

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



November 2018
Newsletter

From the Desk of Pastor David Maxfield

Dear Friends in Christ,

...pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

I love late autumn. Nature's reprieve from the cold northern blast is deeply appreciated. Farmers finished the harvest, construction and oil workers have all taken a sigh of relief while Margaret and I enjoy one of our favorite fall activities— walking through pile of leaves, having leaf fights, and enjoying the crunchy sound of leaves under our feet. The perfect contour of a harvested field rivals any manicured baseball outfield. There is just something about fall. The birds have left or are packing their bags, a silence descends over the land. There is something about fall.

Soon we will gather with family and friends for the great feast of Thanksgiving. More than a half-time or between game binge feast, thanksgiving calls us to reflect on the goodness of life, the gift of relationships we share and if even for a moment, to wonder what a world could be like if we dared to live as thankful people.

Over time I have collected some quotes on the theme of Thanksgiving. I share them with you. Some are thoughtful, some whimsical. They come from a variety of people, places and times. Considering it breadth, I can't help but wonder if thankfulness isn't at the core of what it means to be human. Enjoy.

Gratitude turns what we have into enough.....Anonymous

As we express our gratitude, we must not forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.....President John F. Kennedy

I am grateful for who I am and what I have. My thanksgiving is perpetual....Henry David Thoreau

If a person does not believe in God, to whom are they thankful?.....Anonymous

Keep your eyes open to your mercies. The one who forgets to be thankful is one who has fallen asleep in life.....Robert Lewis Stevenson

I would maintain that thanks is the highest form of thought and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.....Gilbert K Chesterton

There is no happier person than a truly thankful, content person.....Joyce Meyer

Be thankful for you have: you'll end up having enough. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never have enough.....Oprah Winfrey

Thanks.....My father's last word before his last breath

We will be sharing Thanksgiving worship with our friends from Faith and Good Shepherd again this year. Come and give thanks— **Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm.**

Shalom,

Pastor David

P.S. Just a brief note of updates:

Steve— continues his leave of absence from his seminary studies at Wartburg Seminary and his ministry among us. Please continue to uphold him in prayer on his journey of discernment.

Amber— has formally resigned her position as she begins a new job locally. She and the council has agreed to an interim renewable contract to continue working as the financial coordinator of the congregation. Her office duties are transitioning to others. While we do not say “farewell”

I know you join with me in saying “thank you for a job well done.”

Thanks for your patience and grace in this time.

Church Committees.....

Greetings from Parish Ed!

Thank You to everyone that came to the Cottonwood Forest! We had a great time. There were about 150 people that attended.

We are collecting items for Chemo Cancer kits. When the collection time is done, the kids will decorate bags and cards and assemble the kits. The kits will go to patients here in Williston at the hospital.

We have started working on our Christmas program that will be 16th between services.

Operation Christmas Child is underway. Shoe boxes are available by door #1.

Nov. 7th, Bill Christenen will be working with the Confirmation Students to make Christmas Ornaments for Bethel this year.

Parish Education Committee,

Heidi Clemes, Kami Dornfeld, Sherry Weyrauch, Georgette Huravitch, Ann Nelson

Salutations from Property Committee...

Property is working on the security of Gloria Dei and the members. All class rooms have security stops for the doors incase of an intruder.

All children involved in Sunday or Wednesday Activities ran fire and sever weather drills a few weeks ago.

A lock has been installed on the door in the hallway outside the office. This was installed as a precaution when employees are alone in the building.

All Exterior doors have been numbered. This helps to identify which door to come to incase of an emergency.

Keys to open the outside doors, have been placed in a special box outside the building to be used by fire or policeman in the case of an emergency and all the doors are locked.

A security camera will be installed by door #1. This enables staff to see who is entering the church. A planned gathering of interested congregational members to be informed of emergency action will be forth coming.

As always, work night at Gloria Dei is the second Tuesday of each month. If you would like to help, come over at 5:30.

Property Committee

NEWS FROM WORSHIP!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

We are bringing back Family Advent Fun with an afternoon of crafts, food, and worship! On Sunday December 9th from 4-6:30, we will be making Christmas and decorating our beautiful sanctuary tree! Some of the beautiful Christmas from years ago are beginning to fall apart, and what better way to replenish our decorations than a little family crafting!

We will be decorating the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 1st at 9:30 am and welcome any and all the help we can get! Many hands make light work; and we will feed you afterwards!

Christmas is just around the corner and we have set the Holiday Worship Schedule for this year.

- Unified Worship Service on Sunday December 23rd at 9:30am

- Christmas Even Candlelight Services at 4pm and 9pm on Monday December 24th

- Unified Worship Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 30th at 9:30am

Join us November 20th at 6pm for our next Worship Committee Meeting!

Chelsey Vinger, Ashley Weisz, Clair Keene, Dave Rod, Linda Clemes, and Kathy Molland

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

It is time to put in your order for Poinsettias! If you are interested in purchasing Poinsettias in honor of /or in memory of a loved one, please fill out and return this order form along with \$15 for each Poinsettia that you are ordering. Please drop off at the church office by Sunday, November 18th.

Quantity _____ @ \$15.00 EACH

Total: _____

Poinsettia(s) is...

In Honor Of :

In Memory Of:

Given By:

ANNUAL BAZAAR!

November 17th, Saturday
9 a.m.-12 noon

This is a great time for fellowship and working together for a common goal, the money we generate with what we consider with moderate effort is significant and we want to be open to all groups in distributing the proceeds and this year since it the last year I will chair, we would like to set up a time with the group leaders to discuss needs in the church and look at prioritizing those for the benefit of all.

To the task at hand: We this year are not passing clipboards, we are counting on you to sign up if you can help. Ways to help: Bake at home and bring to the bake sale, make a pie for our lunch which will be served, make a craft for the silent auction or bring a new or gently used item for the silent auction. We have seen a wide variety of items shared, matted and or framed photography, collectible dolls, etc. Work days: Donut Day and set up which all occurs on Friday, November 16th beginning early with the donut frying, but after the cooling, help is needed packaging them. And the second day is the bazaar, November 17 (Saturday) which we need help in the kitchen, in the craft and bake sale area, with the Silent Auction, Cashiers and baggers and just people to help direct individuals to the respective areas of our sales. And at the end of the day we appreciate anyone who can help us clean up and get things put away making our area ready for evening fellowship and fellowship the following morning.

For the first time we are not having people bring items in advance for the preparation of our product, if this was a way you liked to contribute, we would appreciate your cash donations and these can be made by using an envelope in the pew designating it as proceeds to the Bazaar or drop it at the Church office directly or in the box on the wall outside the office door.

Help share the news regarding our Bazaar with friends and neighbors and if there are inquiries regarding lefse, tell them we will only have lefse for sale as it is provided from our membership prepared in their homes. And due to the popularity of our donuts there will again be a limit on the number of packages each person can purchase.

God continues to bless us richly in our worship with one another and through all the activities offered by so many giving people.

Deb Bingeman, Chair

Arlis Haug, Co-Chair

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

CASEY GARDNER	11/01	JODIE HANSON	11/15
ALLISON GARDNER	11/01	LINDA SELBY	11/16
ALLI MONSON	11/01	CHERYL AMUNDSON	11/16
DEREK WOODHAMS	11/03	LAURA GUNDERSON	11/16
WENDY MCGINLEY	11/03	RICK CLEMES	11/17
CARTER BAKKEN	11/03	DEBBY SALVEVOLD	11/17
ASHLEY WEISZ	11/04	EVERLY MORTENSON	11/17
MARK SLOTSVE	11/04	DAVID KEENE	11/18
LAYKEN WRIGHT	11/04	GERALD FLECK	11/18
MCKENZIE WILSON	11/04	BRANDON JAGER	11/19
LANDON SIM	11/04	STEVEN MORTENSON	11/19
WILLIAM VESTAL	11/05	SHIRLEY ENGSTROM	11/20
SEAN ALLEN	11/05	CASSIDIE HANSEN	11/20
KENNETH BERGSTROM	11/05	DAWN HUSTAD	11/20
CHLOEE STUNDAL	11/06	JAMES SPRENGER	11/20
KYAH STUNDAL	11/06	KEEGAN WALZ	11/20
JOHN WESTLIE	11/06	TAYSHA OVERLAND	11/20
ANDREW LLEWELLYN	11/06	RYLUN SUNDHAGEN	11/20
KELLIE LLEWELYN	11/06	SYLAS STEVENS	11/20
JORDAN VACHAL	11/06	ALEXIS CHRISTENSEN	11/21
TYRELL REDKA	11/07	RYDER LLEWELLYN	11/22
TREVN SUNDY	11/07	LUKE LLEWELLYN	11/22
RACHELLE THOMPSON	11/08	JORDAN SCHROEDER	11/22
CHERYL RETZER	11/08	DELORES AMUNDSON	11/22
MATTHEW CONLIN	11/08	LISA HANSON	11/23
ARIA STACH	11/08	BRAD BEKKEDAHL	11/23
ALEC STROMME	11/08	ANDREAN OSBORN	11/23
OWEN STROMME	11/08	HAYLEE JOHNSON	11/24
ZACHARY ERICKSON	11/09	RUBY BINDE	11/25
SAMI MONSON	11/09	BLAINE SWALLOM	11/25
SKYLAR HARDING	11/09	LARRY SCHILKE	11/25
TYLEIGH BROSTUEN	11/09	SAVANNAH WATTERUD	11/25
BRAYLEE HARSTAD	11/09	RICK NICE	11/25
TUCKER OVERLAND	11/09	LOGAN HENDRICKSON	11/25
TAESON HENDRICKSON	11/09	THOMAS ATOR	11/26
LILLY HANSON	11/09	MARY SCHMIDT	11/26
RONALD HAGEN	11/09	KATIE WIESE	11/26
WILLIAM STILLWELL	11/09	MARISA SALVESON	11/26
SARA SOLBERG	11/10	SHAUNA STALOCH	11/27
JOHN FORTHUN	11/10	CEDAR HENDRICKSON	11/27
KENT SYVERSON	11/11	KELEA BRUNELLE	11/28
MEGAN TELEHEY	11/11	DARRIN KNUDSVIG	11/28
STEVEN TESKE	11/11	JACKIE COLLINGS	11/28
KYLE H ERING	11/11	MICHAEL MOLDENHAUER	11/29
PEYTON ZEMAN	11/11	HAZEL EGBERG	11/29
PARKER ZEMAN	11/11	Dr. DEAN STRINDEN	11/29
FYNN KRENZ	11/12		
BONNY ATANASU	11/12		
CATHY HOWE-SCHMITZ	11/13		
JANESSA NELSON	11/14		
SHELLY LYNCH	11/14		
BRAXTON BOOTH	11/14		
TREVOR CHRISTENSEN	11/14		
SANDRA MOLDENHAUER	11/15		
CADEN HURAVITCH	11/15		
LOGAN KNOX	11/15		
DENNIS MEYER	11/15		
TERRA ERICKSON	11/15		

November

In Loving Memory!

October Memorials

In Memory of Arlene Thorson

Mortgage Reduction Fund
Duane & Dorothy Fenster

In Memory of Arnie Johnson

Mortgage Reduction Fund
Bill & Lola Christensen

In Memory of Doug Fixen

Mortgage Reduction Fund
Bill & Lola Christensen

In Memory of Marceil Kringen

Jr. High Youth Group
Bonnie Kolden
Ron and Deb Bingeman

In Memory of Robin Borud

Jr. High Youth Group
Bonnie Kolden

In Memory of Earl Innis

Mortgage Reduction Fund
Greg & Charysse Everson

In Memory of Don Ranum

Quilters & Mortgage Reduction Fund
Rich & Jane Studsrud
Gerald & Ruby Bauer
Doug Hoglund

Pictures from Cottonwood Forest!



Congratulations Confirmandi!



Madison Fagerland
Grant Gathman
Taya Harstad

Comstock Krenz
Alexis Meduna
K yle Mischke

K eyton Opsal
Codi Salvevold
Savannah Watterud





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

Greetings,

September was again a busy month at Community Connections and the first half of October has kept up the pace. We served 86 clients in September. Most of our help was provided for lodging, gasoline, food referrals and referrals for employment counseling. We also made referrals to other agencies that can provide help. The free lunch program is in full swing and going well. In addition to physical needs, having a listening ear and giving words of encouragement to our clients is an important aspect of our ministry. Human stories are important, not only data.

Employment Connections has been busy serving new and existing clients with their employment needs. We have established a partnership with Community Action Partnership to assist with resume development services.

A day retreat, led by Rev. Mark Narum and Sherie Heine, was held with Community Connections Board Members and Community Connections staff. We looked at how far we have come and did visioning for the future. One of the major needs our community falls short of is immediate-temporary housing. This is a big undertaking but can be accomplished by collaboration with other agencies, churches, the city government and prayer.

As we enjoy our beautiful North Dakota fall, keep Community Connections in your prayers. Remember all people are valued in God's eyes. We are the hands for doing God's work.

God be with you,

Jane Dube

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September 2018 Financials

General Checking Account:

September 1 2018 General Checking Account Balance	174,251.12
September Offering	+30,679.00
September Expenses	<u>(27,002.66)</u>
Sept 30 2018 General Checking Account Balance	\$177,927.46

Special Checking Account:

Sept 1 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	275,991.85
September Specials Offering	\$8,724.51
September Expenses	<u>(\$25,604.52)</u>
Sept 30 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	\$259,111.84

Benevolences :

WND Synod—ELCA Benevolence	1900.92
WND Synod– WND Benevolence	217.25
UMM Bible Camp Benevolence	271.56
Bethel Lutheran Home Benevolence	190.09
Lutheran Social Services Benevolence	135.78
Community Connections	<u>135.78</u>
Total Benevolences for May	\$2851.38

Thrivent Mortgage Payment	\$6552.00
Building Loan Balance as of September 20, 2018	\$118,715.05
Extra Principal Payment on September 19, 2018	\$17,228.35

October Council Meeting Highlights

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
October 11, 2018, 6:00 PM.

Call to order/prayer concerns –

Present: Wendy, Judy, Cheryl, Wendy, Kathy, Rick, Pastor David, Terry, Jeramy, Ashley

Absent: Heidi, David Rod, Mark

Amendments to Agenda – 1 item under Exec & 1 item under New Business.

Devotions – Terry Olson

Prayers – By Pastor David

CONSENT AGENDA

Secretary's minutes from September's council meeting

Treasurer's report

Approve Bills

Executive Committee actions

Ashley moved to have Pastor David order the wireless microphone and headset needed for services. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Rick moved, Jeramy seconded to allow facility usage October 6, by Danielle Watterurd for a pasta feed for the cross-country girls' team from 2-8:30. Motion carried.

Rick moved to approve the mileage for Pastor David of \$368.08. Ashley seconded. Motion carried.

Resignation letter from Amber Ogard was read. Rick moved to accept her resignation with regret, Terry seconded.

Rick moved #1 to ask Amber to continue on with the finances and to help with the budget. #2 that someone from Personnel Committee talk with JoAnn to see if she would increase her hours and help in the office, seconded by Wendy. Motion Carried.

Terry Moved to approve consent agenda with additional items. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Committee Reports** – (Note: It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that the committees use the Committee Communication form – please email them to Ann or Amber shortly after committee meetings.)

Pastor's – Pastor David

David – Monthly Update – Written report

Rick moved that we grant Pastor David the weekend off after Thanksgiving if he so chooses and to grant the flexibility to see his cousin. Terry seconded. Motion carried.

Evangelism – Judy Hogue and Cheryl Nelson –

Property – Mark Telehey

Worship – David Rod and Kathy Molland –

Stewardship – Rick Clemes and Terry Olson –

Parish Education –

Youth –

Website Committee (Computer/Technology Update)

Nominating -

Personnel – Verbal Update to Report

B. **Unfinished Business**

Call committee

Pastor David to update

The call committee to update the congregational profile

Parsonage committee

Church Security Discussion – **HIGH PRIORITY** –

Leininger Family Giving Fund Grant

Lyle Nelson Mineral Rights –

Calendar Review

Review long term calendar & notify Ann & Amber of any changes. Info for the 2018-2019 calendar is needed.

To-Do List Review

C. **New Business**

Shepherd's Canyon

Request for funds – Jeramy moved to pay \$1,250 to Shepherds Canyon out of the Crisis Fund. Ashley seconded. Motion carried.

Ongoing mission support?

Microphone/sound equipment – consensus of the council to approach those parties that have offered to fund the sound equipment purchase.

Facility Usage Request (2 requests) Fallon Justice (Girl Scouts) and Kim Nice (Gerrie Lippert's 80th Birthday). Rick moved to approve both requests. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

2019 Portico Insurance – Terry moved we go with the Gold +. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Office Transition – Judy moved that we enter into a 3-month renewable contract with Amber to cover the financial duties at her current salary up to 12 hours a week with mutual 2 week notice of termination. Kathy seconded. Motion amended to contact Kent Reiersen or Laurie

Forsberg to draw up the contract. Motion carried.

Offering Key Exchange – Keys to Cheryl. ? is backup.

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday, October 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, November 8th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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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

November 4 Worship 10:00 AM
November 11 Worship 10:00 AM
November 18 Worship 10:00 AM
November 25 Worship 10:00 AM



Faith News - November 2018

By Bill Christensen

Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:1-2a
From the worship folder of the celebration of Bethesda Lutheran Church.

We again had a beautiful Fall evening that started with a Lutheran fellowship meal enjoyed by about eighty some people sharing dishes and of course lots of talk about Bethesda Lutheran Church. Picture boards and memorabilia from Bethesda were exciting to see. The altar in the old church was a beautiful piece of workman craftsmanship which made me wonder what really did happen to it? I pray that some where it is calling worshipers attention to the glory of God. Only the two candlesticks from the altar remain and they are beautiful.

The time Capsule got opened, yes and everyone had a chance to see its contents from when it had been closed up and set in place in 1935. The most interesting document was a hand written history of the churches first thirty years. The cornerstone was dated 1915 which was the year the church was built but the church actually had been in existence for ten years with the congregation meeting in homes and schools until they decided to build and had the money to do so. Even though the history was written in English, it was a challenge to read and the Norwegian names hard to pronounce.

I think we all would agree it was a wonderful service and we left with good memories of Bethesda Lutheran Church. The fellowship we had together and a gift of a heart/ cross from woods from the church building.



Faith Women of the ELCA—Meeting November 3 at 10 AM at Bethel Nelson Manor. Hostess: Phyllis Sylte. Bible study leader: Joanne Njos. Thankoffering and Christmas gifts for ND Youth Correctional Center will be collected.

Fellowship dinner: November 4. Hostesses: Jeri Truckner and Phyllis Sylte.

Cleaning in November: Curt and Phyllis Sylte.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

November 2018

December 2018

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30	31					

November 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3
4  All Saints' Sunday	5	6 Election Day (United States)	7 8:00pm Glory Band Practice (Sactuary)	8 5:30pm Girl Scouts Meeting 6:00pm Council Meeting	9	10
11 Communion at Gloria Dei 8:00am No Sunday School No Sunday Church School	12  Veteran's Day 5:30pm Gloria Dei Work Day (GDLC) 7:00pm Tri County 7:00pm SOS- Sounds of	13  13	14  Operation Christmas Child Collection Week 5:30pm No Wednesday Night Activities- Confirmation 8:00pm Glory Band Practice (Sactuary)	15  6:00pm Gideon's Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Evangelism Meeting	16  16	17  17
18  Communion at Gloria Dei Last Day to order Polisettia	19  Operation Christmas Child Collection Week	20	21 No School- Thanksgiving Break 8:00pm Glory Band Practice (Sactuary) No Wednesday Night Activities	22 No School- Thanksgiving Break Office Closed 	23 No School- Thanksgiving Break Office Closed	24 Bazaar - 9:00: Noon  Mary Schmidt's 70th Birthday Party (Fellowship Hall)
25 6:00pm Girl's Night Out No Sunday Church School	26	27	28 8:00pm Glory Band Practice (Sactuary)	29 12:00pm Property Committee Meeting (Library)	30	Dec 1

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