

WORSHIP LEADERS - October 2018

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Organist	Mary Garmer	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Barbara Erickson
Assisting Minister	Linda Kalweit	Journey Amundson	Patti Maguire	Danny Pass
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Ryan Jagim	Steve Wlosinski	Myrna Matheson	John McDonald
Acolytes	Kingston Lew & Magie Winesett	Deonta Lew & Eliza Bauerkemper	Brynn Erickson & Adrian Erickson	Mackenzie Albright & Esmeralda Lew
Ushers	Samantha & Peggy Stevens	TBA	Julie Ernst & Corrine Helmen	Linda Kalweit & Paul Steklenski
Nursery Attendants	Betsy Hill	Kristen Bauerkemper	Sherry Dalager	Stephanie Carlson
Counters	Kristen Hylenski & Laura Hoelker	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson
Coffee Servers	Stephanie Carlson	Rick & Marcia Troy	Eve Gathering	Sherry Dalager
Communion Assistant	Steve Erickson	Steve Erickson	Steve Erickson	Steve Erickson
Altar Guild	Sherry Dalager & Helen Wikblad	Elaine Wickstrom & Ruth Wittmers	Jackie DeVogel & Esmeralda Lew	Sandy Uecker & Kristen Hylenski

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. – Matthew 5:6

From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Right relationship. That's the essence of Jesus' word "righteousness" here, right relationships with God and right relationships between people.

It's also a phrase lifted up by Prairie Rose Seminole, Director of the American Indian Alaska Native Ministries of the ELCA, at an event Gloria Dei hosted last month. Nearly 20 people from around our synod and beyond came to experience and learn how to facilitate the Blanket Exercise, a teaching tool that raises participants' awareness of indigenous peoples' history of displacement, assimilation, and removal through acts of violence, legislation, and even misguided understandings of mission. Some of this history was also shared in a DVD on dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery we borrowed from the synod and showed at a different time. As a result of resolutions in 2016 & 17 repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery, the ELCA as a whole and also synods like ours are seeking ways to live into *authentic relationships* with Native people in our communities.

This involves a *posture of openness* to be confronted by a historical narrative with which we may be unfamiliar, one that also reveals injustice and calls for repentance, new direction. These are just starting points, opportunities to hear the perspective and experience of others. This month facilitators are hosting the Blanket Exercise in their own contexts including in our area:

- Monday Oct 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Chief Theater, 103 Ave. C. in Cloquet
- Sunday, Oct 14, 8:45 a.m. during Gloria Dei adult forum.

Part of the training involved taking a moment to reflect on our own *family histories*. Most of us are descendants of immigrants – to what place in North America did they come? Who was there before they arrived? What happened – why are the first inhabitants no longer there?

+ We invited such reflection as a parish four years ago when we dedicated a Peace Pole on the Day of Pentecost 2014 (the pole still stands in the garden at Gloria Dei's reconstruction site). Among other languages in which we spoke prayers of peace connected with this congregation's history (Swedish, English), global partnerships (Hindi, Russian, Spanish, Swahili), and relationship to the earth, we included Anisinaabe:

Long before the Swedes arrived, this area was home to indigenous peoples. In the language of the Ojibwe, "Anishinaabe" means "original people," or "original man." Anishinaabe is how the Ojibwe people identify themselves. The essence of Anishinaabe life is unity, the oneness of all things, expressed



in the way life is lived each day, seeking to preserve harmony with all created things. The people cannot be separated from the land with its cycle of seasons, and of birth and growth, death and new birth. This story is deep in their hearts. It has been told in legends and dances, in dreams and symbols, and in the songs a grandmother sings to a child in her arms and that the child learns as he grows. This is a story of the spirit - individual and collective.

There is another story of the Ojibwe people. This story tells of European nations arriving, reshaping the land for themselves and changing the natural balance in which the Anishinaabe people had always lived. It tells of trade and wars and treaties, laws and governments, and above all the long struggle through which the Anishinabe have tried to preserve their own ways and their own identity.

We are thankful for members of Gloria Dei who share this cultural heritage... By including Anishinaabe today, we recognize the importance of learning from our past, being open to the wisdom of this tradition, and living lives of reconciliation.

+ Synod gatherings have also invited such reflection this year at our spring assembly and fall leader conference in their opening statements:

As we begin our time of learning and fellowship together we would like to acknowledge that the land on which we reside, worship, and gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Nation, comprised of Ojibwe and Chipewya tribes who continue to live and work here as members of our communities throughout our synod; specifically in and surrounding the Grand Portage, Bois Forte, Leech Lake, Fond du Lac, and Mille Lacs reservations which are established within our synod's borders.

Right relationship. "This work is not about fixing," Prairie Rose said. "Rather, it's about listening, and about asking: how is God calling us to be different *in relationship* with these neighbors?"

Indeed it is *God who creates right relationships*, who restores relationships to wholeness, justice, and love. These could be relationships with family or friends, or with neighbors who come to Chum or to our breakfast. What might *right relationship* with God and neighbor mean this month when we:

- + bless animals in worship on Oct 7?
- + lift up all who are in need of healing on Oct 14?
- + begin a bible study series on the prophets on Oct 17?
- + hear more about the Israel-Palestine conflict at CSS Oct 23 & 24?
- + celebrate Reformation Sunday Oct 28?

In the midst of relationships that can be shallow or strained, the Holy Spirit opens us to deeper understanding and renewal. Thanks be to God.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

We were thankful many members were able to participate in our tours on September 9 and 11.

Ryan Jagim, Co-chair Moving Forward Committee

EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS

- Canada and the US use more water per person than any other country - way more. But why should people "rich" with water resources conserve them? Reducing demand for water saves local governments money on treatment and distribution in the short term and infrastructure maintenance and replacement in the long term.
- Delivering, treating and heating water requires energy. Reducing water demand saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. To reduce irrigating with treated water, Tucson, AZ requires all new residential buildings to install a separate outlet for discharge of greywater (sinks, showers, clothes washer) for direct irrigation of landscape.
- The Hampton Roads Sanitary District, located in Virginia, delivers 500,000 gallons of treated wastewater per day to Giant Industries, Inc., where it is used for cooling and other industrial purposes at the company's refinery, reducing the demand for treated, potable water.
- Guelph, Ontario offers residential dwellers a \$100 rebate for purchasing an Energy Star-rated front-load washing machine. A \$200 rebate is offered to commercial, industrial and institutional facilities. Begun as a pilot project in 2008, it was so successful that it has been fully implemented.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
1 ~ Logan Baker	15 ~ Linda Kalweit
1 ~ Rod DeVogel	15 ~ Helen Wikblad
2 ~ Ryan Velez-Crane	16 ~ Bob Lufholm
5 ~ James Crane	17 ~ Barb Savonen
6 ~ Thomas Leight	18 ~ Bob Forbort
7 ~ Laura Hoelter	18 ~ Myrna Fuhr
7 ~ Scott Ruzich	18 ~ Morgan Wimer
8 ~ Lexi Baker	26 ~ Roger Oman
8 ~ David Lovshin	27 ~ Elsbeth Stark
9 ~ Steven Baker	27 ~ Deborah Adele-Paulson
10 ~ Sue Anderson	27 ~ Char Matheson
11 ~ Else Madsen	27 ~ Judy Oman
13 ~ Alyvia Baker	28 ~ Theodore Lew
13 ~ Jackie DeVogel	29 ~ Alice Lahti
14 ~ Tracey Pearson	

is being installed on the Fellowship Hall ceiling. The sanctuary floor has been completed up to the altar area and altar floor plan been finalized (which includes two steps and a ramp on the east side). The balcony is being installed and will be completed once the steel reinforcements for the elevator entry to the balcony are in place. This will allow for measurements by Fenris to begin the design and building process for our organ. Roofing has been completed over the 59' building connecting with the sanctuary, and soon will be completed by the elevator. When the windows arrive, they will be installed in the 59 addition and then dry walls will be installed in the three floors of the 59 addition. The footings for the canopy for our new entrance from the parking lot have been poured. Final signatures are being requested on the contracts for the audiovisual equipment and the security equipment. The pew committee will be reviewing requests for proposals from four different companies. The Interior Design/Color Sub -Committee will be meeting to look at material/color selections. We will be looking at selection of the sanctuary lighting fixtures in the near future. We are looking to sign a 25-year contract with Duluth Energy Systems which then provides a \$37,000 rebate for our purchase of the steam converter. During the last rain, water was found in the basement and so we are looking at finding the cause of this problem.

From a financial standpoint, an update in the financial dashboard (which tracks revenues and expenses) now includes the \$808,106 figure for Phase 3. The expenses on the dashboard do not include the pews which are estimated to be \$115,000 (when the request for proposals are received next week we will have a better estimate). Combining the \$808,106 Phase 3 expenses with the \$115,000 pew estimate, we have an additional \$403,106 in expenses over previous estimates. If we add the revenues from the uncollected pledges of \$329,767 to the \$37,000 revenue from the Duluth Energy rebate, we would have estimated \$366,767 in potential revenue. The balance of needed funds would be \$36,339. Kathy Wimer and I will be meeting with Bob Fern and Travis Johnson and his staff to review the costs to date, which will provide a clearer picture of what additional expenses have been incurred. This will provide a more accurate report of expenses and revenues.

We continue to look for foundation grant help with our "Community Kitchen" concept. While foundations do not generally fund bricks and mortar capital campaigns, we are hopeful that we can get some assistance in the upgrades for our commercial kitchen which is intended to be accessible for use by organizations/activities by our central hillside neighbors. We are also exploring the possibility of a fundraising event sometime later this fall or early spring. Finally, we will be looking at online/social media fundraising opportunities such as Give MN.



Sunday, October 7, 2018

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 14, 2018

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 28, 2018

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

+ LIFE'S LANDMARKS +

Baptism

Carver Edward Aaseng, Sep 23

Funeral

Marjorie Nelson, Sep 8

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.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Oct 7 - Thanks for remembering: 1) canned food items to help replenish the CHUM Food Shelf, which are brought forward as part of our offering. 2) Our loose cash offering on the first Sunday has for several years gone to the Gabriel Fund, a ministry started by Gloria Dei and other Central Hillside parishes and managed through CHUM, for direct assistance to the needy.

EUCHARIST AT EDGEWOOD VISTA & AFTENRO, Oct 3 & 7 - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month a Holy Communion service will be held at Edgewood Vista on Wednesday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel, and at Aftenro on Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.

CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 pm on Wed., Oct 3. 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.

HEALING SERVICE, Oct 14 - During worship Sunday, October 14, we will incorporate the Order of Healing (ELW pp. 276-78) into the service, which includes the Prayers of Intercession, the Laying On of Hands, and a Blessing. A traditional time of the church year to incorporate these prayers of healing is on a Sunday close to October 18, the day commemorating St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician. 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, Oct 21 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, this month with Setting Seven in the ELW. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with piano and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

REFORMATION SUNDAY, WEAR RED! Oct 28 - When we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we not only remember the 16th century Reformation but also the continuing work of the Holy Spirit reforming us as people of God. Red is the liturgical color of the day, symbolic of the fire of the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts through faith.

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 Bible is here because this past year the Sisters celebrated the 125th anniversary of the



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>



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 AUGUST 2018

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 8 months \$156,000

Actual, 8 months \$164,975 105.8%

Difference, *ahead* \$8,975

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.

UPDATE ON REBUILDING + RENEWING FUND: As you will see on the poster in the narthex, funds continue to be received. By the end of August, \$198,385 had been received, which is nearly \$200,000 or 2/5 of our original goal of \$500,000. Commitments as of that date have increased to \$529,767, well over our original goal. Many thanks to all who are faithfully fulfilling their commitments beyond their regular offerings. Glory to God!

MOVING FORWARD COMMITTEE REPORT, OCTOBER 2018

The pace of construction has increased. The floor of the basement Fellowship Hall has been poured and initial insulation and gypsum board

GLORIA DEI SERVES DINNER AT CHUM, Oct 30 -

Gloria Dei will be serving its famous, delicious meatball dinner at the CHUM Drop-in-Center on Tuesday evening, October 30 at 5:00 p.m. Please join us in preparing this yummy dinner. We need some meatballs and gravy, salads of your choice, bars and or cookies for a tasty dessert. If you can help with a food offering or if you would like to help serve, we would love to hear from you. Contact Carol K. at 525-6098.

COMMUNITY CONNECT - Deodorant Drive and Volunteers!

Help support the bi-annual Community Connect event happening this October 25th from 9-2 at Damiano Center. This is a day of resources and direct services all in one place on one day - these include free lunch, hair trims, free winter apparel, gift bags with hygiene items, and a variety of organizations that provide housing, domestic violence support, addiction recovery, children's programming, and many other necessities.

Gloria Dei has been invited to help this event by collecting deodorant which will be distributed in a bag that all event attendees will receive. We have been challenged to try to collect 250. There will be a collection box in the Narthex for donations until October 21st.

Organizers are also looking for volunteers to help administer the Wilder Survey, a survey that collects information about homelessness across MN. We are looking for volunteers who will be able to conduct surveys in a caring and nonjudgmental way. Volunteers will also be required to attend a brief training prior to the event. If you are interested in volunteering on October 25th please talk to Chelsea or contact her at chelsea.froemke@gmail.com

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 August 31, Radio Ministry has received \$7478 which is \$522 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.

founding of their Monastery. The Benedictine values remain a guiding light in the work of the College and countless generations and their communities are better served because of the work of the Sisters. The Heritage Edition offers the opportunity to spread the artistry and message of The Saint John's Bible. For the College of St. Scholastica, it also strengthens our community's connection with its Benedictine values and heritage. 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."

- Sat., Oct. 13 - Homecoming: Bible at Friends of the Library Get Together in Library (12 pm - 1 pm). This event is open to the public.
- More events are planned at the St. Scholastica Monastery Chapel including Lectio Divina on Wednesdays beginning Nov 21 at 2:30 p.m., 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.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, Oct 7 - "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 SCHEDULE - All children and youth—Sunday School is the best with everyone there, including you! Parents—thank you for the important role you have in your child's faith formation! Please come before worship: singing starts at 8:45 a.m. and classes for all grades/ages begin at 9:00. We're in the Teaching House next door except for Intergenerational Sunday, which will be in the fellowship hall downstairs. We thank God for all the children and youth of Gloria Dei.

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!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Oct 10, 17 & 24 - 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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, Oct 28 - We pray for two youth who will be confirmed this year on Reformation Sunday, affirming their baptism and assuming greater responsibility in the life of the church: Esmeralda Lew and Samuel Winesett. A reception is being planned for them during coffee hour.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – All are welcome to join us at 8:45:
Oct 7—Intergenerational Sunday School: “Seasons of the Church Year”
Oct 14—The Blanket Exercise
Oct 21 & 28—Reading Biblical Literature DVD discussion

CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS Sundays beginning September 23, 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 five consecutive Sundays, and new members will be received at the All Saints Sunday service on November 4. Current members also welcome for a review! If interested, please contact Pastor David so we can plan accordingly, 722-3381

TOGETHER HERE, Oct 8 - Blanket Exercise Workshop, Monday, October 8, 2018 at Chief Theater, 103 Ave. C. in Cloquet. The Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning tool that literally walks participants through the history of relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people of North America. Blanket Exercise Workshops are designed to help participants understand our cross-cultural relationships, why these relationships are often broken, and how we can work together to rebuild them. Together Here is a task force of the Northeastern MN Synod, which seeks to cultivate awareness and relationships of accompaniment between our faith communities and indigenous communities.

FOOD & FILM NIGHT, Oct 9 – Organized by the Twin Ports Peace Not Walls group, the film “The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel's Public Relations War in the United States” will be shown at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 820 Belknap St., in Superior, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Palestinian desserts and tea being served. Released in 2016, the film examines how the Israeli government and the pro-Israel lobby over the years have shaped the American media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Israel's favor. For more information, contact Jim Bailey 481-7195.

IMPORTANT HEALTH DATES!

Affordable Care Act (ACA/Obamacare) The **2019 Open Enrollment** Period runs from Thursday, November 1, 2018, to Saturday, December 15, 2018. If you don't act by December 15, you can't get 2019 coverage unless you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. Plans sold during Open Enrollment start January 1, 2019. For help re-enrolling, contact the Lake Superior Clinic's Health Care Access Office at 218-722-9650.

2019 Medicare Open Enrollment starts Monday, October 15 and ends on Friday, December 7, 2018. Coverage begins January 1, 2019. If you want to change your coverage, you must make these changes by December 7th or your coverage will stay the same until the end of 2019. For more information go to www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-633-4227.

LSS WELCOME HOME PROJECT THANK YOU – With your help Gloria Dei filled two baskets for young adults in the supportive housing units at the Lutheran Social Service Center for Changing Lives during the month of September. THANK YOU for your help with filling these baskets for the LSS “God's Work Our Hands” project!

CHUM CHURCH will be gathering on October 14 at Peace UCC, 1111 11th Ave. E. We intentionally invite people who may have a disability and wish to worship in an accessible, welcoming, and inclusive environment. Join us for pre-worship activities at 4:00 pm and worship at 4:30pm, with a light supper following. For more information contact Sue Anderson, CHUM Church Coordinator, 740-2498 or sanderson@chumduluth.org.



CHUM OUTREACH DINNER, Oct 18 The CHUM Out Reach Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 18 at the Greysolon Ballroom. The silent auction will begin at 5:35. Dinner at 7:00. Make your table reservation by October 1 with Carol Kelley, 525-6098. There is no set ticket price but a donation to CHUM is part of this fund raiser.

RUBY'S PANTRY, October 18 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, October 27 - 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.



in the parade. Later that day, the Pastor preached at St Ann's and on the 18th the Health Cabinet provided a fellowship time for our friends there. On October 3rd, we will worship at Edgewood Vista at 1pm in their chapel; please join us. If you need a ride, let me know. There will be a Healing Service during worship on October 14th.

Parish Nurses met on Sept 13th to reconnect after the summer hiatus. Over lunch, we learned about training opportunities for caregivers learn about easy and safe ways to help their loved ones at home. See me if you need more info on this. We also learned more about the opioid crisis and how to recognize someone in dire distress. Statistics are staggering and use of narcotics can be life-saving. Now that some of us have been trained, we have supplies on hand if needed at the Neighborhood Breakfast or other large events.

During the month, some of our congregation members have been in the hospital and/or rehab. We thank God for their good medical care and continue to hold them and their families in prayer. Please let the church know if you or a loved one is in a medical facility. The Care Team sees folks who can't always get to church by providing fellowship, visits, calls and communion to members of Gloria Dei's family. If you'd like to be part of the Care Team, please let me or Pastor know.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

Oct 10: 6:30-8:30pm, Being a Compassionate Companion, Frank Ostaseski, Holliday Inn Ballroom, FREE but registration required at (218)786-5829

Oct 12 & 13: St Louis County Health and Human Services Conference; DECC, \$75 if you register before Oct 6 www.stlouiscountymn.gov/hhsconference for more info and registration information.

Oct. 23: Pharmacy Educational Event, 8am to 4pm at the Blackwoods Event Center in Proctor. 6CEU's This is a FREE Event (Meals included). RSVP by Tuesday Oct 16th to disakson@thriftywhite.com

November 15 Spiritual Companion Series event sponsored by Essentia Hospice; SMMC Auditorium. 8am -12 noon. See Patti for details. FREE, Registration required.

Dec 5: Save the Date: Biomedical Ethics Conference, Genetic Testing 8am – 12Noon, St Luke's Auditorium. Register at slhduluth.com/ethicsconference OR call Sarah Backstrom RN at 218-249-5139

Start PLANNING AHEAD

Saturday, November 3rd from 9:30-11:30 the Health Cabinet will present another informative morning 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 want. Bring friends and family members who might find this helpful. Please let Patti know if you will attend.

EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, Oct 11- The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a study group on environmental stewardship, facilitated by Pastor Carlson. These sessions explore a variety of spiritual perspectives that recognize our deep creaturely interrelatedness, lament our negative impact on the earth's well-being, and highlight our vocation as stewards. This study group meets this month on Wednesday June 13 from 8-9 a.m. at Sara's Table. We are reading Part 1 of *In Search of the Good Life* by Rebecca Todd Peters.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Oct 17 - 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 second half of *Gathering Moss* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

BIBLE STUDY: THE PROPHETS, Oct 17 - 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 Oct 17 will be an overview of prophetic books, and 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!

PEACE & JUSTICE LECTURES AT CSS, Oct 23 & 24 - The 2018-19 season of the Peace & Justice Lecture Series will examine the roots of the conflict and explore paths to resolution. All presentations are free and open to the public. For more info., contact Prof. Tom Morgan (tmorgan@css.edu and 218-723-6442). All lectures are taped and can be viewed on the Alworth Peace & Justice website. This month includes two opportunities:

+ **"What is America Doing in the Mideast?"** Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, 7:30–9:30 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Phyllis Bennis is an American writer, activist, and political commentator. Focusing mainly on issues related to the Middle East and the United Nations, she is a strong critic of Israel and the United States and a leading advocate of Palestinian rights. She directs the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington D.C. and is a fellow of the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam. Among other books, she has written *Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*.

+ **"Life On the Ground for Palestinians"** Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:00 pm, Somers Lounge. Dominique Najjar, a Palestinian American who lives in the Twin Cities, and one other person will each make a brief presentation, followed by a Q & A period moderated by Tom Morgan.

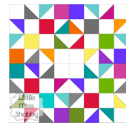
TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, Oct 30 - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. All are welcome! But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 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.

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.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, Oct 2 - 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!



SOLES TO THE POLLS, Oct 13 - A Get Out the Vote Festival Saturday October 13, 1-5pm at Denfeld High School, 4405 W 4th Street, Duluth Activities include voter registration, sample ballots, election information, free food, live music, spoken word, door prizes, free t-shirts, children's activities, and more! Sponsored by Duluth NAACP and many other local organizations, including Gloria Dei.

BOOK CLUB - Join in some upcoming reading adventures. Meetings are in the Faith building at 9:30 a.m. on the dates listed below.



- + October 15 - *The Singing Wilderness*, Sigrid Olson
- + November 19 - *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

VLM UPDATE—Dear Summer Campers, Families, Churches and Church Staff,
While the weather is feeling less like summer, we are still basking in the glow of the great summer we had at both Camp Vermilion and Camp



Hiawatha. As we pour through the pictures, evaluations and conversations, we are reminded of the blessings each day brought with our campers and staff. And the blessings continue!

This past summer, campers and families donated over \$2200 to our Teen mission project- Project Outreach. With those funds, we have been able to buy supplies to bag up and then deliver over 6000 packaged meals to local food shelves. Here is where you can join in: **A meal packing party is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3rd from 7-8pm at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth.** If we can get around 30-35 volunteers for that hour, we can get all of the meals done, packed and ready for delivery. It is a great way to be hands on with the summer effort and a good way to connect campers in a hands on way with their mission they have supported. (And it might count as service hours for Confirmation or school requirements.) Let us know if you can make it! **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 1325 N 45th Ave E.**

WELCA NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - 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 hand crafted items would all be greatly appreciated! 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. Thank you in advance for your support!



TERRY LYNN NUTS sales again this year to benefit WELCA are underway. Deadline to order and be assured that what you want will be available is October 14. See Barb Renick to place your order.

EVE GATHERING, Oct 16 - 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

In September we jump back into our busy post-summer lives. Sunday School started and committees are meeting again. We are thankful that the Central Hillside Parish Nurse Program grant was submitted and we thank God for Donna's hard work on the grant.

September 2nd we celebrated PRIDE with our LGBTQ friends by marching

