GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Pastor David Maxfield

Dear Friends in Christ.

"Gathering to grow to the Glory of God" What a mission statement our congregation has. The purpose of a mission statement is to respond to the question of "Why" as in "why are we here, why do we do the things we do, why here, why now" and perhaps the most important question, "why me?"

Beginning in August, and launching in September I invite you to prayerfully consider and participate in several important events/ groups/ and opportunities to "gather and grow"

Thursday, August 30-*The Vision thing...*We been together for the fullness of three years. Where is it God is leading us? As we listen to the community, to our neighbors and to each other what is rising up?

Come and join the Council and Committee members as we "look down the road a bit" casting a prayerful vision for the next three to five years. (hint: I suspect it will have something to do with the other "g" that our mission statement is missing—g as in "Go to serve". Your input is valued,

Stephen Ministry— We are in the process of placing care receivers with our team of 5 Stephen Ministers, but you know what? The need of people who are hurting and longing for care far exceeds what we can do. How about you? Is God stirring in you to share in this ministry of care in the name of Christ? We will be sharing the story, the vision and inviting you to be a part of our next training class which will begin in late September. But in the meantime pray and ask God if this is a way for you to "Go to serve"

Alpha– born of conversations in the coffee shops of suburban London, Alpha is safe place where people can ask questions about God, faith, and life. Yes it was started with those who did not know about Christ but now it has grown to be a place where people can gather– grow– and discover the love of God.

Why am I here? What is the purpose of life? Can I trust the Bible? Who is Jesus, really? How can I know God? How do I pray? These and other questions all of us have asked form the basis for small group discovery and personal transformation... we will be collaborating in this program with our brothers and sisters from First and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches—watch for details coming in September.

Financial Peace University— after a successful summer launch, FPU returns. Whether you have debt, financial questions or want to discover the connection between faith and \$, Financial peace is a confidential study group. The presenter is Dave Ramsey, nationally known financial guru. The sessions are practical, challenging, stimulating. More to come.

Saturday Morning Bible Breakfast—A gathering of men around food, coffee, life and the Word.

We tell stories, enjoy a meal and take a look at the lessons for Sunday. All questions are welcome as Bill Christensen guides us. There's a place at the table for you! Come and join us every Saturday 8-10 a.m.

Where Jesus Walked...The Bible comes alive as we walk it trails, sit by the Sea of Galilee or explore the ruins of Ephesus. With the eye of a camera and the teaching wisdom of Biblical scholar, Dr. Ray VenderLaan we will "walk in footsteps of Jesus". Discussions will start on Sunday mornings in September, come and be a part of the journey.

Well that is just a taste of the opportunities to gather and grow this fall. What might God be calling you to do or to lead? Perhaps you have an idea, a passion, a what if... let's talk and let's make it happen.

Our call to "Gather and grow" finds its expression as we "go to serve" to be the hands and feet, the instruments of peace to a hurting world, Now more than ever we are hungering for people of faith to live "for the glory of God." It's who we are, it's woven into the DNA of our baptism, it is the call of discipleship.

Gathering, Growing, Going to serve, all for the glory of God!

Pastor David

- 1. How is it that God has blessed us this past year?
- 2. What is our congregation doing that is making a difference in people's lives?
- 3. What is our congregation doing that is making a difference in the world?
- 4. How do we feel God is calling us to respond to God's blessings through our giving to the congregation next year?

(Fill out a sheet by the office window and place in the box.)

The Stewardship Committee ~ Alberta Parisian, Wendy McGinley, Terry Olson, Rick Clemes & Kent Reierson



Hello from The Evangelism Committee!

The Evangelism Committee is exploring opportunities to partner with Community Connection to serve our community including possibly participating in a "Brown Bag Lunch" program for those in need as well as a Birthday Treat Program- please watch for more details. If you are interested in assisting us with home bound communion please contact the church office. Members of the Evangelism committee are Audrey Frisinger, Judy Hogue, Andrea Pederson, Cheryl Nelson, Mary Kay Odegard, Pat Day, and Lori Hahn – we would be honored if you are interested in joining us- please contact the church office.

Hello from Parish Ed & 412 Youth!

We are gearing up for the start of Church School, 412Youth and Confirmation. The 1st class for Sunday Church School starts September 9th and Wednesday night Activities start September 12th. You can go to our website to register for classes at www.gloriadeiwill.org.

Church School is for 3 year old's to 4th grade and is available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

- 412Youth Group is for 5th—7th Graders and is available on Wednesday nights from 6-7:00.
- Confirmation is for 8th and 9th Graders and is available on Wednesday nights 6:-7:00.
- We will have meals on Wednesday nights again for from 5:30 to 6:00.
- If you would be willing to help out with activities on Wednesday night or Sunday morning, please let someone on Parish Ed know!

Blessing of the backpacks is coming up on August 26th so please bring the kids backpacks to the 9:30 to receive a special blessing for the upcoming year.

8th & 9th Grade Confirmation students, please watch for a letter in the next week or so about Parent meeting and some things to do before the parent meeting.

10th Graders that are going to be confirmed, watch for a stole letter that will be mailed out this week. Stoles are available in the church office from 8-4:00 Monday—Thursday and Friday from 8-12:00.

Pastor Dave will be working with the 10th graders with some new curriculum called Alpha, before they are confirmed October 28th at the 10:45 Service.

Kamí Dornfeld, Georgette Huravitch, Heidi Clemes, Sherry Weyrauch, and Ann Nelson





Working together to be a community where all people are valued.

Greetings from the Community Connections Staff:

The number of homeless people requesting assistance at Community Connections has increased 37% January-June 2018 compared to January-June 2017. In June we served 18 homeless adults. The majority of requests are for employment services and assistance for gas, lodging, rent, and utilities. Our employment counselor, Steve Peters, and the collaboration with other agencies is valuable to our clients so they can take the steps necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

Our Executive Director, Lynea Geinert, has been busy with grant writing. She has held 7 meetings in area churches to inform people what Community Connections is all about and to gather ideas from those attending as to what we as a community can do to help the homeless.

One of the needs in our community for our homeless is to provide food during the week. Faith United Methodist Gifts meal and Banquet West meal at First Lutheran have wonderful meals on Saturday and Sunday, but people are hungry during the week also. We are looking for assistance from church groups or volunteers who would put together sack lunches that could be provided Monday-Friday from 11:00-2:00. We are also looking for a place of distribution. Please contact Sandy Winter at (701) 713-6783 with any ideas or for more information.

May God continue to bless the ministry of Community Connections as we continue to serve the most vulnerable in crisis situations and to promote a path to self-sufficiency.

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Worship Committee is excited to announce the return of Flat Jesus! Gloria Dei loved seeing where Flat Jesus popped up with our members, visitors, and friends last summer, and we can't wait to see where He goes this year. Printouts of Flat Jesus are available in the Gathering Area, and we encourage you to pick one up and take Him with on your travels this summer as a reminder that no matter where we may be, He is always with us! Visiting family? Going overseas? Taking a cruise? Attending worship elsewhere while out of town? Going camping? Heading off to college? We would love to see where you and Flat Jesus will go this summer! Pick up a printout and include Him in your summer photos – just be sure to email the pictures to office@gloriadeiwill.org so we can all enjoy the reminder that Jesus goes with us wherever we may be!

August BIRTHDAYS

08/01 SANDY OPPERUD MARVIN TREIDER

08/02
REID HALVORSON
MARTY HANSON
BRITTNEY O'NEILL
DAVE SKALSKY
OLIVIA WESTMAN

08/03
GRANT CARNS
BENNETT NASS
ELIZABETH REED
RACHAEL STUDSRUD
JAN WILLIAMS

08/05
GRANT GATHMAN
KOBEN HOLM
RYLEE RUDE
RHONDA WOODHAMS

08/06 MANDI OLSON

08/07 TAMI ENGET SANDY LONG

08/08
AVERY ALLEN
AUDREY FRISINGER
KAEGAN HOLM
MEGAN SWENSON

08/09 LORI ERICKSON

08/10
MICHAEL BAIRD
RUBY BAUER
IRV DAVIDSON
RYAN ENGBERG
NOAH HAAGENSON
SPENCER KJORSTAD

08/11 LAURIE BECKER BRIANNA FRETLAND 08/11
JEREMY HENDRICKSON
ROBERT RUDE
HARPER STUNDAL

08/12 WADE FORTHUN SHARON KNOX ALEX OSBORN

08/13 RANDY RAMSEY JESSE STUNDAL

08/14
ANGELA BRACKEY
TRACY MORTENSON
LAURALI SIME

08/15 BOB ERICKSON ALIYAH SOLWAY

08/16 EVAN COLLINS ANNA PETERSON

08/17
MICHELLE HANSEN
LEAH JORGENSON
LANDEN SNELLINGS

08/18 ANNE HANSON PENNY SLAGLE

08/19 WYATT PETERSON

08/20
MARGARET GARBEL
LAUREY HOFFER
LANA LYNDE
BRODY MONSON

08/21
DEREK ANDERSON
ATLEE HILDEBRANDT
MACI TESKE
AMELIA WIEDRICH

08/22 RON BINGEMAN FRANK WEISZ AISLINN WIEDRICH BLAKE WOLD

08/23 OLIVIA MORTENSON BRENDA SWARTOUT

08/24
MARIE CHALLES
DALE SUNDET

08/25 SETH GRUNDSTAD

08/26
TAYLOR BLOXHAM
ISABEL LLEWELYN
HEATHER SOISETH

08/27
RANDY HAUGENOE
CONNOR MCKEIL
BEN NELSON

08/28
CHAD HOLGERSON
JUSTIN IRGENS
STACY LACROSSE-WICKUM
LOIS MORTENSON
SUE TREIDER
TREVOR VANNATTA

08/29
CHERYL DAHL
HOLLY SNELLINGS
CODY THOMPSON
BRIDGET WHRITENOUR

08/30 ABEL ALLARD

08/31 KYLIE BAKER BRAXTON HELLER HADLEY MONSON DOLLY RAMSEY KAREN SALVESON **DATE: AUGUST 19th**

PLACE: SPRING LAKE PARK

TIME: 10:30 AM

MEAL TO FOLLOW

No Worship at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, August 19th. We will join Gloria Dei at Spring Lake Park.





Needed co-chairs for the FALL BAZAAR!

A fun opportunity to help in what I consider a GREAT time of FELLOWSHIP and getting acquainted with members you may have seen or even knew their name, but will learn more about their interests and faith walk.

Our Bazaar date typically is the Saturday before Thanksgiving, so that would mean this years potential date is November 17th.

We have strong group leadership in all areas and have people from the past that have provided great notes so individuals can step in and fill the role.

Please contact me with any questions and watch for a scheduled meeting in August to start our plans.

Thank you, Deb Bingeman 701-572-6155



July Memorials

In Memory of Ruby Nelson

Mortgage Reduction Fund
Gerald & Ruby Bauer
Bobbie Kohler
Chelsey Vinger
Larry & Rae Olson
Betty Hegge
Mike & Polly Vinger
Mark & Kari Kringen
Jim & Loyce Rauser
Floyd & Donna Pederson
Gary Bickel

The Nelson Family
Rick & Janet Tangedal
Bill & Lola Christensen
Jerry & Cheryl Fleck
Rod & Sandy Opperud
Hazel Kolden
Norm & Lisa Hanson

Scott & Kristen Rehak Ron & Deb Bingeman

In Memory of Ruby Nelson

Glory Band Fund
Dick & Marg McKennett
John & Lois Kuester
Duane & Dorothy Fenster

Food Pantry

Ryan & Char Ferrell & Family
David & Jacquelyn Kinney
The Nelson Family
Ryan & Amber Ogaard
Phil & Sharon Rabon
Jan Hogue
Judy Hogue

Quilters Fund
Rich & Jane Studsrud
Roy & Kathy Trogstad
Bonnie Kolden
John & Carrie Forthun

In Memory of Shirley Lyson

Quilters Fund Bonnie Kolden

In Memory of John Monson

Food Pantry
Bill & Irene Bell
Gerald & Marilyn Rooks

Quilting

Rich & Jane Studsrud Phil & Sharon Rabon Ruth Olson

Mortgage Reduction Fund
Jerry & Mary Erickson
Floyd & Donna Peterson
David & Betty Rod

In Memory of Doug McEver

Food Pantry
Phil & Sharon Rabon

In Memory of Lloyd Papineau

Mortgage Reduction Fund Bill & Lola Christensen

Stephen Ministry
David & Margaret Maxfield

412Youth Youth Mission Trip 2018 - Minneapolis



We started out our time with making 100 bag lunches for the Simpson House in Minneapolis. The sack lunches are given out to the people who are staying at the shelter before they leave for the day at 9AM. Most of the residents don't have enough money to pay for their own lunch so they are not able to eat again until they come back at 5:00 at night. The volunteer coordinator there, took the kids on a tour of the facility and explained about the homeless crisis in Minneapolis.



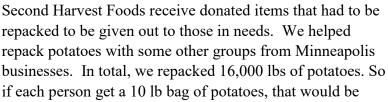
After we finished delivering the bags to Simpson House, we headed to South Minneapolis to help a lady with medical problems by doing yard work.

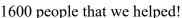


In the 90 degree heat and 70% humidity, we worked in her yard for 2 hours. She was very appreciative of all the help that we gave her!



Day 2 was spent at Seconds Harvest Food and at ARC Value Village.





After the potato extravaganza, we headed to ARC Value Village. ARC is a second hand store and all the proceeds from the store go to helping people with disabilities. There we sorted items and put them on shelves to be purchased.



We finished up the day with going to do shopping for the Pediatric Department at Hennepin County Medical Center. The kids got the wish list from HCMC and a budge and were told to pick out items that you would enjoys doing or playing with. We delivered all the items to the hospital on Saturday afternoon.

We finished up our work on Saturday by helping Mr.

Nelson with his yard. He told us stores of when he was younger and showed us how to tie knots for the twine so it wouldn't slip. His wife had passed away a few years back and his health was not good, so he wasn't able to keep up with his yard work.



We closed out our time and rested on Sunday with going to church at Peace Lutheran Church in Plymouth and we went to a Twins baseball game.



Thank you to the Men's group for donating money for the sack lunches and the Bazaar Committee for donating money for the toys for HCMC. Thank you to the members for all the prayers. This trip was a success!



Gospel Seeds.... August 2018

This Changes Everything...

As I write this I am sitting in Houston at the National Youth Gathering. The theme verse for this gathering of 30,000 ELCA youth and their adult leaders is 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.

Jesus death and resurrection changed everything! Period! End of story! The world was changed by Christ's freely going to the cross. Through the cross God has pronounced us worthy of God's love and mercy.

Daily Themes...

Each day of the gathering we engaged a different topic:

Day 1: God's Love Changes Everything

Day 2: God's Grace Changes Everything

Day 3: God's Hope Changes Everything

What amazes me is the intentional work that goes into the planning of these gatherings. From providing excellent study resources to help prep participants in the event, to the well thought out work projects and the opportunities for participants to think and talk about faith and daily life.

Do we believe it???

Do we really believe that Jesus' death and resurrection has changed everything? Do we trust God's promise of ongoing, unearned and unmerited love? If we are honest the answer is, "Not always." We live in a world where "nothing is free" and so it is hard to fathom a God whose love is.

Through God's grace we are set free to love and serve our neighbors. Such service is offered with no strings attached. We are moved to love and serve the neighbor because God first loved us. This is what it means to live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We gather weekly to worship the God who gifted us in such an incredible way. We worship to thank and praise God but also to hear God's Word of grace and forgiveness. We taste it in the meal, we hear it in the music, we encounter it as a gathered community.

Then nourished we are sent back into the world to be a witness to what God is all about. As the Holy Spirit stirs in our life we are changed, thanks be to God!

Synod Happenings...

- -We celebrate the Ordination of Kayla Hill on July 29, 2018. Kayla has been called to serve the people of United as One Parish Powers Lake, Battleview and rural Kenmare.
- -We welcome Rev. Justin Johnson who has begun a call serving the people of English Lutheran, Hazen. It is a blessing to welcome you to the Western North Dakota Synod.
- -We welcome Rev. Natasha Kolles who will begin her call as Associate Pastor, Zion Lutheran, Minot in mid-August. We are looking forward to the gifts you will share.
- -At the same time we say farewell to Rev. Linda Schauer who has been serving Zion, Ashley. She begins a new call in Eastern North Dakota in August. We also say farewell to Rev. Anna Haugen who has served Augustana, Underwood and Birka, rural Washburn. Blessings to both of you and thanks for sharing your gifts with the people of this synod.

Upcoming Events...

- -August 12-14 Central African Republic Partners Meeting Fargo. A gathering of the three synods and other ministry partners engaged in ministry in CAR.
- -Candidacy Retreat August 17-18 at Badlands Ministry. A chance for those who are engaged in theological education to connect with synod staff and members of the Candidacy Committee.
- -August 29-30 Synod Program Staff Visioning Retreat Camp of the Cross. This time in retreat always synod staff to lay out our work for the coming year.
- -September 9-11, Medora Rostered Leader Gathering

Thanks...

I am so thankful for each congregation in this synod and the faithful way we engaged ministry together. As you share Mission Support with your synod and churchwide you make ministry happen! Thanks for supporting congregation visioning, congregational renewal, training new pastors and deacons, sending missionaries around the world and much more. Thanks for your partnership – you are a blessing.

Blessings All!

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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June 2018 Financials

General Checking Account:	
June 1 2018 General Checking Account Balance	199,103.51
June Offering	+20,865.58
June Expenses	<u>(31,567.01)</u>
June 30 2018 General Checking Account Balance	\$188,402.08
Special Checking Account:	
June 1 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	267,581.95
June Specials Offering	+7,900.86
June Expenses	(<u>12,815.86)</u>
June 30 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	\$262,666.95
Benevolences:	
WND Synod—ELCA Benevolence	1617.77
WND Synod- WND Benevolence	184.89
UMM Bible Camp Benevolence	231.11
Bethel Lutheran Home Benevolence	161.78
Lutheran Social Services Benevolence	115.55
Community Connections	<u>115.55</u>
Total Benevolences for May	\$2426.65
Thrivent Mortgage Payment	\$6552.00
Additional Principal Payment from Bazaar Fund	\$10,000.00
Building Loan Balance as of June 30, 2018	\$137,305.70

<u>July Council Meeting Highlights</u> Committee Reports –

Pastor David and Steve provided written reports.

Evangelism – Heavenly Harp Concert will be Sunday July 22nd, 7 pm. There will be a preconcert meal and free will donation.

Property – The dehumidifier has been installed in the parsonage. Two air conditioner units in the church are not working. Will get bids. The washer and dryer will get hooked up in the kitchen.

Worship – Folks are encouraged to send pictures of Flat Jesus to the office. Song Select will be added to the CCLI license. Easy Worship Subscription will be updated to include software that will be easier to see and use. Healing Service will be July 29th. Worship in the Park will be held on August 19th, 10:30 am. Potluck to follow.

Stewardship – Give + Mobile App was reviewed. Approved education for Ann regarding volunteer recruitment.

Parish Ed – Teachers and helpers needed for Sunday and Wednesday schools. Blessing of the backpacks will be August 26th. Rally Days will be September 9th and 12th.

Youth - Picnic in the Park for the 412 youth will be in Dakota Park from 5:30-7:30 on July 25th.

The Noisy Offering for July will go to Watford City (storm damage).



Visit www.gloriadeiwill.org and sign up for online giving. Click on the 'Give' tab and create an account. If you have any questions, please call the office at 701-572-2667.

Faith Lutheran Church

August 5 Worship 10:00 AM

August 12 Worship 10:00 AM

August 19 - Worship at Spring Lake Park

@ 10:30 AM with Potluck to follow.

August 26 Worship 10:00 AM



Faith News - August 2018

By Bill Christensen

Little Billy

Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me. Mark 9: 37

Little Billy's Sunday school teacher was teaching the class the Ten Commandments. This Sunday they were studying the Six Commandment, "Thou Shall Not Commit Adultery." She asked if anyone could find a bible verse that said a man could only have one wife. Of course Little Billy's hand was the first to go up, and the teacher was a little bit hesitate to ask him but he volunteered immediately, "Isn't it the verse that says no man can serve two masters?"

A agnostic teacher confronted Little Billy who believed in Jesus Christ. "There are many thru out history who claimed they were God. How can you be sure who told you the truth? He asked? Little Billy responded without hesitation: "I believe in the one who rose from the dead!"

The Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments and the commandment that day was the fourth: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Now does anyone know a commandment for brothers and sisters?" She asked cautiously knowing Little Billy would volunteer. Of course he did: The Fifth Commandment, "Thou shall not kill."

The teacher asked her class, "Which is more important, the sun or the moon?" Little Billy answered, "The moon." The teacher then asked why the moon was more important than the sun." Little Billy explained, "The moon gives us light at night when we need it the most...The sun just gives us light in the day time when we rally don't need it."



- No Women of the ELCA meeting in August.
- Cleaning for August Merrill & Darlene Benth
- No worship on August 19th. Please join Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at Spring Lake Park Amphitheater at 10:30 AM. Potluck lunch will follow the service.

Gloria Dei Summer Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Coffee Hour

Sun

Faith Lutheran Sunday Schedule Worship Worship Gloria Dei Saturday Schedule Support GDLC at the Moose Bible Breakfast - 8 AM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM Sat 18 25 11 Kindergarten Screening - 8-5 Support GDLC at the Moose 6:00 - 8:00 PM Fri 10 17 24 31 Kindergarten Screening - 8 - 5 Evangelism Meeting - 6 PM AUGUST 2018 Council - 6:00 PM Property - Noon Quilting - 9 AM Quilting - 9 AM Gideons - 6 PM Quilting - 9 AM Quilting - 9 AM Quilting - 9 AM Thu 16 30 23 8 PM Kindergarten Screening- 12 - 5 8 PM 8 PM 8 PM 8 PM Glory Band Glory Band Glory Band Glory Band Glory Band Wed 15 29 22 8 Parish Ed Meeting - 8 PM Worship Meeting - 6 PM Tue 14 28 GDLC Work Night - 5:30 PM Exec. Committee - 5:30 PM Tri County Childcare - 7 PM Mon 20 - 10:30 AM - Meal to follow 19 Worship in the Park 9:30 AM Unified Worship Girl Scouts - 7 PM

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