

WORSHIP LEADERS - FEBRUARY

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." –Romans 12:4-5

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are church together. This is the title of a short video featured at Adult Forum last month, with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, showing the breadth of the ELCA. "It's wonderful to see how we, touched and transformed by the love of God in Jesus Christ are trying to make that abundant life known to others."

That video highlighted different contexts in which ELCA ministry is happening:

- + a mission congregation called Grace in Action in southwest Detroit, engaging the neighborhood around meals, bible conversations, and artistic projects for the community,
- + a partnership between Waverly Lutheran in a farming community, and Gloria Dei Lutheran in urban St. Paul, building relationships while sharing stories of faith and farm life,
- + a seafarers ministry in San Juan, Puerto Rico, welcoming and caring for sailors from all over the world as one of our commitments to global outreach.

"There's no such thing as an individual congregation or member or ministry, apart from the work we all do together in Christ's name," Eaton says. Such local ministries work on behalf of the whole church – when one congregation feeds the hungry, or when congregations respond to disaster areas, they do so for all of us – and we are there with them through our mission support and prayers.

We are church together. This is true for us at Gloria Dei when we gather around Word and Sacrament weekly, when we serve breakfast with and for our neighbors monthly, and when we meet annually as a congregation. This month, I give thanks for several more things that remind us of how we *are church together*:

+ Feb 1 at the *installation of church council and officers* during worship, we give thanks for our shared ministry and for all who offer their leadership and gifts in service of the church. We are church together, through the Spirit who calls us all in faith and mission.

+ Feb 8, Bishop Tom Aitken will share in Adult Forum about our connections to the *Northeastern Minnesota Synod and the ELCA*, as well as to *Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota* and the Center for Changing Lives that is being built to centralize programs and emergency housing for homeless youth. We are church together, through the Spirit who gathers and equips us for ministry in this time and place.

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 18	February 22
Organist	Mary Garner	Band	Stan Wold		Barb Erickson
Assisting Minister	Lubov Willms	Cassie Borges	Patti Maguire		Lexie Cieluch
Sound Technician	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich		Steve Dalager & Rick Troy
Reader	Ed Martin	Mary Gagnon	Alice Lanti	Daphne Amundson	Craig Haugen
Acolytes	Esmeralda Lew & Maggie Winesett	Deonta Lew & Noah Winesett	Martha Carlson & Christian Leight		Danny Pass & Joey Peterson
Ushers	Ryan & Julie Jagim	Nancy & David Gangeness	Barb Renick & Kathy Wimer		Per & Elaine Wickstrom
Nursery Attendants	Daphne Amundson	Katie Erickson	Terri Erickson		Cara Weberg
Counters	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson	Mary Gagnon & Rod Dahlquist		Bob & Carol Kelley
Coffee Servers	Sue Anderson	Roger & Judy Oman	Eve Gathering		Mary Savolainen
Communion Assistant	Janet Worthing & Munda Forbort	Janet Worthing & Julie Jagim	Janet Worthing & Craig Haugen	Janet Worthing &	Brett Amundson Barb Renick

+ Feb 15 is Welcoming Sunday, and with Tim Feiertag of *Reconciling Works and RIC congregations across the U.S.*, we affirm our welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people into full participation in the church (see p. 4). The day before, Feb 14, we host our Valentine Party for the community with dancing, food, and fun (see p. 9). We are church together, through the Spirit that creates unity in the midst of diversity and moves us to reach out to our neighbors.

+ Feb 18, 22 – the *Season of Lent*, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is a *journey we make together*. With Christians all over the world, we are invited into the Lenten practices – prayer, self-giving, and material detachment – that help put us in a posture of growing closer to God and neighbor. We surround in prayer all who will make preparations for baptism or who will affirm their baptism at the Easter Vigil, taking part in New Member classes that start that First Sunday in Lent after worship (see p. 8).

+ We also engage in a special Lenten study on Wednesday evenings beginning Feb 25. Our book this year is *Contrast Community: Practicing the Sermon on the Mount* by James Bailey, which you can order through the church office by Feb 10 (\$15). Jim is a retired seminary professor and I'm really excited he will be co-leading these sessions with me (see p. 7-8). I've already been reading the book and we are in for a wonderful journey together! On Feb 22 during Adult Forum, Jim and his wife Judy will also be sharing about the Lutheran presence in the Holy Land, efforts for a just peace between Israel and Palestine, and how we can accompany the people there in our prayers and actions.

"We are church together, church for the sake of the world," Eaton likes to say, believing that "ordinary people, used by the love of God in Christ, are able to express and embody that love across this church." THANK YOU for your prayerful role in our shared ministry. And thanks be to God for the Spirit who calls, gathers, and equips us to be church together!

Yours in Christ,
+ Pastor David Carlson

+LIFE'S LANDMARKS+

Birth

Livia Ann Dietz, January 21, to Ashley & John Dietz

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL FEB 1

We give thanks to God for all who offer themselves for service in Christ's name. Please keep the Gloria Dei Council in your prayers throughout the year: Brett Amundson (President, Renovation); Julie Jagim (Vice President, Long-Range Planning); Janet Worthing (Secretary); Janine Dahlquist (Treasurer); Bob Kelley (Worship); Lexie Cieluch (Discipleship); Laura Hoelter (Evangelism); Chelsea Froemke (Fellowship); Maury Aaseng (Service & Justice); Alice Lahti (Welcoming Ministries); Tom Uecker (Stewardship). Steve Erickson (Property)



ONLINE GIVING - At the web site

(www.gloriadeiduluth.org), click on the "Donate Now" button for a convenient way, through automatic withdrawal or secure credit/debit card transactions, to support God's mission through Gloria Dei with a donation or monthly commitment. Make an offering from your smartphone by scanning this QR code, which will take you to our secure online giving site.

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. Reusable laminated cards saying you give through Simply Giving are also available in the narthex to place in the offering plate, if desired. The Stewardship Committee encourages you to consider this method of giving, as it helps reduce the cost of envelopes and benefits Gloria Dei with knowing more consistently what electronic giving amounts will be. It can also be easier to have one less thing to remember on Sundays. Forms for Simply

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 ~ Ebba Brooks | 11 ~ Amara Chicag |
| 1 ~ Kate McDonald | 11 ~ Jim Sjolie |
| 2 ~ Sharon Stenberg | 13 ~ Heidi Baker |
| 3 ~ Steve Dalager | 13 ~ Will Stenberg |
| 3 ~ Mary Garmer | 16 ~ Janine Dahlquist |
| 4 ~ Jesse Moody | 20 ~ Chelsea Froemke |
| 6 ~ Janet Worthing | 23 ~ Munda Forbort |
| 9 ~ Corrine Helmen | 24 ~ Joe Birdseye |
| 9 ~ Elwood Olin | 25 ~ Amanda Alexander |
| 9 ~ Darci Tessier | 27 ~ Kent Dewey |
| 10 ~ Bob Kelley | |

“URL.”

- To play live audio stream, copy and paste the following into the URL window: <http://24.158.26.190:17543>

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

DO YOU USE FACEBOOK? If you are on Face Book, please check out two Gloria Dei sites and LIKE us! 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 special information about services and church events.

The more informal page is GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH which has a black & white picture of the church. This one has comments from our friends and pictures of church events such as the softball team. Please be our friend on both pages; they serve different purposes.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

FINANCE REPORT—ADOPTED BUDGET 2015

Thank you for supporting God's Mission through the ministry of Gloria Dei. A complete financial report for the year was included in the Annual Report, including maintaining offering commitments at 101% through December 2014. The adopted budget for 2015 increases our offering commitments from 198,000 to \$202,000, which translates to \$16,833 per month, or \$3,885 per week.

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!*

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND INITIAL OFFERING - If you used offering envelopes as part of your giving last year, a new box has been assigned to you. Thanks for remembering to pick it up in the narthex. In your offering envelope box, the first envelope is called the Initial Offering. We are encouraged to put at least \$3.00 in that envelope to cover the cost of offering envelopes. Thank you!

DRAFT DIRECTORY - A revised copy of the church directory will be made available in the Hillside Room after worship until Feb 8. If you are one of our homebound members, or haven't yet checked your contact information in the draft copy, please call Donna in the office (722-3381) and give her the necessary changes. Thank you. New paper directories will be available in February.

Sunday, February 1, 2015 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus. Deuteronomy 18:15–20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1–13, Mark 1:21–28

Sunday, February 8, 2015 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer. Isaiah 40:21–31, Psalm 147:1–11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16–23, Mark 1:29–39

Sunday, February 15, 2015 Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

2 Kings 2:1–12, Psalm 50:1–6, 2 Corinthians 4:3–6, Mark 9:2–9

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 22, 2015 First Sunday in Lent

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

Genesis 9:8–17, Psalm 25:1–10, 1 Peter 3:18–22, Mark 1:9–15

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.

MANY THANKS to the **Rev. Greg Garmer**, who is leading worship on February 1, when Pastor Carlson is on vacation. A member of Gloria Dei, Greg is currently serving as a part-time Interim Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Duluth. Also thanks to **Bishop Tom Aitken**, who is leading worship on February 8. A member of Gloria Dei, Tom is Bishop of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod and looks forward to the Order of Healing that will be part of worship that day, as well as to the conversation he is leading during Adult Forum before worship.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Feb 1 – 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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL, Feb 4 - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday each month at 7:30. The choir also rehearses each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Stan Wold, Director of Music, 728-5925.

HEALING SERVICE, Feb 8 - During worship on Sunday, February 8, we will incorporate the Order of Healing (ELW pp. 276-78) into the service, which includes the Prayers of Intercession, the Laying On of Hands, and a Blessing.

ONE BREAD, Feb 15 - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is February 15 with the "God Give Us Life" liturgy by Ray Makeever. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

WELCOMING SUNDAY, Feb 15 - Sunday, February 15 will be Welcoming Sunday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Gloria Dei selects one Sunday a year to emphasize its inclusive ministry, including its status as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.

This year's guest preacher and presenter will be Tim Feiertag, a 2009 graduate of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Tim is currently employed as



2015. The event is titled Honoring the Past, Building the Future and will be held at the Greysolon Ballroom.

Gloria Dei has sponsored 2 tables of 8 for the dinner March 28, with a suggested donation of \$50 per person. As of this mailing, 1 spot is still open. For more information, speak to Maury Aaseng (464-0189) from the Service & Justice Team or Pastor Carlson.

EVANGELISM - WITNESS

1) Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations. 2) Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.

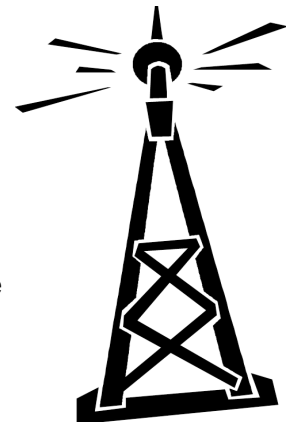
THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

*It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of November 30, Radio Ministry has received \$9,468, about \$1500 below our budget needs. **THANK YOU** to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts in any amount continue to make this an important outreach.*

RADIO MINISTRY SINCE 1942

Become a friend of Gloria Dei Radio Ministry

- Worship with us on Sunday morning at 10:00.
- If you can't attend in person, listen to the live broadcast on AM 710 - WDSM Radio.
- Make a difference in our community by supporting Gloria Dei's Radio Ministry through your regular gifts, or as a special gift in memory or in honor of someone to recognize an event.
- Each Sunday broadcast costs \$230.
- Call the church office at 218-722-3381 to sponsor a Sunday and support the spread of the Gospel!



WORSHIP STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET

1. Listen live using Windows Media Player: Download Windows Media Player for best software interface with the audio stream.
2. 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

1 hour for a joint return. Call Donna at the church office for an appointment – 722-3381. This is a free service sponsored by AARP.

SOAP SOAP SOAP - WELCA is collecting soap again. The soap will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to those in need of this life essential. You can give wrapped bars of soap and place them in boxes located in the Narthex or the Lakeside room. Thank you!

RUBY'S PANTRY, Feb 19 - Now in its 5th year of providing low-cost groceries to the community. The First Methodist Church (Copper Top) averages 225 people per month who purchase food on the third Thursday of every month. For \$20.00 those purchasing a share will receive approximately two large boxes of food. Cash only, no checks or EBT cards accepted. You will need to bring your own boxes (laundry baskets work very well). There are no income guidelines. The Pantry operates 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, please call First Methodist Church at 727-5021 or talk with Sue Anderson.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR O'NEIL APTS, Feb 3—Please join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Steve O'Neil Apartments on Tuesday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m. (Open house and tours from 12-1:30). We look forward to your attendance. Please RSVP to: asaboe@1roofhousing.org or call us at 218-249-0082.

O'NEIL APARTMENT BENEFIT CONCERT, Feb 20—Guitarist/Songwriter Hans Peterson is giving a CD release concert 7:00 p.m. Friday, Feb 20 at Peace UCC, with proceeds going to the CHUM O'Neil Apartments. Suggested donations at the door: \$10/person, \$25/family.

CHUM ANNUAL MEETING, Feb 24 - 6:30 p.m. Social - 7:00 p.m. Meeting at First Lutheran Church, 1100 E. Superior St. Speaker is Mark Holman, Senior Interim Pastor, First Lutheran. Business Meeting includes voting on New Members of the Board of Directors.

NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, Feb 28 —All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room. To help, come early or stay late! 158 Plates served in December. All volunteers welcome!

CLAYTON, JACKSON, MCGHIE DINNER - 1 SPOTLEFT

Gloria Dei is among the sponsoring organizations for the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial (CJMM) fundraising dinner on March 28,

the Grassroots Organizing and Training Coordinator for Reconciling-Works, helping faith communities create a process to become places of public and intentional welcome to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. He is approved for ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through the Central States Synod.

Tim will be sharing his personal journey as a gay man responding to God's call to become an ordained minister in the ELCA at the 8:45am Adult Forum in the Hillside Room and will be preaching at Gloria Dei's worship service at 10:00am in the sanctuary. At 5:00pm, a service "Baptized, Transfigured, Reconciled" will be held in the sanctuary followed by a light supper.

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at Gloria Dei. This is most certainly applicable to those who may have felt the sting of rejection from a previous church experience. For more information, please contact Sue at susanfanderson@yahoo.com, or the church office at 722-3381.

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP AT KING MANOR, Feb 18. Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month, Pastor David is leading a worship service on Wednesday, Feb 18 at 2:00 p.m. with fellowship following. All are welcome to join us.

LENT 2015

February 18—Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. worship with ashes and Holy Communion

A 2:00 p.m. service will also be offered this year at King Manor.

An invitation to the season of Lent

Sundays During Lent

Feb 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22

10:00 a.m. worship with Holy Communion

11:30 a.m. class for new members and seekers with lunch in the Lakeside Room

Wednesdays in Lent

Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, & 25

5:15 Soup Supper (Hillside Room)

5:45 Dwelling in the Word: "The Sermon on the Mount"

led by Jim Bailey and Pastor David - see study book under "Discipleship"

7:00 Evening Worship and prayer around the cross



LENT SOUP SUPPERS with study and worship will begin Feb 25 – 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.

ST MATTHEW PASSION & SYMPOSIUM WITH MARTIN MARTY, Mar 27-29

The Arrowhead Chorale, jointly with the UMD University Singers, the Lake Superior Youth Chorus and a local chamber orchestra and chamber choir from local churches will offer to the Twin Ports Community a performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion. The entire work will be sung in German (the audience will see English supertitles). Dr. Stanley Wold is the conductor.



Friday, March 27 at 7:00 PM at First Lutheran Church
 Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 PM at First Lutheran Church
 Tickets are available at the UMD Box Office online or at 726-8561.
 Adults \$20 | UMD Faculty/Staff \$10 | Seniors \$15 | 18+ Students \$5 | Under 18 Free

There is also a special Symposium to be held on Saturday, March 28 at First Lutheran Church. Featured at this Symposium will be Dr. Martin Marty, prominent church historian, and Dr. Timothy Stalter, tenor, Evangelist soloist for the performance. More information about registration for the symposium is listed at <http://arrowheadchorale.com>.

You could be in the Gemeindegchor for these performances.

To sing most of the chorales in this masterwork, a chorus of additional singers is also needed for the St. Matthew Passion. Church choir members are especially invited to consider this opportunity, with certain requirements attached to this invitation:

- 1) All singers must be present for both performances of the Passion (Friday and Sunday) and for the two dress rehearsals Tuesday (March 24) and Thursday (March 26) of performance week.
- 2) All singers must commit to attending Monday evening rehearsals at 7:00 PM beginning in February at Duluth Congregational Church.

If any church singers are interested in participating, please contact Arrowhead Chorale Assistant Director Marcia VanCamp at <vancampmarcia@yahoo.com>.

to Joann for her help during the fellowship time. The Care Team met on the 18th for a short memorial ceremony for congregation members who died during 2014. We welcomed Ed & Colleen Martin and Marilyn Helzer to the Care Team and discussed the purpose and expectations of Care Team members. Please notify the Pastor or Patti if you know of anyone who would like more attention from the Care Team.

On February 8th, a healing service will be part of the Sunday worship with Bishop Tom Aitkin preaching. Ash Wednesday is February 18th. A special worship service including the imposition of ashes will be held at King Manor at 2 pm. Please join us then, or attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm in the sanctuary.

Many of our congregation members have recently been stricken with the flu or other viruses. This flu season had been very hard on people. PLEASE remember that hand washing and/or use of hand sanitizers are the best way to protect yourself. Avoid people who are ill and be sure to stay home if you have a cough or fever. During the "passing of the peace", it is appropriate to simply bow or nod rather than shake hands.

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most of them start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Here are the signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- 1) Chest discomfort - Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- 2) Discomfort in other areas of the upper body - Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- 3) Shortness of breath - This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can also occur without chest discomfort.
- 4) Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you're with has one or more of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately. If you're the one having symptoms, and you can't access the emergency medical services, have someone drive you to the hospital right away. Do not drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.

For more information, call the American Heart Association at [1-800-242-8721](tel:1-800-242-8721) or online at www.heart.org.

TAX PREPARATION SITE - Gloria Dei will again be hosting one of the free tax sites in Duluth, beginning on Wed. Feb 4 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Appointments take approximately ½ hour for a single return and

We also collect small prizes for all ages. These can be toys, games, etc. for children. For adults toiletries, (men and women), household items, etc. We will also have a Fish Pond once again for young children so small treats are welcome. We also need to have you there to lend a hand with these festivities. If you can help with any of the above, please contact Carol Kelley or Sue Anderson.

BOOK CLUB - will meet the 3rd Monday each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. The book to read for Feb 16 is the same as for last month (*The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman) The choice for March 23rd will be the Duluth Community Read book - *The Dance Boot* by Linda LeGarde Grover.

SYNOD WORKSHOP DAYS IN MARCH

Saturday, Mar 14th - 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Mora
OR Sunday, Mar 15th - 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia

Synod Workshop Days with keynote speaker Bishop Patricia Lull of the St. Paul Area Synod, "Discipleship Today." Two identical offerings (no cost). Workshop topics: Being an Effective Council President/Member (Brenda Wagner), Finances (Kathy Wimer), Synod Communication (Marilyn Hull), Conflict Resolution Skills (Vicki Taylor), Youth Ministry Planning (Catherine Anderson), Bylaws & Constitution Issues (Rollie Bockbrader), Bible 101 (Bishop Tom Aitken), and Mission Planning (John Dietz. There is no cost for attending, but registration is requested at 724-4424 or www.nemnsynod.org.

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

Perhaps the worst of the winter is over, but spring isn't here yet and the cold will continue. Please keep the poor and homeless in your prayers that they may find warmth and comfort during the winter. Warm hats, scarves and mittens are being collected for those in need. If you knit or crochet, these would be good items. If you would prefer to donate, purchased items or dollars to buy them would be welcome. Contact Patti with your donations.

The Pastor and Health Cabinet worshiped at Edgewood Vista on January 7th with our friends there. Thanks to Eldora for the treats and

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.

INTERGENERATIONALSUNDAY SCHOOL, Feb 1 — "Holy Parables!"

Jesus taught in parables, hearing events in which God's kingdom breaks into our minds and hearts with surprising grace. Join us once a month for singing, bible dramas, crafts and conversations across the generations that will focus on parables. In February, we're focusing on parables about talents and being good stewards of God's gifts. See you there!

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

Feb 1 –Intergenerational Sunday School –"Holy Parables!" – see above
Feb 8 – Conversation with Bishop Tom Aitken, N.E. MN Synod
Feb 15 –Reconciling Works guest Tim Feiertag and Welcoming Ministries

Feb 22 – "Searching for a Just Peace in the Holy Land: An Introduction to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" This session will include a 30 min. DVD and a discussion led by Jim & Judy Bailey

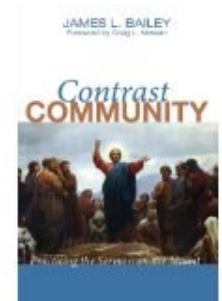
YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Feb 14 & 28. In addition to discipleship practices of worship, prayer, and service, our youth confirmation program will focus on Luther's *Small Catechism* and faith practices. *We meet every other Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.* All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.

LENT WEDNESDAY STUDY BOOK – ORDER BY FEB 10

Contrast Community: Practicing the Sermon on the Mount by James Bailey (2013). This will be our focus for Lent Wednesdays, co-led by the author and Pastor David.

No portion of Scripture has been more influential in renewing church and society than Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This book invites us into a transformative engagement with the text, the cultural context, and its meaning for us today. Its approach challenges faith communities not only to study the Sermon on the Mount but to begin practicing these radical teachings of Jesus.

All sessions on Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45 in the Hillside Room:



Feb 25: Freed from Nursing Anger (Matt 5:21-26)
 Mar 4: Challenged to Value Women (Matt 5:27-32)
 Mar 11: Trusted Truth-Tellers (Matt 5:33-37)
 Mar 18: Risking Non-Violent Power (Matt 5:38-42)
 Mar 25: Open to Enemies (Matt 5:43-48)

Jim Bailey is Professor Emeritus of Biblical Theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He and his wife Judy now live in Duluth and have been regular worshippers at Gloria Dei since last fall. We look forward to this rich opportunity for learning and growing in faith together! Books are not required for the sessions but will provide helpful insights for these and future conversations. Books are available at a discounted rate of \$15 – order through the church office (722-3381) by Tuesday, Feb 10.

CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS Sundays Feb 22 - Mar 22, 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 Easter Vigil service on Saturday April 4. 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, Feb 25 - 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. Newcomers are welcome! For February, we're reading selections from *God and Evolution* edited by Mary Cunningham (2007).

DAILY TEXTS – there are still a few copies of the Daily Texts are available (\$6.50) – see Donna during coffee hour or call the church office to inquire, 722-3381.

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 Sunday, February 15, following the service, Linda Riddle from the Sister City Project will share details from their recent

visit to Petrozavodsk, Russia. The focus of the trip was to learn more about family and children services in Russia and to share our processes with them. Our congregation has long been dedicated to the welfare of children and families – this will be a dynamic presentation with time for questions and sharing thoughts.

Stephanie Carlson will also be there to share her expertise. A Russian lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Karen Kjolhaug if you plan to attend—591-3432.

Sunday March 1 is Bold Woman Sunday! Please join us as WELCA celebrates our Bold Women at Gloria Dei. A special coffee hour is planned to honor this ministry at Gloria Dei.

GLORIA DEI QUILTERS - will meet on Tuesday February 3 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.

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. For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates gatespea@centurylink.net or 624-4589. This month the group will meet on Thursday Feb 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

VLM ANNUAL MEETING, Feb 7 - Gloria Dei is a member congregation of Voyager's Lutheran Ministries. This year's annual meeting takes place Saturday, Feb 7 at First Lutheran Church, Duluth. We'll review the year and look ahead to upcoming projects and programs. Registration begins at 10:30 am. The meeting will start at 11:00 am, followed by lunch and fellowship. Please RSVP by calling 218.666.5465 or email vlm@VLMcamps.org. We hope to see you there!



ANNUAL VALENTINE PARTY Feb 14 — Gloria Dei's annual Valentine Party will be held on Saturday, February 14 from noon to 2:00 p.m. A picnic lunch will be served. Our favorite fun maker, Terrence Smith will be with us for music and a variety of rousing activities. You can decorate cookies and make a Valentine for that someone special. There will be treats and prizes for all ages.



Your help is needed. We can use some pans of red jello, unfrosted heart-shaped cookies, colored frosting, cans of beans, liter bottles of soda, hot dogs and buns, and potato chips.

