

# DeiMinder

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**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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*

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## ***We remember in prayer...***

Please remember in prayer all those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or recovering - Tabitha Bedker, 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, Victor DiRita, Teresa VanderPerrin, Margie Vantongeren, Roxie Alfsen, Marie Niedzwiecki, Patty Bohnke, David Kangas, Roger Teply, Mary Lou Barrie, Kathy Meyer, Bill Davidson, Doug Ingamells, Jerry, Dennis Hurd, Victor DiRita, Bill McCabe, Therese Dean, Kenneth Rose, Marty McNabb, the family of Butch Overton, 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.

One focus for the Sunday just past, was that of the apostles themselves who asked Jesus for more faith. This may seem like we might instead be asking to have the faith of the apostles within our lives so as to have this greater amount than we have. Yet for neither of us, this is not a measurable factor in our lives, it is not like the tomatoes in our garden that we could indeed count. Faith is a lot like love, it cannot be measured, but we know when it is present in our lives, our hearts, and when it is not. But does faith ever leave us, or do we just fail to recognize the actions of faith in our lives? Having moments of doubt of faith certainly exist for us, when we deal with news of bombs going off in a community, or violence erupting out of human impatience with the justice in our society, or of a senseless death for someone. There is so much to deal with in our world, that we feel we lose faith with the burden of all this weighing on our human sensibility. Yet faith is what helps us to recognize these as ills that should not be in our world with the kingdom of Christ taking this world over. Faith is what gets us to turn to God, pray for peace and love to come into this world. Faith is when we have all this to deal with and we pray for God's kingdom to come, right here in this place, this world. Our answer is the same as that for the disciples, we have the faith we need, to turn from all of this, and show this world that love is the right answer.

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



## Can you bring items for Lighthouse?

Lighthouse of Oakland County is always in need of items, including food, baby items, personal care and other household goods. When you're out shopping, consider purchasing some extra items to help those in need. Items for donation can be placed in the baskets in the narthex.



| <b>Pantry</b>      | <b>Babies</b>              | <b>Personal</b>   | <b>Other</b>           |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Boxed potatoes     | Baby food (jars)           | Band-aids         | Towels                 |
| Canned food        | Baby shampoo, soap, lotion | Combs & brushes   | Rugs                   |
| Cold & hot cereals | Baby wipes                 | Deodorant         | Sheets                 |
| Dry milk           | Blankets                   | Disposable razors | Blankets               |
| Dry pasta          | Clothing                   | Feminine products | Trash bags             |
| Mac & cheese       | Crip sheets                | Kleenex           | Laundry detergent      |
| Peanut butter      | Diapers                    | Make-up           | Pots & pans            |
| Jelly              | Formula                    | Shampoo & soap    | Shower curtains & rods |
| Spaghetti sauce    | Pull-Ups                   | Toothpaste        | Batteries              |
| Rice               | Teething toys              | Toothbrushes      | Gas gift cards         |
| Tuna fish          |                            | Denture paste     | Grocery gift cards     |
|                    |                            | Depends           | Phone gift cards       |
|                    |                            |                   | School supplies        |
|                    |                            |                   | School uniforms        |

## Bible Study has restarted for the fall!

Come to church early on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and join our Bible Study. All are welcome to attend!



## Mostly About People

*Ashtyn Johnson, daughter of Scott and Tara Johnson will be baptized at Gloria Dei on Sunday, November 6. Scott and Tara wish to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, e-mails, cards and gifts for Ashtyn's birth ..... Volunteers are needed for coffee hour hosts for many upcoming Sundays; if you are able to serve, please sign the sheet in the fellowship hall ..... Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5.*

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## Remembering all the Saints

### Gloria Dei celebrates All Saints' Sunday on November 6

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. Our **All Saints' Day** celebrates the baptized people of God, living or dead, who make up the body of Christ. On **All Saints' Sunday** we will remember the faithful who have died during the past year as well.

You are invited to list below all persons who have died in the faith, so that they might be remembered in a prayer of thanksgiving on **Sunday, November 6** during worship. We give thanks to God, giver of life, for these



people, for God's gift of faith to these 'saints,' and the impact of their Christian faith on others. Please fill out the form below, and return it to Gloria Dei. You can drop it in the offering plate on Sunday, mail it back or send to [scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc](mailto:scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc). Please print all information, and indicate whether your loved one has passed away since last All Saints' Sunday.

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#### *In Remembrance*

Name to remember \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this person died after November 1, 2015

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Name to remember \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Thank you, Gloria Dei Altar Guild!**

Please take the time to thank our Altar Guild members, who prepare and clean-up for worship and Holy Communion each Sunday:

Sharon Cook, Linda Nelson, Terry Rajala, and Gene Steensma. Our Altar Guild members

do many things before, during and after worship to ensure our congregation may receive Holy Communion. Their duties include care (placement, arranging, cleaning, maintenance) of the altar, silver pieces, altar linens, paraments, banners, flower arranging, and of course preparation of the bread and wine trays. We also thank Sharon Cook and Gene Steensma for providing the fresh baked bread used each Sunday, and for purchasing/arranging the chancel flowers. We also thank Gene for his work to procure communion supplies and altar wine. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please contact Scott Johnson or Gene Steensma – training is provided and it's a great way to get involved!



## **ELCA Presiding Bishop issues statement in observance of 15th anniversary of 9/11**



CHICAGO – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued a statement in observance of the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

September 11, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea" -Psalm 46.*

September 11, 2001. Like many of you I remember exactly where I was when I heard the news that the United States had been attacked. I remember the confusion, fear, helplessness and anger of those days immediately following the attack and the deep sadness for the thousands of people who died.

That was fifteen years ago. A lot has happened in our nation and in the world. We have been at war. We have become habituated to terrorist threats and TSA security checks. We have adjusted to a new normal. We feel less secure.

This year "God's Work. Our Hands Sunday" falls on September 11. We should take time to remember where we were on that terrible day fifteen years ago. But we should also take a look at where we are now. There are voices that clamor for suspicion and division. There are voices that promise that, by our own effort, we can guarantee our own security, by force if necessary. The sense of unity that arose out of the ashes of the Twin Towers has disappeared. This is not a good place to be, nor is it the place to which God has called us as a church.

Stephen Bouman, executive director for the ELCA Domestic Mission unit and former bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod, tells this story about one of the events of September 11, 2001. A pastor in the synod also served as a chaplain to the fire department. The pastor saw the first plane hit the first tower and ran to the site. When he arrived the firefighters were putting on their gear. The pastor gathered them together, marked the cross on their foreheads with oil and prayed. Then the firefighters ran into the building. The people who survived said they could see the crosses shining on the firefighters' foreheads. In that great darkness and suffering the light of Christ appeared.

In baptism we have been marked with the cross of Christ. And we are sent into the dark places in the world. That is where we are and must be on September 11, 2016. God has given us God's work of reconciliation. When we show up for our day of service in our yellow T shirts in our communities we must give witness to the love of Christ that is stronger than hate and the life of Christ that is stronger than death. May we, joined to the death and resurrection of Christ through baptism, be light for the world.

In God's peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

## DeiTimer Calendar

|                            |          |                                     |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday, Oct. 9             | 9:30 AM  | Bible Study                         |
|                            | 10:30 AM | Morning Worship with Holy Communion |
| Thursday, Oct. 13          | 7:00 PM  | Council Meeting                     |
| Sunday, Oct. 16            | 9:30 AM  | Bible Study                         |
|                            | 10:30 AM | Morning Worship with Holy Communion |
| Saturday, Oct. 22          | 9:30 AM  | Transition Team Inventory Project   |
| Sunday, Oct. 23            | 9:30 AM  | Bible Study                         |
| <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> | 10:30 AM | Morning Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sunday, Oct. 30            | 9:30 AM  | Bible Study                         |
|                            | 10:30 AM | Morning Worship with Holy Communion |

## Worship Assistants

|                  | <u>October 9</u>    | <u>October 16</u> | <u>October 23</u> | <u>October 30</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Asst Min</b>  | Gene Steensma       | Terry Rajala      | Chris Danielson   | Gene Steensma     |
| <b>Lector</b>    | Elizabeth Jackovatz | Ray Lucas         | Helen Englund     | NEEDED!           |
| <b>Greeter</b>   | Helen Englund       | Paula Vidlund     | Alice Barrie      | Bonnie P.         |
| <b>Sacristan</b> | Terry Rajala        | NEEDED!           | NEEDED!           | NEEDED!           |
| <b>Coffee Hr</b> | Helen Englund       | Paula Vidlund     | Danielsons        | NEEDED!           |

## October BirthDeis

Gunvor Haefner, Oct. 6  
 Duane Martin, Oct. 6  
 Shigeo Saito, Oct. 9  
 Penny Nyberg, Oct. 17  
 Brian Burt, Oct. 22  
 Tara Johnson, Oct. 31



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



**Gloria Dei participates in recycling and hopes you do too!** When you are finished reading the DeiMinder, please give it to someone who might also enjoy reading it, or recycle it. Thank you!