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THE DAILY NEWS

June 2019

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 2 — 9am Worship**
Nolsy Change Offering Sunday
Temple Talk Sunday
- June 5 — 7pm Worship**
- June 9 — 9am Worship—Pentecost Sunday**
Name Tag Sunday
- June 10—6:30pm Music & Worship**
Committee Meeting
- June 11 — 6pm Council Meeting**
- June 12 — 7 pm Worship**
- June 14—Bake Sale**
Flag Day
- June 16 — 9am Worship—Trinity Sunday**
Father's Day
- June 19 — 7pm Worship**
- June 23 — 9am Worship**
Food Pantry Sunday
- June 26—7pm Worship**
- June 30—9am Worship**

IT'S JUNE!

Taking a big breath... over the last seven months we went from Thanksgiving to Advent to Christmas; after which, we got a break during Epiphany, but then into Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and most recently into Confirmation. That is a lot of intense and varied themes covered in a relatively short period of time. In fact, many churches are already planning special serviced for the Feast of Pentecost (which is the third major church holiday behind Christmas and Easter). But what about Ascension? It saddens my heart that Christians pay so little attention to the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. There is considerable importance to that part of the story as well. In today's world, Ascension barely gets a cold footnote of discussion. Take a look at Luke's Gospel, which is assigned for Ascension this year and you'll see what I mean.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

In the assigned gospel for the day, the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses

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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 beauty and color to the table. We also thank Becca for Providing a fresh look to the Kiosk

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throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

That last paragraph sounds pretty good doesn't it? I confess, those words come from the introduction for the Ascension Day service. So, here's my question to all of us; "How many people have we proclaimed God's Word to and shared the Good News of Easter with or are we just looking up into the sky, waiting for God to take care of it for us? Each day there are new opportunities, usually found almost always right in front of us. And when the possible opportunity arises, we start begin summoning up some courage, and then... thinking and rationalizing take over and (sigh) we end up allowing this so called 'better judgment' to take over our minds and talk us out of sharing the news with others. And the "What if..." game is now in-play. What if they don't like what I said? What if I offend them? What if they attempt to correct me? What if... ???

Perhaps we're scared to share because we are not confident in our own faith? Ponder that for a moment... Go ahead and ponder, I'll wait for you to finish... If we are confident in our own faith, sharing the Good News becomes less scary. Perhaps we need develop more confidence in our faith? Perhaps, that's where coming to church regularly helps. By coming to church, we get the opportunity to practice how to share and how to love with our congregational family. In theory, this should build up our

confidence, so that we can go out into the world and bring the Good News to the thousands in our local communities who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. (Yes, I said thousands.) Ponder those thoughts a little bit longer, but at the same time, try not to let the busy-ness of the day interfere with the confident sharing of the Good News. After you've tried it once or twice, it does get a little easier (this comes from first-hand experience). See you in church!



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



Save the Dates Vacation Bible Camp

July 15 — July 19, 2019

**Registration Sheets are available on the table
in the Narthex**

Kindergarten---6th Grade

Lead by Crossways Counselors

The kids learn about God through many fun activities such as songs, skits, and lessons.

For more information see Gloria Dei's web site <http://www.gloriadeilc.com/growing-in-faith/vacation-bible-camp/>.

HELP NEEDED

VBC is just around the corner and we need you! Can you help make lunch for the campers? Are you able to host the 3 wonderful counselors that come teach the kiddos? Would you like sponsor the \$50 fee for the Arndt family animal program that is coming to present? The program will run July 15-19. Please contact Laura Hoban to help out. 920-286-1687 lauraehoban@gmail.com. Thank you! We appreciate you!

I would like to personally THANK EVERYONE who helped in anyway with the dinner part of the Dinner Theater! I never could have done it without all of you! A special shout out goes out to: Coleen, Zoe, Greg, Ruth, Donna, Gladys, Bev, David, Jan, Dr. Mike, Dave, Pastor Jim, Joe, Rhea, Penny, Adam, Kira, and of course ALL THE BAKERS who donated deserts! (if I have missed anyone, I apologize) Again, THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!!! Roxie Ruechel

Gloria Dei - WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



Volunteer Opportunities to help at the
Elkhart Lake Lions Club at Road America

Dates:

SATURDAY, June 1st

MotoAmerica (AMA) Series presents
the Dunlop Championship (Super Bikes)

AND

SATURDAY, July 20th

The Weathertech® International Challenge with Brian Redman
presented by Hawk (Vintage Cars)

We are looking for 5-6 adults and/or students to help from
10:45am until 4:30 – 5:00pm (depending on race
schedule). Students should be at least 16. A sign-up sheet is in
the narthex. If you have questions, please talk to
Roxie Ruechel. This is a really fun event to help staff the food
booth for the Lions Club and make
a little money for Gloria Dei LC.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

THANK YOU!!



Would you consider volunteering to set up communion? Our list of individuals willing to perform this function is getting smaller. We would appreciate having more volunteers, in order for Gloria Dei to continue having weekly communion. The process is relatively simple, requiring set-up before and clean-up after worship.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer. Please contact Dave Kohls, Raeline Springstroh or Barb Spiegel.

Karen's Korner

It finally looks and feels like Spring. Have you heard the bees? All the busy bees at Gloria Dei. In the last month those busy bees have put on another great Divine Time Players performance, conducted a successful brat fry, and put together the most productive bake sale yet. Council would like to send all of them a bouquet of spring blooms for all their hard work!

I'm wondering what the congregation sees as the results of all that hard work. Of course it is financial gain and heaven knows that is a blessing. But I hope you are also seeing the fact that we are touching people's lives by simply being present with them in the moment. Isn't that one of the ways we Make Christ Known? Those activities are examples of faith in motion!

I know that there are also many individuals and committees within our congregation that are also working hard and perhaps may not receive as much attention. Will you help me out? If you know one of those people or groups, please say thank you and let them know they are appreciated! Spring Blessings to all.

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.**



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.

From Pastor Jim

I am writing this article to cover several things. I'd like to give a brief summary of my **vacation**. I want to offer a group outing at **Mulberry Farms**. And I want to invite you to a weekly **Bible Study**.

My wife, Betty and I took a week's **vacation** in May. We went west to see Mount Rushmore, which neither of us had been before. While there we also saw Crazy Horse, the partially finished monument to indigenous people. Both were impressive.

But Betty and I have a taste for the unusual and weird. On the way to Mt. Rushmore, and the way back we also stopped at the Jolly Green Giant, the world's largest peace pipe, an 1880's wild west town, and, of course, Wall's drug store.

Our favorite stuffed animal, Miss Cow (some of you may remember her from the Mother's Day Children's Chat) went with us.

She enjoyed her adventure, and we have pictures of her riding a stage coach, riding horses, meeting a giant bunny and being almost eaten by a shark.

My favorite part of the trip was driving through the badlands. The scenery was breath-taking.

The second thing I wanted to mention is that the church is planning a group trip to **Mulberry Farms** on Tuesday June 11. As I am writing this some details are still up in the air, but this much is clear.

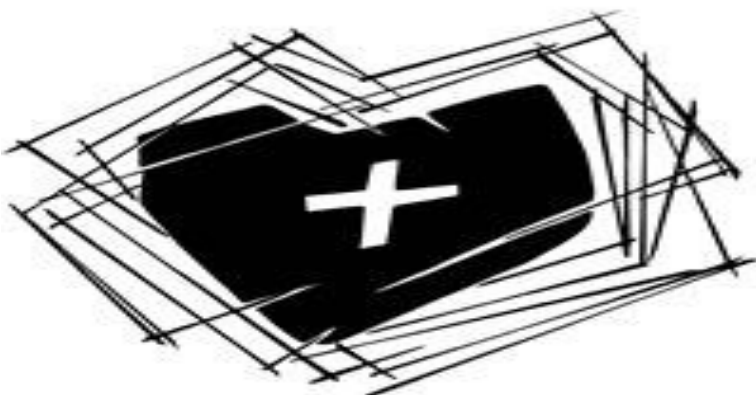
We will need at least 20 people interested to get a group rate. We will use family cars to arrive at the farm by 10:00 a.m.

The cost will be \$8-\$10 per person

But the church will pay ½ of that for children

There will be more details and a sign-up sheet in the near future.

Lastly, I am hoping to start a weekly **Bible Study** on Wednesday's at 5:30 at the church. The study will begin on Wednesday June 5. In preparation for the group, please read the first two chapters of Philippians. I will supply a snack or a one dish meal (pizza, sandwich, Waldorf salad, or along those lines.) I'd love to have you join us. If there is enough interest, we will consider starting a daytime Bible study as well.



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

Gloria Dei Church Council – May 14, 2019

Meeting - 6:00 pm

Present: Karen Ebert, Dianne Fett, Barb Spiegel, David Hoban, Dave Kohls, Ruth Camomilli, Julie Schaefer, Roxie Ruechel, Jerry Jensen

Call to Order and Opening Prayer –Barb opened with a prayer. The meeting was called to order at 6: 00PM

Approval of Meeting Agenda- Motion Barb second Julie to accept amended agenda. Carried.

Secretary's Report- Motion Jerry, second Dave to accept secretary's report as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report-

Monthly Revenue 2019											
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
7275	9720	8241	11874								
Monthly Expenses 2019											
9060	7683	8410	9156								
Checkbook Balance 2019											
155278	17748	16945	20444								
Capital Fund Balance 2019– YTD											
310	1107	3602	4597								
LMemorial Fund Balance 2019											
1036	1036	978	978								
In-Kind Giving Balance 2019											
0	4	73	58								

David presented treasure's report. Motion Barb, second Jerry to accept report as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Dinner Theater- (Dianne)- Everything went well. Dianne will step down as producer. Motion Dave, second Julie to congratulate Dianne on her 18 yrs with Devine Time Players.

Education- (David & Dave) - Sunday School concludes this Sunday until next fall. Planning for VBS will be posted in the upcoming newsletter. The Adult Tuesday morning Bible study continues. Jim will be starting a Wednesday afternoon (5:30p) Bible Study the first Wednesday in June.

Outreach/Fellowship-(Roxie) – **Highway Clean-up** rescheduled to May 25th. **Bake Sale** at HoneyMoon Aces was a success. Extra butter from Dinner Theater is in the freezer and available for bakers. **Road America** sign up for June 1st and July 20 will be posted in the narthex.

Property (Julie) Discussion regarding replacement of heating/AC unit. Motion Dave, second Dianne to proceed with replacing the failing furnace and AC unit for the office/Sunday School wing. The vendor with the best bid and timely installation will be awarded the contract. Carried. Julie will contact the vendor.

Stewardship/Long Range Planning -(Jerry) No report. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future

Worship-(Ruth) Met 5/13/19. Holy Week and Easter went well. The Tri-County Ministry Committee has requested Gloria Dei host the ecumenical Good Friday Service in 2020. This will be discussed at a later date.

Director of Ministries Report-(Dave) - A detailed typed report was provided. Discussion regarding repairing and/or maintenance of the swing set. Dave will evaluate. Building cleaning was discussed. A Fall work/cleaning day will be scheduled in September. Julie will follow-up on leak in men's restroom. The office computer monitor may need to be replaced in the near future.

Old Business

-**Financial Audit** – Audit committee met and audit has not yet been concluded. David will contact members.

-**Goals - Karen** asked Council members to prioritize the goals shared with her and return them to her for discussion at next's months meeting.

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New Business

-Constitution Update- Tabled to next month.

-Internal Business-

Council went into closed session. Motion Jerry, second Roxie to return to open session @ 7:15pm.

-Temple Talk- June 2nd Karen (Sunday) Dave (Wed)

- Calendar Review-

Highway Clean-up - May 25^h

Bake Sale @ TBD June 14 or 15

Confirmation - May 19

Road American – June 1st

Wednesday Evening Bible Study starting June 5th

-Property Concerns- discuss in Dave's report.

-Next Meeting June 11, 2019 6:00pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Vacation Bible Camp - **July 15-19, 2019**

Road America—**July 19, 2019**

Timber Rattler Baseball Game—**July 19, 2019**

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer Motion Dianne, second Julie to adjourn. Carried. 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Spiegel

Minutes are subject to council approval at the June meeting

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

The 18th annual Dinner Theater is in the books and we had another great year.

Although we didn't sell out the second weekend (we rarely do when we have both weekends in May) we had really nice crowds.

We would like to thank the special friends of Gloria Dei for their help and support:

Kit and Joe Botana, Rachel Siehs, Matt Dulmes, Jan Mauer, and Katherine Lindsey

And anyone else I may have inadvertently missed.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way especially the following people:

Cast: Kit Botana, Dianne Fett, Mike Hetzner, Joe Janicek, Brenda Kobs, Rachel Siehs, and Becca Zimmermann.

Director and Assistant to Director: Allan Fett and Zoe Zimmermann.

Lights: Nealy O'Brien and Allan Fett

Meal: Roxie Ruechel and staff

Table Setters: Bev Thoma and volunteers

Ticket Takers: Mike Hetzner and volunteers

Stage Crew: Joe Janicek and volunteers

Center Pieces, Programs, Tickets & Posters: Becca and Zoe Zimmerman

Table linens: Andy Anderson and the Marq

All the dessert makers and those who donated wine and food.

And last but not least thank you to the Gloria Dei congregation for letting us turn the sanctuary into a theater for 2 weeks. It is a great outreach ministry.

The Not Yet Ready for Divine Time Players



May 19, 2019 OUTREACH TEAM MEETING

Attending: Dianne Fett, Coleen Allee, Dave Kohls, Pastor Jim, Mike Hetzner; representing greeters-- Dick Welsch and Jerry Jensen.

Visitor Liaison. Greeters are being asked at each worship service to identify visitors and encourage them to sign the guest book on the lectern near the worship area entrance and take a brochure. Emails reminders to greeters will include this task. Each month a member for the Outreach Team will also do this: Coleen volunteered for June, Mike for July, and Coleen for August.

Raeline is delivering one loaf of bread each month to visitors.

Brat fry, hosted by Raeline and Hugh Springstroh, with assistance from Pastor Jim and Ann Sellen, April 27 at New Holstein Piggly Wiggly, despite a cold and wet Saturday, raised more than \$500. With this a \$50 food donation was made to New Holstein food pantry and the rest to Gloria Dei pastor fund for purchase of altar supplies.

Bake sale, chaired by Pat Jensen, May 10 at Honeymoon Acres raised about \$700 for Capitol Fund, with 10% going to benevolence. Patrons appreciated information about Gloria Dei.

Highway Cleanup May 25 was completed by Jim and Julie Herschleb, Gary Meyer, and Mike and Mark Hetzner.

Road America volunteers (6) are needed for June 1 and July 20. Contact Roxie Ruechel.

NEW IDEAS: Jim will bring ideas for outreach to "different" people. Dianne will contact Mike at Christian thrift store in New Holstein regarding outreach opportunities there. Greg Ruechel would like to see another "Feeding the 5000" event at GD, similar to the Simply Hope project we did several years ago, possibly including a run.

next meeting September 8





Bake Sale News

The first bake sale of the season was held at Honeymoon Acres on Friday, May 10th. These bake sales are held to support our Capitol Fund Drive with ten percent going to benevolence. This bake sale was a huge success. Total earned \$704.30: \$533.87 to the Capital Campaign Fund, \$70.43 to undesignated Benevolence, \$100.00 retained for the change fund for future bake sales. More bakers than ever stepped forward and provided a wonderful variety of treats. Thank you to all the bakers, and those who helped set up the booth and staff it during the day.

It was interesting that many people asked questions about Gloria Dei. We had Gloria Dei signs up and informational cards available. So our outreach, in this case, served more than one purpose. Can't get better than that!

Gloria Dei Worship and Liturgy Meeting Minutes

May 13th, 2019

Present: Dave Kohls, Barb S., Doug E., Ruth C., and Raeline S.

A short but productive meeting was held on Monday May 13th. Ruth opened us with a prayer at 6:30pm. A short recap was given by Dave on Holy Week. Very positive feedback was received from congregation members on the services. Dinner Theater has wrapped up for 2019. We will hang banners and check the sacristy to ensure everything is prepared and ready for Wednesday evening service this week. Alter linens and banners will be changed out for the upcoming special services:

May 19th colors will change to red

May 26th colors will change to white

June 2nd will be a special service to honor graduates

June 9 Pentecost (Red)

June 16th will change to white

June 23rd we will change to green. Raeline and Hugh Springstroh will take care of changing out alter colors.

Dave also gave an update on the Tri-county Ministry Committee. They have requested that the Good Friday ecumenical service be held at Gloria Dei in 2020. We will have more on the details of this in the upcoming months.

Raeline adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Raeline Springstroh



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Road America
2 9am Worship Noisy Change Offering Sunday Temple Talk Sunday	3 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	4 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel	5 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 5:30 pm Bible Study 7pm Worship	6 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	7	8
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WORSHIP HELPERS LIST

Date	Communion Assist	Communion Set-Up	Greeter(s)	Reader	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Penny Counter(s)
06/02/2019	David Leithold	Barb Spiegel	Coleen Allee	Joe Janicek	Julie & Jim Herschleb	Annalee Puro	Karren & Jaremy Cobble
06/09/2019	Dave Kohls	Karen Ebert	Aprill Family	Jennica Krebsbach	Pat & Jerry Jensen	Tyler Jeanty	Allan Fett
06/16/2019	Gary Meyer	Dianne Fett	Argall Family	David Leithold	David Leithold & Gary Meyer	Sarah Hoban	Julie Herschleb
06/23/2019	Nealey O'Brien	Hoban Family	Aschenbach Family	Tina Puro	Julie & Randy Schumacher	Noah Schumacher	Jerry & Pat Jensen
06/30/2019	Jaclyn Schreiner	Jaclyn Schreiner	Karen & Allan Ebert	Scott Rickert	Anne Sellern & Wayne Zwart	Eloise Rickert-Bartz	Jennica Krebsbach
07/07/2019	Randy Schumacher	Julie Schumacher	Cheryl & Craig Heller	Julie Schumacher	Kathy & Dick Welsch	Noah Schumacher	Anne Sellen
07/14/2019	Anne Sellen	Hoban Family	Julie & Jim Herschleb	Anne Sellen	Coleen Allee & Matt Aprill	Braden Aprill	Karren & Jaremy Cobble
07/21/2019	Barb Spiegel	Barb Spiegel	Michael Metzner	Barb Spiegel	Jaremy Cobble & David Leithold	Zoe Zimmerman	Allan Fett
07/28/2019	Dick Welsch	Karen Ebert	Hoban Family	Kathy Welsch	Allan & Dianne Fett	Annalee Puro	Julie Herschleb