



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Bring mom to church on Mother's Day! (5/9/10)
Sunday worship is each week at 10:30 AM

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 AM
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 of fice@gloriadei.cc

Remember in prayer

Please remember in prayer all those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or recovering -- including Geri Allen, Patti Amshay, Greg Blanchard, Cal Carlson, Rhonda Chilkott, Mary Ann Ferry, The Fugle Family, Kristal Glazmere, Jeffrey Gorecki, Maryann Hank, Nancy Kelly, Lorna Grant, Jill Jones, Norm Kinnison, Kyeeara's mother, The family of Margie Montross, Al Nelson, Pearl Pennybacker, Dan and Jan Polasek, David A. Reese, Walter Saddler, Myrtle Schluchter, Delores Steensma, Mariah Stenquist, Emma Vidlund, Peter Vidlund, Sandy Webber, Hazel Weyant, and Donna Williamson.

A gift mom is sure to appreciate

Is your mom hard to shop for? Consider making a donation in mom's name to the ELCA's many outreach programs. "ELCA Good Gifts" are a special way you can help make a significant impact on mission and ministries while giving a gift to a friend, pastor, teacher, neighbor or other loved one. You can donate on the website or by phone (800-638-3522), and also send or print an e-card to present your gift. Visit the ELCA website for details -- www.elca.org/goodgifts



From the Congregation Council President

Friends in Christ!

Peace!

The property sale process plods along at an agonizingly slow pace. Progress is slow to be sure but nonetheless there is still significant progress. The survey is complete, test borings have been done and the re-zoning was approved by the full Auburn Hills Council on 4-19-10. The property is now re-zoned as a Technology and Research District. Frankel Corporation intends to build a 4 story tech and research building on the site. The site plan will be submitted to the planning commission relatively soon. When the "closing" occurs Gloria Dei will receive the first payment on the four year land contract.



This has been a time-consuming process and we appreciate the patience the congregation has shown. It has been frustrating at many turns, with many obstacles dealt with. The full land-contract has not been completed yet but hopefully any future entanglements will be minor and resolved quickly.

With God's help and your patience we shall stay the course.

Yours in Christ,

Gene Steensma, Congregational President

Clean-Up day scheduled for May 15

Come to church on Saturday, May 15 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 a lot of fun!



From our Licensed Minister Intern

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another month has raced by us, and we are probably getting more adjusted to being with each other every week. I can state that I am very grateful for your presence and patience with me and for the support I can feel as I lead you in worship. I am humbled by the awesome presence of God when we are gathered together.

We have passed a fairly dry month of April. The showers have not been as great as I feel that they normally would be. I was on a drive recently and saw many farm fields readied for planting much earlier than I normally am used to. We have many warnings to be careful with fire due to many brush areas being dry as tinder. Let us hope that this dryness does not persevere through the summer months.

Easter has gone past, and now we are in a time where we see the sprouting of the young church in our scripture readings. The sprouts grow firm and strong, and spread like the greening of a new garden of fertile soil.

We are blessed with the history of this young church, which is still young and vibrant today within the hearts of believers whenever, and wherever they gather.

The blessings of Christ are all around us. We get to watch again as the flowers come to bloom, and the vegetables grow to nourish us. Let us rejoice in this beautiful world that has been given us to enjoy and celebrate with our Savior.

Yours in Christ,
Minister Charlie

Mother's Day Fun Fact:

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. President Wilson established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH *Pentecost Flowers*

For generations, it has been customary at Gloria Dei to adorn the chancel with red flowers on Pentecost. The flowers are then planted outside to beautify the church property. Again this year, we are offering flowers to be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones.



The cost is \$7.00 per plant, and the deadline to order is **Sunday, May 16**. Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei. Thank you!

Gloria Dei Pentecost Flowers Order Form

Your name: _____

Number of plants: _____ Total amount (\$7 per plant): _____

Plant 1:

- Memory
 Honor _____

Plant 2:

- Memory
 Honor _____

Plant 3:

- Memory
 Honor _____

Plant 4:

- Memory
 Honor _____

- I am interested in assisting with planting the flowers around the church property after Pentecost Sunday.**

Please clip this order form out on the line and place in the offering plate with your payment on Sunday or mail back to the church. Thank you!

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 Sagebrush Restaurant in Lake Orion on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 PM. The restaurant is on Broadway Street, south of Flint Street and east of M24 (Phone 248-693-0100).

Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us! If you plan on attending, please sign the sheet in the east hallway or send an email to office@gloriadei.cc.

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).....Bring Mom to church on Mother's Day (May 9 at 10:30 AM) – all mothers will receive a special gift!.....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 Karen Englund-Collom is asking members and friends of Gloria Dei to bring in used books for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life program. Books may be placed in the collection box in the narthex.....We thank Gloria Dei Members who assisted with Thrivent's Join Hands Work Day – Dorothy Chilkott, Sebastian Chilkott, Gordy Green, and Rick Rajala.....Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring "Pop Goes the Playground" fundraiser to raise money for a playground in the area. If you are able, please bring empty pop cans (clean) to church and place in the container in the hallway across from the library.....The deadline to order Pentecost flowers has been extended to May 16. Please fill out the form on the previous page and return your order form, along with payment to the church – you can drop it in the collection plate, leave it in the box outside the office, or mail it. Also, if you are interested in assisting with the planting of the Pentecost flowers after Pentecost Sunday, please check the box on the order form or contact Gene Steensma. Thank you!.....



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>AM Bill V. 9:15 A: Adult Bible Lec Ray Lucas Study Grt Polaseks 10:30 A: Sunday School Aco Sebastian 10:30 A: Worship w/ Sac Tracy V. Holy Communion Cof Chilkotts</p> <p>★Ray Lucas</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:30 PM: Women of the ELCA meet at church</p>	<p>5</p> <p>★Faye Gorecki</p>	<p>6</p> <p>★Wilton Ginman</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>AM Sebastian 9:15 A: Adult Bible Lec Dorothy C. Study Grt Englund 10:30 A: Sunday School Aco Angela 10:30 A: Worship w/ Sac Scott J. Holy Communion Cof Steensmas</p> <p>★Delores Steensma</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 P: Council Meeting</p> <p>★Roxanne Alfsen</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9 A: Clean-Up Day</p>
<p>16</p> <p>AM Derek F. 9:15 A: Adult Bible Lec Sharon C. Study Grt TBA 10:30 A: Sunday School Aco Daniellia B. 10:30 A: Worship w/ Sac Linda N. Holy Communion Cof Sons of Norway</p>	<p>17</p> <p>★Jill Vidlund</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 PM: Dining out with Gloria at Sagebrush Restaurant in Lake Orion</p> <p>★Robert Vidlund</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>AM Gene S. 9:15 A: Adult Bible Stdy Lec Bill W. 10:30 A: Sunday School Grt Alice B. 10:30 A: Worship w/ Aco Derek F. Holy Communion Sac Sebastian Cof Firmans <i>Newsletter deadline</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>★Steve Firman ★Kyle Leko</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>★Pearl Pennybacker</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>★Tammy Newsock</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>AM Kay D. 9:15 A: Adult Bible Stdy Lec Bill V. 10:30 A: Sunday School Grt Gordy G. 10:30 A: Worship w/ Aco Sebastian Holy Communion Sac Tracy V. Cof NEEDED!</p>	<p>31</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>	