



THE REFLECTOR

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, ELCA

October 2023

Worship Times

Saturdays
5:30 pm

Sundays
10:00 am



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This Halloween, join us for...



Tuesday, October 31, 2023

5:00—6:30 pm

@ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Parking Lot, 301 N Lincoln St.

A free, safe, fun way to Trick or Treat.
All are welcome.

Candy or cash donations are being accepted for this event.
Drop off your donations at the church office by October 27.

Share in the Fun!!!

Decorate your vehicle and be part of an amazing Halloween celebration. Decide on a theme to decorate your vehicle & you, plan a game or activity or simply hand out candy or other Halloween treats. All participants provide some of their own candy/treats with the church supplementing. Must be set up by 4:45 pm. Sign up in church office.



Thoughts from Pastor Bryant

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NRSV)

Every fall, when we begin to teach some Reformation history to our 9th grade Confirmation students, one of the first things Pastor Shannon and I have to confront is the fact that not many of them know much about Martin Luther. When asked, “Who was Martin Luther?” most of them respond with information about Martin Luther King, Jr. I’m certainly pleased that they know something about the American pastor and civil rights leader from the 20th century, but it’s important that they also know about that man’s namesake.

There may also be many of you who don’t realize that Martin Luther King, Jr. was not born with that name. Michael King, Sr. was a pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta in the 1920’s. When his first son was born in 1929, he named him Michael King, Jr. In 1934, Michael King, Sr. traveled to Germany for a gathering of the Baptist World Alliance. While there, he learned about the threat of Nazism and the rise of antisemitism in 1930’s Germany. He was also inspired by learning more about the faithful protest of Martin Luther, the German monk and priest who stood up against oppression in the 15th century. Upon returning home, he changed both his and his young son’s names from Michael to Martin Luther.

I don’t expect you all to rename yourselves or your children, and I certainly don’t want to promote an unhealthy amount of pride over our Lutheran namesake. There are problematic parts of our Lutheran heritage as well. It should be noted that, while one man was being inspired to change his name, who’s son would go on to be the most well-known advocate for peace and justice of his time in our country, the Nazis themselves were using some of Martin Luther’s own anti-semitic words to promote their own agenda of hatred to the German people. We must always be wary not to idolize Martin Luther to an unhealthy degree, and we need to continue to repent of those parts of our heritage that have brought about sin and death.

In spite of these complexities, however, and in a time when denominational identity is less and less important to many people, I’d like to encourage you all

to consider what it means to call ourselves Lutherans. I’d like you all to know more about this rich tradition of theological insight combined with faithful action that has witnessed to the gospel and transformed the world for over 500 years. It’s not an exaggeration to say that the actions of Martin Luther and other brave reformers changed the world. They challenged the authority of the church at the time, which had been corrupted by greed, and empowered ordinary people to read and understand for themselves the message of God’s love and grace in Christ. This emphasis on the education and empowerment of all people would have far-reaching consequences in nearly every aspect of Western society. It ought to continue to inspire us today to live as bold witnesses to the truth of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

If you’d like to learn more about Martin Luther and Lutheranism, I hope you’ll pick up a copy of “Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans,” edited by Kathryn Kleinhans, available in the church office, and join us for further discussion at SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. through the month of October.

In Christ, Pastor Bryant



Save the Dates:

Lefse Making, Saturday, November 11

Lutefisk & Meatball Supper, Thursday,
November 16

All are welcome!



Thoughts from Pastor Shannon



I have been reading up on the history of Halloween as we prepare for “Trunk or Treat” on October 31. It actually is kind of neat to read about the history of how carving jack o’ lanterns came to be a thing or how candy corn was originally called

“chicken feed”. I was mostly interested in the narrative and stories surrounding Halloween and its evil. There has been a culture war over this holiday for decades, that by somehow participating in it you are worshiping the devil or invoking evil spirits. While some traditions probably do have a tinge of evil related to them, most traditions have developed into fun, light-hearted events like “Trunk or Treat”.

The origins of Halloween date back to the Celts of ancient Ireland, when they celebrated their New Year on November 1. They celebrated the end of warm summer months leading into the dark days of winter which was often associated with death. They celebrated on October 31, which they called “Samhain”. Their traditions became known as the night when ghosts/spirits/the dead would return to walk the earth because the boundary between the living world and the dead world had become thin.

Centuries later, as Christianity extended its influence into the Celtic lands, “Samhain” became associated with “Halloween”. Also known as “All-Hallows-Eve”, since we celebrate “All Saint’s Day on November 1. While the fun traditions we have for Halloween like bobbing for apples, black cats, telling spooky ghost stories, and wearing fun superhero costumes have no real tie to the Christian faith, the Christian influence on the holiday can be seen in a lot of ways.

There are a few stories of how the tradition of “trick or treating” came to be; one is called the “act of soul-ing” which is linked to 15th-century Christians who would go door to door asking for treats or “soul cakes”. They would take the cakes in exchange for a promise to pray for the souls of those homeowners’ dead relatives.

We might not pray for a dead relative as part of the Lutheran Christian tradition, but we do remember them and celebrate their life on November 1. We honor them and remember how they taught us about what it means to live a Christian life. Some of us still

visit the grave of loved ones and bring flowers or other mementos as we recall how much they meant to us. And when I think of Halloween in that light, I can’t help but think about my grandmother. The one who made my sister and me Halloween costumes when we were young. She was an example in my life of what it meant to be loved as Christ loved us and of her forgiving nature. Was she the perfect saint? No, none of us are, but that is the beauty of celebrating and remembering the Saints of God. None of us are perfect, but we all have something to learn from those who died in faith before us. We all are Saints in the eyes of God despite our sinful nature.

The lines over the centuries might have become pretty blurry between “Samhain” and “Halloween”. The traditions surely do not hold the same meaning, yet I see the joy on kids’ faces on Halloween. It brings people together in an age when being together has not always been easy. And anything that brings people together in this day and age is an opportunity for ministry. And, for the love of Christ to be extended through our actions and that is a pretty amazing and wonderful thing.



Reflector Changes

In an effort to be good stewards of our offerings and of our Earth’s resources, we are making changes to the way we distribute our monthly newsletter.

Beginning with the December issue, we will be emailing a link to the newsletter to everyone who is using our Email Blast system. We will continue to send the *Reflector* via Outlook to those who have been receiving it that way. A hard copy of the newsletter will be available at church for those who would like a paper copy.

If you do not receive the email blasts, we urge you to get signed up by calling the church office. We encourage everyone to take the time to keep up to date on church happenings by browsing the newsletter every month.

We estimate a yearly savings of around \$1,000 by making this change.



Rev Up Your Excitement & Volunteer

Chili Feed Cook Off Cooks Wanted!

Enter your favorite chili in our chili cook off! **Register NOW!**



It's time to register as a contestant for our annual Chili Feed-Cook Off. The date of the cookoff is November 4 and is a fundraiser for the 2024 youth mission trip to Nashville. It is always a fun day! We are seeking up to 10 teams of cooks who want to show off their best chili recipe. Teams can be made up of 1 or 2 people. Do not have to be a member of Gloria Dei to participate. There will be prizes—and bragging rights.

Rules sheet and registration form is available in the church office. If you are considering being a part of the cook off, please let us know ASAP. Public is encouraged to attend this event. Youth will be selling early-bird tickets soon.

WOW Suppers (Weekly on Wednesdays)

Each week, we need 6 volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up at WOW. Please consider helping a time or two to spread the workload!!! A volunteer sign-up is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. New cooks are always welcome too!

Take Wednesday's off from cooking and doing dishes and join us at the WOW suppers. Each Wednesday, during the school year, supper will be served from 5:15-6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. There will always be a main dish, sides, beverages and dessert (and peanut butter and jelly) all for a minimum suggested price of \$4.00 per person. You can't beat that!!! Watch the weekly email blast and bulletin for upcoming menu.

Nominating Committee Looking for People with a Heart for Gloria Dei



A heart for your church, its mission and its future vision is what makes an effective committee member. A heart to serve, to give of your time and talents to Gloria Dei and to discern the best path forward.

Soon, members will be called upon to fill vacancies on one of the six committees that make up the church council. Please prayerfully consider serving when called. Answering or returning the Nominating Committee calls makes their job go much smoother. The committee begins their work in October with a goal of having all positions filled by Thanksgiving.

Members of the Nomination Committee are: Gale Morley, Alyssa Hammerschmidt, Lois Smith, Mark Machart, Sue Nelson, Nate Wanzek

Camera Operators

We know many of you have had issues trying to watch church on cable TV over the last months. While there are some problems with the cable TV providers, other issues are because we do not have the volunteers to consistently operate the camera equipment. With busy schedules, we are struggling to man the cameras (and the PowerPoint) every week. We urge you to think about helping with this ministry.

The new equipment for the TV/Facebook broadcast on Sundays does look intimidating, but it is user friendly. Training is, of course, provided and you would not have to solo until you are ready. You can help when your schedule allows. This media ministries is invaluable to Gloria Dei in many ways. Please consider helping. Call the church office to arrange training.

Member Information

ONE Sunday School Teacher Needed for Kindergarten

We are seeking someone to team teach the kindergarten Sunday school class. Please consider helping to give our youth the safe, quality, faith-filled experience they deserve. Please prayerfully consider. Volunteering from September thru December would be about 6 Sundays. Give it a try!

Bible Study Quilters

Do you have unfinished projects? Have a project you need help with? Want to learn a new skill or improve on one? Bible Study Quilters will have a different focus this year. We will still plan to meet on the third Monday of the month (starting in October), but we will each work on our own projects. It can be something you have started or want to start; quilting, embroidery, crocheting, knitting or anything else you want to work on. We can share our knowledge and expertise. We will start each meeting with a short devotion and then spend time sharing and creating. Join us October 16 at 7:00 pm. Any questions? Call Ruth Zeise at 430-2623. All are welcome.

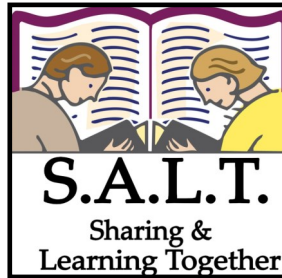
Backpack Food Program

It's that time of the year again when we collect peanut butter, cereal, granola bars, and canned fruits and vegetables for the Reede Gray Weekend Food Backpack program.

Weekends may find students experiencing real hunger—right here in Redwood Falls. The backpack program at Reede Gray School addresses this issue of food insecurity by providing food for the weekends.

Our donations are added to those given by the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations to provide food for students in need when they are not in school.

Drop off your donations in the collection bin by the Sunday school bulletin board.



“Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans”

By Kathryn A. Kleinhans (Editor)

Through October 22, join Pastor Kaden and others as they lead this study which takes a journey across this broad landscape of faith and time. People called Lutherans offer liberating insights into Christian faith, encompass a worldwide reach, and tell a story that goes back 500 years while pointing to the future.

Over two dozen gifted writers—scholars, pastors, leaders, activists—paint a colorful map for this journey. Newcomers will find intriguing entry points, and lifelong Lutherans will discover new dimensions. Whether it's a passion for a grace-filled theology, worship and music that lift spirits, or a deep concern for wholeness and justice, Lutherans are engaged in the world, alongside other Christians and those of various faiths.

Study books are available in the church office. Cost is \$12.00. Make checks payable to “Gloria Dei Lutheran Church”.

Join us for another year of learning about our faith. Meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

Welcome New Members!

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to these new members.

Brandon Zimmer
Bob & Cella Johnson
Katelyn Torgerson
Jenna & Joe Rebstock



Romans 15:7 “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Member & Green Lake Info

Prayers for Law Enforcement

To our members in law enforcement, would you like to be included on our E-Prayer Chain Prayer List? The E-Prayer Chain is prayer concerns sent to specific members who have committed to confidentially and continuously pray for needs or concerns of those on the list. If you would like yourself or a relative included on this prayer list as a law enforcement officer, please contact the church office.

Church members are always welcome to join the E-Prayer Chain group. The more links in the chain, the more people praying for others. E-Prayer Chain members agree to pray after receiving a request and to keep the requests private.

Coins for Clean Clothes

Our Noisy Offering collection in July went to United Community Action Partnership and was designated to help with laundry expenses for UCAP Redwood County clients. Basic essentials are sometimes on the bottom of the list of what can be purchased for the month. And, if you also have to go to the laundromat to do your laundry, it can get really expensive. The folks at UCAP recently sent us a “thank you” for our donation. We sent them \$111.25 which was used to wash over 351 loads of laundry. Thank you to all who put their coins in the Noisy Offering buckets.



Little Faith Library

The Little Faith Library, located on the east side of the church, continues to see frequent use—especially the children’s books. If you would like to donate slightly-used children’s books for our library, we would appreciate your donations. We are seeking books with Biblical stories or stories teaching good/positive life lessons. Please drop off any books you would like to donate in the church office.



We are also seeking someone to apply for an Thrivent Action Team card to help with purchasing new books for the library. A \$250 card would buy a LOT of books. If you have never applied for this before, contact your Thrivent agent for assistance. It’s very easy!!!

Thanks go to Sue Jones for keeping the Little Library stocked, neat and orderly.

Green Lake Ministries

Green Lake has an array of programmed activities this fall. Check out the posters on our bulletin boards or go to their website for full information. www.gllm.org. Here’s what coming up...

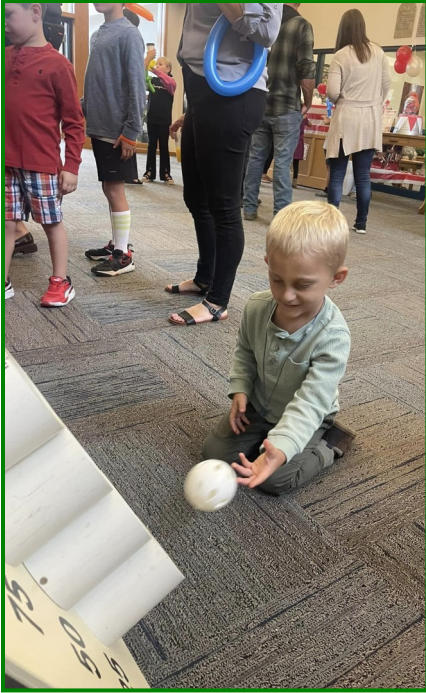
Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat, November 4-5
Chrysalis House, Green Lake Bible Camp
Adult Fee: \$85 | Youth Fee: \$35

Good News, Good Brews, October 6-8
Medayto Lodge, Green Lake Bible Camp
Fee: \$175 | Must be 21 to attend

Creative Souls Retreat
Chrysalis House, Green Lake Bible Camp
2023 Fee: 2 Nights - \$175 | Nov. 17-19

With three sites on beautiful Minnesota lakes, Green Lake can also help you find the quiet, lakeside getaway you're looking for to suit your family or group. For rental inquiry, go to their website or call 320-796-2181!

Blessing Sunday, Sept. 10



Balloons, games, prizes, tattoos, Blessings, Bibles, treats and pizza. What an amazing Blessing Sunday. The noise level was high and the energy matched it. What a way to kick off the school year.

The winners of the "Guessing Kisses" contest were Leya Munsell, Jackie Ferrier and Deb Nelson. They had the 3 closest guesses. There were 199 kisses in the jar!



Thanks to everyone who helped make this day so special! Thanks to the Spiritual Formation & Congregational Life Committees for all of their work.

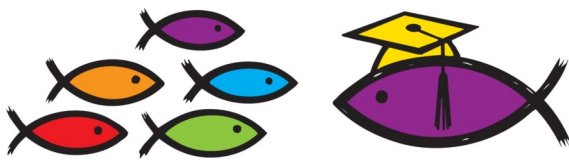


Youth Information



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Baby Book Club



The Baby Book Club began meeting this school year on September 24. Join Lindy Kaden for a time to grow together in faith. This is for any child & their parents not yet in our formal Sunday school program.

Meet at 9 am in the nursery downstairs. We will read a book, play in the nursery, do a simple craft, and enjoy a snack before worship. A great bonding time for new/newer parents as well.

A Thrivent grant is providing each child with their own book to take home after class.

Class dates: October 15, November 12 and December 3. 2024 schedule will be posted at a later date.

Sunday School News

Sunday school officially began on September 17 after an awesome kick-off on Blessing Sunday. Sunday school, on Sunday mornings, is for children in pre-school (ages 3 & 4) through 4th grades. Sunday school meets from 9:00–9:50 am. Meet in the church sanctuary at 9:00 am for music, offering and a story. Children will then be excused to their classrooms.

**Please walk your child in to sign them in and come back in to check them out if you do not stay with your child.*

**3rd & 4th graders should bring their Bibles.*

In October, students will cover stories from Genesis such as Noah's Ark and Abraham and Sarah and the Red Sea. A schedule was sent out to families and you can find a copy on the Sunday school bulletin board.



If you have any questions on the parent schedule for helping with Sunday school, please contact Emily Nelson at 507-276-5742. We are very grateful for your time in help making Sunday school a fun, faith-filled time for all of our kids.

Trinity in the Middle (5th & 6th graders)



Trinity in the Middle is for all 5th & 6th graders and is held on Wednesday evenings in the church basement. Class time is from 6:15—7:15 pm. 5th & 6th graders (and friends) are invited to come and hang out on Wednesday evenings for some high-energy games, a Bible life lesson and of course, snacks! Bryson Wachter is the teacher for Trinity again this year.

Due to the number of students who attend "Trinity in the Middle" and no co-teacher, each family is asked to take a turn helping on Wednesday evenings. A schedule has been sent out to those families. Please get those dates on your calendars and if unable to be here, find a sub or switch with someone.

Trinity in the Middle will follow the confirmation schedule. Also, if school is called off due to weather, all Wednesday evening activities are cancelled.

Check your email for any communications involving Trinity in the Middle during the year.

Youth Information



2024 Youth Mission Trip Nashville, Tennessee

An organizational meeting for the 2024 Youth Mission Trip was held on Sunday, September 10. You still have time to register! We don't want to go to Nashville without You (*does anyone get that reference?*).

All current 8th thru 12th Gloria Dei students are able to go. The dates of the trip to Nashville are July 21—26, 2024. Bring a deposit check of \$150.00 to the office to save your place.

Dates of fundraisers for the trip are already scheduled. For more information, contact Pastor Shannon.

Confirmation Sunday Reception following worship

We will be confirming our 5 tenth graders on Sunday, October 29, during the worship service. Come and hear their faith statements and celebrate with them as they complete this milestone in their faith journey.

The Spiritual Formation Committee will be having a reception in their honor following worship. They will be serving cookies and beverages. Please join them.

Noisy Offering

The October Noisy Offering will be collected on October 21 & 22. Proceeds from this offering are going to support the Imagination Library. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. The program is subsidized by individuals, employee and business donors; local service organizations; and grant funding.

Attention All Senior High Youth

All youth in grades 9—12...we invite you to a Senior High Bible Study night on the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 pm. Our first night is October 1. We will meet in the fellowship hall and enjoy some games, devotions, Bible study, friendship and probably some snacks too!

Pastor Shannon and Pastor Becca look forward to spending this time with you.

Friends are welcome.

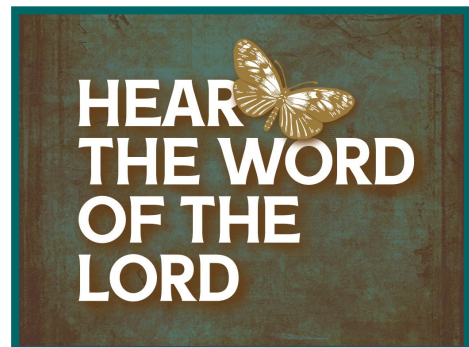
Picture Policy FYI

At Gloria Dei, we post photographs in our newsletter, *The Reflector*, and on our Facebook page. Sometimes, we print pictures and post them on the bulletin boards or posters, etc.

Please note that we do NOT list the names of youth by the pictures we use. The exception to this is the confirmation class picture and the Baccalaureate class picture.

We do include names of adults in most pictures that are used in our communications.

If this presents a problem to you and your family, please let the church office know ASAP.



In His Service

October 10:00 am Worship Assistants

October 1:

Usher: Mike/Michelle Mohr; Jackie/Aaron Ferrier
Lector: Jan Nelson

October 8:

Usher: Brad/Sue Dirks; John/Stacey Angermeyr
Lector: Terri Maguire
Communion: Terri Maguire, Linda Jacobson

October 15:

Usher: Larry/Kristin Swann; Chuck Bloedow,
Kevin Herberg
Lector: Cindy Swierenga

October 22:

Usher: Jennifer/Gary Madsen; Jim/Colton Doering
Lector: Dennis Moore
Communion: Karen Moore; Amanda Jacobson

October 29: Reformation Sunday & Confirmation

Usher: Craig/Jessica Nordby; Joel/Marcia Solie
Lector: Lindy Kaden
Communion: Joleen & Matt Johnson

*If you are unable to serve on the assigned dates,
please find a replacement or switch dates or call
the monthly caller for assistance.*

Happy October Birthday to our Honor Roll Members

Herb Brauer 10/27
Marlis Jacobsen 10/21
Beve Scholl 10/4



We acknowledge all Honor Roll Members
birthdays. Honor Roll Members are those
who have reached 80 years young.

Youth Worship Assistants

Acolytes

Sunday, October 1, 10:00 am	Kennedy Ferrier
Sunday, October 8, 10:00 am	Sawyer Hamerschmidt
Sunday, October 15, 10:00 am	Grady Kerkhoff
Sunday, October 22, 10:00 am	Kylie Krenz
Sunday, October 29, 10:00 am	Adalynn Lindberg

PowerPoint

Sunday, October 1, 10:00 am	Fletcher Leach
Sunday, October 8, 10:00 am	Matthew Kaden
Sunday, October 15, 10:00 am	Kendall Swann
Sunday, October 22, 10:00 am	Kate Jacobson
Sunday, October 29, 10:00 am	Cali Donner

Remember in Prayer: ✝

Those who are ill... Blanche Anderson, Jeff Arnold, Dianne Donner, Debbie Goodrich, Floyd Hoffbeck, Peggy Kuehn, Mary Mielke, Doug Prescher, Marie Schultz, Carolyn Smith-Kryzer, Shirley Zimmer

Those in the military... Angela Allen, Claire Applen, Daniel Applen, Jordan Cady, Bryce Farringer, Caleb Goble, Austin Gunderson, Jerick Kosel, Austin Ourada, Seth Stelzer, Taylor Sutton, Michael Weber

Scheduled to Meet:

Charity Circle: Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. Contact Mary Jane Lussenhop 627-3906

Priscilla Circle: Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Contact Marcia Maland 430-4321

Ruth Circle: Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Contact Sue Nelson 612-916-9920

Men's Bible Study: Every Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 am, Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to join these Bible Study groups.

Council News



The Church Council met on September 12. Highlights from the meetings include:

Church in the World Committee: Continued plans for "God's work. Our Hands." Sunday. Working on Eagles Healing Nest collection and the turkey board food shelf collections in November.

Congregational Life Committee: They will have a photo booth at Trunk or Treat. Put together new member bags. Next event will be decorating the big Christmas Tree. Looking for winter family activity.

Discipleship Committee: There will be no stewardship meal this year. SALT study of "Together in Grace" will run thru October 22.

Management Committee: Getting shingle fixed on high part of roof. Discussed health care premiums for the upcoming year. Discussed sending Reflector in email format only. There are moisture issues in the basement they are looking at. Jason Jacobson will be at next meeting to discuss safety. Crappies for Christ is set for October 14 and 15 kids are already signed up. Stewardship meetings are taking place to discuss the shortfall and the long-term budget issues.

Spiritual Formation Committee: Rally Sunday was very successful. We have 63 kids registered for Sunday school. Discussed confirmation Sunday and Trunk or Treat.

Worship Committee: Discussing an interactive Christmas program with kids and congregation. As Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year, there will be no Saturday, Sunday morning or Christmas Day services. Services on Christmas Eve will be 4:00; 5:30 and 11:00 pm.

Pastors' Report: *Pastor Kaden* reported on his preaching and personal schedule. Discussed delegation from South Africa visiting here on September 26. *Pastor Shannon* reported on her schedule and about next summer's Youth Mission Trip.

Office Coordinator: Busy with Blessing Sunday events. Next big event is the Chili Feed fundraiser.

Baptisms

Quinnlee Faye Lindahl
8/13/2023



Lyla Jo Rebstock
9/9/2023



Sophie Grace Cady
9/17/2023

Monthly Treasurer's Report through August 2023

Monthly Operating Report:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income(Loss)</u>
General Fund	\$ 34,105.52	\$ 31,926.42	\$ 2,179.10
Dedicated Funds	\$ 1,455.92	\$ 12,839.25	\$ (11,383.33)
Income Total	\$ 35,561.44	\$ 44,765.67	\$ (9,204.23)

Operating Report for Year

General Fund	\$ 240,740.49	\$ 272,448.41	\$ (31,707.92)
Dedicated Funds	\$ 35,371.80	\$ 40,228.33	\$ (4,856.53)
Income Total	\$ 276,112.29	\$ 312,676.74	\$ (36,564.45)

Fund Balances

	<u>01/01/2023</u>	<u>Income(Loss)</u>	<u>8/31/2023</u>
General Fund	\$ 3,567.26	\$ (31,707.92)	\$ (28,140.66)
Dedicated Funds	\$ 122,572.90	\$ (4,856.53)	\$ 117,716.37
Total Fund Balances	\$ 126,140.16	\$ (36,564.45)	\$ 89,575.71



Member/Staff Information

PLEASE LET US KNOW...

Call the church office at 637-2592 if:

- ✿ a member of your family is ill or hospitalized
- ✿ you would like a pastoral visit or if any pastoral needs arise.
- ✿ you have a new baby in your family
- ✿ there is a change in your home address or telephone number

Building Hours

The **EAST** (near the office) doors of the church are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. The other doors will only be open during worship and church functions.

E-Prayer Chain

Please e-mail your prayer requests to gloriadei@gloriadeilutheran.org or call 637-2592. To become a member of the E-Prayer Chain, contact the church office.

Bulletin Prayer List

To be placed on the prayer list in the weekly church bulletin, please call the church office or let one of the pastors know your wishes.

Moving?

Please notify the church office of your correct address and phone number as soon as possible. If moving to another town, please join a church in your new community & request a letter of transfer.

Lost and Found

All "found" items are in marked boxes above the coat racks in the long hallway. Anything left in August will be culled.

Paper Bags

Paper grocery bags are collected for use by the local food shelf. You may leave bags in the shopping cart by the church's elevator. We do NOT collect egg cartons anymore!

Staff Information

Rev. Bryant Kaden

403 Morten Drive
Redwood Falls, MN
Cell phone: 320-262-9665
bryantkaden@hotmail.com
Pastor Bryant's day off is Monday.

Rev. Shannon Wachter

510 S. Dekalb St.
Redwood Falls, MN
Cell phone: 320-905-6371
shannon.a.wachter@gmail.com
Pastor Shannon's day off is Friday.

Deb Kaardal

Office Coordinator
dkaardal@gloriadeilutheran.org
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am—5:30 pm

Michelle Farmer

Parish Secretary
gloriadei@gloriadeilutheran.org
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—Noon

Bill & Marie Schultz

Custodians
Home phone: 507-627-8281

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Phone: 507-637-2592
Email: gloriadei@gloriadeilutheran.org
Website: www.gloriadeilutheran.org



Worship Broadcast Times

(no change to hours)

Live

Mediacom Ch. 8 or 107.2 (Sun)	10:00 am
Nuvera Ch. 3 (Sun)	10:00 am
KLGR 1490 AM (Sun)	10:00 am

Delayed

Mediacom Ch. 8 or 107.2 (Mon)	7:00 pm
Nuvera Ch. 3 (Mon)	7:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Sunday school, SALT 10:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth	2	3 1:00 pm Priscilla Circle	4 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 pm WOW 6:15/7:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Trinity 6:15 pm Bells Choir 7:00 pm Ruth Circle	5 8:30 am-3:30 pm MSSA/ fellowship 1:00-4:00 pm Quilters	6 9:00 am-noon Quilters	7 5:30 pm Worship/ Communion
8 9:00 am Sunday school, SALT 10:00 am Worship/ Communion Pastors @ Fall Theological @ Sioux Falls thru Tues.	9	10 9:30 am Charity Circle 6:30/7:45 pm Council & Committees	11 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 pm WOW 6:15/7:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Trinity 6:15 pm Bells Choir	12 1:00-4:00 pm Quilters	13 9:00 am-noon Quilters	14 Crappies for Christ 10:00 am-noon @ Redwood River 5:30 pm Worship
15 Reflector Articles Due 9:00 am Sunday school, Baby Book Club & SALT 10:00 am Worship	16 7:00 pm Bible Study Quilting	17	18 8:00 am Men's Bible Study NO Wednesday evening activities due to MEA.	19 1:00-4:00 pm Quilters	20 9:00 am-noon Quilters	21 9:00 am-1:00 pm Baby Shower 5:30 pm Worship/ Communion/Noisy Off.
22 9:00 am Sunday school, Baby Book Club & SALT 10:00 am Worship/ Communion/Noisy Off.	23	24 9:00 am-4:00 pm UCAP	25 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15 pm WOW 6:15/7:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Trinity 6:15 pm Bells Choir	26 1:00-4:00 pm Quilters	27 9:00 am-noon Quilters	28 5:30 pm Worship
29 Reformation/ Confirmation Sunday 9:00 am Sunday school, SALT 10:00 am Worship/ Communion 11:00 am Confirmation Reception 11:00 am fellowship reserved	30	31 Halloween 5:00-6:30 pm Trunk or Treat, church parking lot	<div>October 2023</div> <div>*Calendar is subject to change.</div>			
						



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Mission Statement

We are a gathering of Christian people where all individuals and families are welcome to worship, grow and flourish in faith, and share in God's love.

Vision Statement

Glorifying and serving God by living our faith daily.