

The Light



Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor's Page ...

"...but the righteous live by their faith." Habakkuk 2:4b

Faith seems to be one of those elusive things to each of us. By that I mean, as soon as we think we *got it* the quicker it seems to slip away. For instance, it can be easy to believe that God loves and cares for you when all seems to be going well in your life. When your employment is steady, you're feeling good health-wise, and your relationships with your family and friends are all going well.

But what about when you lose your job? Or your depression or anxiety make you feel like an outsider or less-than? Or if you have a fight with someone you care about? Or worse, when your loved one passes away? How does one have faith that God loves and cares about oneself when all seems to be crashing down.

As we will hear in our lessons this month, faith is first and foremost a gift. It's not a gift like an object that you or I could possess. But rather, it's something given to us, a belief in God the creator of heaven and earth, His only Son Jesus Christ who was crucified and risen, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies and nourishes and sustains us in this life.

Whether it's from the prophet Habakkuk who promises that the righteous will live by faith, or the disciples who are promised that the faith in Christ (though looks small and weak to the world) will give them the strength to move mountains, the cleansed Samaritan leper who rejoices over being made well, a persistent widow who begs for justice from a hateful judge until he relents, the one who humbles will be exalted, and finally the truth and faith in Christ will set one free in life, we will hear the stories of God's people, perhaps hear our own story in the midst of it, and in turn will be given the gift of faith as well.

In particular, we will witness four youth who will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday on October 30th. An affirmation of their baptism and the promises made back then will finally come to fruition in their confirmation. Please keep the following youth in your prayers and that their faith may continue to grow and be strengthened over the course of their lives: Jenna Sanders, Andrew Kober, Jerek Rosenleaf, and Anna Trudnowski.

For faith in Christ can and does sustain you in good times and in bad. Not because of what we do, but because of what has already been done for us. The gift of the death and resurrection of Christ, who continues to come to us and give to each of us nothing less than His very own self, and who alone is our righteousness.

In Christ's house of faith, we can live, move and have our being. And in that house of faith, we all live together as one.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Martha

Oct.
2016



ELCA

Reformation
Sunday



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Worship: 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GLORIA DEI

- Oct. 4 – 7:00 PM – Worship and Music Committee meeting
7:00 PM – Endowment Committee meeting
Oct. 5 – 10:00 AM – Quilters meet in small hall
Oct. 9 – 11:30 AM – Stewardship Committee mtg.
Oct. 11 – 7:00 PM – Church Council meeting
Oct. 13 – 5:00 PM – Mission Possible Dinner

- Oct. 17 – Noon – WELCA Executive Committee meeting
Oct. 18 – 11:30 AM – Altar Guild
Oct. 19 – 10:00 AM – Quilter meet in small hall
Oct. 20 – 11:00 AM – WELCA
Oct. 21 – Noon – November *Light* article deadline
Oct. 24 – 6:00 PM – Quilting in the small hall for St. James Foundation

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY TEXTS

20th Sunday after Pentecost

- Oct. 2 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

21st Sunday after Pentecost

- Oct. 9 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- Oct. 16 Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- Oct. 23 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

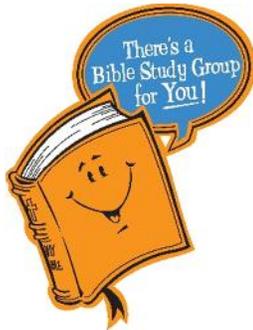
REFORMATION SUNDAY

- Oct. 30 Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Men's Bible Study begins Thursday, Oct. 6th at 7:00 AM at Perkins.

Women's Bible Study is held every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM at Gamers.

WELCA Bible study, every 2nd Thursday, is a video series called "Loved by God."



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Fall is here! The days are getting shorter, the trees are changing colors, and the nights are getting cooler. Fall is my favorite time of the year, mostly because it's football season, and we can once again cheer on the Bulldogs, Diggers, Bobcats, Griz, and Packers. Enjoy a pumpkin spiced latte, and wear a sweater again.

Fall is also the perfect time to get re-engaged in all that's happening at Gloria Dei. Most of us have enjoyed a busy summer, but fall is here, and it's time to once again get involved in all that Gloria Dei has to offer. The Stewardship Committee is holding its "Mission Possible" dinner on Thursday, October 13th; please call the church office to reserve your tickets. It's guaranteed to be a great evening of food, fun and fellowship. Looking for other ways to get involved, but just not sure where to start? Sunday school (both for kids and adults), and Bible studies are back in full swing, and we are always looking for lectors, hospitality hosts, greeters/ushers, choir members, etc. Talk to myself or Pastor Martha for any additional information.

Janel Morgan

"MISSION POSSIBLE"

Please join us for a night of fun and festivity on October 13th for the annual Stewardship Dinner and Auction. The Stewardship Committee has decided to help fund a youth service or "mission" trip in 2017. **We hope that you can support our annual dinner to raise funds for this important opportunity for our youth—one that we hope will become a tradition!**

The evening will begin with a social hour at 5:00 PM, when bidding on the silent auction will open. Dinner of stuffed pork loin and/or honey Dijon chicken breast will follow at 6:00 PM, with the always-exciting live auction set to begin at 7:00 PM. **Tickets are on sale now!** Check at the table in the narthex after church or call Susanne at the church office 723-9182. Just a reminder to young parents—FREE daycare will be provided.

We are still looking for a wide array of art, handcrafted or homemade items, or items for children to bid on for our **live and silent auctions**.





Brian Andreas	Oct. 1 st
Doris Schultz	Oct. 1 st
Marilyn Krause	Oct. 2 nd
Ginny McCarthy	Oct. 2 nd
Beth Janney	Oct. 3 rd
Bruce Kocher	Oct. 5 th
Anna Trudnowski	Oct. 7 th
Kaylie McDaniel	Oct. 10 th
Jenna Sanders	Oct. 10 th
Nathan Stodden	Oct. 11 th
Terri Mellott	Oct. 13 th
Logan Johnson	Oct. 15 th
Blake Bentley	Oct. 16 th
Ashley Arntson	Oct. 18 th
Marcus Andreas	Oct. 19 th
Tucker Gilman	Oct. 19 th
Josie Trudgeon	Oct. 22 nd
Erik McCarthy	Oct. 23 rd
Glenn Phelps	Oct. 23 rd
Jerek Rosenleaf	Oct. 23 rd
Gavin Trudgeon	Oct. 23 rd
Emily Curran	Oct. 24 th
Midge Bentley	Oct. 25 th
Susan Murto	Oct. 27 th
Kyler Burroughs	Oct. 28 th
Leo Heath	Oct. 28 th
Brenda McDaniel	Oct. 29 th
Pat Sanders	Oct. 29 th

Women of the ELCA

- The WELCA October meeting will be held Oct. 20th, *rescheduled one week later because of the Stewardship Dinner*. We begin with a video Bible study at 11 AM, business meeting at 11:30, and lunch at noon. Please join us, even just for lunch.

“Gathering in God’s Grace and Glory,” a retreat for women is October 22nd from 9:00 AM—7:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Great Falls. Registration is \$15/person and includes all meals and supplies. The day will highlight stories from the Old Testament, a songfest, a quilt display/raffle, a panel on grief and care-giving, a “book tasting,” and evening vespers led by Bishop Jessica Crist. Please let a WELCA officer or the church office know if you are interested in a refreshing day of study and worship. WELCA officers are Marilyn Krause, Pres.; Betty McDaniel, Vice-Pres.; Stephanie Stodden, Sec.; and Doris Schultz, Treasurer.

WELCA COOKIES DUE OCTOBER 3RD

Paula Morgan
Diane Kocher
Delores Stringer

Assistive Listening Devices are available from the ushers each Sunday. They are easy to use and have received “rave reviews” from those who have tried them. If you would benefit from one, be sure to check it out.

SERVICE COMMITTEE PROJECT

On Sunday, October 23rd the Service Committee will hand out grocery bags to the members of our congregation to fill and return on Sunday, October 30th for the Butte Emergency Food Bank.

All **non-perishable items** are appreciated, for example, canned food, soups, boxed macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, rice, peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, and condiments of any kind. Also, be thinking about the upcoming holidays with contributions of stuffing mix, broth or broth mix, canned cranberries, boxed mashed potatoes, gravy mix, canned pumpkin, canned milk, pie crust mix, canned sweet potatoes and marshmallows, and the like.



Many Thanks! Gloria Dei Service Committee Members

HELP US HELP OTHERS

If you yourself are hospitalized or in need of a pastoral care visit, or if you know of someone who is, **please let Pr. Martha know directly by calling her cell phone (406) 565-3592**, in addition to contacting the church office by calling 723-9182 or emailing office@gloriadeibutte.org

Lutheran Campus Outreach

As we move into the fall startup of school, please keep our campus ministries in your thoughts and prayers. If you have students coming to the University of Montana or Montana State University, please send us names and any contact information you have. It would be great for you to introduce us to the student via email, Facebook, text, or otherwise. If you have students going out of state to college, please use the new national Lutheran Campus Ministry referral system.



Emmaus Campus Ministry, University of Montana: Pastor John Lund,
john.lund@mso.umt.edu, 406-396-4974

Lutheran Campus Ministry, Montana State University: Intern Pastor Annie Langseth,
annie@Lutherancats.org, 406-586-5572

To access the national campus ministry referral:
<http://lumin-networkreferral.org/student-referrals/>

MEET OUR CHURCH COUNCIL



Treasurer Deanna Johnson and her son Logan were born and raised in Butte. Her husband Mike moved to Butte when he was 2. She is a Montana Tech graduate in Business and has worked for the Montana Tech Foundation for the past 7+ years as the Finance Director.



When she is not busy working, she can be found at Logan's soccer games, working on the financials at the church or for the Butte Gun Club, and has just started volunteering with the Kiwanis. She loves to go camping, fishing, hunting, and hiking, along with a little skiing during the winter.

FROM THE BISHOP...

To share them with your congregation: Our denomination does take stands on issues, but we do not endorse candidates. We have 13 Social Statements and as many Social Messages that influence our public policy advocacy. But we stay away from candidates.

As the ELCA we also respect that people of good will have different opinions on matters of public policy. We commend civil discourse and respecting the opinions of others. The 1991 Social Statement on *The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective* states, "Christians need to be concerned for the methods and the content of public deliberation."

Other resources include an ELCA- produced document on "Being a Public Church."

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Being_A_Public_Church.pdf

A resource produced by the Pew Forum on Politics in the Pulpit is found at

<http://www.pewforum.org/files/2004/09/politicspulpit.pdf>

IRS regulations that describe the rights and limitations of churches as non-profits that are tax-exempt are <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1828.pdf> (see pp. 7-19).

Sincerely,

The Rev. Jessica Crist, Bishop

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God's work. Our hands.



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Delegate Retreat & Annual Meeting

October 7-8

Delegate retreat starts with dinner Friday and goes through Saturday 2 PM. The Annual meeting will be held at 1PM on Saturday.

Crazy about Quilting

November 11-13

(Dinner Friday – Brunch Sunday)

Whether you are brand new to quilting or you are an advanced quilter – this retreat, with instructor Laurel Eschenbacher, is for you. Time for quilting, great food, worship, massages, hiking and fun! All adults 18+ are welcome, teenagers must be accompanied by an adult. Sorry no child care is provided. Prices include meals, tables, snacks, programming and activities. Massages are extra. \$120 per person. Add Thursday brunch/dinner/overnight/Friday brunch \$65. Add Wednesday brunch/dinner/overnight \$55.

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



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Stewardship
Committee

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**FUNDRAISER
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**THURSDAY, OCT. 13
SOCIAL HOUR 5:00 PM
DINNER 6:00 PM
LIVE AUCTION 8:00 PM**

**TICKETS \$20
AVAILABLE SEPT. 25
OR CALL CHURCH
OFFICE 723-9182**

FREE CHILD CARE!