

The Light



Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran
Church

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ELCA

Pastor's Page ...

"Today salvation has come to this house...For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." Luke 19:8-9

Another summer season is ending and in comes the new season of fall. The weather has already started to change, with cooler temps during the day and evenings. The sound of children going to and from school can be heard once again. Friday night football games, MT Tech/MSU/UM Saturday football games are starting up, and education and activities around church are picking up once again.

It is certainly a time for learning and studying. Perhaps you find your children taking more advanced classes or at least bringing more homework home with them from school. Or you yourself have a desire to take on a new hobby, begin a new book, or find other ways for personal knowledge and growth.

And in case you thought that you knew everything that there is to know about the Bible and its stories, let the upcoming couple of months be a reminder to you that there's always more to learn. For in the next few weeks, we'll hear parables from the Gospel of Luke about such characters such as:

- the shepherd who looks for the lost sheep,
- the woman who searches out her lost coin,
- the dishonest steward who cuts a deal,
- the rich man who pleads with Father Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers,
- the widow who persistently bothers the unjust judge,
- the Pharisee who gives thanks for not being like "those people," and Zacchaeus, the infamous tax-collector.

In the coming weeks, we'll explore further these characters, how they were molded and formed into disciples and followers of Jesus, and how God is shaping and molding each and every one of us into his disciples.

Now, I know some of you may be thinking, "How in the world can I be used by God as a disciple?" Well, in your efforts of being a parent/grandparent, in your jobs, in your daily life, God is shaping and molding you into one of his disciples, as one who can go out and tell others, in words and in deeds, all that God has done and of the great love and grace that God has for all of creation.

All because salvation has come to your house, to my house, to the house of all people and in its coming, we are all changed.

Peace,
Pastor Martha



God's work.
Our hands.

Sunday School
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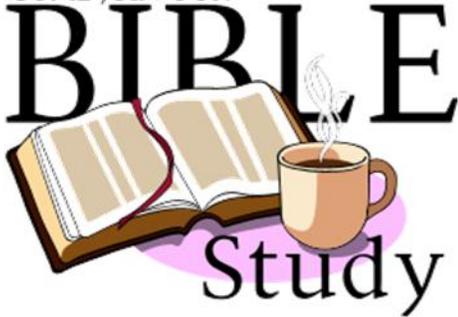
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Worship: 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
beginning
September 18th

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GLORIA DEI

Sept. 5 – Labor Day – Church office closed
Sept. 6 – 7:00 PM – Worship and Music Committee meeting
Noon – WELCA Executive Committee meeting
Sept. 7 – Noon – Stewardship Committee meeting
Sept. 8 – 11:00 AM – WELCA

Sept. 11 – 9:30 AM – God’s Work, Our Hands
Service projects after service
Potluck lunch following projects
Sept. 13 – 7:00 PM – Church Council meeting
Sept. 18 – Choir organizational meeting after worship
Sept. 23 – Noon – October *Light* article deadline

COME JOIN OUR



ADULT BIBLE STUDY TEXTS...

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sept. 18 Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5
John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

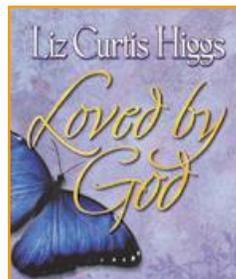
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sept. 25 Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

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 will resume September 8th. They are following a video Bible study called “Loved by God.”



COUNCIL NEWS — HELP WANTED

At their August meeting, Gloria Dei Council received the forthcoming resignation of Susanne Whelchel and is currently seeking an **administrative assistant** for the church office. The typical hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Some of the duties included are

- to answer and direct phone calls, mail, and email;
- to greet visitors to the church and ascertain their needs;
- to maintain congregational records and files, both membership and financial; prepare bulletins and newsletters;
- to keep bulletin boards orderly and up to date; and
- to order building and worship supplies.

Training would be offered. Inquiries and applications are being accepted now and until the position is filled. Call Council President Janel Morgan at 490-7945.



“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!

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.

Just a reminder to young parents—FREE daycare will be provided. **Tickets go on sale Sunday, September 25th.** Organizers have set a goal of 12 sponsored tables. We have ten 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** October will come sooner than you think, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



Ed Janney	Sept. 2 nd
Diane Kocher	Sept. 4 th
Katie Murto	Sept. 4 th
Chris King	Sept. 6 th
Chris Burroughs	Sept. 7 th
Vicky Hanni	Sept. 10 th
Nancy Jones	Sept. 10 th
Sarah Washington	Sept. 15 th
Bonnie Sagar	Sept. 17 th
Zach Sharon	Sept. 18 th
Amanda O'Connell	Sept. 21 st
Mike Johnson	Sept. 22 nd
Susanne Whelchel	Sept. 23 rd
Alex Kober	Sept. 25 th
Lee Stringer	Sept. 26 th
Shirley Stringer	Sept. 27 th
Ellen Docken	Sept. 29 th
Pam Green	Sept. 30 th
Dick Skates	Sept. 30 th



Tim & Valerie Kober	Sept. 6 th
Glen & Bernie Phelps	Sept. 8 th
Ed & Luwaana Johnson	Sept. 24 th
Mike & Deanna Johnson	Sept. 30 th

Women of the ELCA

- Regular monthly meetings resume September 8th at 11:00 AM for Bible study, followed by a business meeting and lunch hosted by the Executive Committee. 2016-17 officers to be installed are Marilyn Krause, President; Nancy Nilson, Vice-Pres.; Stephanie Stodden, Secretary; and Doris Schultz, Treasurer.
- The October meeting, *rescheduled one week later because of the Stewardship Dinner*, will be the 20th.

We are *always* on the lookout for new projects, so if you know of something we might be interested in, please bring it to WELCA. We also appreciate donations of material for quilting, flannel for diapers and receiving blankets, and soft yarn to make prayer shawls and slippers.

WELCA COOKIES DUE SEPTEMBER 5TH

Evonne Holman
Diane Delaney
Dottie Heath

Service Committee Request

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



TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN CHOIR
Ross Whelchel, Director

- 10: YOU'LL GAIN ANOTHER FAMILY.
Seven years ago, when Susanne and I moved to Butte, this choir went out of their way to make us feel at home.
- 9: EVERYBODY NEEDS A MIDWEEK BOOST.
Don't let the words "choir rehearsal" deceive you. Yes, you *will* learn your choir part, but you'll also worship God in the meantime and leave feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of your week.
- 8: YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN *AMERICAN IDOL*.
You knew that already, but a lot of you think you're not a good singer. Believe me...you *are*. I know that without even hearing you! What's amazing about choir is how God takes a bunch of voices—some strong and some not as strong—and blends them together to create beautiful music.
- 7: YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A MUSIC DEGREE.
Don't read music? If that is what has kept you from joining, then your non-choir days are over! Here's what you do...you come to choir rehearsal and sit next to someone who reads well. All you have to do then is listen, and you'll be amazed what you can learn by just planting yourself in the middle of the music.
- 6: YOU CAN STILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OTHER MINISTRIES WHILE IN THE CHOIR.
You may be thinking that your Sunday morning schedule won't allow time for choir, but if you're going to worship, then you've got time for choir! The Sunday commitment is actually quite minimal. We meet in the choir room 20 minutes before each time we sing in church...that's it...20 minutes!
- 5: YOU'LL BE READY TO WORSHIP EACH WEEK.
You may think that one rehearsal a week isn't enough time for you to feel prepared. We go to great lengths to make sure you're ready. The anthems, hymns, and liturgy will move *beyond your head to your heart*. Being part of the choir is so rewarding on a spiritual level.
- 4: YOU'LL BUILD LASTING RELATIONSHIPS.
As you know, doing ministry with folks is one of the best ways to build great and meaningful friendships.
- 3: FALL IS THE PERFECT TIME TO JOIN!
Fall is one of the most exciting times of the year to dive into the choir. We'll be learning new music and gearing up for Christmas as well.
- 2: CHOIR. IS. FUN.
You'll have a great time in practice each week. Laughter is always part of rehearsal.
- AND THE #1 REASON...WORSHIP.**
Singing is one of the best vehicles we have to worship God, and singing with those who love God and the music as much as you do is one of greatest experiences you'll ever know.



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Once again this year we owe a huge thank you to Donna George for arranging all the special music over the summer—a wonderful gift that moved us and inspired our worship!

Choir will meet briefly after worship on September 18th to discuss a fall and winter rehearsal schedule that works for everyone. Still undecided? Reread the Top Ten at left and think again. Choir is truly a wonderful experience!

"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, 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. "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."

Opportunities for our congregation to serve on "God's work, Our hands" Sunday will include but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ Baking cookies and making cards for first responders and shut-ins
- ✓ Shopping for back-to-school groceries for the Food Bank
- ✓ Simple yard work for those in our congregation who need assistance

If you have a project you'd like to see done, please contact Pastor with your idea as soon as possible.

"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

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/>

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Labor Day Family Camp

September 2-5 (Dinner Friday – Lunch Monday)
Kids Ask the Darnedest Questions! – What parent hasn't faced their child coming to them asking a question about God or faith that they just didn't know how to handle? In our time together we will develop a list of such questions and then work at finding a way to answer them. Pr. Steve Schmidt will lead the adults through discussion. Activities and fun for all ages! Swimming, stand-up paddle boarding, sailing, kids' sessions, family time, campfires, s'mores and so much more!

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.

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



ELCA Churchwide

Assembly Key Actions

CHICAGO (Aug. 16, 2016) - Voting members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) approved a number of key actions during the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held in New Orleans Aug. 8-13. The assembly is the highest legislative authority of the church.

The 945 voting members:

- Elected William B. Horne II of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clearwater, FL, vice president of the ELCA.
- Accepted the "Declaration on the Way," a unique ecumenical document that marks a path toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans. At the heart of the document are 32 "Statements of Agreement" that state where Lutherans and Catholics do not have church-dividing differences. The document also presents the differences that remain.
- Approved the ELCA's strategy to *Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities*.
- Approved the Ministry of Word and Service roster. Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers will be a single, unified roster of Ministry of Word and Service.
- Approved the 2017-2019 budget proposal. The budget includes a 2017 current fund spending authorization of \$65,296,005 and a 2017 ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$24.8 million; a 2018 current fund income proposal of \$64,057,220 and a 2018 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; a 2019 current fund income proposal of \$64,151,175 and a 2019 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; and authorizes the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.
- Approved various memorials - or proposals - from the ELCA's 65 synods.
- Elected members to serve on Church Council, Portico Benefits Services, Mission Investment Fund, Augsburg Fortress, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline, and Nominating Committee.
- Adopted amendments to the ELCA Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions.

Legislative updates are available at download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Legislative_Updates_for_the_2016_Churchwide_Assembly.pdf.



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Stewardship
Committee

Presents

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**FUNDRAISER
FOR
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MISSION**

**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!