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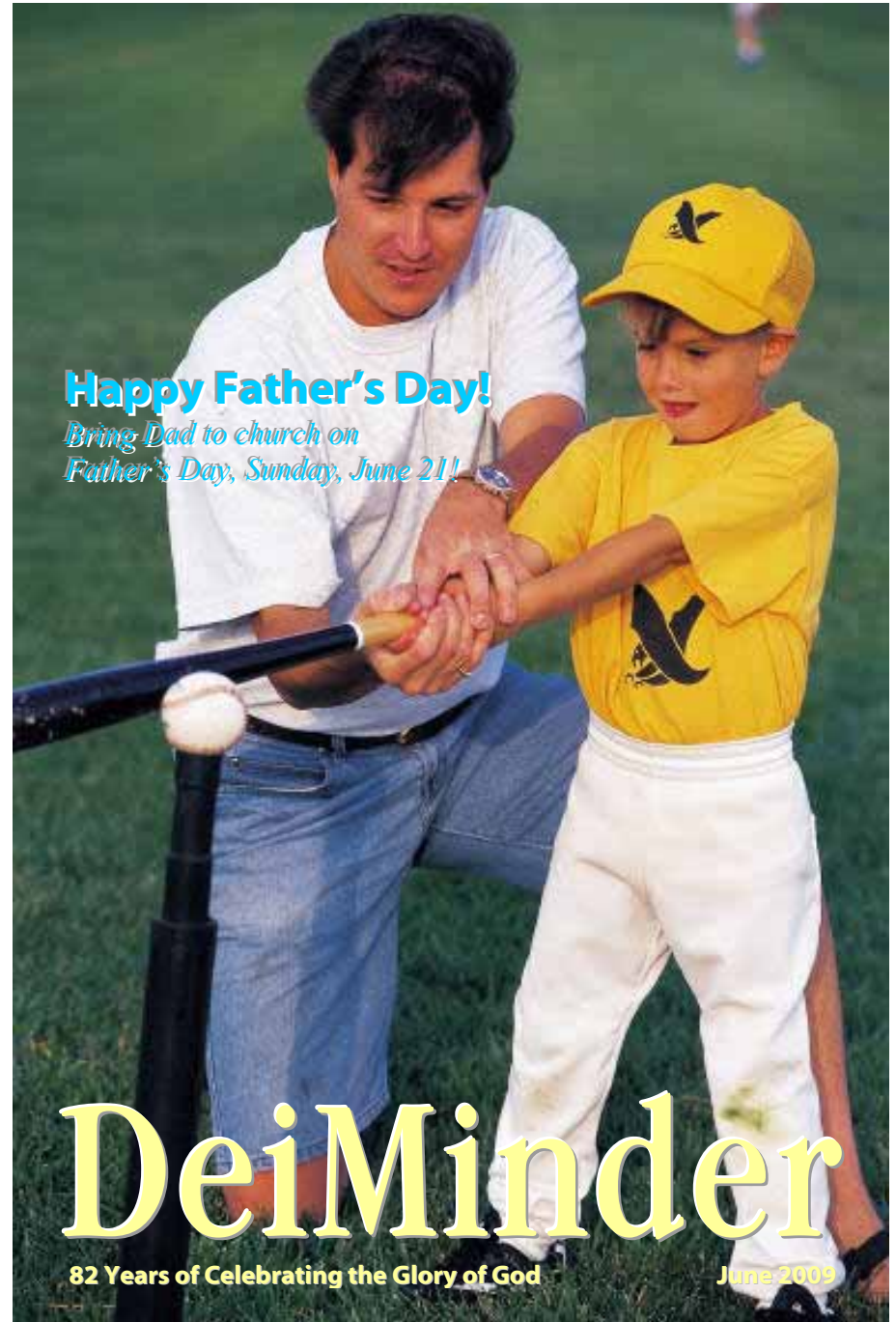
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**Happy Father's Day!**

*Bring Dad to church on  
Father's Day, Sunday, June 21!*



# DeiMinder

82 Years of Celebrating the Glory of God

June 2009

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

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**Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 AM**

**Sunday School (through June 7): 10:30 AM • Adult Bible Study: 9:15 AM**

**W**elcome 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](mailto: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](http://www.GloriaDei.cc).*

## Remember all those in need of prayer,

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

## Dining out with Gloria is June 18



Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at Dining out with Gloria, at Olive Garden Restaurant on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 PM. The restaurant is on Brown Rd. in Auburn Hills, near Target (and Great Lakes Crossing Mall). Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us!

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## From the Congregation Council President

**T**he Gloria Dei Council continues to struggle with alternatives to the property sale challenge. We will keep you posted on what transpires.



We welcome interim minister Pr. Bud Miller and his wife Barbara to our midst. If you haven't had a chance to meet this delightful couple please do so at the next Sunday church service beginning at 10:30 AM.

Summer is finally here and we wish everyone a wonderful and safe season. If on vacation remember that God never takes a vacation and he would like you to visit other churches and bring greetings from Gloria Dei.

If you don't travel from home don't forget the opportunities for service here at Gloria Dei. The coffee hour needs hosts, the flowers need replenishing and any number of tasks in the church can be done. A clean-up day is planned for June 13th from 9:00 AM to 3PM. Many hands make the work light. A lunch will be served.

Please continue to pray for the church, our congregation, the nation and the world in these trying times.

God bless us everyone.

Yours in Christ,  
Gene Steensma, President  
Gloria Dei Council

## Clean up day is June 13

**C**ome to church on Saturday, June 13 to help clean up the property inside and out. We'll start around 9:00 AM, and a lunch will be served at noon. Bring your own yard tools and lend a hand (you may want to put your initials on your tools). There's much to be done, but we always have fun on our clean-up days!



## Gloria Dei welcomes Pastor Bud Miller

Gloria Dei welcomes Rev. Bud Miller as our new interim pastor, who led worship for the first time on May 10. Pastor Miller and his wife, Barbara, live in Shelby Township. The Gloria Dei Welcoming and Hospitality Team hosted a welcome coffee hour following the worship service on May 10. Please welcome Pastor Bud and Barbara to our congregation. You may reach Pastor Bud at 586-567-6584 or by email, bud.miller@gloriadei.cc



## Gloria Dei Members Assist with Join Hands Day

By Dorothy Chilkott

The Thrivent Branch that includes Gloria Dei held a "Join Hands Day" event at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac on Saturday, May 9. There was planting of flowers, weeding and other outside work when it wasn't raining. When it was raining, there was much work inside, such as building of shelves, painting, sorting clothes for their clothes closet, sorting food for the food closet, and cleaning of pews and other sanctuary furniture.



There were ten people from Gloria Dei who helped that day. They were: Billy Ayres, Dorothy and Sebastian Chilkott, Steve, Jamie and Derek Firman, Craig Fortuna, Gordy Green, Angela Rupp and Tracy Vandecar. They joined approximately 100 from other churches to help that day.



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

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## Multilingual Bible Readings on Pentecost Sunday

By Dorothy Chilkott

Gretchen Chilkott graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College on Pentecost Sunday, 1982. Pastor and Dorothy Chilkott were in attendance at the Baccalaureate service that morning and heard about 15 students and professors read the second lesson in 15 different languages simultaneously. Since we at Gloria Dei had so many people proficient in several languages, Pastor Chilkott initiated the practice of reading the second lesson in many different languages on Pentecost, 1983, and this continued each year until 1998, his last Pentecost as pastor at Gloria Dei. People reading during those years included Anna Danielson in Swedish, Grete Armour in Norwegian, Helen Hank in German, Verna Santala in Finnish, John Rosenkrands in Danish, Gay Wittenstrom in Spanish, Bill Williamson in Italian, Pam Moll in Chinese, Shigeo Saito in Japanese, Joe Karlie in a Liberian dialect, and Pastor Chilkott in Greek.



Scott Johnson suggested that this practice be revived this year, and so the second lesson on May 31 was read in English by Bruce Robertson, Kay Danielson in German, Gene Steensma in Norwegian, Scott Johnson in Spanish, Sebastian Chilkott in French, and Pastor Miller in Greek.



Shown above: Gene Steensma, Scott Johnson, Kay Danielson, Sebastian Chilkott, Bruce Robertson, and Pastor Bud Miller.

## Congratulations, Angela!

*You're invited to a graduation celebration!*



We congratulate **Angela Rupp** on her graduation from West Bloomfield High School this month! Tracy and Bill Vandecar would like to invite everyone at Gloria Dei to their home on Saturday, June 27 at 2:00 PM to celebrate Angela's graduation (dinner will be served at 4:30 PM). If you would like to attend, please RSVP 248-410-7960. The Vandecar's home is located at 9400 Mandon Road in White Lake. Maps will be available at church.

## Mostly about people

We congratulate Roxanne Alfsen on her retirement from Rochester Community Schools, where she worked as a school psychologist (starting in 1974!); Roxie is shown on the right with her golden teacher's bell award which was presented to her on May 20 by the Rochester Education Association.....Please remember in prayer all those who are hospitalized, sick, or recovering, including Helen Englund (recovering from surgery on a broken wrist), and Delores Steensma (recuperating at home after spinal and knee surgery).....It was nice to hear from Joseph Karlie who sent a note with his Pentecost flower order; he is now living in Florida and is enjoying good health after recently recuperating from brain surgery.....We were all glad to see Evelyn Morris in church last Sunday, having recuperated from recent hospitalization..... We congratulate



Laura Sheys (granddaughter of Pastor and Dorothy Chilkott) on her graduation from high school in Bethesda, Maryland (Laura and proud Grandma Dorothy are pictured at left).....We thank everyone who donated towards Pentecost flowers which adorned the chancel on Pentecost Sunday; we thank Roxanne Alfsen and Scott Johnson for purchasing the plants and arranging them around the altar. We also thank Richard Jenkins for planting them outside after the service.....Please update your directory with Myrtle Schluchter's new phone number: 248-678-5100.....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.

## Useful contact information

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