

WORSHIP LEADERS - November 2018
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*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son. – Don Moen*

From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Give thanks. When I sit down with small children for a meal, I like to use a table prayer that goes like this: “We fold our hands, we bow our heads, we thank you God for daily bread.” It’s from a children’s Augsburg Fortress book called *Thank You for This Food* – with this subtitle: *Action Prayers*. Kids sometimes need actions, like folding hands and bowing heads, to help guide their prayers of thanks. Older kids also sing table graces with actions and snappy tunes, especially at camp.

But *rituals of gratitude*, like action prayers, aren’t just for kids. When Jesus feeds the 5,000, he lifts up the bread and “gives thanks” before he distributes it to everyone (John 6). And Paul encourages the early church, even in the midst of hardships and challenges, to pray always with joy and thanksgiving to God (Philippians 4). *Eucharist*, another name for Holy Communion, comes from a Greek word meaning “to give thanks.” In these ways and more, the church acknowledges *God as the real source of all we have and all we are*.

Give thanks. About a month ago, we received a wonderful letter from our seminarian, Cassie Borges, who is a member of Gloria Dei and a second-year student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. As the new school year was starting, we held a coffee hour in honor of Karen Bockelman’s ordination anniversary and in honor of Cassie who is in the ELCA candidacy process for ordination. Gifts collected then were added to scholarship funds accruing for her and Gloria Dei sent a check soon afterward. Reading the letter reminds us of the blessing we have in Cassie, who is already becoming a blessing to the wider church:

Dear Gloria Dei family,

First off, the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

This community truly lives out God’s love. Thank you SO MUCH for supporting my pastoral formation and especially for your continued prayers!

Thank you, more than I can say, for the card (which is going in my memory box stat) and the tremendously generous gift. I was knocked over when I saw it. You have, essentially, gotten me round-trip airfare to Guyana. What a gift! I can’t wait to share stories and pictures of my seminary trip there with you. We hope that Richard may be able to go, too – pray that he can get three weeks (!) off work.

Your continued prayers and support have meant so much to us both on this seminary journey. I completed Clinical Pastoral Education this summer at a

Organist	November 4	Barbara Erickson	November 11	Mary Garner	November 18	Worship Band	November 25	Mary Garner
Assisting Minister		Katie Carlson		Chelsea Froemke		Tanner Hall		Kristen Hylenski
Sound Technician		Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich		Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich		Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich		Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader		Kathleen Gates		Samantha Stevens		Maury Aaseng		Katy Carlson
Acolytes		Brynn & Adrian Erickson		Samantha Stevens & Eliza Bauerkemper		Esmeralda Lew & Kingston Lew		Brynn Erickson & Mackenzie Albright
Ushers		TBA		Linda Kalweit & Paul Steklenski		TBA		Carol Uecker & Thomas Leight
Nursery Attendants		Cara Weberg		Terri Erickson		Betsy Hill		Self Serve
Counters		Janine Dahlquist & Julie Jagin		Barbara Switzer & Gerald Erickson		Kristen Hylenski & Laura Hoelter		Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness
Coffee Servers		Church Council Parish Conversation		Roger & Judy Oman		Eve Gathering		Stephanie Carlson
Communion Assistant		Mary Gagnon		Mary Gagnon		Mary Gagnon		Mary Gagnon
Altar Guild		Judy Oman & Sue Anderson		Marlaine Willms & Alison Stucke		Sherry Dalager & Helen Wikblad		Elaine Wickstrom & Ruth Wimers

hospital in Rock Island, IL. I worked with the oncology & rehab units, as well as taking my turn responding to trauma pages. It was a rich & exhausting summer. It taught me a lot about pastoral care & compassion as I accompanied people in their worst moments.

This semester I am taking a full course load, including Lutheran Confessions, Hebrew Bible, Hebrew language, and an elective on Native American issues (historic & contemporary) in the light of the Church's dreadful participation in colonialism. Heavy stuff.

I am also serving on the Chapel staff this year, helping to organize teams of students/faculty in planning daily worship. We are hoping to open up ways of being connected to the worshipping community across distance, since the majority of our students is actually learning online. That was something I wasn't expecting – developing relationships with the distance students. But I "see" them every day in class, we do group work together, I tutor Greek online, I have regular chat appointments with a group of friends from Atlanta to Seattle. I'm grateful for the chance to learn with these folks.

Richard's job in the development office at WTS continues to go well. His team considers him indispensable, and he's learning a lot about databases. I have seen him blossom over the past year – it's been a while since he worked in an environment where he was truly appreciated. We are enjoying being part of the residential community, with its potlucks & bonfires & get-togethers. We are even part of a group playing Dungeons & Dragons together on campus, because you can't study ALL the time.

God bless you and your ministry up in Duluth, and the rebuilding. We are so thankful for all of you. Peace be yours, Cassie & Richard

Give thanks. In stories like Cassie's we can see how prayers become active in ministry. In our rebuilding process, we are also seeing prayers becoming reality, as the new sanctuary, offices, and meeting rooms take shape and we are envisioning ministry there, ministry that would reflect the gift of Jesus Christ to all those we encounter.

For all God's blessings, earthly and eternal gifts, there are many ways we express gratitude – worship, prayer, and serving others through our time and offerings. In addition to weekly Eucharist, rituals of gratitude characterize our life of faith this month:

- + All Saints Sunday, Nov 4
- + Parish Conversation, Nov 4
- + Pledge Consecration Sunday, Nov 11
- + Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Nov 20
- + Neighborhood Breakfast, Nov 24

This season, may God mold and shape us all through active prayers and prayerful actions, that our whole lives may be lived in gratitude for what God has done and continues to do for us.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

are also exploring the possibility of a fundraising event sometime in the early spring. Finally, we will be looking at online/social media fundraising opportunities such as Give MN.

We are hoping to have a slide presentation of the construction updates at our next Parish conversation on November 4.

- Ryan Jagim, Co-chair Moving Forward Committee

NOVEMBER 2018 EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS

- "A team of 13 ecologists, economists and geographers recently estimated the present world-wide value of 17 ecosystem services (pollination, water supply, soil formation ...) essential to human life, is somewhere around \$33 trillion each year. In comparison, the gross national product of the world each year is around \$19 trillion." (Butterflies and worms work for free!)
- We overuse ecosystem services because they seem cheap when underpriced or even free in our free-market economic system. (We destroy habitat freely and we (used to) pollute air and water freely.) The new concept of "full-cost" pricing typically requires some form of environmental tax (e.g., carbon tax) or limits on resource use to correct free-market underpricing.
- "The Harvard School of Health looked at the impact of one coal-fired power plant in Massachusetts and found that it caused 1,200 ER visits, 3,000 asthma attacks, and 110 deaths annually." These are some of the unpaid, full costs of using the air by coal-fired electricity.
- Environmental taxes will raise the price of natural resources and thus many goods and services - hurting the poor. True, and that is why environmental taxes should replace taxes on employment, such as payroll and income taxes - especially for the poor. Smart tax systems, tax things we want less of (pollution) and not things we want more of - employment.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 ~ Timothy Stark	17 ~ Mark Johnson
3 ~ Janice Woldmoe	18 ~ Duane Stucke
4 ~ Pakou Lew	18 ~ Brett Amundson
5 ~ Stephanie Anderson	20 ~ Wayne McCall
5 ~ Ruby Hill	24 ~ Marjorie Lindemann
5 ~ Julie Jagim	27 ~ Dianna Boortz
6 ~ Peder Norr	27 ~ Gayle Salmela
9 ~ Esmeralda Lew	29 ~ Laurie Hagen
12 ~ Kristen Bauerkemper	29 ~ Mia Johnson
16 ~ Danny Pass	

security equipment. The pew committee has selected Ratigan Schlotter Manufacturing of Nebraska. A representative will be meeting with us next week to present options and help us finalize our plans for pew selection. Sanctuary lighting fixtures will also be reviewed at our October 25th Moving Forward meeting. The 25 year contract with Duluth Energy Systems (which then provides a rebate of up to \$37,000 for our purchase of the steam converter) is being forwarded to the Council for review and approval. Concerns regarding water leakage in the basement were addressed by fixing the downspout placement and no further problems have been found even with the substantial rains. Multiple subcommittees continue to provide input and make needed decisions. A special thanks to Terri Erickson for coordinating these subcommittees, including the stained-glass window committee, worship committee, the pew committee, the interior design committee, the A/V sound committee, and kitchen committee.

From a financial standpoint, we continue to meet with Johnson Wilson on a monthly basis to review invoices based on completed construction and necessitated change orders. The financial dashboard (which tracks revenues and expenses) now includes the \$808,106 figure for Phase 3. In addition to the contract with Johnson Wilson, Gloria Dei continues to have direct contacts for the kitchen equipment, the pews, the AV and security systems, stained-glass windows, and our organ contract with Fenris. Anticipated additional expenses include pews (estimated to be \$39,000), the AV and security contract with ESC contract (estimated \$54,951), and the \$94,913 kitchen equipment contract. This totals an additional \$188,504 in expenses. Additionally, the following expenses are not yet finalized, just estimated; the bell tower window replacements, sanctuary lighting fixtures, planter redesign (replacement of the old entry doors with glass framed windows consistent with bell tower windows), and canopy redesign. All of these items have cost estimates as placeholders but may come in at a higher cost. For example, the place holder estimate for sanctuary lighting fixtures is \$2000 and most of the sanctuary fixtures that we have reviewed are in the \$3000 to \$5000 range.

On the revenue side, we continue to raise revenue from the remaining three year pledges of \$329,767.00, the anticipated \$37,000 rebate from the Duluth Energy, and interest earnings from our MIF account. We are working to obtain the next one-quarter installment held by the city fire escrow account as well as contacting Brotherhood Mutual to obtain \$100,000 for required code upgrades such as the sprinkler system, the elevator and commercial kitchen. As of now, a rough estimate is that we have costs in excess of revenues of approximately \$66,749. We will also be needing to raise funds for refurbishing our church (like altar furnishings, office equipment, etc.) We continue to look for foundation grant help with our "Community Kitchen" concept. We have submitted one grant proposal to the Essentia Health Foundation. Foundations do not generally fund bricks and mortar capital campaigns, but we are hopeful that we can get some support in the upgrades for our commercial kitchen due to plans for kitchen and building accessibility by organizations/activities in the community. We

Sunday, November 4, 2018 All Saints Sunday

Jesus states the core of God's law: love God with all you are and have, and love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agrees that Jesus has rightly identified the most important commandments, much more important than sacrifices. It's easy for us to say with the writer of the letter to the Hebrews that sacrifices aren't needed anymore; harder, though, to acknowledge that all our worship, all our community service, all our social action, all our family caregiving is worthless if it is done without love. **Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 119:1-8, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34**

Sunday, November 11, 2018 25th Sunday of Pentecost

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 18, 2018 26th Sunday of Pentecost

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love. **Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25, Mark 13:1-8**

Sunday, November 25, 2018 Christ the King

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

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

LIFE'S LANDMARKS

Confirmation

Oct 28 - Esmeralda Lew, Samuel Winesett

Funeral

Oct 19 - Reginald Wicks

PARISH CONVERSATION—Nov 4 - In an effort to cultivate communication and awareness in the parish, Pastor David and the Council have planned quarterly "parish conversations" after worship, during which everyone can hear updates about various ministries, receive a quarterly financial report, and become more aware of parish leaders, newcomers, and upcoming events.

Please note: this will NOT be a potluck, but the council will provide bars and coffee. All are welcome!

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV 4— "Blessed are they who die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them" (Revelation 14:13). The first Sunday of November, we remember the church on earth and the host of heaven, united in the body of Christ. We thank God for all the faithful departed, especially those of our church family who have entered their eternal rest within the last year:

- + Per Wickstrom + Betty Lavin
- + Janine Estrem + Lilly Peterson
- + Ruth Bakke + Marjorie Nelson

If you have a family member this year you also wish to remember in prayer at this service, please inform the church office by 9:00 a.m. on October 30.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV 4 –

A reminder to set your clocks back 1 hour.



SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Nov 4 - 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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL- 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov 7. 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.

FINANCE REPORT THRU SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 9 months \$175,500

Actual, 9 months \$191,376 109.0%

Difference, *ahead* \$15,876



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!

DID YOU KNOW? The Giving Commitments we will make on November 11 for our support in 2019 of Gloria Dei also assist with the work of our Northeastern Minnesota Synod and the work of the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. During 2018 we gave about 11% of our total pledged amount to the synod. For every \$100 the synod receives from congregations, it passes on \$49 to support the ELCA in establishing new congregations, assisting established congregations in renewing their ministries, supporting 7 seminaries and 26 colleges for training pastors and lay leaders, working with Lutheran churches around the world, sending 230 persons to work with those churches, and developing youth events such as the one in Houston this past summer.

MOVING FORWARD

The fast pace of construction continues. Framing for the sanctuary chancel area is complete and A/V wiring for the altar area is being completed. Flooring for the sanctuary is being completed. Old World Windows is working on the completion of the exterior framing of the windows so that the protective covering can be installed. As you drive by you can see some of the top of the stained-glass windows have had this protective covering installed. Sanctuary lighting decisions for the sanctuary fixtures are being discussed.



The balcony has been installed and the steel reinforcements for the elevator entry to the balcony are in place. Flooring for the balcony is complete. Instability of the exterior sanctuary wall above one of the windows, necessitated the slight movement of the balcony, and so sightlines are being evaluated.

The roof work has been completed over the construction area by the elevator and connecting structure to the 59' addition. Air handling units have been placed on the roof of the 59 addition and soon will be wired. Windows have been installed in the 59 addition as well as in the Fellowship Hall. Framing, insulation, and drywall is almost complete in the 59 addition.

Contracts have been signed for the ESC contract for audiovisual and

WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO

+ Live Radio Broadcast Sundays 10:00 a.m. on AM 710 or FM 98.1 - WDSM Radio, since 1942

**VIDEO STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET**

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

EVANGELISM UPDATE

We have been doing trials of various streaming services in our Sanctuary to provide Live Video streaming of our Sunday worship services which have been available to view on our www.gloriadeiduluth.org website (see worship tab), and most recently there is an APP that you can download from iTunes/Apple or Google play/Android for your smartphone or tablet device. (Sorry this doesn't work on desktop computers, but the service will be live on our website.) The APP is called **Sunday Streams**. When you download to your device the ID is gloriadeiduluth.

You have the option of viewing **LIVE or prior services** that are posted by date. If you can't be "LIVE" at Gloria Dei on Sunday you have the option of viewing the service in addition to our live radio broadcast at home. If you work or are away from Duluth on Sunday you can always view the worship service during the week on the APP. I will try and figure out a way to have services available by date on our website also. We are finished with trialing and will be using the Sunday Streams - service. They cater to churches and meet our needs.

Also the Radio Station just announced a new **live audio stream** available of our Sunday Worship service on WDSM Radio website <https://wds710.com/> - click "Listen Now" near the top. Gloria Dei's website also has a link to this service. As more information is available, we will keep you up to date! Linda and the Evangelism group (Craig, Alison, Doug, Pastor Dave)

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.

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.

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS - In September, we welcomed Emily Holter, a senior at UMD, as a Gloria Dei Choral Scholar for the academic year 2018-19, selected by our worship committee and Director of Music Stan Wold. The purpose of this scholarship is two-fold: to recognize the gifts of emerging student leaders in vocal music and to cultivate a partnership that is mutually enriching for both college students and congregation. The total amount of the scholarship is \$500, awarded in two installments of \$250 at the end of each semester. Gifts in any amount to help fund this scholarship are welcome, with checks payable to Gloria Dei and "Choral Scholarship" in the memo.

PLEDGE CONSECRATION SUNDAY, Nov 11- *Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* A stewardship letter and Giving Commitment card are being mailed to all members and regular visitors – extra cards are in the church Narthex. In response to God's abundant grace, please prayerfully consider your regular offering for 2019 as you complete this card. Be sure to include your name in the upper left hand corner. Place it in the offering or mail it to the church office before Nov. 11 when we dedicate our financial commitments for God's work through Gloria Dei at morning worship. Thank you!

EUCCHARIST AT LAKESHORE Nov 13 - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month a Holy Communion service will be held at Lakeshore Ecumen on Tuesday, Nov 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the club room. All are welcome.

ONE BREAD, Nov 18 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, this month with Setting 7 from the ELW. Other Sundays, liturgy will be accompanied with piano and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE, NOV 20 - CHUM Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at First United Methodist Church (Coppertop) on Tues Nov 20, 7:00 pm. All welcome!

PRAY WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE AT CSS - The College of St. Scholastica is currently hosting a volume of the Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition for 2018-19. The College would like Sisters of the Monastery, faculty, staff, students and the entire Duluth community to experience the Bible in a deeper way that "ignites the spiritual imagination." These events are free and open to the public:
 - Lectio divina with The Saint John's Bible (Visio Divina) Wednesdays, Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, and 19 at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Scholastica Monastery Chapel Gathering Space. *Open viewing at 1:30 p.m.
 - More events are planned at the St. Scholastica Monastery Chapel including Advent Vespers Dec 4 at 4:30 p.m., and Taize Prayer Service Dec 10, at 7:00 p.m. Visit <http://retreatduluth.org/saint-johns-bible/>



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.

NOVEMBER BOOK FAIR - During the month of November, we are hosting a selection of books from Augsburg Fortress. Some are among their bestselling Children's books for a variety of young ages. Some are for adults, specifically having to do with "Wellness" - coping with grief and loss, managing stress or adversity. Feel free to peruse the books on display in the narthex, which will become part of the church library. The final Sunday to order is December 2 to be received in time for Christmas.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, Nov 4 - "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!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Nov 7, 14 & 28 - 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.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – All are welcome to join us at 8:45:
Nov 4 - Intergenerational Sunday School: "Seasons of the Church Year"
Nov 11 - Youth and Mental Health conversation
Nov 18 - ELCA Updates to Gloria Dei's Constitution
Nov 25 - Reading Biblical Literature DVD discussion

EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, Nov 8- The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a study group on environmental stewardship, facilitated by Pastor Carlson. These sessions explore a variety of spiritual perspectives that recognize our deep creaturely interrelatedness, lament our negative impact on the earth's well-being, and highlight our vocation as stewards. This study group meets this month on Thursday, Nov 8 from 8-9 a.m. at Sara's Table. We are reading Part 2 of *In Search of the Good Life* by Rebecca Todd Peters.

want. Bring friends and family members who might find this helpful. Please let Patti know if you will attend.

CHUM FALL ASSEMBLY, Nov 13 - 6:30 PM to 8:15 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1710 E. Superior Street
Please join us from 6:30 for a social gathering before the program which will run from 7:00 - 8:15. THEME: Legislative and Gubernatorial Advocacy



RUBY'S PANTRY, Nov 15 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, Nov 24 - 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.



HOLIDAY SHARING As the holidays approach we once again turn thoughts to sharing with our community. CHUM: We will collect new and slightly used warm hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for all ages, child through adult. LSS: Need packages of diapers, ALL sizes. Large sizes especially welcome. Add your contributions to the boxes located at church. Thank you.

EVANGELISM - WITNESS

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

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of September 30, Radio Ministry has received \$8044 which is \$956 behind our budget needs. Receipts include funds from the anniversary appeal in March, but there is ongoing funding need. Thanks to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts of \$230 to sponsor a Sunday or in any amount continue to make this an important outreach.

EVE GATHERING, Nov. 20 - We resume our meetings and bible studies on the 3rd Tuesday each month from September to May - except there is no meeting in December. The group meets at church at 5:30 p.m. with a lite pot-luck and bible study (from the *Gather* magazine). All women in the congregation are welcome to attend.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Patti Maguire

After a very volatile month weather-wise, autumn has firmly come to our city! October was filled with health activities, visitations and learning opportunities. We worshiped with our friends a Edgewood Vista on October 3rd, and the Pastor served communion at Aftenro on October 7th with members of the Health Cabinet. On October 14th we offered a healing service for all who felt a need for prayer. Blessings on all who came seeking reassurance of the healing power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. November 13th we will be at Ecu-men Lakeshore for worship at 2 PM. Please join us.



On Oct 8th I attended an Ethics Lunch & Learn at Essentia to learn more about ethical consults and when they are necessary. The Parish Nurse meeting was Oct 11th with great information about the senior services available from Lutheran Social Services and Lake Superior Health Clinic system. If you would like more information, please see me. The quarterly meeting of the APNA Board was mid month. We are still looking for people interested in parish nursing to serve on the Board (only 4 meetings a year!).

Joy Hensel offered a great presentation on Mental Illness and Youth for about 80 participants on Oct 16th. We learned so much about this critical issue. It was so good, that we have arranged for her to share highlights of her presentation with us during the Adult Forum on Nov 11th.

A special FREE presentation on Thursday morning on Nov 15th. Reservations are required so see me for details.

PLANNING AHEAD, Nov 3 - Patti and the Health Cabinet will present another informative morning Saturday, November 3 from 9:30-11:30 with attorney Kristin Parendo from the Senior Aging Project of Legal Aid. She has been with us before and offers the most up-to-date legal information for those of us in our later years. Specifically she talks about wills, power of attorney forms, health care directives and other planning that will help us as we age. In addition, the Pastor will have Gloria Dei's planning guide for funerals so folks can consider what type of service they might

FOOD & FILM NIGHT, Nov 8 - Sponsored by Twin Ports Peace Not Walls Group 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov 8 at Peace United Church of Christ, showing "With God on Our Side." This film takes a look at the theology of Christian Zionism, which teaches that because the Jews are God's chosen people, they have a divine right to the land of Israel. Aspects of this belief system lead some Christians in the West to give uncritical support to all Israeli policies.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Nov 14 - 8 a.m. at Valentini's (London Rd). Through the College of St. Scholastica, Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and connects our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! This month, we're reading the first chapters of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

BIBLE STUDY: THE PROPHETS, Nov 14 & 28 - Jim Bailey and Pastor David offer a bible study series that will examine the prophets, select Wednesday evenings at Faith 6:30-8:00 pm. The first session in October had an overview of prophetic books; this month two sessions are planned for Amos, Nov 14 & 28. Outlines prepared by retired Wartburg Seminary Prof. Jim Bailey, selected passages, explanatory handouts, and group discussion. We hope to include you in this rich, participatory Dwelling in the Word!

TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, Nov 27 - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. All are welcome! But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

FELLOWSHIP— "KOINONIA"

Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! *With joy we welcome the following new members into Gloria Dei's family and ministry through the Affirmation of Baptism on November 4. Thank you to all those who helped organize and provide lunches for the new member classes on previous Sundays: Kristen B., Chelsea F., Paul S., Sue A., Carol K., and Elaine W.*

+ Connie Anderson - This summer Connie Anderson moved to Duluth with her daughter's family, the Hensels, who are also new members. Prior to the move she was Director of Volunteer Ministries at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN. She has also taught Parent Education in ECCE programs in Bemidji and Bloomington school districts. She is a graduate of Luther College and grew up in Cambridge, WI. Connie looks forward to finding ways of serving and becoming involved at Gloria Dei and in the community.

+ **Amanda and Dave Clark** have both called Duluth home for the past several years, with one-year-old Nina joining the family in late 2017. Growing up in smaller southern Minnesota towns, the two both relocated to Duluth to attend UMD. The two met around the time Amanda was completing her art degree, with Dave having graduated in Marketing a few years prior. Currently, Amanda leads the graphic design and marketing efforts for Chester Creek Café, in addition to supervising and providing food service. Dave is in a marketing and business development role for Lake Superior Consulting. The Clark family enjoys the local art and food scene, and spending free time exploring the outdoors, at community events, and chasing Nina around as she torments Siberian forest cat, Millie. Dave plays the drums, and enjoys cooking, and Amanda has a passion for photography and design, often expressed through freelance projects and time spent in nature. Both Amanda and Dave grew up in hometown family churches, Catholic and Lutheran denominations respectively. Dave's Godparents, Paul and Linda have been members of Gloria Dei for many years, and have been a big part of the warm welcome that the congregation has given the family. The Clarks look forward to getting involved, and are excited to meet those who they haven't yet had the chance to!

+ **John and Rhonda Degelau** — We recently moved to Duluth from Minneapolis, but are both originally from northern MN (Rhonda from Twin Valley and John from Hibbing). John is a hospital medicine physician at Essentia and Rhonda is the Executive Director of the Volunteer Attorney Program. We met at Concordia College in Moorhead and have been married for 38 years. We have one son, also named John (see below), who is a 21-year-old senior at UMD. We all enjoy spending time together at our cabin on Lake Vermilion. We are lifelong Lutherans, and were drawn to Gloria Dei for its similarities to one of our former churches in Minneapolis — a vibrant worship life, community outreach, a commitment to social justice, and even a massive fire and rebuild of the church building on the original site!

+ **John David Degelau** — I was born and raised in Minneapolis and attended DeLaSalle High School. I am now a senior at UMD, majoring in Physics. I've also enjoyed coursework outside of my major, including Native American Studies and Philosophy and Comparative Religions. In my free time, I love to ski (downhill/freestyle) and mountain bike. I've also had a fun summer job for the past two years leading Segway tours with Duluth Glides! I appreciate Gloria Dei for the same reasons my parents do.

+ **John and Joy Hensel** — This past summer John, Joy, Asher(5) and Clara(2) Hensel moved to Duluth from Bloomington, Minnesota. John accepted a job at Amsoil as the Director of Web and Digital Strategy. Joy is currently staying home however finds opportunities to use her Seminary and Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate school training and skills around the community. Joy's Mom made the move with us and we are enjoying the blessings of intergenerational living. We are filled with much gratitude to have the opportunity to live in Duluth. We enjoy being outside and exploring God's great north woods.

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

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

FAIR TRADE and Chocolate Advent Calendars. We are ready to place our next chocolate order, and we want to include the Chocolate Advent Calendars in that order. If you would like one or more of these calendars, please stop by the Fair Trade table before Nov. 12 to let us know so that we know how many to order. We also can include Fair Trade Handcraft items in that order. So, if you are interested, stop at the Fair Trade table and look at the SERV catalog. Other items that will be for sale until Christmas include: Will Stenberg photo magnets, Will Stenberg photo bookmarks, and Pine Needle Art (from women in the monarch sanctuaries of Mexico).



YELLOW T-SHIRTS - Another order is being placed for "God's Work, Our Hands" T-shirts with Gloria Dei's name on the back, starting at just \$8. Please see Donna during coffee hour.



BOOK CLUB, Nov 12 - Come along to join in some upcoming reading adventures. Meetings are in the Faith building at 9:30 a.m. on the dates listed below.

- November 12 - *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*, Kent Nerburn
- December, NO MEETING
- January 21 - *The Great Alone*, Kristin Hannah
- February 18 - *The First Women: The Grace and Power of America's First Ladies*, Kate Andersen Bower

WELCA NEWS

FALL FAIR, Nov 10 - Our Fall Fair will be held November 10, 2018, at St. Mary Star of the Sea. We will be looking for gently used donations for the Country Store. Also needed are baked goods (including special Scandinavian treats!), and handcrafted items would all be greatly appreciated! Again this year we will have a few craft vendors and also the New York Clothing sales. New this year will be the sales of items made with the stained glass from the windows at Gloria Dei. Your support of this event allows WELCA to continue to support local ministries. Please call Kathy Wimer for questions, or if you can help 727-1987.

