

WORSHIP LEADERS - MAY

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. – Colossians 2:6-7

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

A regular attender of our Tuesday bible study tells the story of an immigrant to the U.S. who remembered saying goodbye to his relatives and friends before leaving his home country. Some told him to write, others wished him good luck. But his mother said, *“Remember your faith in Jesus Christ.”* It was her words, he said, that he clung to in the midst of the hardships he faced transitioning to a new life, trusting that Christ’s presence would see him through.

Continue in Christ. That’s what the immigrant carried with him, much like Bishop Aare Kuukauppi of the Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia, who has said his most influential theologians were his mother and grandmother, reading Bible stories with him when the church could only meet in secret. *Who, like these mothers, has helped shape faith in you?* For whom will you give thanks to God this Mother’s Day? How are you leaving your own legacy of faith?

Continue in Christ. At Easter Vigil this year, we celebrated with joy as seven children were received into God’s family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and as some adults affirmed their baptism, all becoming members of Gloria Dei and God’s mission we share.

In that very memorable service, after hearing wonderful readers tell of God’s salvation history (complete with sound effects!), I shared in my homily that *all resurrection stories begin in the dark:*

- + at creation, darkness covered the face of the deep
- + at the flood, a storm raged for 40 days and nights
- + at the exodus and fiery furnace, the darkness was one of oppression
- + at the empty tomb, Mary came looking for Jesus “while it was still dark.”

And in all these stories there were times when it seemed things could go either way, but because of God we see how

- + there is something rather than nothing, and God’s creation is good
- + there is a chance to begin again after the storm, after the flood
- + God not only cares for those who suffer but does something about it and delivers his people

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Organist	Stan Wold	Worship Band	Barb Erickson	Mary Garmer
Assisting Minister	Sue Anderson	Kathleen Gates	Tanner Hall	Kristen Hylenski
Sound Technician	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich
Reader	Chelsea Froemke	Maury Aaseng	Nancy Gangeness	Kathleen Gates
Acolytes	Sam Winesett & Bryn Weberg	Journey Amundson & Molly Weberg	Deonta Lew & Danny Pass	Christian Leight & Raine Amundson
Ushers	Sandi Johnson & Carol Kelley	Wayne & Joann McCall	Per & Elaine Wickstrom	Paul Steklenski & Linda Kalweit
Nursery Attendants	Cara Weberg	Stephanie Carlson	Terri Erickson	Daphne Amundson
Counters	Bob & Carol Kelley	Lubov Willms & Janine Dahlquist	Rod Dahlquist & David Gangeness	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg
Coffee Servers	Quilting Group	Mother’s Day Brunch Men In Mission	Nancy Gangeness	Myrna Matheson

ALTAR GUILD for the Month of May is Jackie DeVogel, Ruth Anderson & Pearl Johnson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT for the month of May is Julie Jagim

+ even a place of death and sadness can become a sign of new life and hope for the world.

All resurrection stories begin in the dark, but they don't stay there, because *God is at work even in the dark, turning things toward a new day.*

Baptism connects us to God's resurrection story. In baptism, God calls us by name (like Mary heard her name), God raises us to new life with Jesus to whom we belong forever, and God enables us to reflect his light and love in the world.

Continue in Christ. This is the theme of the Northeastern MN Synod Assembly, meeting May 2-4. Pastors and lay members from the 138 ELCA congregations in northeastern Minnesota will gather for worship and prayer, study and fellowship, celebrating God's faithfulness and making decisions for the future – including electing a synod bishop – that will enable us to continue walking together in Christ. Please pray for Gary Olson and Mary Gagnon and all who are participating. The full bulletin of reports is on the synod web site – www.nemnsynod.org – and I encourage you to take a look at it. I'll plan to give a recap of the assembly the following weekend at Adult Forum on Sunday, May 11.

Continue in Christ. Baptism is not just a one-time thing located in the past but an event of dying and rising that helps shape our whole lives every day – and *shapes how we accompany one another in faith as people of God.* This month, I encourage you to remember your faith in Christ Jesus risen from the dead, and continue in Christ through opportunities in these pages to grow in faith and service, to nurture our spiritual roots, and to build up the church and community.

See you in worship!
+ Pastor David Carlson

+ LIFE'S LANDMARKS +
Baptism
 We rejoice in God's promise of new life as we celebrated seven baptisms from the Johnson Family at the Easter Vigil, April 19: Shameka, Shakirra, Shamiyah, Shaniyah, Shalonda, Shantrice, and Mario Jr.
Affirmation of Baptism
 April 19: Craig Haugan, Alicia Johnson, Ed & Colleen Martin, and Bob Niedringhaus
 (See "Welcome New Members" on pages 7 & 8)

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT MAR 2014

Needed per month \$16,500
per week \$3,807
 Envelope Offerings
 Budget, 3 months \$49,500
 Actual, 3 months \$49,298 99.6%
 Difference, *behind* (\$ 202)

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.

GLORIA DEI LAUNCHES ONLINE GIVING - A new option to make financial gifts to Gloria Dei is here. 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.

RELAY for LIFE event at St. Scholastica on Friday July 18. The Gloria Dei RFL team needs YOU! This is a very family friendly event. There's music, dancing, laughter, tears and so much enthusiasm during the night. And how about great food and games?! Please join us. Teams of 10-15 pitch their tents and walk the track all night to remember all the people touched by cancer. Whether you or someone in your family has personally had cancer, almost everyone knows someone with a cancer story. See Patti or Bob Niedringhaus to join the team.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 ~ Sydney Erickson
3 ~ Kristen Hylenski
3 ~ Janet Schramm
4 ~ Mario Johnson Jr.
4 ~ Kathy Wimer
5 ~ April Riggio
6 ~ Bryn Weberg
7 ~ Shirley Dougherty
8 ~ Marie Lindemann
10 ~ Georgia Swing
11 ~ Stephanie Carlson
11 ~ Gina Fitzpatrick | 15 ~ Maury Aaseng
17 ~ Janice Meyer
18 ~ Liberty Bergren
19 ~ Eloise Pass
20 ~ Martha Carlson
23 ~ David O'Brien
24 ~ Peggy Stevens
25 ~ David Gangeness
27 ~ Helen Lahti-Schlotec
28 ~ Molly Weberg
29 ~ Neva Maly
29 ~ Andy Peterson |
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SYNOD AND ELCA NEWS

“Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him, “Rabbouni” (which means Teacher).” - John 20:16

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My favorite story in Scripture is the account in John’s Gospel of Mary Magdalene going to the tomb. It was the first Easter, but Mary didn’t know that. She expected death. In her profound grief she couldn’t recognize Jesus. It was only when Jesus called her by name that she was able to see the risen Lord.

Jesus saw Mary. Jesus knew Mary. Jesus spoke “Mary.” It was being completely seen, utterly known and lovingly called that opened Mary Magdalene to the hope of the resurrection and into a deeper relationship with Christ. Because she was seen she could see.

This is Easter vision. We have been seen, known and called by God through the crucified and risen Savior and, having received the Spirit through baptism, we all can now see. We can see Christ, and we can see Christ in our neighbor. No one is invisible to God, and no one is invisible to us. What wondrous love is this!

So beloved, with newly opened eyes let us be bold to say, “Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!”

Blessed Easter,

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

SYNOD ASSEMBLY**NORTHEASTERN MN SYNOD**

ASSEMBLY MAY 2-4 - Our theme, “Continue in Christ” at Breezy Point Resort near Nisswa, will focus on how we are joined to Christ in baptism to be sent into God’s mission for the life of the world. Please pray for Bishop Tom, Kathy Wimer and other synod staff, Pastor David, Gary Olson, Mary Gagnon, and all voting members of the assembly. Pastor plans to give a recap of the assembly during adult forum on May 11.

**ELCA WORLD HUNGER – QUILTS AND MARKETPLACE ITEMS FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

- Synod Assembly, May 2-4, Gloria Dei is planning to donate at least two quilts to the auction, but if there are more people willing to donate quilts it would be wonderful. The Market Place also has a lot of possibilities for donations (other hand-crafted items, donated services). All proceeds go to World Hunger and anything from Gloria Dei will help to get us to the Holy Cow Award (over \$10 per confirmed member) for 2014.

MAY LESSONS**May 4, 2014 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Today’s gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord’s day.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 , 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

May 11, 2014 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

May 18, 2014 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

May 25, 2014 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

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

2014 - EASTER GIFTS - Thank You



LILIES ON THE ALTAR

Given by Per & Elaine Wickstrom

In memory of our Parents ~ from Gerald & Barbara Erickson
 In memory of Barbara Jean Gillespie Carlilse ~ from Scott Gillespie
 In memory of sister, Dorothy ~ from Eldora Recksiedler
 In memory of husband Harold Bakke ~ from Ruth Bakke
 In honor of our neighbors the Davis & Martin's ~ from The Lew's
 In memory of parents & brother ~ from Jerry & Barb Erickson
 In memory of Barb Galeski ~ from Dana & Steve Baker
 In memory of Chet Brooks ~ from Rick & Marcia Troy
 In memory of Mary & Archie Wold ~ from Mona & Stan Wold
 In honor of Jesus ~ from Delores Lufholm



GIFTS GIVEN

CHUM

In memory of Peter & Mary Mobraten ~ from Mona & Stan Wold

ELCA World Hunger

In honor of our parents ~ from Pastor & Stephanie Carlson

In memory of Ed Peterson ~ from Lil Peterson

Extra Gift to the General Fund

In memory of David Bockelman Yu-Hsuan McDonald & Wilfred C. Bockelman
 ~ from Karen Bockelman & John McDonald

Garden Fund

In honor of Paul Steklenksi & Tom Uecker ~ from Carol Uecker

God's Global Barnyard

80 Chicks – in honor of Grandchildren – Austin, Makayla, Morgan, Alyvia,
 Nicholas, Nadia & Teagen & Great niece, Olivia Jill Bauer
 from ~ Grandma Kathy Wimer

1 Duck – in honor of my sister Barb Renick ~ from Kathy Wimer

Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia

In memory of Kal Kalweit ~ from Paul Steklenksi & Linda Kalweit

Mission Endowment Fund

In memory of parents ~ from Eldora Recksiedler

Neighborhood breakfast

From Ruth Bakke and Rev. Greg & Mary Garmer

In memory of loved ones ~ from Ed & Colleen Martin

Radio Ministry Fund

From Ruth Bakke

In honor of cousins 50th wedding anniversary ~ from Mary & Michael Savolainen

In honor of Doug Maguire, Staff & Pastor David & family ~ from Gloria Oja

Transportation Fund

From ~ Bob & Carol Kelley and Ruth Bakke

Renovation Fund

In memory of Uncle Carl Manignen ~ from Mary & Michael Savolainen

In memory of Carl Wikblad ~ from Helen Wikblad

EVANGELISM - WITNESS

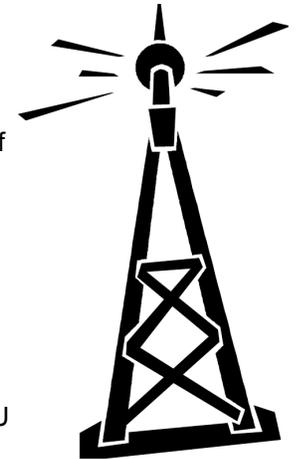
1) Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations. 2) Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring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

RADIO MINISTRY FUND THANKS - Through several gifts to mark the Radio Anniversary in March, as well as memorial gifts designated by the family of Marie Meidal, the Radio Ministry Fund is at \$5133 by the end of March, well on our way to meeting our annual commitment of \$12,000 for this important outreach of the Gospel in our community. Thanks to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year.

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 INTER-NET

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 "URL."
3. 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

FAIR TRADE. Work for justice by helping with our fair trade table during the coffee hour. If interest, please contact Tom (tluecker1@msn.com) or Kristen (khylenski@yahoo.com).

SOAP SOAP SOAP It's that time again. WELCA is collecting soap to be sent to Lutheran World Relief this spring. You can donate new, wrapped bars of bath size soap and place in the boxes in the Narthex or Lakeside room. Thank you!

NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST MAY 24—All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday May 24th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room.

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



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



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

GLORIA DEI TAX SITE. Tax season ended and Spring finally arrived-- a relief on both counts. This year the Gloria Dei site had 114 appointments which included 81 Federal returns, 77 state returns, and 71 property tax returns. The result was almost \$140,000 that went to clients and into the local economy. Thanks to Donna Gerdes (appointments), Carol Uecker (greeter), and Gary Olson and Tom Uecker (tax preparers).

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 all who helped with several Lenten gatherings these past weeks:

Sunday New Member lunches: Elaine W., Carol K., Bev., Julie J., Chelsea F., Janine D.

Wed Suppers: Sue A., Mona W., Carol K., Mary G., Stephanie C., Karen B. Patti M. Steve D., Paul S. Linda K. Julie J. Craig H., Laura H.

Musicians: Stan W., Steve D., Barb E., Mary G, and all choir members for their special music!

Altar Guild for their extra efforts during Lent and the Three Days

Karen Bockelman for preaching Maundy Thursday.

Paul Steklenski for baking communion bread used during the Three Days.

Scripture Readers, especially Good Friday and the Easter Vigil—complete with sound effects!

SPECIAL THANKS - to Chaplain Patti Maguire for leading worship May 4 while Pastor David is attending Synod Assembly near Nisswa. In accordance with ELCA policy and at the request of Pastor Carlson, Bishop Thomas Aitken of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod has authorized Patti to preside at Holy Communion this morning.

ALSO THANKS to the Rev. Karen Bockelman for preaching and leading worship on May 25 while Pastor Carlson is on vacation. A member of Gloria Dei, Karen is retired and a former assistant to the bishop of the Northeastern MN Synod.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG – 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.

SAMARITAN SUNDAY, MAY 4 – Thanks for remembering: 1) canned food items to help replenish the CHUM Food Shelf, which are brought forward as part of our offering. 2) Our loose cash offering on the first Sunday has for several years gone to the Gabriel Fund, a ministry started by Gloria Dei and other Central Hillside parishes and managed through CHUM, for direct assistance to the needy.

ONE BREAD— Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for leading and accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is May 11. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be led on organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP AT ST. ANN'S - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month, Pastor David and the Health Cabinet are planning a meeting at St. Ann's. All are welcome to join us.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 21-25 Gloria Dei will again partner with Trinity Lutheran to offer "Weird Animals; Where Jesus' Love is One of a Kind" for this summer's VBS program. Mark your calendars for July 21-25 and watch for registration forms for your kids.

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.

HONORING GRADUATES - Congratulations to all those from Gloria Dei who are graduating this year. We plan to honor graduates during morning worship on Sunday, June 1. If you have a graduate in your family, please contact the church office by May 15 to be included in the prayers and recognitions this spring. Thanks!



INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL May 4 —'Tree of Life' - The Bible is "book-ended" with two trees—one in the Garden of Eden and another in the Book of Revelation. This year, we'll be looking at those and other biblical images of trees in the Bible (stump of Jesse, family trees, the tree of the cross, for example) that speak to our lives of discipleship today. Join us once a month for singing, bible stories, crafts and conversations across the generations that will focus on one of these trees of life. May's "tree of life" is the Tree with the leaves for the Healing of the Nations (Revelation 22).

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

ADULT FAITH FORUM – All are welcome to join us at 8:45 in the Hillside Room before worship.
May 4 - Intergenerational Sunday School (see above)

Also, during the month the Health Cabinet celebrated a communion worship service at Edgewood Vista on April 2nd and will offer St Ann residents a fellowship hour in May (date to be determined). The Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association Board of Directors met on April 22nd; I serve as Treasurer for this group.

After church on Sunday, April 27th you will have another opportunity to donate to protect children from malaria. Nancy Gangeness created a wonderful display board explaining how your dollars can work to stop this terrible disease. Please give generously as we join the global effort to contain malaria by 2015 as part of the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

April 7-13 was National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Thank you to all the people who volunteer at Gloria Dei. When you greet someone at the door as they enter the church, or make a call to a shut-in, or work on a project with one of the women's groups, or teach Sunday School, or serve breakfast, or drive someone to/from church, or bring a dish for one of our many events going on in our church, YOU are serving as Jesus commanded. The ELCA tag-line is "God's work, Our hands"; YOU are doing that work. Thank you all for stepping up to make Gloria Dei the church it is.

I am privileged to be preparing for a pilgrimage! Some friends and I will be walking the last 100 miles of the historic **Camino de Santiago de Compestelo** at the end of May and beginning of June. If you are interested in this journey, please come to the Adult Forum on May 18th and I'll tell you about it. As part of the journey, we are willing to carry prayer requests and promise to pray for them each day of the walk. Let me know if this would be helpful to you.

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

RUBY'S PANTRY May 15 Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop distributes food at the Coppertop Church on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Due to increased transportation and warehouse expenses, the cost for a share of food is now \$20.00. For \$20.00 those purchasing a share will receive approximately two large boxes of food. Cash only, no checks or EBT cards will be accepted. There is no "typical" food order and contents of a share vary depending upon what food is available to Ruby's Pantry at the time. You will need to bring your own boxes (laundry baskets work very well). There are no income guidelines. 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.



COFFEE & CONVERSATION will meet on Tuesday May 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the back room at London Road Perkins. For more information please call Marjorie Nelson.



LGBT ELDERS - This group gathers for support and fellowship and plans to meet on a regular basis as part of Gloria Dei's Welcoming Ministries. For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates gatespea@centurylink.net or 624-4589.

WELCOMING MINISTRIES MOVIE NIGHT MAY 7 - The movie "Gen Silent" will be shown Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30pm in the Hillside Room. *Gen Silent* is a documentary film which follows the lives of six LGBT seniors living in the Boston area who must choose if they will hide their sexuality in order to survive in the long-term health care system. The title of the film is a reference to the generations of older LGBT people who remain in the closet or re-enter the closet out of concern for their safety or quality of life. There are distinctive issues that aging LGBT individuals and couples face in the areas of health care and housing, and this film does a great job of introducing the viewer to these issues. *Gen Silent* is sponsored by Welcoming Ministries of Gloria Dei. Gloria Dei members and the public are invited to attend. The film is just over an hour long and will be followed by a short discussion time. Refreshments will be provided.

SWEDISH CULTURAL SOCIETY - You are invited to attend the annual spring concert of the "Svenska Sangårna" (Swedish Choir) on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at 3:30 pm at Gloria Dei. Coffee and a light lunch will be served after the program. Please join us for this festive "Swedish" event.

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

April was very busy with seeing shut-ins, sending cards, and preparing for the holiest time of the Christian year. The Care team made a special effort to contact all the homebound members with calls, communion and visits during the Lent/Easter season. I give my heart-felt thanks to each of them.

In early April, The Miller-Dwan Foundation hosted a popular talk with end-of-life care educator Frank Ostaseski. His presentation on "Mindful and Compassionate End-of Life Care" was excellent. A three-CD set featuring his teachings is available for loan if you would like to learn more on this subject. See Elaine Wickstrom about borrowing them.

May 11 - Synod Assembly Recap

May 18 - Camino of Santiago de Compostela (Pilgrimage in the Way of St. James) in northern Spain, with Patti Maguire

May 25 - no adult forum

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

RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE MAY 21 - 8 a.m. at Valentini's (London Rd). Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and group members continually bring in their own experience to connect our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! For May's discussion we're finishing *In Search of the Good Life: The Ethics of Globalization* by Rebecca Todd Peters.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH MAY 11 – will again be hosted by Gloria Dei Men in Mission. Brunch will be served from 11:00 to 12:30 on Sunday May 11 downstairs in the Hillside Room. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$4.00 for youth (12 and under), or \$22.00 for a family. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The menu is Swedish Pancakes with Lingonberry Sauce and sausages, with choice of beverage.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Easter Vigil, April 19, we joyfully welcomed these sisters and brothers in Christ into Gloria Dei's family and mission through Baptism and/or the Affirmation of Baptism.

+ Craig Haugan - I grew up in Chicago attending Lutheran churches and have lived in Cook, MN for almost 18 years. Most recently I moved to Virginia and am now in Duluth. I think it's by the grace of God that I have come to Gloria Dei, God knew I was complacent and lost and needed a community where I could be accepted. This church is like family. Since I've been here, everyone's been friendly and it's been wonderful. The

CHUM Center has been good, and so has Project Soar. In my spare time, I like going on walks, bicycling, and reading. I remember a saying in Norwegian: "All good comes from God." God answers prayers—he's done that for me.

+ Goodwin/Johnson Family - We moved to Duluth from Minneapolis last summer and, finding ourselves without a home, spent over a month at Gloria Dei's Overflow Shelter. While there, during a very stressful time, we met many people from Gloria Dei who made us feel welcomed and secure. We now have a home, a job and schools for all the kids. We felt ready to join a church and Gloria Dei seemed a natural choice. The members of our family who are joining now are Alicia (Mom), Mario Sr. (Dad), Latisha - 17, baby Lamira - 2 months, Shameka - 11, Shakirra - 10, Shamiyah - 8, Shaniyah - 7, Shalonda - 6, Shantrice - 5, and Mario Jr - almost 2. (Everyone but Latisha and Lamira will be a year older in the next 4 months!) We look forward to getting to know all of you better.

+ Edward and Colleen Martin were married in 1972 at the First Lutheran Church in Duluth, where we were members. We are both natives of the Duluth area, and have Lutheran backgrounds. We are both registered nurses, and we both continue to work part time. Ed is also a professional musician, is an adjunct professor of lute at the College of St. Scholastica, and he teaches, performs, and records. Colleen enjoys gardening, junking, and antiquing. We have 2 adult daughters, Genevieve and Molly. We drawn to Gloria Dei because of their long history of community service and social action, and the diversity of the congregation.

+ Bob Niedringhaus - Although I am transferring from another congregation, Gloria Dei is where I started in 1975 when I began my work at Essentia Health as a physician. I feel like I've come back home. I have been retired for two years, have two daughters, Rachel and Beth, who live in the Cities, both affected by a developmental disability. My wife, Ann, is staying at First Lutheran. I enjoy being involved in God's church, spent 29 years an avid runner, enjoy other physical activity, reading, volunteering, piano, and boating on Lake Superior.

WELCA NEWS

Spring is a busy time of year in our WELCA community! We have interesting and energizing activities ahead - please plan to join us if you are able!

Thursday, May 15th Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Perkins East, on London Road.

Saturday, May 17th Special Event Gathering
Ruth - it's one of the shortest books in the Bible and one of the most



cherished. It moves from famine and death to harvest and life, from bitterness to sweetness, from exile to home. It is the story of ordinary people - a widow, a foreign daughter-in-law, and a wealthy farmer - who change the course of history by acting out of love and loyalty. Join in the conversation about how God might be a work today in acts of blessing generosity, and commitment.

We will serve a delicious light breakfast from 8:30 - 9:00 and then gather for discussion. Please call Karen Kjolhaug @ 218-591-3432 if you would like to attend.

Sunday June 1 "In Good Company" Bold Women Sunday

Join us as we honor the Bold Woman this year - Every Woman! The variety of ways that every woman at Gloria Dei participates in worship, social justice efforts and support of the work of the congregation will be recognized this Sunday both during worship and afterwards at a brunch during coffee hour. Plan to attend this Sunday to help us bless and send off the quilts and kits constructed over the past months for Lutheran World Relief. We will convene downstairs afterwards for a brunch filled with song and story about the multitude of women who have helped to make Gloria Dei the energetic congregation it is today. The archival group will be showing us some of their work, always very interesting to see!

Not only do we want to share our work with you but this is an important fund raising event for WELCA so we seek your support on this Sunday. More information will be available soon.

Friday/Saturday June 13/14 NE Minnesota WELCA Symposium at UMD

If you are interested in representing Gloria Dei at this event, please contact Karen Kjolhaug. Many interesting topics are covered at the sessions and you can be part of making decisions that affect the broader community of WELCA,

Martha Circle will continue to meet over the summer months due to the weather this winter so if you are interested in joining a Bible study group that meets during the day, this is a wonderful opportunity! Contact Eldora Recksiedler at 722-1349 if you are interested in joining them.

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



BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday May 19 at 10:00 a.m. The book for discussion in May will be "My Beloved World" by Sonja Sotomayor.