

**WORSHIP LEADERS - APRIL**

	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>April 27</b>
<b>Organist</b>	Band Sunday		Barb Erickson	Mary Garner
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Patti Maguire	Lexie Gieluch	James Crane	Sue Anderson
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich			
<b>Reader</b>	Tomas Velez	Bev Pehkonen	Sue Anderson	James Crane
<b>Acolytes</b>	Deonta Lew & Christian Leight	Raine Amundson & Joe Peterson	Katie Carlson & Esmeralda Lew	Martha Carlson & Noah Winesett
<b>Ushers</b>	David & Nancy Gangeness	Lowell & Grace Johnson	Joan Gunderson & Mary Gagnon	Rick & Marcia Troy
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Katie Erickson	Sherry Dalager	Self Serve	Sue Pass
<b>Counters</b>	Rod Dahquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Mary Gagnon & Rod Dahquist
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Linda Kalweit	Church Council - Pot Luck	No Coffee Hour today	Stephanie Carlson

**ALTAR GUILD for the Month of April is Barb Renick, Linda Kalweit & Carol Kelley**

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT for the month of April is Kristen Hylenski**

*Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.  
 May your body and blood be my food and drink.  
 May your passion and death be my strength and life.  
 Jesus, with you by my side, enough has been given.  
 May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.  
 Let me not run from the love which you offer,  
 But hold me safe from the forces of evil.  
 On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.  
 Keep calling to me until that day comes,  
 When, with your saints, I may praise you forever. Amen.  
 - Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)*

**From the Pastor**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The journey of Lent culminates in the great Three Days, commemorating Jesus' death and resurrection:

+ *Maundy Thursday*, during which through Holy Communion Christ's body and blood become food and drink and through footwashing Christ's command to love one another is made visible in servanthood

+ *Good Friday*, during which it seems evil has won and most disciples run away for fear but a few find shelter and solidarity in the shadow of the cross

+ *Easter Vigil*, Christ's great "passover" from death to life, during which we gather in darkness as if in the tomb, welcome the light of the resurrection, and remember how baptism joins us to our Lord's death and resurrection.

If you've never experienced these special services, I encourage you to do so. The first time I did was at Lutheran Campus Ministry in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Growing up, I had been to an afternoon Good Friday service or two, which lasted three hours and focused on the Seven Last Words. That can be very meaningful. But in the *Triduum* (Three Days) the three services go together and one follows the other. And their rhythm lends itself to walking with Jesus during his last hours, and remembering how near Jesus brings God to us.

That spring in Ann Arbor, Larry Rasmussen happened to be there during Holy Week, giving a lecture at the university on Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Larry is the same professor who preached at Gloria Dei last fall. On Good Friday he shared a poem from Bonhoeffer that speaks about how God goes to everyone who is in need, hearing prayers, granting forgiveness to all, and that *it is the faithful who stand by God in his hour of grief*. I'll never forget how he ended that sermon. *Will we stand by God, he asked, or will we just stand by?*

The same question can be asked about other relationships we have – not only standing by God but also  
 + *standing by* those whom God loves: the poor, the sick, the powerless, the marginalized, the dying, the grieving  
 + *standing by* one another in the body of Christ: especially children and youth who have become wonderfully abundant in our parish, as they learn and grow in their baptismal identity and calling  
 + *standing by* visitors and new members: listening to understand their journey with God even as they become part of Gloria Dei’s journey  
 + *standing by* that which God has made: the Earth, toward which, Larry reminded us last fall, we also need to be converted.

*Worship and daily life are bridged* through the God we encounter in Jesus. To celebrate Easter is to celebrate how *God ultimately stands by us* in the passion and resurrection of our Lord, overcoming sin and death, freeing us for eternal life.

I’m thankful for the way Gloria Dei has been involved over the years *not simply as a “bystander”* only watching (we hear about them in Jesus’ passion story too), but as a people who through faith in God’s promises have stood and still stand in solidarity with those in need of reconciliation, hope, and new life. These pages contain several continuing and new opportunities – for not just “standing by” but, as one of our Lutheran prayers puts it, *participating with God* “in the care and redemption of all God has made.”

See you in worship!  
 + Pastor David Carlson

**+ LIFE’S LANDMARKS +**

*Funeral*  
 Marie Meidal, March 1, 2014

**POTLUCK AND PARISH CONVERSATION—APR 13**

In an effort to increase communication and awareness in the parish, Pastor David and the Council have planned quarterly “parish conversations” after worship with a potluck, 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. All are welcome!

will be available. We also have looked at flexible use of the kitchen serving space so that serving options, for different functions with differing numbers served, would be available. Kitchen renovation would also look at addressing Health Dept. code (for example separation of preparation versus dishwashing)

**Thank you for your questions, comments, and suggestions!  
 Please continue to share them with members of the committee.**

**SERVING FOR THE THREE DAYS**

**Maundy Thursday:**

**Organist:** Mary Garmer  
**Assisting:** Bob Kelley  
**Reader:** Carol Uecker.  
**Usher–** Duane Stucke  
**Altar Guild:** Barb Renick, Linda Kalweit, Sherry Dalager, Duane & Alison Stucke, Marlane Willms & Sue Anderson.

**Good Friday:**

**Organist:** Barb Erickson  
**Assisting:** Linda Kalweit  
**Readers:** Barb Renick, Myrna Matheson, Gerry Erickson, Rick Troy, Ryan Jagim, Julie Jagim & Marianne Kjolhaug.  
**Users:** Paul Steklenski & John McDonald.  
**Altar Guild:** Barb Renick & Linda Kalweit

**Easter Vigil:**

**Organist:** Mary Garmer  
**Assisting:** Patti Maguire.  
**Readers:** Bob Kelley, Kristen Hylenski, Karen Kjolhaug and Paul S.  
**Usher:** Paul Steklenski  
**Altar Guild:** Barb Renick, Linda Kalweit, Duane Stucke, Alison Stucke, Marlane Willms, Carol Kelley, Sue Anderson.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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| 2 ~ Neil Weberg     | 20 ~ Richard Hewitt  |
| 3 ~ Amanda Pokorny  | 20 ~ Bev Pehkonen    |
| 3 ~ Lisa Rogers     | 21 ~ Joey Peterson   |
| 6 ~ Hayley Erickson | 21 ~ Bella Swanson   |
| 6 ~ Rick Troy       | 24 ~ Tomas Velez     |
| 12 ~ Gloria Oja     | 25 ~ Brita Dahlquist |
| 14 ~ Ruth Bakke     | 28 ~ Russ Wikblad    |
| 17 ~ Tim Jorgensen  | 29 ~ Lori Ruzich     |
| 19 ~ Cassie Johnson | 30 ~ Austin Wimer    |
| 20 ~ Katie Carlson  |                      |

church (3<sup>rd</sup> Street) needs to be restored as the original welcoming point.

2. I think a simpler 3<sup>rd</sup> Street stairwell is appropriate since only one door is functional at this time versus an elaborate rain catching "patio/deck."

3. Could we have a ramp from the parking lot?

4. I would suggest a ramp instead of stairs.

The renovation of this third Street entrance attempts to address three main issues. The first goal is to complete the waterproofing and drainage of the third Street church foundation so that planned renovation of the Hillside Room and kitchen areas will have that necessary protection. A second goal is to address the exterior third street entrance which has significant deterioration and currently is not utilized other than for funeral access. Our goal is to develop a plan that addresses the reality that the original third Street entrance has now been moved to the East parking lot entrance. The current schematic involves opening up usable basement space on the north side of the building (3<sup>rd</sup> Street). The committee reviewed the possibility of a ramp, but the slope of the ramp needed to meet mandated code requirements would extend far into and across our 3<sup>rd</sup> St. parking lot entrance. The current design offers a stairway entrance (with access from the parking lot) and provides a welcoming and visually pleasing presentation to our beautiful church. It also provides a functional entrance, provides a usable outdoor gathering space, and allows for development of additional space below the Third Street structure. The third goal is to provide usable space in the basement for a nursery closer to the sanctuary and additional storage.

5. Will the new lighting be LED? We are hoping to address energy efficiency in the renovation of the Hillside Room and have asked our consultant to provide input on our electrical systems/lighting.

6. Should we continue with Duluth Steam as our heating source or consider a natural gas boiler system? As part of the renovation we have asked our consultant (FJJ Engineers) to look at our heating system and options. Recently the Property Committee has been working with Duluth Steam on necessary updates for heat regulation control requiring a 15 year commitment from Gloria Dei.

7. I heard that Essentia plans to exert eminent domain over the property. I encourage ensuring sovereignty before renovating. We have checked with Essentia and have been informed that Essentia is expanding and may/will(?) close 5th Ave E but has no current plans to build on the adjoining parking lot.

8. Be sure that the access hatch to the plumbing below the restrooms/storage space remains accessible. We will incorporate this access into renovation plans of kitchen and restrooms.

9. Storage for kitchen supplies should be located in or near kitchen.

We are looking at plans that would add storage areas closer to the kitchen for those supplies. We also hope to add smaller storage areas for specific needs that would be more efficient and not have so many multiple demands on the same area. With the expansion of storage next to the Third Street wall along with renovation of the kitchen, more storage space

## APRIL LESSONS

### April 6, 2014 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises. Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45*

### April 13, 2014 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

*On this day Christians throughout the world begin the great and holy week that culminates in the central celebration of our faith: the Lord's passage from death to new life celebrated in the Three Days. Today's reading of Christ's passion sets forth the central act of God's love for humankind. In the reception of the Lord's body and blood, the church receives this life-giving love. In prayer, hymns, and readings, we hear the great paradox of our faith: Christ is proclaimed the mighty one who reigns from the tree of life. Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14--27:66*

### April 20, 2014 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY

*On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen! Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18*

### April 27, 2014 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*In today's gospel reading, the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism. Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31*

**Join us for a look at the text for the next Sunday every Tuesday at 12 Noon in the Hillside Room. All are welcome!**

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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

**SAMARITAN SUNDAY APR 6** – 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.

**ONE BREAD**— *Thanks to* One Bread, our worship band, for leading and accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is Apr 6. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be led on organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

**WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP AT EDGEWOOD VISTA APR 2** - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month, Pastor David is leading a worship service at the Edgewood Vista Chapel on April 2 at 1:00. All are welcome to join us.

### LENT - HOLY WEEK - EASTER 2014

**Wednesdays in Lent** Apr 2, 9

5:30 Soup Supper

6:00 Dwelling in the Word: "Joseph's Journey" (Genesis 37-45)

7:00 Evening Worship, Taizé prayer around the cross

**Passion / Palm Sunday** April 13

10:00 a.m. worship with Holy Communion,

procession with palms, and reading of the Passion According to Matthew

**The Three Days/ Paschal Triduum** April 17, 18, 19

7:00 p.m. *Maundy Thursday* – worship with foot washing, Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. *Good Friday* – Tennebrae worship service with special music

7:00 p.m. *Easter Vigil* – Service of light, readings, Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism, Communion

**Easter Sunday** April 20, 10:00 a.m. festival worship with Holy Communion

**LENT SOUP SUPPERS** – sign up to bring soup or bread downstairs near the kitchen.

### NEED A RIDE/ GIVE A RIDE TO EVENING WORSHIP IN LENT?

Please note: No midday services are planned during Lent this year. If you would like to attend but need a ride in the evening, please call the church office. Also, if you can offer a ride to someone in the evening, please call the church office 722-3381.



## FINANCE REPORT FEB 2014

*Needed per month \$16,500*

*per week \$3,807*

Envelope Offerings

Budget, 2 months \$33,000

Actual, 2 months \$29,832 90.4%

Difference, *behind* (\$3,168)

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.

## ONLINE GIVING COMING TO GLORIA DEI WEB SITE

From the Finance Committee....A new option to make financial gifts to Gloria Dei is coming soon. Keep connected to Gloria Dei's web page ([www.gloriadeiduluth.org](http://www.gloriadeiduluth.org)) and look for a convenient way to make donations to projects, mission support, or monthly commitment through secure services of Vanco (Vanco currently manages the automatic offering option of Thrivent called Simply Giving for Gloria Dei and many churches). A few simple steps from your home computer or phone will be made available online.

## CREATION CARE SYNOD RETREAT RESCHEDULED FOR APR 11-12, 2014

- Due to the major snowstorm in late Feb, the event was postponed—giving more folks an opportunity to join us for this overnight retreat at Camp Hiawatha, entitled, "The Next Reformation," for all people of faith who care about the earth. Cost for lodging and meals (supper, breakfast, lunch) is \$60 (\$30 for students). Topics will touch on worship (Season of Creation cycle A), education, and action. If interested in attending, see Pastor Carlson.



## RENOVATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

**Addressing questions/comments/suggestions**

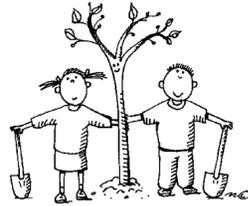
**from members of the Congregation** - *By Ryan Jagim*

The Gloria Dei Renovation Committee has been looking at major remodeling of the third Street entrance, Hillside Room, and kitchen following the 2003 master plan prepared by Bob Hewitt. As the committee has discussed different options and presented our initial schematics, we have asked for congregational input and have received several questions (*indicated in italics*, below, with responses from the committee). We hope to use these questions to provide a forum for ongoing conversations regarding the renovation plan by including them in the Dei by Dei.

Several initial questions focused on the renovation ideas for the third Street entrance:

1. *The only thing I've noticed in 6 months is that the original front of the*

**GARDEN NEWS** - Can you see your garden yet? Small parts of Gloria Dei's garden are visible. Can the rhubarb be far behind? As you plan your garden, this year we will need to divide some hosta. A divide and take day will be coming up when the ground temperature is favorable. Don't buy hosta. Come and divide some of ours to take home. We have more than one variety.



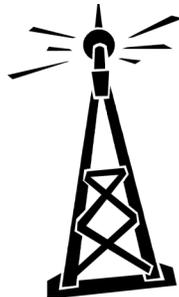
Also, Tom Uecker has milkweed seed you can have. Start this in little pots indoors for Monarch butterfly food in your own yard. See Tom at the Fair Trade table for seed or more information.

Finally, this is the year of the bean in Duluth. Plan to plant some beans.

### 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.*

**RADIO MINISTERS RECOGNIZED** - During coffee hour on March 23, we celebrated 72 years of Radio Ministry! Many thanks to all who contribute regularly to this important ministry that has helped spread the gospel in our area since 1942. This meaningful ministry continues to allow many homebound members and others in the community participate in worship and hear the love of God.



It is a ministry that depends also on those who run the equipment. As Doug Maguire, Scott Ruzich, and Steve Dalager came forward at that coffee hour, Pastor David read this passage from scripture: *"How are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ...As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' ...So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:14-17).*

Kristen Hylenski, Evangelism Chair from the Council, also presented a gift of locally made jam to these Radio "Jammers" - we give thanks to God for them and their service in this important ministry! If you or someone you know would like to learn more and help with the broadcast, please ask.

### 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 April 6 —'Tree of Life' -

The Bible is "book-ended" with two trees—one in the Garden of Eden and another in the Book of Revelation. This year, we'll be looking at those and other biblical images of trees in the Bible (stump of Jesse, family trees, the tree of the cross, for example) that speak to our lives of discipleship today. Join us once a month for singing, bible stories, crafts and conversations across the generations that will focus on one of these trees of life. **April's "tree of life" is the Tree of the Cross (Acts 13:29).**

Intergenerational Sunday School seeks to equip parents (and other adults) and kids with materials and tools to practice faith at home during the week. The other Sundays the Sunday School will focus on the Scripture readings that day and Adult Faith Forum will have its own schedule.

**ADULT FAITH FORUM** – All are welcome to join us at 8:45 in the Hillside Room before worship.

Apr 6 - Intergenerational Sunday School (see above)

Apr 13 - DVD & discussion with Earth Day in mind: "Chasing Ice" Academy Award nominee 2012. Acclaimed photographer James Balog was once a skeptic about climate change, but through his Extreme Ice Survey, he discovers undeniable evidence of our changing planet. *Chasing Ice* reveals Balog's beautiful, multi-year time-lapse videos of vanishing glaciers across the Arctic, all while delivering fragile hope to our carbon-powered planet.

Apr 20 - no adult forum - Happy Easter!

Apr 27 - DVD "Chasing Ice" Part 2 (see above)

**OASIS/CONFIRMATION** - This year, in addition to discipleship practices of worship, prayer, and service, our confirmation will focus on an overview of the Bible. We meet every other Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.—this month April 12 & 26. *All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS APR 19** First communion instruction for children (usually about 3rd grade and up) and their parents is being offered Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. in time for children to have their first communion the next day, Easter Sunday. Please let Pastor Carlson know if you are interested.

**VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY NEWS**

By Daphne Amundson

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM) held its annual meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church up in Cook on February 1. Since Gloria Dei is a member congregation, I attended the annual meeting as a delegate of the congregation. I have personal experiences with both Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion that make me a fan of VLM, but here are some numbers that share a more objective picture of the "state of the ministry" that VLM does:

\$854,428 revenue for 2013

82 member congregations

763 youth and family campers with VLM in summer of 2013 (7 of them from Gloria Dei).

57 summer staff

\$1538.83 -- what campers donated to flood relief in NE MN.

Finally, the annual Bluegrass Festival will take place in July at Camp Vermilion. Over 300 people attended last year's festival, at which over \$13,000 was raised. This year's festival will include a raffle for gift baskets, and each member congregation (that's us!) is being asked to contribute a basket. The basket should have a minimum value of \$50 and could have any of a variety of themes. If you have ideas about Gloria Dei's basket, please talk with Brett.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Camp a success! Gloria Dei is part of a much bigger ministry by our participation in VLM, where "it's great to be alive in God's great Northwood's!"

**CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS** Sundays Mar 9 - Apr 6, from 11:30-12:30 in the Lakeside Room. This is for anyone interested in learning more about Christianity and the Lutheran Church, being baptized or confirmed as an adult, or joining our parish. Lunch and materials will be provided. We will be using the helpful booklet, *Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life*, by Dan Erlander, to guide our discussions. Our class will meet for five consecutive Sundays, and new members will be received at the Vigil service on Saturday April 19. Current members also welcome for a review! If interested in attending, please contact Pastor Carlson so we can plan accordingly,

**RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE APR 23** - 8 a.m. at Valentini's (London Rd). Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and group members continually bring in their own experience to connect our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! April's discussion focuses on pages 1-140 of *In Search of the Good Life: The Ethics of Globalization* by Rebecca Todd Peters.



**EMPTY BOWL AT GLORIA DEI APR 9** -Empty Bowl is an annual event in Duluth that benefits Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank, which provides more than 3.3 million meals each year to people in need throughout northeastern MN and northwestern WI. As part of the preparation for this year's event, Gloria Dei is hosting a night in which participants can use clay to make a bowl, Wednesday, Apr 9. This coincides with our last Lent Wednesday gathering. Bowl making can start as early as 5:00 and continue through soup and discussion, until 6:45. Many thanks to art instructor and Gloria Dei member Deb Hannu, who will be on hand to help guide the process, and fire the bowls. Suggested donation (to Second Harvest) is \$10 - you can either plan to keep your bowl or donate it to be filled with soup on the day of the event. To help set up, contact Deb at 724-2973, [finnbee@charter.net](mailto:finnbee@charter.net).



**RUBY'S PANTRY APR 17** Ruby's Pantry at First United Methodist Church (the Copertop Church) 230 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth on the third Thursday of every month. There are no income guidelines. The Pantry operates the third Thursday of every month with distribution from 5:30-7:00 pm. We depend upon volunteers to help with the distribution process. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, call First Methodist Church at 727-5021 or talk with Sue Anderson.



**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST APR 26**—All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday April 26 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room.

**BREAKFAST TEAMS** – Kristen Hylenski has assembled three or possibly four teams of three people to spear-head the neighborhood breakfasts. These teams will be in charge of opening the kitchen and beginning preparation for 3-4 breakfasts per year. Additional volunteers will still be needed to help! If you'd like to be part of a team on a rotating basis, please let her or Pastor David know.

**SERVING DINNER AT CHUM APR 29** - Gloria Dei is serving our famous Swedish meatballs and mashed potatoes at the Chum Drop-In Center on Tuesday, April 29, at 5:00 p.m. Help with food prep and serving is needed! Please contact Carol Kelley (525-6098) or Elaine Wickstrom (728-2563) if you'd like to be part of this ministry of service.

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE** - We are planning to reserve a table for the LSS Homeless Youth Luncheon on Thursday, May 8th, from 12:00-1:00 at the Greysolon Ballroom. We are looking for 3 additional people to fill the seats - a donation is encouraged to participate. Please contact Maury Aaseng if interested in attending (464-0189).

would like to be part of this team, or if you know someone who could use a closer connection with the church.

**CARE TRANSITION COACHES** Barb Erickson and Bev Pehkonen will soon be available for any of our congregation members who are hospitalized at St Luke's. One of them will contact you while you are in the hospital and later meet with you after you return home. Please let St Luke's know that you belong to Gloria Dei and would like to be part of this program. Contact Patti if you have questions.

**RELAY for LIFE needs YOU!** Have you or your family been touched by cancer? Gloria Dei is again having a team to raise money to finish the fight against cancer. Please join Patti on April 7th at 6 pm at Faith Lutheran for the 2014 Relay for Life Kick-off. This is a great family-friendly event. and learn more about it.

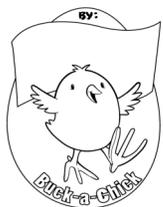
**TAN-FREE TEENS** - The American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network is working hard to keep Minnesota's young people safe from exposure to UV rays which cause skin cancer. Melanoma rates have risen to a drastic level in the past few years. Most disturbing is that number of young women who have been diagnosed with this deadly form of skin cancer. To counter this trend, ACS CAN is proposing legislation that would ban youth under 18 from using commercial tanning beds. contact your State legislators and ask them to support this ban.

**FAIR TRADE.** Work for justice by helping with our fair trade table during the coffee hour. If interest, please contact Tom ([tbluecker1@msn.com](mailto:tbluecker1@msn.com)) or Kristen ([khylenski@yahoo.com](mailto:khylenski@yahoo.com)).

**CALLING ALL RUNNERS!** Each year, those running Grandma's Marathon or the Gary Bjorkland Half Marathon who are also part of CHUM churches raise funds and awareness for the Gabriel Project. This important outreach ministry, which Gloria Dei helped start in 2001, provides assistance for the homeless and needy in Duluth through a CHUM social worker. If you are part of Gloria Dei running this year, please contact Steve Dalager (786-0515) or Pastor David.



**BUCK A CHICK FOR WORLD HUNGER** - This Lent, the Service & Justice Ministry Team invites you to participate in our church's global response to hunger and poverty. For \$1, Sunday school children and other members can purchase and decorate this paper chick for themselves or in honor of friends and loved ones. We will hang the colorful chicks in a prominent spot. The funds raised will benefit ELCA World Hunger and help provide families in need with chickens, other animals and the resources they need to escape hunger and poverty for good. Let's see how many chicks we can get before Easter!



### 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.*

### WELCA NEWS

**March** - This coming Saturday, March 29, plan to join other WELCA members at First Lutheran Church for the regional WELCA Spring Conference. The focus is on health and wellbeing and promises to be a wonderful event. It will be held from 8:30 – 1:15 and includes lunch. Please call Carol Kelly at 525-6098 if you are interested



**May** - Thursday, May 15, WELCA executive board meeting at London Road Perkins, 9:30 am. Saturday, May 17, mark your calendar for another delightful Bible study with Karen Bockelman. We will journey together through the book of Ruth and share a spring brunch. 9:00 – 11:30 in the Lakeside Room at Gloria Dei. Our last session in January was delightful and this beautiful story holds so much for us. Call Karen Kjolhaug at 218-591-3432 if you would like to participate.

**June** - Bold Women Sunday is June 1! This year we would like to celebrate the contributions of Every Bold Woman by holding up the wide variety of projects WELCA nurtures and supports. We plan to have a delicious brunch fundraiser and joyful entertainment! More details as we draw closer to the date. Northeast Minnesota Conference is at UMD, June 14, 2014. Put this on your calendar – a day of learning and planning with others from across the Northland. More news on this will soon be shared.

**July** - July 17 – 18, Luther Seminary will host the annual WELCA study event, an always an interesting opportunity to learn and grow together with other Lutheran women. More news on this as it becomes available.

**August** - Celebrate the delightful northern gardens around us with a special garden party. We will be selecting a date for this as the summer progresses. Last year we had a wonderful morning – hope to see everyone there!

**September** - Sunday, September 7, celebrate the return of students and the beginning of the beautiful fall season in the north woods! We will be coordinating with other ministries to welcome back everyone to Gloria Dei after the summer season. More on this soon!

**October** - Retreat, WELCA style. We will be planning the details for this event this spring and letting everyone know the dates so all can participate! Learning and playing and creating together as a community of women is very energizing and healing! Plan to attend the WELCA retreat – you will be glad you did!

**November** - Plan to attend the Fall Fair November 8! Have any ideas or suggestions for this wonderful event? We would love to hear them. Keep in touch!

### WHERE DO OUR QUILTS AND KITS GO?

This past year WELCA prepared and sent quilts, baby care kits, school kits and soap to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. LWR's report for 2013 shows that, from the Minnesota warehouse, the most amounts of quilts went to India (50,400), Philippines, Thailand; baby care kits to Lebanon (9,600), Thailand, Angola; school kits to Nicaragua (15,360), Armenia, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan, Djibouti. LWR distributes these materials to countries with communities living in poverty. They partner with agencies in each country who submit requests when they have a great need. The partner agencies in turn must file a report on how the materials were used. In 2013 LWR set a goal of half a million quilts to be donated from Lutheran churches across the country. We came close - 451,656 - sent to 15 countries.

Soap is being collected to send to LWR this spring. You can donate new, wrapped bars of bath size soap and place in the boxes in the Narthex or Lakeside room. Last year soap went to Haiti (4,600 lbs), Mali, and Angola. Thank you!

### HAVE A POLICY WITH THRIVENT?

We are looking for you! As an ELCA congregation, Gloria Dei has the opportunity to tap some under-utilized resources available to us and our ministry in the community. Thrivent Financial is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. In addition to their financial work, Thrivent Financial also provides opportunities and resources for their members to be even more generous where they live, work and worship. Gloria Dei needs one or two people to connect with our local Thrivent office and get informed about what things could be ministry-beneficial. A congregational advocate creates a unique opportunity to help Gloria Dei through a variety of Thrivent Financial resources. An advocate will:

- Build relationships with members of Thrivent Financial, congregational leaders and Thrivent Financial representatives.
- Better understand the needs and ministries of your congregation.
- Identify and offer Thrivent Financial charitable, social and educational resources to help meet your congregation's needs.

There is no specific time commitment, just an interest in researching and connecting Gloria Dei in appropriate ways. If this sounds like you, please contact Brett Amundson ([brett.amundson@yahoo.com](mailto:brett.amundson@yahoo.com), 349-9013) or Pastor David.



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**GLORIA DEI QUILTERS** - will meet on Tuesday April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeside Room. New comers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet on Monday April 21st at 10:00 a.m. The April discussion will be on the book "Lust for Life" by Irving Stone. May's meeting will be on Monday May 19th at 10:00 a.m. and the book for discussion in May will be "My Beloved World" by Sonja Sotomayor.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION** will meet on Tuesday April 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the back room at London Road Perkins. For more information please call Marjorie Nelson.

**LGBT ELDERS** - This group gathers for support and fellowship and plans to meet on a regular basis as part of Gloria Dei's Welcoming Ministries. Info: contact Kathleen Gates [gatespea@centurylink.net](mailto:gatespea@centurylink.net) or 624-4589.

### MINISTRY OF SERVICE

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

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Patti Maguire

How do we deal with another snowstorm? Where will we put more snow? Will this winter ever end? YES it will; we have the certain assurance that spring will come just as we know Easter morning comes after Good Friday.

March was busy as usual. The Pastor and Health Cabinet worshiped with our friends at King Manor on March 5th. On March 11th I helped the Pastor host the pastors of the Lake Superior Conference at Gloria Dei. In addition to a Taize worship service with communion, Public Defender Fred Friedman spoke on his work in the justice system. (As a side note, congratulations to Dan Lew as he steps up to head the Public Defenders Office as Fred retires.) Saturday, March 15th, five congregation members attended the Bishop's Convocation entitled "Framing Faith" at Elim Lutheran. Dr Jeremy Meyers presented his research about better ways to minister to adolescents and young adults; it was a great discussion. Pam Franklin and I will be at the WELCA Health Fair at 1st Lutheran on Saturday morning, March 29th. Coming up in April, please join us in worshiping at Edgewood Vista on April 2nd. meet in the chapel at 1 PM.

Care Team continues to connect with congregation members who don't always get to church. They especially appreciate the visits, calls and communion they receive during this Lenten season. Please let me know if you