

# DeiMinder

90 Years of Celebrating the Glory of God  
Late February / March 2017 Newsletter



*Join us on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m.*



**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, Bonnie Pennybacker, Helen Englund, 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 Bohneke, David Kangas, Roger Teply, Mary Lou Barrie, Bill Davidson, Doug Ingamells, Jerry, Dennis Hurd, Victor DiRita, Bill McCabe, Therese Dean, Kenneth Reese, Marty McNabb, Walter Hermann, Family of Jerry Dougherty, The family and friends of Kathy Meyer, Family of Angie Desormeau, and the family of Lea.

## ***From Minister Charlie***

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

So we have just completed our four week long passage through the teachings that Jesus gave his disciples, before they set out on their three year path. This just ahead of the trek we make through the Lenten season, and following Jesus, as he goes along the last days of his pilgrimage on earth, setting his face toward Jerusalem, where he knows that he will face death. What he knows, that we have to learn and continue to re-learn, is that out of that death comes our life, our eternal life. What we often forget, but need to remind ourselves of in this coming season, is that we are already living in our resurrected lives, we are already the saved, those claimed by our Lord. We, having been taught in these past few weeks, are ready to put those lives to work to do the things that Jesus has shown us we are capable of, and should be willing to do. The greatest of these is love, love of all people in this world, no matter how hard that sometimes can be for us. We do have the strength from Jesus to do all this, and that we can rely on Jesus to always fortify us as we seek to fortify the world with our love.

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



### ***Join us for Bible Study!***

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



**Mostly About People** Please help yourself to a copy of "Living Lutheran" magazine, which is available each month in the narthex. Also available are new devotional guides for the first quarter of 2017. Don't forget to check out the "CareNotes" which are available near both front entrances ..... Please remember in prayer all those listed on page 2, including Sharon Cook, who was recently hospitalized; as well as Helen Englund and Bonnie Pennybacker; both of whom are recovering from surgeries..... Coffee hour hosts are needed for many upcoming Sundays; if you are able to serve, please sign up in the fellowship hall.

## **Roxanne will be honored**

This year's Gloria Dei Woman of the Year will be Roxanne Alfsen, who will be honored at the 29th annual Katy York Honoring Women Luncheon on March 18. More about the Woman of the Year award will be in the next DeiMinder.



## **Annual Meeting held on January 29**

The annual meeting of our congregation was held on January 29. Copies of the annual report are available in the narthex if you



were unable to attend. A financial forecast was approved by the congregation, and a resolution to renew the congregation council's terms of office was approved. Rick Rajala was elected to join the congregation council. Charlie Martin,

Rick and Terry Rajala will represent Gloria Dei at the annual Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly in May, with Gene Steensma as an alternate. We thank all who provided reports for the annual report.



## Easter Flowers

For generations, it has been customary at Gloria Dei to adorn the chancel on Easter Sunday with flowers, given in memory or honor of loved ones. Again this year, we are making plants available to purchase, which may be taken home after the Easter Sunday worship service or planted in the Glory Garden.

Please indicate the number of plants you would like in the form below. You may designate each plant in memory or honor of a loved one. The deadline to order is Sunday, April 2.

### *Gloria Dei Easter Flowers Order Form*

Flower Type	Price	Quantity Ordered
Tulips	\$6.50	
Hyacinths	\$6.50	
Daffodils	\$6.50	
Mums	\$8.50	

Flower Type	Price	Quantity Ordered
Lilies	\$8	
Hydrangea	\$14.50	
Azalea	14.00	

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Total order: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei (indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo section), and put your order in the offering plate on Sunday or mail back to the church. **Deadline to order: Sunday, April 2.**

**Plant 1:**

- Memory \_\_\_\_\_
- Honor \_\_\_\_\_

**Plant 2:**

- Memory \_\_\_\_\_
- Honor \_\_\_\_\_

**Plant 3:**

- Memory \_\_\_\_\_
- Honor \_\_\_\_\_

**Plant 4:**

- Memory \_\_\_\_\_
- Honor \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Lighthouse needs these items...can you help?***

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.



**They are especially in need of personal care items.**

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

## ***ELCA presiding bishop addresses President Trump's refugee executive order***

CHICAGO (Jan. 30, 2017) – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued a pastoral message addressing President Trump's executive order to restrict entry by refugees and visitors into the United States from seven predominately Muslim countries. Eaton's message follows.

January 30, 2017

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Yesterday, we heard these words in the Gospel reading from Matthew 5:1-12, the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In the Beatitudes, Jesus lays out a vision for life in God's realm, characterized by seeing those who are often most disregarded, including the meek, the mourning and the peacemaker, as bearers of God's blessing. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to hear this Gospel, including Jesus' call for his disciples to

be carriers of God's light and hope and reconciliation to a world deeply in need of them.

In this spirit, earlier last week I communicated with the Trump administration asking that it not stop the U.S. refugee admissions program or stop resettlement from any country for any period of time. The Bible calls us to welcome the stranger and treat the sojourner as we would our own citizens. I agree with the importance of keeping our country secure as the administration stated in its executive order last Friday, but I am convinced that temporarily banning vulnerable refugees will not enhance our safety nor does it reflect our values as Christians. Instead, it will cause immediate harm by separating families, disrupting lives, and denying safety and hope to brothers and sisters who are already suffering.

Refugees being resettled in the United States have fled persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political views and/or associations. They wait for years for the chance to go home. But sometimes, there is no home for them to go back to. We know from our partners at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) that only 1 percent of all refugees are chosen for resettlement.

People of faith helped start and still sustain the refugee resettlement program in the United States following World War II. As Lutherans, many of our ancestors faced the pain of having to flee their homes and the joy of being welcomed in new communities across the United States. As we have done throughout history, millions of Lutherans across the country honor our shared biblical values as well as the best of our nation's traditions by offering refuge to those most in need. We are committed to continuing ministries of welcome that support and build communities around the country and stand firmly against any policies that result in scaling back the refugee resettlement program.

We must offer safety to people fleeing religious persecution regardless of their faith tradition. Christians and other religious minorities suffer persecution and rightly deserve protection, but including additional criteria based on religion could have discriminatory effects that would go against our nation's fundamental values related to freedom of religion.

I invite ELCA congregations into learning, prayer and action on behalf of those who seek refuge on our shores. The ELCA "Social Message on Immigration," AMMPARO strategy and LIRS resources are good places to start. You can also make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response. Those who have been part of resettling refugees or have their own immigration experience have important stories to share with their communities and testimony to make. I also encourage you to consider adding your voice by calling your members of Congress to share your support for refugees and using online advocacy opportunities through current alerts at ELCA Advocacy and LIRS.

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Our Lord not only commanded us to welcome the stranger, Jesus made it clear that when we welcome the stranger into our homes and our hearts – we welcome him.

God's peace,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop

## DeiTimer Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 26	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, Mar. 1	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship
Sunday, Mar. 5	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday, Mar. 9	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Saturday, Mar. 11	Bedtime	Move clocks ahead one hour
Sunday, Mar. 12	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, Mar. 19	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, Mar. 26	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion

## Sunday Helpers

	<u>February 26</u>	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
<b>Asst Min</b>	Gene Steensma	Gordy Green	Gene Steensma	Terry Rajala	Chris D.
<b>Lector</b>	Ray Lucas	Gene Steensma	Terry Rajala	Chris Danielson	NEEDED!
<b>Greeter</b>	Paula Vidlund	NEEDED!	NEEDED!	NEEDED!	NEEDED!
<b>Sacristan</b>	Terry Rajala	Linda Nelson	Sharon Cook	Terry Rajala	Linda Nelson
<b>Coffee Hr</b>	Paula Vidlund	NEEDED!	NEEDED!	NEEDED!	NEEDED!

## BirthDeis

Angela Rupp, Feb. 4	Nicole Nelson, Feb. 16
Karen Collom, Feb. 7	Marilyn Andrachick, Feb. 22
Sebastian Chilkott, Feb. 9	Tracy Vandecar, Feb. 22
Mike Nyberg, Feb. 9	Dorothy Chilkott, Feb. 23
David Robertson, Feb. 9	Bruce Robertson, March 11
Noreen Smith, Feb. 14	Andrea Chilkott, March 24
Helen Englund, Feb. 15	



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!