



Gloria Dei Tidings

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church ELCA, Cedar Rapids

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Worship: Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Thursday—6:14 p.m.

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“They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.” Galatians 2:10

Dear friends in Christ,

I really like the motto the ELCA adopted a few years ago: “God’s work. Our Hands.” This motto reminds me that as a member of the church, God calls me to care for the poor and needy. There are more than 300 verses in the Bible in which God expresses concern for the poor. Several years ago, the ELCA developed a social statement called *The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective*. This statement says that, “Christians have the responsibility to defend human rights and to work for freedom, justice, peace, environmental well-being, and good order in public life.” One way for us to use our hands to do God’s work in the world is through advocacy.

Last year I attended a dinner on advocacy, and the guest speaker was from Lutheran World Relief. She reminded us of the importance of letting our voice be heard by our elected officials. She told us that the best way to get noticed was to send an old-fashioned hand-written letter on notebook paper or a postcard. People often contact representatives using phone calls, emails, and typewritten letters, some of which are form letters. Handwritten letters are getting very rare, so such letters really stand out as important to members of congress and their aids.

Many organizations exist that help raise awareness of different kinds of justice issues and offer suggestions of what to say in letters. Some of these include:

Lutheran World Relief Advocacy (<http://www.lwr.org/advocacy/index.asp>) advocates on issues including hunger, fair trade practices, poverty, and AIDS.

Bread for the World (<http://www.bread.org/>) focuses on issues of hunger in the USA and around the world.

Amnesty International (<http://www.amnesty.org/>) focuses on issues of human rights around the world.

The ONE Campaign (<http://www.one.org/us/>) works to eradicate extreme poverty and preventable diseases.

ELCA Advocacy (<http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy.aspx>) works for many different justice issues, including hunger, peace in the Middle East, immigration issues, social services, and environmental issues.

Many of these organizations have petitions you can sign and many have links to type in your city or zip code. You then get the name of the senators and representatives for your region. I encourage you to participate in this great way to be the church. Remember, it’s “God’s work, our hands.” May God bless your efforts!

Christ’s peace,
Intern Kristen

Please take a moment to read the upcoming Gospel Lessons:

July 18—*Luke 10:38-42* July 25—*Luke 11:1-13*

Outdoor Worship Service

We will hold Worship at Cherry Hill Park on Sunday, July 25 at 9:00 a.m. Worship will be followed by fellowship and brunch. (This will be the only worship service on this Sunday.) Please invite your friends and neighbors!

Gloria Dei’s 50th Anniversary

Sunday, August 8

Pastor Dell Shiell will be our guest preacher at Worship.

Reception at 9:25

Saturday, August 21

5:00-9:00 p.m. IBEW Hall, 1211 Wiley Blvd SW

Buffet dinner, dance, activities for the kids

Hurry! Still time to register-396-2641.

Sunday, August 22

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the first Gloria Dei Worship Service with special music and guests.

Bishop Michael Burk will be our guest preacher.

9:15 a.m. Fellowship and Breakfast

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee was given two names in May by the Synod to consider for call at Gloria Dei. After interviews with both candidates and the opportunity to hear one of them preach through the months of May and June, the Committee has decided not to bring any names to the Church Council for further consideration. We have asked the Synod for an additional name or names to consider. Please keep the Committee Members and the process of hiring another Pastor to Gloria Dei in your prayers. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members.

Baby Shower for Intern Kristen

All girls and women of Gloria Dei are invited to a baby shower for Intern Kristen on Saturday, Aug. 7, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Gloria Dei Campfire

All are invited to a campfire at Morgan Creek Park on Friday, August 13, 7-10 p.m. Join us for fellowship, relaxing, singing songs, and making s'mores. Please bring your own beverage, a chair, and a couple of bucks per person to cover the cost of the s'mores. Questions? Contact Intern Kirsten or John Varner at jfvarner@riverbottoms.com

Financial Peace University

Coming in August-November on Sundays, 3:00-5:00 p.m., *Financial Peace University* by Dave Ramsey. *Financial Peace University* is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace! Please sign up on the office window.

Opportunities to Serve Others

Member Care-needs members to furnish a casserole twice a week in the evening for two of our families. Each family receives two evening meals during the week. If you would like to volunteer to be part of this service (either one time or more), please call Judy Lockett 363-8745 - Thanks!! If you know of any member who would benefit from receiving

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July 16-31

Su. July 18 8:00 am - Worship/Holy Communion
10:30 am - Worship/Holy Communion
11:30 pm - Adult Education Committee
5:30 pm - Youth Trip Meeting
Mo. July 19 6:00 pm - Softball at Noelridge #3
Tu. July 20 7:00 am - Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm - Anniversary Committee
We. July 21 5:30 pm - Long Range Planning
7:00 pm - Evangelism
Th. July 22 6:45 am - Women's Study at *Panera*
6:14 pm - Worship
7:00 pm - Internship Committee
7:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Leader Team
Su. July 25 9:00 am - Outdoor Worship at Cherry Hill Park
10:00 am - Brunch and Fellowship at Cherry Hill
5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School
Mo. July 26 5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm - Softball at Noelridge #2
Tu. July 27 7:00 am - Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm - Worship Committee
We. July 28 5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School
Th. July 29 6:45 am - Women's Study at *Panera*
9:00 am - Young at Heart meets at *Rise & Dine*
(by Fareway on 16th Ave)
5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School
6:14 pm - Worship
Sa. July 31 9:30 pm - Prayer Shawl

Otis Boyd Memorial Golf Outing

Our annual Otis Boyd Memorial Golf Outing will be held August 8, 3:00 p.m. at the Wildcat Golf Course in Shellsburg. This "for fun only" golf outing is open to any Gloria Dei members, male or female at any skill level. It will be a 9-hole, four person best ball event. The cost per person is \$15 for walking or \$20 for riding a cart. Please sign up on the office window if you wish to participate.

Marindi Guest

Pr. Simeon Mkichumbi from our companion congregation, the Marindi Parish in Tanzania will be with us August 15-30 for the celebration of Gloria Dei's 50th anniversary. We are looking for people interested in hosting him for a meal. Call Kathy Smith at 396-1459.

Thursday 6:14

Heading out of town for the weekend? Have to work on Sunday morning? Please observe weekly Worship with us on Thursdays 6:14-7:00 p.m. Holy Communion is served on Thursdays. Please invite a neighbor or friend.

Thank You

A special thank you to Pastor Randy for the visits and prayers during my recent hospitalization. Also a thank you to those who remembered me with cards. *DeLores Wright*

Youth News

Vacation Bible School

Get ready to set sail with the Savior as we explore God's mighty love during Vacation Bible School July 25-29, 5:30 (supper) 6-8:05 p.m. (VBS). All students who have completed preschool-5th grade are invited! Registration forms are available on the youth bulletin board or by contacting the church office at 396-2641. Invite your friends and neighbors too!

High School Summer Mission Trip

The following youth and adults will be traveling to Manderson, South Dakota on Sunday, August 1st; Jenna Birchard, Ashley and Alex Diers, Lizzy Fowler, Ben Feuerhelm, Sidney Hofmann, Curtis Stacey, Grant Weaver, Pastor Randy, Cathy Siepman, Kevin and Pam Hofmann, Ryan Novak. The group will be fixing, building, and interacting with Indian youth while on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation for the week. Friday will be a sightseeing trip to Mt Rushmore, Hot Springs, and the Black Hills before traveling home on Saturday. Thank you for supporting the fund raising events throughout the year which will pay for the 15 passenger van and food. *Please keep all in your prayers.*

Youth Summer Campers

The following youth will be attending Camp EWALU in Strawberry Point this summer: Cailey Barth, Morgan English, Brie Fuller, Caleb Fuller, Emma Lantz, Jonathan Lantz, Dustin Miller, Grace Morningstar, Aubrey Novak, Caitlin Novak, and Ethan Welsh. Jason Niccolls will be attending Riverside Camp. *Please keep all campers in your prayers.*

Adult Forum on August 1st

Please join us for an Adult Forum on Aug 1 at 9:25 a.m. Intern Kristen will lead the discussion on the Foods Resource Bank (FRB). FRB brings together 15 different mainline Christian denominations to work for long-term solutions to world hunger, empowering people in very poor countries to grow their own food. Come learn more about this exciting organization!