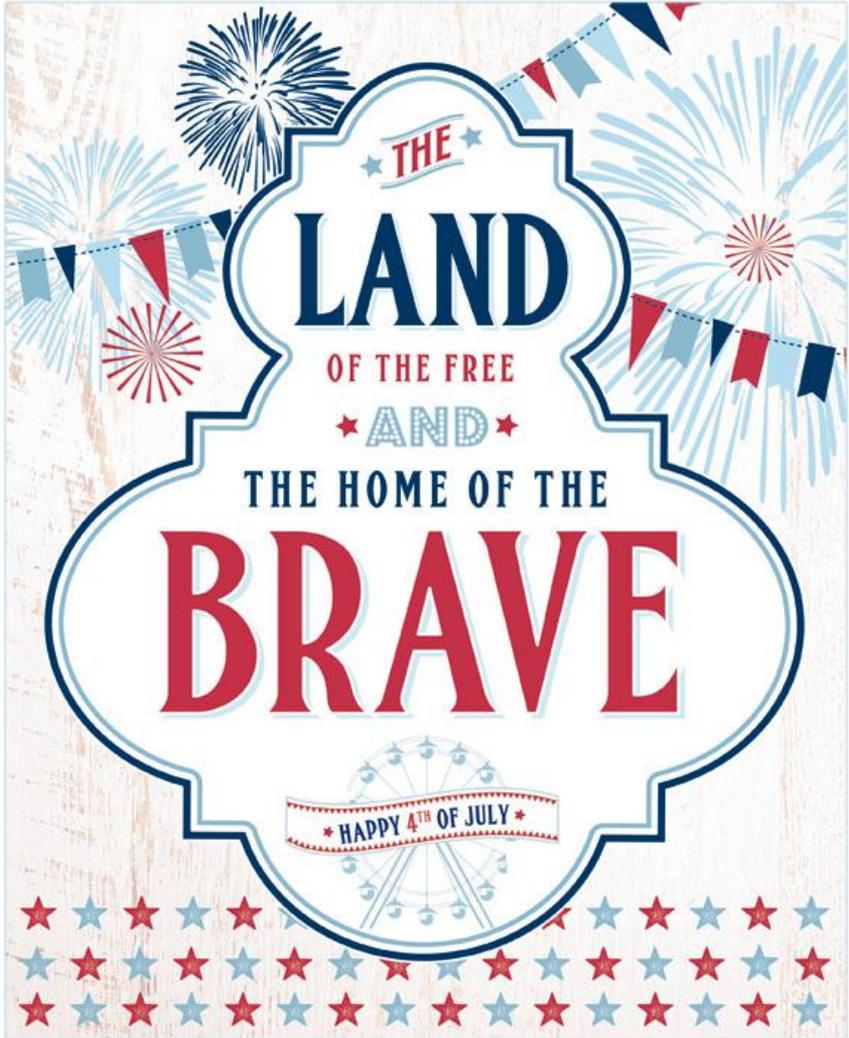


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Sharing the peace of God's Grace with the World

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Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study: Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church! You're invited to join us in worship each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Those who are interested in learning more about our congregation, or are considering becoming a member of our congregation, please speak with LLM Charlie Martin, (248) 373-5222 or email pastor @ gloriadei.cc

We remember in prayer...

Sharon Cook, Lynne Danielson, Donna Williamson, Sally Mickel, Aaron Carlson, Gena McGree, Mark Carlson, Alice Toss, Donna Polasek, MaryAnn Ferry, Judy Coller, Jeff and Faye Gorecki, Andrew Cook, , Dorothy Chilkott, Danny Holmquist, Teresa VanderPerrin, Margie Vantongerren, Marie Niedzwiecki, Patty Bohnke, David Kangas, Roger Teply, Mary Lou Barrie, Kathy Meyer, Bill Davidson, Doug Ingamells, Jerry, Bill McCabe the family of Rhonda Chilkott, the family of Jim Hanson and people living under conditions of war and persecution.

Fundraiser for Flint

The Southeast Michigan Synod, along with Salem Lutheran Church of Flint have organized a fundraiser to help provide clean drinking water to the citizens of Flint. If you are able to give, just write "Flint" next to the "special offering" line on your offering envelope and indicate the amount. Make checks payable to Gloria Dei.



From Minister Charlie

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all, and may the peace of God be found with you.

We are certainly in the heart of the summer as we and all our plants swelter from the heat and the lack of rain. We may worry over our gardens and also the farmer fields within this time because of that situation, but perhaps God would have us worry over something else.

Galatians, our first New Testament book for this season offers us some sage wisdom that "for you reap whatever you sow". We get such words from Paul to guide this group of new Christians but also us as we progress in our faith. What we are encouraged to sow, are morsels of Jesus words of guidance that we help us on our faith journeys to have that faith grow and deepen. The strong roots of our faith can anchor our hearts in the Spirit, that is ever near us to guide us in our daily lives. We do as it says in the passage, that we work for the good of all our sisters and brothers in faith, that this is our work in this world, to help each other in whatever we need. Perhaps besides our plants wilting, we need to care about those who are not as well off as we are, and make sure that they are not wilting also from hunger or thirst. We at Gloria Dei have always been good to help provide food for lighthouse. We also have the chance to continue with our offerings for those in Flint struggling with the continued water crisis, which despite news reports has not gone away. Let us always remember our pantries, and the world hunger options in our giving opportunities and the people of Flint.

May God Bless us as we act as Christ's body in this world,

Minister Charlie



You're invited to a party at Gordy's

Members and friends of Gloria Dei are invited to a summer barbecue at Gordy Green's home (on the lake), 6824 Brightwood Ct., Waterford, 48327, on Saturday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Please bring a dish or dessert to pass. We thank Gordy for his hospitality!



Mostly about people

We thank everyone who worked during the clean-up day on June 25: Roxanne Alfsen, Sharon Cook, Helen Englund, Scott Johnson, Ray Lucas, Charlie Martin, Linda Nelson, Rick and Terry Rajala, and Bruce Robertson..... Lectors and Coffee Hour hosts are needed for several upcoming Sundays; if you are able to serve, please sign up in the fellowship hall Are you interested in becoming an assisting minister? Serve our Lord by helping to lead worship. If you don't sing, it's not a problem! If you're interested, please contact Minister Charlie or Gene Steensma.....

Prayer following the tragedies this month

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infections and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Source: ELCA

Back-to-School items needed for Lighthouse



Lighthouse's annual back-to-school program once again needs your support. Last August, the program provided hundreds of needy children with backpacks, school supplies and gift cards. These children were able to start the new school year with a special feeling that comes with having new clothing and a new backpack filled with supplies.



If you are able, please bring these items to church, which will be donated to Lighthouse (all items must be new):

Backpacks*	Markers*
3-Ring binders*	Colored pencils*
Lunch bags / boxes*	Pens (red, blue, black)
8-Tab dividers*	Pencils
3x5 Index cards*	Crayons
Calculators*	Highlighters
Composition notebooks*	Notebook paper
Glue sticks*	Duo-tang pocket folders
Erasers*	3-hole punch (fits in binder)
Pencil pouches/boxes*	Spiral notebooks
Sharpeners (desk/locker)*	Rulers
Scissors*	

*Items marked with a * indicates those that are always in short supply.*

In addition, gift cards are needed. It is Lighthouse's goal to supply each child with a gift card to purchase new shoes or a new outfit to start the 2016-17 school year:

Gift cards needed - \$20, \$25, \$30:

Meijer • Kohl's • Target • Kmart • Wal-Mart • Payless

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile cause!

Charleston Shooting Anniversary Statement

Dear ELCA Rostered Leaders,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Today we join sisters and brothers the world over in observance of the anniversary of the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine. We continue to mourn the loss of those nine precious lives, and we pray that their families may find comfort in God's love.

Over the past year we have wrestled as a nation, and as a church, with the challenges of confronting racism. Together through our various ministries, the ELCA has participated in prayerful lament, and pursued acts of racial justice and reconciliation. These have also been times of deepening engagement with our ecumenical partners, including the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME).

The AME Council of Bishops issued a powerful statement on the occasion of the Charleston anniversary. I draw your attention to three calls to action, which I invite you to consider:

1. We call upon other communions, particularly our predominantly white communions, to join with us in preaching, teaching and condemning racism.
2. The Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church request that clergy across the nation, during the weekend of June 24-26, seek a pulpit exchange with another church or faith body and preach about race, diversity and inclusion. Also arrange for fellowship and interactions between local congregations. This exchange should be with a communion or interfaith organization of a different race or religion. (Please consider next weekend as the beginning of a time for such exchanges, continuing over the summer months.)
3. That local clergy and interfaith organizations begin discussions with local political leaders on issues of policing, education, housing and other issues where race is a factor and impacts any group negatively.

The tragedy of June 17, 2015, embodied our church's tangled relationship with racism. Our relationship to the shooter – Dylann Roof, who was a member of an ELCA congregation – as well as to two of the slain – the Rev. Clementa Pinckney and the Rev. Daniel Simmons, who were graduates of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C. – remind us of both our complicity and our calling.

Together we confess that we are in bondage to the sin of racism and, at the same time, we rejoice in the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus who "has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us" (Ephesians 2:14). May God continue to guide us as we seek repentance and renewal, racial justice and reconciliation among God's precious children.

In Christ,



Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Lutherans represented at historic Orthodox Church council meeting

CHICAGO – The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) joined Christians from around the world in offering prayers as the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Christian Church convened on the island of Crete June 20-25. It was attended by 220 Orthodox bishops and archbishops, as well as 70 official advisers. According to the council's website (orthodoxcouncil.org), the last time such a council was convened was 1200 years ago – predating the Reformation by 700 years.

The Rev. Donald McCoid, former assistant to the ELCA presiding bishop and executive for ecumenical and inter-religious relations, was invited to represent The Lutheran World Federation at the meeting. McCoid, who served as co-chair of the U.S. Lutheran-Orthodox dialogue and the Lutheran World Federation-Orthodox dialogue from 1995 to 2012, described the opening session which convened on the Monday of Pentecost:

"When the opening session began with the patriarchs, metropolitans and other official representatives invoking the Holy Spirit with the Pentecost chant, I was deeply moved," said McCoid. "After so many years of planning and an uncertainty about when a council might happen, it was finally here. The strong image of the Orthodox Church in council is one that should inspire all Christians. Let us remember Orthodox leaders and members in our prayers so that God's will and way may unfold in all ways."

In his keynote address, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, leader of the worldwide Orthodox Christian Church, stressed the importance of unity among the 14 churches that comprise the Orthodox Christian Church. Ten of the 14 churches attended the council meeting.

"The voice of the Comforter calls all to unity and calls us to turn our attention and widen our heart toward all people, lovingly embracing the vital problems that concern them, preaching the good news of peace and love to those near and afar," said Bartholomew.

In addition to McCoid, ecumenical observers included representatives from the Anglican church, the Vatican, the Middle East Council of Churches, the Orthodox Coptic church and the Oriental Orthodox church.

Addressing these guests in his keynote speech Bartholomew said, "We have journeyed together in theological dialogue and ecumenical cooperation in our willingness to respond to the theological divisions of the past and the global challenges of our time."

"The occurrence of the Orthodox Council is itself remarkable," said Kathryn M. Lohre, assistant to the ELCA presiding bishop and executive for ecumenical and inter-religious relations. "And the opportunity for the Rev. McCoid to be present was a precious gift for deepening our understanding as Lutherans in relationship to the Orthodox and our partnership together. The unity of Christ's church, wherever it is sought, is of life-giving importance to us all."

During the meeting, the council affirmed dialogue with other Christians but indicated there would not be any compromise in doctrine.

A statement released at the conclusion of the council reads, "Our church attaches great importance to dialogue, primarily with non-Orthodox Christians. In this way the remainder of the Christian world comes to know more precisely the authenticity of the Orthodox tradition, the value of patristic teaching and the litur-

gical life and faith of the Orthodox. Dialogues conducted by the Orthodox Church never imply a compromise in matters of faith."

The council adopted joint declarations on Orthodox mission, diaspora affairs, church autonomy, fasting and ties with other Christian churches, and a document on marriage, which states that heterosexual unions are "an indispensable condition for marriage," and which barred church members from "same-sex unions or any other form of cohabitation."

The council also made a commitment to the unity of the church, according to the principles of conciliarity, or the highest form of church administration and decision-making.

"In a time of rapidly changing religious landscapes, Christians around the world are seeking to understand and explore what conciliar life looks like and how it functions," said Lohre. "This Holy and Great Council has provided a glimpse for all of us into those important questions."

In addition to the commitment to the unity of the church, the council lifted up commitments toward inter-religious dialogue, human rights and religious freedom.

DeiTimer Calendar: July 2016

Sunday, July 10	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, July 17	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, July 24	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>		
Sunday, July 31	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion

July Worship Assistants

	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17</u>	<u>July 24</u>	<u>July 31</u>
Asst Min				
Lector	Linda Nelson	Bruce Robertson	Helen Englund	Sharon Cook
Greeter		Paula Vidlund	Helen Englund	<i>NEEDED!</i>
Sacristan				
Coffee Hr	Charlie Martin	Paula Vidlund	Alice & Bonnie	Helen & Maryann

July BirthDeis

Paul Johnson, July 2
 Alice Toss, July 5
 Kay Danielson, July 9
 Charlie Martin, July 12
 Christie Vidor, July 13

Michelle Vidor, July 13
 Julie Granthen, July 17
 Maryann Hank, July 21
 Dan Polasek, July 23
 Mark Carlson, July 31



If your birthday is wrong/missing, please contact Scott Johnson.