

## February 12, 2012

*Gloria Dei offers two educational opportunities during the education hour (9:45-10:45) each Sunday; an adult forum in the lounge and a Bible study in the conference room. Join in the latest topics and classes offered in January.*

### ADULT FORUM

**Today – “Women at Risk International”**

Did you know...

- Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the US?
- Babies are sold into slavery globally for as little as \$100?
- Every 14 seconds a child is orphaned by HIV/AIDS?
- 800,000 people are illegally trafficked against their will every year?

“Women at Risk International” has programs in 25 different countries. They offer outreach, prevention programs and emergency intervention safe houses. Learn more about this agency and how it gives voice to the silent cries of women.

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### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

**February 12, 19 & 26 – “An In-Depth Study of ‘The Lord’s Prayer’”**

This Bible study uses Kenneth E. Bailey’s book, “*Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels.*” Learn about the style and language of prayer, Abba’s meaning and significance and male and female metaphors for God.

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

“*Seasons of the Spirit*” Meets Wednesday mornings in the Library, Room 202, from 10-11am. Join as we study the Sunday scriptures for the week and relate them to Biblical history, theology, current events and lively discussion. Pastor Rothaar leads this study.

“*Word for the Week*” (New day and time) Wednesday evenings in the conference room, 6:30-7:30pm. Child care is available. This lectionary based Bible study will focus on the Gospel of Mark and topics including the nativity of our Lord, the name of Jesus, the epiphany of our Lord and Jesus’ baptism. Pastor Kral leads this study.

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### HAVE YOU CLICKED YET?

You have been hearing and reading about the Church Assessment Tool. You should have received your Authentication Letter. All you will need to do is set aside about 30 minutes at your computer and register your response to the questions asked. If you do not have access to a computer, the computer lab at church (on the ground floor, room 103) is available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, or at other times by arrangement with any staff person. If you are unable to use a computer, please take your letter to a relative or friend who can help you. (As a last resort, you can fill out a paper copy of the assessment at church, and a secretary will enter yours for you.) All responses are strictly confidential.

This information gained from this tool will be very important to your leaders as they plan for the future. Please make this a priority.

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### **PASSOVER SEDER MEAL**

The Passover Seder is a way of connecting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples to the ongoing gift of Holy Communion. You are invited (by reservation) to join us on **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.** Minimum donation is \$5 per person in order to cover the cost of the meal that is part of the observance. We also need more volunteers to serve and clean up. See the blue sheet.

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### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

A support group for people who have suffered major life losses meets every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Lounge. Anyone living with sadness after losing a loved one is invited to attend. Weekly attendance is not mandatory; come and go as you like. The group is moderated by Pastor David Alderfer.

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### **NEW MEMBER CONSULTATION**

The pastors conduct a discussion and consultation on the **second Tuesday** of each month. This is intended to be an opportunity to get better acquainted. The next new member consultation is **February 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in Room 202. **Please call the church office if you plan to attend.**

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### **HELP WANTED!**

Gloria Dei is looking for a new Financial Secretary. Our former Financial Secretary, Steve Voss, who was recently installed in this role, has relocated out of the area. Thanks to Steve for all his help and support.

The Financial Secretary plays an important role by focusing on the monetary gifts that come into Gloria Dei and our related accounts. She or he oversees the counters each Sunday to ensure that weekly and special offering are counted and deposited correctly. The Financial Secretary also reports to the Council and the congregation on the se incoming amounts on a regular basis. Of course, training will be provided.

This doesn't require an accounting or finance degree but some basic knowledge of money management skills (e.g. credits, accounts and deposit slips) and using Excel files are important. Good people skills in working with volunteers and office staff, being organized and attention to detail are also important.

We know that a part of our church's mission is good stewardship and the Financial Secretary plays an important part in this. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity as another way to share your gifts, or encourage others who you think may be appropriate. Contact Dan Maschoff or Karen Adamson from Council, or the Church office with your suggestions. Thanks in advance!

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### **FEBRUARY CHRISTIAN ACTION PROJECT – LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES EASTER BASKETS**

During the month of February you can pick up an Easter Basket to fill with small items for a child in the LSSI Head Start programs. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois' (LSSI) Head Start programs are for children aged 3-5 years old, with or without disabilities. LSSI's Head Start programs provide services to economically disadvantaged children and families, with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school. The curriculum covers the ABCs, numbers, shapes, colors, counting, computers, early math, reading, science, table manners, nutrition, tooth-brushing, socialization skills and much more. Pick up your basket(s) and list of items to include from the table set up in the gathering area. Please return the basket to Church by Sunday, February 26, 2012.

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## CALL COMMITTEE – SENIOR PASTOR

Pastor Rothaar informed the congregation in November 2011, that after 40 years as an ordained minister he would retire at the end of June, after the completion of Gloria Dei's current program year. As confirmed at the Annual Meeting, January 29, 2012, Pastor Kral will be continuing in her role as Associate Pastor at Gloria Dei.

Following an established process, the congregational council has appointed a committee to represent the congregation in a search process for the calling of a senior pastor.

The call committee is supported by the Metro Chicago Synod, and will work directly with Bishop Miller. To aid in the process the committee will draft a profile of Gloria Dei to describe our church, our mission and the leader we seek. This profile will be used by the Bishop to understand Gloria Dei's needs, by potential candidates to assist in their own discernment process, and by the call committee as they represent the congregation in interviewing candidates.

The committee seeks congregational input in understanding the leader that this congregation is seeking. During the month of February, call committee members will be available in the gathering area on Saturdays, immediately following the Saturday Service, and on Sundays after the 7:30am service and during the education hour (after the 8:30 service and before the 11:00am service.) Committee members will be there to answer your questions and receive your input. Come and talk to us! Send questions or comments to: [call.committee@gloriadeichurch.org](mailto:call.committee@gloriadeichurch.org)

- It is estimated that the completed congregational profile will be presented to the council for approval at the March council meeting. That profile will then be sent to the Bishop. Note that the online survey is for the purpose of assessing the congregation. The Call Committee Questionnaire is helpful in the process of calling our next senior pastor.
- The interview process is expected to begin in April and is estimated to take three to four months.

The call committee will keep you updated as the process continues to unfold. Please feel free to contact any of us directly or through the church office if you have any questions or thoughts you wish to share.

**Members of the call committee are:** Michelle Agnoli, Wayne Borman (council), Perry Erhart, Steve Ericson, Jerry Fellows, Maren Huber, Susan Jaffe (council), Christina Konieczka, Kim Maschoff (chair), Barb Schrage, Mike Svoboda.

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## GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

If you wanted Girl Scout cookies but didn't have a Girl Scout come to our door, Girl Scout Troop 1096 will have some of the most popular cookies available for sale between services next week. Please see the Daisy Girl Scouts at the table in the gathering area **next Sunday, February 19**. Christina Konieczka, a Gloria Dei member, leads this troop, which is a troop of 21 First Graders from Lester School who meet regularly at Gloria Dei.

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## LEISURE GROUP

### Swedish Pancakes and Fellowship

You are invited to sign-up for Steve Ericson's Swedish Pancake Breakfast on **Thursday, February 23 at noon**. We will enjoy the Leisure Group Fellowship and the delicious meal in Fellowship Hall. A program on Sweden will follow the meal.

You can sign-up on the blue sheet the or call the church or Bane's for reservations.

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# ***Mardi Gras Party***

Where: Gloria Dei Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, February 19, 2012

Time: 4 to 7 PM

Who: Everyone is welcome! Bring  
your friends!

***Come for the food - stay for the fun!***



Jambalaya, Rice, King Cakes, Cafe du Monde

***Activities  
&  
Prizes!***

Coffee & Beignets!



## YOUTH GATHERING

Looking for one more adult leader to go to New Orleans in July with the high school youth group.....there are already two female leaders, so what we really need is another adult leader who is **MALE**. Contact Kate Huron for more details.

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## LOVE CHRISTIAN CLEARING HOUSE PRESENTS GALLERY GALA FUNDRAISER

The Gallery Gala Fundraiser featuring a Fine Art Exhibition and upscale crafts, is being held **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 9 pm** at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst. Tickets in advance are \$8 per person by contacting Ada at 630-512-8673 or e-mail [director@love-cc.org](mailto:director@love-cc.org). Tickets at the door \$10 per person. Join in for an afternoon of browsing, shopping, live music and tasty delights of local gourmets.

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## MORE THAN BREAD ALONE

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2 p.m.

Entrée – “Oriental Steak”

We meet in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and opener and then move into the kitchen to prepare a take-home meal. Please bring a 9 x 13 inch glass baking dish and an apron to class. Sign up is next to the nursery. Please pre-pay \$15. in an envelope marked “*February – More Than Break Alone.*” We need someone to sign up for lunch (12 people), dessert and shopper.

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## FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012

Elizabeth - 7:30 pm at Mary Rakowski's

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## WELCA BOARD MEETING

All are welcome to attend the WELCA Board meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012, 7:00 pm in the lounge. February devotions to be led by Mary Rakowski.

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## MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOTES

The Adult Bible Studies this month focus on the Lord's Prayer, so we have several books about this on display on the bookcase as you enter the library. We also want to feature Christian leaders, “People You may Want to Know About”, so check out the round table for biographies of church leaders such as Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther, Billy Graham, Martin Marty and others. Come and see what we have that might interest you!

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## EXPRESS YOUR DISCIPLESHIP TO CHRIST – VOLUNTEER AND HELP THE NEEDY!

If you have been searching for a way to express your discipleship to Christ, LOVE Christian Clearinghouse invites you to spend an hour learning more about our mission and the volunteer opportunities in our Westmont office. Join us on February 16 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm to learn how volunteering at LOVE might be among the most satisfying experiences you will have in 2012! Call Anne Marie at 630/512-5669 today to register.

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### **LABOR OF LOVE**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 21 at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. It's always nice to have a new pair of hands helping to put together the quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Come and enjoy fellowship while helping out. See you there.

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### **BAKING DISHES & ETC.**

Have you brought a dessert for Church Night Supper or a dish to share and not picked up your container? Check in the kitchen for your item(s). Anything unclaimed will be donated.

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### **DINE AWAY HUNGER 2012**

People's Resource Center 'Dine Away Hunger' program takes place **Thursday, February 23** at [Ivy](#) Restaurant, 120 N. Hale Street, in Wheaton. On that day, Ivy will donate 10% of their sales to People's Resource Center's food pantries. And Cadence Health will match all monies raised! No coupons are needed - just have a delicious meal at [Ivy](#) and help fight hunger at the same time.

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### **\*\*CHURCH NIGHT SUPPER \*\***

**February 15**

**Sloppy Joe  
Chips, Carrot & Celery Sticks  
Dessert**

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