



GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 27/28, 2017

PARKING LOT CLOSURE

The parking lot will be closed for seal coating over the Memorial Day weekend. The lot will be closed from noon, Sunday, May 28 and will re-open at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30.

STAFF

Individual email links are on our website. The phone extensions are :

Senior Pastor Timothy S. Robertson	(101)
Associate Pastor Rhonda L. Kral	(102)
Director of Music Ministries Elizabeth Waldon	(103)
Director of Youth & Family Ministries Aaron Shoppa	(105)
Parish Nurse Jean Runge-Versaci	(110)
Director of Kids of the Kingdom, Festive Strings, Hope Bells Suellyn Scharping	
Office Administrator Joyce Pauly	(106)
Office Assistant Mary Rakowski	(107)
Hands @ Work Coordinator Jo Ellen Maurer	(112)

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES:

Memorial Day weekend (May 27/28) through Labor Day weekend (September 2/3)

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. - *Spoken*

Sunday, 7:30 a.m. - *Spoken*

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - *Traditional*

Sunday, **10:00 a.m.** - *Casual, Come-as-you-are*

Please note that our **10:00 a.m.** worship will be casual and will explore a variety of worship styles from blended to contemporary.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The Pictorial Directories are in! If you had a picture taken for the directory your copy of the directory will be available at the Welcome Desk on the weekends and in the office during the week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

In order to make Vacation Bible School a success each summer, we need between 30-40 dedicated volunteers. We are looking for creative and children-friendly adults and youth (middle school and high school) to help make this all happen. Even if you cannot help with VBS when it happens, we could use some help "behind the scenes" and with set-up. VBS happens at two different times this year: Day Camp: July 31—August 2, 9:00 a.m. - Noon & Night Camp: August 2-4, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Contact Aaron if you can help out.

This Week at Gloria Dei

SUNDAY—MAY 28
7:30, 8:30, & 10:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
9:40 a.m. Spirit Choir—Nave

MONDAY—MAY 29
Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY—MAY 30
7:00 p.m. Grief Support—Lounge

WEDNESDAY—MAY 31
6:30 p.m. Gospel of Matthew—Confrcnc Rm

THURSDAY—JUNE 1
7:15 p.m. 9:43 rehearsal—Nave

SATURDAY—JUNE 3
5:00 p.m. **WORSHIP**

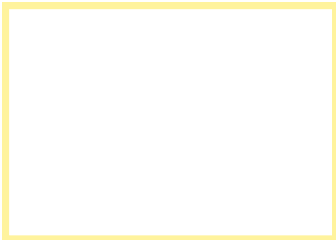
SUNDAY—JUNE 4
7:30, 8:30, & 10:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:30 a.m. Come & Know—Lounge

This is not Gloria Dei's complete schedule, please call the office to check for the complete schedule for updates

SAVE THE DATE

AED INSERVICE on Sunday, June 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Learn about the AED at Gloria Dei. All ushers and volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend. All interested members are also invited to attend.



SUMMER CHOIR

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

All are invited to sing with our Summer Choir on Sunday, June 11. We'll meet at 8 am to learn an anthem to sing at the 8:30 am worship service. No experience necessary. Here's your chance to sing with the choir on a (really) short-term basis. Questions? Contact Betsy Waldon. Future Summer Choir dates: July 9 and August 6.

SUMMER TOYS & CHILDREN'S CLOTHING FOR LOCAL AGENCIES

Mission & Justice is partnering with local businesses and Pub Church to collect toys, sunscreen, and children's summer play-clothes for needy children. All items must be new. Please leave toys in their original packaging and tags on all clothing items. Place your donations in the large box labeled 'Summer Time to Give 2017' located in the Gathering Area.

Some ideas for donations are beach balls, whiffle balls, outdoor games, water toys, sunglasses, water shoes, sunscreen. The collections begins this week and continues until the weekend of July 8/9. Please be generous.

NEW BIBLE STUDY---THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Wednesday - 6:30-8:00 p.m. CONFERENCE ROOM

This 5-Week Bible Study, began May 3, and is designed to explore key themes and texts in the book of Matthew. Core themes and story lines, character development and historical analysis help us to understand and discuss the variety and richness of God's written word for us. Matthew's most distinctive trait is spotlighting Jesus' Jewish heritage and bridging the Old Testament and New. Matthew's gospel speaks to communities today and helps us to ultimately become disciples of Jesus: to learn from, follow, and enter into a living relationship with Jesus the Messiah. All are invited, no Bible background needed. Bring your favorite Bible to class. FREE.

INTERESTED IN JOINING GLORIA DEI?

INFORMATIONAL CLASSES OFFERED IN JUNE!

Sunday, June 4—11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Come and Know" This class is part 1 of 2 designed for new +/- or potential members looking to learn more about Gloria Dei, the Bible, Worship and prayer. Snacks will be provided.

Sunday, June 11 - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Come and Grow" This class is part 2 and includes discussion of topics ranging from "Who Are Lutherans" to Gloria Dei's history with an understanding of learning about spiritual gifts. Snacks will be provided.

Following these two classes and prayerful consideration, we invite you to be publically welcomed and introduced to the congregation at the **10:00 a.m., June 25 "Come and Glow Service."**

Please talk to one of the pastors or call the church office (630-968-6231) to reserve your spot. In the "Come and Grow" classes.

REFUGEE NEWS

Thanks to you, we are closer to being prepared for our new refugee family to arrive in late summer/early fall. We have already collected many of the items from the Refugee Donations Board in the Gathering Area. Items are due today! You can leave them at the Refugee Table and cross your name off on the Board. The last item we need is a new or used, approximately 32" flat screen TV with HDMI port. Thank you so very much for your generosity!

RECLAIM 13 PRESENTATION ON THE EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children is not something that is pleasant to discuss. However, the truth is that it has affected people you know and continues to steal the childhood from children in our area. Reclaim 13 is a Downers Grove based Christ centered organization that works to "reclaim" that childhood for those young victims and help them to begin to heal and dream again. On Sunday, June 11 representatives from Reclaim 13 will be here from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. with a presentation at 9:45 a.m. in the Lounge. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about their work and ways that you can also make a difference. For more information contact joellenmaurer@gloriadeichurch.org

CITIZENSHIP CLINIC JUNE 17

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help out at the Citizenship Clinic here at Gloria Dei on Saturday, June 17 from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. We are still in need of a few greeters/guides, especially in the morning from 8:30-12:00, and we could also use some help with take-down from 3:00-5:00 the same day. Also, if you speak a foreign language (Arabic, Spanish, Russian, in particular) we can put your skills to work! Sign up on the green sheet today!

COMMUNITY ADULT DAY CENTER

The Community Adult Day Center is in need of small Bingo prizes. Items such as costume jewelry, coin purses, individually wrapped cookies, hard candy, combs, lotion, nail polish, emery boards, socks, puzzle books, coloring books, small stuffed animals or chap stick. Please bring the items to the Church Office.

SUMMER SEASON WALKING PROGRAM

There will be a table in the Gathering Area to sign up for the new walking program sponsored by the Wellness Cabinet. If you ordered a book, stop by to pick it up.

All are welcome to join us! There are no requirements but we'd like you to set a goal and then track the number of miles that you walk.