



# THE REFLECTOR

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, ELCA

March 2024

## Worship Times

Saturdays  
5:30 pm

Sundays  
10:00 am




**Palm**  
**SUNDAY**  
**BRUNCH**

**March 24, 11:00 am**

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## LENTEN SCHEDULE



**Soup Suppers Youth Fundraiser:**  
each Wednesday during Lent through  
March 20 • 5:15 – 6:15 pm

**Wednesday Services:**  
each Wednesday during Lent  
through March 20 • 6:30 pm

**Palm Sunday Communion Services:**  
Saturday, March 23 • 5:30 pm  
Sunday, March 24 • 10:00 am (Youth Led)  
*No S.A.L.T.*

**Palm Sunday Brunch Youth Fundraiser:**  
Sunday, March 24 • 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Maundy Thurs Communion Services:**  
Thursday, March 28  
11:00 am • 6:30 pm  
*First Communion at 6:30 Service*

**Good Friday Service:**  
Friday, March 29 • 6:30 pm

**Easter Vigil Communion Service:**  
Saturday, March 30 • 5:30 pm

**Easter Sunday Communion Services:**  
Sunday, March 31  
8:00 am • 10:00 am  
*No Sunday School or S.A.L.T.*

## Lenten Soup Suppers ~Youth Fundraiser~



Looking for a delicious, hot meal and some friendly folks to visit with? Come to the soup suppers at Gloria Dei each Wednesday during Lent from 5:15—6:15 pm. A tasty soup supper will be served by the youth of Gloria Dei. These suppers are a great way to get together with family and friends before mid-week Lenten worship services.

They are also an excellent fundraiser for the youth of our congregation. Proceeds go towards confirmation camp, the 2024 Summer Mission Trip and the Senior High activities fund. Your generous support makes a big impact on our youth programs!

There will be two different soups each week—along with a sandwich or other side, crackers and bread, desserts and beverages.

Suggested minimum per person is **\$5.00**. Take out is available. Your support is very much appreciated!

A **big thank** you to all who donated food ingredients or supplies for the suppers.

# Thoughts from Pastor Bryant

*“Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.” – Mark 8:31*

As I sit down to write this article, it’s still the middle of February, and the season of Lent has just begun. After only a few days, however, there’s a part of me that’s already longing for the celebration of Easter. Because Easter Sunday is technically still in March this year, I almost allowed myself the indulgence of skipping ahead to write about the resurrection. I can’t wait to see our sanctuary decorated beautifully and to sing joyous songs of celebration with so many of you!

That wouldn’t be faithful to the gospel, however, and it would leave out the most crucial part of the story. The cross is, quite literally, crucial. The word crucial comes from the root *crux*, which is the Latin word for cross. We use these words to mean that something is essential, or a central idea, but to say something is “the crux of the matter” or “crucial” comes from the fact that the cross is at the center of our faith. We can’t have Christianity without it. We can’t have salvation without it. More than that, however, we believe that the cross is at the heart of everything.

I was invited to give a presentation at the Redwood Falls library on a trip I took to the Holy Land back in 2014. It was a great excuse to review all of the pictures I took and relive those amazing experiences. I had forgotten this one, but it seems appropriate as we continue to keep the cross at the center during Lent. In the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the church built over the place traditionally regarded as the site of Jesus’ crucifixion and burial in Jerusalem), Orthodox Christians have placed a stone basin in the center of the sanctuary of the church. The name of this basin is the “omphalos” or “navel.” It’s a physical reminder that the cross is indeed the center of the world, with Jesus’ arms extending to embrace all of creation and humanity.

Even when we celebrate the resurrection, we never forget that it is the one who was crucified who is raised to new life. Even in eternal life, the cross is not left behind. This most horrific act of violence is taken into the heart of God’s being to bring us peace in knowing there is nothing that can separate us from God’s love in Christ. As Jesus takes on all suffering

and death itself and bears it on our behalf, the cross, then, becomes the center, not only of our faith, but of God’s very being and of the entire universe.

I pray that you will know the fullness of joy that comes with celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Before we get there, however, I also pray that you will know the peace that comes with pondering the cross as the place of our salvation, trusting that God is with you in all things. The cross is the crux of everything.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bryant



# Thoughts from Pastor Shannon

It is hard to believe March is already upon us. February has flown by rather quickly even with it being a leap year and adding one more day (29) to the month. At the start of March, we find ourselves in the middle of Lent, which will conclude with Easter morning on March 31.

Lent is a beautiful gift in the middle of winter. It helps break up our old routines and gives us something to look forward to whether it is mid-week worship or Easter morning. One thing that has me curious after serving Gloria Dei for the past seven years is Holy Week. The week where we gather and experience Jesus triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Then move quickly to Maundy Thursday where we hear Jesus establish the Lord's Supper, command us to wash one another's feet, and ultimately give witness of his betrayal to those whom he loved. All in all, those two services are pretty well attended. The tradition Gloria Dei has of Palm Sunday being youth-led worship gives a way for future generations of Christians to experience what it is like to be involved in church in a leadership role. The kids are adorable as they march around the church waving palm branches shouting "Hosanna!" and singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."

Maundy Thursday, while not youth-led, does involve our youth in a more intimate way as we commune many children for the first time. What a joy it is to watch young people receive the sacrament of Christ's body and blood; to see them experience God's grace through bread and wine for the first time. We always conclude Maundy Thursday by stripping the altar area. From paraments to candles and even the Bible. One of the most humbling things, as a Pastor, is when Pastor Bryant and I remove our stoles (the colored fabric draped around our necks each time we led worship.) It is a reminder to me of the weight of Christ's sacrifice, not just for all humanity, but for me, as well. That he was mocked and stripped bare to hang on the cross so too must I be stripped of all that ties me to this world including the call to serve Jesus as a Pastor in his church.

These two services during Holy Week are powerful, but what surprises me is the attendance on Good Friday. We may have a quarter of people in attendance compared to the night before. Maybe this is because it's a lot of church in 96 hours. (Thursday-Sunday) I

can understand that as many Holy Weeks I particularly live at the church, but what struck me a few years ago was when I heard someone say, "*Good Friday makes me too sad, so I don't come to worship.*"


It was obvious to me, that sadness is not something any one of us desires out of our worship experience. We want worship to be uplifting and make us feel good. To give us hope for the week and month ahead. Not drag us down and make us contemplate our mortality. And yet, I would argue that perhaps that is one of the things we need to experience before we can celebrate the joy of the resurrection. We need to be able to sit in our sadness of knowing God sent Jesus into the world to die for people like you and me. We need to sit at the foot of the cross and acknowledge that even though we were not there on that fateful night, it is our brokenness that caused this man to die.

I'll admit, Good Friday is not the perfect service to take young kids to. It's quiet and contemplative, which as we all know children are not the best at, and yet, I think it is the place where people of any age should be able to come and worship differently than Sunday morning. To sit with our feelings of grief and sadness. To not simply brush them off but to dwell in them before we can find the joy of Easter morning. If you have not been to a Good Friday service in a while, I would invite you to consider coming to one this year. We cannot have the resurrection without death. We cannot have Christ calling Mary's name in the garden on Easter morning without him first dying and being laid in a tomb.

Good Friday is a reminder to us all that while death is full of grief, sadness, and sorrow it does not last for forever. Weeping will turn to laughter. Mourning will turn to dancing. And when everything feels like it might just be hopeless will find hope that never leaves us, and those are reminders and promises from God we all need throughout this lifetime.



# Member Information

Serving With A  
Joyful Heart 

## Easter Worship Assistants Can you help?

We are seeking people to assist at the Easter worship services this year. Please give Michelle a call in the office if you can help out. A sign-up will also be posted on the bulletin board by the narthex.

### March 31 - Easter

8:00 am - communion

4 Ushers; 1 Lector; 2 Communion Assistants

10:00 am - communion

4 Ushers; 1 Lector; 2 Communion Assistants

## Palm Sunday Brunch

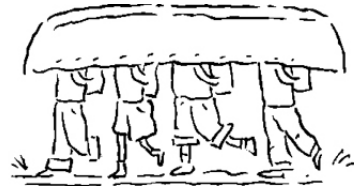
The Congregational Life committee is hosting a Palm Sunday brunch for all members and guests on Sunday, March 24, beginning at 11:00 am. Come and enjoy this free-will brunch as we prepare for the upcoming busy Holy Week and Easter.



Proceeds are going to the 7th & 8th graders for Confirmation Camp expenses. The students in these grades will also be helping to prep, setup, serve and clean up.

## Fill the Canoe Food Drive

Our annual canoe challenge is here! It's time to take on the challenge of hunger in our community and fill our canoe with food for the local food shelf. The canoe will be in the narthex through March 30. Any donations are welcome and encouraged—cash, grocery items, hygiene items and cleaning supplies. Can we fill the canoe with Christ's love?



## CANOE Challenge

## Soup Supper Supplies

Thank you to all who answered the call to supply food ingredients and supplies for the annual soup suppers this year. Your response was amazing! Your generosity really helps keep the costs down for this fundraiser.

## WOW Suppers

The WOW team will take a break during the Lenten soup suppers—but will be returning. They will be serving again from April 3 through May 8. Watch for the volunteer worker signup closer to April to see when you can help with serving and clean up.

## Noisy Offering

The March Noisy Offering is going to the Redwood Area Food Shelf.

### Baptisms:

Isaac Charles Thole  
February 18, 2024

### Funerals:

Thomas Woodling  
February 22, 2024

Jim Hauschild  
February 23, 2024



# Member Information

## SALT Schedule

(Sharing & Learning Together)



SALT will begin a new study on March 3 about the ELCA Hunger program. About 11 percent of people in our world today are hungry. Working with and through ELCA congregations, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Each week will have different information to learn. All are welcome to come any Sunday.

The study will run 6 weeks—through April 7. There will be no SALT on March 31—Easter Sunday.

**Your 2023 Financial Statements  
are in your church mailbox.  
Please stop in and pick yours up.  
Please call if you would like us to  
mail yours to you. Thanks!**

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

The deadline to direct your free 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars to a non-profit of your choice is March 31. We would be appreciative if you direct your dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Contact your local Thrivent agent if you have questions.



Would you like to contribute to the purchase of flowers for our 2024 Easter services?

If so, please complete this form and return it to the church office by March 22. Make your check (**\$20 minimum donation**) payable to *Gloria Dei with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.*

You may also provide your own Easter lilies or other flowers for services if you wish. Please have flowers to the church by 10:00 am on Saturday, March 30 and mark them with your name. Your flowers may be picked up after 10:00 am worship on Easter, March 31.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purchase of flowers for Easter Services.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my own flowers. ***\*Please do NOT bring flowers in before Friday, March 29.***

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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# Member Information

## 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, in the Fireside Room from 8:00-9:00 am.

All are welcome to join these Bible Study groups.

## Happy March Birthday to our Honor Roll Members



**Barb Darr 3/9**  
**Nancy Phan 3/10**  
**Donald Vick 3/13**  
**Marie Schultz 3/16**  
**Bob Nelson 3/30**

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

## Reede Gray School Backpack Program

We help with the Backpack Program during the entire school year to ease the burden of hunger for some of our children attending Reede Gray Elementary.

Hunger is the reality for some children in our community. During the week, those children are guaranteed two meals a day at school, but weekends may find them experiencing real hunger. The weekend backpack program at Reede Gray School addresses this issue of food insecurity by providing food for the weekends.

That is where we come in! By supplying cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables, we add to the donations given by the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations in our community to provide food for students in need when they are not in school. The next time you are grocery shopping, pick up an item or two for this ministry. We can make a difference in the lives of these kids! Look for the collection bin by the Sunday school bulletin board.

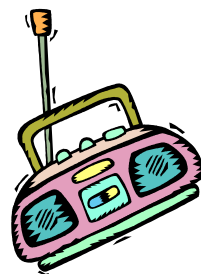


## Be a Sponsor in 2024!

Sign up charts for the 2024 KLGR Radio Broadcasts and Missionary Sponsorships are posted in the narthex. When making your **\$50.00 mission/\$70.00 radio broadcast** payment to the church office, please note that the payment is for your mission or radio sponsorship so it gets recorded properly and your sponsorship is marked PAID! **Adding the date you are paying for is very helpful!**

### 2024 Mission Sponsorship Openings

March 10, 24  
April 7, 14, 21  
June 30  
July 28  
August 4  
September 29  
October 13, 20, 27  
December 29



### 2024 Radio Sponsorship Openings

April 21, 28  
May 5  
June 2, 16, 23  
July 14, 21, 28  
August 18  
September 1, 8, 22  
October 20  
November 3, 10  
December 1, 29

# Green Lake & Youth Info

## Spring Fever Youth Retreat

Green Lake Bible Camp is holding a Spring Fever Youth Retreat for grades 2-6 who want to give camp a try before doing a full week. It is a day full of Bible studies, games, arts and crafts, worships, campfires and more. The retreat is April 20, and runs 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 10. Cost is \$40.00. Register on [gllm.org](http://gllm.org).

**Registration is Open!!** Registration is open for summer camps at Green Lake Bible Camp. Go to [gllm.org](http://gllm.org) to see all camps they have available and to register.

## Message from Green Lake & Gloria Dei

Green Lake encourages all families to register for this summer's camps as soon as possible. Blocks opened up for open registration is now open and they are seeing camps filling up fast.

If you are planning on attending Green Lake, Shetek, or another Lutheran camp this summer, please let the church office know. We are happy to supply a partial monetary supplement from Gloria Dei after you attend camp to help with the cost. It is our commitment that finances not stand in the way of any student that wants to attend camp. Scholarships are also available from Green Lake.

## DONUTS WITH DAD



# Youth News



## Sunday School News

Sunday school is at 9:00 am on Sundays for all 3-year old's through 4th grade. There is a copy of the Sunday school calendar posted on the bulletin board showing what the children are learning about in Sunday school. Let Emily Nelson know if you need a copy.

### **Our kids need YOU!** **Sunday school teachers needed!**

We are still looking for another teacher for the 1st and 2nd grade classroom and teachers to fill in once in awhile. ***Teachers are needed to keep the Sunday School program going.*** Emily makes it very easy for the teachers.

Here's how easy it is:

1. Each week Emily gets everything ready for the teachers the Friday before. This includes all supplies.
2. Teachers just show up 15 minutes before Sunday school to read the info Emily has left so you know what you're doing that day.
3. You're good to go. You just do the project with them.

Let Emily Nelson or the church office know if you have any questions or would like to help.

There is **NO** Sunday school on Easter Sunday, March 31.

## Galloping with God

Galloping with God will have horseback riding sessions again this summer. Gloria Dei youth entering grade 4 in fall and older may participate. If interested, please contact Cindy Swierenga at 507-828-8638.

## Baby Book Club

An invitation to all children not yet in Sunday school, and their parent(s), to join us at Baby Book Club. We meet in the downstairs nursery at 9:00 am. We read a book—which you get to keep a copy of, make a simple craft and have a snack. It's a great time to play together and share some parenting stories. Baby Book Club is led by Lindy Kaden. Dates for the rest of the school year are:

Sunday, March 17

Sunday, April 14



## Trinity in the Middle

For 5th-6th graders is Wednesday's from 6:15-7:15 pm. Friends are welcome. Join Bryson Wachter for some fun and games while learning about Christian values and the Bible. Held in the church basement.

Please note...during Lent, Trinity will meet at 6:00 pm and attend Lenten worship together at 6:30 pm.

There is **NO** Trinity Wednesday, March 27. Trinity will resume Wednesday, April 3, at its regular time of 6:15-7:15 pm.



# Youth News

## First Communion Classes All 5th grade students and parents!

All fifth grade students and parents — and any one older that have not yet taken Holy Communion — are invited to be part of First Communion classes. We'll meet on Wednesday's from 4:30-5:15 pm, beginning February 28 and running through March 20. The class will be making communion bread on Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 am, which will be used for First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at the 6:30 pm worship service.

Those attending the classes will all take their first communion together at the 6:30 pm worship service on Maundy Thursday. Family, friends and sponsors are welcome and invited to attend this special worship service with you. Please contact the office if you have not received your information in the mail.



## High School Seniors Mark Your Calendars!

Your high school graduation is just around the corner. Your church family is ready to recognize and honor you for all of your hard work and accomplishments. Baccalaureate is scheduled for Sunday, May 12, at the 10:00 am worship service. You will be getting a letter with more information soon.

The Women of Gloria Dei have already commissioned quilts for you and you will receive yours at Baccalaureate. Gloria Dei scholarship recipients will be announced that day as well. The Spiritual Formation Committee will host a reception for you after worship. Family and guests are welcome at this important celebration.

## Confirmation Schedule

Lenten worship is Wednesday at 6:30 pm. All students are to attend these mid-week worship services.

March 6–20: Mid-week Lenten worship 6:30 pm.  
 March 27: no class, Holy Week  
 March 28: Maundy Thursday worship 6:30 pm  
 March 29: Good Friday worship 6:30 pm  
 March 30: Easter Vigil worship 5:30 pm  
 March 31: Easter Sunday worship at 8:00 & 10:00 am

The next Meet with Coaches night is April 10. Coaches, please mark your calendars for this final coaches night of the school year.

Coming up: April 17, the 7th–9th grade Confirmation Service Project at 6:15 pm.

## Butter Braid Delivery

Butter Braids will be delivered on Wednesday, March 20. Those that ordered through the church office please pick up your orders this evening between 5:00-6:30 pm.

Youth that sold, plan on picking up your orders between 5:00 and 6:30 pm, so you can start delivering right away and get everyone has their orders in time for Easter.

Thank you to all those who ordered!!



# In His Service

## March Worship Assistants

### Sunday, March 3 10:00 am

Usher: Marty & Gracelyn Malecek; Trevor Wittwer;  
Jason Baumgard  
Lector: Sam Scheffler

### 3rd Wednesday, March 6 6:30 pm

Usher: Vern & Sheila Stage; Brent & Miranda Ford  
Lector: Pam Munson

### Sunday, March 10–Comm.

#### (Daylight Savings time) 10:00 am

Usher: Matt & Mandi Robinson; Kaitlyn Loftus;  
Sandy Loftus  
Lector: Ruth Kaden  
Communion: Jan Swoboda; Cassie Ford

### 4th Wednesday, March 13 6:30 pm

Usher: Rich & Karen Seavert;  
Suzi & Ashlee Schueller  
Lector: Tony Madsen

### Sunday, March 17 10:00 am

Usher: Jim & Julie Lueck; Andy Mathwig;  
Paul Carlson  
Lector: Tami Riley

### 5th Wednesday, March 20 6:30 pm

Usher: JoDee & Alexis Altmann;  
Lacey Green & Addison Schmidt  
Lector: Ruth Zeise

### Palm Sunday, March 24 – Youth Led/Comm./ Noisy Offering 10:00 am

### Maundy Thursday, March 28

#### 11:00 am

Usher: Thor Kaardal; Jan Nelson  
Lector: Jan Nelson  
Communion: Thor Kaardal

#### 6:30 pm

Usher: Steve & Vickie Sandven;  
Stan & Cindy Swierenga  
Lector: Cindy Swierenga  
Communion: Greg & Pam Johnson

### Good Friday, March 29 6:30 pm

Usher: Jim & Judy Hacker;  
Randy & Michelle Malecha  
Lector: Judy Hacker

### Easter Sunday, March 10–Comm. 8:00 & 10:00 am

See signup on bulletin board or contact Michelle in the church office.

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

## March Youth Worship Assistants

### Acolytes

Sunday, March 3, 10:00 am	Jared Malecek
Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 pm	Eden Palokangas
Sunday, March 10, 10:00 am	Greyson Schueler
Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 pm	Brady Madsen
Sunday, March 17, 10:00 am	Adalynn Lindberg
Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 pm	Leon Hidanovic
Sunday, March 24, 10:00 am	Nolan Ourada
Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm	Baxter Wanzek
Friday, March 29, 6:30 pm	Aiden Hagert
Sunday, March 31, 8:00 am	Finn Jacobson
Sunday, March 31, 10:00 am	Isabel Hammerschmidt

### PowerPoint

Sunday, March 3, 10:00 am	Matthew Kaden
Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 pm	Kate Jacobson
Sunday, March 10, 10:00 am	Tyler Robinson
Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 pm	Cali Donner
Sunday, March 17, 10:00 am	Natalie Lueck
Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 pm	Addysen Altmann
Sunday, March 24, 10:00 am	Dylan Mertens
Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm	Kendall Swann
Friday, March 29, 6:30 pm	Finnley Berg
Sunday, March 31, 8:00 am	Zach Malecek
Sunday, March 31, 10:00 am	Fletcher Leach

# Council News



The Church Council met on February 17. Highlights from the meeting include:

### Church in the World Committee:

March 1, the canoe go in the Narthex for Fill the Canoe Challenge—goal is 300 items. April 14, they will present Global Barnyard project to Sunday School.

### Congregational Life Committee:

Discussed Palm Sunday brunch. Assembled New Member gift bags.

### Discipleship Committee:

Discussed Stewardship slides and the upcoming 6-week SALT study on the ELCA Hunger Program.

### Management Committee:

Talked about an emergency lockbox for the Fire Department. Also, discussed the January financial report and how to maintain giving during the year. They are still working on the missing sign by Subway.

### Spiritual Formation Committee:

Served 86 at Donuts with Dad. They are working on Palm Sunday youth led service and Muffins with Mom with a barnyard theme.

### Worship Committee:

Working on Holy Week. Going to call colleges to ask about potential organists among their students.

### Pastors' Report:

Pastor Kaden: Reported on his schedule. Helped plan and lead the Ministerial Association Prayer Ser-

vice for Life and Healing. Helped at the Pizza Ranch fundraiser and organized preaching “round robin” preaching for Lent. And planned and attended the Council/Committee Retreat.

Pastor Wachter: Reported on her schedule. Had a youth fundraiser at Pizza Ranch. Thanked everyone who came out to support them. Dips 4 Trips went very well. Met with Michelle and Pastor Bryant to plan out Soup Suppers. She also helped Pastor Bryant at the Council/Committee Retreat and spent time preparing for Lent.

### Office Coordinator:

Michelle got the Annual Report together and has been organizing the youth Butter Braid fundraiser and getting the youth kicked off on selling. Also, working with Pastor Shannon on Soup Suppers.



## Remember in Prayer: ✝

*Those who are ill...* Jeff Arnold, Dianne Donner, Debbie Good Rich, Floyd Hoffbeck, Peggy Kuehn, Mary Mielke, Marie Schultz, Shirley Zimmer.

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

### Monthly Treasurer's Report through January 2024

<u>Monthly Operating Report:</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income (Loss)</u>
General Fund	\$ 28,956.32	\$ 32,849.80	\$ (3,893.48)
Dedicated Funds	\$ 3,134.61	\$ 8,549.22	\$ (5,414.61)
Income Total	\$ 32,090.93	\$ (41,399.02)	\$ (9,308.09)
<u>Operating Report for Year</u>			
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<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>01/01/2024</u>	<u>Income (Loss)</u>	<u>1/31/2024</u>
General Fund	\$ 14,156.10	\$ (3,893.48)	\$ 10,262.62
Dedicated Funds	\$ 126,570.41	\$ (5,414.61)	\$ 121,155.80
Total Fund Balances	\$ 140,726.51	\$ (9,308.09)	\$ 131,418.42



# 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** (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](mailto:gloriadei@gloriadeilutheran.org) or by calling 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.



## Staff Information

### Rev. Bryant Kaden

403 Morten Drive  
Redwood Falls, MN  
Cell phone: 320-262-9665  
[bryantkaden@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:shannon.a.wachter@gmail.com)  
Pastor Shannon's day off is Friday.

### Deb Kaardal

Office Coordinator  
[dkaardal@gloriadeilutheran.org](mailto:dkaardal@gloriadeilutheran.org)  
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am—5:30 pm

### Michelle Farmer

Parish Secretary  
[gloriadei@gloriadeilutheran.org](mailto:gloriadei@gloriadeilutheran.org)  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—Noon

### Bill Schultz

Custodian  
Home phone: 507-627-8281

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## Worship Broadcast Times

<u>Live</u>	
Mediacom Ch. 8 or 107.2 (Sun)	10:00 am
Nuvera Ch. 3 (Sun)	10:00 am
KLGR 1490 AM (Sun)	10:00 am
<u>Delayed</u>	
Mediacom Ch. 8 or 107.2 (Mon)	7:00 pm
Nuvera Ch. 3 (Mon)	7:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>3</b> 9:00 am S.A.L.T. 9:00 am Sunday school 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 1:00 pm Priscilla Circle</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 4:30 pm 1st Comm. class 5:15-6:15 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Trinity 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:15 pm Ruth Circle</p>	<p><b>7</b> 1:00-4:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:00 am-Noon Quilters</p>	<p><b>9</b> 5:30 pm Worship/ Communion</p>
<p><b>10 Daylight Savings</b> 9:00 am S.A.L.T. 9:00 am Sunday school 10:00 am Worship/ Communion</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:30 am Charity Circle <b>6:30/7:45 pm Commit- tees/Council</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 4:30 pm 1st Comm. class 5:15-6:15 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Trinity 6:30 pm Lenten Worship</p>	<p><b>14</b> 1:00-4:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:00 am-Noon Quilters</p>	<p><b>16</b> 5:30 pm Worship/Praise Team</p>
<p><b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b> 9:00 am S.A.L.T. 9:00 am Sunday school 9:00 am Baby Book Club 10:00 am Worship </p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study Quilters</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20 Butter Braids Delivery</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 4:30 pm 1st Comm. class 5:15-6:15 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Trinity 6:30 pm Lenten Worship</p>	<p><b>21</b> 1:00-4:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 am-Noon Quilters</p>	<p><b>23</b> 5:30 pm Worship/ Communion/Noisy Offering</p>
<p><b>24 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am S.A.L.T. 9:00 am Sunday school 10:00 am Youth Led Worship/Communion/ Noisy Offering</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Noon-3:00 pm Fireside reserved</p>	<p><b>27</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study  <b>No evening activities</b></p>	<p><b>28 Maundy Thursday</b> 11:00 am Maundy Thursday Worship 1:00-4:00 pm Quilters 6:30 pm Maundy Thurs. Worship w/ 1st Comm.</p>	<p><b>29 Good Friday</b>  6:30 pm Good Friday Worship</p>	<p><b>30</b> 10:00 am 1st Comm. bread baking 5:30 pm Easter Vigil</p>
<p><b>31 Easter</b> 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:00 am Worship/ Communion</p>						

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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.