I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. – Philippians 1:3-6

From the Pastor

This message was shared at the 20/25 Celebration during coffee hour on Sunday, Sep 28, 2025.

Dear friends in Christ,

It is impossible to adequately express my gratitude for the joy and privilege of serving as your pastor these 20 years. You are a wonderfully dynamic, deeply faithful, prophetically courageous, thoughtful, gifted, cheerful, and beloved congregation! Today's celebration is not just about one person or one family but about being mutually blessed by God through these years of shared ministry.

As I thought about these two decades and about how to characterize the contours of our journey together, I was reminded of Pr. Stephen Bouman, who was the Director for Evangelical Mission of the ELCA and former Bishop of New York Metro during 9/11, and what he said once when he came to our synod. It was after the ELCA's 2009 vote to be more inclusive and affirming of LGBTQ+ people in all aspects of ministry, and synods including ours were experiencing backlash with some congregations leaving the ELCA. Amid the challenges and uncertainty, he encouraged us all saying, *"God's mission will carry us."*

Indeed, *God's mission has carried us* – in the early years as the first and only RIC congregation advocating at assemblies. Carried us in mission through our worship and outreach in this neighborhood and accompanying global companions. Carried us in mission through our church fire in the process of rebuilding while strengthening ties with the community and maintaining a presence here. Carried us in mission through our discipleship for all ages that courageously seeks to engage issues of the day and follows through with ministry emphases in health, welcome, ecological harmony, anti-racism, and migrant justice. Amid the challenges and uncertainty we and the world face today, we give thanks for God's mission that has carried us and will continue to do so as our ministry continues.

My heartfelt thanks to all the speakers today. Thank you to all who have sent in additional cards, memories, and gifts, and for your support and dedication to the ministry of Gloria Dei. Special thanks to Linda Kalweit for putting together the slide show. Many thanks to our Intern Dana Varland for her leadership in organizing this event. I also want to thank my family and especially Stephanie for her unfailing love and partnership through all I do. And finally, deep thanks to you all. It is an honor to be in ministry here at Gloria Dei among such kind, generous, and faithful people as you. I thank God for you, and I look forward to our work in the gospel continuing!

See you in worship! + Pastor David Carlson

November Lessons

Sunday, November 2, 2025 | All Saints Sunday



In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Sunday, November 9, 2025 | Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost



We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 16, 2025 | Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 23, 2025 | Christ the King



Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 30, 2025 | First Sunday of Advent



The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

+ LIFE'S LANDMARKS +

Baptism ~ Madeleine Ann Jensen, October 19
Confirmation – Per Amundson, Gigi Calland, Lucy Hill, October 26
Marriage ~ Katie Carlson & Xavier Serrano, October 5
Death ~ Eloise Pass, October 6 (funeral November 1 at 11:00 a.m.)

PARISH CONVERSATION, Nov 2 - To increase 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. Join after worship in-person in the sanctuary, livestream, or via Zoom through the Coffee Hour link. * Please note – there is no in-person coffee hour planned that day.

SOLAR STORAGE BATTERY PROJECT VOTE, Nov 23 – The Council approved a proposal to install a solar storage battery for a congregational vote on Sunday, November 23 after worship. Details of the project are on p. 18. The proposal will be presented at the Parish Conversation on Nov 2 and there will be opportunities on Nov 9 and 16 to speak with Brett Amundson and/or Gary Olson during coffee hour about project details or questions.

THE JENSEN FAMILY would like to thank the Gloria Dei community for your love, support, and prayer for us, especially Madeleine Ann, on her baptism.

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 2 – *"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: + Greg Garmer + Sharon Knutson + Jim Sjolie + Marilyn Asp + Larry Bjorklund + Bill Carlson + Eloise Pass +.*We also remember family of members:* + Kevin Anderson (Mark A's brother) + Wayne Winter (Deb C's brother) + Elizabeth Jacobson (fr of Clarks) + Becky Hall (Tanner H's mother) + Joseph Balazs (Bethany J's uncle) + Donna Tryggestad (David T's mom) + Russ Gwash (Julia G's grandfather). + *Thine they were, O God, and thine they remain forever.* If you have a family member this year you also wish to remember in prayer at this service, please inform Pastor David or the church office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, Nov 2 – A reminder to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

CHOIR REHEARSAL, Nov 5 - Gloria Dei Choir rehearses the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm in the choir loft, and at 8:30am each Sunday when the choir sings. Join in the fun (no audition required) by contacting Chris at mason.christopher@gmail.com or 972-971-3464.

EUCHARIST SERVICE AT ST ANN'S & BAYSHORE, Nov 2, 6 - Each month, Gloria Dei offers a worship service at a senior residential home. This month, a Holy Communion service will be held at St. Ann's Residence on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00pm and at Bayshore Residence on Sunday, November 6 at 1:30pm. All are welcome to attend.



PLEDGE CONSECRATION SUNDAY, Nov 9 - *"*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be…*"* A stewardship letter and Giving Commitment card have been mailed to all members and regular visitors – extra cards are in the church office. In response to God's abundant grace, please prayerfully consider your regular offering for 2026 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. 9 when we dedicate our financial commitments for God's work through Gloria Dei at morning worship. Thank you!

ONE BREAD, Nov 9 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, this month with ELW Setting 8. Other Sundays the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

NEW YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER – We give God thanks for Deb Westerberg and her outstanding service these past couple of years, and we pray for her and her family as she devotes more time to care for her parents. With excitement we welcome Julia Gwash as our new Youth & Family Minister, starting November 1st! A member of Gloria Dei, with experience in Lutheran Campus Ministry at UMD and outdoor ministry at VLM, Julia brings wonderful gifts for this ministry and looks forward to getting to know all children, youth & families in the Gloria Dei community. Her installation will be Nov 9.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT GLORIA DEI, Nov 25 - Gloria Dei is happy to open our doors to the community Tues, Nov 25 at 7:00 pm for this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Join us for readings, prayers, and music from various faith leaders and choirs in our area. A freewill offering supports the work of Chum, and a light reception follows. All are welcome!

BACK IN THE DEI *submitted by Glenita Geving*

A monthly feature from past transcripts of tapes saved from Gloria Dei history, as transcribed by Gloria Dei member, Myrna Matheson. November 17, 1991 transcribed 4/20/2019
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: Pastor-Today the youth group will give the children's sermon. The Giving Tree.



A young man reads the book. Turns pages. The children drew pictures of what they were thankful for on leaf-shaped paper and hung them on a Thanksgiving tree. Adults were participants.
Hymn: Children of The Heavenly Father

SUBMIT TINY ART FOR ADVENT - This idea is borrowed from the Duluth Public Library (downtown and Mt. Royal branches). 23 tiny canvas boards (4" square) have been purchased and can be picked up from Carol Uecker. Each artist should decorate their canvas in a style that fits them: watercolor, tempera paint, acrylic paint, quilt square, cut paper collage, crayon, colored pencil or markers. There is a texture to the canvas, so you may find it just as easy to work on paper and glue that to the canvas surface. Original photographs might also be submitted in this manner. Reminder that children ARE especially invited to submit a tiny art piece, but so are adults! The deadline to submit tiny art is November 9.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS
The Long Range Planning team has been analyzing the responses to the congregational survey from August and is sharing the following results for the question, "What drew you to Gloria Dei and what keeps you involved?"

Most of the responses fell into four categories:

1) **The Mission of the Congregation**, especially the social justice/community outreach focus (environmental justice, CHUM, economic justice, racial justice, SUMUD, VLM, LSS)
2) **Welcoming Congregation** (Reconciling in Christ, LGBTQIA+, family, inclusivity, diversity, fellowship)
3) **Worship** (music, choir, liturgy, congregational singing, sermons, weekly communion)
4) **Pastor David** (leadership, preaching, welcoming presence)

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, Nov 2 – We have 2 themes threading through the months this year. The first is "Travelers - Going with God" with the verse *"You shall love the [immigrant] as yourself, for you were [immigrants] in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 19:34).* We will learn together God's call to love immigrants and refugees as we travel alongside our foremothers and forefathers who followed God to a better future: Abram and Sarai, Moses and the Israelites, Ruth and Naomi, as well as Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.



Our second theme is "We Believe" with the verse *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13).* On the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 325, from which arose the Nicene Creed, we will look at what we confess in our creeds about God creating, becoming human, redeeming the world, and making us holy as the church. **This month, we are focusing on the first part of the creed, our belief in "God, creator of heaven and earth."**

No experience necessary! Join us for songs, Bible stories, and a craft or activity from 9:00—9:45am (usually on the first Sunday) each month in the Narthex. All are welcome, including newcomers—hope to see you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - All youth are welcome to Sunday School on Sunday mornings! Caregivers, feel free to drop off your kid(s) or stay (we usually have parents and grandparents that join in on the fun!). Meet upstairs from 9-9:45 each Sunday morning (note the later start time this year). Each Sunday is a time to take a look at the lessons that will be shared in worship through activities, games, crafts, and conversation. Questions? Please reach out to our Youth Director, Julia Gwash.

ADULT FORUM All are welcome to join us for discussion on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:30, Lakeside Room.

+ Nov 2 – Intergenerational Sunday School

+ Nov 9, **16, 23, 30** – DVD discussion on the book of Revelation, "The Apocalypse: Controversies and meaning in Western History" with Prof. Craig Koester of Luther Seminary.

FIRST WORD - Tuesday noon Bible study is offered weekly through Zoom. Contact Pastor David for the Zoom link at pastor@gloriadeiduluth.org or connect by phone: 312-626-6799; ID: 651 575 089; passcode: 092234.

WHOLE BIBLE, WHOLE LIFE HAS RESUMED – Join as a new Whole Bible, Whole Life course resumes.

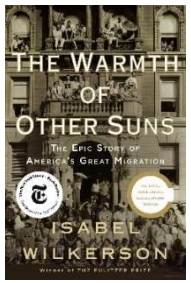


WBWL is a two-year faith journey through God's Word. Discussion-based classes are held weekly through the school year.

The entire New Testament was lived and written in a time of income inequality, disdain for human rights, and exploitation of the vulnerable. We have more in common with early Christians than we would like.

Whether you are new to Bible Study, or have "been there, done that," you're sure to hear God's Word with new ears. We meet on Tuesdays at 7pm on Zoom, and Thursdays at 1:30pm in person in the Lakeside Room at Gloria Dei. This unique bible study is open to all—" Wherever you are on your faith journey." Join us! Contact Kathy Johnson 320-279-2926 with questions, for lessons, or for more information.
WBWL will not be meeting the week of Thanksgiving, Nov 25th & 27th

CHUM WARMING CENTER - is scheduled to open Nov 3, as a safe, overnight drop-in center for people throughout the winter months. Last year almost 900 unique individuals sought refuge at the Warming Center, averaging between 70 and 90 folks a night. As needs increase, this service needs community support to stay operational.



RACIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION, Nov 5 – Join Pastor Carlson for an ongoing Zoom discussion about racial justice. We are planning to meet at 7:00pm on select Wednesdays, this month on November 5. As a reference point, people are invited to order their own copy of *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson (2010). All are welcome.

DINING IN THE DARK, Nov 6 – Lighthouse Center for Vital Living is hosting a fundraiser at Clyde Iron Works on November 6 from 5pm-8pm. There will be live music, a silent auction, an award ceremony, and dining while blindfolded. The cost is $75 per person. Vegan option available. Visit LCFLV.org for more information or to reserve tickets.

CHUM FALL ASSEMBLY, Nov 6 – Join us at 6:30pm at Duluth Seventh Day Adventist Church (3210 Decker Rd). CHUM is YOU! On the evening of Thursday, November 6th from 6:30 until 8 PM (at the latest) we will hold our Chum Fall Assembly. For those new to Chum Assembly, we gather clergy, delegates (congregational and community at-large) and anyone who wants to join us to an event that takes place three times a year to hear updates, learn about our needs, successes, and to see the impact you are making through your support (financial, in-kind donations, and volunteerism). At this assembly we really want to equip YOU, the delegates, in the work of Chum, to offer opportunities you can take back to their congregation/community. Come for connection. Come to listen. Come to share. Come to learn the latest news about CHUM. Register using the QR code above.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Nov 9 & 23 – This year our confirmation class will be focusing on the biblical story of God and God's people in the Old and New Testaments. We meet every other Sunday from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, with lunch. All students in grades 6 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave or our Youth Director, Julia G.



VETERANS DAY REFLECTION: A NURSE'S EXPERIENCE IN AFGHANISTAN, Nov 11 – Nita Peterson, Gloria Dei Member and United States Air Force Veteran, will share photos, experiences, and reflections from her time as a nurse at Craig Joint Theater Hospital at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Tue, Nov 11, 6:00-7:30 pm in the Lakeside Room.

EARTH HARMONY, Nov 13 - The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a study group on environmental stewardship, facilitated by Pastor David 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 month, we are discussing chapters in *Here Comes the Sun* by Bill McKibben (2025). An in-person meeting is planned from 8:00-9:00 a.m. at Chester Creek Café in Duluth. For more information contact Pastor Carlson.



SUMUD Northland – for Justice and Healing in Palestine and Israel

A ceasefire has been called and hostages and prisoners have been exchanged. Is this the start of something new or is the situation still as it was before October 7th and after the current genocide in Gaza. Are the words we are studying still relevant?

Words continue to matter. This fall we will be trying to sort out this vocabulary as we take an in-depth look at the tragic and heart-breaking Palestine/Israel situation. We will be looking at our own, the world's, and the Western Christian churches' response to what is happening there. We will also try to find how we might be able to accompany those affected and ways to advocate for justice and healing in Palestine/Israel and here in the US.

Our guide will be Munther Isaac and his new book, *Christ in the Rubble: Faith, the Bible, and the Genocide in Gaza.* This book will structure our conversations as well as relevant videos of other major voices. This will hopefully give us a better understanding of the possible solutions for ending the catastrophe there. We encourage you to get the book and join us this fall. There are copies available in the Gloria Dei office for $20.

Munther Isaac is a Palestinian theologian who serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church of Bethlehem and the Lutheran Church in Beit Sahour.

These will be hybrid meetings with the in-person site at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (Lakeside room, 219 N. 6th Avenue East, Duluth MN) and the Zoom site located at: http://bit.ly/4oL8DgS

Fall/early winter schedule:

- Sunday November 16th at 1:30 pm. *Chapter 3 - The Relevant Context of Gaza*
- Saturday, December 20th at 8:45 am (tentative) to watch the 19th Annual Simulcast of Christmas Lessons and Carols from Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral and Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.
- Sunday, January 18th at 1:30 pm. *Chapter 4 – Coloniality, Racism and Empire Theology*

Please join us even if you have not read the book or have missed any of the earlier meetings.

Sumud Northland seeks to raise *awareness*, encourage *advocacy*, and provide opportunities for *accompaniment* in grappling with the realities of the Palestine/Israel conflict.

RELIGION & SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Nov 19 - 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 are discussing chapters in *The Alignment Problem: Machine Learning and Human Values* by Brian Christian (2021). A *Zoom* meeting is planned from 8:00-9:00am. Contact Pastor Carlson for the link at pastor@gloriadeiduluth.org



CARE CLOSET- Did you know that Gloria Dei has a (recently named) Care Closet? People often come in during the week for a little help. Right now, the closet has hats, gloves, water bottles, fruit and grain bars, and protein bars. We are taking donations for the Care Closet. Some things that are often asked for are: toilet paper, garbage bags, plastic shopping bags, reusable bags, chapstick, feminine products, vitamins, cleaning wipes, first aid items, protein shake mix, wristwatches, socks, underwear, hand warmers, hygiene products (hotel soap and hair products are perfect for this)...

Extras beyond necessity are a fun surprise for people who are struggling. We had some nail polish in the closet for a little bit. It went fast and brought a smile to everyone who got one. WE HAVE VERY LIMITED SPACE for this, so please check with the office for needed items before dropping off. Do you have some things just gathering dust at home? Ask Sandy if it would work in the closet (or somewhere else in the church). You might be surprised what is helpful to our neighbors in need.

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.

NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME!

With joy we welcome the following new member into Gloria Dei's family and ministry through the Affirmation of Baptism on All Saints Sunday, November 2. We invite you to take a moment to introduce yourself to these new members! Thank you to all who hosted a meal during the new member classes: Julie and Ryan Jagim, Paul Steklenski, and Stephanie Carlson.

+ Bob Hewitt – Bob Hewitt looks forward to returning his church membership to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Duluth, Minnesota. He was a member of Gloria Dei years ago and served on the property committee and the renovation committee prior to the fire. After a period of living in Lutsen, Minnesota, where he was a member of Lutsen Lutheran Church, Bob has returned to Duluth and now resides at Ecumen. A retired architect, he has a son in Vancouver and a stepdaughter in Minneapolis. Bob is eager to reconnect with the Gloria Dei community and once again be an active part of the church's life.

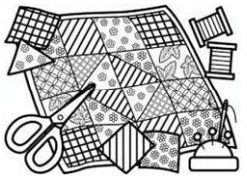
NEW COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS WANTED – The church office is creating a Coffee Hour schedule. We are looking for 8-10 teams (or individuals) to volunteer once every other month. We are hoping to relieve some of the pressure on those who are filling in when no one else signs up and to create a more organized and filled calendar. This also makes it easier to learn from our veteran Coffee Hour hosts by joining their team! If you would be interested in leading a kitchen team, joining a team, or learning more, please contact Sandy in the office at 218-722-3381 or secretary@gloriadeiduluth.org.



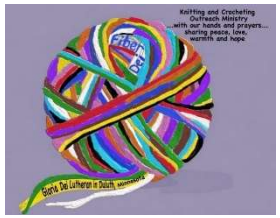
COFFEE HOUR – After worship, relax with a cup of coffee and some snacks in the Hillside Room! For those of you who would prefer to connect from home, there is also a *Zoom* Coffee Hour you can log on at **https://bit.ly/GDCoffeeHour.**

FAIR TRADE TABLE - Come visit the Fair Trade table during coffee hour! Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world. Equal Exchange sources from over 40 small farmer organizations around the world. If you have questions or concerns, please let Patti Maguire know.

QUILTERS, Nov 4, 19 - Quilters of all skill levels (and even non-quilters!) invite you to meet on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the Lakeside Room. They will be working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Come anytime as you are able, or feel free to drop by to see what it's all about!



FIBER DEI, Nov 6 – This service group knits/crochets service projects while on *Zoom* together on the first Thursday of the month at 9:00am. We have lots of prayer shawls and encourage members to take one for someone or for themselves. We are working on prayer squares for the Youth Group and eventually the congregation. We are also working on scarves and caps for seafarers to support the Seafarer's Ministry with Doug Paulson. You can find the Zoom link on our Calendar of Events on Gloria



Dei's website or get in touch with either Linda K. (lmkalweit@gmail.com) or Mary Gagnon (maryjgag1952@gmail.com). We would love to have you come anytime it works for you!



FALL FAIR, Nov 8 - Gloria Dei's WELCA Fall Fair is planned for Saturday, November 8, from 9-2pm.

Plans include setting up on Thursday, November 6, from 4:00pm - 7:00pm; and Friday 10:00am until 7:00pm and before the sale on Saturday.

We need volunteers for set-up! The sale will include a bake sale, craft sale, and "Country Store" (next-to-new household items). The only clothing items in the sale will be Christmas items, sweaters, scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves.

We need bake, craft and sale items donated! Donated items can be brought starting after worship on Sunday, November 2, and anytime that week during office hours (9-2). Bringing items after office hours can also be arranged. It is helpful to please price items ahead of time before bringing them to the church. Lunch will be served during the sale. Help is needed in all areas.

This is an annual fundraiser to continue our commitments to the many charitable organizations that we help support. Contact Kathy Wimer at 218-355-0817 if you have any questions.

FALL FAIR NEEDS HOMEMADE GOODS, Nov 8 - In need of volunteers to make homemade soups of various kinds, preferably in a crock pot. We are also in need of saltine crackers, bread, cookies, bars & other baked goods for both the lunch and the bake sale.



MEN IN MISSION, Nov 8 – We plan to meet the 2nd Saturday in November at 9:00am and because of the Fall Fair, will be meeting in the Narthex. Our leadership team includes Larry Johnson, John McDonald, Pastor David, and Ryan Jagim. Please feel free to talk to any of us with questions or suggestions.



WELCOMING MINISTRIES, Nov 9 - The Welcoming Ministries team meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 9:00am in the Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, Nov 20 - Trans Day of Remembrance & Resilience is held every year on November 20th to remember and honor the trans and gender expansive community members we've lost over the last year to transphobic hate and violence.

INTERFAITH WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS, Nov 25 – We meet monthly on the last Tuesday at 5:00 pm in the Hillside Room to discuss supporting the LGBTQIA+ community as they come under attack at this time. All supportive people are invited to attend and listen to the needs of our community. Contact Sue Anderson (susanfanderson@yahoo.com) for more information.

LIFE GROUPS, Nov 9, 16

Lakeside/ Lester Life Group will meet in Ecumen's Fireside Room on Sunday, November 9 at 3:00pm. Please join us! Contacts are Julie and Ryan Jagim.

Enger / Spirit Life Group has begun reading the book "Being Mortal" by Atul Garande. Nov 16 we will meet at Realife Cooperative, 118 Coffee Creek Blvd, 5-6:30 pm. If you have the book, we will discuss chapters 2 & 3. If not, you can still join the discussion! New members welcome! Contact Jerry and Barb Erickson at gebjerickson@gmail.com.

WELCA CIRCLES, Bible Study gatherings using the ELCA Gather Magazine. You do not need a copy of the magazine to attend these:

+ Eve Circle, Nov 18 (Tue) at 1:30pm in the Lakeside Room
+ Martha Circle, Nov 19 (Wed) at 10:00am in the Narthex
+ Phoebe Circle, Nov 19 (Wed) at 5:00pm in the Narthex

WELCA LWR KITS - Items needed for Lutheran World Relief Kits: Bars of soap (full size, some Ivory or similar for baby kits, and some regular). Towels (hand towels for baby kits and large, light weight, dark-colored towels, between 20 x 40 and 52 x 27 for personal care kits). Sturdy combs, nail clippers, and thread for fabric kits. Items may be put in the totes on the sanctuary level near the coat racks. Thank you for donating to this project!



MINISTRY OF SERVICE

Purpose: Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations, and standing in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, and committing itself to their needs.

FROM THE HEALTH COORDINATOR

submitted by Intern Dana Varland



We Gather as a Cloud of Witnesses

At Gloria Dei, we are blessed to be part of a cloud of witnesses — companions in faith who walk alongside one another through both joy and sorrow. This fall, that witness took shape through our 13-week GriefShare program, a ministry of presence and healing for those walking through loss.

As our GriefShare journey concludes on November 1, we give thanks for the sacred space that was created each week. Twelve consistent participants

gathered to share their stories, their sorrow, and their hope. Together, we explored topics such as Is This Normal?, Challenges of Grief, Guilt and Anger, Heaven, and What Do I Live for Now? — each one a tender step on the path toward healing.

Participants shared that the program offered deep comfort and practical wisdom, helping them find strength through faith and companionship. Over time, this circle of strangers became a community of care — a place where understanding, prayer, and presence have been shared freely.

As the holidays approach, we know that grief can surface in new ways. We invite you to join us for a one-day event, GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, on Saturday, November 15, from 10am to noon at Gloria Dei. This gathering offers encouragement and guidance for those navigating the season after loss. All are welcome.

This month also brings All Saints Sunday, when we remember that we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). We gather not only within the walls of Gloria Dei, but also as that same cloud of witnesses when we worship in our partner care facilities. You are warmly invited to be part of these services, sharing the love and presence of Christ with our neighbors:
-St. Ann's – Sunday, Nov 2 at 3pm (first Sunday of every other month)
-Bayshore – Thursday, Nov 6 at 1:30pm (first Thursday of every other month)
-Ecumen – Thursday, Dec 4 at 1:30pm (first Thursday of every other month)
-Aftenro – Sunday, Dec 7 at 2pm (first Sunday of every other month)

Whether gathered at Gloria Dei or in the halls of these residential communities, all are welcome to join in these worship services — to sing, pray, and bear witness together to the hope we share in Christ.

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

With gratitude and peace, Dana Varland, Health Coordinator/Intern Pastor

GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
Saturday, November 15, 2025
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

The holidays can be especially difficult when you've lost someone deeply loved. Instead of lifting our heads and hearts with joyful memories, these days may remind us how long it has been since we shared a hug, a smile, or a cherished tradition with our loved one. Observances that used to be fun filled may be overshadowed by anxiety, apprehension, and sadness. You are faced with true reality. Maybe you don't feel like creating new memories, so you decide to hang onto the old ones as your past and present collide. You may feel agitated or out of control. Feelings of sadness, anxiety, or even being out of control are normal, and you are not alone.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a gentle, two-hour gathering designed to provide encouragement, practical tools, and faith-filled guidance for navigating the season. Together, we'll explore ways to honor cherished memories, find new ways to celebrate, and draw comfort from community and faith. The session includes a short video and guided discussion.

All are welcome to this free event, and it is available via Zoom as well. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact:
Deb Clark, Lead Facilitator – 612-816-9749 or
Dana Varland, Community Health Coordinator – 218-269-4813

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Prayer shawls are knit or crocheted with prayers and blessings for the recipient in each stitch. Shawls can be used for those undergoing medical procedures, as a comfort in times of loss or stress, during times of grief, or for any person who may need this symbolic gesture of God's inclusive love. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, and hug the receiver. If you know someone who can benefit from a prayer shawl, please take one. Thanks to all who are part of this Gloria Dei ministry. A basket of shawls is located in the narthex.



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD SHELF, Nov 2 - Gloria Dei is now a Chum staple food supplier, being name the "Canned fruit congregation." We invite you to bring canned fruit or fruit cups and place them in the green wagon at the top of the stairs on the first Sunday of the month. They will be donated to CHUM the following day. However, donations are needed & welcome anytime during the month to the green wagon. As food shelves continue to adapt to different funding challenges, thank you for keeping this important ministry in prayer.



GARDENING CREW, *MANY THANKS!* – We wrapped up this season with a Party! A woodchip spreading party, that is. Many thanks to all those who pulled weeds, labeled plants, spread woodchips, and all the other gardening tasks this summer. We appreciate all those who steward God's great creation.

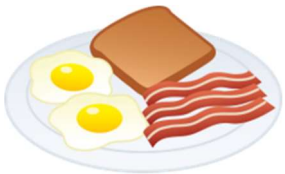
GOOD TROUBLE INDIVISIBLE, Nov 2 - Indivisible is a nonpartisan organization of concerned Americans who are non-violent, inclusive, and proactive. We believe that democracy is in grave peril. In order to protect people, defend civic institutions, disrupt and disobey, and build our power for a hopeful future, we work together, modeling the values of inclusion, tolerance, and fairness. Join us on the first Sunday of each month from 2:00-3:00pm in the Hillside Room. For more information, contact Judy Anderson-Bauer at j.andersonbauer@gmail.com or go to Indivisible.com.

TWO DAYS, ONE HUGE IMPACT: Nov 10-11 NORTHLAND MAJOR BLOOD DRIVE - Memorial Blood Centers & Northern News Now are partnering to host one of the largest blood drives in the Northland. The blood drive will be held Monday, Nov. 10 (12pm-7pm), and Tuesday, Nov. 11 (9am-4pm) at Pier B Resort's Ballroom in Duluth. Memorial Blood Centers provides lifesaving blood units and blood products to hospitals and other organizations. All donations made locally benefit people in our region. Sign up at mbc.org/searchdrives and use code #4230. If you are not able to make the blood drive on November 10th

& 11th, you can always donate at the permanent Memorial Blood Center's donor center, located at 14 E Central Entrance. The donor center is open Monday - Friday with varying hours to accommodate all different types of personal schedules. If you have any questions about blood donation or need help scheduling, you can contact Gloria Dei member, Katheryn Hamm directly at khamm@mbc.org. Thank you!

RUBY'S PANTRY, Nov 20 - Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop serves over 200 people each month. *Every third Thursday of each Month* at First United Methodist Church (Coppertop), located at 230 East Skyline Pkwy, Duluth (4:30-6:00pm). For a $25.00 donation (cash only, no EBT or checks at this time) participants will receive an abundant amount of food. This is a drive through distribution. There are no income or residency requirements to participate in Ruby's Pantry, just a want or need to stretch your grocery dollars. To volunteer call 218-727-5021 or go to rubyspantry.org.

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, Nov 22 - Join us *EVERY fourth Saturday* for our Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 am in the Hillside Room. We also need volunteer servers each month. Sign up through Sign up Genius at bit.ly/GloriaDeiVolunteers. Come see what it is all about! Come to eat, come to serve, come to break bread with our Hillside neighbors.

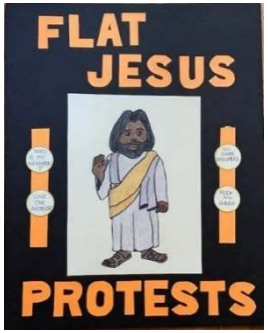


MENDING CLINIC, Nov 22—Gloria Dei is assembling a group of people who have sewing and mending skills. We now host a "Mending Clinic" once a month from 9 - 10:30 am on the 4th Saturday during the hours of the community breakfast. We hope to reach people who may not have the means or skills to repair their own clothes. This will be an opportunity to interact with our neighbors, provide a service, and possibly teach mending skills to those interested in learning. If you are interested in being involved in this project, contact the church office or Janelle Turinetti (715) 432-5321.



FLAT JESUS PROTESTS - The Adventures of Flat Stanley is a children's book written by Jeff Brown. Stanley is drawn on paper and is carried by children to an adventure where he is photographed and posted to social media or mailed, sharing his adventures.

"Flat Jesus Protests" picks up on what Sunday School and Bible School teachers did when "creating" Flat Jesus. If you use this poster at a "protest event," photograph and post the picture of Flat Jesus on social media. Include yourself, if you are comfortable doing so, and the location. We would love to see Flat Jesus all around Duluth, and beyond.



When you are done, return Flat Jesus to the Gloria Dei office (Mon-Thur, 9-2) for someone else to use. Jesus is with us always.

Thank you, Carol Uecker, for making the Flat Jesus poster (with realistic skin color) and offering it for all to use.

NOURISH INVITES YOU - A social Enterprise Program of the Duluth Center for Women and Children to support healthy eating in our community. Food Forward is renting our kitchen space for their programming each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Ways to participate:



Sign up to receive our weekly healthy meal kits: $12 per meal per individual in your family. For example, a family of two adults would pay $96/month for meal deliveries. Each paid meal kit helps cover the food costs for a Central Hillside family receiving the same meal kit for free.

Sponsor a Meal Kit: $500 a year supports one individual. Sponsor as a group, you or your group will be matched with a community member, and you have the choice to meet the recipient at the annual gathering to see the difference you are making! Contact: Duluthwomenandchildren@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 TO BROADCAST MINISTRY SPONSORS



Did you know? It takes $1333 per month to fund our ongoing Broadcast Ministry, which includes both radio and video streaming. As of September 30
Broadcast Ministry received $8,351, which is $3,649 below our budget needs for both radio and video livestream. These numbers include the March anniversary appeal. Thank you to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts of $310 to sponsor a Sunday or in any amount continue to make this an important outreach.
+ Is there a special occasion for which you would like to dedicate by sponsoring Sunday's radio broadcast? Contact the church office (218-722-3381) to plan.

WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO

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

VIDEO STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET OR PHONE



+ Live Video streaming of our worship is available each on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and during special worship services. This streaming service is through Boxcast. Visit: http://gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/livestreamingworship.html
+ YouTube, simply look for 'Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Duluth MN,' to watch live or view past services.
+ Facebook features a live stream on the church's Facebook page. Look for "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church – Duluth" for current and past broadcasts.

TWO BY TWO IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, Dec 6 – The Long-Range Planning Team invites you to be part of an outreach effort of going out two by two into the neighborhood near the church to share information about Gloria Dei. We will gather in the Lakeside Room at 9:30am for a brief orientation and prayer, and send each pair with info about Gloria Dei and upcoming events. Our message is simple: "We want to say hello to our neighbors, share about Gloria Dei, our worship and different ministries and events coming up, and let you know you are welcome. Wherever you are on your journey you are welcome."

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 SEP 2025



Needed per month $25,333; per week $5,846
Envelope Offerings:
Budget, 8 months $228,000
Actual, 8 months $216,115 94.8%
Difference, *behind $ 11,885*

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®

SIMPLY GIVING - An increasing number of people at Gloria Dei are using Simply Giving, an automatic withdrawal process. This process allows one to designate an offering amount and a schedule for giving automatically. *Note that Simply Giving's automatic withdrawal does deduct a nominal 20¢ fee from the donation amount, whereas giving by credit card on our website deducts a larger percentage fee. Monthly donations are preferred over weekly donations through this service. Call or email the church office if you would like to receive a Simply Giving enrollment form.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

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Each Thrivent member can form two Thrivent Action Teams each year, and each action team is awarded a $250 debit card to purchase supplies, tools, and volunteer support to complete a project. Examples at Gloria Dei have included printing Christmas cards, brochures, materials for garden boxes at Chum & VLM, and food for fundraisers. If you are a Thrivent member and would like coaching on how to apply for a grant, please contact Janelle Turinetti, 715-432-5321.

EMAIL SCAM ATTEMPTS – Please watch your inbox for scam attempts. We have had at least three attempts to scam money from parishioners recently. We appreciate all who have reported the attempts and have sent out email alerts after each reported case. We hope none of you have sent money, but if you have, please let the office know. DO NOT EVER send money to Pastor David (or Gloria Dei) via any electronic payment methods unless you have spoken to Pastor or the office directly! Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through the murky waters of email scams. For more information contact the Gloria Dei office at 218-722-3381.

SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION UPDATE – A survey of the installation site, the edge of the parking lot along the alley, has been scheduled, and the installation is expected to begin in mid-November. After it is installed, a brief liturgical dedication is also being planned.

SOLAR STORAGE BATTERY PROJECT – *With the recommendation of the Council, this proposal will be brought forward for a congregational vote on Sunday, November 23, after worship.* *(See also p. 3)*

+ What? - Working with Star Power Electric, which is installing a battery at the Unitarian Church in Duluth, several options were reviewed. As at that church, the most sensible option for Gloria Dei is a 40kWh solar storage battery and related equipment and technology to provide backup power in the event of an outage and to avoid higher electricity costs during peak demand times (times when we are charged a higher rate for electricity). This system will complement our solar panel energy production and provide additional resiliency and energy savings for Gloria Dei. The payback period is estimated at 10 years or less.

+ Cost? - The overall cost of $50,225 would be offset by a 30% federal tax credit direct pay (if started by the end of December) as well as a couple of other discounts: 1) a Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) Seed Grant for $6000 (toward labor costs) and 2) a MN On-site Storage System Installation Incentive for $7000. With these credits and grants, reimbursed after the project is completed; the net cost would be $22,158. The Building Preservation Fund has a sufficient balance to cover the upfront cost, but those funds will need to be replenished as building needs are ongoing. As part of this project, then, pledges and gifts in any amount for the Solar Storage Battery Project are welcomed from Gloria Dei members and friends beyond your regular offering.

+ Where? - The battery system will likely be installed in the closet of the Lease Office space across the hall from the Lakeside Room, a good location with proximity to the solar panels. The proposal includes adding a backup power 100A 30-space critical loads panel in our mechanical room, which would allow us to run the steam heat pumps, sump pumps, exterior lights, kitchen appliances like the refrigerator/freezer, the office, and other priority spaces during a power outage.

+ Why? There are a couple of reasons we are considering installing a solar storage battery at this time: 1) the 30% tax credit that would bring the net cost down significantly expires at the end of the year. 2) As Gloria Dei is becoming a Climate Resilience Hub, having consistent electricity in the event of a power outage would enable parishioners, others that use our building, and community neighbors to have a place to turn to for ongoing services and resources. 2) In addition to overall savings in energy spending that can be applied to other ministries, this project seeks to reflect our stewardship of God's creation.



CREATION CARE TIPS – NOVEMBER 2025

By Laura Raedeke, Leadership Team – EcofaithNetwork.org

What the Real World is Trying to Tell Us

1. In a landmark 2007 Supreme Court decision, Massachusetts v. EPA, it was found that greenhouse gases (GHGs) are pollutants under the Clean Air Act, leading to the 2009 "endangerment finding" that allowed EPA to establish emissions standards for sources (burning of fossil fuels, etc.) shown to reasonably affect health and welfare. But a recent Department of Energy (DOE) report supporting repealing limits on GHG emissions has met with criticism by more than 85 American and international scientists who point to the warming (2.25 to 2.53 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times of every region of the planet, with more frequent and intense heat waves, floods, wildfires, droughts and other disasters. The DOE report could have an impact on federal policies that would ramp up the production and burning of coal, oil and gas, the main drivers of climate change.

2. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) reports that 2024 was the warmest year in 175 years of recordkeeping, with the Earth experiencing more than 150 extreme weather events categorized as "unprecedented" by the U.N. World Meteorological Organization. While the U.S. has recently rolled back federal climate initiatives (renewable-energy installations, other conservation efforts), our global competitors like China are investing hundreds of billions of dollars in clean-energy development. In the midst of a worsening climate crisis, we are at risk for rising energy costs for American households and businesses, while cutting investments in creating high-wage jobs that drive innovation. For more than a decade the U.S. Department of Defense has considered climate change to be a top national security concern, recognizing the increasing instability of nations around the world. We cannot afford to ignore the very real effects of climate change happening all around us.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 ~ Tim Stark
11/2 ~ Jesse Peterson
11/3 ~ Janice Woldmoe
11/4 ~ Pakou Ly
11/4 ~ Nina Clark
11/5 ~ Julie Jagim
11/5 ~ Ande Anderson
11/5 ~ Ruby Hill
11/8 ~ Timothy Jorgensen Jr
11/8 ~ Glenita Geving
11/9 ~ Esmerelda Lew
11/12 ~ Kristen Bauerkemper
11/12 ~ Rhonda Degelau
11/14 ~ Roger Lindberg
11/16 ~ Dan Pass
11/16 ~ Christina Allred
11/17 ~ Duane Stucke
11/17 ~ Mark Johnson
11/18 ~ Brett Amundson
11/20 ~ Wayne McCall
11/24 ~ Marjorie Lindemann
11/27 ~ Gayle Salmela
11/29 ~ Mia Johnson
11/29 ~ Laurie Hagen

Happy Birthday to you!

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Sign up here:
bit.ly/GloriaDeiVolunteers

	Worship Leaders	Assisting Minister	Reader	Organist	Sound	Video	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Coffee Hour
	November 2	Patti Maguire	Julia Gwash	Barbara Erickson	John H & Asher H	Linda Kalweit	Jackie DeVogel	Karen B & John M	Vienna F & Addi P	Parish Conversation – No Coffee
	November 9	Dana Varland	Patti Maguire	One Bread	Noah L & Scott R	Gwen Lau	Ruth Wittmers	Julie & Ryan Jagim		Kristen B & Julie J
	November 16	Mike Hertenstein	Sue Anderson	David Tryggestad	John H & Asher H	Linda Kalweit	Mary Hertenstein	STILL NEEDED		STILL NEEDED
	November 23	Kristen Hylenski	Daphne Amundson	Bill Munson	Campbell & Kelly F	Mark Florence	Sharon Stenberg	STILL NEEDED		STILL NEEDED
	November 30	Tanner Hall	Karen Bockelman	Mary Garner	John H & Asher H	Paul Steklenski	Karen Bockelman	STILL NEEDED		STILL NEEDED

MOVING? CHANGE OF ADDRESS?
Please let our office secretary know of any changes so we can stay in touch, and you can continue to receive our mailings.

To be **removed** from future mailings, please send your name & address to:
secretary@gloriadeiduluth.org
or call 218-722-3381

Giving QR Code