

August 1, 2010

VBS 2010!

Today we begin **VBS 2010 at Gloria Dei** with our 10:00 worship service. We'll celebrate music of the week, be introduced to the theme at a special children's sermon, and recognize our teachers and volunteers.

After church, explore Madagascar Music, Savannah Storytelling, Serengeti Science, Grassland Games, Snacks, and Kalahari Crafts in the gathering area. Parents can go with you as you visit the different activity areas to **get a sneak peek of your week**. It's a good time to meet your teachers, and see what it's all about!

It isn't too late to register! You can register today in the gathering area, or registrations will be accepted tomorrow morning as well.

We Thank Our Baobab Blast Volunteers!

Gloria, MaryAnn, Diane, Nicole, Maddie, Robin, Jennifer, Amanda, John, Alex, Ben, Ryan, Paige, Conor, Sue, Andy, Carly, Sarah, Meredith, Elaine, Joseph, Lois, Kris, Grace, Diana, Fran, Debbie, Eric, Kris, Maren, Barb, Jill, Sabrina, Melissa, Liz, Darby, Carolyn, Stephanie, Ellie, Marianne, Hannah, Amanda, Mary, Lisa, Kathleen, Kalyn, Michaela, Phyllis, Tom, Nancy, Greg, Pastor Rothaar, and Pastor Kral for their help at VBS.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOTES

Give Your Faith Wings – Read! That is the theme of our summer reading program. Look for the colorful butterfly banner in the gathering area. It started June 5th for people of all ages to be part of the library's program. Anyone who checks out an item from the church library during June, July and August will have their name on the banner in the gathering area. This banner will then be made into a quilt for Lutheran World Relief. Our theme is "Give Your Faith Wings – Read!" Come and join in the fun!

VBS MISSION PROJECT

The mission project for VBS captures the message of Baobab Blast: *reach out and share the good news of Jesus*.

Offerings collected during VBS will be sent to "Africa Jam," a youth empowerment organization serving more than 10,000 young people in Cape Town, South Africa. Founded in 2001, Africa Jam offers safe after-school programs, camp experiences, health education and Christian fellowship to some of the most economically disadvantaged youth in the Cape region.

The Southeast DuPage Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will donate \$1.00 for every \$2.00 our students raise, up to \$300.

If members of the congregation wish to contribute, they may use a blue offering envelope and write "VBS Mission Project" on it and put it in the offering plate during any service July 31/August 1 or August 7/8.

BUYING A NEW CAR? DONATE YOUR USED CAR TO A HOMELESS FAMILY SERVED BY BRIDGE COMMUNITIES

Bridge Communities – a non-profit, transitional housing program serving homeless families in DuPage County – is looking for individuals or businesses that would like to donate used cars. The cars are used by homeless families who are in transition to self-sufficiency. Donated cars allow Bridge clients to commute to better paying jobs and their children's school and daycare. Donations are tax deductible for the value of the car.

To donate your used car to help homeless families served by Bridge Communities, or to find out how to support Bridge in another way, please call Mark Milligan at 630-545-0610, x.10. The Bridge Communities website is www.bridgecommunities.org.

DAYTIME GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief & Loss Support Group will continue to meet on **Tuesdays from 1:30-3pm** in the church lounge. Stephen Minister, Pastor David Alderfer, will assist the group. The group is open to members, friends and the community; anyone struggling with the many forms of grief or loss including; loss of a loved one, friend, family member, spouse, job, etc. Feel free to join the group for one or all sessions!

VACUUM CLEANERS NEEDED FOR BRIDGE FAMILIES

Our two Bridge families are in need for a newer lightweight working vacuum cleaners. If you have a vacuum cleaner to donate, please call the church office.

LOST AND FOUND

When at church, could you please take a look at the coats and jackets hanging in the coat room to see if any belong to you. Any not claimed will be donated to FISH this coming week.

SHOP THE SUMMER SALES FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF!

Now is a great time to purchase the items that go in the school kits and health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Canvas bags and a list of needed items for the school kits are available at the Welcome Desk. There is also a great need for health kits. Supply lists for the health kits are also available at the Welcome desk. ***Please note WELCA is donating the hand towels*** for the health kits. You may donate some or all of the needed items on the list for a kit. Any contribution is welcomed. Please mark your items LWR and **place them in the benches, marked WELCA, in the gathering area by September 19.**

“Soap Sunday” – September 19th – On Soap Sunday we will fill washtubs with **new bars of any brand soap, in its original wrapping** for Lutheran World Relief. All bar sizes are accepted; however, bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) are highly preferred.

For more information on these projects go to www.lwr.org and see Parish Projects.

FALL SESSION MOM’S MORNING OUT (MMO)

Dates: September 3, 2010 – June 3, 2011

When: Fridays from 9:15am – 12:45pm

Who: The program is designed for children 12 months and walking through 5 years old. Older children are allowed **ONLY** with parents who are working if school is unexpectedly canceled.

MMO is a babysitting cooperative that allows parents to have time off for errands, appointments and personal rejuvenation. Each parent works one shift a month and then has three Friday’s off! New participants need to pay for a \$35 background check. The only other minimal costs involve bringing juice, snacks or crafts on an assigned day of work.

A training and orientation meeting will take place on August 9th at 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei members have preferential registration before the community registration opens this month. Questions??? Call Jennifer 630-910-7265.

MEN’S GROUP COOKOUT

The Men’s group is having a cookout at the home of Ross Harder, 3925 Elm Street, Downers Grove this **Wednesday, August 4th** at 6:30pm -- pending weather conditions.

Ross will be firing up the grill with hot dogs, brats and beverages. Feel free to bring a dish to pass or bring some beverages if you plan on attending. We are looking for more members and all men are welcome to join us in a great time out! Let Ross know if you plan on attending his cell number is (217) 721-5526 or call Tony at (630) 725-1575

DOWNERS GROVE RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

September 11, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Downers Grove Park District, in partnership with the Village of Downers Grove, will host a recycling extravaganza at the Belmont Train Station in Parking Lot H. This event is open to residents of DuPage County and does not include businesses or not-for-profit organizations.

Electronic items accepted will include: TV's. VCR's. DVD players, cameras, computers/laptops, copiers, cords, discs, electric typewriters, fax/adding machines, hard drives, keyboards, mice, monitors, PDA's, printers, scanners, small kitchen appliances, radios, speakers, stereos, telephones, zip drives. Also shredding of personal documents – limited to 2 boxes per vehicle. Other acceptable items are listed at www.downers.us or www.dgparks.org.



Collection Begins Next Week! Sale on Saturday 8:00-4:00

**Did you know? - 8/14/10
Is National Garage Sale Day!**

Details: Donations are accepted Sunday (8/8) after church, and M-Th 8am-8pm

Please note: *we will try to arrange help, if you need us to pick up large items, or donations from those who are unable to deliver – sign up in the blue sheet.*

Please no dirty or damaged items:

for a list of what we're looking for, and donations we cannot accept,
check the bulletin board in the gathering area.

VOLUNTEERS: Please sign up on the blue sheet – we're still looking for your help...

THANKS THRIVENT for your support of this fundraiser – they will match up to \$1000 of our profit!

NEW FULL DAY PRE-SCHOOL!

St. John Lutheran Church Early Learning Center in Darien is now offering **full day pre-school and extended care before and after school!** The pre-school is licensed by DCFS and all teachers are fully certified. Religious affiliation not required to attend this school. For more information call 630-969-7987.

**One Bite at a Time:
Share a Meal to Fight Hunger**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

...a recent survey of food pantry clients in northern Illinois shows that large numbers of client households have to choose between food and other necessities.

**Please join us on
Saturday, September 18th
8:00am - 11:00am
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
4501 Main Street, Downers Grove
Fellowship Hall (lower level)**

Parking available in the church lot (south side) and the North High School lot (north side) of the church. Funds raised from this event will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

\$5 for adults \$3 for ages 12 and under

All proceeds, with matching dollars from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will benefit the unemployed, underemployed and homeless clients of the Walk-In Ministry of Hope.

Sponsored by the Mission and Justice Committee



**THE 20TH ANNUAL GLORIA DEI OPEN
WOMEN'S & MEN'S GOLF OUTING
TWIN LAKES GOLF CLUB
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010
TEE OFF TIME: 8:00 A.M.**

“A Day to Remember”

You are invited to participate in the 20th Annual Gloria Dei Open Golf Outing to be held Saturday, September 11th at 8 a.m. It is necessary to pre-register and enclose \$25.00 for greens fee and prize fund. We will have prizes for men and women of all abilities. Please send or drop off your registration form and money to the **church office** by Sunday, Sept. 5th. Please specify **“Golf Outing”** on the **check** and **envelope**.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE & PAYMENT BY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 5TH**

Registration Form

***Gloria Dei Open Golf Outing
Saturday, September 11th at 8 a.m.***

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I have enclosed \$25.00. (Checks should be made payable to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church) For more information call Sharon Carlson at 852-4241, or Bruce Swanson at 969-2514.

“Bring Friends”