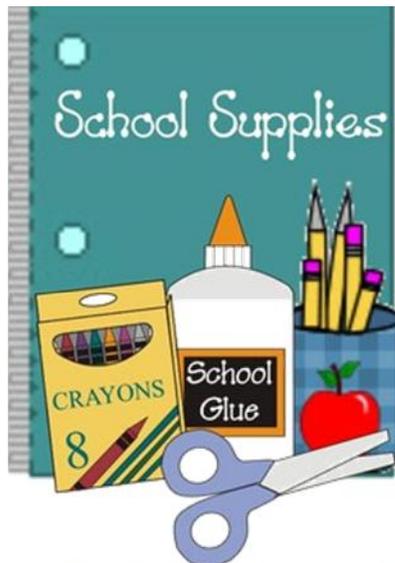


The Light "Lite"

Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church, ELCA
August 2016



A Request from the Service Committee



The stores are offering bargains on school items now and into September! Please take advantage of these low prices and help us shop for school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The items you purchase will be stored until the spring when lots of school kits will be assembled to be sent to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis for distribution. Please help us with this very important project if you can! We were able to send 72 school kits to LWR with our quilt shipment in May! Let's see if we can surpass that number!

Here's what we need:

***Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"**

***One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other**

***One pencil sharpener**

***One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**

***Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**

***Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**

***One box of 16 or 24 crayons**

***One 2½" eraser**

Please bring ANY of the above items to the church anytime while the items are on sale! There will be a container in the narthex for the school items.

ALSO! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP PURCHASE OR SEW THE BACKPACKS FOR THE KITS, please talk to Paula Morgan! (490-8589)

Many Thanks!

The Gloria Dei Service Committee Members



Janet Janney	August 1 st
Matthew Whelchel	August 2 nd
Tyler Tempel	August 4 th
Cynthia Heath	August 5 th
Joby Rosenleaf	August 5 th
Montana Vinecke	August 8 th
Amy Birkelo	August 9 th
Marty McCarthy	August 13 th
Nick Stroehrer	August 13 th
Judy Vinecke	August 14 th
Tess Janney	August 17 th
Kylee Raznick	August 17 th
Sharon King Sutey	August 18 th
Erik Rosa	August 19 th
Ryan McCarthy	August 21 st
Jessie Trudgeon	August 23 rd
Andrew Kober	August 24 th
Cody Amundson	August 25 th
John George	August 26 th
Brandon Stodden	August 26 th
Jonathon Liebel	August 29 th
Bonnie Lundborg	August 29 th
Ken Morgan	August 30 th
Chad O'Connell	August 31 st



Wayne & Bev Monroe	August 5 th
Bob & Anna Bentley	August 7 th
Susanne & Ross Whelchel	August 11 th
John & Donna George	August 12 th
Ed & Janet Janney	August 13 th
Diane & Charlie Delaney	August 20 th



WELCA COOKIES DUE AUGUST 1ST

Midge Bentley
Diane Kocher
Paula Morgan

- WELCA will meet on **Thursday, August 11th at 5 PM in Clark's Park for our annual potluck picnic.** This is a casual, relaxing get-together—we hope you can attend!
- Regular monthly meetings resume September 8th at 11:00 AM for Bible study, followed by a business meeting and lunch.



**Potluck Picnic
Thursday,
Aug. 11 at 5!
Clark's Park**

Mission Possible



Nothing secret about the annual Stewardship Dinner and Auction! Please join us for a night of fun and festivity on Thursday, Oct 13th. The proceeds will help fund a youth service trip in 2017. Organizers have set a goal of 14 sponsored tables. We have six so far. **If you are willing to sponsor a table (or if you have questions of what that entails), please contact Susanne at the church office.** We are also looking for a wide array of items for our **live and silent auctions.** We are excited that Janel Morgan and Sunvee Rosenleaf agreed to be our “decorators” this year. October will come sooner than you think, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp
Sept. 2-5: Labor Day Family Camp



Family, faith, and fellowship on Flathead Lake as summer comes to a close. What could be better?

To register, please call the FLBC Office at 406-752-6602 or email Jenn Cronk at registration@flbc.net

"God's Work, Our Hands"

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, congregations of the ELCA will again join together for "God's work, Our hands" Sunday. Whether we clean parks and roadways, visit the elderly and homebound or bake cookies and write thank you notes for first responders, this dedicated day of service celebrates the work we do every day and gives us the opportunity to share God's love with all people.

The 2016 "God's work, Our hands" Sunday will also mark the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

The Rev. Stephen P. Bouman, executive director for ELCA Domestic Mission and former bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod at the time of Sept. 11, shares the story of an ELCA pastor who served as a fire department chaplain.

"When the first plane hit the first tower he rushed across the Brooklyn Bridge to the site where firefighters were mustering," said Bouman. "He was asked to anoint the heads of firefighters with oil with the sign of the cross, for those who wanted this baptismal remembrance. They then rushed into the building. Survivors making their way down the smoky stairways remembered those brave rescuers, heads glistening with oily crosses, rushing to rescue, baptized for this moment."

Reflecting on this, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton said, "In baptism we have been marked with the cross. We are the ones who go into the broken places of the world. We are the ones who, by showing up on 'God's work, Our hands' Sunday, shine the light of the cross in our communities."

Now is a good time to begin exploring opportunities for our congregation to participate in "God's work, Our hands" Sunday.

Old Lutheran will once again have T-shirts available for purchase. The **bright-yellow shirts** provide a wonderful visual impact across the ELCA. The deadline for ordering personalized T-shirts with Old Lutheran is August 19.

Following the 2015 dedicated day of service, the Rev. Jason Adams, pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, described what the day meant for his congregation. "Of course, in our vocations we are serving neighbors every day, but when we are serving together, we are growing together as the people of God."

"God's work, Our hands" Sunday celebrates who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. We look forward to doing this work together again this year.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Martha