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THE DEILY NEWS

November 2020

Karen's Korner—November 2020

Adam and Eve were tossed out of the Garden of Eden.
 Noah endured a flood with who knows how many animals in his care.
 Abraham waited years for a son only to almost lose him on an altar of sacrifice.
 Moses wandered in the wilderness for forty years.
 Joseph was thrown into a pit by his own brothers.
 David faced a giant with only a sling shot.
 Paul was jailed for his belief time after time.

DATE TO REMEMBER

11/01/2020 Parking lot or Virtual worship 9:00 AM- All Saints Sunday
11/08/2020 Virtual worship by Facebook 9:00 AM - Commitment Sunday
11/10/2020 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting
11/15/2020 Virtual worship by Facebook 9:00 AM
11/18/2020 6:00 PM Confirmation Class
11/22/2020 Virtual worship by Facebook 9:00 AM
11/25/2020 Thanksgiving Eve Service 5:00 PM – Parking Lot
11/29/2020 Virtual worship by Facebook 9:00 AM – First Sunday in Advent

And the list goes on..... Today many of us despair over the length of this pandemic and devastation that has interrupted our lives. We see no end in sight. Some of us are following recommended guidelines to the max. Others are choosing to live as their conscious dictates. Every aspect of our lives has been affected. The Gloria Dei council has had to once again face the difficult decision of remaining closed or opening our doors on a limited basis for worship services. We know that many places of worship in our area have opened. Some remain

open, others have reclosed. Following synod guidelines, and taking into consideration the extremely high rate of infection in the counties we serve we have voted to err on the side of safety and remain closed for Sunday service. We understand that all our members may have different opinions on this. **We are asking you to be especially mindful of God's faithful people who in the past had enduring much in their walk with Him. Pray that He continue to walk with us in this time, and be assured of His plan to see His people through whatever comes their way. He is living this with us and if we let him, in us that we may continue to do His will in all things.**

As you should know by now, Sunday, November 1st will be our last outdoor service for the foreseeable future. Plans are being made to resume providing service in other ways. Stay tuned for more information. Over the last month or so the announcements have been asking for volunteers to serve in various ways to keep Gloria Dei up and running in many of our committees, activities, and services we provide for others. To date I am not aware that there have been any volunteers come forward in these areas. We are still the church that serves Christ. We still have work to do in our everyday life. No in church service does not mean we shut down our commission to go out and serve Christ. **We need you.**

And as for those whose faithful service has continued through this difficult period, we give you our heartfelt thanks: Barb and Neiley for finding new ways to improve our recorded services and recording them weekly. Our council and committees that carries on our individual duties and our corporate business – bless you. To those who greet, provide music, take care of Script, you are appreciated. For those of you who do helpful things unknown to us, God smiles.



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Gloria Dei Church Council Meeting - October 13, 2020

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

Visitor: Pastor Roald Harswick

Call to Order-Karen call the meeting to order at 6pm

Opening Prayer- Pastor Harswick opened with prayer

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

Secretary's Report- Motion David, second Julie to accept Secretary's report for September. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Motion Barb, second Nealey to accept Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Monthly Revenue 2020											
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
9605	9605	12296	10526	9729	9435	13756	8107	8640			
Monthly Expenses 2019											
8762	8603	8450	9685	8034	8476	9307	7077	9112			
Checkbook Balance 2019											
22260	17372	20518	20908	21148	21270	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Capital Fund Balance 2019- YTD											
1115	1295	1995	2445	3900	4735	6260	6525	6960			
Savings Account (Pentecostal rent) - YTD											
400(1600)	400(2000)	400(2400)	0(2400)								
Memorial Fund Balance 2019											
646	646	646	647	647	647	647	647	647			
In-Kind Giving Balance 2019											
10.35	20	60	0	0	0	33	14	0			

Pastor's Report-Pastor and Stewardship are revising material for this year. October 22nd Pastor has scheduled a meeting for the confirmation students and their parents. Pastor will schedule a meeting with Laura regarding Sunday school. The synod in the weekly newsletter recommends remote operations. Pastor shared Task Force recommendations. Pastor requested a confirmation Zoom set-up helper.

Committee Reports

Education- see Pastor's report.

Fellowship/Outreach- (Roxie)Highway Clean-up went well on Saturday. Still seeking someone to chair Outreach.

Property- (Bryce) Follow-up on painting project progress.

Stewardship- (Nealey) Has met several times. This year's theme will be "Joy of Generosity". Kick off Sunday is` November 8, 2020. Mailing will be sent to congregation.

Worship- (Barb)Met September 28. A different FM transmitter is in use. Plans to "live stream" or record services will be determined at next meeting. Volunteers are needed to assisted Nealey and Barb with recording and parking lot services.

Call Committee Update- Dr. Mike has reached out to other congregations in the area regarding sharing a pastor. Our opening is now posted at the synod level.

Old Business

Internet service-(Barb) Mercurynet has been installed. Phone service will follow in the next few weeks.

Insurance provider renewal –(Karen) Current policy (GuideOne) expires in December. Karen will contact Church Mutual for a bid.

Cleaning services –(David) David contacted cleaning person. Council consensus is to continue bi-monthly basic cleaning.

Task Force Action- Discussion regarding Task Force recommendations. Motion Barb, second David to accept Task Force recommendations that we not re-open the doors of Gloria Dei for worship until such time that the percentage of COVID-19 positive cases are 8% or less in the four counties that encompass Gloria Dei. And accept the other recommendations for small group meeting and cleaning/disinfecting and mandatory mask wearing when in Gloria Dei. Motion carried.

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Land survey markers- Current renter of adjacent property is approximately 25 feet on to Gloria Dei property.

Discussion: pros and cons of having pins placement. Cost will be \$650 as new maps are required to be filed with State by statute. Motion Bryce, second Ruth to proceed with marking property boundaries on property adjacent to field. Motion carried.

New Business –

Mail delivery- Karen will contact post office regarding holding mail on Friday and Saturday.

Nominating Committee - Jerry Jensen was the only volunteer at the annual meeting. Need two more individuals to volunteer. Follow-up next month.

Calendar Update- Known dates for meeting were added to the calendar posted in the church office.

Temple Talk- Michael Hetzner will address Wednesday and Sunday worship regarding "Task Force " recommendations and COVID. Motion Roxie, second Bryce to adjourn. Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Next Meeting November 10, 2020

DEAR FRIENDS AT GLORIA DEI,

THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT
SEND-OFF ON MY LAST SUNDAY
WITH YOU. AND THANKS FOR ALL
THE VARIOUS GIFTS, WELL-WISHES,
AND COMPLIMENTS I RECEIVED
FROM ALL OF YOU.

MOST OF ALL THANKS FOR
THE LOVE AND SUPPORT I
RECEIVED AT GLORIA DEI
WHILE I WAS YOUR SUPPLY
PASTOR

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Jim Liddle

*Your special ways
and generous heart
make a beautiful difference.
Thank you so much.*

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Minutes from Worship Meeting
Monday 6:30pm September 28, 2020**



Present: Barb Spiegel, Doug Everson, Nealey Janicek and Pastor Roald Harswick.
Excused: Raeline Springstroh

Pastor Harswick shared what the Task Force recommendation will be to council. He anticipates continuing with parking lot worship through the end of October. Worship after that was discussed. Nealey intends to order a new camera to enable better sound and image quality. Starting in November whether we are able to open the doors or worship remotely; worship will be "Facebook Live" at 9 a.m. on Sundays. Members can play back the "Facebook Live" at any time that is convenient for them to watch and participate in the service or watch the service live. If indoor worship is not possible a rotation for drive through communion will be available. That schedule will be published. The internet service is being updated to enable FB live data transfer.

We continue to seek individuals to increase our recording team.

We thank those volunteering to sing during the park lot service and always welcome more volunteers.

Pastor Harswick has been developing plans for upcoming services, Advent, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Pastor Harswick closed with prayer

Next meeting: Tentatively set for October 26, 2020 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Spiegel

Crisis Respite Providers Needed

Manitowoc County Human Services Department is looking for qualified applicants who can provide respite (temporary care) to children ages 0-18 on an emergency basis at our crisis respite home located in Manitowoc, WI. Individuals and couples are welcome to apply. Candidates should be 18 years of age or older, have transportation, be flexible and have availability to provide care on an as-needed basis on nights and weekends. Training and compensation will be provided. Interested persons should send a cover letter and resume to:

Manitowoc County Human Services Department
Attn: Karen Zahn, Foster Care Coordinator
926 S. 8th Street P.O. Box 1177
Manitowoc, WI 54221-1177
Or email: karenzahn@co.manitowoc.wi.us
Phone: 920-683-4095 for more information



Thanks Giving Eve Service: A special service of Thanksgiving will take place Wednesday evening November 25, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Parking lot. The 5:00 PM time will hopefully be more convenient for you. Let's fill the Parking lot with God's thankful people.

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. This would be a great way to show your support and contributing to the Weekly Worship. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.



A Little Light for a Dark Time

I need to practice social distancing frommy refrigerator.

This morning I saw my neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into the house, told my dogwe laughed a lot.

I'm so excited... it's time to take out the garbage. What to wear, what to wear?

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroomia.

Gloria Dei's COVID 19 Task Force (Michael Hetzner, Barb Spiegel, Coleen Allee, Julie Schaefer) is preparing an additional policy and procedures for return to worship, for Council to act on at its November'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.

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.

