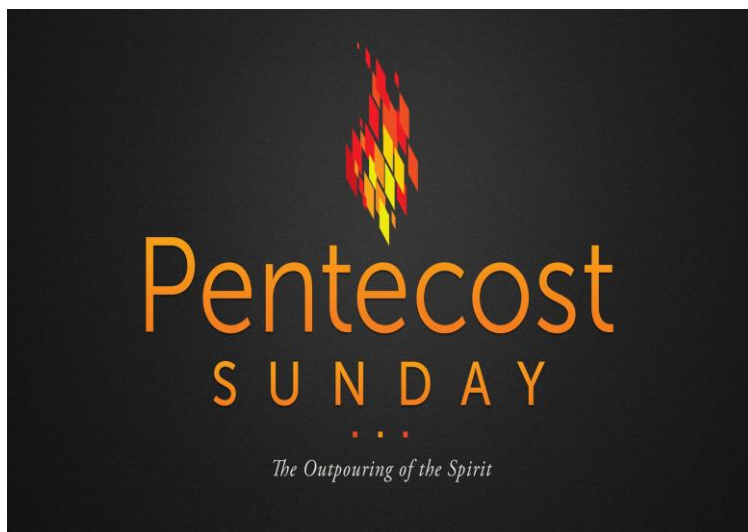


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Late May/Early June 2017 Newsletter



**Join us for worship on
Pentecost Sunday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m.**

*Purchase flowers to adorn the chancel on Pentecost Sunday, which will later be planted around the church to beautify the property.
See the order form on page 5.*

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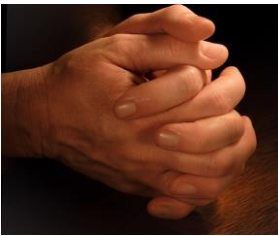
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***Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study: Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (through May)***

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, Vera Martin, Sharon Cook, Bonnie Pennybacker, Roxanne Alfsen, Donna Williamson, Sally Mickel, Aaron Carlson, Gena McGree, Mark Carlson, Alice Toss, Donna Polasek, MaryAnn Ferry, Judy Coller, Jeff Goreciki, Faye Gorecki, Andrew Cook, Danny Holmquist, Victor DiRita, Teresa VanderPerrin, Margie Vantongerren, Marie Niedzwiecki, David Kangas, Roger Teply, Tracy Vandecar, Mary Lou Barrie, Bill Davidson, Doug Ingamells, Jerry, Dennis Hurd, Victor DiRita, Bill McCabe, Therese Dean, Kenneth Reese, Marty McNabb, Walter Hermann, the family of Joyce Meyer, the family of Mary Ann Ferry.

Coffee hour hosts and greeters are needed for many upcoming Sundays!

From Minister Charlie

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

We are now past Easter and into this new short time, when we closely examine what Jesus did with his disciples while still here on earth in bodily form for the forty days before his ascension. He has appeared in the locked room, he has met disciples on the road, and we also reviewed his words of farewell and sending to his disciples. But we who have got-ten to know this Christ so well in our own lives, are well aware that he is really still here, working around and through us to guide us in our meeting each other wherever we are. We boldly and confidently pray using his name, to ask for his help with anything we try to attempt to accomplish in furthering his mission. We in fact send those who have that particular call - missionaries - to go in our stead to places of the world that need the love of Jesus in their lives. Yet we too send this love out to any of the others that we interact with in this world in our day to day lives. The light shining from our smiles given to these others is from the light of the world, Jesus, who has made this mark on our hearts. People all around us are in great need of this, as they go on with lives that often are not very pleasant, and do not have a lot to smile about, until we come along. We help them to be upbeat, to trust that there is something more than the ordinary grind on this earth. We can help those who have really felt the burden of the world, who have to make tough decisions about eating or paying the rent. We can help those in the world who have had to leave their homes due to warfare brought by leaders who do not see the people they may harm. Jesus helps us to see all these opportunities, and learn how we can help, often in very small ways, that really add up, from all of us who have the love and trust of him who we can call our Savior and Lord.

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



In Memoriam: Mary Ann (Beaver) Ferry

Mary Ann Ferry died on March 26 at age 55 after a long battle with cancer. Mary Ann was married to Hank Ferry and is the sister of Mark (Sue) Beaver and aunt of Bryan (Allison) Beaver. Mary Ann graduated from Lake Orion High School and worked for the Lake Orion Nursing Home for 12 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eleanor and George. Mary Ann was a member of Gloria Dei for many years and volunteered in many capacities at church over the years. A funeral was held on March 31. We give thanks to God for her presence among us, and offer our Christian sympathy and prayers to Hank, the Beaver/Ferry families, and all who mourn.



Mostly about people

Congratulations to Sebastian Chilkott on the completion of his Associate's Degree from Oakland Community College Congratulations to Karl Sliter on his retirement in April from Volkswagen We thank those who helped to fold palm crosses on April 8 for Palm Sunday: Dorothy Chilkott, Terry Rajala and Gene Steensma We thank all those who helped with the Easter Sunday Breakfast served by the men of the congregation; we thank Gene Steensma for organizing the event We thank Scott Johnson for organizing the Easter flower sale and with arranging the flowers in the chancel for Easter Sunday Can you bring items for Lighthouse? Summertime is almost here and school children will be spending more time at home, which means more meals for families. Lighthouse is asking for peanut butter, jelly, and macaroni & cheese to help needy families in the area. Collection baskets are in the narthex, so if you are able to donate these items or any other non-perishable food items, please bring them to church. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this organization. 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.



Pentecost Flowers

For generations, it has been customary at Gloria Dei to adorn the chancel with red flowers on Pentecost Sunday. The flowers are then planted outside to beautify the church property.



Again this year, we are offering flowers to be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones. The cost is \$7.00 per plant, and the deadline to order is **Sunday, May 28**. Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei and indicate "Pentecost Flowers" on the memo line.

Gloria Dei Pentecost Flowers Order Form

Your name: _____

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

Plant 1:

Memory

Honor of _____

Plant 2:

Memory

Honor of _____

Plant 3:

Memory

Honor of _____

Plant 4:

Memory

Honor of _____

I am interested in assisting with planting the flowers around the church property after Pentecost Sunday.

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!

Lutheran World Federation



THE
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and a delegation from the ELCA have joined Lutherans from around the globe for the 12th Assembly of The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) meeting in Windhoek, Namibia, May 10-16. Gathering under the

theme “Liberated by God’s Grace,” the assembly brings together almost 800 participants, including 324 delegates. There are seven voting delegates from the ELCA.

The LWF is a global communion of 145 churches representing more than 74 million Christians in 98 countries. The ELCA is the communion’s only member church from the United States.

“The ELCA is one of 145 churches in the Lutheran family around the world. We can see ourselves as part of this global family and that together we can do more,” said Eaton. “This work includes supporting refugee camps for people in Jordan and Kenya and building up churches’ capacities around the world. The Lutheran World Federation also helps us. We have a ministry in Detroit called Grace in Action, and the entire federation is supporting that ministry. This is how we are church together. Our work with The Lutheran World Federation also enhances our ecumenical and inter-religious engagement and witness.”

The assembly is the highest LWF decision-making body and meets every six to seven years. During this gathering, the assembly will speak out on issues concerning the life and witness of the churches and the world. The assembly will also elect the LWF president and council to serve until the next assembly. The current LWF president, the Rev. Munib A. Younan of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, was elected in 2010 and is concluding his term.

The gathering is hosted by the three Namibian member churches of the LWF – the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia-German Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Lydia Posselt, pastor of Family of God Lutheran Church in Buckingham, Pa., was chosen to preach at the closing worship on May 16. Posselt is the winner of an international preaching contest hosted by the LWF, which invited young pastors from LWF member churches to submit sermons to be considered for the closing worship. The idea was generated from the fact that Martin Luther was 33 years old when he sparked the Reformation in 1517.

A highlight of the Assembly will be the global commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, May 14, at the Sam Nujoma Stadium. Assembly delegates along with members of the Lutheran churches in Namibia and ecumenical guests will attend the event.

From the ELCA’s Presiding Bishop

May 5, 2017

On May 4, President Trump signed an executive order titled “Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty.” The measure addresses the IRS ban on political campaigning by tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations, an important protection for houses of worship. That regula-

tion is codified into law, so it would take an act of Congress to reverse, but President Trump signaled his administration's opposition to the rule by directing the IRS to use maximum discretion to refrain from enforcing it.

The Lutheran Confessions state "the power of church and civil government must not be mixed ... [while] both be held in honor and acknowledged as a gift and blessing" (Augsburg Confession, Article 28). The ELCA Constitution affirms that one of the purposes of this church is to "work with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavor, maintaining institutional separation of church and state in a relation of functional interaction" (ELCA Constitution 4.03.n.). Our social teaching encourages members and leaders to be politically active as citizens and to provide moral leadership that advocates for just and fair policies. Nothing in the current IRS rules prohibit such activities.

Neither our theological heritage nor our social teaching lift up what we would understand today as partisan activity by church officials—endorsing or funding specific candidates, for instance—because that confuses the appropriate responsibilities of church and state leadership.

Exemption from taxation is an appropriate benefit granted to churches and other charities. The restriction on endorsement of political candidates in no way restricts freedom of religion. In fact, it allows churches to continue to focus on ministry and protects them from being lured into participation in partisan politics to the detriment of their proclamation and mission. The ELCA provides this guidance to ministries on participation in the electoral process.

Earlier this year, the ELCA joined with 99 diverse faith groups in sending a letter to Congress opposing any effort to undermine the so-called Johnson Amendment—those IRS regulations that protect both the taxpayer and our houses of worship. We do not seek or desire a change in tax law that could prove divisive in our congregations or detrimental to our witness of Christ.

Let us not be tempted to participate in partisan politics, but rather focus on being part of God's reconciling work through Christ in the world and proclaiming the gospel word.

God's peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop

Pick up a "Living Lutheran" Magazine

Living Lutheran is the flagship publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Through its primary expressions – a monthly magazine and the LivingLutheran.org website – they continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ through stories, reflections, news and so much more. Please take a tour of the website – there is a place for you here! Explore the many opportunities to share your faith story and learn about who we are as the ELCA – a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

View the current issue at LivingLutheran.org or pick up a copy at church.

DeiTimer Calendar

Thursday, May 18	7:00 PM	Congregation Council Meeting
Sunday, May 21	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, May 28	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, June 4	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion <i>Wear red for Pentecost!!</i>
Sunday, June 11	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, June 18	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday Helpers

	<u>Assist Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Coffee Hr.</u>
May 21	Terry Rajala	Ray Lucas	NEEDED!	Sharon Cook	Linda N.
May 28	Chris Danielson	Sharon Cook	NEEDED!	Terry Rajala	Sally&Bruce
June 4	Gordy Green	Gene Steensma	NEEDED!	Linda Nelson	Gordy G.
June 11		Bonnie P.	Bonnie P.		NEEDED!
June 18		NEEDED!	NEEDED!		Terry&Rick

BirthDeis

Ray Lucas, May 2	Makenzie Martin, June 2
Wilton Ginman, May 6	Kate Ginman, June 16
Roxanne Alfsen, May 13	Aaron Rajala, June 20
Steve Firman, May 24	



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



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