



# THE REFLECTOR

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, ELCA

January 2020

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 weekdays in 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. Each route takes around 45 minutes. Be at the Redwood Area Community (Senior) Center by 10:45 am to pick up 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 2, 2020**, at 12 pm. (snow date February 9). A free-will offering lunch will be served after the 10:00 am worship for those attending the meeting. The meeting will follow lunch 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 5, 2020. **Please return** your "Intent of Giving 2020" card if you have not already done so.

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

**Gloria Dei Scholarships:** All high school seniors and current college students...the Gloria Dei Church Scholarship application form is available in the church office. You may request that it be emailed to you also. The return deadline is February 7, 2020, at noon. The applicant is responsible to see that all application materials are returned by the due date. No exceptions to the due date & time.

**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. On Sundays, if Sunday school is cancelled, there will be NO Adult Forum.

**Adult Forum:** There is no Adult Forum on Sunday, December 29. Join them beginning January 5 for more studies on Isaiah led by Pastor Shannon. Studying Isaiah will run through January 19. Join the Forum whenever you can at 9:00 am Sundays in the Fireside Room. *Note: If Sunday school is cancelled due to bad weather, there will be NO Adult Forum.*

**WOW Meals Continue:** WOW meals resume on January 8, serving from 5:15-6:15 pm. Watch the bulletin for upcoming menus. The new volunteer charts for WOW are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Each week, a total of 8 people are needed to help with suppers and 4 pans of bars donated. Please help if you are able. It's a great group of people to work with!!! All are welcome at the meal!

**Noisy Offering for January:** The Noisy Offering in January will go to help support the Backpack Food Program. Collection is January 25 & 26. Each week, **34** Reede Gray families rely on food provided on the weekends to feed their children. This means that Gloria Dei's goal is to provide **34** boxes of cereal and **34** jars of peanut butter each week. Thanks for your support of this program and of the noisy offering all year!

**Game Nights:** The Congregational Life Committee will be hosting three game nights this winter. Come join them at 6:30 pm on Saturday, January 18, February 15 and March 21 for some great family fun and some snacks too. Play board games, cards, do some puzzles, meet new people. A great way to spend a wintery evening. (January 18 will be in the church basement — others in the fellowship hall.)

**Sponsor Charts:** The 2020 Mission & Radio Sponsorship boards are posted in the narthex. Dates fill up fast, so sign up early. The KLGR radio sponsorship is \$65 per week and the mission sponsorship is \$50.00 per week. *Please be sure to make a notation on your offering envelope when you are paying for a sponsorship so your payment is recorded correctly. The date you are paying for is also helpful.* Thank you!

**Weekend Update Email Blasts:** Do you receive the weekend update email blast and other important email 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 2020 Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA Handbook is printed and available for you to pickup in the church office. All women of Gloria Dei should pick up a copy of this handbook.

**Candles for Sale:** The Galloping with God youth group is selling candles as a fundraiser. These quality candles come in a variety of scents and burn nicely. Available in the church office for \$23.00 each.

**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](http://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.

**2020 Equipping Congregations Day— "LEAParticipation"** The 2020 Equipping Congregations Day, put on by the SW MN Synod, is Saturday, February 29, 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 February 15. 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 and building closed

**January 5:** Sunday school resumes at 9:00 am; Gloria Dei books close for 2019

**January 8:** Confirmation, Trinity in the Middle and Wow Supper resumes

**January 14:** Church Council and Committees, 6:30 pm (*terms do not end until after the annual meeting*)

**January 21:** WELCA Steering Committee, 6:30 pm

**February 2:** Sunday school's Donuts with Dads; Dips for Trips fundraiser

**February 15:** Church Council/Committee Retreat for all new and returning members, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

**February 16:** Installation of all new and returning Council/Committee members, 10:00 am

**February 18:** Altar Guild Meeting, 6:30 pm (*all members encouraged to attend*)



# Council News



The Church Council met on December 10, 2019. Highlights from the meeting include:

## **Church in the World Committee:**

Noisy offering in January will go to Weekend Backpack Food Program. Mission Weekend speakers have been asked. Thanksgiving turkey/food collection was a success as was the Share the Spirit collection.

## **Congregational Life Committee:**

Christmas tree take down will be January 8. Game nights scheduled for January 18, February 15 and March 21. Looking at ideas to help the soldiers that are being deployed from this area.

## **Discipleship Committee:**

Adult Forum topics scheduled through March 8. Stewardship letter was reviewed. Asked Management Committee to look at purchasing a drop down screen for the fellowship hall.

## **Management Committee:**

Recent repairs have been made to the boiler and two heaters in the office. Discussed snow removal, waffle fundraiser for carpet fund and 2020 budget.

## **Spiritual Formation Committee:**

Committee will be putting treat bags together to be handed out after the Christmas program to all kids in attendance. Donuts with Dad is February 2, 2020.

## **Worship Committee:**

Looked at Lenten service ideas. The Praise Team will also be looking at other settings for their service. A youth concert will be held here on April 18 by a group from Shakopee. New microphones were discussed.

## **Pastors' Report:**

Pastor Bryant reported on his worship and visitation stats. He participated in the Chili Cook Off and was present for some of the Jr. High Youth Gathering. Pastor Shannon reported on her worship stats. She managed the Chili Cook Off and helped chaperone the Jr. High Youth Gathering.

## **Office Coordinator:**

Deb updated the Council on the new office computers and Wi-Fi booster project.

## **Mission Service Team—Costa Rica**

The Mission Service Team Costa Rica is making a return trip to Roblealto Bible Home in Costa Rica March 29 - April 6, 2020. The team will be made up of 10 people including Teri Maguire and Sue Jones from Gloria Dei. They will be going to Roblealto Bible Home to serve the children and families there and to work on needed service projects. The team needs to raise money to cover the cost to complete these projects. They have two fundraisers planned. The first is a Community Impact Event at the Pizza Ranch. This will be on Monday January 13, 2020, 5:00 -8:00. Pizza Ranch will donate 10% of all guest checks and ALL tips that occur at that time. We invite you to join us that evening to help us to raise our needed funds and enjoy a night out at the Pizza Ranch! Our other fundraiser, "Evening in Italy" will be Sunday February 23, 2020. We will have more information on this event in next months Reflector and the weekly bulletin. Mark your calendar for this event!

## **Funerals**

Gwen M. Wacek  
December 7, 2019



## **Monthly Treasurer's Report 11/30/19**

<b><u>Budget Report:</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>
Gen. Op. Funds	\$ 21,192.61	\$ 29,347.14
Ded. Funds	\$ 5,195.16	\$ 2,765.75
Transfers	\$ 2,765.75	\$ 5,195.16
Income Totals	\$ 29,153.52	\$ 37,308.05

## **Fund Balances**

General Operating Fund	\$ -43,277.85
Dedicated Funds	\$ 147,479.87
Accrued Expenses	\$ 1,111.90
Total All Funds	\$ 105,313.92

## **General Operating Fund**

	<b><u>YTD Budget</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Actual</u></b>
Income	\$ 406,404.00	\$ 304,301.87
Expense	\$ 406,404.00	\$ 337,588.80
		<b>-33,286.93</b>

\*Gloria Dei is in charge of delivering Meals on Wheels each weekday in January. Please see the signup calendar in the narthex. Your help is needed!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>January 2020</b> *Calendar is subject to change.	<b>1</b> New Year's Day 8:00 am Men's Bible Study <i>Office &amp; Building Closed</i>	<b>2</b> 8:30 am Mission Quilters 1:30 pm Garnette Gardens	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  5:30 pm Worship
<b>5</b> 9:00 am Education Hour 10:00 am Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:30 pm Priscilla Circle/ Fellowship	<b>8</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 WOW 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Trinity 6:30 pm Take tree down 7:00 pm Adult Choir	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Mission Quilters	<b>10</b>  3:00-9:00 pm REM/ fellowship	<b>11</b>  5:30 pm Worship/ communion
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Education Hour/Baby Book Club 10:00 am Worship/ communion/Kid's Sing	<b>13</b> <i>Annual Reports Due</i>	<b>14</b>  <b>6:30/7:45 Council/ Committees</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Reflector Articles Due</i> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Women'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	<b>16</b> 8:30 am Mission Quilters	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  5:00-8:00 pm PEO/ fellowship  5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm game night/ basement
<b>19</b> 9:00 am Education Hour 10:00 am Worship	<b>20</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study Quilters/Fellowship	<b>21</b>  12:00-2:00 pm REM/ fellowship  6:30 pm WELCA Steering Committee	<b>22</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Women'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	<b>23</b> 8:30 am Mission Quilters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  5:30 pm Worship/ communion/noisy offering
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Education Hour/Intergenerational 10:00 am Worship/ communion/noisy offering	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 WOW 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Confirmation/ Garnette Gardens 6:15 pm Trinity 7:00 pm Adult Choir	<b>30</b> 8:30 am Mission Quilters	<b>31</b>	