



THE REFLECTOR

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, ELCA

January 2019

Merry Christmas from the pastoral and office staff at Gloria Dei! It seems that with each passing year, we are living our lives at a more and more frantic pace. This is rarely more apparent than during the holiday season. To help streamline communication during this busy time, we've simplified our January edition of the Reflector. We hope that you'll use the hours you would normally spend poring over every detail of the Reflector to become a reflector yourself. Take a few deep breaths, reflect on life, the last year, the blessings of God, the beauty of nature, or maybe just enjoy your coffee or hot cocoa for a couple more minutes. Our regular Reflector mailing will resume with the February edition. May you find peace and comfort in God's love in Christ during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.



January Meals on Wheels: It is Gloria Dei's turn to deliver Meals on Wheels the entire month of January. Your help is needed to bring a warm, nutritious meal to a hungry senior citizen. There are two routes each weekday with two people needed per route. Grab a friend, spouse or co-worker to help fill up the delivery calendar. Weekdays only. Each route takes around 45 minutes. Be at the Redwood Area Community (Senior) Center by 10:45 am to pickup meals. The January sign-up calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. New delivery people are welcome and needed! Give it a try! Questions, contact Betty Evers at 627-3650.



Notice of Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, **February 10, 2019**, at 12 pm. (snow date February 17). A free-will offering lunch will be served after the 10:00 am worship. The meeting will follow at about noon in the Fellowship Hall. All confirmed members are voting members and are strongly encouraged to attend.

The church books (offering) close on January 4, 2019. **Please return** your "Intent of Giving 2019" card if you have not already done so.

All Annual Reports from committees, council, etc. are due in the church office by January 14, 2019.

Members can pick up a consolidated written annual report by the church mailboxes 10 days prior to the annual meeting.

We're Hiring: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Redwood Falls is hiring a part-time parish secretary. Hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., M-F. Hourly rate up to \$11 depending on experience. Receptionist, computer skills including Microsoft Word, Publisher, and PowerPoint required. Applications and job description may be picked up at the church office.

Celebration Ringers Need YOU!: Our Bell Choir is in need of more ringers!! They would love to have you join them. They practice Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm. You only need to be able to read music, and they keep things as simple as possible. Join this fun-loving group and help keep those bells ringing!!

Senior High Ski Trip: Gloria Dei youth will be joining others from our Scenic Valley Conference on January 26, 2019, from 3 pm-9 pm at Powder Ridge. Only 40 spots available so sign up early. Lift ticket for tubing, skiing and snowboarding is \$20. Equipment rental for skiing/snowboarding is \$20. Free lessons for skiing and snowboarding. Friends welcome. Watch for more information!

Adult Forum: On January 6, Adult Forum will be back with the history of Christian hymns led by Lois Mayer. January 13 will cover contemporary Christian music and artists led by Jan Craig Nelson. January 27 features Christian architecture, history of interior worship spaces led by Pastor Kaden. Join the Forum at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room each Sunday.

Gloria Dei Scholarships: All high school seniors and current college students...the Gloria Dei Church Scholarship application form is now available in the church office. The return deadline is February 8, 2019, at noon. The applicant is responsible to see that all application materials are returned by the due date.

Noisy Offering for January: The Noisy Offering in January will go to help support the Backpack Food Program. Thanks for your support of the noisy offering all year! Collection is January 26 & 27.

Sponsor Charts: The sign-up charts for the weekly KLGR Radio Broadcasts and Mission Sponsorships are posted in the narthex. Dates fill up fast. The radio sponsorship is \$65 per week and the mission sponsorship is \$50 per week.

Winter Weather Announcements: To check on scheduled activities at church if there is bad weather, please listen to KLGR or check the church's Facebook page. If school is cancelled on a Wednesday due to the weather, there will be NO Wednesday night activities at church.

Weekend Update Email Blasts: Do you receive the weekend update email blasts and other important announcements from the church office? If not, please be sure we have your email address. We will add you to the system so you stay up to date and informed.

WELCA Handbook: The 2019 Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA Handbook is printed and available for you to pickup at the church office. All women of Gloria Dei should pick up a copy of this handbook.

Electronic Giving: You can set up automatic recurring contributions or one-time donations. You can also view your complete online giving history. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at: www.gloriadeilutheran.org
2. Click on the "Give Now" line on the home page.
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then,
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your contributions.

2019 Equipping Congregations Day—"Spirit Led Innovation": The 2019 Equipping Congregations Day, put on by the SW MN Synod, is Saturday, February 23, from 8:30 am—3:30 pm at Vinje Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran in Willmar, Minnesota. **All** are welcome to attend. Register in the church office by January 29. Information about workshops at the event are noted on the poster in the narthex.

Other Dates to Remember:

January 1: New Year's Day, office closed

January 6: Sunday school resumes

January 8: Church Council and Committees

January 9: Confirmation, Trinity in the Middle and Wow Supper resumes

January 15: WELCA Steering Committee

February 16: Church Council/Committee Retreat for all new and returning members

February 17: Installation of all continuing and new Council/Committee members



Council News



The Church Council met on December 11, 2018. Highlights from the meeting include:

Church in the World Committee:

Looking for speaker for Mission Sunday in February. January and February noisy offering will go to the Backpack Program.

Congregational Life Committee:

They collected 22 boxes of cereal and 24 jars of peanut butter last month. Discussing family game night. Will discontinue altar flowers for birthdays.

Discipleship Committee:

Discussed upcoming Adult Forum schedule. Discussed change in Financial Secretary position. Discussed providing members with daily faith resources.

Management Committee:

Lloyd's Security System will be coming to inspect the fire alarm system. Working on 2019 budget and Counting Team protocol and training.

Spiritual Formation Committee:

Finalized details for the December 16 Christmas program. Last day of Sunday school will be May 5 with Muffins with Mom. Donuts with Dad is February 3.

Worship Committee:

Hymns chosen for January.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Bryant advised confirmation classes are studying the Old Testament. Annual holiday appeal letter is being sent out. Made 12 home visits, 5 hospital visits and 1 baptism. Highlights of the month were the Lutefisk supper, LWR Mission Sunday and the Jr. High Youth Gathering in Willmar. Pastor Shannon advised the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social was back this year. The Senior High Christmas Party is December 16 and a Ski Trip is planned for January 26. A "Dips for Trips" fundraiser is planned for February 3.

Office Coordinator:

The Gloria Dei scholarship applications are available

to those who want one. The Share the Spirit gifts were delivered—biggest collection ever! Committee reports are due by January 14 for the Annual Report. The annual Council/Committee Retreat is scheduled for February 16. Deb will be on vacation from January 30 through February 12.

Until Further Notice...

The church office will be open at 9:00 am.



The building will be open at 8:00 am.

Funerals

Eleanore Louise Balko
November 23, 2018




David Rowland Norman
December 15, 2018

Monthly Treasurer's Report 11/30/18

<u>Budget Report:</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Gen. Op. Funds	\$ 24,202.25	\$ 30,812.94
Ded. Funds	\$ 7,352.76	\$ 3,698.73
Transfers	\$ 3,698.73	\$ 7,352.76
Income Totals	\$ 35,253.74	\$ 41,864.43

<u>Fund Balances</u>	
General Operating Fund	\$ -53,540.12
Dedicated Funds	\$ 111,973.94
Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,888.57
Total All Funds	\$ 61,322.39

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income	\$ 397,140.00	\$ 297,426.75
Expense	\$ 397,140.00	\$ 341,522.32
		-44,095.57

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<h1>January 2019</h1> <p>*Calendar is subject to change.</p>	<p>1 Office Closed</p> 	<p>2 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Sunwood</p>	<p>3 9:00 am Mission Quilters 1:30 pm Garnette Gardens</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <i>*pop can collection</i> 5:30 pm Worship</p>
<p>6 <i>*pop can collection</i> 9:00 am Education Hour 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>7 10:00 am-3:00 pm UCAP/basement</p>	<p>8 6:30/7:45 pm Council/ Committees</p>	<p>9 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 WOW 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Trinity 7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>10 9:00 am Mission Quilters 6:30-8:30 pm RAT/ Fireside</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:30 pm Worship/ communion</p>
<p>13 9:00 am Education Hour 10:00 am Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>14 <i>Annual Reports Due</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Reflector Articles Due</i> 12:00-2:00 pm REM/ Fireside 6:30 pm WELCA Steer- ing Committee</p>	<p>16 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 WOW 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Trinity 7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>17 9:00 am Mission Quilters</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 5:30 pm Worship</p>
<p>20 9:00 am Education Hour 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm Bible Study Quilters/Fellowship</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 WOW 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Trinity 7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>24 9:00 am Mission Quilters</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 3:00-9:00 pm Conference Youth Ski Trip @ Powder Ridge 5:30 pm Worship/ communion/Noisy Offering</p>
<p>27 9:00 am Education Hour/ Baby Book Club 10:00 am Worship/ Communion/Noisy Offering</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 4:00 pm Circle Leaders/ Fireside</p>	<p>30 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 WOW 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Trinity 7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>31 9:00 am Mission Quilters</p>		