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THE DAILY NEWS

April 2022

DATE TO REMEMBER

04/03/2022	8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
04/06/2022	6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
04/06/2022	5:00 PM—Confirmation Class
04/06/2022	7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Service
04/10/2022	8:00 AM – Palm Sunday - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
04/12/2022	6:30 PM - Council Meeting
04/13/2022	6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
04/13/2022	5:00 PM—Confirmation Class
04/14/2022	7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday
04/15/2022	7:00 PM – Good Friday @ Bethel UCC in Ada
04/17/2022	8:00 AM – Easter Sunday - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
04/20/2022	6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
04/20/2022	5:00 PM—Confirmation Class
04/24/2022	8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
04/27/2022	6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
04/27/2022	5:00 PM—Confirmation Class

A note from Council President Michael Hetzner:

Council met for a retreat Sunday afternoon March 27 at Brillion Nature Center. We joined in meditation, Bible study, a game promoting cooperation and communication, and brainstormed 47 different ideas to build interest and membership at Gloria Dei, which we will refine and develop over the coming months.

At the business meeting Council decided to update the Covid policy:

Masks are optional.

Social distancing is suggested.

Worship Committee will implement these changes over the coming weeks.

Council will continue to address this policy regularly, observing how the pandemic evolves.

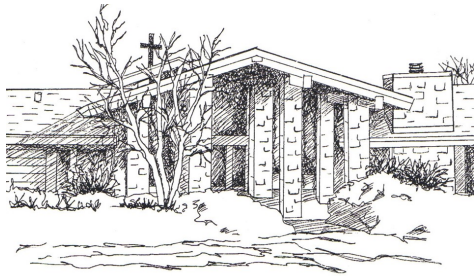
Call Committee had an introductory zoom meeting March 28 with a candidate Synod has offered as a two-year part-time intern pastor from Wartburg Seminary beginning this summer. The meeting was very positive. She is also talking to two other congregations regarding this opportunity.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR APRIL

	<i>Filmer</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter/Usher</i>
04/03/22	Nealey Janicek	Dianne Fett	Dianne Fett
04/10/22	Barb Spiegel	Annette Pleshek	Annette Pleshek
04/17/22	Louie Lecker	Anne Sellen	Tim & Laurie Argall
04/24/22	Nealey Janicek	Karen	Karen Ebert

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Gloria Dei Property Committee Updates: We continue to do routine flushing of our water system to keep our water safe and clean. Ann is helping property committee members with this project. PLEASE NOTE- Many members of Gloria Dei make many in kind gifts to our church. Many of those go unreported. Many do not want or need those gifts to be noted. We are asking that you do submit those receipts for the following reason. We have a

budget of roughly \$115,000 per year. If we have \$1,000 to \$2,000 or more of unreported expenses then it is much more difficult for us to build a more accurate budget. One to two or three percent really can impact our budget during these times when we are looking to move toward a more settled ministry position. The stewardship committee every fall builds the next year's budget. You're in kind gifts are greatly appreciated and your reporting those will help us to make more accurate financial budgets. I am also giving you a heads up to look for some dates coming up this spring for window washing, outdoor cleaning etc.

Bryce Larson, Council representative for property committee

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Wednesday Evening Church Services will start again in March. Gloria Dei will have an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm on March 2nd. These services will include a teaching sermon usually by Pastor Jim. During Lent they will also feature a Devotional talk on one of the Last Words of Christ, Presented by a Church Member.

To be CLEAR. We will not be serving toasted cheese sandwiches and soup, like we have done in the past, pre-COVID years. The "Holden" Services will be rare since Pastor Jim can't sing or chant, but services will include Bible Lessons, Prayer, some singing, and Communion.

As part of Lent, we would like interested church members to do devotional talks on the Seven Last Words of Christ. We are looking for approximately 4–8-minute talks. We are not especially looking for sermons, although that is o.k. if that's what someone wants to do. But more like a thoughtful and prayerful response to the words of Christ.

These are the dates, scriptures, and subjects of the talks:

April 6 "It is finished" John 19:30 - Led By Barb Spiegel

Maudy Thursday April 14 "Lord, into your hands I commend my spirit" Luke 23:44-47. - This talk will be part of the Maudy Thursday service. *If successful, these Wednesday Evening Services may continue, past Easter and continue year-round.*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: There will be a Community Good Friday Service at 7:00 P.M. at Bethel United Church of Christ on County Line Road in Ada. Several area Churches will be involved in planning the Service.

SCRIP NEWS: FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO PURCHASE SCRIP FOR THE TIME BEING SCRIP DOES NOT OFFER \$100.00 BP CARDS or the \$50.00 Gift Cards. The Inventory will be replaced when gift cards become available. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVEINCE.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council – March 27, 2022 Minutes

Present: Michael Hetzner, Jennifer Lecker, David Hoban, Sue Salzsieder, Brenda Kobs, Bryce Larson, Anne Sellen, Jerry Jensen
ABSENT: Annette Pleshek

Call to Order & Devotion—President Michael Hetzner 12:00 PM

Council Retreat

Mindfulness – Hetzner lead the council through a meditation exercise.

Bible study – Council used the African Bible Study method to discuss Corinthians I/C12/V4-12

Break – Nature walk

Business meeting – Details below.

Empathy game – Salzsieder lead the council through a game which reveals the relationship between empathy, creativity, and learning.

Brainstorming – Council broke into two groups to generate ideas to promote interest & membership in GDLC. FOOD/FELLOWSHIP/FAITH – 47 ideas generated!

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Meeting Agenda—Lecker, Jensen

Approval of Secretary's Report—Larson, Sellen

Approval of Treasurer's Report—Salzsieder, Kobs

Treasurer's Monthly Report

Submitted by David Hoban

		<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
		<u>-----2022-----</u>	<u>-----2022-----</u>	<u>-----2022-----</u>	<u>-----2022-----</u>
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Planned</u>
TOTAL INCOME					
Operating Income	\$	7372	16,204	18,230	109,380
Capital Campaign	\$	0	0	167	1,000
Building Projects	\$	0	0	583	3,500
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	167	1,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$	7372	16,204	19,147	114,880
TOTAL EXPENSES					
Operating Expenses	\$	7028	15,150	15,036	90,215
Capital Campaign	\$	0	0	167	1,000
Buiding Projects	\$	0	0	583	3,500
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	167	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	7,028	15,150	15,953	95,715
INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$	344	1,054	3,194	19,165

For February, the general income was \$344 more than general expenses. Year to date, income exceeds expenses by \$1,054. However, offering revenue is down \$1,333 for the first two months of the year compared to the budget.

February expenses included \$325 for snow removal. In general, snow and lawn maintenance are paid quarterly.

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Covid Precautions Update – Given the low rate of COVID at this time...

Motion 1: Marks are optional. Social distancing is suggested. If you are sick please stay home and join us via Facebook. —Hetzner, Lecker—Motion passed.

Motion 2: Suggest to Worship Committee to open 1/2 the church to regular seating. —Lecker, Larson—Motion passed

Worship Committee will implement these changes over the coming weeks. Council will continue to address this policy regularly, observing how the pandemic evolves.

Staff Salaries –

Secretary Ann Martin - \$13.25/hour – Motion for \$0.50 increase to begin April 1, 2022 and revisit in November. —Hoban, Jensen—Motion passed.

Request from a Member for Transfer of Membership

David Kohls to St. John's United Church of Christ —Salzsieder, Sellen—Motion passed.

Committees & Reports as Needed

1) Fellowship/Outreach— Ø

2) Property

- Stain/ladder disposal
- Dismantle 2 organs
- Clean shed
- New chains and padlocks for our 3 cells or our septic system.
- Parking lot repair
- Pressure tank repair.
- DAY OF SPRING CLEANING: Wash all the lower level windows inside and out. Yard cleanup.

3) Stewardship/Long Range Planning— Ø

4) Worship/Music— 7 last words is going great. Psalm Sunday will be a processional. Easter Sunday service is at 8 AM. We are sharing the peace by waving. Discuss continuing Wednesday services.

5) Youth/Christian Education— Sunday School was held 3/27. Confirmation classes remain flexible to meet the scheduling needs of our families.

Calendar Update— April 12, 2022 – 6:30 – next council meeting

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer (Salzsieder, Larson) 4:45 PM

Submitted by Sue Salzsieder, Secretary

Minutes are subject to council approval at the April meeting

Piggly Wiggly Receipts

Your receipts from Piggly Wiggly from Kiel can be placed in the basket in the narthex. The Kiel Store allows 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.**



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