of their work at Catholic Worker House.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - Do you have Thrivent Dollars to give away? Don't let them go to waste! Thrivent Dollars are available to Thrivent members who have \$750 or more in annual premiums of qualifying insurance products or \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying products. Dollars accumulated over 2018 and now must be passed on to a qualifying church or charitable organization by March 31st. To learn how many dollars you have to donate, go to your Thrivent account, under "My Thrivent," select "Direct Thrivent Dollars. Or call 1-800-847-4836 to direct your Dollars. Questions?? Check with Judy Bailey (218-481-7195 or jimjudybailey@gmail.com).

THRIVENT DOLLARS FOR HOLY COW - Gloria Dei's Service and Justice committee is making a special effort this year to support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, ELCA International and Domestic Disaster

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

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of January 31, Radio Ministry has received \$395 which is \$605 behind our budget needs. Receipts include funds from the anniversary appeal in March, and 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
 + 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.

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.

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 JANUARY 2019

Needed per month \$20,208; per week \$4,664
 Envelope Offerings:
 Budget, 1 month \$20,208
 Actual, 1 month \$15,181 75.1%
 Difference, *behind* \$5,028



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.

Mar 24 - "Bag It" Duluth film and discussion with guest Jamie Harvie
 Mar 10, 31 - Reading Biblical Literature DVD discussion

CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS Sundays beginning March 10, from 11:30-12:30 in the Teaching House. This is for anyone interested in learning more about Christianity and the Lutheran Church, being baptized or confirmed as an adult, or joining our parish. Lunch and materials will be provided. We will be using the helpful booklet, *Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life*, by Dan Erlander, to guide our discussions. Our class will meet for four consecutive Sundays, and new members will be received at the Vigil of Easter service on April 20. Current members also welcome for a review! If interested, please contact Pastor David so we can plan accordingly, 722-3381

FOOD & FILM NIGHT, Mar 5 – The film "The Wanted 18" will be shown on Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m., at Concordia Lutheran Church by the Twin Ports Peace Not Walls group. This film is a unique production that combines stop-motion animation, interviews, original drawings, and archival footage to bring to life one of the strangest chapters in the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "The Wanted 18" is a 2014 Canadian-Palestinian animated documentary about the efforts of Palestinians in Beit Sahour to start a small local dairy industry during the First Intifada, hiding a herd of 18 dairy cows from Israeli security forces when the dairy collective was deemed a threat to Israel's national security. Lars Anderson and Kylie Cochran, who served during different years as Young Adults in Global Mission for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and lived with Palestinian families in Beit Sahour, will be present to lead the discussion of the film. Concordia Lutheran's Justice League is hosting the event.

CAMP SUNDAY, Mar 17

- Please join us on March 17th for Camp Sunday. Our worship service will be filled with camp song favorites and a skit. This is our annual opportunity to hear from and talk with staff from VLM as well as a time to encourage families and campers to register for summer camps. The youth will also be hosting the coffee hour (cinnamon rolls!!!) with all proceeds going to cover Gloria Dei's camp membership, camper discounts and camper scholarships. Each year, this one fundraiser has been able to cover our membership fee and provided a camper discount as well for all of members attending one of these summer camps. A week at camp is always a fun, memorable, and filled with faith forming experiences. Help us celebrate and support these wonderful camp moments! The Sunday always includes discussion at adult forum with camp staff and camp songs in worship.



EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, Mar 14 - 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.

SYNOD NUTS & BOLTS

WORKSHOPS, Mar 16 - Tools for Your Congregational Toolbox, 1:00-4:00pm Sat. March 16 at Zion Lutheran Church, Cloquet. Why Church? What is the purpose and nature of the Church and what are we supposed to do? What new initiatives or tools would be handy for you as congregational leaders in your context? If you have ever asked any one of these questions, you may want to register for the Nuts & Bolts Workshops which will provide some helpful tips, tools along with great conversation and wonderful networking. Workshops include: Together Here, Ministry Partnership Examples, LGBTQ Accompaniment Team, Youth Ministry, Peace Not Walls, and more! This event is free and open to people of all ages! We do ask that you register to help with planning. Registration deadline is March 10!



TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, Mar 19 - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. All are welcome! But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

RELIGION & SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Mar 20 - 8 a.m. at Valenti's (London Rd). Through the College of St. Scholastica, Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and connects our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! This month, we're reading the first chapters of *Interactive World, Interactive God*, edited by Carol Albright, John Albright, and Mladen Turk.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Mar 20 - In addition to regular worship, our confirmation class will be focusing on Luther's *Small Catechism* and the Marks of Discipleship. We meet most Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the church offices. All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.

Think of all of our world wide neighbors we can help. Do you have a plan (can be revised at any time)? Perhaps a special jar in which to add up your savings, a check to ELCA HUNGER FUND, or a gift from the ELCA GOOD GIFTS CATALOG. Your contributions can be placed in the collection plate. Remember to indicate World Hunger. This is a long range plan. JOIN IN!
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you (John 13:34).



VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS & GREETERS. Once again CHUM will sponsor volunteer tax preparation through AARP. Call the church office for an appointment.

CHUM - MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN is extremely important because it provides incentive dollars for donations of food and cash throughout the month of March. It is held during the time of year when food supplies are lowest throughout the year. March is a big month for the CHUM Food Shelf as forty-five percent of the operating budget, including food costs, are contributed through this campaign.



RUBY'S PANTRY March 21 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, March 23 - 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.



February is American Heart month. At this month's Parish Nurse meeting, we learned more about heart health from Carol Marshall, RN, Cardiac Nurse Specialist from St Luke's. She demonstrated a device for measuring grip strength. As stated in her hand out "Developing the strength of your grip will not only help you maintain independence with daily activity, but is also associated with a lower chance of developing heart disease. In studies, people who had weak grip strength had increased risks: 17% increased risk of dying from heart disease, 9% increased chance of stroke, 7% increased chance of heart attack and 16% increased risk of death from all causes for each 11 pound decrease in grip strength."

Carol recommended at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity at least 5 days per week (150 minutes total) or 25 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity 3 days a week (75 minutes total) or a combination. It's also important to know your numbers for blood pressure and cholesterol. Check this out with your doctor.

Speaking of heart issues, the Health Cabinet has begun researching **Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)**. We feel that installing these devices could be very helpful in saving lives in the case of an emergency. We realize that Gloria Dei is only one block from St Mary's, but that may be too far to get help if needed. There would be required CPR and AED training before we install one or two AEDs. Cost will be an issue as well. More information and decisions to come.

March is:

National Kidney Month: www.kidney.org

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: www.preventcancer.org

National Nutrition Month: nnm@eatright.org or www.eatright.org/nnm

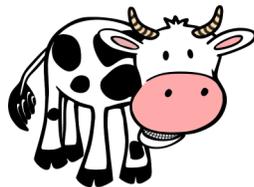
HOLY COW AWARD What is Gloria Dei up to now? We are up to corralling the HOLY COW!

Each year at our Synod Assembly a strong effort is placed on gathering funds for the ELCA Hunger Appeal. This happens through the Silent Quilt Auction, Market Place, Dollars For Disaster and the Holy Cow Award along with other fund raising projects.

Gloria Dei is working this year, for the entire year--to raise money to win the HOLY COW AWARD at the 2020 Assembly, our 150th anniversary.

We will be judged by the amount we contribute per confirmed members of our congregation. We are working with 297 members at this time. We have received certificates citing good contributions but have not won the HOLY COW AWARD. The competition is very strong.

THE HOLY COW is given to the winning church for the year and then passed on to the next winner.



PEACE & JUSTICE SERIES AT CSS, Mar 26 - The 2018-19 season of the Alworth Peace & Justice Series examines the roots of Israeli-Palestinian conflict and explores paths to resolution. "Stand Up for Peace" will be presented on Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. at Mitchell Auditorium, St. Scholastica. Scott Blakeman and Dean Obeidallah are humorists and comedians from New York City, each with an impressive career of his own. Blakeman is a Jew, and Obeidallah an Arab, the son of a Palestinian father. Both men aim to build bridges, promote tolerance and encourage conflict resolution among Jews, Muslims, Arabs and people of all backgrounds and religions. They'll come together on the Mitchell stage with a performance that reflects their philosophy that "if we can laugh together, we can live together." Free and open to the public.

ECOFAITH SUMMIT, Mar 30 - "Creation, Church & You: Earthkeeping Practically Speaking" on Saturday, Mar 30, 2019 at Bethlehem Lutheran in Brainerd, 9 am Registration, 9:30-3:30 summit. Join us to equip yourself and your congregation with insight to initiate or enhance creation care teams. Learn how your church can integrate creation care into worship, education, congregational life, building & grounds, and community engagement. Keynote address by Pastor David Carlson, D.Min., Breakout sessions, and vibrant earth-honoring worship. Online registration opens Feb 1, 2019 on Eventbrite - Early bird special \$10/person; \$25/congregation group of 3+ After Early Bird deadline of Mar 15 \$15/person; \$40/congregation group of 3+. Sponsored by the Leadership Team of the Northeastern MN Synod EcoFaith Network. Contact ecofaith@nemnsynod.org or Pastor Carlson.

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, Mach 5 - 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!



MARTHA CIRCLE, March 14- We gather on the 2nd Thursday of each month through May, with a bible study and conversation starting

at 9:30 AM at St. Ann's in the west meeting room. Please join us!

WELCA KITS & THE 2019 SUMMER GATHERING - The lists of items needed for our School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Sewing Kits, and Baby Kits are available in the Narthex so you can drop off any and all donations through the month of May. They will all be packaged up for delivery to the June gathering, June 24-26, 2019, in Cohasset, MN. This years focus will be on the School Kits:



SCHOOL KITS

Include the following items in each school kit:

- Four 70 - sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well.)
- One eraser (2 1/2 inches)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ball point pens (no gel ink); secure with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One sturdy drawstring bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); recommended fabrics include heavy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill.

EVE GATHERING, March 19 - We resume our meetings and bible studies on the 3rd Tuesday each month through May. The group meets at church at 5:30 p.m. with a lite pot-luck and bible study (from the *Gather* magazine). All women in the congregation are welcome to attend.

LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE OF WELCA - Spring Gathering Saturday March 30 at French River Lutheran Church. 8:30 am—1:00 pm. Lunch, program, silent auction and more. For tickets contact Sue Baker FRLC5310@gmail.com or 218-525-5659

BOOK CLUB, March 18 - Join the group for review and discussion at 9:30 am at the Faith Building. The books to read and discuss are:
 - *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama on Monday March 18.
 - *Almost Everything* (notes on hope) by Anne Lott on Monday April 15
 - *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Kimmer on Monday May 20.
 No book discussions for the summer months.

Resume meeting on Monday Sept. 16th with *Educated*, by Tara Westover.

All are welcome. For more information, call Carol Kelley 525-6098.

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.

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

Busy, snowy, cold February go away! If you are as tired of winter as I am, please remember that SPRING is coming! Very soon, we will see melting snow piles, warmer days and courageous pussy willows. Lent starts March 6th and is followed by 6 weeks of reflections on God's promises. We know that Good Friday comes before our celebration of Easter and this year especially, we anticipate Spring and returning to the Hillside for Holy Week!

February was filled with Valentines, hearts, and healing. We celebrated Valentine's Day with the Hillside community at First Presbyterian Church on Feb 9th with a good crowd of kids (young and older) food, prizes, and Terrence Smith's music! On Feb 12th we honored Ebba Brooks's 100th birthday at the Lakeshore Ecumen worship service.. During worship on Feb 24th prayers were offered for anyone who felt a need for healing and support.

Coming up in March, the Pastor will be preaching at St Ann's on Sunday, March 3rd at 3PM. Fellowship with our friends at St Ann's will be scheduled later in the month. Ash Wednesday in March 6th and Lent begins. March 14th holds both Martha Circle gathering and the monthly Parish Nurse meeting. Contact me if you would like to attend.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will probably have more snow. Whatever the weather, the Care Team continues to keep in contact with our older members who cannot always get to church. They bring communion, prayers and friendship. Please let us know if you or a friend would like more attention from the church. Also be sure to let us know if someone is in the hospital and would like a visit. If you or a loved one has concerns or questions about any health issues, I might be able to find resources for you (pamphlets, articles, DVD's and books); just let me know how I can help.

