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THE DAILY NEWS

August 2018

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Aug 5 – 9am Worship**
—Noisy Offering; Sunday
- Aug 6 to Aug 10—Vacation Bible Camp**
- Aug 8 – 7pm Worship**
- Aug 12 – No Worship at Gloria Dei**
- Aug 12 - Ecumenical Worship Service at the Klei Picnic**
- Aug 14 – 6 pm Council Meeting**
- Aug 15 – 7pm Worship**
- Aug 19 – 9am Worship**
Temple Talk;
- Aug 20 – 6:30pm Music & Worship Committee Meeting**
- Aug 22 – 7pm Worship**
- Aug 26 – 9am Worship**
—Food Pantry Sunday
- Aug 29 – 7pm Worship**

OUR FUTURE IS NOW

“Our Future Is Now”. This is a nice sounding title, maybe even an attention getter; but, what does this really mean for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church?

As I see it, starting right now, we must begin planning for the next phase of the our Church family life. How and how much do each of us want to be involved? For the very near future, a formal settled pastor will not be a part of these discussions. We will continue to rely on Supply Pastors, Lay Leaders and the Director of Ministries for key leadership. It will be incumbent on each of us to be as active as our consciences will allow. Understandably, not every person can allocate huge amounts of time or resources; however, self governance does require a unique commitment. Over the last year we have held pledge drives, focused project needs, and the usual Time & Talent Survey. As a result, we are holding our own. But, is Gloria Dei capable of doing just a little bit more, without becoming overwhelmed?

In a group setting I recently commented (almost without thinking) that “Gloria Dei did not know who we were.” After hearing that statement, another member reminded me that this congregation has heard that statement all too often and was

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getting tired of hearing it. Being a bit of an outsider yet and still learning the history of Gloria Dei, I was a bit taken back by the comment; however, in some mature reflection and follow-up discussion, this member was very justified in that emotion on multiple levels.

One of the tasks for the Director of Ministries is to establish a path or direction for Gloria Dei. While I could easily create that direction unilaterally, I also believe input and ownership is necessary from the members of Gloria Dei. It's important to know what the members of Gloria Dei are willing (or not willing) to do. If we want to be active, what areas do we want to be active in? I envision Four key cornerstones of congregational life which include; Worship, Study, Service, and Love. Through Worship, we acclaim God as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. In Worship we sing praises and come together to learn and pray. Through Study, we do a deeper dive into God's Word, the Bible. We come to Study with our hearts and minds open, asking questions, and hopefully leaving a little more fulfilled than when we came. In Service we remember how important all of God's creatures are in the local communities, as well as, in the nation and around the world. In Service, we at times use our financial resources to help those in need, but we also at times use our talents and gifts. In Love, we remember how much God first loved us and how abundantly God provides for us and cares for us. In Love, we are called to share love with one another. This includes those we know and already care about, as well as, those we don't yet know, but still are in need.

Let's begin the conversation now. Let's not wait until the end of the summer. Let's use our time wisely, understanding that "Our Future Is NOW". Let's remember that in fact we do know who we are and whose we are. I believe we know that we are all Children of God, saved by grace through faith; working as loving community of believers called Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, being sent out into the world to share that love by Making Christ Known.

Let's begin the conversation in any way you want; email, phone calls, text messages, smoke signals (if that works for you). It doesn't matter how we communicate, let's just communicate. We have taken one year to stabilize our family. Now it's time to begin moving forward. Be watching for more soon. And always remember that God loves you and...



In-Kind Donations

Please fill out the in-kind donation form, (You can request a form from the Church Administrative Assistant Ann Martin) or turn in any receipts for items purchased and donated to the church. This would include boxes of tissues, toilet paper, office supplies and any other items that would normally need to be purchased as part of the budget. Keeping track of all the items that are donated helps to ensure that our budget is accurate.

Treasurer - David Hoban.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Looking for volunteers to help keep the church clean. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

Our Future Is Now – Youth and Family Edition

I pray that you glanced at the lead article in this month's newsletter. It is a great start and segue into this parallel discussion. Remember on May 20th, the congregation gathered to examine, discuss, and pray about the future of Gloria Dei? We successfully established a course of action to begin moving forward as a church family. The next step is to gather the youth and youth leaders to meet, examine, discuss, and pray about the future of all things youth and youthfulness. The time is now as "Our Future Is Now".



Over the last month or so, an email was sent to several families, to see if there was a willingness to meet – eat – and talk. In that small sampling, it appears that the answer is yes. But with the summer being in full swing, we really can't meet as a full group until September. But in the meantime, I would encourage all youth, young families, and youth leaders to be thinking and praying about how to move "everything youth" in a forward direction.

In the pastor's office, there is a white board, listing the same four cornerstones (Worship, Study, Service, and Love) that was mentioned in the lead article. How will you fill-in the boxes on the white board? What clicks for you? What motivates you? What turns you off? Just like on May 20th, all comments will be welcomed. No questions will be forbidden.

I have ideas. I have hopes and dreams for everything youth related, but I cannot and will not work unilaterally. I am more interested in your ideas, your thoughts, your hopes, and your dreams. I want the youth and youth families to define the next steps. My role will be guiding and supporting whatever is decided. My role will be attempting to make things happen. Are you in?

Realizing that most of our youth does not read the newsletter, I'm planning on sending this article by mail to all youth of Gloria Dei. I want to extend a personal invitation to come, help make this endeavor work in some form.

When we do begin looking at a pastor, how will we describe our youth program and what are we doing about it? So, I prayerfully ask everyone today, what 'are' we going to do about your youth programming?

Let's get this conversation going. Talk me in private, email, text, whatever... And see you in church!

Gloria Dei Church Council

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2018

Members Present: Joe Janicek, Dave Kohls, Coleen Allee, Karen Ebert, Jerry Jensen, David Hoban, Sue Erickson

Members Absent: Craig Heller

Call to Order: Joe called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Karen Ebert will act as recording secretary.

Opening Prayer: Joe

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve made by Dave Kohls and seconded by Jerry Jensen. Motion carried.

June Council Minutes: Motion to approve made by Dave Kohls and seconded by Jerry Jensen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: All bills are currently paid. The summer month income has continued to be on the low side. Motion was made by Coleen to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Jerry Jensen. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Property- Sue Erickson passed out bids on three repair items that have been considered; mud jacking front entry. Continued work on outside building structure, and repair and repaving of parking lot. Paperwork will be attached to minutes in the secretary's journal. Considering the funds available to Gloria Dei at the current time the council voted to repair the front entry sidewalk and have the parking lot cracks sealed. Motion was made by Dave and seconded by Jerry. Other ways to complete some of the proposed tasks were briefly discussed and will be considered at a latter time.

Worship and Music: Dave Kohls passed out the Sunday/Wednesday service schedule timeline through August.

There has been positive feedback on Pastor Schultz leading service.

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Outreach: Coleen reported that the highway clean-up took place chaired by Michael Hetzner.

Education: David Hoban reported that the VBS program is set and scheduled. Dave Kohls added that three VBS banners have been purchased and placed in Kiel, New Holstein and at church. The education team will soon begin planning for the next Sunday School year.

Stewardship: Jerry had no report at this time.

Old Business:

The calendar was reviewed. There are no additions at this time.

Director of Ministry – Motion was made by Jerry Jensen and seconded by David Hoban to contract with Dave Kohls as Director of Ministry for the remaining of this church calendar year. Motioned passed with one abstention. Contract will be reviewed at prior to the annual meeting and recommendation made for the 2019 calendar year.

New Business:

A church visitor brochure has been updated. It will be printed and available to visitors soon.

Dave Kohls has contacted families of children eligible for the youth group. There is a desire to continue the group. Parents have agreed to meet and discuss participation in the Youth group.

Bake Sale – Discussion was held on how to use the benevolence portion of the bake sale money. Suggestions were the food pantry and adding it to the discretionary fund. No decision was made at this time.

A Ministry Opportunity and sign up sheets have been placed in the narthex. Karen will lead this month's temple talk encouraging participation on wider level including these activities and other church wide activities and events.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Jensen and seconded by Sue Erickson. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Ebert, Acting Secretary



Faith Statements

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, our Confirmation Class inspired this summer-time theme. In fact, at our recent Tuesday morning Bible breakfast, I heard some wonderful stories about faith and faithfulness. These are indeed stories that need to be shared throughout our congregational family. On the table in the narthex is a sign-up sheet for anyone (young and not-so-young) to sign up and share. Help is available, so do not shy away.

At this time in our congregational life, we need to hear these statements more than ever.

Please share.

Little Things / Little Needs

While it's true Gloria Dei has big needs and much of our attention is rightfully focused there, we also have some smaller, littler needs that would enhance our experience. Some of the items listed have an estimated cost, others do not. Some items can be purchased and completed, other items will require some effort and teamwork. If you feel called or compelled to help with any of these items or projects, please let Dave or Ann (in the Church office) know before proceeding.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Ball-park price</u>
Portable / Home Communion Kit	\$35
Eternity Light (electric or battery)	\$500
Three 3" Candle followers for altar candles	3 x \$60
A few new banners (Red, Green)	\$50 each???
Activity Bags for our kiddos during worship	???
Display Screen for our projector (Worship)	???
Sign-up Stations to be installed in the Narthex	???
New Communion Set (2 Chalices & 1 Ciborium)	\$180

This is not a finite list, but a start. As we continue working together, we will come up with other projects and 'wants'. (Don't tell anyone, but I do see the need for an interior paint job in the not too distant future). Any other ideas for the little things that could make a difference?



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ecumenical Worship Service—**August 12**

At Kiel Picnic

Bake Sale – **August 31**

Chilton Farmers Market

Congregational Picnic – **September 9th**

in conjunction with Rally Sunday

Rummage Sale – **September 15th**

Fall Fun Fest – **October 27th**

Women's Retreat – **December 8th**

The Portable/Home Communion Kit has been crossed the list of Little Things/Little Needs. This is because there was an anonymous congregational member donated this to the Church. A big Thank you goes out to the member that made the donation. This was greatly appreciated.



BAKE SALE JUNE 2018

Church Bake Sale, of course it rained that Friday. We had a delicious selection of baked goods. Thank you to all our wonderful bakers, Ruth Camomilli, Becca Zimmermann, the Hobans, Donna Lee, Karen Ebert, Bev Thoma, Diane Fett, Karren Cobble, Tina Puro, Pat Jensen, Sue Erickson and anyone else whom may have baked and transported I didn't get their names.

Thank you to the set up & workers of the Bake Sale, Becca and Zoey Zimmermann, Donna Lee, Karen & Al Ebert, Dick Welch, Roxy Rueckel, Diane Fett.

The Bake Sale raised \$297.32. \$267.32 for the Capital Campaign fund, & \$30.00 for undesignated Benevolence. The next bake sale was held on July 13th at the Kiel Shopko.

JULY BAKE SALE

Church bake sale had a lot of delicious baked goods. Thank you to all of our bakers, Meyers, Hobans, Puro's, Zimmermann families, Gladys Rickert, Donna Lee, Pat Jensen, Tara Leithold, Karen Ebert, Donna Lee, and anyone else whom may have baked and transported I didn't get their names.

Thank you to the set up & workers of the Bake Sale, Becca and Zoey Zimmermann, Jerry & Pat Jensen, Julie Schaefer. Also to Donna Lee and Dave Kohls for looking for the missing New Yellow church banner.

Thank you to Kiel Shopko for moving us into their entrance when the rain storm moved in, for our safety and the bake sale could continue.

The Bake Sale raised \$459.05. \$413.05 for the Capital Campaign fund, & \$46.00 for undesignated Benevolence.

Look for the next signup sheet in the Narthex for August 31st Bake Sale held @ the Chilton Farmers Market located in the Eagles Club Parking lot.

Yours in Christ

Pat Jensen

July Liturgy Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: David Kohls; Doug Everson, Karen Ebert, and Raeline Springstroh

Action Items:

action items from previous months still in process:	Grow this committee: We discussed personally inviting members to join us. <i>No movement, continued action needed</i> Dry Cleaning of window hanging behind alter <i>Barb will see that this is completed before end of August.</i>	Raeline Barb
Set up fellowship on July 29 th Rachel Barrett's last service for a while.	Bakery and coffee following services	Raeline
Kiel Ecumenical service	No service at Gloria Dei on Aug. 12. Congregational will be encouraged to attend Kiel Ecumenical service at the park	
Reviewed the Responsibilities of the Worship Team.	Will add that in the absence of a Pastor this committee will work with Director of Ministry. We will also begin to draft a mission statement for this committee	Raeline

The liturgy & worship committee meeting was opened with a prayer. We reviewed the confirmed and tentative schedule through Sept. Pastor Schultz is taking on the majority of Sunday Services, while Dave continues to lead the Wednesday services. Sunday July 22nd will be contemporary music with Dave being installed as Director of Ministry. VBC will be held week of Aug. 8th. A short discussion was held on the need to review spellings of members names when we put out the helper's schedule. Some names have been misspelled recently. Dave was not able to connect with the director of the Valders' Praise Band. Barb was excused from meeting but stated in email to Raeline that she will have large drapery behind alter dry cleaned and back up before end of August. There is money in the budget set aside for this. We closed with a prayer.

Next meeting will be August 20th, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Raeline Springstroh
Worship and Liturgy Chairperson

Ministry Sign-Up Table: As you look around in the Narthex, you'll see that all of our sign-up sheets for upcoming events have been moved. Please review and sign-up, as your heart allows. If nobody signs-up for an event, it may be canceled.

Piggly Wiggly Receipts

Your receipts from Piggly Wiggly from both Kiel and New Holstein can be placed in the basket in the narthex. Both stores allow us to turn in receipts to get the same non-profit donation as purchasing SCRIP gift cards. **Receipts from purchases using gift cards are not eligible.**



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 7pm Worship	<i>2</i> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 9am Worship Noisy Change Offering Sunday	<i>6</i> 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<i>7</i> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel	<i>8</i> 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 7pm Worship	<i>9</i> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
VACTION BIBLE CAMP AT GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH						
<i>12</i> No Worship at Gloria Dei Ecumenical Worship Service at the Kiel Picnic	<i>13</i> 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<i>14</i> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel 6pm Council Mtg.	<i>15</i> 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 7pm Worship	<i>16</i> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 9am Worship Temple Talk Sunday	<i>20</i> 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Music & Worship Committee Meeting	<i>21</i> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel	<i>22</i> 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 7pm Worship	<i>23</i> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9am Worship Food Pantry Sunday	<i>27</i> 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<i>28</i> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel	<i>29</i> 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 7pm Worship	<i>30</i> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<i>31</i>	

WORSHIP HELPERS LIST

Date	Communion Assist	Communion Set-Up	Greeter(s)	Reader	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Penny Counter(s)
08/05/2018	Gary Meyer	Tina Puro	Jerry & Pat Jensen	David Leithold	Kathy & Dick Welsch	Anne Puro	Pat & Jerry Jensen
08/12/2018	Ecumenical Worship	Service at the Kiel Picnic	Service at the Kiel Picnic				
08/19/2018	Anne Sellen	Julie Schumacher	Gladys & Scott Rickert	Scott Rickert	Allan & Dianne Fett	Eloise Rickert-Bartz	Anne Sellen
08/26/2018	Barb Spiegel	Barb Spiegel	Amy & Jeremiah Schaefer Family	Anne Sellen	Anne Sellen & Wayne Zwart	Sara Hoban	Jennica Krebsbach
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09/02/2018	Dick Welsch	Colleen Anderson	Bev Thoma	Kathy Welsch	Coleen Allee & Matt April	Braden April	Pat & Jerry Jensen
09/09/2018	Jaclyn Schreiner	Jaclyn Schreiner	Eric—Tina Puro Family	Tina Puro	Gary & Tyler Meyer	Zoe Zimmerman	Karren & Jaremy Cobble
09/16/2018	Becca Zimmerman	Karen Ebert	Kathy & Dick Welsch	Dick Welsch	Andy & Colleen Anderson	Zoe Zimmerman	Pat & Jerry Jensen
09/23/2018	Coleen Allee	Dianne Fett	Zimmerman Family	Barb Spiegel	Dianne & Allan Fett	Anne Puro	Anne Sellen
09/30/2018	Colleen Anderson	Tina Puro	Wayne Zwart	Miki Wise	Cheryl & Craig Heller	Eloise Rickert-Bartz	Jennica Krebsbach