## GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 2016
NEWSLETTER

## From the Desk of Pastor David Maxfield

Dear Friends in Christ,

The corn maze had been planted several months ago with the aid of a GPS. Now the crop was over six feet tall and a path, two rows wide meandered into its depth. It was a Sunday afternoon, several young families had brought their children to the pumpkin patch for a warm, sunny October day.

What the kids did not know is that Ed and I were walking with them. A few rows of corn and their full ears provided just enough camouflage for the two us to keep an eye on them and to have a little fun.

First it was a bird call, and the children stopped. What was that? Oh probably just a snipe. Then another noise, then another. The children were on the right path but were wondering what sort of critters might be near. Then Ed and I attempted to sound like elephants, it sounded more like a moose with really bad cold. We started laughing, our cover was given away.

I was thinking about the corn maze the other day when I read the wonderful words of Psalm 23... even though I walk through the valley of the shadows .... The kids did not know, they could not see that Ed and I were keeping a watchful (if precocious) eye on them. So it is with God. Throughout the maze of life God is walking, watching you and me every step of the way. And just like the maze, we may not see pattern mowed by every twist and turn, but we know that the adventure is in the journey.

Don't forget these October happenings at GDLC...

Check out our Children's and Youth ministry...I invite you to come and see what God is doing through our young people. A renewed High School group is taking shape on Sundays evening and the middle school ministry on Wednesday is awesome! Approximately 70 children participate in the Wednesday or Sunday church school time, and with one request money has been provided to start a Wednesday evening meal! Our Confirmation youth are learning about golf balls and creation and we are planning to Confirm another group of young disciples on Sunday, Oct 30 at 2 pm.

**Installation Celebration- October 16.** Assistant to the Bishop, Sheri Heine will be with us for both Sunday worship services as we celebrate our ministry together as I am installed as the Lead Pastor of Gloria Dei. This celebration is really about what God is doing in, among and through all of us together and is time of deep gratitude for our partnership. Please mark the day.

**Celebrate Generosity-October 29,30**- Our annual celebration of God's good gifts will take place at all three services that weekend. Start with the truth of the old Gospel song, *count your blessings, count them one by one...."* Open your heart to the spirit of gratitude and praise for all that God has done and for the amazing love God has shown personally to you in Jesus Christ.

**Adult Bible Study- Sunday mornings-**It's time to bring your Bible, grab your coffee and come to the Family room between services beginning Sunday, October 9 at 9:45 am. *What's in a name?* Will be the theme of our adventure through the narrative of Scripture. Our congregation is named *Gloria Dei*, come and find out what it means, how it is a part of God's mission and how it is a part of your life and mine today.

Renewal Team-With our ministry together taking shape, with the Call Committee engaged in their work, with the future unfolding before us, now is the time for us to pray along the way and seek God's wisdom and will for our journey. What on earth, is God calling us to be and to do in this time? I will be calling each individual and family to pray and Bible reflection, we will be gathering a team to listen and learn of the dreams of God and of our congregation, community and our world and together we will discern the whispered calling of God for our ministry together. If you want to know more, or if the Spirit has piqued your interest, please speak with me.

Shalom Pastor Dave



Join Us October 16th for the
Installation of
Pastor David Maxfield
We will be celebrating at both services!
Breakfast potluck between services with
free will offering going to
ELCA Mission Builders

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday,



November 23rd at 7:00 PM.

## Campership Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser

Date: October 9th

Time: Following 10:45 service

Place: Fellowship Hall

Free will offering will go to Campership Fund. This money is used to help kids go to UMM summer camp.



# Winter Hat & Mitten Drive Looking for new hats & mittens

hats & mittens
for elementary
age children. A
collection box is located outside the Sanctuary and is
marked. They will be delivered to District 1 School
Office and given to children
in need. We are collecting
through the end of October.



## Synod Youth Gathering

Oct. 20-22

Ramada Inn, Bismarck

**Cost: \$75.00** 

(includes \$75.00 matching grant from GDLC!)

Registration deadline:

Tuesday, September 27

Watch for a letter with details!

## Synod Youth Gathering

Attention Students grade 9-12

Join with youth from the Western North Dakota Synod over fall break for an exciting retreat/ conference
Thursday, October 20- Saturday, October 22

#### **Program**

Rachel Chumley and Mandy Anderson of Big Blue Couch
Coaching will be calling us to connect our Christian faith to
the life challenges we face. Singer/songwriter Tony
Memmel will lead us in worship. Camp reps will be with us
-- a good time will be had by all!

**Servant projects** will challenge us to make a difference in the lives of others as we seek to be and share a blessing in tangible ways.

Fun, food, Faith, friends, Fellowship!

For more information, speak with Deb Kemp, Jodi Mishcke, or Pastor David.



## September Memorials

In Memory of Doris Liffrig	
Stan & Shirley Lyson	50/50 Fund
In Memory of Betty Opperud	
Bob & Shanna Rude	50/50 Fund
In Memory of Erik Rauser	
James & Loyce Rauser	50/50 Fund
In Memory of Kathy Rathert	
Duane & Dorothy Fenster	50/50 Fund
In Memory of Mae McDonald	
Bill & Lola Christensen	50/50 Fund
In Memory of Oliver Granrud	
Bonnie Kolden	50/50 Fund

### **GDLC YOUTH NEWS - OCTOBER 2016**

Grapple (Grades 5-7) 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, October 5 – Why Do I Have to Sit in the Back Seat? (God's Call to Sacrifice for Our Siblings)

Wednesday, October 12 (6 – 8 p.m.) – FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT!!

\*\*\*Calling parents/grandparents to come with your child and help us make apple pies and deliver them to our neighbors Wednesday, October 19 – No Grapple/412 Youth (Teacher's Convention School Break)

**Wednesday, October 26** – We will be helping our youth learn how to usher, pass the offering plates, acolyte, read, and help during the church service (part of our confirmation program in 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade so why not learn and get involved NOW!)

\*\*\*We are still looking for volunteers to help with games/snacks on Wednesday nights.

#### **8**-12 Youth Group: (Grades 8-12) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

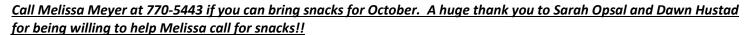
Sunday, October 2 Movie on the Lawn (weather permitting)

Sunday, October 9 Morphball & Protect the President

Sunday, October 16 Basketball/Foosball using chairs

Sunday, October 23 No Youth Group

Sunday, October 30 Halloween Mystery Dinner (need parents to help with this so please contact Deb if you can help!!)



We need volunteers to help make the youth groups run!!! Maybe it is one Wednesday a month, or all you do is organize games, bring snacks, promote youth group activities etc. To help with Grapple/412 Youth, contact Wendy Slotsve at 770-3330 or Bobbi Gathman at 406-262-3775 and for 8-12 Youth Group contact Jodi Mischke at 570-1062 or Deb Kemp at 770-1997.



For 8-12 youth group this is the E-mail (<a href="mailto:gloriadeilutheran@ymail.com">gloriadeilutheran@ymail.com</a>) that is used to keep you up to date of what is going on for this group!! If you are not receiving an e-mail please send an e-mail to this e-mail address and you will be added!!

#### **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP), the document that is required by the Bishop's office to formally begin the call process, is nearly complete and is being sent to church council members for approval. Once approved, the MSP will be forwarded to the Synod office by the first week of October.

The Call Committee has also begun working on the job description for potential Associate Pastor candidates.

We feel confident that deadlines are being met, and tasks are being completed in a timely manner so as to keep this call process moving along. We ask that you would continue to pray with us and for us as a committee, for the call process, for any potential candidates, the Synod office and for Gloria Dei as a whole.

Gloria Dei Call Committee: (Pastor David, Wayne Colebank, Lisa Hanson, Cody Jeanotte, Deb Kemp, Stan Lyson, Alberta Parisien, Drew Robinson, Wendy Slotsve, Deb Solomonson, Carl Zeman, Haley Vader (Youth representative) & Grace Solomonson (Youth representative)



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 CARRIE FORTHUN ARLIS HAUG HAZEL KOLDEN DEBBIE STEVENS

10/02
KAIDEN HENDRICKSON
STEVE LYNDE
CASEY NATWICK
DALTON TANGEDAL
ROGER WICKUM

10/04 DOROTHY FENSTER BRENDA LERVICK BREKLYNN SOLEM KIRBY URBATSCH

10/05 RAMONA PARPART BENSON SLOTSVE

10/06 AUSTIN ALEXANDER BEVERLY KULSETH GERRIE LIPPERT

10/07 STEVE BORRESON

10/08 SHAWN CARNELL JERRY HAHN DUSTIN HICKMAN

10/09 KENSIL OPLAND MIKE VINGER

10/10 CRYSTAL ANDERSON MAREN GRAUPE MASON GRAUPE TAMIKA RATZAK BRETT WENSTAD

10/12 MARTY ATANASU CHANTZ GREENFIELD LEIGH HAAGENSON HEIDI JEANOTTE 10/13
MADISON COLLINGS
TRINITY LADUE
SADIE OLSON
KAIA WENSTAD
CORY WHEELER

10/14 CAROL LARSEN KYLE LEDOSQUET MAX LLEWELLYN

10/15 JAYDEN DEGELE KIM NICE BILL REEB BUTCH ZAHN

> 10/16 JAY JAGER RICH SLAGLE

10/18 DEBRA BOLDT MIKE HODENFIELD

10/19 JESSICA BARCLAY SAWYER HANSON JAYCI SOLEM

10/20 MANDY LEVANG SHAWN LEVANG JOCELYN NASS JAXSON REDKA

10/21 MARGE CLARK MIKE MELLING OWEN WIESE

10/22 GARTH HAGEN

10/23 LUKE FADNESS SARAH OPSAL

10/24 TYLER JORGENSON GARY KNUDSVIG JACOB LIZOTTE 10/24 ERICK NICE SARAH TELEHEY OLIVER WEIGEL

10/25 JACOB FAGERLAND LACEY HENDRICKSON DARIN KIRBY SHERRY WEYRAUCH

10/26 CHERI ANDERSON KEYANNA ENGET

10/27
ANNE ATOR
CONNIE COTE
TODD HANSON
JILL KLEVEN
SIERRA OAS
BRADY POWELL
EXTON ROBB
MATTHEW SCHROEDER
DANIELLE WATTERUD

10/28
BARBARA DELANEY
ALEXIS HANSON
MADALYN HELLAND
CALEB RAAD
LOIS REIERSON

10/29
JACK KREIL
MCKENIZE OAS
ZAKERY THOMPSON
COOPER VADER
PARKER VADER

10/30 SANDY HAAGENSON TODD RONDESTVEDT LIZ SHUPE

10/31 SHEILA BROSTUEN AARON ERICKSON LANE LLEWELLYN SYDNEY VANNATTA 9:30 AM

#### Gloria Dei Sunday Schedule

8:30 AM Traditional Worship

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

Gloria Dei Coffee Hour

## OCTOB:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
2 Church School - 9:30 - 10:30 AM Sr High Youth Group - 7 PM Girl Scouts - 7 PM	3	4  Executive Meeting - 5:30	5 Confirmation Church School - 4:12 Youth - Glory Band -
9 Campership Fundraiser—Noon Church School - 9:30 - 10:30 AM Sr High Youth Group - 7 PM	10 GDLC Work Night - 5:30 PM All are welcome! SOS - 7 PM TCC - 7 PM	11 Kitchen Cleaning Day - 1:00 PM ALL ARE WELCOME!!	12 Confirmation Church School - 4:12 Youth - Glory Band -
16 Installation Sunday Potluck - 9:30 - 10:45 AM Church School - 9:30 - 10:30 AM Sr High Youth Group - 7 PM	17	18 Quilt Loading - 9 AM — 3PM	19 No Church School Stewardship Com Women's Bible Glory Band -
23 No Church School	24 SOS - 7 PM	25 Kitchen Cleaning Day - 1:00 PM ALL ARE WELCOME!! Worship Committee - 6 PM Parish Ed Committee - 7:30 PM	26 Confirmation Din Confirmation - Church School - 4:12 Youth - Glory Band -
30 Celebrate Generosity Day! Flu Shots - 8:15 AM - Noon Confirmation - 2 PM Girls Night Out - 6 PM Sr High Youth Group - 7 PM	31		

#### Faith Lutheran Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM

Worship

#### Gloria Dei Saturday Schedule

5:00 PM

Worship

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			1 Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Worship - 5 PM
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ner — 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6 - 7 PM 6 - 7 PM 8 PM	27 Property Committee - Noon Evangelism Committee - 6 PM	28	29 Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Worship - 5 PM

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# A Monthly Update from the Synod Office

#### Getting to Know Western ND...

It is a gift to be able to host guests from our Church-wide office. In mid-September, we were visited by Victoria Flood, the ELCA Director of Mission Support and Nick Kiger, Associate Director of Mission Support. They came to be a part of our Synod Council meeting, to engage with us in conversation around ministry on our territory and the ministry we are involved in - together - across the United States and around the world.

They arrived on Thursday, September 15 and stayed through Sunday, September 18. This allowed time for meetings with clergy and chances to tour both rural and town settings of our synod. It also gave them multiple opportunities to hear about our changing landscape, as well as, worship in five different congregations while they were here. (Yes, we kept them on the move.)

We are partners in this Gospel work, and it is important we tell the stories of the incredible Christ centered ministry happening in this part of God's world. It is good to have guests who can hear the passion of our people.

We also learned more about what is happening across our church. We talked together about how Mission Support - the undesignated dollars your congregation shares with the Synod and Churchwide - is helping start new congregations, transform other congregations, put missionaries around the world, train up new leaders and much more.

The most frequent words Victoria and Nick used were "Thank-You". They were thankful for our partnership, your faithfulness and for the way people on this territory work to share God's love with our neighbors.

#### Council Actions...

Some of the actions taken during September's Synod Council meeting:

- \*Approved a Mission Support Strategy which seeks to continue to grow the amount of money we share with our Churchwide partner over the next 5 years. By 2021, the goal is to share with our Churchwide partner 50% of the undesignated giving shared by congregations with the synod.
- \*Approved a plan to have Faith Simonieg work as a planned giving consultant within the synod on a part-time basis; her work will be helping individuals with gift plans and congregations create endowment funds.

- \*Agreed to participate in a study process to help identify ways to assist small member congregations find new and creative ways to enhance worship music. The study is being led by Jay Beech and Dr. Rollie Martinson.
- \*Reviewed the results of the synod audit.
- \*Heard that revenue from congregations to the synod is slightly down compared to the same period last year.
- \*Spent time talking about issues of race, the Church-wide Assembly action to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery and how we, as a synod, might work to build stronger relationships with our Native American neighbors.
- \*Approved a number of changes to the Synod Constitution. Those changes will be made available to congregations of the synod and will be voted on at our next Synod Assembly. Those changes include removal of term limits for the bishop.
- \*Directed staff to redraft the 2017 Synod Budget and return the stewardship position to half-time. The redrafted budget will be reviewed by Synod Council at its February meeting.

#### **Invitations Welcomed!**

Synod Staff and Synod Council members would love to be invited to talk with your church council, lead an adult forum, do a brief temple talk or any other opportunity to talk with church groups about our work together. We want you to know about the Christ centered ministry we are involved in together. Call the Synod Office (701-223-5312) and will work to set up a visit.

#### <u>Rostered Leaders Appreciation Month...</u>

This synod is blessed with faithful leaders. Each has different gifts, but they strive for the same goal - that all around them would know the love of Jesus. Join me in letting them know the importance of their work.

One way your congregation might show your appreciation is to give your Rostered Leader the gift of participating in our Spiritual Renewal Retreat - January 20 - 22 at Metigoshe Ministries. This retreat has been created as a way for rostered leaders and their families to spend time in rest, spiritual reflection, and renewal. Contact the Synod Office for more information.

#### Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



### **July Financials**

General Checking Account:	
Aug 1 2016 General Checking Account Balance	205,919.23
August Offering	+20,195.49
August Expenses	(25,282.26)
Aug 31 2016 General Checking Account Balance	\$200,832.46
Special Checking Account:	
Aug 1 2016 Special Checking Account Balance	255,921.60
August Specials Offering	+17,908.24
August Expenses	(7,730.30)
Aug 31 2016 Special Checking Account Balance	\$266,099.54
Benevolences:	
WND Synod—ELCA Benevolence	1119.08
UMM Bible Camp Benevolence	159.87
Bethel Lutheran Home Benevolence	111.91
Lutheran Social Services Benevolence	79.93
WND Synod- WND Benevolence	<u>127.89</u>
Total Benevolences for May	\$1598.68
Thrivent Mortgage Payment	\$6552.00
Building Loan Balance as of August 20th, 2016	\$278,555.78

### **August Council Meeting Highlights**

#### **Committee Reports –**

**Pastor's report** - Planning confirmation and adult ed. Need for Gloria Dei to participate in the Synod Renewal process.

**Evangelism -** God's Work Our Hands project is September 11th. Need 100% cotton t-shirts for diapers for Haiti orphanages.

**Property** - Working on items for Above and Beyond. Going to paint class rooms before Church School starts. Work night is 2nd Monday of the month.

**Worship** - August 21st is the outdoor service and picnic. Return to 8:30 and 10:45 worship schedule on September 11th.

**Stewardship** - Above and Beyond forms are available in the church office. Celebrate Generosity Stewardship Program on October 30th. Wants to work with Worship Committee on volunteer duties and have training sessions on them.

**Parish Ed** - Sunday school will start September 11th, Wednesday school will start September 14th, there is a new curriculum. Tithing project will be school supplies.

Website Subcommittee (Computer/Technology) - Texting platform is being used by office.

**Nominating - Open positions for council** - Evangelism, Parish Education and Youth rep for Youth committee

Background checks will be done on all Church school teachers, youth group leaders, chaperones, staff and council members.

## Help Deep Clean The Kitchen!!



Dates: Tuesday,

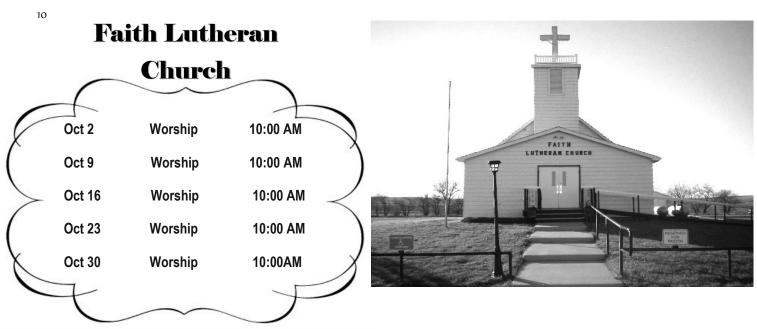
October 11th & 25th

Time: 1:00 PM

<u>Lutheran World Relief Quilt Loading</u> We need volunteers to help load the truck on Tuesday, October 18th from 9 AM -



3 PM at First Lutheran Church. There will be three shifts in two hour blocks. The sign up sheet will be passed around during church and also a sheet in the gathering area.



**Faith News October 2016** 

#### **Bill Christensen**

## "For it by grace you have been saved, through faith...and this is not from yourself, it is a gift from God...not by works, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2:8-10

Martin Luther was born November 10, 1483 in Eisleben, Germany. Martin was a brilliant student and much to his father's delight was on his way to becoming a very gifted lawyer. I think God must have looked down on His world and thought, just like today that the world didn't need one more lawyer; however a reformer it certainly could use. Martin got caught out is a severe storm on his way back to school from a visit to home. He prayed to Patron Saint Anne that if his life was spared he would become a monk. Unlike many who promise God something if God will save them, Martin Luther was true to his promise and shortly thereafter joined the Augustinian cloister in Erfurt. This did not please his father at first as he was expecting his son to become a well healed lawyer. Hans Luther did come to accept his son's choice though. Martin Luther worked hard at being a priest and try as hard as he could he never felt that he was worthy before God because of his sins because he hadn't repented proper or enough.

Again Martin Luther's brilliance as a student came through for him and us and he was selected to teach bible at the college in Wittenberg. It was during his preparation studies that the Holy Spirit revealed to Luther that one was saved by Grace alone, Faith alone and the Word of God alone.

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther posted the Ninety Five Theses and what many of us believe today the Reformation began.



- Faith Women of the ELCA will meet October 1st @ 10 AM. Hostess Nina Grev Bible Study leader - Darlene Benth
- Cleaning in October Larry & Joanne Njos



### **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

Church School students will be assembling these school kits on October 2nd & 5th during class. Please have all supplies to the church by those dates.

#### Kits include:

- 4 70 sheet notebooks
- 1 12 inch ruler
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Blunt/Safety Scissors
- 5 Unsharpened #2 Pencils
- 5 Black or Blue Ballpoint pens
- 1 Box of 16 or 24 crayons

- 1 2 1/2" Eraser
- 1 Drawstring Back pack approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps

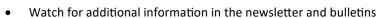


**CELEBRATE GENEROSITY** 

The Stewardship Committee is gearing up for Stewardship Saturday/Sunday which is October 29 & 30. The theme this year is "Celebrate Generosity". Please look at information below and prayerfully consider providing information that is being asked for and attending the meal/dessert after services on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm
- Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am
- Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am

dessert served after service muffins, juice, coffee served after service meal served after service



- Did you know you could give online?

- Go to www.gloriadeiwill.org, click on "Give" and then "Online Giving"
<ul> <li>Create your online profile</li> <li>You can set up a one-time donation, make recurring donations and track your donation history</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Questions? Contact a Stewardship Committee member (Rick Clemes, Wendy McGinley, Alberta Parisian, Kent Reierson) or</li> </ul>
Pastor David.
Please return the bottom portion to the church office or put into your giving envelope and place in offering plate by October 30 <sup>th</sup> .
<u>CELEBRATE GENEROSITY</u>
Because God give abundantly, and because I want to be a faithful steward, I/we will take a step up in my/our giving.
NAME ENVELOPE #
I/We plan to grow toward or beyond a tithe by growing \$1.00 every week until I/we reach \$ per week.
The starting point will be \$ for next week's offering. Each week, I will add \$1.00 to the previous week's giving.
for the next yearuntil I reach \$ per week,
until I reach a tithe of my incomeuntil I move beyond a tithe to% of my income.
I plan to grow toward or beyond a tithe by growing 1% of my income per year. Beginning next Sunday, I/we will give \$ per week/month
I plan to grow toward or beyond a tithe by giving \$ per week/month/year (circle one)
Gathering to Grow in the Glory of God!

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