



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 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,

especially those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or recovering -- including Patti Amshay, Alice Barrie, Rhonda Chilkott, Helen Englund, Jamie Firman, Jeffrey Gorecki, Nancy Kelly, Barbara Miller, Robert Miller, Pearl Pennybacker, Delores Steensma, Don Steensma, Msgt. Donald Vick (in Iraq), Hazel Weyant, Donna Williamson and James Wyatt.

Dining out with Gloria is July 23



Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at Dining out with Gloria, at Max and Erma's Restaurant on Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 PM. The restaurant is on Baldwin Rd., across from Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills. Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us!

From the Congregation Council President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the peace of the Lord abide and remain with you always.

Summer is here and finally the warm breezes are here for a while at least. Michigan most of the time has beautiful days and cool nights but all of you know how fickle our state can be when it comes to Mother natures blessings. Enjoy it while you can. We hope all of you have wonderful vacations filled with good times and family.



Don't forget to visit that home-town church or even one of another denomination. God's love is universal and he wants us to share his grace with all we meet. Bring home a service bulletin to share with the Gloria Dei members.

Gloria Dei is well known as a very friendly church and let's do our share to extend the hand of welcome to each and every visitor. Visit someone who is home-bound or give 'em a call. It will warm their hearts and yours as well.

We need coffee hosts and flower sponsors for upcoming Sundays so please help out.

Yours in Christ,

Gene Steensma
Gloria Dei Congregation Council President

Special congregational meeting to be held July 15 with Pastor Eggleston



Members of Gloria Dei are strongly encouraged to attend a special informal congregational meeting with Pastor Jack Eggleston of the Southeast Michigan Synod on **Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30 PM**. Light refreshments and dessert will be served.

Thank you to those who assisted with the clean-up day

We thank everyone who assisted with the clean-up day on June 13, including Alice Barrie, Al and Linda Nelson, Rick and Terry Rajala, Bruce and Sally Robertson, and Gene Steensma. We also thank the Oakland County WWAM group (community service) for assisting with the clean-up activities.



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.

Mostly about people

We congratulate Jennifer (Wittenstrom) and Craig VanCoillie on the birth of their son Benjamin Craig, born on June 16th, and also Becky (Wittenstrom) and Nick Kourvetaris on the birth of their son Lukas Joseph on May 27. Both moms and babies are doing well, and proud grandparents Keith and Gay Wittenstrom have been traveling between Michigan



and Illinois to visit with their new grandsons.....Alice Barrie suffered a fall, breaking her collarbone in mid June. Hazel Weyant was hospitalized for a heart condition also in June. Barbara Miller (wife of Pastor Bud Miller) is recuperating at home from injuries sustained in a recent car accident and is also recuperating from illness triggered by asthma. Gene Steensma received stitches as a result of an injury during our clean-up day; please keep Alice, Hazel, Barbara and Gene in your prayers, as well as all those who are sick, hospitalized, recovering or homebound.....We are sad to report that former member of Gloria Dei Mary Lou Frost died on June 21 after recent hospitalizations and illness; Mary Lou was living in Hillman, Michigan, and is preceded in death by husband John Frost (cousin of Roxanne Alfsen). John's parents, Jack and Gunda Frost were long-time members of St. John's/Gloria Dei. Please keep the Frost family and all those who mourn in your prayers.....Dorothy and Gretchen Chilkott just returned home from a cruise on the Mediterranean; their vacation included trips to Greece, Croatia, and Italy.....We thank our musicians who



share their musical talents with us each Sunday at worship, including Eleanor Beaver, Dorothy Chilkott, Yvonne Lowe, and Mike Newsock.....Please note that coffee hour hosts are needed for many upcoming Sundays; if you are interested in hosting, please sign up on the east hallway bulletin board across from the library.....Thank you to those who assisted with our Father's Day ice cream social; the following Sunday, June 28, a wonderful worship service was held outdoors, thanks to the beautiful weather and shade under the trees on the west lawn by the parsonage.....

Consider switching to an “e-DeiMinder”

Help save our congregation money and conserve paper by receiving your DeiMinder online instead of through the postal service. The Gloria Dei DeiMinder newsletter is available online each month at www.GloriaDei.cc – to be added to our email reminder list, please send an email to scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc. Thank you!



Great Books Available from Augsburg Fortress

Here are some titles that may interest you, available from Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house of the ELCA – they can be ordered online at www.augsburgfortress.org or by calling 1-800-328-4648. You can browse their entire catalog online for even more selections, or request their printed catalog by phone.

The Lutheran Handbook: A Field Guide to Church Stuff, Everyday Stuff, and the Bible The essential field guide for all things Lutheran. Confirms – or anyone hiking the trails of life's adventures and challenges – will want to pack this handy illustrated field guide to Lutheran theology and culture. This enjoyable, easy-to-read, reliable, all-in-one collection helps you understand the essential information about our theology, culture and Lutheran way of life. Organized by Church Stuff, Everyday Stuff and Bible Stuff with how-to's like "How to Forgive Someone" and lists like "The Top-10 Bible Villains." Encapsulates essential principles of the Christian life, making many of the complexities of our religious tradition accessible for contemporary seekers. Cost: \$14.99



Crazy Book: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Biblical Terms Very similar in tone and organization to *Crazy Talk*, the authors of *Crazy Book* unleash their passion, faith, and humor. This time they have their sights on the Bible and biblical terms — and they don't hold back. Here they've elected to focus on major people, events, places, books, and types of literature in the Bible — communicating the life-giving truth of the Bible via often knock-em-dead humor. The volume's savvy and sassy overtones are bound to leave an impression. An accessible book, almost devoid of scholarly jargon, but filled with scholarly insight. Cost: \$17.99.



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