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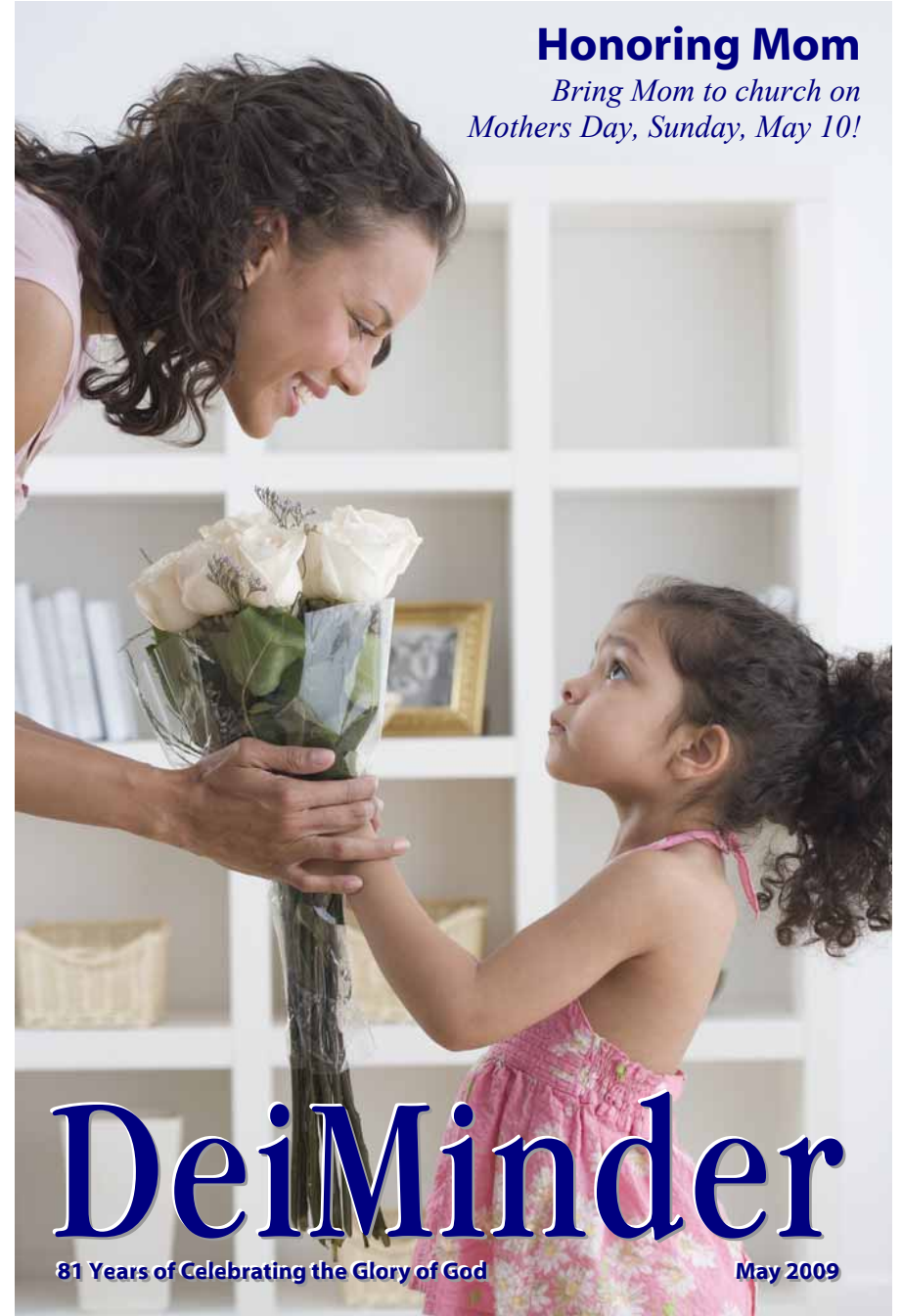
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Join us for worship each Sunday at 10:30 AM!

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## Honoring Mom

*Bring Mom to church on  
Mothers Day, Sunday, May 10!*



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81 Years of Celebrating the Glory of God

May 2009

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

**Sunday School: 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



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*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).*

*With heartfelt appreciation to  
Pastor Mary and Mike Duerksen for  
their dedication to our congregation*

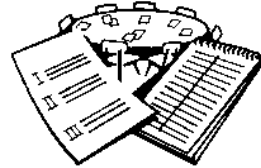


## From the Congregation Council President

Members in Christ,

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Gloria Dei continues to follow the path that God's will lead us.



Pr. Mary Duerksen has moved to All Saints Church in Hartland. We ask God's blessing on her new ministry.

Carl Bloom will serve us again on May 3rd with Pr. Bud Miller assuming the position of Interim Minister on May 10th. On that day Pr. Jack Eggleston will address the congregation at a noon meeting. He will be sharing his thoughts and ideas with us. Please plan to attend. Let's make Pr. Miller and Pr. Eggleston welcome in our midst.

The Church Council, Executive Team and Finance Team have been exploring a number of options to extend the life of this wonderful congregation. A new opportunity has come about but has not been fully investigated but does hold positive potential for us. I am not at liberty to let out the details at this point as no firm commitments have been made. Rest assured you will be kept abreast of any new developments.

In the meantime be true to your church and your Lord by attending regularly, meeting your pledge commitment and by promoting the positive image of your church and your love for Christ at every opportunity.

Let us look to the "sunrise" which brightens our day and brings us hope and not focus on the "sunset" which eventually brings darkness to all of us.

Yours in Christ,

Gene Steensma  
Congregational Council President

... for my dad ...



... for my marriage ...



... for my nation ...



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Thursday, May 7, 2006

### What is the National Day of Prayer?

The National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The observance of the National Day of Prayer is founded on the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion and can be celebrated by all Americans.

### When did the NDP begin?

Days of prayer have been called for since 1775, when the Continental Congress designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for such a day. Officially, the NDP was established as an annual event by an act of Congress in 1952 and was signed into law by President Truman. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the NDP.

For more information, please visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

### Please remember all those in need of prayer, including:

*Our Congregation*

*Patti Amshay*

*Eleanor Beaver*

*Carl Bloom*

*Evelyn Bogan*

*Rhonda Chilkott*

*Jamie Firman*

*Jeffrey Gorecki*

*Peg Gottchall*

*Sharon Marsach*

*Robert Miller*

*Family of EOD Mike Monsoor*

*Evelyn Morris*

*Pearl Pennybacker*

*Delores Steensma*

*Don Steensma*

*Msgt. Donald Vick (in Iraq)*

*Lauren Wright*

*James Wyatt*

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## Pentecost Flowers Order Form

For generations, it has been customary at Gloria Dei to adorn the chancel on Pentecost Sunday with flowers, given in memory or honor of loved ones. Again this year, we are making plants available to you to purchase, which will then be planted around the church to beautify the property.

The cost is \$7.00 per plant. **All orders are due by Sunday, May 24.**

Checks should be made payable to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Indicate "Pentecost Flowers" in the memo section. You can bring your order to church on a Sunday (drop in offering plate) or mail to the church. Thank you!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Example:

Memory Honor Jack and Gunda Frost

### Plant #1

Memory Honor \_\_\_\_\_

### Plant #2

Memory Honor \_\_\_\_\_

### Plant #3

Memory Honor \_\_\_\_\_

## Mostly about people

*For pastoral needs during this time of transition, (hospital visits, etc.) please contact Gene Steensma (248-332-9647) or Scott Johnson (248-652-6578), or any council member and they will assist with making arrangements.....Please remember in prayer all those who are hospitalized, sick or recovering, including Patti Amshay (daughter of Robert and Emma Vidlund, undergoing outpatient radiation therapy treatments), Eleanor Beaver (recovering from knee replacement surgery), Carl Bloom (recently hospitalized), Evelyn Morris (currently hospitalized at Lapeer Regional Medical Center), Pearl Pennybacker (recuperating at Canterbury after recent hospitalization), Delores Steensma (at Crittenton recuperating from spinal surgery), and Lauren Wright (granddaughter of Al and Linda Nelson, currently hospitalized at University of Michigan Hospitalized).....We will be remembering Pastor Richard Chilkott (who served our congregation for more than 27 years) during the worship service on May 3. The congregation celebrates "St. Richard's Day" each year at the time of Pastor Chilkott's birthday.....We thank Mike Duerksen and Terry Rajala for representing the congregation at the annual Synod assembly on May 2.....We thank everyone who helped fold palm crosses for Palm Sunday, including Alice Barrie, Dorothy Chilkott, Helen Englund, Scott Johnson, Barb Lucas, Terry Rajala, Emma Vidlund and Hazel Weyant.*

## Dining out with Gloria is May 21



Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at **Dining out with Gloria**, at B.D.'s Mongolian Barbeque on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. The restaurant is on University drive, between Pontiac Road and Squirrel in Auburn Hills. Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us!

## Can you assist with Join Hands Day?

Once again this year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring "Join Hands Day." This year, the group will be working at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac on Saturday, May 9, from 9 AM - 12 PM. A light lunch will be served. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dorothy Chilkott, 248-332-2432 or email [dorothy.chilkott@gloriadei.cc](mailto:dorothy.chilkott@gloriadei.cc)

