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*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
His love endures forever.*

Psalm 107:1

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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...

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 Vantongerren, Roxie Alfsen, Marie Niedzwiecki, Patty Bohne, David Kangas, Roger Teply, Mary Lou Barrie, Kathy Meyer, Bill Davidson, Doug Ingamells, Jerry, Dennis Hurd, Victor DiRita, Bill McCabe, Therese Dean, Kenneth Reese, Marty McNabb, Walter Hermann, and the family of Butch Overton.

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 just past our All Saints Day for 2016, and perhaps our minds at this time are also thinking about that special Tuesday coming up, when our country chooses new leaders. (And we get back our television and radio free from countless ads!) That might bring to mind the thought of leadership, and what this might look like if this was done according to how our King Jesus would lead. How are the two thoughts intertwined within our leaders and our expectations from our knowledge of Jesus? If a leader used the guidance of Jesus for how they would conduct themselves in office, how would we see the difference? Might we see a leader who mirrored Jesus leadership style in how they exercise their power? How did Jesus act as a leader? Besides bringing good news to the poor, he had compassion for those who were powerless, lifting them up whenever possible. He was a bit stern towards those who needed to turn their lives around, yet showed in this, that he did all of this, out of love, wanting them to change their ways and to for them to also become a part of the promised kingdom. He had ultimate patience with his disciples, who although they spent years of their lives with him, still had a hard time grasping the concepts that he was teaching them. Could we ask for a better manager to work for? Could we find a better leader, whether it be government, or business? And Jesus sought to have his followers really not just follow, but act as he had, exuding all these wonderful qualities that he showed to us.

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

Minister Charlie

The Mitten Tree

The mitten trees are now up in the narthex, and are waiting for handmade or store-bought mittens, hats and gloves, which will be distributed to local children in need.





Decorate the church!

Help decorate on Sunday, Nov. 27

Please consider staying after the worship service on Sunday, November 27 and help decorate the church for Christmas! Snacks will be provided while we trim the tree and deck the halls!

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!



Clean-Up Day on November 12



Please come to church on Saturday, November 12 to help clean up the property -- inside and out. We'll start around 9:30 a.m. Bring your own yard tools and lend a hand (you may want to put your initials on your tools).

Mostly About People

Ashtyn Johnson, daughter of Scott and Tara Johnson was baptized at Gloria Dei on Sunday, November 6. Tracy and Duane Martin are Ashtyn's Godparents..... Oakland University dedicated The Nyberg Room inside Kresge Library on October 21 with a gift from Mike and Penny Nyberg, who were both educated through Oakland programming and are longtime supporters of the university Volunteers are needed to help with the church inventory project; if you are able to assist, please contact Scott Johnson.



Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias decorating the chancel on Christmas Eve has been one of the favorite traditions of members and friends of Gloria Dei for decades. Once again this year, we are offering poinsettias for you to purchase in memory or in honor of loved ones, which will be used to decorate the chancel. Following the worship service on Christmas Eve, you may take your plant(s) home to enjoy.



The cost is \$7.00 per plant; orders must be placed by Sunday, December 18. Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei and indicate "poinsettia" in the memo section. You can place your order and payment in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail back to the church.

Thank you for your order!
The Gloria Dei Altar Guild

Gloria Dei Poinsettia Order Form

Orders due Sunday, December 18

Your name: _____

Number of plants: _____ Total amount (\$7 per plant): _____

Example Memory Honor of: Jack and Gunda Frost

Plant #1 Memory Honor of: _____

Plant #2 Memory Honor of: _____

Plant #3 Memory Honor of: _____

Please clip this order form out on the line and place in the offering plate with your payment on Sunday or mail back to the church. Thank you!

Lighthouse needs the following items for its Holiday Food Drive...



canned vegetables	fruit pie fillings	canned yams
stuffing mix	quick bread mix	sweet potatoes
pumpkin pie filling	boxed mashed potatoes	muffin mix
dessert mixes	cranberry sauce	pie crust mix
cake mixes	canned frostings	canned fruits
canned milk	canned onion rings	Bisquick mix
jello	cream of mushroom soup	
	frozen turkeys (USDA approved)	

Lighthouse Emergency Services pantry is always in need of the following items – peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce and noodles, tuna, soups.

Items can be dropped off in the narthex in our Lighthouse baskets.

Lutherans, Catholics gather for historic service in Lund, Sweden

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), joined Lutheran and Catholic leaders for a joint ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation on Oct. 31 in Lund, Sweden.

Pope Francis; Munib Younan, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) president; and Martin Junge, LWF general secretary, led the historic service at the Lund Cathedral. About 500 worshipers attended the Common Prayer service.

“With joy we have come to recognize that what unites us is far greater than what divides us,” said Younan, in his opening welcome.

According to a LWF press release, Pope Francis told worshipers that “in the context of the commemoration of the Reformation of 1517, we have a new opportunity to accept a common path, one that has taken shape over the past 50 years in the ecumenical dialogue between The Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church.”

In his sermon, Junge emphasized that both Lutherans and Catholics have “much more that unites us than that which separates us. We are branches of the same vine. We are one in Baptism. This is why we are here at this joint commemoration: to rediscover who we are in Christ.”

During the service, Pope Francis and Younan signed a joint statement committing Catholics and Lutherans to deepening their communion and common witness for justice.

Later in the day, thousands gathered at Malmo Arena under the theme “Together in Hope.”

According to the LWF, the event included performance artists and testimonies by Lutheran and Catholic advocates for social justice and climate issues from Burundi, Colombia, India, South Sudan and Syria. Pope Francis and Younan offered responses to their testimonies.

During the event, Maria Immonen, LWF World Service director, and Michel Roy, Caritas Internationalis secretary general, signed a declaration of intent mutually committing the global Christian organizations to deepened relationships and closer cooperation in humanitarian response and sustainable development.

Read the statement online: <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7863>

ELCA presiding bishop calls for Veterans Day prayers

CHICAGO – In honor of Veterans Day (Friday, Nov. 11), the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is calling on the church to pray for members of the armed services, veterans, chaplains and their families.

"Let us pray for an ordered civic life and respect for the dignity and worth of every person," Eaton wrote. "In worship on these days, please remember the impact of family separation and mobility for veterans and those currently serving, many of whom are members of our congregations and communities."

In her letter, Eaton refers to a memorial adopted by the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, which asks "the Office of the Presiding Bishop to establish a Sunday of prayer and action closest to Veterans Day each year to unite this church in prayer and encourage practical assistance for military members, veterans, ELCA chaplains and families."

Read Bishop Eaton's letter online: <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7862>

DeiTimer Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 12	9:30 AM	Clean-Up Day
Sunday, Nov. 13	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, Nov. 20	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, Nov. 27	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Decorate the church for Christmas
	12:00 PM	Advent wreath making
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, Dec. 4	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice

Worship Assistants

	<u>November 13</u>	<u>November 20</u>	<u>November 27</u>	<u>December 4</u>
Asst Min	Gene Steensma	Terry Rajala	Chris Danielson	Gordy Green
Lector	Dorothy Chilkott	Barbara Robertson	Gene Steensma	Ray Lucas
Greeter	Dorothy Chilkott	Barbara Robertson	Bonnie P.	NEEDED!
Sacristan	Linda Nelson	NEEDED!	NEEDED!	NEEDED!
Coffee Hr	Bonnie P.	Barbara Robertson	Rick and Terry	Bonne and Alice

November BirthDeis

Paula Vidlund, Nov. 2
 Bryce Martin, Nov. 12
 Amy Bentz, Nov. 19
 Aaron Carlson, Nov. 22
 Gordy Green, Nov. 23
 Ethan Ginman, Nov. 26
 Chuck Ginman, Nov. 27



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



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