

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free. – ELW # 244



From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

"I have a gift for you," said Terrence, a friend of Gloria Dei who brought his guitar to sing a few songs at our Fall Fair last month. He reached into his bag and brought out a smooth, flat piece of wood. It was actually part of an old sanctuary floorboard, rescued from the construction dumpster earlier this year, on which he had burned the word *HOPE*. Like the unique "Out of the Ashes" stained glass ornaments, jewelry, and other pieces our church artists made available for the first time that day, here was something new and beautiful, created out of what was broken and all but in the trash.

The gift was premeditated, *a word inscribed and made tangible*. Hope, said our friend, is how he wanted our days as a congregation to be filled as we look forward to ministry in a rebuilt sanctuary after the fire. But hope is also what he said *the rebuilding itself is communicating* to the Central Hillside neighborhood where he lives. *Hope* that is demonstrating with bricks and mortar a commitment to people in the heart of the city: we have not forgotten you; we have not abandoned you. *Hope* that he mentioned he loves to see in action through Gloria Dei's ongoing presence there in the monthly breakfast, Valentine party, and Fall Fair – hosted now during our rebuilding process by partners St. Mary Star of the Sea and First Presbyterian, but at the same time conveying the continuation and return of Gloria Dei's ministry of hospitality and service in our rebuilt space.

"Gotta keep the hoping machine running," Terrence said. And as I thanked him he told me the reference – a phrase folk legend Woody Guthrie wrote in 1942 at the age of thirty as part of a 33-item to-do list, almost like resolutions for himself: "Shave... take bath... eat good – fruit/ vegetables/ milk... write a song a day... learn people better... don't get lonesome... send Mary and kids money... stay glad... dream good... love everybody... *keep hoping machine running.*" Hope was at a low ebb during that part of WWII. But Woody had come through a decade of the Great Depression, he had gotten to know the stories of people who lost livelihoods and homes, dust bowl migrants going to California looking for new start. He worked with farmers and labor unions, and he wrote songs about them that illustrated their humanity, grit, and *hope*. How did he keep his "hoping machine running"? How do we?

That encounter with Terrence and reference to Woody made me think of the *gift of Advent*. Twenty-four December days are lived in hope and expectation *nurtured by God's promise of the Messiah*. Though we know the outcome,

	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
Organist	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Barbara Erickson	Mary Garmer	Mary Garmer
Assisting Minister	Linda Kalweit	Martha Carlson	Danny Pass	Patti Maguire	Katie Carlson
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Janet Worthing	Esmeralda Lew	Molly Weberg	Mary Gagnon	Joan Gunderson
Acolytes	Adrian Erickson & Samantha Stevens	Eliza Bauerkemper & Esmeralda Lew	Brynn Erickson & Adrian Erickson	Kingston Lew & Maglie Winesett	Samantha Stevens & Mackenzie Albright
Ushers	Julie Ernst & Corrine Helmen				
Nursery Attendants	Kristen Bauerkemper	Sherry Dalager	Sunday School	Self Serve	Self Serve
Counters	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Janine Dahlquist & Julie Jagim	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Barbara Switzer & Gerald Erickson	Kristen Hylenski & Laura Hoelfter
Coffee Servers	Stephanie Carlson	Paul & Linda	Eve Gathering	Rick & Marcia Troy	Sherry Dalager
Communion Assistant	Judy Bailey	Judy Bailey	Judy Bailey	Judy Bailey	Judy Bailey
Altar Guild	Linda Kalweit & Barb Renick	Barb Renick & Helen Wikblad	Linda Kalweit & Barb Renick	Linda Kalweit & Barb Renick	Linda Kalweit & Barb Renick

we spend these days in anticipation of the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Messiah, God’s Word made tangible, the fulfillment of promise. The songs of the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Mary the Mother of our Lord help remind us of people on the margins, those who are homeless, refugees and migrants looking for a new start, and all those who share this hope:

+ “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined” (Isaiah 9:2).

+ “A voice cries out in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord. Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:4-6; Isaiah 40:3-5).

+ “My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant ... He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things...” (Luke 1:46-55).

Our spiritual forebears remind us that God’s promise sustains our hope. As Jürgen Moltmann puts it in *Theology of Hope*: “*Hope’s statements of promise anticipate the future...* They do not seek to illuminate the reality which exists, but the reality which is coming. They do not seek to make a mental picture of existing reality, but *to lead existing reality towards the promised and hoped-for transformation*” (18). Christian hope, he says, is ultimately based on the resurrection of Christ, which breaks through where human hopes end with a new future that is now possible – a promised horizon that we begin to see and celebrate even in Jesus’ birth. Meanwhile, the church’s calling is to live out its hope actively through service: “This means in practice that *Christianity takes up the society with which it lives into its own horizon of expectation of the fulfillment of justice, life, humanity and sociability, and communicates in its own decisions in history its openness and readiness for this future and its elasticity towards it*” (328).

God has a gift for you. I’m thankful for several opportunities this season to live out our hope and expectation, nurtured by God’s promises:

- + Advent worship at St. Scholastica, 4:30 p.m. Dec 4 and 7 p.m. Dec 10
- + Reverse Advent bags to collect Food Shelf items
- + Boxes in the narthex for LSS, Chum, and Loaves & Fishes needs
- + Children’s Christmas Program during Sunday worship Dec 16
- + Christmas Eve Noon Vigil at City Hall steps, remembering the homeless
- + Christmas Eve worship Dec 24 at 5 & 10 p.m.

May these twenty-four days be a time God sustains your hope, and may the gift of Christmas carry you into a fuller understanding of God’s love.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

Monday, December 24, 2018 Nativity of Our Lord I: Christmas Eve

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ’s birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, “Glory to God in the highest.” Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ’s body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

SERVING TODAY 5:00 PM

Assisting:

Organist: Mary Garmer

Reader : Rick Troy

Acolyte

Ushers

Altar Guild: Linda Kalweit & Barb Renick

SERVING TODAY 10:00 PM

Assisting: Patti Maguire

Organist: Barbara Erickson

Reader : Craig Haugan

Acolyte

Ushers

Altar Guild: Linda Kalweit & Barb Renick

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
2 ~ Darrell Harris	13 ~ Mark Pass
2 ~ Elaine Wickstrom	20 ~ Nicholas Pearson
2 ~ Shirley Peterson	21 ~ Kingston Lew
3 ~ Lexie Cieluch	21 ~ Joan McCall
4 ~ Mary Gagnon	22 ~ Andy Wold
5 ~ Lowell Johnson	22 ~ Mona Wold
8 ~ Michael Pearson	25 ~ Beau Baker
8 ~ Carol Uecker	25 ~ Nicole Bissonette
10 ~ Nancy Carlson	25 ~ Barbara Renick
10 ~ Nadia Tessier	26 ~ Jazzlynn Lorfald
10 ~ Lubov Willms	26 ~ Connor Weberg
12 ~ Daphne Amundson	27 ~ Doug Maguire
12 ~ Joseph Bauerkemper	27 ~ Carol Worthing
13 ~ Milah Baker	30 ~ Danielle Cieluch

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

You may want to give a gift to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on the occasion of Christmas this year. You may choose to give a poinsettia for the sanctuary. Each poinsettia will be \$11.00. Or, consider giving a gift (any amount) to a ministry fund:



- Choral Scholarship
- CHUM/Gabriel Project
- ELCA World Hunger
- Extra gift for the "General Fund"
- Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia
- LSS Center for Changing Lives
- Mission Endowment Fund
- Neighborhood Breakfast
- Northeastern MN Synod
- Parish Nurse Fund
- Radio Ministry
- Rebuilding Fund
- Seminary Scholarship
- Sunday School offering
- Transportation Fund
- Youth Fund
- Other – Please Specify

You may place your donation into the offering plate and be sure to mark it "Christmas Gift" with a designation. **FLOWER orders must be received by Thursday December 13 with this completed form**, all other gifts must be received in the office by December 20th. Poinsettias or gifts to funds may be given in memory or in honor and all names will be listed in the bulletin.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Gift: Poinsettia or Fund: _____

From: _____

Please fill in the information and drop this form into the offering plate with your donation or mail it to the church office. Thank you.

DECEMBER LESSONS

Sunday, December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper. **Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36**

Sunday, December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the Baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophesy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God." **Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6**

Sunday, December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

The presence of the Lord "in your midst" in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent. **Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18**

Sunday, December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death." **Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

Sunday, December 30, 2018 First Sunday of Christmas

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still. **1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52**

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

A REMINDER THAT ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE DEC. 15, 2018.

Please e-mail them to Donna at secretary@gloriadeiduluth.org or bring them in early for her to type. Thanks! Reports will be available in the narthex sometime mid January.

CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATE - The *ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations* was last updated at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly and the Gloria Dei Council proposes adopting these changes into our constitution at the Annual Meeting in January. A summary was presented at the Parish Conversation Nov 4 and an adult forum Nov 18.

Notebooks of the full proposed constitution with highlighted portions showing sections that are new and unique to Gloria Dei are available in the narthex to sign out.

Questions? See members of the constitution team: Julie J., Janine D., Bob K., or Pastor Carlson.

LIFE'S LANDMARKS*Baptism*

Nina Jean Clark, Nov 4

Funeral

Luke Maghan, Nov 16

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.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS & POINSETTIAS - (See the insert in this month's Dei by Day on [page 18](#). Tear out, fill in and drop it in the collection plate with your offering or mail it into the church office by the deadline.



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

MANDELA CENTENARY, Dec 2 - "Nelson Mandela: Remembrance and Resistance," celebrating the life of Nelson Mandela in his 100th birth year Sunday, Dec 2, 2018, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Mark AME Church (530 N 5th Ave E). Tributes to Mandela from Rev. Tracey Gibson and other Duluth clergy, African American spirituals and South African freedom songs, video, and student presentations on Mandela's

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

REVERSE ADVENT BAGS are available in the narthex. They can be brought to church on Sunday December 23, or dropped off directly at the Chum Food Shelf (120 N. 1st Ave W.) Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00.

DECEMBER 2018 EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS

- The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently reported some good news and some bad news: "Limiting global warming to 1.5 Celsius is possible within the laws of chemistry and physics, but doing so will require unprecedented changes. Keeping to the 1.5-degree limit will require rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, agriculture, urban infrastructure (including transport and buildings), and industrial systems."
- "At the end of the 20th century, renewable energy technologies were expensive, inefficient, and incapable of meeting our energy needs. In a revolution at least as profound as the industrial revolution, wind and solar engineering and manufacturing have changed everything; we now have the technological capacity to largely leave fossil fuel behind."
- "Astoundingly, 98% of the energy Costa Rica generates is from non-fossil fuel sources. Scotland closed its last coal-fired power plant two years ago and overall emissions there are half what they were in 1990. Texas is getting more of its energy from wind than from coal. Iowa already gets more than a third of its energy from wind because wind is already more cost-effective than fossil fuel."
- Switching to renewable energy sources is labeled, "giving up" and "going backwards," by fossil fuel companies. Not likely. "Clean energy comes with lots of jobs. Jobs that don't give people black lung and don't poison surrounding communities and nature with the mercury. Jobs that don't contaminate the air when coal is burned and don't produce mountains of coal ash residue or toxic emissions. And jobs that don't cause water contamination from fracking or smog from cars."
- "Ambitious goals to reduce fossil fuel consumption are growing. California has committed to make its electricity 100% carbon-free by 2045. Five countries – Belize, Ireland, New Zealand, France and Costa Rica – are already working on bans on new exploration and extraction, and the World Bank sent shockwaves around the world last December when it announced that after 2019 it would no longer finance oil and gas extraction."



legacy today. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments following this ceremony.

EUCHARIST AT ST. ANN'S, Dec 2 - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month a Holy Communion service is at St. Ann's on Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome. Special thanks to Pastor Greg Garmer for leading this service while Pastor Carlson is participating in a service at St. Mark AME.

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, 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.



CHOIR REHEARSAL- 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec 5. 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.

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.

ONE BREAD, Dec 9 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, this month with God Give Us Life liturgy by Ray Makeever. Other Sundays, liturgy will be accompanied with piano and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

SANTA LUCIA, Dec 9 - After worship join us downstairs during coffee hour for the telling of Santa Lucia. All children are invited to participate too, with costumes, singing, and distributing treats. Though little is known about her, she is remembered as someone who devoted her life to God and her possessions to the poor. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (the name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year. A tradition arose of a girl in the household, wearing a crown of candles, bringing saffron rolls to her family early in the morning on the day of Lucia.



CHUM CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, Dec 9 "O Come All Ye Faithful" Join us in worship at CHUM Church's Annual Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 9, 4:30pm at Peace UCC, 1111 N.11th Ave. E., Duluth. This service is open to the community and guarantees to fill you with joys of the Christmas season. A light supper follows the service. For information, talk to Sue Anderson.

CHUM HOLIDAY CONCERT, Dec 14 & 15 -

In conjunction with College of St. Scholastica Choir CHUM presents this year's Holiday Benefit Concert, "O Holy Night," on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec 14 & 15 at Holy Rosary Church, 2801 East 4th Street. There will be a \$10 ticket fee as well as Free will offering. Proceeds will go to CHUM programing at the Steve O'Neil Apartments, or you can donate online at chum-duluth.org Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Dec 16 - The Sunday School again recreates the nativity story during the worship hour on the third Sunday of Advent. The Sunday School classes are doing some practicing during the Sunday School hour in the next few weeks, but all children who want to participate are welcome to practice with the group at 8:45 AM on Sunday the 16th! Many thanks to Sunday School leaders and students for preparing this special service again this year!

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL, Dec 24 - The CHUM Christmas Eve Vigil provides an opportunity to remember those who have died in the past year who have also spent much of their lives homeless or advocating for those who are homeless. This is a sacred moment in time when we pray and remember. Join us on the Duluth City Hall steps at 12 Noon.

Evolution Electronics has been selected to facilitate Internet access throughout the building. ESC (our consultant for audiovisual equipment) made a proposal for wireless security monitoring. This information will be forwarded to the Council and property committee for consideration. Scaffolding has been erected to complete plastering of the sanctuary ceiling and walls. EFIS installation on the 59' addition wall has been completed. EFIS will be installed on the exterior elevator shaft wall.

The Color and Interior Design Committee made selections regarding flooring, carpeting, tile, and wall coloring for the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and 59' addition rooms. Floor and walls tiles are being installed in the bathrooms. Drywall and taping is being completed for the educational addition and stairwells. Electrical wiring continues throughout the building including the kitchen. Lighting fixtures for the sanctuary have been selected. Bids for design and construction of chancel furnishings have been received and Ratigan Schlotter has also been offered a chance to submit an additional bid.

Old World Windows continues to work on the clear glass installation and stained-glass installation should begin in January. They will also replace the bell tower windows and install glass inlays for the old entry doorways. Salvaged glass panels from the Martin Luther window and other sanctuary windows have been stored for future fundraising opportunities. Salvaged brownstone and bricks were used to fill in windows and doorways on the sixth avenue sanctuary walls. The remaining brick and brownstone will be moved and stored for future use. As we look to refurbish our building, we are developing an inventory of materials previously stored (in Foster trucks) as well as donated materials stored at the Faith teaching house.

As we look at the financial dashboard, anticipated expenses slightly exceed anticipated revenues by ~\$100,000. Final cost bids for the 3rd Street front planter and entrance canopy are being reviewed. We continue to look at grant and fundraising opportunities to meet those costs. If we experience cash flow deficits we may consider a bridge loan. \$1,600 was raised at Fall Fair toward rebuilding costs. We are working to document invoices in order to receive the \$37,000 rebate from Energy Systems. We received the second installment from the city escrow (\$161,019) since over half the construction project has been completed. As construction continues toward completion, we will receive an additional \$322,000 over two installments. Once the elevator is delivered and installed (scheduled for Nov. 27), we will be submitting those costs in order to receive \$100,000 for required code upgrades. We continue to pursue additional grant, social media, and other fundraising opportunities.

Ryan Jagim , Moving Forward Chair

PLEDGE CARDS - THANK YOU - Thank you to all those who turned their commitment cards in, we have received 58 commitment cards for a total of \$179,562 as of November 24th. If you have not yet turned yours in please do so. It's not too late to complete a card. Your commitment is very important in planning our budget for 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Wimer at 727-1987. Additional cards are available in the Narthex

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.

OUT OF THE ASHES STAINED GLASS - Gloria Dei artists are continuing to make one-of-a-kind pieces of art from the recovered glass shards of our 1905 stained glass windows. New jewelry, ornaments, sun catchers, etc. available. Sales on Dec 7-8 (with clothing, see below) and after church on Sundays. Proceeds go to the Gloria Dei Rebuilding Fund.

NEW YORK CLOTHING TAG SALE (AND GLASS) – Friday Dec 7 from 2-7 and Saturday Dec 8 from 9-3 we will have a clothing sale at Faith, downstairs in the fellowship hall. Clothing from the New York Garment District, a variety of sizes and new items added, all new clothing items, many with tags. All proceeds benefit the Rebuilding Fund.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - A limited number of Gloria Dei Christmas cards (5.5" x 4.25") are available for purchase. They come in sets of 10 cards with 10 envelopes for \$12.00 per set. Two designs include the Mary window from the original sanctuary and artwork of the Gloria Dei building in winter by Duluth artist Joel Cooper, used by permission. All proceeds to Rebuilding Fund. Available at the stained glass table after worship or order through the church office.

MOVING FORWARD UPDATE

Patrick Ratigan from Ratigan Schlotter met with the pew committee on Wednesday, Nov 14th to finalize pew and chair selection. Padded chairs and wooden pews were selected and will require 90 to 120 days for production. Patrick Ratigan will provide visual models of the pews and chairs so the committee can make final decisions. Bob Fern has been working with Fenris Organ to coordinate/and facilitate organ placement in the balcony.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, Monday, Dec 24

5:00 p.m. worship with Holy Communion and Candlelight

10:00 p.m. worship (prelude starts at 9:45) with Holy Communion and Candlelight. Live broadcast on WDSM Radio AM 710.



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.

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, Dec 2 - "Seasons of the Church Year." From earliest times Christians have organized the church's worship life around major events that follow the biblical life of Jesus (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension), times of preparation (Advent, Lent), and growth in faith through the power of the Spirit (Pentecost). The rhythm of the church year invites us anew to see God active in the world today and respond to Christ's call toward deeper discipleship in every time and place. Join us once a month for singing, bible verses, crafts and conversations that will focus on God's enduring faithfulness throughout the changing seasons. See you there!

ADVENT RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES - At our intergenerational time this month, we want to make sure you're prepared to "Prepare the way of the Lord" this Advent! You can also check out the displays in the stairway for prayers, advent calendars, and blessings you can do at home.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Dec 5, 12 & 19 - 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:
 Dec 2 - Intergenerational Sunday School: “Seasons of the Church Year”
 Dec 9 - Youth & Mental Health conversation with Joy Hensel
 Dec 16, 23 - Reading Biblical Literature DVD discussion

CHRISTMAS BREAK - No Sunday School or Adult Forum on Dec 30th.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Dec 12 - 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 third of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, Dec 13 - The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a study group on environmental stewardship, facilitated by Pastor Carlson. These sessions explore a variety of spiritual perspectives that recognize our deep creaturely interrelatedness, lament our negative impact on the earth’s well-being, and highlight our vocation as stewards. This study group meets this month on Thursday, Nov 8 from 8-9 a.m. at Sara’s Table. We are reading Part 3 of *In Search of the Good Life* by Rebecca Todd Peters.

TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, Dec 18 - 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.

COFFEE HOUR ROTATION SIGN UP – the 2018 Coffee Hour rotation schedule is being created. Perhaps there is one specific Sunday that you or your group would like to serve. Now is the time! If you wish to be added or make changes in the rotation – please contact the church office by Dec 14.



FAIR TRADE select 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).



THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of October 31, Radio Ministry has received \$8715 which is \$1285 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 THE INTERNET

+ 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 OCTOBER 2018

Needed per month \$19,500; per week \$4,500
 Envelope Offerings:
 Budget, 10 months \$195,000
 Actual, 10 months \$207,122 106.2%
 Difference, *ahead* \$12,122



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!

VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS & GREETERS. Once again CHUM will sponsor volunteer tax preparation through AARP. If you have an interest in joining the CHUM group as a tax preparer or greeter, please contact Tom Uecker: tuecker1@msn.com or 218-525-4173. Training is provided by AARP, and you can select the time periods that you would like to help.



RUBY'S PANTRY, Dec 20 Volunteers Needed At Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop, 3rd Thursday of Every Month, 3:30-5:30pm: Set up for food distribution, 5:30-6:45pm: Assist with food distribution, 6:45-7:30pm:



Assist with clean-up. For a \$20.00 donation, people receive approximately two boxes of food. Cash only, no income guidelines. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop, please contact First United Methodist Church at 727-5021, located at 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth.

NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, Dec 22 - 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.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, Dec 4 - Quilters meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the former Faith building and put together warm and colorful quilts that are then donated to Lutheran World Relief and other needy organizations. Newcomers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493. If you can help, please join us! We can teach you all that needs to be done! Our goal is 30 quilts so helpers are appreciated!



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.

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.

SANKTA LUCIA CELEBRATION - Saturday Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m. Program and brunch at the Holiday Inn—Great Lakes Ballroom. Free parking in the ramp. Donation - \$20 - Adults, \$10 - Children 5-12. For tickets call 727-4416

BOOK CLUB, - 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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped set up, tear down, donated baked items, craft items, general store items for this years Fall Fair.. Thanks to everyone involved - too many to list. We collected \$2565 for the Fall Fair, and \$1800 for the stained glass pieces sold.



EVE GATHERING - there is no meeting planned in December.

VLM THANKS - Gloria Dei was the first congregation to raise \$1000 for Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries Give to the Max challenge in mid-November and as a result was awarded a free campership! Thanks to all who responded with gifts to support our outdoor ministry partner.



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

O Lord, that lends me life, Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.

From King Henry VI, Part II by William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Although November has been grey, cold, and the snow is here to stay, it was busy. November 3rd, we offered a special event to review the latest legal information Seniors need. Kristin Parendo from Legal Aid helped us "Plan Ahead" for the next leg of our lives. She stressed the importance of wills, power-of-attorney documents, and health care directives. In addition, the Pastor discussed funeral planning for those who want to get this done. Please contact me if you want copies of the funeral planning booklet and/or need your signature notarized for your Health Care Directive. Twenty (20) people attended this event.

I was able to attend a number of great learning presentations this month. The Grief Support Fall Conference "Emotional First Aid; Responding to Crisis at School or Work" was an all day event focusing on understanding trauma and psychological first aid for caregivers. On Nov 15th, the Pastor and a number of other GDL folks participated in the Spiritual Companions presentation about sacred moments and their importance in healing and wellness. Dr Kenneth Pargament shared his experiences over his 40 year career as a counselor. Nov 8th, was the Martha Circle Bible study with Eldora and our our friends at St Ann's. I also attended the monthly Parish Nurse meeting that day and learned more about osteoporosis and bone health. See me if you would like more information on this. Nov 13th we attended the Lake Superior Conference monthly meeting in Knife River to hear Rev Dr Anna Madsen speak on Luke. Later that day we brought communion and fellowship to our friends at Ecumen Lakeshore. The CHUM Interfaith Thanksgiving service was Tuesday, Nov 20th.

As we begin a new church year in December, Pastor Greg Garmer will preach and commune folks at St Ann's on Dec 2nd. Later in the month we will bring treats for our congregation members at St Ann's. Please join us. Watch for other events as the month goes on.

FLU Tips: Flu season is here!

1) Get your flu shot! You may also need a pneumonia shot, ask your doctor.



- 2) Wash your hands often to defend against germs.
- 3) Beware of folks coughing or sneezing. Cough into your sleeve & avoid crowds if you are feeling ill.
- 4) Colds & flu usually last a week or so. See a doctor if symptoms last longer or you have difficulty breathing.

What is Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)?

As winter approaches and the days get shorter, many people suffer with a form of depression called seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Although SAD isn't totally understood, it is a real illness with real symptoms that vary in frequency and intensity. Symptoms include:

- 1) Sleep problems -desire to oversleep, disturbed sleep or difficulty staying awake.
- 2) Lethargy - feeling fatigued and an inability to carry our normal routines.
- 3) Overeating -craving sugary or starchy foods
- 4) Social problems -irritability and desire to avoid social situations.
- 5) Anxiety -tension and inability to tolerate stress.
- 6) Mood changes -extremes in mood and/or short periods of hypomania

One of the most effective treatments is light exposure. For mild symptoms, spending time outside and a good brisk walk may be enough. For more severe symptoms a light treatment called phototherapy may be helpful as it suppresses the brain's secretion of melatonin. People who think they may have SAD or any mental health issue should discuss their symptoms with a mental health professional.

IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY - Gloria Dei is a supporting congregation for sanctuary efforts of Peace Church. Its leaders shared news of a proposed regulation that would broaden the possibility that people applying for visas or permanent residence status can be denied if the Dept of Homeland Security judges them likely to become a "public charge." A brief information sheet is available downstairs as well as postcards for public comments that will be accepted until Dec 10.

LOAVES & FISHES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Donate new unwrapped gifts to the Loaves & Fishes Christmas party. Families will have an opportunity to "shop" for a gift for their child and volunteers will wrap presents. Gift donations will be collected in the Narthex until Sunday, December 9th. Or sign-up at tinyurl.com/LnFChristmas to contribute to the party potluck. And of course join Loaves and Fishes for a fun and festive community Christmas Party on December 15th from 2-5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1710 East Superior St, use Greysolon entrance)

