

DeiMinder

90 Years of Celebrating the Glory of God • August 2017 Newsletter



*Join us for worship
each Sunday
this summer at 10:30 a.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.

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. A complete prayer list can be found in the Sunday worship folder.

We need volunteers!

Coffee hour hosts, lectors 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 have been hearing what may be some of our most favorite passages of ours from Jesus' teachings. The parables, give us a better story with the rich visuals that they provide, versus our just hearing the facts of something from Jesus. We are a very visual people, often wanting to hear something like this, to get the meaning easier than the pure factual version that we can often hear, provided to the disciples. The concept that both the weeds and the wheat would be allowed to live and mature and be together to the harvest gives us a really good conceptual vision of what this really looks like. The fact that both could grow well, in the midst of the other can help us to realize what this can mean for us as we try to equate this to our world. God blessed this earth with a wonderful diversity of plants, foods, colors, and people. We all have our individual preferences for foods, many of which are about to burst forth from the farmer fields around us. Some of us love the flavor of asparagus, (for which the season is already over), while some can't wait until beans or broccoli come forth.

We are also blessed with the diversity of people that God placed on this world, and we are helped immensely by that very diversity that can also be challenging for us to accept. We should be glad that we don't all like the same music, the same ways to do things, and the same ways to think about God. We need to challenge ourselves to not just accept each other's differences, but thank God for them. We get different ways to think, to see, to develop our opinions, to praise God, when we allow these other people, with their concepts to come into our lives. As Jesus guided us in that parable, we live best with the mixture that the world was given, than with all one flavor for the world. Let us rejoice with the thought that we are one global people of God, with a diversity that enriches us.

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



Minister Charlie

Gloria Dei's 90th Anniversary

2017 marks the 90th anniversary of Gloria Dei (originally St. John's Lutheran Church). Planning is underway for a celebration worship service and luncheon. If you would like to serve with planning or the event itself, please contact Minister Charlie, Scott Johnson or Lynette Morris.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. **The date for the 2017 dedicated day of service is Sunday, Sept. 10. Mark your calendars today!**



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2017!

We will do the Personal Care kits again this year. Following is the list of what to include. Please watch for sales, and start bringing in the items any time.

Please bring the following to church for the care kits:

- Light-weight bath-sized towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"); dark color recommended
- Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (multi-packs are OK; we will place each in an envelope)
- Sturdy combs
- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Items can be placed on the designated table in the fellowship hall.

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Items needed for Lighthouse

Summertime is 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.

Lighthouse's annual back-to-school program soon 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):

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| 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 2017-18 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!

Mostly about people

Lectors, greeters 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 Lighthouse of Oakland County needs volunteers to with their back-to-school program. People are needed to sort and pack school supplies on Thursday, August 24, 9-11:30 a.m.; people are needed to distribute supplies on that same day from 11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The effort will be at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston 48346. Call 248-620-6116 with questions.

ELCA to celebrate 500th anniversary of the Reformation with public event in D.C.

CHICAGO – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), will host a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Oct. 31 at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C.

Eaton will be joined by the Rev. William O. Gafkjen, bishop of the ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod and chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops; the Rev. Richard H. Graham, bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod; and ELCA Vice President Bill Horne.

The event, which will meet under the theme "Looking Back and Called Forward," will be available online via livestream for all to watch.

The event will be open to the public and available online via livestream. All are invited to participate and honor the Reformation anniversary as the ELCA bears public witness to Christ, who frees us to love and serve our neighbor, and as we look to the future to which God is calling us.

ELCA presiding bishop World Refugee Day message

CHICAGO – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued the following message in observance of World Refugee Day.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is World Refugee Day. Observed every year on June 20, this is a day when we commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees worldwide.

There are more people fleeing war and persecution than ever before. We are now facing the largest global refugee crisis, with over 65 million people forcibly displaced from their countries. Twenty-one million of those who are displaced are refugees. The United States opens its doors to less than 1 percent of the world's refugees – 85,000 refugees entered our country in 2016.

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." As people of faith, we are called to welcome the stranger and to walk alongside vulnerable refugees living in untenable situations. This support is critical in providing protection and hope for those who have fled persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political views and/or associations.

As we recognize the global refugee crisis, let us also celebrate the many contributions that refugees make to our communities as they seek to stabilize their lives and build on their dreams. In this regard, we appreciate all the efforts of our congregations – in collaboration with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service – that are welcoming refugees and providing many forms of hospitality.

It is also important to acknowledge the excellent work being done by The Lutheran World Federation, of which we are a member. These programs assist thousands of refugees every day who have fled their homes, such as South Sudanese now in Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia; Burundians in Tanzania; Somalis, Eritreans and Sudanese in Ethiopia; and Syrians in Jordan, just to name a few.

World Refugee Day offers an opportunity for us to stand in solidarity with people who have been forced to leave their homes. Today and every day we pray for peace for all the children of God created in God's image.

In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop

DeiTimer Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 6	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday, Aug 10	7:00 PM	Transition Team Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 13	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, Aug. 20	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, Aug. 27	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>
Aug. 6	Gordy G.	Gene S.	NEEDED!	Linda N.	NEEDED!
Aug. 13	Gene S.	NEEDED!	NEEDED!	Sharon C.	Bonnie & Alice
Aug. 20	Terry R.	Bruce R.	NEEDED!	Terry R.	Sally & Bruce
Aug. 27	Chris D.	Ray L.	NEEDED!	Linda N.	NEEDED!

BirthDeis

Evelyn Morris, Aug. 1
 Lauren Brill, Aug. 12
 Gretchen Chilkott, Aug. 13
 Mat Zurlinden, Aug. 14
 Warren Bogen, Aug. 20
 Gary Andrachick, Aug. 23



If your birthday is incorrect/missing, please contact Scott Johnson



*Doesn't matter what you wear...
 just as long as you are there!*

Join us in worship each Sunday this
 Summer at 10:30 AM for morning
 worship with Holy Communion!



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!

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