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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is on January 31!



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 AM

Children's 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 gene.steensma@gloriadei.cc



The calendar and worship assistant list is now on a handy insert included with this newsletter. Additional copies are available at church or it can be downloaded at www.GloriaDei.cc.

Remember all those in need of prayer...

Please remember in prayer all those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or recovering -- including Geri Allen, Patti Amshay, Rhonda Chilkott, Carrie Cook, The Fugel Family, Jeffrey Gorecki, Jerry Gorecki, Vickie Edds, Debbie K. Hunt, Nancy Kelly, Barb Lucas, Pearl Pennybacker, Family of Robert Spencer, Family of Don Steensma, Shawna Trupiano Family, Emma Vidlund, Peter Vidlund, Jamie Williams, and Donna Williamson.

Dining out with Gloria is January 21



Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at Dining out with Gloria on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 PM. We'll be meeting at Red Lobster by Summit Place Mall (on Telegraph, north of Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford). Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us!

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From the Council President

May the Peace of the Lord be with you now and always.

The new baby of 2010 has arrived and the old geezer of 2009 has limped off into history. A new year of challenges, wins and losses lay before us. Our future individually and that of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church lie in the murky unknown. It will be up to us collectively with the help of Christ, not just a handful of dedicated souls, to brighten our future. The Council is currently faced with continuing negotiations with a developer whose sole goal is to improve his balance sheet not forwarding the mission of Christ. Our goals although divergent need to culminate in a land contract acceptable to both. The Council appreciates the Congregation's patience with this tedious process.

This is possibly my last article for the Dei Minder as my two, 3-year terms on the Council expire this month. I wish to thank those who have supported my efforts to help Gloria Dei...the Council and the Congregation and most of all my wife Delores who has shared every tough moment and every joy that comes with being the Congregational and Council President. May God bless this Church, the Pastors and Lay Pastors, the congregation, the Council and committees and the Church staff who continue to love and cherish and work for the mission of Christ.

In Christ's service I remain,

Gene Steensma

Congregational President
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

The Mitten Tree

The mitten trees are now up in the narthex, and are waiting for handmade or store-bought mittens, hats and gloves, which will be distributed to local needy children.



We thank our choir!

THANK YOU to the Gloria Dei Choir for their inspirational music this Advent and Christmas season! We also thank Dorothy Chilcott and Mike Newsock for contributing special music to our Christmas celebrations, and most of all, to our extraordinary music leader, Eleanor Beaver, for organizing, rehearsing and planning all the music.



The Annual Meeting will be January 31

All members of Gloria Dei are asked to please attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 31 at 12:00 PM, following the morning worship service. One important item on

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the agenda is the approval of the 2010 budget. All items for the annual report must be submitted to Scott Johnson no later than Sunday, January 17. You can either give the material to him in church or email to scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc

Offering statements and envelopes

Please watch your mail for your offering statements for the 2009 calendar year. Offering envelopes for 2010 are in the east hallway, across from the library. Also help yourself to 2010 calendars, and new devotional guides.



Check out the daily prayers featured on our website – www.gloriadei.cc -- they are updated daily. Choose "Daily Prayers," which includes prayers and daily Bible readings and verses.

Souper Bowl luncheon is February 7

Once again this year, Gloria Dei will be participating in the "Souper Bowl" fundraiser. We'll have a special soup luncheon following the worship service, with a freewill offering that will be donated to the Lighthouse of Michigan. Our congregation has been participating in the Souper Bowl since 2004 and since then, we've raised almost \$1,000 for charity! If you're able, please bring a cup of cut-up vegetables to add to the soup stock or a side dish or dessert to pass. We're sure there will be enough for all!



Gloria Dei celebrates its 82nd Christmas

Christmas Eve worship was held at 4:00 PM on December 24. This marked the 82nd celebration of the birth of our savior as a congregation. We thank all who participated in the worship services, especially our choir. In addition, we thank all those who helped prepare the church for the services. More than 20 poinsettia plants were purchased by members and friends of the congregation to adorn the chancel on Christmas Eve.



Christmas Eve

Annual report deadline is January 17

Information for the Gloria Dei Annual Report are due to the Congregation Council Secretary, Scott Johnson, no later than Sunday, January 17. You can email material to him at scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc, or drop off at the church office.



Entertainment books sold out this year!



We are pleased to report that we sold all of our Entertainment Books (25 books sold for 2009!). Thank you to everyone who purchased books, and we thank Scott Johnson for coordinating the fundraiser!

Gloria Dei Commemorative Mugs

We still have several Gloria Dei 80th Anniversary commemorative travel mugs available for sale for \$5.00, which is half-off their original price. If you regularly use travel mugs, upgrade your worn-out ones today for our stainless steel and lucite model! You still have the chance to own one (or more!) of these great looking mugs – the sleek, contemporary design is identical to those sold at the Hard Rock Café gift store. Please contact Scott Johnson or Gene Steensma if you are interested.



Mostly about people

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..... We thank everyone who helped with decorating the church for Christmas, including Roxanne Alfsen, Alice Barrie, Dorothy and Sebastian Chilkott, Sharon Cook, Gordy Green, Richard Jenkins, Scott Johnson, Ray Lucas, Al and Linda Nelson, Rick and Terry Rajala, Bruce and Sally Robertson, Angela Rupp, Gene and Delores Steensma, Bill Vandecar, and Carrie, Audrey and Lauren Wright..... Please consider recycling this newsletter once you are finished reading it – you can give it to someone who might enjoy also reading it, or include it with the rest of your recyclables. The Dei-Minder, as well as the Sunday worship booklets are being printed on 100% recycled paper, which was generously donated to our congregation.....



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January 2010 *Perfect to post on the fridge!*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>AM Gene S. 9:15 A: Adult Bible Lec Terry R. Study Grt Rajalas 10:30 A: Sunday School Aco Sebastian 10:30 A: Worship w/ Sac Linda N. Holy Communion Cof Rajalas</p> <p>★Rochelle Englund</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>★Evelyn Bogen ★Tracy Martin ★Rick Rajala</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 P: Council Meeting</p> <p>★Bryan Beaver</p>	<p>8</p> <p>★Logan Smith</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>AM Sebastian 9:15 A: Adult Bible Lec Bruce R. Study Grt Roxie/Rich. 10:30 A: Sunday School Aco Daniellia B. 10:30 A: Worship w/ Sac Scott J. Holy Communion Cof Roxie/Rich.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>★Kevin Sheys</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>AM Bill V. 9:15 A: Adult Bible Lec Carrie N. Study Grt Alice B. 10:30 A: Sunday School Aco Angela R. 10:30 A: Worship w/ Sac Sebastian Holy Communion Cof Firmans <i>Annual Reports Due</i> ★Janet MacCormack</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>★Derek Firman ★Gay Wittenstrom</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7 PM: Dining out with Gloria at Red Lobster at Summit Place Mall</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>AM Kay D. 9:15 A: Adult Bible Stdy Lec Sebastian 10:30 A: Sunday School Grt Robertsons 10:30 A: Worship w/ Aco Derek F. Holy Communion Sac Tracy V. <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> Cof NEEDED!</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>★Paul Chilkott</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>AM Gordy G. 9:15 A: Adult Bible Lec Barb Z. Study Grt Chilkotts 10:30 A: Sunday School Aco Sebastian 10:30 A: Worship w/ Sac Linda N. Holy Communion Cof NEEDED! Noon: Annual Meeting</p>					<p><i>Worship Assistants - Legend</i></p> <p><u>AM</u> Assisting Minister <u>Lec</u> Lector <u>Grt</u> Greeters <u>Aco</u> Acolyte <u>Sac</u> Sacristan <u>Cof</u> Coffee Hour Host</p> <p>★ = Birthday</p>	