

WORSHIP LEADERS - AUGUST 2016



*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? – ELW # 763*

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Oh dear God, keep us safe.” It was a prayer my neighbor said she had prayed in the middle of the night when the storm hit July 21, when lightning flashed, trees fell, and power went out. Subsequent days dealing without electricity, while trying to assess the damage and clear debris, have provided a temporary window into the conditions many live in around the world.

I found myself reflecting with *deep gratitude* that weekend, not just knowing that it could have been much worse, but seeing sometimes invisible bonds of community emerge in concrete ways:

- + neighbors that seldom speak checking in on each other
- + stories of sharing ice or generators, food and water
- + free fourth Saturday breakfast workers showing up as usual to serve over 160 meals that weekend
- + a family hosting a church youth event that day, even without power
- + gathering for Sunday worship and fellowship, recounting experiences and encouraging each other in the strength of the gospel
- + a church chainsaw and raking crew clearing downed trees at the Faith parking lot (and one at my house) the following Monday
- + Chum food shelf volunteers also at the Faith building then, providing much appreciated relief to Lakeside residents hit hard by the storm.

That same weekend, we included in our prayers the people of Hawk Creek Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Sacred Heart, Minnesota, whose sanctuary burned to the ground July 23 after being struck by lightning. Facebook pictures of the rural church building and spire in flames as parishioners watched showed another congregation dealing with tragedy yet witnessing to hope. “We lost our building, but we didn’t lose a single member of our church—the real church—and that’s what really counts for us,” said Dan Bowman, the pastor of Hawk Creek.

Bishop Jon Anderson of the Southwestern MN Synod wrote in a post that the congregation started worshiping at their sister congregation’s building, Rock Valle in rural Echo, which was a full house that Sunday. “There was hope in Pastor Dan Bowman’s sermon, children singing, stories of all the people who had already come to help ... Many decisions are ahead for Hawk Creek with their meeting after lunch, and the insurance adjuster coming tomorrow. But for today there were more words of gratitude and appreciation for God who is ever present with us mixed with some tears of sadness for a building that has

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Organist	Mary Garmer	Worship Band	Barbra Erickson	Stan Wold
Assisting Minister	James Crane	Sue Anderson	Kathleen Gates	Tanner Hall
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Carol Lecker	Diana Meehan	Paul Lecker	Myrna Matheson
Acolytes	Morgan Wimer & Christian Leight	Raine Amundson & Deonta Lew	Martha Carlson & Esmeralda Lew	Bryn Weberg & Morgan Wimer
Ushers	Nancy & David Gangeness	Tom & Carol Lecker	Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer	Paul Steklenski & Linda Kalweit
Nursery Attendants	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve	Self Serve
Counters	Lexie Cieluch & Janine Dahquist	Rod Dahquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson
Coffee Servers	Nancy Gangeness	Eve Gathering	Sherry Dalager	Roger & Judy Oman
Communion Assistant	Bob Kelley	Bob Kelley	Bob Kelley	Bob Kelley

housed this community of faith.”

Bishop Anderson continued, “We trust that God will guide them through this difficult time of loss and strengthen them for their mission in the days ahead. God’s Church is always bigger than our congregations and our communities of faith are always about a lot more than our buildings. We know our gracious and resurrecting God will find ways to open their future as a community of disciples following Jesus. They have a rich future together in Christ.”

Gloria Dei’s leaders have already begun thinking about sending “*Hope the Bear*” to the people of Hawk Creek, the stuffed bear we received in March a month after our fire from First Lutheran in Lorain, Ohio. Since 2005, this bear has been a progressive gift to several ELCA congregations that have experienced fires, tornadoes, and other tragedies, and then have sent the bear on. You may have seen the wonderful article Alison Stucke wrote for the Duluth *Budgeteer* some weeks ago; a similar story is expected to appear in the *Living Lutheran* magazine soon. Sending the bear will require some coordination, since in keeping with the pattern we would like to take a picture of the Gloria Dei congregation and write an account of our experience to include with other laminated cards on the bear’s neck. Watch for more details in bulletin announcements.

On Storm Sunday during the Season of Creation this summer, my sermon touched on *God’s first covenant in the Bible* – not only to Noah and his descendants but also to every living creature and to the earth itself. God setting the rainbow in the clouds is a contrast to other gods in ancient art wielding bows, so whatever animosity may have been perceived between God and the earth is now put away. As Karen Bloomquist from the Lutheran World Federation puts it in *God, Creation, and Climate Change*, “Much of what in the past were referred to as ‘acts of God’ are now seen as caused at least in part by human activity... Attention needs to be given to how we read and interpret the Bible in relation to what we are experiencing – not with a sense that God is punishing or abandoning us, but with a sense of God’s abiding promise which empowers us to act.”

May we rest gratefully in the assurance of this promise always, that together we may continue to seek lives and ministry that would tangibly reflect God’s redemptive love in the world.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

+ LIFE’S LANDMARKS +
Marriage
Tanner Hall and Courtney Josefson, July 31

EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS—August



“If there is a pertinent modern question, it is ‘How much is enough?’ The consumer societies we have created posit that the only possible answer is ‘More.’ And so in the pursuit of more we gain weight, fret over debt, raise the temperature of the planet, widen the chasm between rich and poor. In order to be ...happy?”

“But say you’re in a meadow, surrounded by wildflowers. Do you find yourself thinking, ‘They could do with some more wildflowers over there’? Do you lie on the bank by a rocky, tumbling brook thinking, ‘This brook needs more rocks’? Does the robin chide herself for not doubling the size of her nest?”

“Nature schools us in sufficiency – its aesthetic and its economy demonstrate ‘enoughness’ at every turn. Time moves circularly through the natural world – next spring there will be wildflowers again. Not necessarily more wildflowers, but growth that replaces. It offers the great lesson of being simultaneously abundant and finite.”

“Advertising, hyper-consumerism, ultra-individualism – these are designed to make you crazy. Nature, like a close-knit human family, a community, is designed to help you stay sane. You needn’t be in the wilderness to feel in balm: a park, a garden, under a tree, a pet dog, a night sky, a gentle rainstorm will do. For free.”

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| * 1 ~ Journey Amundson * | 14 ~ Caprice Peterson * | * |
| * 1 ~ Skylar Carl * | 16 ~ Charlene Aaseng * | * |
| * 1 ~ Marjorie Nelson * | 17 ~ Charlotte Rothman * | * |
| * 6 ~ Katherine Frostman * | 21 ~ Dontay Mehtala * | * |
| * 7 ~ Susan Chicag * | 24 ~ Ivadell Johnson * | * |
| * 8 ~ Maggie Winesett * | 24 ~ John Pehkonen * | * |
| * 8 ~ Stephen Wlosinski * | 25 ~ Arianna Gault * | * |
| * 9 ~ Lyle Helmen * | 25 ~ Christian Leight * | * |
| * 10 ~ Carl Schramm * | | * |
| * 11 ~ Brynn Erickson * | | * |
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MOVING FORWARD

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Brett Amundson

At its July meeting, Gloria Dei's council needed to make a decision on our future worship space plans. A motion passed states our intention to continue our ministry in the Faith Lutheran building through June 4, 2017. The following benefits were cited:

- This motion allows us to continue our current month to month lease with the synod that was previously approved
- We continue to support the synod in this way and this gives the synod time to evaluate options for their newly acquired building while we continue to provide basic cleaning, maintenance and security at the site.
- Former Faith members can continue to worship in a familiar setting as they discern their future membership.
- The date of June 4 allows for education and worship ministries to plan accordingly for the full programmatic year and provides continuity for that programming.
- This also gives time for the parishes in Lincoln Park to make, accept and move forward with their decisions whatever and whenever they occur.
- This also gives us time to properly prepare and plan if and when another alternative presents itself.

For council members, it was unanimous that the ideal situation would have us back at 3rd St. and 6th Ave but it was accepted that this was the best option we have available at this time. This motion does not require any new signed contract or change in terms. We are simply continuing our current contract with the synod that does have a 30-day notice to terminate.

This information was shared with the congregation on Sunday, July 17, during the parish conversation.

Thank you all for your continued leadership, support and patience as we journey through this wilderness together.

IN THE CITY FOR GOOD – At its congregational meeting June 5, Gloria Dei affirmed its intention to rebuild at 6th Avenue East and 3rd Street and authorized the Moving Forward Committee to work with architectural consultants to develop conceptual drawings and cost estimates for worship and ministry space that seek to incorporate the original structure with values of accessibility, energy efficiency, and community ministry. Thanks for your participation and prayers throughout this process. To become involved in a subcommittee, or share a thought on the idea board, talk with chair Ryan Jagim.

AUGUST LESSONS

Sunday, August 7, 2016 Pentecost 12

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear. **Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40**



Sunday, August 14, 2016 Pentecost 13

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." **Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29--12:2 Luke 12:49-56**

Sunday, August 21, 2016 Pentecost 14

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing. **Isaiah 58:9b-14, Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17**



Sunday, August 28, 2016 Pentecost 15

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still. **Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Join us for a look at the text for the next Sunday every Tuesday at 12 Noon in the church office Conference Rm. 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.

THE BODY OF CHRIST - *Gracious God, as your church gathers in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of Gloria Dei, kindle in us the fire of your love and a hunger to walk together in your gospel way. Inspire us through this gathering to find your voice calling us in music, and your path leading us into service for the sake of the world you love, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

This was the opening prayer at the benefit service for Gloria Dei hosted July 13 by Messiah Lutheran Church in Mt. Iron on behalf of the Laurentian Conference. It was well attended, with some 20 churches represented from our synod, ecumenical partners, and beyond. Following the picnic with live music from church ensembles, the concert vespers service included several musical offerings from hand bells, to a duet, to lute music by GD member Ed Martin.

Thanks to several from Gloria Dei who were also in attendance - it was so meaningful be surrounded with prayers and songs of the Spirit. That Messiah hosted the event was also exemplary of what strong recovery from a fire looks like (they experienced a fire in 1998). Over \$4,000 was received at this benefit for Gloria Dei. What a gift to experience this overwhelming demonstration of God's abundant grace through the body of Christ in our synod!

SUMMER FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING – we are all looking forward to blooming flowers. It is our wish that you will consider sharing fresh flowers for our Altar, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. Sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart in the hallway outside the church office, or call the office. They can be ordered for you for a very reasonable price.

EUCHARIST AT KING MANOR, Aug 9 - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month the fellowship time will be on Aug 9 at King Manor at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

BLUES SERVICE Aug 14- Let the Spirit move you at our annual Blues Service on August 14th at 10:00 a.m. - the weekend of the Bayfront Blues Fest. Join us for a mixture of new music and old favorites for a worship service that will move body and soul. Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month, including this special annual service!



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 JUNE 2016

Needed per month \$17,833; per week \$4,115

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 6 months \$107,000

Actual, 5 months \$106,434 99.5%

Difference, *behind* \$ 566



Our regular offering is a sign of worship and thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do. In our offering, we return to God a portion of what God has so graciously entrusted to us. THANK YOU for remembering your offering as a regular part of your worship!

SIMPLY GIVING - An increasing number of people at Gloria Dei are using Simply Giving, an automatic withdrawal process operated through Thrivent Financial. This process allows one to designate an offering amount and a schedule for giving automatically. Forms for Simply Giving are available through the church office—722-3381.

THRIVENT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to helping facilitate Simply Giving, Thrivent Financial also benefits congregations like Gloria Dei in more ways:



- **Thrivent Choice**—policy holders are notified regularly when they have “choice dollars” to designate. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is registered as a possible recipient and thanks all who have allocated Thrivent Choice Dollars above their regular offering.
- **Thrivent Action Teams**—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. Here are two examples: 1) A Thrivent Action team bought materials and put together garden boxes for the Steve O’Neil Apartments last year. 2) The recent fundraiser for Gloria Dei at Messiah in Mt. Iron used a Thrivent Action Team to purchase the food for the meal. Thanks for remembering these!

OFFICE HOURS, Aug 8-21 – During our Parish Secretary Donna's vacation, office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from approximately 9:00-2:00, or by appointment. Phone and e-mail messages can be left for either Pastor David or Chaplain Patti, but those left for the secretary will be checked when she returns to the church office on Monday, August 22. Thank you!

HELP FUND A SCHOLARSHIP IN TANZANIA - Some Gloria Dei members would like to fund a scholarship for a student from the North-western Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania who is preparing to teach young children. The 1-year training course takes place within the diocese and follows a Montessori design. The Ibura Parish of Bukoba, one of Gloria Dei's companion churches, is in this diocese. Dr. Faith Lugazia, a theology professor who studied at Luther Seminary and has preached at Gloria Dei, will be the liaison between Gloria Dei and the 2016-17 scholarship recipients. To contribute, checks can be made to Gloria Dei with "Tanzania Scholarship" in the memo. For more information, contact Pastor David.



HILLFEST, Aug 28 - The annual Hillfest celebration takes place on Sunday, August 28, from 2-6pm at the intersection on 6th Avenue East and 4th Street. Gloria Dei has taken part in each Hillfest and this year it is especially important to remind the neighborhood that "By God's Grace, Gloria Dei is here for Good!" Please come to the festival and stop at our table as we celebrate the summer with our Hillside neighbors. The Health Cabinet and Care Team will also be offering blood pressure checks and health education info.

THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of June 30, Radio Ministry has received \$5,622 which is below our budget needs. Thanks to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts of \$230 to sponsor a Sunday or in any amount continue to make this an important outreach.



WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO OR STREAM LIVE ON THE INTERNET

+ Live Radio Broadcast Sundays 10:00 a.m. on AM 710 - WDSM Radio
 + Listen live using Windows Media Player - download Windows Media Player for best software interface with the audio stream.. Please note that there is a new IP address for Internet streaming.

+ Directions at: <http://www.gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/liveaudio.html>

After opening up the media player, type CTRL U (Hold down CTRL key, then press U key) which will open a new window asking for "URL."

3. To play live audio stream, copy and paste the following into the URL window: <http://24.159.193.198:8080>

Note: you will only hear the live audio while the service is being broadcast, so if you are early just wait a few more minutes and try the link again.



IT'S TIME TO REPLACE OUR HYMNALS

The Worship and Music Committee is planning to order 225 *ELWs* to replace and add to those lost in the fire. (The hymnals we have been using at Faith are on loan from several churches and will need to be returned to them.) Augsburg Fortress has a disaster relief program that allows us to purchase new hymnals and related materials at a 50% discount and free shipping. With the discount, each hymnal will cost \$11.25. The replacement costs can be covered by insurance, but if members and friends of Gloria Dei wish to purchase hymnals, that would save at least some insurance money for other purposes.

Ten years ago, when *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* was first published, members of Gloria Dei purchased hymnals. Many of those were dedicated in memory or honor of loved ones, special occasions, Gloria Dei musicians, etc. Our secretary Donna has a list of the original dedications and we plan to replace them in our new hymnals. However, some members may wish to contribute to the replacement of our hymnals and/or make new dedications. This is your opportunity.

Please fill out the form on below and send it to the church or place it in the offering plate along with your money. Checks should be made out to Gloria Dei, with "hymnal" written on the memo line. We hope to have the hymnals in place by Rally Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Given By _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

WORSHIP SPACE AND THE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

By Karen Bockelman, Worship Committee chair

What does it mean to think of “church” as “house,” “building,” and “people?” How can a room for worship inhibit worship? How can a room better serve worship and mission? How does worship space share in forming of Christ’s body in the world, proclaim the word through nonverbal means, teach the faith through image and symbol, offer its own witness to the gospel?

A recent study on worship and culture suggests that worship relates dynamically to culture in four ways. It is transcultural, the same substance for everyone everywhere, beyond culture. It is contextual, varying according to the local situation (both natural and cultural). It is countercultural, challenging what is contrary to the gospel in a given culture. Finally it is cross-cultural, making possible sharing between different local cultures.

The sacred touches people in the ordinary. Beauty is revealed through the honest use of the materials of God’s creation. Some helpful criteria in defining beauty include balance and scale, color scheme, quality materials honestly crafted. What “ordinary” materials contribute to our experience of the sacred? How can we nurture and encourage artists? When an art form participates in the liturgical action, it becomes an instrument of proclamation rather than decoration or ornamentation. Through rhythm, sound, smell, form, texture, color, and light, liturgical art is a powerful language that speaks to all the human senses. The balance between everchanging styles and enduring values is an ongoing challenge. How do we express the timeless in a timely fashion? How do we hold flexibility and permanency in balance?

The concern for social justice and the building of beautiful structures need not be opposing values. All human beings long for a experience of beauty that leads to worship. The way a building relates to an environment or neighborhood can be welcoming or foreboding, inviting or imposing, a place of safety and refreshment, reflecting consideration of the diversity of culture and ethnic background within the congregation and its surrounding community.

Worship space includes primary centers for the celebration of the word of God and the sacraments, secondary areas that facilitate the roles of all the leaders, and other spaces that complement the requirements of communal worship—places of gathering and sending, baptizing, reading and preaching, celebrating the Lord’s supper, and ritual interaction among the gathered people. How are needs of children met in worship space?

How do all the elements of the arts and architecture draw attention to what is central? When do nonessentials overshadow the essential elements?

What *do* we do? What *might* we do?

United Methodist could be established. Over the years Ruby’s Pantry—Coppertop has been able to return that start-up money several times over in the form of grants to local charities, including Gloria Dei’s neighborhood breakfast. Sue Anderson, Ruby’s Pantry Steering Committee

CHUM FOOD SHELF AT FAITH -

We are still open at 51st and Glenwood.

This is a emergency food distribution that is in connection with the downtown CHUM site. The food provides a 2-3 day supply of food to a family up to 4 people. If there are more in a family they can receive 2 boxes. We now start distributing fresh vegetables from the community garden on site. Some are designated CHUM gardens and garden members are asked to contribute from their harvest. Distribution is held on Mondays from 11-1. We are in need of volunteers from the seven cooperating churches of the Lakeside-Lester Park community. On occasion a volunteer will be asked to go to the downtown site to pick up food. You can train the day you serve with someone who is already volunteering as we try for 3 people each week. If you are able to volunteer please contact Betty Wolterstorff at 728-2600 or Ruth Wittmers at 525-6273.



A DAY AT THE FOOD SHELF - So this is to inform everyone what a blessing the CHUM site was this Monday. We had 3 clients today. Two were repeats and the remaining one new. All three clients are still without power and were very appreciative. It was a real emergency food program today. We are also starting on giving from the garden on site. Two and 1/2 pounds of fresh produce was given which included radish, lettuce and broccoli. One pound of pasties from Lester Park Methodist was also given out. In the last 2 weeks we have had one repeat and one new. Hopefully you are all safe and managing in this time of power outage. Blessings, Glenita

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.

FACEBOOK CHANGES - If you are on FB, please check out and LIKE our page! The official/administrative page is GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH - DULUTH. You’re on the right page if you see the gorgeous golden stained glass windows. This page has schedules and info about services and church events.



cles promoting healthy life activities and safety for our congregation. The newsletter informs them of new medical information and suggestions for improving quality of life. Although many of the books from my office in the church were lost in the fire, I continue to collect resources for any folks who want specific information on health, grief or emotional support. In addition, I provide a Grief Card Ministry that supports members during the first year of mourning after the death of a loved one.

3. Continue to reach out to the Hillside community by offering health education and blood pressure screening at Gloria Dei's monthly Neighborhood Breakfast and the annual Valentine's Day Party. I also serve as Treasurer for the Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association which provides networking and educational support for the 60+ congregations in our area that have active Parish Nurse programs. As Gloria Dei's delegate to the NE Minnesota Citizens' Federation and to CHUM, I represent the church at their meetings and educational programs.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WITH CHUM - Aug 2 – CHUM invites you to their National Night Out Picnic on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the CHUM Parking Lot, 101 N. First Avenue West. Join us for delicious food, live music, and most importantly, the opportunity to get to know others in your neighborhood and community.



NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, August 27 - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday, Aug 27, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea.

RUBY'S PANTRY, August 18 Volunteers Needed At Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop, 3rd Thursday of Every Month Ruby's Pantry is an organization that distributes food to those who want to stretch their food dollar.



For a \$20.00 donation, people receive approximately two boxes of food. Cash only. There are no income guidelines. Ruby's Pantry depends upon volunteers to help set up the food distribution site, assist with the distribution of food, and clean-up after the distribution. Volunteers are welcome for all or a portion of the distribution process. 3:30-5:30pm: Set up for food distribution, 5:30-6:45pm: Assist with food distribution, 6:45-7:30pm: Assist with clean-up. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop, please contact First United Methodist Church at 727-5021. First United Methodist Church is located at 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth. Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop is a cooperative effort of several local congregations. Gloria Dei was one of the initial congregations that gave start up money so the distribution site at First

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.

ADULT FAITH FORUM – will take a break this month and resume in September with Intergenerational Sunday School on September 11, and forums Sundays following.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING, Aug 7 - 9 AM Sunday in the Teaching House at Faith. We are going to check out the place to use for Sunday School starting in September. Currently I have Barb Renick, Shari Olson, Sherry & Steve Dalager, Stephanie Carlson, Cara & Neil Weberg, and Tanner Hall as SS teachers. Daphne & Brett Amundson have been great subs. Is anyone else interested in being teachers, helpers or subs? Please come to the meeting.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Aug 17, 8 a.m. at Valentin's (London Rd). Through the College of St. Scholastica, Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and connects our readings with current events and daily life. This month, we are reading the chapters 4-6 of *Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?* (2016) by primatologist Frans de Waal. Newcomers are welcome!

TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, Aug 23 - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

FELLOWSHIP— "KOINONIA"

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

DEIDREAMERS – MANY THANKS to Coach Paul Steklenski and Carol Uecker, to all the players, and to dedicated fans for another enjoyable season!



CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY Aug 8-13 - The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, will meet in New Orleans, Aug. 8-13, 2016. Finding ourselves in Christ, the 14th Churchwide Assembly will be a time for us to be the living body of

Christ guided by the Spirit and conformed to God's will. The assembly will discuss and make decisions about how to go about God's work as a church. This year the assembly will observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation under the theme "Freed and Renewed in Christ" and the accompanying tagline "500 years of God's Grace in Action." More information about following this event is available at www.ELCA.org/.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will not be meeting in August, but will re-meet in September on Tuesday September 6 at 6:30 at Faith Lutheran Church. New comers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.

FAIR TRADE & MONARCHS - Fair Trade items will again be for sale on Sundays following worship during coffee hour. Also, during the summer months monarch chrysalides will be available for those interested.



PHOTO MAGNETS If you are a fan of Will Stenberg's greeting cards, then this is the next step for you. Will's photo images are now on magnets (about 2x3 inches). There are several images that sell for \$3.00 each at the coffee kiosk. Proceeds from these will go to the Rebuilding Fund.

LGBT ELDERS - meets the 4th Saturday each month at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church (The Coppertop). For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates gatespea@centurylink.net or 624-4589.

HIV SUPPORT - The HIV Support Group meets once a month on the 2nd Monday at 6pm and is located at the office of Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN) at 114 North First Avenue West.

FUNERAL SERVING COMMITTEE

The funeral serving list is growing longer. Because not everyone is available all the time, we could still use more members. Serving does not require food preparation as funerals are catered. They often are on Saturdays. We set tables (often the day ahead), make coffee and clean up. The following have agreed to be on the serving list: Karen Bockelman, John McDonald, Judy Bailey, Helen Wikblad, Janine Dahlquist, Corrine Helmen, and Tom Uecker. Karen Kjolhaug and Carol Uecker coordinate funeral plans with family, Pastor and funeral home. Putting your name on the list means that you agree to be called and consulted about the date for each funeral to be served; you are not promising to work each funeral. You may add your name by calling Carol (525-4173) or the church office.

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 REPORT - Patti Maguire

July finally brought hot weather. Even as we enjoy the blessings of summer in the Northland, don't overdo your fun in the sun. Please remember to drink plenty of water while working and playing outdoors. Early indication of dehydration is increased thirst. Be aware of lightheadedness and muscle cramps or even palpitations as dehydration get worse. Water and sunscreen can help keep you safe.

As usual July has been a busy month as I recruited VBS kids and helpers and was the captain of Gloria Dei's Relay team. We worshiped at Edgewood Vista on July 6th with June Chesney and friends, then again at Aftenro with on July 13th. In August we will be at King Manor with Betty Lavin and friends on the 10th. Everyone is welcome to come to these communion services each month. It is so good to see our long-time congregation members in their own living facilities. Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers. Also pray for the Care Team who continue to visit, call and bring communion to those who can't always join us in church. Remember to let the church know if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital. Not only will we visit, Barb Erickson is a trained Transition Coach who can help patients understand the care they need at home so that they won't have to go back to the hospital.

Each summer we have to renew our grant from Essentia Health Foundation. Here are my **GOALS for 2016-17 Central Hillside Parish Nurse Program** that was submitted July 8th. This grant funds our health ministry and the ones at St Mary's Star of the Sea and St Mark's AME church.

1. Continue monthly meetings and involvement with the members of Gloria Dei's Health Cabinet. Members are Pastor David Carlson, Carol Kelley and Elaine Wickstrom. Each month we discuss the work of the Care Team who keeps regular contact with homebound, elderly and other-abled congregation members who cannot always attend church. The Health Cabinet members are also help plan and encourage participation in congregational and community events such as the annual Hill Fest in August.
2. Continue to coordinate, train and support the Care team by meeting annually for a short memorial service to remember and honor members who have died during the past year. I write monthly newsletter arti-

