



GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
JULY 22/23, 2017**

CELEBRATE!

PASTOR TIM'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

Join in the celebration beginning with a special service on August 6 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a delicious brunch. Pastor Tim has served 25 years in ministry at several ELCA congregations serving the Church of Christ. PT's faith statement is: "God is God and I am not, but with God's help, I believe small things done with great love can change the world." Donations in honor of Pastor Tim may be made payable to Gloria Dei earmarked "DuPage Habitat for Humanity." Please sign up on the green sheet to rsvp for this event!

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, Hope Bells Suellyn Scharping	
Office Administrator Joyce Pauly	(106)
Office Assistant Mary Rakowski	(107)
Hands @ Work Coordinator Jo Ellen Maurer	(112)

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES:

Now 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.

**LACES FOR LOVE—JULY PROJECT
OF MISSION & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

The shoes have been taken! All shoes should be returned to Gloria Dei by August 6. 'Love' will distribute the shoes to Puffer prior to the start of school.

PUB CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 12:30 P.M.

All are invited to celebrate two years of ministry by Sojourners Pub Church. Sojourners focuses on people uncomfortable in a regular church environment or looking for a place to re-energize for the journey through life. Led by Rev. Craig Felde, Pub Church offers a casual form of worship in a welcoming, informal atmosphere at Tracy's Tavern, 401 55th St in Clarendon Hills. This anniversary service will feature a concert by Pub Church's house band Every Day Grace following the service.

PET BLESSING & PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

HUMMER PARK—4:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.

This year, Gloria Dei will be hosting a Community Pet Blessing at 4:00 p.m. at Hummer Park on Fairview Avenue, just north of Maple Avenue, in Downers Grove. Please come, worship together and stay for hot dogs, corn and chips. All of God's creatures are welcome to participate in the service and be blessed. Remember how much they have blessed your lives. Call Sue Scharping, 630-968-6231 (church office - leave a message) or e-mail her at sue.scharping@gloriadeichurch.org if you would like to help out with this fun and very special event. If you can't help, just come and enjoy the service. Bring a lawn chair and invite a friend (with or without four legs).

COFFEE HOUR

With the combining of the 7:30 & 8:30 a.m. service on September 10, we are looking for volunteers to make coffee and bring in snacks Sunday mornings before the 8:30 a.m. service. Please sign up on the green sheet or contact Carol Richter if you have any questions.

This Week at Gloria Dei

SUNDAY—JULY 23

7:30, 8:30, & 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. Jacque Oretgel Birthday

MONDAY—JULY 24

6:30 p.m. Every Day Grace—Nave

TUESDAY—JULY 25

6:30 p.m. Baptismal Consltn-Library
7:00 p.m. Grief Support - Lounge
8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal—Nave

WEDNESDAY—JULY 26

6:30 p.m. Youth Group—Youth Room

SATURDAY—JULY 29

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY—JULY 30

7:30, 8:30, & 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP
9:35 a.m. Spirit Choir—Nave
12:30 p.m. Pub Church—Tracy's Tavern

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

CHURCH NIGHT SUPPER

With the popularity of the Taco Dinner, a 5th dinner has been added to the Church Night Supper rotation! We will need volunteers to either shop, serve, clean up, captain, cashier or bake goodies! Please sign up on the green sheet for any of the dinners.

SUMMER CHOIR SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

All are invited to sing with our Summer Choir on Sunday, August 6. We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. to learn an anthem to sing at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. No experience necessary. Here's your chance to sing with the choir on a (really) short-term basis. Questions? Contact Betsy Waldon.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES— LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Buy your supplies now while the great sales are going on! During the month of August, we will start collecting school and health items for Lutheran World Relief in the Gathering Area. Items needed for the *school kits* are: (4) 70 -page notebooks, (1) 12 inch ruler, (1) pencil sharpener, (1) blunt scissors, (5) unsharpened #2 pencils (5) black or blue pens, and (1) 24 count Crayons. For the *health kit* items needed are: (2) bars of 4-5 oz. soap, (1) sturdy comb, (1) adult size toothbrush and (1) metal nail clipper. The kits need to be returned by the beginning of September.

BREAD BAKERS NEEDED

The Bread Baking Committee is looking for new people to add to the list of bakers for our Sunday services. We have a recipe that details how to make the bread. Coming up in the near future is a need for bread on September 3. If you are interested or have questions, please call Carol Baumann, Carol Trojanowski or Karen Worst.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date for July 31 - August 2 for Camp Out: Getting S'more of Jesus. This year's VBS will occur from July 31 - August 2, from 9:00 a.m.- Noon. There will also be a family picnic to end VBS on Wednesday at noon. *Registration forms are now available on the welcome desk in the gathering area and on our church website using this link:*

<http://www.gloriadeichurch.org/uploads/media/VBS%202017%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

RUN, WALK OR RIDE

Have you checked out the Hands @ Work kiosk by the south door this summer? There are opportunities from which to choose to have fun, get exercise and support local organizations that make a difference in the community!

GOD'S WORK/OUR HANDS SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH MISSION & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Mission & Justice Committee is beginning to plan activities for God's Work/Our Hands Sunday on September 10. Members of the congregation are invited to make suggestions for the volunteer possibilities for the day. Are you involved with an organization that could use some extra help? Do you know of something in the community that members could work on? Is there a volunteer project that you have worked on and would like to share with others? We are especially looking for ideas where people of all ages could work together. Opportunities to share your ideas with the committee will be provided on the blue sheets during the July week ends.

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. Contact Aaron if you can help out.

ELECTRONICS & RECYCLABLES DROP OFF EVENT

August 12, 2017 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

START COLLECTING YOUR ITEMS NOW!

Gloria Dei will be hosting an electronics & recyclables drop off event on August 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be a fee for televisions and hard drive destruction. A complete list is in the Gathering Area. No drop offs prior to August 12.

VOLUNTEER MATCH

Do you want to volunteer but don't know where or how? Contact Jo Ellen our Hands @ Work Coordinator at jo-ellen.maurer@gloriadeichurch.org. Together we can find your perfect match!

SHED CLEANUP

On Saturday, August 19 beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Property Committee will be cleaning out and organizing the storage shed. Any items that have no apparent use or have not been claimed by anyone will be discarded, donated or given away. If you have items in the shed that you would like to keep, please tag them or remove them before August 19. Any items that you would like to keep in the shed should be tagged with your name and/or committee. You can also show up and volunteer to help with the cleanup effort.