

# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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**

**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, Carrie Cook, Jeffrey Gorecki, 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 September 24



Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at Dining out with Gloria on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 PM. We'll be meeting at Papa Vino's on Opdyke (and Centerpoint Drive, north of Square Lake Rd, near the Marriott). Remember to invite FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors) to join us!

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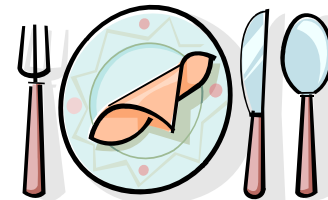
## Blessing of the Backpacks will be September 13



**S**tudents, bring your backpack to church on Sunday, Sept. 13! Learning about the world around us is an essential part of better understanding the vast mysteries of the God who pervades all, and so the privilege of being a learner is a gift from God. So, all students – from pre-school through grad school – are invited to bring with them to worship their backpacks, book bags, briefcases, or whatever else they use to carry their school supplies about. We will have a special service of blessing for all students and their tools for learning as the new school year begins.

## Join us for a fellowship luncheon after worship on Sunday, September 20

**W**e hope you can stay after church on Sunday, September 20, to enjoy a fellowship meal. Delores Steensma will be sponsoring the luncheon in honor of Gene's 69th birthday. There will be a free-will offering to raise money for Gloria Dei, and matching funds will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and the combined amount will be used for church and worship supplies such as the copies made for the bulletin and newsletter, and communion supplies.



## Consider switching to an "e-DeiMinder"

**H**elp save our congregation money and conserve paper by receiving your DeiMinder online instead of through the postal service. The Gloria Dei DeiMinder newsletter is available online each month at [www.GloriaDei.cc](http://www.GloriaDei.cc) – to be added to our email reminder list, please send an email to [scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc](mailto:scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc). Thank you!



## From the Council President

Over the past several months I had the displeasure of detailing the Council's frustration at not consummating the property sale. Finally **I am delighted to report** that the Congregation by an 82% super majority approved a contract with the Stuart Frankel Development Company. The closing will happen as soon as administrative and legal details are completed.

Please be patient and confident that the Council will act in the best interests of Gloria Dei. We will keep you posted on any new developments as they occur.

Yours in Christ,

Gene Steensma, Gloria Dei Congregation Council President

## Game night and dinner is planned for Friday, October 2

Please mark your calendars for an evening of fun, food and games on Friday, October 2. We'll be having a Mexican fiesta dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by a ton of games at 7:00 PM, including board games, cards and classics like checkers and chess. You're welcome to bring your own favorite board games and people of all ages from kids to adults are invited to join in the fun! If you're interested in attending, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the east hallway. A free-will offering will be collected at the dinner to defray the cost of the meal. If you are interested in helping to assist, please contact Scott Johnson or Gene Steensma.



### Lighthouse needs your help!

Lighthouse needs donations of non-perishable food items for its food pantry such as peanut butter, tomato soup, macaroni and cheese, dry cereal, mashed potatoes, boxed dinners, canned vegetables, tuna and Hamburger Helper. In addition, toiletry items are also needed, such as bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant. If you are able to donate any of these items, collection baskets are in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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 Caf�</i>
<i>AMC Theatres</i>	<i>GFS Marketplace</i>	<i>Rio Wrpas</i>
<i>Baskin Robbins</i>	<i>Henry Ford Museum</i>	<i>Steak &amp; 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](http://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 also from a slight stroke she suffered immediately following surgery.....Bill Vandecar is recovering at home following recent hospitalization for heart problems.....Emma Vidlund is recovering from a fractured ankle and leg after suffering a fall at home.....Gene and Delores Steensma recently returned from South Dakota to visit Gene's brother, Don Steensma, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.....Please keep Barb, Don, Bill, and Emma in your prayers, as well as all others who are sick, hospitalized, recovering or home-bound.....A representative from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be hosting coffee hour on Sunday, September 13, and will be available to discuss financial services provided by Thrivent.....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.....Council Members should note that the Congregation Council Meeting regularly scheduled for the second Thursday of the month will instead be moved to the 3rd Thursday of this month, September 17 at 7:00 PM.....Pontiac Road is currently 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 north-east 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.....A Game Night Is scheduled for Friday, October 2 – a meal will be served at 6:00 PM and the games will start at 7; if you are interested in attending, please sign the sheet on the east bulletin board across from the library.....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](mailto:scott.johnson@gloriadei.cc) or call 248-652-6578. The deadline for the October issue is Wednesday, September 23.*



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