



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 AM

Children's 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 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 Rhonda Chilkott, Carrie Cook, Jeffrey Gorecki, Nancy Kelly, Barb Lucas, Gloria Maier, Charlene McMorris, Robert Miller, Pearl Pennybacker, Sue Shelton, Delores Steensma, Don Steensma, Shawn and Gabby Trupiano, Bill Vandecar, Msgt. Donald Vick (in Iraq), Emma Vidlund, and Donna Williamson.

Dining out with Gloria is October 22



Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at Dining out with Gloria on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 PM. We'll be meeting at On The Border on Baldwin Rd., by Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills. Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us!

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From the Council President

Friends in Christ,

Peace be with you now and always. A Summer of mixed weather delighted some and disappointed others but one thing is sure the coming Winter will not please many except those involved in Winter sports. To fill those snow-filled days and days of changing leaves be sure to participated in Gloria Dei's worship and Christian education schedule and Christian fellowship events. Be a part of these events as a participant or as a service contributor. Remember we come to church to serve not to be served.

By the time you receive the DeiMinder the Mexican Feast and Game Nite on October 2nd will be concluded. A mixture of Mexican food and assorted games filled the evening with delight. I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves a great deal. The next event is the church Fall clean-up on October 10th from 9-3PM. A pizza lunch will be served. Many hands make the work lighter and the results of the clean-up are dramatic. October 4th and October 11th will be an opportunity for all of us to clean out our closets of clean and gently worn clothing for the Baldwin Center. Please bring them on either Sunday. On November 4th W.E.L.C.A. will conduct a bake sale to benefit the "Bread for the World" project. Pr. Bud Miller's sermon will highlight this event in late October. Carl Bloom will officiate on October 4th, 11th and 18th. Please join us and welcome Carl to our humble church home.

Flower donations and coffee hour hosts and hostesses are still needed. If every family unit in the church would serve JUST ONCE DURING THE YEAR our needs would be met. Sign up in the east hallway. If physically you feel unable to serve a cash donation will allow others to take care of it for you but give you the proper acknowledgement.

Last but not least remember in prayer those who are physically ill, those with the mental anguish of unemployment, those who family units are distressed by one problem or the other.

Let us "pray without ceasing" for our Gloria Dei church, Congregation, Staff, and Council that we may with God's help find our way thru these trouble times.

Yours in Christ,

Gene Steensma, Congregation Council President

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday. During our morning worship we will be remembering the names of loved ones who are now part of the church triumphant, especially those members of



Gloria Dei who have passed on since last All Saints Sunday. Please submit names of people you wish remembered via either the form on the following page, or the sign-in inserts in the weekly bulletins. If you can't be in worship and want someone remembered, please call the church office and leave a message or email scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc.

Clean-up Day is Saturday, October 10

Please come to church on Saturday, October 10 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!



Bring gently used clothes to church on October 11 and 18 for a clothing drive

Carl Bloom is organizing a clothing drive for Baldwin House, so if you have gently used, clean clothing that you would like to donate, please bring it to church on October 11 or 18.

Entertainment Books are now available!

Once again this year, we are selling Entertainment Books to benefit Gloria Dei. The books are \$20, which is \$10 off the retail price that you would normally pay in a store. The Entertainment



Book is filled with hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 discounts for your area on the things you do everyday like dining, groceries, shopping, services, and attractions. Plus great discounts on travel, home furnishings and much more! Please contact Scott Johnson if you are interested in purchasing a book. Checks can be made payable to Gloria Dei.

Just some of the discounts in the Entertainment Book include:

<i>1-800-Flowers</i>	<i>Dairy Queen</i>	<i>Picano's</i>
<i>Aco Hardware</i>	<i>Dave and Busters</i>	<i>Pizza Papalis</i>
<i>Aeropostale</i>	<i>Dick's Sporting Goods</i>	<i>Plum Market</i>
<i>Arby's</i>	<i>Domino's Pizza</i>	<i>Radio Shack</i>
<i>Alamo Rent-a-Car</i>	<i>Dunkin' Donuts</i>	<i>Rainforest Café</i>
<i>AMC Theatres</i>	<i>GFS Marketplace</i>	<i>Rio Wrpas</i>
<i>Baskin Robbins</i>	<i>Henry Ford Museum</i>	<i>Steak & Shake</i>
<i>Blockbuster</i>	<i>Hollywood Video</i>	<i>TGI Fridays</i>
<i>Boston Market</i>	<i>Lelli's</i>	<i>Tubbys</i>
<i>Buca Di Beppo</i>	<i>Maggiano's</i>	<i>Weber's</i>
<i>Budget Rent-a-Car</i>	<i>McDonald's</i>	<i>Wendy's</i>
<i>Cedar Point</i>	<i>Melting Pot</i>	<i>White Castle</i>
<i>Champs</i>	<i>National Coney Island</i>	
<i>CiCi's Pizza</i>	<i>Oakland Press</i>	

If you are interested in selling Entertainment Books where you work (and in turn further helping our congregation), please contact Scott Johnson. Sample books and posters can be ordered!



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

Barb Lucas continues to recuperate from quadruple bypass heart surgery and is still undergoing hospitalization.....Emma Vidlund is undergoing chemotherapy treatment.....Please keep Barb and Emma in your prayers, as well as all others who are sick, hospitalized, recovering or homebound.....Thank you to Delores Steensma for hosting the fellowship luncheon on September 20, which was held in honor of Gene's 69th birthday. The money raised will go towards various church expenses and will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans..... We thank all who assisted with the preparation and clean-up for our recent game night.....Congratulations to Al Nelson and Aaron Amshay (grandson of Robert and Emma Vidlund) on winning first place in the Sons of Norway Golf League. The league is in its 45th year and plays at Pontiac Country Club.....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.....The Women of the ELCA of the Southeast Michigan Synod will be holding a fall retreat, "Taking Care of Ourselves: Body, Spirit, Mind" on November 14 – if you are interested, please contact Marie Zeller, 313-885-5052. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Stephen Marsh.....If you live in Auburn Hills, The City of Auburn Hills Police Department is establishing a Community Notification Service for very important information, via your cell phone and/or email. The system is called Nixle and you can subscribe to it free at Nixle.com..... Pontiac Road is still closed on the underpass portion of I-75. If you normally come to church from Perry Street or Opdyke, and turn east onto Pontiac Road, you won't be able to come that way until mid-November. If you come from the north or northwest, turn onto Walton Blvd, and go east, then go south on either Allerton or Walnut to get to Pontiac Road. If you normally come up Perry Street, instead go northeast on University Drive, go past Opdyke and over I-75 and then turn around in the median so you can enter the church parking lot via the Cambridge Court Office Building parking lot..... Please consider recycling this newsletter once you are finished reading it – you can give it to someone who might enjoy also reading it, or include it with the rest of your recyclables. The DeiMinder, as well as the Sunday worship booklets are being printed on 100% recycled paper, which was generously donated to our congregation.....If you have news for the DeiMinder newsletter, please email Scott Johnson at scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc or call 248-652-6578. The deadline for the November issue is Sunday, October 25.



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