

<b>WORSHIP LEADERS - MARCH 2016</b>
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*For surely I know the plans for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*  
- Jeremiah 29:11

Pastor Carlson preached this sermon on February 21, 2016, based on the readings appointed for that Sunday: Genesis 15:1-2, Psalm 27, and Luke 13:31-35.

“How often have I desired,” Jesus says, “to gather you together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.” These past days we have witnessed the truth of these words to us, and the reality that *God’s wings have many feathers*. How many hugs we received, how many expressions of prayer and support. In the early morning hours for those arriving in shock and disbelief at the horrific scene, it was not words but an embrace that was the first greeting - *God’s embrace*, and *God’s tears*. Jesus’ lament over Jerusalem here in our text is memorialized on the Mount of Olives in a small chapel known as *Dominus Flevit*. It means, “the Lord weeps” in Latin, and the building was actually designed in the shape of a teardrop by an Italian architect. It is a testament to the God who in Jesus Christ is not unmoved by the suffering of his people but *weeps for them and with them*, as he wept with Mary and Martha at the loss of their brother, and as he did in our loss of what one of our altar guild members said was like her best friend. “Our six year-old is crying,” a member posted after seeing footage. “Tears are being shed today over this tragic fire” a friend from our Russian companion synod team texted. Countless Facebook emoji expressing sadness, and emails for courage and strength – the Lord weeps. And in the body of Christ, when one suffers all suffer together – and *the whole body is embraced*, through prayers from congregations, bishops, seminaries, and outdoor ministries, across thousands of miles and across this city. Cups of coffee, a warm coat, food, immediate offers for space and support – and not only from Christian churches but from both Jewish and Muslim faith communities. *God’s wings have many feathers*. And in the spirit of combining reflections with singing, which we started at the vigil, I’d like us to sing the first verse of Thy Holy Wings, # 613, after which I’ll continue. “*Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.*”

This is God’s embrace and it is *God’s embrace of us first that enables us to reach out and embrace others*. It was not I but another pastor who prayed first that early morning with his arm around me, asking our heavenly Father, for Jesus sake, to come to the aid of his children, a prayer that helped me rely on the Spirit that gives us words to

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Organist	Barbara Erickson	Worship Band	Mary Gagnon	Barb Erickson
Assisting Minister	James Crane	Sue Anderson	Kathleen Gates	Madeline Pass
Sound Technician	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Mary Gagnon	Ed Martin	Sherry Dalager	Rick Troy
Acolytes	Shakira Johnson & Martha Carlson	Deonta Lew & Shamayah Johnson	Bryn Weberg & Sam Winesett	Christian Leight & Raine Amundson
Ushers	Wayne & Joan McCall	Martha Carlson & Carol Kelley	Marcia & Rick Troy	Mary Gagnon & Joan Gunderson
Nursery Attendants	Sherry Dalager	Terri Erickson	Chuck or Katie Erickson	Self Serve
Counters	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg	Barb Renick & Judy Bailey	Mary Gagnon & Gerald Erickson	Lexie Cieluch & Janine Dahlquist
Coffee Servers	Stephanie Carlson	Roger & Judy Oman	Eve Circle	<b>Easter Breakfast between services (8:30 and 10:00)</b>
Communion Assistant	Brett Amundson	Brett Amundson	Brett Amundson	Brett Amundson

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of March is Barbara Renick, Linda Kalweit and Carol Kelley

say when we have no words. It was another pastor who wrote, "How well the psalm for Sunday tells us God's wrapping around us in what can feel the worst of times." Verse 5 of Psalm 27: "In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter." "Even without your precious sanctuary to be in for awhile," she wrote, "God shelters you and gives you the deepest meaning of home." How much that resonated with me when I came to see Pr. Carolyn here at Faith, seeing the same sign on the



*Dominus Fleuit Mosaic, Jerusalem* doors you saw this morning even before entering, "Welcome Gloria Dei!" It brought back the memory of what Prime Minister Trudeau said when a plane of refugees from Syria arrived in Canada. No one wants to be needy in a culture of self-reliance, but when we have experienced how humbling and abundantly gracious God's embrace is in our own need, *how can we not embrace others with the same loving arms?* Someone messaged Gloria Dei directly on Facebook saying they had been part of Together for Youth, a support group for gay and transgender teens that has met weekly at Gloria Dei for a couple decades. He said, "You folks saved my life 17 years ago. I'm devastated by what has happened and would like to do all I can to aid in the reconstruction." "In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter." It is the Lord who can meet us where we are and enable our solidarity with all who have no home.

This is the fundamental difference between *fox power and hen power* – violent power that kills and stones prophets, grasping power of the Herods and the takers of this world on the one hand, and on the other the power of Jesus, the power of self-giving love. Even on Thursday evening as we gathered, another vigil was in solidarity with us and we with them as they prayed for an end to gun violence, recalling the shooting that claimed the lives of nine parishioners at Emanuel AME church in South Carolina last year. Reminding us, too, of yet other needs and griefs in the world, the depths of Jesus' lament for all, and the importance of our ministry together in his name. But there's a *risk that comes with hen power*. For the mother hen who is gathering her brood will not come away unscathed. Indeed, Jesus is prepared to stretch his wings out over his children even if it means doing so on the cross. And we too cannot be unchanged by such an embrace.

Some scholars link this *brooding* to the action of the Spirit that

## EASTER GIFTS

You may want to give a gift to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on the occasion of Easter this year. You may choose to give a lily for the sanctuary. Each lily will be **\$15.00**. Or, consider giving a gift (any amount) to a ministry fund:



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- Bukoba Parish
- Gloria Dei Re-Building Fund
- CHUM
- Gabriel Project
- ELCA World Hunger
- Extra gift for the "General Fund"
- Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia
- LSS Center for Changing Lives
- Mission Endowment Fund
- Neighborhood Breakfast Fund
- Nursery Fund
- Parish Nurse Fund
- Re-Building Fund
- Radio Ministry Fund
- Transportation Fund
- Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Camp Fund
- Youth Fund

You may place your donation into the offering plate and be sure to mark it "Easter Gift" with a designation. **All donations and forms must be received by Tuesday March 22. Please include this form with your gift.** Lilies or gifts to funds may be given in memory or in honor and all names will be listed in the Easter Morning bulletin and the May Dei by Day.

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Gift: Lilly or Fund: **Circle One:** \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the information and drop this form into the offering plate with your donation, or fill it out, drop it off at the office or mail it to the church office. If you are mailing it in, please be sure to send it early enough to reach the office by the deadline. Thank you.



**Sunday, March 06, 2016 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice! **Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Sunday, March 13, 2016 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

**Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8**

**Sunday, March 20, 2016 Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday**

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

**Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14--23:56**

**Sunday, March 27, 2016 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

**Acts 10:34-43, Isaiah 65:17-25 (alternate), Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Acts 10:34-43 (alternate), Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18 (alternate)**

**Join us for a look at the text for the next Sunday every Tuesday at 12 Noon at the temporary church offices, 1105 East Superior Street, Lower Level. All are welcome!**

**STEWARDSHIP**

*Our stewardship celebrates the abundance and the value of God's gifts, practicing sustainability and generosity as joyful expressions of God's love for all creation.*

**FINANCE REPORT THRU JAN 2016**

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

Envelope Offerings:

Budget, 1 month \$17,833

Actual, 1 month \$17,702 99.3%

Difference, *behind* \$ 132

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.

**MARCH 2016 EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS**

**Plastic never goes away.** Plastic is a durable material made to last forever, yet illogically, 33 percent of it is used once and then thrown away. Plastic cannot biodegrade; it breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces. *REFUSE* disposable plastic whenever and wherever possible.



**Plastic piles up in the environment.** We discard more than 30 million tons of plastic a year. Only 8 percent of that gets recycled. The rest ends up in landfills, is incinerated, or becomes the invasive species known as 'litter.' *REDUCE* by choosing glass, paper, stainless steel, wood, ceramic and bamboo over plastic.

**Plastic poisons our food chain.** Even plankton, the tiniest creatures in our oceans and waterways, are eating micro-plastics and absorbing their toxins. The substance displaces nutritive algae that creatures up the food chain require. *REUSE* durable plastic containers when possible.

**Plastic affects human health.** Chemicals leached by plastics are in the blood and tissue of nearly all of us. Exposure to them is linked to cancers, birth defects, impaired immunity, endocrine disruption and other ailments. *RECYCLE* what you can't refuse, reduce or reuse.

## WORSHIP WITH THE RADIO OR STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET

As a result of the fire, streaming live on the internet will be temporarily suspended until we are operational with our internet set up. Broadcasting on the radio will continue, however it will not be a LIVE radio broadcast. In it's place each Sunday will be past recordings of other Sundays. If you want to know what lessons will be aired, call the church office at 218-722-3381.



**RADIO ANNIVERSARY, Mar 20** – We thank God for this ongoing opportunity of sharing the gospel through the Radio and through the Inter-net, and plan to celebrate 74 years on the air! You're invited to reflect on this valuable outreach: share a story, support a broadcast or a portion of the broadcast, gift a special gift of \$74 for the anniversary, consider learning what happens behind the scenes to be more hands on if you wish. Thank you for your prayerful support!

### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

+ **MAIL** - Please continue to use the same mailing address for the church as we always have.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
219 North Sixth Avenue East  
Duluth, MN 55805

We have a P.O. Box, and all mail sent to the church is automatically put into the P.O. Box.



+ **TELEPHONES** - As of Thursday February 25, the church phones are now hooked up at our temporary office location. The phone number for the church will remain the same. You can reach the church office at 218-722-3381.

+ **EMAIL**—E-Mail is up and running at the new offices. Pastor can be reached at: [pastor@gloriadeiduluth.org](mailto:pastor@gloriadeiduluth.org)  
Patti can be reached at: [pattipavm@gmail.com](mailto:pattipavm@gmail.com)  
Donna can be reached at: [secretary@gloriadeiduluth.org](mailto:secretary@gloriadeiduluth.org)  
Faith Lutheran Church's email is [duluthfaith@gmail.com](mailto:duluthfaith@gmail.com)

+ **FACEBOOK** - is a helpful way to stay connected to news in our parish. Send a friend request to "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church" or like our page "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church—Duluth."

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** - Don't forget to move your clocks forward at midnight on Saturday March 12th. *Remember...Spring Forward, Fall Back!*



## 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.*

**WORSHIP AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH** - Even though we have been displaced by the fire in our church building, our worship continues at Faith Lutheran Church (51st Ave. E. and Glenwood St.). The council has decided to extend our stay at Faith through May 29, and a small committee of Karen Bockelman, Karen Kjolhaug, Mary Garmer, and Pastor Carlson has been appointed to consider other options also for a longer-term location. We see this as an opportunity to build relationships with the people of Faith as they discern their future are grateful for the warm hospitality of Faith Lutheran and Pastor Carolyn Mowchan.

**FIRE RECOVERY UPDATES** - Brett Amundson, Council President, will be available after worship on Sundays to share updates and answer questions about the process of recovery after the fire. A congregational letter was emailed and sent out to our mailing list as an initial general update. Please continue to keep all our church leaders in prayer during this time as our ministry continues.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** 7:00 pm on Wed., March 2 at Faith Lutheran Church. Regular weekly rehearsals on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

**SAMARITAN SUNDAY, March 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.

**EUCHARIST AND FELLOWSHIP AT St. Ann's** - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a worship service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month, we will be at St. Ann's on Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 pm (worship) and Tuesday, March 15, at 3:00 p.m (fellowship). All are welcome.

### LENT, HOLY WEEK, EASTER

+ Wednesdays in Lent - Mar 2, 9, & 16

5:15 Soup Supper downstairs at Faith Lutheran Church

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

led by Jim Bailey and Pastor David - see study book, below

7:00 Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary

+ Maundy Thursday - Mar 24

7:00 worship with footwashing and Holy Communion

+ Good Friday - Mar 25

7:00 Tenebrae service with choir and special music

+ Easter Vigil - Mar 26

7:00 worship with readings, baptism, and Holy Communion

+ Easter Sunday - Mar 27

Two festival worship services 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. with breakfast between

**ONE BREAD, March 13** - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is March 13 using the liturgy from Dakota Road (ELW Setting 8).

**CHORALE CONCERT - MATCH FOR REBUILDING FUND** - Shake off those winter blues and join Arrowhead Chorale and Monroe Crossing for the MN debut of Carol Bernet's *Mortals and Angels: A Bluegrass Te Deum*. This full-length piece especially crafted for a Bluegrass ensemble and a Classical chorus weaves the styles of ancient hymns with the down home, American tradition of Bluegrass music. Friday, Mar 18, 7:30 pm and Saturday, Mar 19, 7:30 pm at Duluth Depot Great Hall. Tickets at [www.arrowheadchorale.com](http://www.arrowheadchorale.com) - \$18 adults, \$6 college students, Free for ages 18 and under. An anonymous donor has generously offered to match the amount for all tickets bought by Gloria Dei members - after purchasing tickets online and coming to the concert, simply identify yourself at the desk as from Gloria Dei. The donor will get the total amount to match and that will be given to the Gloria Dei rebuilding fund.

### 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, March 6** — “All God’s Critics!” Human beings aren’t God’s only concern but throughout scripture we find how animals share in God’s praise, accompany God’s people as part of the web of creation, and even provide lessons about faith! Join us once a month for singing, bible dramas, crafts and conversations across the generations that will focus on God’s creatures, great and small. See you there!

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS March 12, 26** - In addition to regular worship, our confirmation class will be focusing on the biblical story of God and God’s people. *We meet every other Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. —this month Mar 12 & 26. All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave. On March 12, we are planning to meet at Peace UCC to attend the beginning of the “Living into the Difficult Race & Diversity” event (see p. 7). On March 26, we will plan to be at the temporary church office suite at 1105 E. Superior St.*

**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST**, - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday, March 26, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 325 E. 3rd St.



**RUBY’S PANTRY** – 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 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—Coppertop Steering Committee Member

### 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. 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.*

more about the local impact of RELAY for LIFE. See Patti Maguire for more details.



### February is American Heart month.

Your heart is an amazing organ:

- hearts start beating four weeks after conception
- the heart does the most physical work of any muscle
- it beats 100,000 times each day; more than 2.5 billion times in a lifetime
- the volume of blood pumped can vary over a wide range from 5 to 30 liters per minute
- the heart pumps blood to almost all of the body's 75 trillion cells

Take good care of your heart by:

- not smoking and avoiding 2nd hand smoke
- take charge of your eating; eat healthy and maintain a healthy weight
- get regular exercise; about 30 minutes a day
- take your prescription medications as directed
- see your medical provider regularly

### TAX SITE AT GLORIA DEI EVERY OTHER WEEK -

The CHUM AARP tax group has moved the tax site to St. Mary Star of the Sea, Catholic Church at 325 East 3rd Street. We will be using the fellowship hall and the entrance will be on the West Side of the Church. We will be at this location on March 9, March 23, and April 6. Appointments for St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church can be made from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by calling the church office at 722-3381.

We will be at Grace Lutheran in Hermantown on the alternate Wednesdays. Appointments at Grace Lutheran can be made by calling the CHUM offices at 720-6521.

We will also be at the CHUM East Food Shelf on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Feb. 2 and running thru April 14. Appointments at the CHUM East Food Shelf are from 9:00-2:30 and can be made by calling CHUM at 720-6521.

**ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL EMPHASIS IN LENT** - During the season of Lent, Service & Justice encourages a special emphasis on World Hunger. A basket will be available during Soup Suppers on Wednesdays for this, and additional offerings during worship can be marked "World Hunger" in the memo. A reminder that the Sunday School's "God's Global Barnyard" project is also part of supporting World Hunger.



**ADULT FAITH FORUM** – All are welcome to join us at 8:45 at Faith Lutheran Church, in the "Teaching House" next to the main building.  
 March 6—Intergenerational Sunday School (downstairs in main bldg.)  
 March 13 & 20—TBA  
 March 27—Easter Sunday - no forum

**TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, March 15** - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the new office space in the downstairs level of the NEMN Synod Building, 1105 E. Superior St., but on March 15 we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the Synod by 11:40 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

**CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND NEW MEMBERS, Sundays Feb 14 - Mar 13**, 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, March 26. 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, March 9** - 8 a.m. at Valenti's (London Rd). Through the College of St. Scholastica, Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and connects our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! This month, we're reading through page 100 of *Ecology & Religion* by John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker (2014).

### LIVING INTO THE DIFFICULT— RACE, DIVERSITY & DULUTH FOR ALL

Join A.M.E. Pastor and Professor of Religion & Ethics Dr. Melanie Harris and Professor of Religion and American Baptist Minister Dr. Jennifer Harvey as they guide us in racial justice analysis of our community and the spectrum of ways we are called to heal from structural violence as people of faith. Mark your calendars for two days of workshops and preaching about dismantling oppressive social structures, the transformative work of reparations, and how to work together in the Spirit while being passionate about justice. Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Held at Peace UCC, co-sponsored by Gloria Dei and other congregations.

**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.*

**GLORIA DEI QUILTERS** - will meet on Tuesday March 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 51st and Glenwood Street in the Social hall. New comers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.



**WELCOMING MINISTRIES** meets after worship downstairs in the Social hall at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, March 6, after worship.

**LENT WEDNESDAY STUDY BOOK**

*Contrast Community: Practicing the Sermon on the Mount* by Jim Bailey (2013). The 2nd half of this insightful book will be our focus for Lent Wednesdays, co-led by the author and Pastor David.

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

- + Mar 2 - Freed from Playing Judge (Matt 7:1-5)
- + Mar 9 - Discerning Prayerfully (Matt 7:7-12)
- + Mar 16 - Building on Solid Rock (Matt 7:24-27)

Jim Bailey is Professor Emeritus of Biblical Theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Books are not required for the sessions—all are welcome to be part of these bible studies, held at Faith Lutheran, 51st Ave. E. and Glenwood St.

**SWEDISH CULTURAL SOCIETY** will continue to meet, however, due to the fire they will be meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church in Lincoln Park on 25th West and 3rd Street. Their next scheduled gathering will be Saturday March 20 at 2:30 p.m.

**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 will go to the rebuilding fund.

**WELCA NEWS****Spring Gathering April 9th, 2016, Grace Lutheran Church.**

Please join us for a day with Lutheran women from across the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. Our program will highlight contemporary issues for girls and women, and we will "Walk through the Garden" with our own Tom Uecker to learn more about monarch butterflies and other pollinators and how to es-



establish habitat for them. We will coordinate rides and the cost is \$10.00 for the program and lunch. If you have questions, please contact Karen Kjolhaug at 591-3433.

**MARTHA CIRCLE** - will meet at the new office space at 1105 East Superior Street. The group will gather at 9:30, on Thursday March 3rd.

**EVE CIRCLE** - Will meet on Tuesday evening on March 15th at Faith Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**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**

February feels like a long, long month to me. It seems like winter will never end and I'm so tired of being cold. How I yearn for flip flops instead of boots! Yet even during this long winter our Care Team members reach out to our homebound friends through phone calls, visits, prayers and sharing communion with them. Their kindness brightens lives and keep folks connected to Gloria Dei. If you know of someone who would benefit from more attention from the church, please let me know.

Lent has come early this year. February 10th we held the Ash Wednesday service and worship at King Manor with ashes and communion. March 6th the Pastor will preside at the worship service at St Ann's at 3 PM with fellowship later in the month. In April we will worship at Edgewood Vista.

As many of you know, I am a volunteer with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. On March 16th I will be going down to St Paul with the Minnesotans for Healthy Kids Coalition. The goal is to lobby our a bill to strengthen physical education in our schools to promote active living and combat childhood obesity. If you would like to attend this FREE event, let me know.



**RELAY for LIFE** ~ Friday, July 17th at UMD!  
2016 RELAY for LIFE kickoff 6:00—7:30 p.m.  
Thursday March 31st at Hampton Inn in Canal Park. Meet other passionate volunteers and learn

