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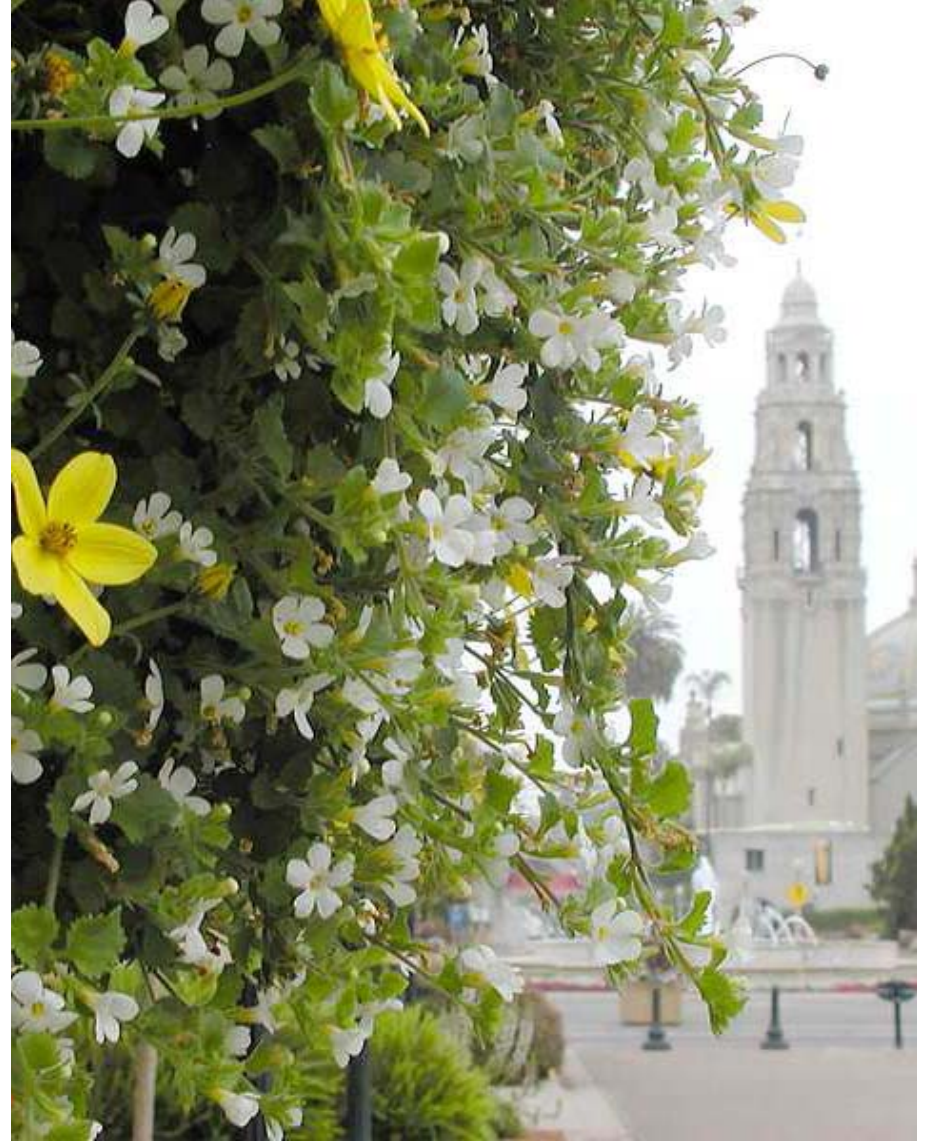
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Join us in worship each Sunday at 10:30 AM!

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:30 AM - Adult Bible Study: 9:15 AM

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 would be considering about becoming a member of our congregation, please speak with Gene Steensma, our council president, 248-332-9647 or email of fice@gloriadei.cc

SEASON OF EASTER



Furahini! Yesu yu hai!

"Rejoice! Jesus is alive!" Whether spoken in Swahili or in English, this is the message of Easter. The resurrection of our Lord is at the heart of Christian believing and teaching.

In fact, the resurrection is so important that it takes a "week of weeks" to celebrate. The culmination of this fifty-day celebration is the Day of Pentecost, when the gift of the Holy

Spirit enables Jesus' followers to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ to all nations.

For you and me and the whole people of God, celebrating Easter means celebrating the life-giving and life-renewing presence of God in us and in others. (Reprinted from the Gloria Dei Newsletter, early 1990's)

Remember in prayer

Please remember in prayer all those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or recovering -- including Geri Allen, Patti Amshay, Greg Blanchard, Cal Carlson, Rhonda Chilkott, Mary Ann Ferry, The Fugle Family, Kristal Glazmere, Faye Gorecki, Jeffrey Gorecki, Lorna Grant, Jill Jones, Norm Kinnison, Kyeara's mother, The family of Margie Montross, Pearl Pennybacker, Dan and Jan Polasek, Mrs. G. Polasek, David A. Reese, Walter Saddler, Myrtle Schluchter, Delores Steensma, Emma Vidlund, Peter Vidlund, Sandy Webber, Hazel Weyant, and Donna Williamson.

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From the Congregation Council President

May the Peace of the Lord be With You All!

The Internet is so common today we almost take it for granted. It like many things has the potential for good and bad. Recently a message was forwarded to me that I would like to share with you. It was entitled the "Silent Sermon". After you read it you will know why it has this unusual title.



"A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the preachers visit the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The preacher maded himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone and then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone embers flame flickered and diminished there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized the hour was late. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear in his eye 'thank you so much for your visit and especially the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday'.

We live in a world that tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are those left unspoken."

Have our embers gone out? Have members of our families, our friends and former members had their flames go out? Let us do

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our Christian duty and try to re-ignite their flames or better yet encourage them to come to church and let the Holy Spirit "light their fire".

God bless!

Gene Steensma
Congregation Council President

From our Licensed Minister Intern

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter – a time when we think of new life and spring. The weather appears to be favorable to getting out spring like clothes for Sunday, although I can think of past Easter Sunday’s when it has snowed. Of course this is Michigan weather, so we never really know for sure.

One of the signs of spring for me really is a “new life” thing. All winter long the pond behind my subdivision is silent, deafeningly silent. Spring is really here for me when I hear the pond dwelling “peepers” making what can only be described as a “racket” when I go outside. I thoroughly enjoy the music of the “peepers” proclaiming their coming back to life. The contrast in seasonal sound is remarkable.

The contrast of life before Jesus resurrection and after, was another remarkable comparison. We never could imagine this before Easter when he showed us the way, and now it is a promise of new life that he imparts to us. Jesus proclaims his presence and new life in us and in the many ways we show the impact he has made on us.

When we see signs of new or renewed life, we can remember that this is the day the Lord has made. And we can rejoice in it.

Minister Charlie



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH Pentecost Flowers

For generations, it has been customary at Gloria Dei to adorn the chancel with red flowers on Pentecost. 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 9. Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei. Thank you!

Gloria Dei Pentecost Flowers Order Form

Your name: _____

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

Plant 1:

Memory

Honor _____

Plant 2:

Memory

Honor _____

Plant 3:

Memory

Honor _____

Plant 4:

Memory

Honor _____

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!

Dining out with Gloria is April 22



Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at Dining out with Gloria on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM. We'll be meeting at Papa Vino's restaurant on Opdyke Road at Centerpoint (near the Marriott Hotel) Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us!

Mostly about people

Please remember all those who are sick, hospitalized, recovering, undergoing treatment or are homebound in your prayers, especially those on our prayer list (see page 2), including Delores Steensma, who is hospitalized at Crittenton; Mary Ann Ferry continues to undergo chemotherapy and radiation treatment, as well as Patti Amshay and Emma Vidlund; In addition, Hazel Weyant is recovering from a detached retina; Cal Carlson is recuperating after a fall; Peter Vidlund is recovering from major surgery; Walt Saddler is recovering from a broken arm.....Coffee Hour Hosts and Flower Donors are needed for several upcoming Sundays; if you are able to volunteer or donate, please sign up on the bulletin board in the east hallway, across from the library Karen Englund-Collom is asking members and friends of Gloria Dei to bring in used books for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life program. Books may be placed in the collection box in the narthex.....Thanks to the men of the congregation who prepared and served the delicious Easter Sunday breakfast, including Sebastian Chilkott, Derek Firman, Steve Firman, Gordy Green, Al Nelson, Rick Rajala, and Gene Steensma.....We also thank everyone who helped with folding palm crosses, which were worn by everyone who attended worship on Palm Sunday. The palm folders included Dorothy Chilkott, Sharon Cook, Helen Englund, Linda and Al Nelson, Terry Rajala, Delores and Gene Steensma, and Emma Vidlund.We thank everyone who purchased the beautiful flowers that adorned the chancel on Easter Sunday. This year we had 44 plants ordered. Thank you to Dorothy Chilkott, Scott Johnson and Tara McClure for arranging the plants in the chancel.....Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring "Pop Goes the Playground" fundraiser to raise money for a playground in the area. If you are able, please bring empty pop cans (clean) to church and place in the container in the hallway across from the library.....



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