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# THE DAILY NEWS

## October 2020

### Karen's Korner—October 2020

#### DATE TO REMEMBER

**10/04/2020** 9:00 AM Parking Lot Service – Rev. Harswick  
**10/11/2020** 9:00 AM Parking Lot Service – Rev. Harswick  
**10/13/2020** 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting  
**10/18/2020** 9:00 AM Parking Lot Service – Rev. Harswick  
**10/25/2020** 9:00 AM Parking Lot Service – Rev. Harswick

#### GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

10/4/2020 David Hoban  
 10/11/2020 Coleen Allee  
 10/18/2020 Karen Ebert  
 10/25/2020 Julie & Randy Schumacher

As the seasons change, so do our lives, and the events that surround us. I'm sure you have seen the touches of red and gold in the trees, and the flocks of geese beginning to fly in formation. My grandchildren have gone back to school, and I have started to dream about a get-away to warm places that might or might not happen. But one thing does not change, God's presence in our lives. Amid our joys and sorrows, and the pandemic playing havoc with our lives, God is holding fast to his promise to be with us always. That is reason to give daily thanks!

Gloria Dei has much to be thankful for in the midst of all the changes. We continue to worship in various forms. We give thanks for Pastor Harswick who has joined us as our interim pastor. I think you will find he is a good fit for Gloria Dei with his dedication to his call and service to the church, and his ever-present sense of humor. I am grateful for the present council that has stepped forward in many ways to keep us running smoothly. The task force deserves a high five for all the work they have done to see that our worship is safe when we can return to the building. All our committees continue to meet and plan. Thanks, and gratitude to our congregation members who remain faithful in their worship and their financial giving.

Speaking of committees and financial giving, the Stewardship Committee has met twice to plan our fall stewardship event. I am excited to see what they have planned. We have spent over three years of careful planning to stabilize and move Gloria Dei forward. We have taken the small steps Dave set out and encourage. We have now taken a big step in moving forward with Pastor Harswick as our interim pastor. Building maintenance is being done to enhance the worship atmosphere. Our mortgage payments are steady, but still present. All these steps are great, but we can't let down our guard. Giving will now be more important than ever. Please keep that in mind as we move into October and our Stewardship program.

If there is a glitch in all this goodness and steadfastness of God, it would be that there seems to be a decrease in the volunteer rate that has always been a puzzlement for Gloria Dei. I think this is something Pastor Jim would tell us – pray about what role you might help us with, listen for God's direction, and if called please step forward. With the possibility of returning to indoor worship even more help will be needed. I will keep in touch with you through announcements and next month's Korner. In the meantime, count your blessings, give thanks to God for his presence, stay safe, and enjoy the beautify of God's autumn season.

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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is pleased to welcome Reverend Roald Herswick as their interim pastor. His first Sunday to lead worship was September 20, 2020. Please join us for a Parking lot service so you can welcome Rev. Herswick in person.

### From the Pastor

Yes...my first name is Roald

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

I write this as your new Interim Pastor. I am 77 years old going on 55! Gloria Dei is the sixth congregation I have served, including congregations in Oshkosh, Green Bay, Manitowoc, Seymour, Marion, and now New Holstein.

The time spent in these Communities of Faith have varied from seven weeks to 29 years with the size of the congregation being from several hundred to several thousand. (My brother has told me he is not coming to anymore retirement events).

In all of these congregations I have found Gods Spirit to be leading the children of God. Different pathways have led to different ways of sharing the ministry of Jesus. All have proclaimed the wonderful news of the crucified and Risen Christ.

My wife Sharon is a retired Elementary School Teacher and we live in De Pere. Our oldest son David is the executive Director of the Green Bay Educational Association and second son Mark is a licensed Family Therapist serving as an Employee Assistance Program Accounts Manager, living in De Pere, and Telecommuting to his Denver office. Our Grand-Dog Sammi. Is a Golden Retriever who is spoiled (sound familiar)?

I am already being made to feel welcome and look forward to months (years?) of shared ministry with you!

Yes, my first name is Roald. Can you identify an author and or famous explorer with the same first name?

**Are you able to share your talents?** Are you a leader or would like to become one? The Outreach Committee is looking for someone to Chair the Outreach Committee. No experience necessary! If you are interested or would like to know more, please either contact Mike Hetzner ([mhetzner27@gmail.com](mailto:mhetzner27@gmail.com)) or Roxann Ruechel

**Gloria Dei's COVID 19 Task Force** (Michael Hetzner, Barb Spiegel, Coleen Allee, Julie Schaefer) is preparing a policy and procedures for return to worship, for Council to act on at its October's meeting. This includes a covenant and procedure for safe behavior entering, attending, and leaving indoor events which we will ask everyone to read and agree to before coming, procedures for keeping the building clean, and supplies to be provided including masks and cleaning supplies. The Task Force is monitoring COVID 19 data and coordinating with local health departments and ELCA to determine a recommended date for safe return to indoor worship, possibly later in September or October. Online and parking lot services will continue as weather permits as an option for anyone unable to attend indoors due to their health or personal preference.

Any members of Gloria Dei who wish to provide input regarding safe return to indoor worship are encouraged to contact any of the Task Force members.

## Gloria Dei Church Council - September 8, 2020 – 6pm

**Present:** Karen Ebert, Julie Schaefer, Barb Spiegel, David Hoban, Roxie Ruechel, Ruth Camomilli, Bryce Larson, & Nealey Janicek.  
**Visitor:** Pastor Roald Harswick

**Introduction to Pastor Roald Harswick-** We were introduced to Pastor Harswick at a 5:30 PM meal. Karen opened with prayer. She prepared a light supper; for which we thank her. A question and answer session with Pastor Harswick ensued.

**Call to Order & Opening Prayer** - Karen called the meeting to order at 6 PM and opened with a prayer

**Approval of Agenda-** Motion Julie, second Nealey to accept agenda. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report-** Motion Bryce, second Julie to accept secretary's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Motion Barb, second Bryce to send \$400 to the synod for mission support. Motion carried. Motion Barb second, Julie to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

**Education-(Karen)** Confirmation is in the organizational stage. Pastor Harswick will review information Pastor Jim had obtained and moved forward with confirmation. The how, when, and where are to be determined.

**Outreach-** Sunday is Pastor Jim's farewell get together after worship.

### Property

**Painting of church/shed-** (Bryce) Has yet to begin. The painter has been contacted and committed to be here this week.

**Shed repairs**(Bryce) – Dick Welsch and Terry Erickson will install a new door on the shed. It will be painted when the church is painted.

**Property line update-**(Barb) It was brought to council's attention that the Suttner property bordering church property is listed as an auction. Earlier this year Dennis Suttner was contacted regarding encroachment onto church property by the current renter. Kendal Thiel, Thiel Auction, was contacted. He was unaware of the contested boundary line. He will share that information with the prospective buyer. Mr. Thiel noted in viewing the county map of our property; that on the south boundary the renter is at least 15 feet over the boundary and on the eastern boundary more than 5 feet. He recommended marking the boundary with tall PVC poles. The pins have to be identified. Council consensus was to explore cost of marking pins with Meridian Surveying.

**Stewardship** - Meeting tomorrow night

**Worship-** (Barb) Met August 31<sup>st</sup>. Doug has chosen music for September. Pastor Harswick will be invited to next meeting. Tentatively scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Cleaning services-** David will contact cleaning person to clarify schedule with her. The cleaning person shared with another client of hers that she'd been schedule to clean weekly. No one on council was aware of the change.

### Old Business

**Constitution** – Karen met with Dick Welsch to review the constitution. Discussion. Motion Bryce, second Julie to send constitution to the synod for acceptance. Motion carried.

**Phone service-** Spectrum service is not available at the church. Mercurynet is available and is considerably less costly than Frontier. Barb will contact Mercurynet regarding switching and scheduling of the switch.

**Phone calls to congregation-**most council members are no longer making weekly calls. A note will be posted in the newsletter.

**Insurance provider-**Karen contacted Stewardship (Jerry Jensen) to explore cost of switching back to Church Mutual Insurance. She had not gotten a response from him.

### New Business –

**Task Force Report and possible action-** Michael Hetzer provided a detailed review of Task Force documents and plans. The Task Force will meet September 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of opening the doors for indoor worship. A recommendation will be made to council following the meeting.

**Time with Pastor Harswick-** Q&A period. Pastor will be in the office three days per week from approximately 10a-3p and Sunday worship; that may vary with the schedule of committee meeting. Motion Ruth, second Bryce to enter into a 6 month interim pastor agreement with Pastor Harswick. Motion carried.

Motion Nealey, second Bryce to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

*Barb Spiegel*

subject to approval at next council meeting

**Next Meeting October 13, 2020**

## Minutes from Worship and Liturgy Meeting

Monday 6:30pm August 31st, 2020



Present: Barb Speigel, Doug Everson, Nealy Janicek and Raeline Springstroh.

Raeline opened us with a prayer.

Sunday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> will be Pastor Jim's last Sunday with Gloria Dei. We will be hosting an interim pastor chosen by the synod until further notice. This committee will meet with the new Pastor and representative from Council to determine his preferences and direction going forward.

As for now, we will continue to with outdoor services probably through September. Once the church building is reopened at the direction of Council, we will switch to indoor services with airing "Facebook Live". Members can play back the Facebook Live at any time that is convenient for them to watch and participate in the service.

Doug has been working with the "new" donated organ. Raeline will post the very old piano and the unworking organ on Marketplace to see if we can get someone that would be interested in them.

Barb had put together the workflow process for setting up of the services and the roles of the worship helpers. This will be very useful for all members that assist with worship now and as we reopen the building. Barb closed us with a joyful pray of service.

Next meeting: Tentatively set for Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

*Raeline Springstroh*

### Prayer Support

Our prayer support list is growing, which is fine. We are happy to pray for anyone in need of our prayers. However a change is being made in that we will only use first names unless we have permission from the person being prayed for to use both first and last name. In addition we would ask that, if prayers are no longer needed, church be notified that the name may be removed from the weekly list. We will appreciate your help to keep praying for these people and in keeping the list up to date.



**Worship Helpers:** In the near future we will hopefully be reopening the doors at Gloria Dei for indoor worship. We will need a dedicated team for this to succeed. Some of the worship helper roles will change. We understand if you do not or will not feel comfortable worshipping indoors and respect your choice. We intend to have a "Facebook" live stream and well as the FM broadcast to the parking lot after moving back in the sanctuary.

**Help Needed:** Nealey and Barb would like to expand the number of individuals available to record and set-up the parking lot service. Detailed instructions have been developed and are in the laptop bag. They are also available as PDF's for review. Please contact Raeline, Nealey or Barb if you're willing to help.

## Thank You

The Gloria Dei Council extends a warm thank you to all of you who responded to our calls during the difficult early days of Covid 19 that shut down the in house worship services. We enjoyed visiting with you! At our October meeting we hope to set an opening date for worship in the building. Stay tuned. At that time it our hope to have indoor worship and other means to worship with us. For the foreseeable future the council will no longer be making phone calls or sending emails. Nevertheless we encourage you to contact us with any needs, concerns, or questions that you might have about our reopening. We are seeing this through together. God in Good.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

If you can help out with your Vocal talents for the recorded Sunday Worship Music. Please Contact Barb Spiegel email is [bas1217@yahoo.com](mailto:bas1217@yahoo.com). This would be a great way to show your support and contributing to the Weekly Worship. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.



## The Journey of a Chaplain – Part 2, September 2020

Sunday Aug 23; I'm in New Holstein yet and just finished packing my car – getting ready to go, but my car had other ideas. When I turned the key, all I heard was 'click, click, click...' That's not the way to start a new journey. Undaunted, I borrowed a neighbor's car and jumped the battery and away I went. (Yes there's more to this story)... I stopped in Fond du Lac for gas. After filling up, the battery was dead again. I was not a happy camper. So, after getting a jump at Kwik Trip, I went to Menards for a new battery. That seems to have done the trick. (Knocking on wood), so far, so good. I pray the rest of my first week is less eventful.

Monday Aug 24; Gundersen is telling me that the first three weeks will be mostly orientation and familiarization and really intense.

By the end of the first week, I had a major meltdown. I was almost ready to walk out and quit. I was told by my educator that the emotions I'm experiencing are pretty normal. He also assured me that I have all the necessary tools to be successful. This experience is intense.

After week two, I noticed that I had put in well over 50 hours at the hospital, plus the study and paper writing time. Additionally, I was cautioned by supervision about spending too much time with individual patients. I don't think a half-hour visit is too long, if the patient is doing most of the talking. However, I discovered there was a steady diet of push, push, push. In all honesty, I have not experienced anything this intense in over 20 years. I began asking myself, 'what the heck did I get myself in to?' I could feel the stress beginning to affect my health.

Week three, I noticed by Wednesday that I am absolutely miserable and dreading the process. I came back home to New Holstein that weekend and reached out to a Chaplain colleague of mine from Chilton and we talked. (Maybe I should say, I did 99% of the talking and he listened.) As I was talking, I came to the calm and less emotional decision that this was not the right place for me. I didn't want to admit that my stamina was too weak for this. I was afraid of what people might think of me, if I quit. But, I couldn't worry about that. I had to do what was right for me. And what was right for me was walking away. So on Tuesday September 15, I told my educator that I was leaving the program and coming back home to New Holstein. My last day in LaCrosse was September 18.

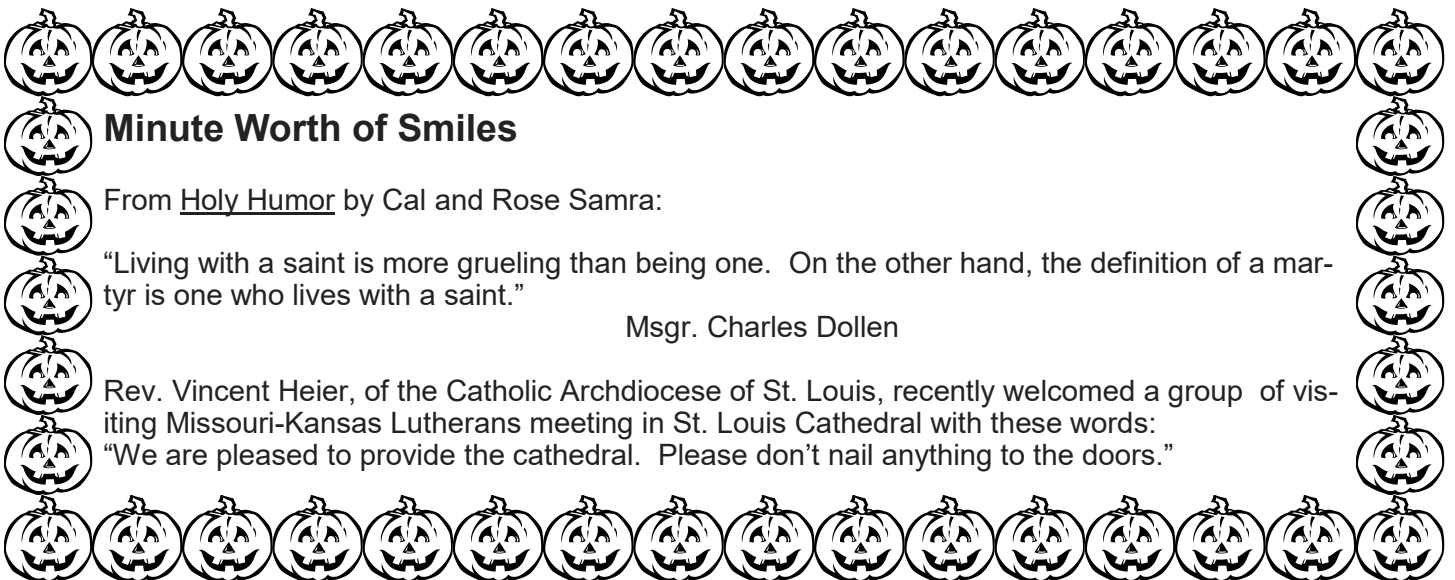
So now, what's next? I still feel the need and the call to continue my chaplaincy journey. I questioned myself. And then the answer arrived for me. I made arrangements to take another CPE class locally, using a slower method of learning. This is how I got my first class done. The local Educator is excited to have me back and called me, "courageous for making the attempt". While that decision will take care of the educational needs, my next really important mission will be to find some part time work.

The story will continue. The journey will continue. The need for prayers will continue. And no matter what, I consider myself blessed for attempting the journey. I am confident that God has a plan for me. I just need to quiet enough to allow God to tell me what it is.

As I said, the journey will continue. More next month!

Strength!

+ Dave Kohls



### Minute Worth of Smiles

From Holy Humor by Cal and Rose Samra:

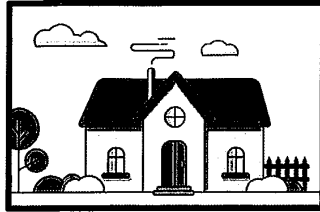
"Living with a saint is more grueling than being one. On the other hand, the definition of a martyr is one who lives with a saint."

Msgr. Charles Dollen

Rev. Vincent Heier, of the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis, recently welcomed a group of visiting Missouri-Kansas Lutherans meeting in St. Louis Cathedral with these words:

"We are pleased to provide the cathedral. Please don't nail anything to the doors."

# Holy Communion at Home



**Holy Communion** is a special meal we celebrate when we worship. The bread and wine become for us the body and blood of Christ through the proclamation of God's promise of mercy. While this is normally practiced in a public service of worship, in which the assembled congregation is led by an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament, in these days of the Coronavirus pandemic, such gatherings are not possible. Fasting from Holy Communion until we are able to worship together is one faithful response. Another faithful response would be to celebrate this meal at home.

As Lutherans, we understand that in a time of emergency, all baptized Christians may be authorized to administer the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Remembering also that Martin Luther provided the Small Catechism with the understanding that the home is the first church and the head of household the first pastor or teacher of the faith, we believe that it would be appropriate, during this time, for families to celebrate holy communion together in their homes.

This liturgy is designed for this use, and it is authorized by Bishop Erickson of the Greater Milwaukee Synod **only** during this unprecedented emergency, during which public worship gatherings are not allowed. Once these restrictions have ceased, we will joyfully return to our houses of worship to celebrate this meal together as the Church.

## Preparations

When preparing a space for the meal of Holy Communion, give thought to creating a worshipful atmosphere. Churches often use unleavened bread to recall the Israelites hurried exodus from Egypt, however any bread will do, along with a small cup of wine or grape juice. This liturgy is designed to be led by a designated leader, which can be any individual the assembled group selects. We believe the meal is celebrated after God's Word is heard, so you might read a passage of scripture together and discuss how God is speaking to you in the biblical story, listen to a recorded sermon, or tune into a livestream or radio service before leading this liturgy. Light a candle or two, and you are ready to begin.

## Holy Communion Liturgy

*Designated Leader:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

When our congregation gathered for Holy Communion with all the saints from every time and place, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The holy meal of the Lord's supper was shared.

**Now we share this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, that we may share in these same gifts and be strengthened by the Christian community, even though we gather separately for now.**

Let us confess our sins, all that we have done to hurt each other and ourselves, in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Pause for a moment of reflection.)*

Most merciful God, **We confess that we have messed up. With our words and our hands, we have not been kind to others or to our own selves. We are hopeless without your love. We are afraid of what could happen, and we forget that you are with us all the time to give us peace. We spend the night with worry instead of prayer. Forgive us again and fill us up with your abundant mercy.**

God is rich in mercy and love. No matter how much we fall short every day, God's love never runs out. Just as God's love is for us, so is the meal set before us. We are forgiven and ready to feast at the table, in the name of the one who died to set us free from the power of sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Or...**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver  
us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Communion Distribution**

Share the bread with each person, saying,  
"The body of Christ, given for you."

Then share the wine or grape juice with each person, saying,  
"The blood of Christ, shed for you."



### **Prayer After Communion**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send love to conquer fear, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

*Adapted from a liturgy written by the Rev. Lisa Lewton, St. John Lutheran Church, Dickinson, ND*

## Communion Bread Recipe

From Luther Seminary to your table

*(This recipe yields 4 loaves. The bread freezes well.)*

Sift dry ingredients together **three times**: (important!)

2 c whole wheat flour

1 c white flour

1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder

1 & 1/4 tsp salt

Stir in 4 tsp oil. Set aside.

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (minimum of 180 degrees F)

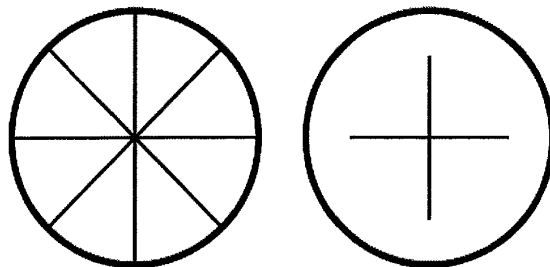
3 Tbsp honey

3 Tbsp molasses

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

Divide into four balls and flatten each into a 1/4-inch-thick disk.

With a knife, score the top of each loaf into eight pie-shaped sections, so that the sections can be more easily broken off while serving. Alternatively, you could score a cross onto the loaf.



Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with oil. Bake an additional 5-8 minutes. Let cool.