

	<b>May 6</b>								
<b>Organist</b>	Mary Garner								
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Journey Amundson								
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich								
<b>Reader</b>	Janet Worthing								
<b>Acolytes</b>	Samantha Stevens & Maggie Wiresett								
<b>Ushers</b>	The Stevens Family								
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Cara Weberg								
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Forbort & Sharon Stenberg								
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Jason Hester								
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Steve Geving								
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Elaine Wickstrom & Ruth Withmers								
	<b>May 13</b>								
<b>Organist</b>	Mary Garner								
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Danny Pass								
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich								
<b>Reader</b>	Mary Gagnon								
<b>Acolytes</b>	Journey Amundson & Raine Amundson								
<b>Ushers</b>	Nancy & David Gangness								
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Stephanie Carlson								
<b>Counters</b>	Barb Renick & Joan Gunderson								
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Youth Group								
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Steve Geving								
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marlaine Willms & Alison Stucke								
	<b>May 20</b>								
<b>Organist</b>	Worship Band								
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Katie Carlson								
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich								
<b>Reader</b>	John Maki								
<b>Acolytes</b>	Martha Carlson & Danny Pass								
<b>Ushers</b>	Julie Ernst & Corine Helmen								
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Daphne Amundson								
<b>Counters</b>	Janine Dahlquist & Julie Jagim								
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	NO COFFEE HOUR								
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Steve Geving								
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jackie DeVogel & Esmeralda Lew								
	<b>May 27</b>								
<b>Organist</b>	Barbara Erickson								
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Chelsea Froemke								
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich								
<b>Reader</b>	Craid Haugan								
<b>Acolytes</b>	Journey Amundson & Mackenzie Albright								
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick & Marcia Troy								
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Self Serve								
<b>Counters</b>	Barbara Switzer & Gerald Erickson								
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Roger & Judy Oman								
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Steve Geving								
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Uecker & Kristen Hylenski								

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. – Ephesians 2:8*

### From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

*This changes everything* is the theme of the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. En route to the Gathering, ten busses will be driving over 400 people from our synod to Texas a few days early to participate in the Synod Journey, a chance for youth and adults in our area to grow as a synod through travel, worship, and service projects. The whole trip is June 23-July 2. At a recent adult leaders meeting, a youth director from another part of the synod shared this story as part of her devotion:

*One day I was in a store, I was wearing my grey pullover with the Gathering logo on it. As I checked out, the clerk asked me, “What does that mean? WHAT changes everything?” For a moment, I was shocked to be asked. There was a line of people behind me. I felt some pressure. Did she have an answer in her mind? Was she testing me? Was she really curious? Was this an opportunity? Would she understand if I told her?*

*On the ELCA Gathering web site, it says: The Gathering theme offers a great opportunity for everyone involved to reflect on the verse from Ephesians 2:8 - “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God” - and reflect on the explanation: “Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.”*

*In response to the clerk who asked me, “What does ‘This Changes Everything’ mean?” I said, “God – God’s love, grace and the gift of faith because of Christ.” She said, “I was hoping that was the answer.” It felt a little like I had passed the test, but it also felt like she was hoping for that good news. I don’t know her story. We know God’s story and the gift of faith and grace God has given us through Christ. This gift of grace does have the power to change perspectives and help each of us realize, we are enough, through the grace of God.*

Many experiences in life can “change everything” we might say. From joyful occasions like graduation, promotion, marriage, or children to occasions of sadness or hardship like the death of a loved one, a medical condition, or an unexpected tragedy. There are new parameters thrust upon us as we seek to adapt and to find a “new normal.” As a congregation, we could also point to the last two years following the church fire as another example. In some ways it “changed everything” for the people of both Gloria Dei and Faith, a disrupt-



tion that yet over time has opened up new relationships, deepened our identity in God's mission, and renewed our vision for ministry in the Hillside neighborhood and beyond. As construction continues, I'm thankful for how the presence of some things in the new design – such as an elevator accessing all floors, a commercial kitchen, a nursery and restrooms near the sanctuary, an office near the entrance – could also “*change everything.*”

Yet what the Youth Gathering leaders are reminding us is something even deeper: *God's relationship with us that enables us to respond to changes in life with faith and purpose.* Since last fall, our Gloria Dei Youth Gathering team members, including Journey A., Martha C., Else M., Youth Director Chelsea and I, have been meeting each month to prepare through bible study, prayer, and leading adult forums. A BIG THANK YOU for your prayers and generous support through coffee hours, part of the Sunday School offering, and envelopes detached from the information poster downstairs – enabling a large portion of the trip to be covered for everyone going. Here are some scripture passages we've explored describing people who have experienced *God's transforming presence:*

- + God's CALL changes everything (Moses and the burning bush, Ex. 3:1-16)
- + God's LOVE changes everything (Woman at the Well, John 4:1-42)
- + God's GRACE changes everything (Philip and the Ethiopian, Acts 8:26-40)
- + God's HOPE changes everything (Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-25)
- + JESUS changes everything (Hemorrhaging Woman, Mark 5:21-42)

God's gracious love and call, and God's hope through the presence of the risen Christ truly “*changes everything*” in the lives of real people like you and me. And it sets the tone not only for our lives but also for our ministry. This month's emphasis on Lutheran Social Service (May 6 & 10) and a special Palestinian food and film night (May 14) are opportunities for us to learn more about how we participate in God's gracious love, God's call and hope, through ministry partners near and far. The Synod Assembly (May 4-6) will also lift up these connections with the theme, “*Living in God's Kingdom Changes Everything.*” Voting Members are Tanner & Courtney Hall, Patti Maguire who serves on Synod Council, and synod staff Kathy Wimer and Bishop Tom Aitken. I plan to give a recap at adult forum on May 20.

In the midst of the changes of life, we are thankful for God's gracious love that is always there, enabling us to respond with faith and purpose. That youth director said it well in a prayer for the Gathering: *Gracious God, we thank you for this incredible opportunity to serve you on this journey. May we keep this theme and verse at the center of what we do, acting with faith, love and grace. Give us wisdom and patience, listening ears and compassionate hearts for all we encounter. In Christ's name, Amen.*

See you in worship!  
+ Pastor David Carlson

vance—check out garage sales, Savers, Goodwill, or your own basement! Look for flower pots, old ceramic floor tiles, picture frames, square glass vases or votive candle holders, glass trays from old microwaves. NO PLASTIC OR METAL ITEMS. A box will be set up at church to collect these items.

Questions or offers of help—contact Karen Bockelman (349-5863 or kgbockelman@gmail.com).

### MAY 2018 EARTH STEWARDSHIP TIPS

- Luther wrote: ‘God is substantially present everywhere, in and through all creatures, in all their parts and places, so that the world is full of God.’ Creation is not only a beautiful place, but where God is at work, and where God calls us to work creatively with God.
- In the primary ‘consumer model’ of our culture, nature is simply *unused* resources, places to be exploited, sites to be developed, and opportunities for growth. Nature is treated as lifeless things without mystery and devoid of God's glory - all there for us to use for economic growth, our secular god.
- God gave us dominion (care) over the earth. When we exterminate a species, we forever lose dominion (care) over it. We cancel God's blessings on a species when we destroy it, and nature, including us, forever lose the benefits and glory of that species.
- How can we find the spiritual resources to care for creation? What will motivate us for this labor of love? The answer, of course, is with the very God of creation whose presence is in, with, and under all of life; whose grace present in Jesus Christ is everywhere.



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 ~ Sydney Erickson	19 ~ Eloise Pass
2 ~ Marilyn Thomas	20 ~ Martha Carlson
3 ~ Kristin Hylenski	21 ~ Andrew Ernst
3 ~ Janet Schramm	23 ~ David O'Brien
4 ~ Kathy Wimer	23 ~ Maya Smith
6 ~ Bryn Weberg	24 ~ Peggy Stevens
8 ~ Marie Lindemann	25 ~ David Gangeness
11 ~ Stephanie Carlson	28 ~ Molly Weberg
12 ~ Doris DeGaetano	29 ~ Rachel Komarek
15 ~ Maury Aaseng	29 ~ Neva Maly
18 ~ Jessica Meehan	30 ~ Julie Ernst

As of the end of March 2018

**REBUILDING REVENUE:**

**IN HAND-**

Insurance Payments Fund	\$3,530,516.23
Rebuilding Fund Gifts	\$ 597,269.14
Rebuilding pledges received	\$ 3,850
MIF interest:	\$ 45,546.70
Total:	\$4,177,182.07

**OUTSTANDING/EXPECTED-**

City Fire Escrow	\$ 644,079.00
Brotherhood Mutual (code upgrades)	\$ 100,000.00
	\$ 744,079.00

**Total Revenue: \$4,921,261.07**

**CURRENT ANTICIPATED/CONTRACTED EXPENSES: \$5,280,268.81**

**Balance Needed: \$359,007.04**

**GLORIA DEI STAINED GLASS PROJECT**

In cleaning up the sanctuary and the church gardens after the fire, volunteers picked up hundreds of pieces of stained glass from the windows that were broken so the firefighters could put out the fire. People have asked what can be done with those shards of glass.

The heat of the fire changed the chemical composition of the glass so that it cannot be reused in windows. Some pieces may be used as part of new processional cross. Others may be incorporated into a new baptismal basin. But those projects wouldn't even begin to use the buckets and buckets of glass pieces that were saved.

So, what's the plan? With the assistance of the teachers at Shannon's Stained Glassery in Superior, interested members and friends of Gloria Dei can be taught to make mosaic pieces, suncatchers, Christmas ornaments, wire-wrapped jewelry, etc. Each class session will cost \$10 per person for instruction and use of materials (such as a grinder to smooth sharp edges.) Those without experience in working with stained glass will concentrate on making mosaic pieces (decorating picture frames, glass vases, flower pots, glass plates, etc.) Those with experience will be able to tackle projects such as suncatchers, ornaments, jewelry. Classes will be scheduled during the summer, beginning in mid-June.

Meanwhile there's plenty of work to be done. The glass pieces will need to be cleaned and sorted by size and color. Four Saturday mornings including May 5 and 12; 10am-noon will be set aside for those interested in helping clean and sort. The work will take place at the Teaching House (next to the Faith building) where the buckets of glass are being stored. Bins and buckets for washing and sorting will be provided, along with sturdy gloves and brushes. Watch for a sign up sheet at church or contact Karen Bockelman (349-5863) if you are interested and able to help.

Materials for decorating with mosaic pieces can be collected in ad-

**MAY LESSONS**

**Sunday, May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit. Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17*

**Sunday, May 13, 2018 Ascension of our Lord**

*In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53*

**Sunday, May 20, 2018 Day of Pentecost**

*On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray. Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b. Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

**Sunday, May 27, 2018 The Holy Trinity**

*When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him. Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17*

**LIFE'S LANDMARKS**

*First Holy Communion*

Per Amundson, Eliza Bauerkemper, Giulia Calland, April 22

*Funeral*

Ruth Bakke, April 21

### 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.*

**CHOIR** - The choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., May 2 and weekly at 8:30 a.m. on each Sunday except when the band plays. Newcomers welcome! For more information, please contact Interim Choir Director Cal Metts, 773-251-4206.

**SAMARITAN SUNDAY, May 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.

**MANY THANKS** to the **Rev. Greg Garmer** for preaching and leading worship on **May 6** when Pastor Carlson is at Synod Assembly. That day will have a special emphasis on Lutheran Social Service and Greg, a member of Gloria Dei and retired pastor, has been preaching at different congregations in our area to raise awareness about the programs LSS offers. **ALSO THANKS** to the **Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen** for preaching and leading worship on **May 27** while Pastor Carlson is officiating at a wedding in Colorado. Anna is a member of Gloria Dei, a teaching theologian of the ELCA, and director of OMG: Center for Theological Conversation and The Spent Dandelion Theological Retreat Center in Two Harbors.

**LARGE PRINT** - The Sunday bulletin continues to be available in large print for those who may find it helpful. In addition we now have three notebooks containing large print hymns. Each notebook has all the hymns for the Sundays of the current month. Be sure to ask an usher if you need the large print bulletin and/or hymn notebook.

**CHUM CHURCH WORSHIP, May 13** - Chum Church worship service will be held Sunday, May 13 at Peace United Church of Christ. Pre-worship gathering is at 4:00pm, worship at 4:35, and supper is served at 5:15pm. Chum Church is a faith-based community which intentionally includes people with disabilities. We welcome all to worship God at this non-denominational service. For more information, contact: Sue Anderson, 740-2498 or sanderson@chumduluth.org.

**EUCHARIST AT LAKESHORE CHAPEL, May 22** - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month a Holy Communion service is at Lakeshore Chapel on Tuesday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. 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 MAR 2018

Needed per month \$19,500; per week \$4,500  
Envelope Offerings:  
Budget, 3 months \$58,500  
Actual, 3 months \$58,793 100.5%  
Difference, *ahead* \$293



Thank you for supporting God's Mission through the ministry of Gloria Dei. 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!

**RENEWING + REBUILDING** –To date 103 commitments totaling \$490,792 were received for Gloria Dei's Rebuilding + Renewing campaign – praise the Lord! This is a fantastic affirmation of God's mission through the ministry of Gloria Dei. We are within \$9,208 of reaching our goal in full. *A Celebration Sunday is being planned for May 20, 2018 when all commitments received from March 25 to May 20, will be dedicated to the glory of God and the good of the whole community.*

#### MOVING FORWARD COMMITTEE UPDATE:

*By Brett Amundson*

Our weekly site meetings with Johnson-Wilson, subcontractors and Bob Fern continue. New cement footings have gone in along with a small portion of the kitchen subfloor and all the floor plumbing in the alley level (Lakeside room) of the '59 addition. About 1/3 of the new sanctuary subfloor has been installed allowing the teams to remove the old balcony and the Martin Luther window. Wall studs are being installed in the lowest level of the '59 addition along with some rough plumbing. The insulation and attic area have been encapsulated (preventing any damage or smoke smell) which allows the electricians and sprinkle installation to begin. Work continues on the elevator pit.

In the next few weeks for the Moving Forward committee will be looking at the kitchen, meeting with consultants and moving those plans forward. The whole committee will also be meeting for more updates and to begin looking at the next phase of the project-interior finishes and furnishings.

The Moving Forward Committee continues to seek congregation input and is open to answering any questions as the process continues. Feel free to contact committee chair Brett Amundson at [brett.amundson@yahoo.com](mailto:brett.amundson@yahoo.com) or 218.349.9013.

**REBUILDING + RENEWING COMMUNITY BBQ, May 20** – hosted by St. Michael's Catholic Church at 4901 E. Superior St. on Sunday, May 20 beginning at 11:45 a.m. Delicious BBQ donated and prepared by Duke Skorich, with coleslaw, chips, dessert and beverage will be part of this indoor picnic event. Suggested donation \$10/\$7 children 12 & under. Our role is to invite others—especially beyond Gloria Dei—to attend! Helpers needed. Contact Linda K. at 728-6206.

**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, May 26** - All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Hunger takes no vacation—we can use your help any time from 7:30 to 11:30. To help, please let Carol K. (525-6098) know.



### 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 March 31, Radio Ministry has received \$3931 which is \$931 ahead our budget needs. This surplus includes funds from the anniversary appeal in March, but there is ongoing funding need. Thanks to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts of \$230 to sponsor a Sunday or in any amount continue to make this an important outreach.*



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

+ Live Radio Broadcast Sundays 10:00 a.m. on AM 710 or FM 98.1 - WDSM Radio

+ Listen live using Windows Media Player - download Windows Media Player for best software interface with the audio stream.. Please note that there is a new IP address for Internet streaming.

+ Directions at: <http://www.gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/liveaudio.html>  
After opening up the media player, type CTRL U (Hold down CTRL key, then press U key) which will open a new window asking for "URL."

3. To play live audio stream, copy and paste the following into the URL window: <http://24.159.193.198:8080>. Note: you will only hear the live audio while the service is being broadcast, so if you are early just wait a few more minutes and try the link again.

### MINISTRY OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Nurture members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of our Christian calling, and to use our gifts of the spirit for our life together and for our calling in the world.*

**INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, May 13** - "A Great Cloud of Witnesses." Christians of all times and places witness to God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ, and we can learn much about faith through their lives and writings. Through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we become part of the Communion of Saints too, knit together into the church, inspired by the Spirit for faith and courage today. Join us once a month for singing, bible verses, crafts and conversations that will focus on God's people throughout history and across the world. See you there!

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, May 5 & 19** - In addition to regular worship, our confirmation class will be focusing on the Bible this year. We meet every other Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.—this month May 5 & 19. All students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING 2017-18** – In keeping with the intergenerational theme of "A Great Cloud of Witnesses" this year, the Sunday School will be raising funds to support two projects, one local and one global, with the goal of raising \$500 for each project.

+ Synod Journey/ ELCA Youth Gathering Projects - as youth from Gloria Dei begin preparing for the National Youth Gathering, this will support their service projects, offering, and travel there.

+ Bright Stars of Bethlehem - a U.S. charitable organization that supports the outreach ministries of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem to build hope and a brighter future for the Palestinian people. Bright Stars is currently raising funds to match the grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to construct the new Library and Multimedia Resource Center at Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem. Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb is the President and Co-Founder of Christmas Lutheran's multiple ministries.

**ADULT FAITH FORUM** – All are welcome to join us at 8:45:

May 6 - Lutheran Social Service MN update with Robin Pestalozzi and Pr. Greg Garmer

May 13 - Intergenerational Sunday School "A Great Cloud of Witnesses"

May 20 - Recap of Synod Assembly with Pastor Carlson & voting members

May 27 - Report from "Why Christian?" Conference by Patti Maguire

**TRAVELING TEXT STUDY, May 22** - Most "First Word" bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 noon are in the conference room in the lower level of the Synod Building. All are welcome! But once a month, we are invited to the home of Marianne Kjolhaug - either meet us there, or arrive at the church office by 11:45 to carpool. The Word is on the move!

**EARTH HARMONY STUDY GROUP, May 10** - The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious Forum of the College of St. Scholastica offers a new study group on environmental stewardship, facilitated by Pastor Carlson. These sessions explore a variety of spiritual perspectives that recognize our deep creaturely interrelatedness, lament our negative impact on the earth's well-being, and highlight our vocation as stewards. This study group meets monthly on the second Thursday from 8-9 a.m. at Sara's Table. Please contact Pastor Carlson if interested in attending.

**RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, May 23** - 8 a.m. at Valentini'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 the April issue of *National Geographic*.

#### 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.*

#### FROM OUR SEMINARIAN, CASSIE BORGES ~ PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST TO YOU ALL!

It's been too long, but I have been feeling a little overwhelmed lately at Wartburg Seminary. I have some seriously tough classes this semester—most notably systematic theology, which trains us to formulate, in a coherent and rigorous way, how we know God. (The first rule of systematics is that if you think you can explain the Trinity, you're probably wrong.) I am also taking Hebrew, pastoral care, preaching, and New Testament letters...among other things. Eek.

I just got back from the Institute for Liturgical Studies conference at Valparaiso University—2.5 days of intensely worshipping, talking about worship, and thinking about worship. It's good training for next year, when I will be serving as sacristan of the seminary chapel, helping other students organize daily services.

There's only a month left of the semester, which is hard to fathom. After a very brief pause in which we will try to see family, I'll begin Clinical Pastoral Education at a hospital system in Rock Island, Illinois. It's quite a commute from Dubuque, but two other Wartburgers are in my CPE cohort and we will be able to carpool down. By the end of the summer, they will be my brothers.

Richard continues to enjoy data wrangling with the Development office. We are both working on improving our table tennis—an important Wartburg tradition.

You continue to be in my prayers, as I know I continue to be in yours. Thank you all for your support and encouragement during this process!  
Cassie

#### Please help by volunteering!

- 1. WALKERS** - Teams of 2 people with a vehicle walk with a carrier or drive behind a rural carrier and pick up food throughout the day. Most routes will start at about 8:30 a.m. and end any time between noon and 3:00 p.m. Volunteers must be fit and able to walk and carry heavy bags. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers will report to the Main Post Office, 2800 W. Michigan St., at 8:30 a.m. on May 12 for route assignment, dashboard sign and nametags.
  - 2. ROVERS** - Rovers pick up food at pre-determined locations and on-call throughout the day to help carriers when their trucks need to be emptied of food. Rovers must have a vehicle - preferably a van or pickup truck.
  - 3. SORTERS** - Volunteers unload bags of food from the mail trucks as they come in off their routes at the Main Post Office on Michigan St. from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. No children under 13 are allowed to help on the loading docks.
  - 4. RECYCLE CREW** - Be available at the Main Post Office loading dock between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to sort empty grocery bags that can be reused by the Food Shelf.
- If are you able to volunteer, please contact Kelley Johnson at Second Harvest Food Bank**  
**218-727-5653 ext. 111 [Kelley@northernlakesfoodbank.org](mailto:Kelley@northernlakesfoodbank.org)**



**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD ACCESSORIES** - At our next clothing tag sale we would like to offer other accessories like purses, belts, scarves and jewelry (necklaces, earrings, bracelets, pins). If you have any gently used items like this that you would like to contribute to the clothing tag sales, please contact Kathy Wimer. The date for the next tag sale will be posted soon.

**CHUM FOOD SHELF AT FAITH** - Distribution at 51st and Glenwood is held on Mondays from 11-1. We are in need of volunteers. You can train the day you serve with someone who is already volunteering as we try for 3 people each week. To volunteer please contact Betty Wolterstorff at 728-2600 or Ruth Wittmers at 525-6273.



**RUBY'S PANTRY, May 17** Volunteers Needed At Ruby's Pantry—Coppertop, 3rd Thursday of Every Month, 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. For a \$20.00 donation, people receive approximately two boxes of food. Cash only, no income guidelines. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop, please contact First United Methodist Church at 727-5021, located at 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth.



revolving around mental illness easier to start and more acceptable for those in our congregations. The meeting will be at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd from noon to 2:30. Lunch will be served. Contact Patti if you are interested. This program is funded by a Northland Foundation grant.

**FAIR TRADE** All profits from the Fair Trade table will be going to the rebuilding fund for Gloria Dei. If there are certain items you want available, tell Tom at the Fair Trade table. New items include Will Stenberg photos on magnets and bookmarks. These items are donated by Will.



**AFFORDABLE HOUSING LISTENING, May 8** - The Affordable Housing Coalition is hoping this year to hold an event in every neighborhood in Duluth as an alternative to the Housing for All Summit. The goal is two fold: to gauge community need and to engage more people in housing advocacy. We plan to use the results of these listening sessions to build a policy agenda and housing campaign, including a fall housing march. The listening sessions would be open to anyone in the community, with a special effort to hear from people facing housing insecurity. Lakeside has unique needs, notably those of elders and struggling homeowners, and we want to make sure those voices are heard. The format will be pretty simple - a meal, introductions, and small group discussion focused on six questions about housing affordability and quality. Hosted by Gloria Dei at the Faith building, Tuesday May 8, 5-7:30 p.m. To help in the kitchen, please contact Pastor Carlson.

**LSS BREAKFAST / LUNCHEON, May 10** - Join Our Members at the Annual LSS Benefit for Youth! Our Congregation will be hosting tables at the Lutheran Social Service (LSS) breakfast and lunch benefits for youth, May 10th, 2018. The breakfast is from 7:30-9:00am and the lunch from 11:30am-1:00pm, both at Greysolon Ballroom (231 E Superior Street). There is no cost to attend, although these are fundraisers for LSS Youth Services. As a partner of LSS, we're proud to contribute to the momentum and progress in our community around preventing and ending youth homelessness. This past June LSS opened the Center for Changing Lives. LSS Youth Services reach more than a thousand young people each year through supportive and residential services. It's incredible work, and our congregation's support makes it happen! RSVP by contacting table captains Ryan Jagim 464-0675 (breakfast) or Maury Aaseng 464-0189 (lunch) ASAP if you would like to sit at our Congregation's table.



**STAMP OUT HUNGER** On Sat, May 12th the National Association of Letter Carriers will once again be collecting food which will be distributed to area Food Shelves. This is one of CHUM's big annual food drives.

**GLORIA DEI QUILTERS, May 1** Quilters meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the former Faith building and put together warm and colorful quilts that are then donated to Lutheran World Relief and other needy organizations. Newcomers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493. If you can help, please join us! We can teach you all that needs to be done! Our goal is 30 quilts so helpers are appreciated!

**MARTHA CIRCLE** has been moved to the 2nd Thursday of each month for 2017-18. The next meeting is May 10 at 9:30 AM at St. Ann's (west meeting room). Note this is for the entire school year (September - May)



**BOOK CLUB** will return in the fall. Watch for announcements in Sept.

**LGBT ELDERS** - meets the 2nd Saturday each month at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church (The Coppertop). For more information, please contact Kathleen Gates gatespea@centurylink.net or 624-4589.

**PALESTINIAN FOOD & FILM EVENT, May 14** *By Jim Bailey*

Why all the trouble in the Holy Land? Why the mass protests and report of young Gazans being killed in the national news? The protests began on Land Day—when Palestinians remember their loss of land in 1948—and continue on Fridays until May 14, the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. May 14 is a time of celebration for Jewish people and simultaneously a time of heartbreaking remembrance for Palestinian people. On that date, moreover, the Trump Administration plans to move the American Embassy to Jerusalem.

In his 1957 Nobel Peace Acceptance Speech, Albert Camus said, ". . . the writer's role is not free from difficult duties. By definition he cannot put himself today in the service of *those who make history*; he is at the service of *those who suffer it* . . ." This is also true for followers of the Jewish Jesus who suffered death on a cross at the hands of the Roman Empire. Yet to take up this responsibility has been doubly difficult in the case the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Holy Land today. Historically Jews suffered greatly at the hands of Christians. Now, however, Israel's fifty-one year occupation of West Bank and the economic blockade of nearly two million Palestinians in the small Gaza Strip (25 miles long by 4 to 8 miles wide, about the size of Duluth) have caused hardships and suffering for the Palestinian people. Some of them are our Lutheran sisters and brothers in Christ.

For two years, a group of concerned Lutherans in the greater Duluth area have been meeting for study and action designed to further the three objectives of the ELCA's "Peace Not Walls" campaign: *awareness, accompaniment, and advocacy*. To raise awareness among the congregations in Northeastern Minnesota Synod, a resolution is being proposed that reads in part, "*be it resolved that congregations in our synod provide opportunities for their members to learn about the realities of life for our Lutheran broth-*

ers and sisters and other Palestinians in the Holy Land through the many resources available from the ELCA's Peace not Walls campaign ([www.elca.org/peacenotwalls](http://www.elca.org/peacenotwalls)), which works for peace with justice in Palestine and Israel, or through the reading of Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb's book, *Faith in the Face of Empire*, so they may be able to speak and act regarding the issue with understanding."

To that end, our Twin Ports group is hosting a Food and Film Event at First Lutheran Church in Duluth on May 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Palestinian food dishes will be coordinated by two former volunteers in the Bethlehem area as YAGMs (Young Adults in Global Mission)—Laura Mills Anderson and Kylie Cochran. The film "The Iron Wall" documents the costly construction of the separation barrier and the growth of settlements in East Jerusalem and West Bank, the territory designated for a Palestinian state by the United Nations. All are invited to join us for food and film on March 14, 6:00 p.m., at First Lutheran Church, an evening intended to raise awareness of what is now happening in the Holy Land, events that should be on the minds and hearts of Christians.

**CALLING TO CONNECT OUR CHURCH FAMILY** - In an effort to enhance our connections as a church family, we would like to begin to establish a phone calling system to be utilized when members die and when other critical church information needs to be shared. The first step in this process is to ask for volunteers to be "Callers" for those folks who do not have computers or email access. A Caller would receive a call from Pastor, Donna, or a Council member and would then proceed to call members on his/her list. If we have several volunteers, our lists could be quite short. If you are willing to participate in being a Caller, please let Donna know in the office.

### MINISTRY OF SERVICE

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

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - Patti Maguire

April was filled with confusing weather: snow storms, sunshine & melting, and hopes of Spring. By the time you read this, I hope you are thinking about planting your garden. Regardless of the weather, we are Easter people renewed by the Resurrection of our Lord.

On April 4th, the Health Cabinet celebrated a service of holy communion with our friends at Edgewood Vista. In May we will have worship at Ecumen Lakeshore for the folks there. Please know that everyone is welcome to attend these monthly afternoon worship services.

Our Care Team made a great effort to get to all shut-ins before Easter to



reassure them of God's presence in their lives. If you know of anyone who would benefit from calls or visits from a Care Team member, please let me know. This month we also mourn the deaths of two lovely ladies who have lived in assisted living facilities for years. May God welcome them to the feast.

April events included helping the Pastor host the Lake Superior Conference at the Faith Building on April 10th and hearing Pastor Beth Pottratz speak on the ELCA Immigration policy. April 12th the monthly Parish Nurse meeting was held at Lakeview Covenant Church with Maija Kaato from St Luke's Wound Care explaining how they treat wounds of all kinds. Upcoming events in May include the Arrowhead Parish Nurse Association Board meeting May 1st, the annual Synod Assembly in Brainerd, and on May 10th the Parish Nurse training on mental health (see announcement below).

### April 15-21 was National Volunteer Appreciation Week

Thank you to all the good folks who volunteer at Gloria Dei. When you usher or greet someone at the door of the sanctuary, or make a call to a shut-in, or shovel the sidewalk, or work in the garden, or teach Sunday School, or serve at the Neighborhood Breakfast, or drive someone to-from church, or serve on a committee, or bring a pan of brownies to one of the many events 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 your helping hands, genuine smiles and generous spirits! Thank you all for stepping up to make Gloria Dei the church it is.

### RELAY for LIFE - JULY 20th at the College of St Scholastica

JOIN the Gloria Dei Relay team! Our church has been walking in the Duluth Community Relay for Life event for over 20 years. Sometimes the teams are large (over 20) and sometimes quite small (2-3). It's alot more fun when we have more people involved!

This year's theme is "SHOOT FOR THE STARS"! It's scheduled for July 20th from 4-midnight. Cancer survivors, caregivers and those who love them will gather to raise funds for patient education, family support, and cancer research. The event is family friendly, fun and a great community happening filled with music, games and luminary bags! Everyone knows someone affected by cancer. What can you do about it? Joining the team is the best way to "do something" to help find a cure for cancer. Contact Patti to join the team.

### MAY is National Mental Health Awareness Month

Roslyn Carter stated, "People with mental problems are our neighbors. They are members of our congregations, and members of our families; they are everywhere in this country. If we ignore their cries for help, we will be continuing to participate in the anguish from which those cries for help come. A problem of this magnitude will not go away. Because it will not go away, and because of our spiritual commitments, we are compelled to take action."

On May 10th, the Parish Nurse meeting will be lead by Kay King, Community Educator from the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI). The title of the presentation is "Make it OKAY!" and will help is make the conversations