

DeiMinder

90 Years of Celebrating the Glory of God • Mid-October 2017 Newsletter

90th Anniversary Celebration



Sunday, November 5, 2017

Morning Worship at Gloria Dei, 10:30 a.m.

followed by

*Anniversary Program and Luncheon, 12-3 p.m. at
Hilton Auburn Hills Suites*

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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.
Sunday Bible Study: 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, including the people affected by all of the recent hurricanes, Sharon Cook, Lynne Danielson, Donna Williamson, Sally Mickel, Aaron Carlson, Gena McGree, Mark Carlson,

Donna Polasek, Judy Coller, Jeff and Faye Gorecki, Andrew Cook, , Danny Holmquist, Victor DiRita, Teresa VanderPerrin, Margie Vantongeren, Roxie Alfsen, Marie Niedzwiecki, Patty Bohnke, David Kangas, Roger Teply, Bill Davidson, Doug Ingamells, Jerry, Dennis Hurd, Victor DiRita, Therese Dean, Kenneth Reese, Marty McNabb, , Vera Martin, Tracy Vandecar, Emily Steensma, Helen Englund, Alice Barrie, the family and friends of Walter Hermann, the Lay family, and the Dean family.

From Minister Charlie



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

Last month, Jesus was inspiring us to be his disciples through his intense teaching of the Apostles, and those others who were following him. At this time in our readings, Jesus has moved into Jerusalem and is now confronting the Priests, Scribes and Pharisees. These are direct on debates, with those church leaders showing their distrust, and dislike for Jesus with their barbs and questions intended to try to trip up our Lord, who has answered all the questioning. Jesus does not just give good answers, but he provides answers that squelch any further questioning relative to the subjects brought forth. Besides hearing how skillful Jesus is at responding to these questions, what are we supposed to grasp from all these situations? We are now the people of the church and the church leaders of our own small perhaps, but still very responsible congregations. We all need to use these passages to help us understand the direction of our church and our church lives, and faith lives should take if we are going to wear our crosses and be the defender of this world and its people in Christ's name. We through these scriptures, can hear how we are to answer similar questions in our own time, and what our goals shall be, in doing the work of Christ. Many times as we try to understand, where Jesus really stands within these responses, we have seen as the guide, the Beatitudes, that define for us the priorities that Jesus lived within, and where we should be. We strive to lift up the poor in spirit, or in capability, or in any way they are defined as poor by our world. We can find that within our own capabilities, that we through prayer if no other way, can act as Jesus in this world, trying to assist these, who Jesus pointed out as the ones that the church needs to help. We as a Lutheran Church, have a renewed sense of mission, as our way to commemorate the Reformation, and contemplate that this was one of the primary focus pieces of that event, and our church ever since that time.

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

Gloria Dei's 90th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Morning worship at Gloria Dei at 10:30 a.m.

Followed by:

Anniversary program and luncheon, 12-3 p.m., at:

Hilton Auburn Hills Suites

2300 Featherstone Road • Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Buffet luncheon menu:

House Salad with Assorted Dressings

Sliced Roast Beef with Mushrooms & Onions • Baked Chicken

Garlic Mashed Potatoes • Sautéed Broccoli • Buttermilk Biscuits

Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 per person

(Children 5 and under are free; children 6-12 are \$7 each)

Ticket order and payment must be received by **Sunday, October 29**

Please fill out the ticket order form below and include with payment.

No ticket sales at the door. The price per adult/child is actually greater, but the difference is being subsidized by the congregation to ensure all can attend.

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90th Anniversary Celebration Ticket Order Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Tickets: Number of adults: _____ (\$10 per person)

Number of children ages 6-12: _____ (\$7 per person)

Number of children 5 and under: _____ (free)

Total amount due: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Gloria Dei, and indicate "anniversary" in the memo. Return this slip with your payment (by October 29) to the church (place in offering plate), or mail to Scott Johnson, 110 Grosse Pines Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

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.

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

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 We thank everyone who donated so generously to the Lighthouse back-to-school supply effort, as well as the Lutheran World Relief personal kit project! You can donate to Lutheran Disaster Relief, which will help those impacted by recent Hurricanes – make your check payable to Gloria Dei, and make a note on the offering envelope, "Lutheran Disaster Relief"

Remembering all the Saints

Gloria Dei celebrates All Saints' Sunday on November 5

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 5** 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. 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 6, 2016

Requested by _____

Relationship _____

Name to remember _____

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Letter from The Lutheran World Federation

Office of the General Secretary

Geneva, 22 September 2017



THE
LUTHERAN
WORLD
FEDERATION

Respected church leaders, dear sisters and brothers,
Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I write this letter to you as we are a month away from
October 31, 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reforma-
tion.

It is amazing to see all the events, programs that are being implemented by Lutheran churches all over the world. Many of these activities involve ecumenical partners. All this underlines that reformation is today global, that it is ongoing, and that indeed this is the right time to approach the anniversary with a spirit of ecumenical accountability.

I ask you to please keep sharing with us your plans and activities! We want to tell about them globally through our various communication means (reformation-stories@lutheranworld.org).

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation finds us in a time of much turmoil, insecurity and change. For many people the question about the future seems to be a burdensome one, fraught with anxiety and fears about peace in our world, about the ecological degradation and what it may mean for our children. There is concern among many about where we may end up if the narcotic effects of indifference continue undermining the awareness of our interdependency, both within the human family and with God's creation at large.

Precisely because of this context, I couldn't think of a better time to be the church. We hold the powerful message of Jesus Christ in our hands, which we are called to share: we are saved not because of who we are and what we do, but because of who God is and what God does. There is good news to announce therefore: we are liberated to a life of thankful response to God's gift of salvation. As a response to the gift of Christ there is so much we can do: addressed by God with love, compassion and mercy, we are empowered to become ambassadors of peace, justice and reconciliation in our world. We are freed to serve!

As you finalize preparations for your activities and programs, as well as your festive worship services of commemoration, we begin to lift our eyes to what comes next. "500 years weren't enough ...", I have heard a Lutheran church saying. It is a phrase that indicates the church's readiness and eagerness to move on into the century ahead of us. Rightly so: Because God is alive, God continues addressing us, saving and freeing us. That's why the church has a mission, and that's why Reformation is ongoing.

I am offering a link to a shortened version of the liturgy we used during the Sunday worship at the Twelfth Assembly of the LWF, during which we commemorated the Reformation at a global level. It may support your churches and your congregations as they plan their own worship services on or around the Reformation Day.

<https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-reformation-sunday-liturgy-2017>

May God bless your activities, and, your commemoration services. May God bless the ongoing journey and witness of your church.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Martin Junge, General Secretary

DeiTimer Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 22	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, Oct. 29	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, Nov. 5	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Noon	Anniversary Celebration at Hilton
Sunday, Nov. 12	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	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>
Oct. 22	Terry R.	Chris D.	NEEDED!	Sharon C.	NEEDED!
Oct. 29	TBA	Gene S.	Paula V.	TBA	Paula V.
Nov. 5	TBA	NEEDED!	Scott & Tara	TBA	Luncheon
Nov. 12	TBA	NEEDED!	NEEDED!	TBA	NEEDED!

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 incorrect/missing, please contact Scott Johnson