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THE DAILY NEWS

October 2022

DATE TO REMEMBER

10/02/2022 8:00 AM – In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
10/05/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
10/05/2022 5:30 PM – Confirmation Class
10/05/2022 7:00 PM – Wednesday Evening Service
10/09/2022 8:00 AM – In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook – Cary Knier Preaching
10/11/2022 6:30 PM - Council Meeting
10/12/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
10/12/2022 5:30 PM – Confirmation Class
10/12/2022 7:00 PM – Wednesday Evening Service
10/16/2022 8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
10/19/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
10/19/2022 5:30 PM – Confirmation Class
10/19/2022 7:00 PM – Wednesday Evening Service
10/23/2022 8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
10/26/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
10/26/2022 5:30 PM – Confirmation Class
10/26/2022 7:00 PM – Wednesday Evening Service
10/30/2022 8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook

A note from Council President Michael Hetzner:

Back in 2001 Gloria Dei adopted our mission statement: MAKING CHRIST KNOWN. I like this because it can have broad meanings and applications. MAKING CHRIST KNOWN by BUILDING COMMUNITY is a vision statement Council sees as our next step in defining us as we move forward.

Council has recently initiated two ways of building the community of Gloria Dei:

The CALLING TREE has been revived to communicate important news to the congregation. Each Council member has about seven people to call when the tree is activated. In the past few weeks we made our first attempt is using this to relay information about the funerals of Christina Everson and Jan Maurer-Hetzner.

TWELVE SECONDS, the second Sunday of each month event, begins October 9. Sunday School for the youngsters and Bible Study for adults after worship service once each month is our plan. To kick off this program October 9 we will have a brunch after worship to celebrate Nealey Janicek's lay ministry effort. We also have a guest worship leader and a talk by Nealey that Sunday.

Current Covid Precautions Policy: Masking is voluntary. Side pews are marked off for optional social distancing. We take communion in the pews individually and share the peace at a distance.

Council September 12, 2022 approved continuing Wednesday evening services.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR October

	<i>Filmer</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter/Usher</i>
10/02/22	Louie Lecker	Mike Hetzner	Michael Hetzner
10/09/22	Barb Spiegel	Coleen Allee	Coleen Allee
10/16/22	Louie Lecker	Kathy Welsch	Barb Spiegel
10/23/22	Barb Spiegel	Annette Plechek	Annette Pleshek
10/30/22	Louie Lecker	Anne Sellen	Phyllis Kitzman

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Greetings members of Gloria Dei; President Mike Hetzner asked me to draft a notice for the newsletter relating some property projects and goals that were discussed and listed just prior to the COVID outbreaks in early 2020. Pastor Eric and the Pentecostals have indicated they are willing to provide labor and resources to do some projects to improve the cosmetics of our narthex area. They have already shampooed the carpet in the narthex and the fireside room. Below is a list of potential projects the property committee laid out in early 2020.

Stain and paint the exterior of the church and shed. Completed via favorable fund drive
Inside painting and staining (not completed) what comes first? How to piece the segments over time.

What is the highest priority? We know that many areas need work.

Sanding and staining all the woodwork areas of the church. (See above) lot of labor and time would be needed. Some of the sills are in need of work due to condensation etc.

Carpeting (many areas of stains, and seams coming loose and frayed ends. Carpeting in most cases of remodeling etc. come after painting and other tasks.

Finding replacement bulbs for our light fixtures or do we invest in newer more efficient systems.

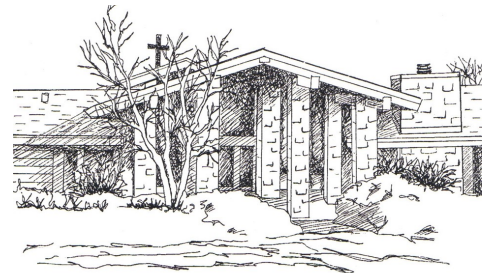
Bulbs are not easily found, but replacement systems come at a cost.

We had inquiries regarding selling some acreage. A committee was formed and quickly determined the offers were not what was anticipated and we have need for that property as part of our septic drainage system.

We need to establish and maintain and conduct routine facility tasks such as collecting and disposing of trash and recyclables, maintaining water softener salt, establish winter time shoveling and salting opportunities.

Disposal of two unused organs (completed the spring of 2022 at a minimal cost).

Set up cleaning and upkeep sessions. (We held one session this spring for windows and kitchen and the Pentecostals were a big help in this effort).



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ENJOY A BREAKFAST MEAL ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH. Nealy Janicek is starting her 2nd year of the Lay Ministry Program. The live sessions are held in Wausau on a monthly basis. I had approached Nealy a few months ago about a way our congregation could celebrate and support her ministry. Nealy will give a presentation at the end of the service on October 9th on what the Lay Ministry Program is about and how and why she felt called to invest two years of her spiritual journey in the Lay Ministry Program. We will have a breakfast meal following the service that will feature hot and cold items, coffee, juice and fellowship. Since we slated this Sunday, I discovered that the Packers have an 8:30 AM kickoff in London that Sunday. We will find ways to bring that event to the breakfast. We are including a free will offering as part of our celebration and those funds will go into our newly created Lay Ministry Fund. We hope to see you at our service and at our breakfast celebration. If you have questions, you can contact Bryce Larson or Brenda Kobs.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council – September 13, 2022 Minutes

Present: Mike Hetzner, Jennifer Lecker, David Hoban, Bryce Larson, Brenda Kobs, Anne Sellen, Annette Pleshek

Absent: Sue Salzsieder, Jerry Jensen

Call to Order & Devotion—President Mike Hetzner called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Bryce Larson lead the opening prayer.

Approval of Meeting Agenda—Larson, Lecker

Approval of Secretary's Report—Pleshek, Larson

Theater group name was corrected to Divine Time Players.

Approval of Treasurer's Report—Pleshek, Larson

Money was moved from regular fund into Capital Campaign fund. Giving is down a bit, but not unusual for this time of year.

Treasurer's Monthly Report

Submitted by David Hoban

		<u>August</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	\$	6425	69,737	72,920	109,380
Capital Campaign	\$	150	1,800	667	1,000
Building Projects	\$	0	0	2,333	3,500
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	667	1,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$	6575	71,537	76,587	114,880
TOTAL EXPENSES					
Operating Expenses	\$	7466	61,646	60,143	90,215
Capital Campaign	\$	2300	3,800	667	1,000
Buiding Projects	\$	0	0	2,333	3,500
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	250	667	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	9,766	65,696	63,810	95,715
INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$	-3,191	5,840	12,777	19,165

For August, the general income was approximately \$750 less than general expenses. Year to date, income exceeds expenses by \$5,840.

Council approved to spend \$250 toward ELCA Mission and \$2,000 toward the Capital Campaign. This is what makes August look worse when looking at income minus expenses.

August expenses included \$150 for Lay Minister support. There were no other notable non-recurring expenses.

President's Report—🕒

Health Precautions Update—COVID is at low risk in Calumet County. Third booster is available. No changes are recommended at this time.

Call Committee Update—Working to update Synod profile to seeking part-time pastor. No communication from Bishop Asher.

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Ways to Grow & Sustain GDLC—Council will refer to our brainstorming list, but will continue generating *Continued From page 3* new ways to sustain GDLC. Our mission – *Making Christ Known* – is very broad. We will focus on building community. The calling tree has been revived to communicate important news to the congregation with each council member responsible for a portion of the membership. We will encourage attendance and keep members on our roster.

Committees & Reports

- 1) **Fellowship/Outreach**—Get your Can to Church was a success with two shopping carts of food donations and \$710 in cash donated. The walk was rained out and rescheduled for next Sunday. Discussion was held about designating a monthly theme for donations – healthcare items, food, cleaning products, socks, etc.
- 2) **Property**—Water samples passed the bacteria test so we don't need to flush our system anymore. Nitrate test will need to be redone. A list of needed supplies, where, & how often they are purchased will be compiled. Many thanks to several people worked to clean & organize the kitchen. Conversations with the Pentecostals about painting and carpet replacement have been had. Quotes will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 3) **Stewardship/Long Range Planning**— Stewardship Committee met August 23 at 6:30PM. A stewardship letter will go out to the congregation detailing the positive events of the last year and inviting people to return back to in-person services. They discussed working on a 5-year plan, including budget, to highlight the positives and sustainability of Gloria Dei.
- 4) **Worship/Music**—Hetzner will arrange a replacement for Pastor while on vacation October 9. Nealey Janicek will present what she has learned in the lay ministry class on October 9. We will have a brunch after service to celebrate her effort and take a free will offering to help with her expenses. Wednesday evening services have low attendance (2-8), but is well received. Motion was made by Pleshek to continue Wednesday services indefinitely at no additional cost, seconded by Lecker. Motion was approved.
- 5) **Youth/Christian Education**— Three students will take confirmation classes on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. Sunday School will resume in September lead by the Hobans.

Calendar Update— Lay Minister Support Brunch – October 9
Council meeting, October 11, 6:30PM.

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer (Kobs, Larson) 8:30 PM

Notes taken by Jennifer Lecker. Submitted by Sue Salzsieder, Secretary

Minutes are subject to council approval at the October 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.**



- Gloria Dei has traditionally held First Communion Classes for youth in Third Grade and above. These classes instruct young people in understanding the How, Why and importance of Communion and prepare them for their First Communion Service.
- Pastor Jim would like to hold First Communion Classes on Wednesday, October 19 and October 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m..
- First Communion Service would be held in early November. If this time is not convenient Pastor Jim can make other arrangements.
- If your child is in third grade this year, (or if older and has not had First Communion) Please contact Pastor Jim by phone at 920-565-3149 or email at jmlbjl@mail.com to enroll.



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.