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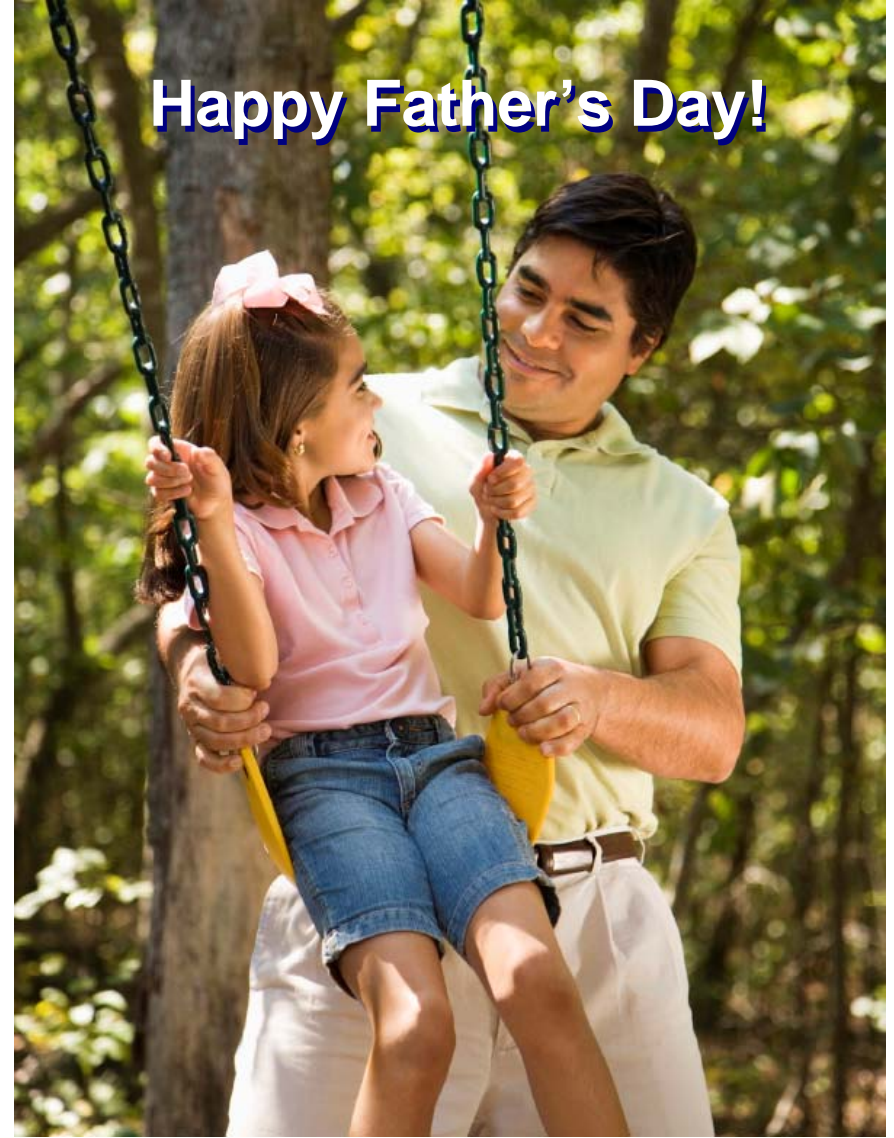
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Bring dad to church on Father's Day! (6/20/10)
Sunday worship is each week at 10:30 AM

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Summer Worship Schedule:

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 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

Remember in prayer

Please remember in prayer all those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or recovering -- including Patti Amshay, Gregory Blanchard, The Family of Roland Carlson, Rhonda Chilkott, Sharon Cook, Ava Dixon, Mary Ann Ferry, Michael Glazemere, Lorna Grant, Maryann Hank, Jennie and Dave Howard, Janis Miller, David Reese, Delores Steensma, Mariah Stenquist, Peter Vidlund, and Donna Williamson.



Dining out with Gloria is April 22

Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at Dining out with Gloria, which will be at Red Ox Restaurant in Auburn Hills (Walton, east of Squirrel Road), on Thursday, June 17 at 7:00 PM. Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us! If you plan on attending, please sign the attendance sheet in church, or send an email to of-fice@gloriadei.cc.



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From the Congregation Council President

Dear Members of Gloria Dei,

May the peace of the Lord be with you now and always!

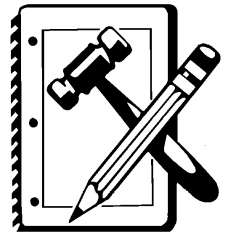
After seemingly endless negotiations Gloria Dei and the Stuart Frankel Corporation have arrived at a mutually agreeable purchase agreement and land contract.

The land contract will allow us to proceed with our internal and external mission and also to meet our financial obligations. Our financial goal will be to proceed conservatively and jump-start our commitment to Jesus Christ and the Gloria Dei congregation.

The land contract will allow a new beginning for Gloria Dei. The nay-sayers and quitters have had their say now we can have ours: "onward Christian soldiers"!

Yours in Christ,

Gene Steensma, Congregational President



It's time to fill the Lighthouse baskets!

Summertime is here and school children will be spending more time at home, which means more meals for families. Lighthouse is asking for peanut butter, jelly, and macaroni & cheese to help needy families in the area. They are also asking for Depends for adults. Collection baskets are in the narthex, so if you are able to donate these items or any other non-perishable food items, please bring them to church. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this organization.



From our Licensed Minister Intern

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now entering our long season, the season of the Pentecost. We will be green – whether it is easy or not to be, from now until the end of November. We have a break or two, but we will mostly be green. Should make us very popular in these days as so many companies are vying for the title of “greenest” company, with environmentally proper products and practices. What they do not see is that we have in fact been “green” all along.

God looks for us to be caretakers of the earth, and all that is upon it. We look for green pastures and still waters to find God within them, speaking volumes to us as we enjoy the beauty of this earth.

It is somewhat hard to enjoy these pleasures while just south of our nation, the beautiful waters there are being ravaged daily by the onslaught of the oil leak. We may have a lot to pray for these days, but strange as it would seem, we should pray too, that God will step in and help those that created this mess, the means to bring it back under control.



Many things like this, that happen, are done as a result of our lack of good judgment. Instead of blaming them, or anyone, we need to pray for God’s compassion and leave the judging to someone else. If we wish to have God’s mercy brought upon us, why not on all others as well? A lot of finger pointing will continue in the days ahead, but unless one of those is large enough to plug the hole, it will not do a lot of good. Let us not try ours, but ask for God’s finger, it’s much greater than ours

Yours in Christ,
Minister Charlie

Thanks to everyone who helped with beautifying the church property!

On May 15th a spring clean-up was held at Gloria Dei. We were assisted by the W.W.A.M. group from Oakland County, and appreciate their help. Thanks to our Gloria Dei members who so generously gave of their time: Roxanne Alfsen, Dorothy Chilcott, Richard Jenkins, Scott Johnson, Ray Lucas, Al Nelson, Rick Rajala, Bruce Robertson, Sally Robertson, and Gene Steensma. We also thank everyone who purchased flowers which adorned the chancel on Pentecost Sunday. We thank Richard Jenkins for planting them in the Glory Garden after the service, and thank Scott Johnson and Tara McClure for purchasing the flowers and arranging them around the altar.



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).....Myrtle Schluchter is now living in Colorado with her daughter, Carol. We will print her new address in the next issue of the DeiMinder. Please keep Myrtle in your prayers as she settles into her new home.....Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of former St. John’s/Gloria Dei member Roland Carlson, who died on May 10, at the age of 92. Cal, Mark and Paula Carlson attended the funeral in Schenectady, New York. Please keep Cal, the Carlson family and all those who mourn in your prayers.....We thank Roxanne Alfsen and Ray Lucas for representing our congregation at the annual Synod Assembly, which was held in Lansing this year.....Coffee hour hosts and chancel flower donors are needed for several upcoming Sundays. If you are able to serve or donate, please sign the sheets on the bulletin board in the east hallway, across from the library..... If you enjoy reading The Lutheran magazine, copies of the monthly publication are available in the narthex.

The Missing Lamps

In a certain mountain village in Europe several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should have to his townspeople. At last he decided to build them a church.



No one saw the complete plans for the church until it was finished. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty and completeness. Then someone asked, "But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?"

The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave to each family a lamp which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

"Each time you are here the area where you are seated will be lighted," the nobleman said. "Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

We thank our musicians!

We thank our musicians at Gloria Dei for sharing their musical talents with us – Eleanor Beaver, Dorothy Chilkott, Kay Danielson and Mike Newsock. We also thank them, along with Minister Charlie for their work in planning for worship each Sunday.



*Doesn't matter what you wear...
just as long as you are there!*

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Summer at 10:30 AM for morning
worship with Holy Communion!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7 P: Council Meeting	4	5
			★Makenzie Martin ★Keith Wittenstrom			
6 AM Steve F. Lec Roxanne Grt Sharon C. Aco Angela R. Sac Scott J. Cof Roxie/Richard ★Kayla McClellan	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 AM Gene S. Lec Kay D. Grt Nelsons Aco Derek F. Sac Sebastian Cof Nelsons	14	15	16 ★Kate Ginman	17 7 PM: Dining out with Gloria at Red Ox on Walton Blvd, in Auburn Hills	18	19
20 AM Bill V. Lec Richard J. Grt Kay D. Aco Angela R. Sac Linda N. Cof Rajalas ★Aaron Rajala	21	22	23	24	25 ★Lisa McDonald ★Al Nelson ★Myrtle Schluchter	26 ★Zachary Horwedel
27 AM Gordy G. Lec Bruce R. Grt Robertsons Aco Sebastian Sac Tracy V. Cof NEEDED! 9:15 A: Adult Bible Study 10:30 A: Worship w/ Holy Communion <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	28	29	30	<i>Worship Assistants - Legend</i> <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 ★ = Birthday		