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THE DEILY NEWS

February 2019

Give Our Lives to God

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 2—Youth Group Movie Night

Feb. 3— 9am Worship
Noisy Change Offering Sunday

Feb. 6 – 5:25pm Confirmation Class
6pm Choir Practice
7pm Worship

Feb. 10 — 9am Worship
Name Tag Sunday

Feb. 11 – 6:30pm Music & Worship
Committee Meeting

Feb. 12 – 6pm Council Meeting

Feb. 13 – 5:25pm Confirmation Class
6pm Choir Practice
7pm Worship

Feb. 17 – 9am Worship
Temple Talk
World Think Day

Feb. 20 – 5:25pm Confirmation Class
6pm Choir Practice
7pm Worship

Feb. 23—5 pm Empty Bowls

Feb. 24 – 9am Worship
Food Pantry Sunday

Feb. 27 – 5:25pm Confirmation Class
6pm Choir Practice
7pm Worship

By the time we read this message, the Annual Meeting will be over, the elections for various offices and supporting assignments have been decided, and the budget approved. We can now put the auto-pilot on and coast for the next few months, right? I would love to say yes, but there is still work ahead of us, if we still believe that “Our Future Is Now” and further believe that Gloria Dei is worth saving.

Time and Talent requests are available for everyone to complete. We need our usual cast of helpers for Sunday morning, a church that needs periodic cleaning, coffee to be prepared and served, helpers for Sunday School, adults to help in our youth group programming, brats to fry, baked goods to bake, snow to be shoveled, and the list goes on and on. Therefore, until Lent begins, the theme of our messages for January and February will embrace the idea of our time and talents. Read what the Apostle Paul writes to the Roman people (12:1-8):

“So brothers, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him. This is the spiritual way for you to worship. ² Do not be shaped by this world. Instead be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you. And you will be able to know what is good and pleasing to God and what is perfect. ³ God has given me a special gift. That is why I have something to say to everyone among you. Do not think that you are better than you are. You must see yourself as you really are. Decide what you are by the amount of faith God has given you. ⁴ Each one of us has a body, and that body has many parts. These parts all have different uses. ⁵ In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body. And each part belongs to all the other parts. ⁶ We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace that God gave us. If

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one has the gift of prophecy, he should use that gift with the faith he has. ⁷ If one has the gift of serving, he should serve. If one has the gift of teaching, he should teach. ⁸ If one has the gift of encouraging others, he should encourage. If one has the gift of giving to others, he should give freely. If one has the gift of being a leader, he should try hard when he leads. If one has the gift of showing kindness to others, that person should do so with joy."

Paul urged everyone to live lives of service, just as Christ reminded each of us that through service we demonstrate our love for each other. Each and every person has at least one gift that the church would gladly utilize, if your love and willingness to share are indeed Christ-rooted. Just think of all the good things and good gifts God has given each of us; "...ourselves, our time, and our possessions." And since we are all a family, one person does not have to do it all, but if each person were to take one hour per month to help with something (and yes on your own timetable), the results would be collectively noticeable.

I've heard people ask, "What needs to be done?" The simple answer is, just look around and see what might be out of order or out of place. Ask yourself, would you accept "this condition" (whatever 'this' is), in your own home? For those looking for specifics, the following is a very partial list of what I observed casually walking around our church home;

Just vacuuming the altar area, (ever notice the flies?)

Vacuum the congregational seating area.

Put the hymnals / songbooks back into the racks and make sure each pew has everything needed.

Remove cobwebs all around the building.

How about putting the dishes away that are stacked up on the drying rack in the kitchen

Wash the floor in the two bathrooms

Wipe down the sink / countertop / toilets in the restrooms

Walk around to see if all the lights are working and replace burned out bulbs

Wash the main windows, particularly on the glass entrance ways.

Vacuum the Narthex or the Fireplace room or the social center

Look at general tidiness. (What would a visitor think if they walked in and saw what your saw?)

I could keep the list going and none of these items costs a dime, just an hour or so of your time. If there is a cleaning supply needed, get it and turn the receipt in for reimbursement or let Ann or me know and we will make sure to have what we need. If it is truly impossible for you to help in one of these ways, have you turned to prayer, asking God to awaken the hearts who can perform these tasks.

Maybe cleaning isn't your 'thing'. Have you always wanted a new Bible Study series or some other study forum? Take the lead and organize one. Is there a special ministry that is close to your heart, let's try to get it off the ground. There may be others thinking like you. How about lending a hand to Becca and the youth group. Or agreeing to teach a Sunday School class, allowing the Hobans to get a break. Again, the list seems endless.

I understand that life is not the way it was 30 or 20 or even 10 years ago. However, have we consciously turned too far away from our spiritual / religious life? Years ago, the church was the central hub for activity and social connections. Now it appears the church is becoming a sort of 'nuisance'.

While we don't want to live in the past or worry about the future, what talents and gifts can be used today to help make Gloria Dei relevant for today? Is there a skill or talent that you have which could be shared with others? Does anyone like to knit? Perhaps a knitting circle could be developed. How about an exercise group that walks the hallways? Are there any wannabe artistic painters here that would like to paint or draw, just to be social? Again, the list seems endless.

I realize this article has again gone on too long (smile). But, I urge you pray for guidance on how to use and share your gifts / talents. They were given to us by God out of love. And remember that God does love each of you and, so do I.

Assisting Ministers – A New Ministry for Gloria Dei

You may have seen in recent Weekly Announcements that a “Help Wanted” ad was posted for any interested in becoming an Assisting Minister. This is another way for individuals to provide volunteer service to Gloria Dei. Not all Worship Leaders are gifted in leading liturgy and prayers. The Assisting Minister role leads the congregation in all aspects of the service (except for preaching and presiding at Communion). Just like the Communion Assistant helps the pastor with Communion, the Assisting Minister helps the Pastor through leading the liturgy. For those who would like to explore this opportunity, please let the church office or Dave know. Training and mentoring is gladly available.



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.



Choir Practice will be every Wednesday, @ 6:00 pm. If you would like to share your vocal talents please join in.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Looking for volunteers to help keep the church clean. There is a sign up sheet on the

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

DINNER THEATER IS LOOKING FOR A COOK!

Steffi Sabel will not be able to cook for the dinner theater this year so I am looking for a person or persons who might be interested. We have 5 shows, May 3,4,5,10 & 11. The 5th of May will be a matinee. If you have any questions you can contact me at 920-286-1367. We certainly are hoping we can find someone so the tradition of the dinner theater can continue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dianne Fett
Not Yet Ready for Divine Time Players

Gloria Dei Church Council - Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2019 - 6:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Annette Pleshek

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Joe and he opened with prayer of thanks.

Approval of Agenda: Motion Dave, second Coleen to accept agenda. Passed

Approval of Minutes (Dec 11, 2018): Motion Jerry, second Karen to accept minutes with change to time and ink color of a name. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Motion Jerry, second Barb to accept minutes are presented.

David provided detailed information regarding the 2019 Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting. There will be another budget workshop after worship on Jan.20th explaining the formulation of the proposed budget.

Monthly Revenue 2018											
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
6742	7849	8056	7767	6707	6781	7431	6122	6693	6733	8782	9778
Monthly Expenses 2018											
7175	7416	6837	7581	6502	6561	7751	6968	6544	8180	7371	12212
Checkbook Balance 2018											
20419	20853	22937	24587	26668	27533	24988	24988	26035	17759**	19297**	16963* *
Capital Fund Balance 2018 – YTD											
235	670	1380	2090	2488	3083	4871	5021	6705	7130	9835	11523
Memorial Fund Balance 2018											
1036	1036	1036	1036	1036	1036	1036	1036	1036	1036	1036	1036
In-Kind Giving Balance 2018											
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	32	419

**reflects available checking funds excluding Capital Fund donations

Committee Reports:

Worship: (Dave): Advent and Christmas went very well. Committee agreed to meet the Monday before council starting in February..

Education: (David): Children's Christmas Program went well. Sunday school has started in the New Year.

Outreach (Coleen): No updates

Buildings and Grounds (Sue): To date only 1 bid has been received for replacement of the heating/ac unit. Other vendors have been contacted to submit bids ASAP. Joe reiterated the importance of furnace/ac replacement in 2019. A new faucet has been installed in the kitchen.

Stewardship (Jerry): Deferred to David's comments regarding the 2019 Budget process.

Director of Ministries (David): There is a meeting Jan.10th in Valders with the Synod. The Action Team will attend. Pastor Jim has started inviting active members to schedule lunch with him. He is also contacting in-active members. The Membership updating process continues and membership will be updated after criteria information is collated. First Communion classes will be available to anyone wishing to signup. Confirmation date has yet to be determined.

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Old Business:

Empty Bowls- (Joe): Date for event is February 23, 2019. The bowls that were stored at the Kiel Middle School have disappeared. Enough bowls were created by Howards Grove students however. Other area churches will be contacted to donate soups. The event committee consists of Joe Janicek, Becca Zimmerman, Raeline Springstroh and Dianne Fett.

2. **Nominating Committee-**(Joe): Joe was happy to report that all positions on the ballot have been filled.

New Business:

Council Member Binders (Joe): The request had been made to set-up a standardized format for council binders for all members. This was the consensus: *Tab 1-* Constitution and by-laws. *Tab 2-* Council meeting minutes (2 yrs). *Tab 3-* Council Agenda (2 yrs). *Tab 4-* Treasurer's Report/Budget (2yrs). *Tab 5-* Our Church Family. *Tab 6-* Committee Reports for each liaison to council [Worship, Education, Out Reach, Buildings & Grounds, & Stewardship]. New Binders will be purchased for council members. The church secretary(Ann) is in the process of archiving old data.

Calendar Review:

Girl Scout Movie night – Jan.29th
Gloria Dei Annual Meeting – Jan. 30th
Youth Group Movie Night – Feb 2nd
Empty Bowls – Feb. 23rd
Ash Wednesday – March 6th.

Temple Talk-

Dave Kohls – Faith Budgeting

The meeting was closed with The Lord's prayer.

Motion to adjourn Karen, second Coleen, passed.

Date and time for next meeting: February 12, 2019@ 6:00 p.m.

Potluck meeting thanking members leaving and welcoming those coming onto council.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Spiegel

Minutes are subject to council approval at the February meeting **Old Business:**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Youth Group Movie Night—**February 2, 2019**

World Thinking Day—**February 17, 2019**

Empty Bowls —**February 23, 2019**

Ash Wednesday—**March 6, 2019**

Palm Sunday —**April 14, 2019**

Easter Sunday —**April 21, 2019**

Confirmation Sunday —**May 19, 2019**



New Member Orientation Class

We have several people who are interested in becoming members of Gloria Dei, I will host a New Member Orientation Class for Wednesday February 20 following evening worship. This orientation will take less than an hour, but is important. Please let Dave or Ann (in the church office) know that you are interested and not yet been approached by either Dave or Pastor Jim. The service of welcoming will take place on Sunday February 24, where our theme for the day is 'Mercy'. There will also be another New Member Orientation Class coming in March. The dates are yet to be determined. We give thanks and glory to God that we are in a position to accept the growth.

Soup and Grilled Cheese Lenten Suppers

Beginning on Wednesday March 6 (Ash Wednesday) and continuing each Wednesday of Lent (The Mission Table), we will again offer Soup and Dave's Grilled Cheese Sandwiches. We had a lot of fun and social time last year, because when we meet, we must eat! So, please plan on joining us for soup and grilled cheese from 5pm until 6:30pm. We will also be looking forward to anyone who wishes to make soup and provide other supplies. A sign-up for soup and grilled cheese supplies will be on the Ministry Opportunities Table. Check it out!



Gloria Dei Worship and Liturgy Meeting Minutes

Jan. 14th, 2019



Present: Dave Kohls, Barb Spiegel, and Raeline Springstroh

Excused: Doug Everson, Karen Ebert

Dave opened us with a prayer.

Review of last month's minutes showed only outstanding action item was Time and Talent sheets. There are more sheets now available. Members have been encouraged to complete and sheet and return them in the collection baskets. Ann and Barb will work together to assign members to committees or tasks they are interested in. All seasonal decorations have been removed and stored. Thank you to all that assisted with taking down the tree and other decorations!

Reviewed the Director of Ministry Report. (See attached) Alter linens and banners will change to green after service on January 27th. Will remain green until Transfiguration Sunday when they will change to white.

We then reviewed the Lenten Schedule. Pastor Liddle will do the majority of Sunday Services; while Dave will continue to do the majority of the Wednesday services. We will do Holden again on Wednesdays, but the message on Sunday and Wednesday will be related to the "Mission Table". Dave would like to do a Sedar Meal on Maundy Thursday. We will discuss this further; however, we will do the soup and sandwich meals on Wednesdays before service in lent. Barb will order palms shortly.

We will have 2 services on Good Friday, a service of reflection from Noon until 1:00 with a service on "Restoring the Table" at 8:00pm on Good Friday.

Looking ahead:

We will need 3 Readers on Palm Sunday- The children of the congregation will process in with the palms.
3 Readers for Good Friday
Someone to carry the Candle in for Processional on Easter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. – Raeline led closing prayer.

Next meeting will be February 11th at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Raeline Springstroh

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**



Last Call For Anyone Wanting a "First Communion" Preparation Class

If you feel any of your children or grandchildren are ready for their First Communion, classes are required. The final date for sign-up is Sunday February 17. This will allow sufficient time to get the materials needed and have the classwork done in time for our Palm Sunday – First Communion Service. This is a once per year offering. The next offering of First Communion classes will be in 2020.

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Youth Group Movie Night
3 9am Worship Noisy Change Offering Sunday	4 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	5 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel	6 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. Confirmation Class 5:25 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm. 7pm Worship	7 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	8	9
10 9am Worship Name Tag Sunday	11 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Music & Worship Committee	12 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel 6pm Council Mtg.	13 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. Confirmation Class 5:25 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm. 7pm Worship	14 VALENTINES DAY 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	15	16
17 9am Worship Temple Talk Sunday World Think Day	18 PRESIDENTS' DAY 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	19 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel	20 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. Confirmation Class 5:25 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm. 7pm Worship	21 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	22	23 Empty Bowls 5:00 PM
24 9am Worship Food Pantry Sunday	25 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	26 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel	27 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. Confirmation Class 5:25 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm. 7pm Worship	28 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.		



WORSHIP HELPERS LIST

Date	Communion Assist	Communion Set-Up	Greeter(s)	Reader	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Penny Counter(s)
02/03/2019	Dianne Fett	Dianne Fett	Aprill Family	Kathy Welsch	Pat & Jerry Jensen	Eloise Rickert-Bartz	Allan Fett
02/10/2019	Cheryl Heller	Karen Ebert	Argall Family	Dick Welsch	Kathy & Dick Welsch	Tyler Jeanty	Anne Sellen
02/17/2019	Allan Fett	Hoban Family	Aschenbach Family	Miki Wise	David Leithold & Gary Meyer	Annalee Puro	Jennica Krebsbach
02/24/2019	Karen Ebert	Julie Schumacher	Karen & Al Ebert	Becca Zimmerman	Wayne Zwart & Coleen Allee	Noah Schumacher	Karren & Jaremy Cobble
03/03/2019	Anne Sellen	Tina Puro	Cheryl & Craig Heller	Coleen Allee	Matt Aprill & Jaremy Cobble	Annalee Pruo	Pat & Jerry Jensen
03/10/2019	Barb Spiegel	Barb Spiegel	Michael Hetzner	Tim Argall	Allan & Dianne Fett	Sara Hoban	Allan Fett
03/17/2019	Dick Welsch	Dianne Fett	Hoban Family	Jaremy Cobble	Cheryl & Craig Heller	Alex Jeanty	Anne Sellen
03/24/2019	Becca Zimmerman	Karen Ebert	Jeanty Family	Karen Ebert	Gary Meyer & David Leithold	Zoe Zimmerman	Jennica Krebsbach
03/31/2019	Coleen Allee	Hoban Family	Pat & Jerry Jensen	Allan Fett	Pat & Jerry Jensen	Braden April	Karren & Jaremy Cobble