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CHURCH NIGHT SUPPER

April 25, 2018

**Pizza
Fresh fruit, green salad
dessert**

\$3.00 per person

5:45 p.m.

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
APRIL 21/22, 2018**

LSSI-GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: TODAY.

On Sunday, April 22, Reverend Lisa Seymour will preach at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services in honor of Good Shepherd Sunday. The annual commemoration of Good Shepherd Sunday has traditionally been an opportunity to raise up the programs of LSSI to members of Gloria Dei and to encourage support for the agency. You may use the blue envelopes in the pews for a donation. Please mark your check and the envelope LSSI. Lutheran Social Services brings healing, justice and wholeness to people & communities.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND
LIVING OUT OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT.**

Theology on Thursdays will take a look at the Sacrament of Baptism and topics such as: What is the sacrament of Baptism, infant and adult Baptism, living out our Baptismal Covenant, means of Grace, and spiritual gifts. Join us on Thursdays at 1:30 in the Library starting April 19th.

MIDDLE EASTERN BUFFET

This is the last weekend we'll be selling tickets to the Middle Eastern Buffet Dinner on Saturday, April 28 at 6:15 pm at Simply Halal Foods in Westmont. Imam Hassan Aly (Director of The Mecca Center) is scheduled to speak about Islam. A portion of the \$15/person cost benefits the Refugee Ministry. There is limited seating and we are nearly sold out, so buy your tickets now!

**"SOONER THAN LATER:
MAKING CHOICES ABOUT ADVANCED DIRECTIVES"
IN THE GATHERING AREA THIS MONTH**

This is a great opportunity to learn about making your own choices about end-of-life care for yourself or to start the dialogue with a loved one! Sign up to receive a copy of the "Five Wishes" form or to speak with the parish nurse, Jean Runge-Versaci. You may also view the DVD, "Five Wishes," on Sunday, 4/29, at 9:45 am and 10:45 am in the conference room.

SPRING FLING

All the women of the congregation are encouraged to attend LSSI's Spring Fling on Saturday, April 28 at the Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. when the boutiques open, continuing with lunch and a botanical workshop program. The cost for a ticket is \$75 to benefit LSSI's Children's Services. For tickets or help with transportation, please contact Mary Ann Smith.

SPRING CLEANING

So that we end the season with a clean house, please take home anything you may have left in the Welcome Desk, coat racks, upstairs kitchen as well as the big kitchen. Anything left will be recycled or donated as appropriate the week of May 20.

This Week at Gloria Dei

SUNDAY—APRIL 22

**8:30, 9:43 & 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP
Good Shepherd & LSSI Sunday**
9:45 a.m. Wellness—Confnc Rm
10:05 a.m. Earth Day
10:05 a.m. Sunday School/Jr Youth
10:35 a.m. Spirit Choir—Nave
12:00 p.m. Refugee Mentor Mtg—Lounge

MONDAY—APRIL 23

6:30 p.m. Citizenship Tutoring
6:30 p.m. Everyday Grace—Nave

TUESDAY—APRIL 24

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi Chair—Lounge
6:30 p.m. Baptism Consultn-Library
6:30 p.m. Tech Comm—Confnc Rm
7:00 p.m. Grief Support—Lounge
7:30 p.m. Council Mtg—Library

WEDNESDAY—APRIL 25

4:30 p.m. Blessed Notes Choir-Nave
4:45 p.m. Wired Word—Conference Rm
5:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom—114/115
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir—Lounge
5:45 p.m. Church Night Supper—F Hall
6:30 p.m. Hope Bells—Nave
6:30 p.m. The Greatest Story—Confnc Rm
7:00 p.m. Youth Group-Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Bells—Nave
8:00 p.m. Faith Choir Rehearsal— Choir Loft

THURSDAY—APRIL 26

10:00 a.m. Friends & Faith—Lounge
1:30 p.m. Theology on Thursdays—Library

FRIDAY— APRIL 27

10:00 a.m. Rapture Exposed—Library

SATURDAY—APRIL 28

9:00 a.m. Diakonia—Lounge
5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY—APRIL 29

8:30, 9:43 & 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP
8:30 a.m. Wellness—Confnc Rm
10:05 a.m. Sunday School/Jr Youth
10:35 a.m. Spirit Choir—Nave
12:00 p.m. More Than Bread Alone—Lounge

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

LOVE > FEAR

Help stop Human Trafficking and have a family friendly day. Reclaim 13 is holding their 3rd Annual 5k walk/run with a family fun fair afterward. For more details stop by our Reclaim 13 church coalition table in the Gathering Area on April 29 & May 6. We can help you sign up or join our Gloria Dei team.

GLORIA DEI GARDENERS

A big thank you to the Gloria Dei Gardeners who helped with the Spring clean-up of our church grounds. Also to Cut Above Landscaping who finished our clean-up and did cut edging around all of our planting beds as a complimentary community service before installing the mulch we purchased from their company.

We still need more volunteers to help maintain our grounds this season. If you can help, please sign the green sheet.

JOIN PASTOR TIM FOR BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Let The Greatest Story Bible Study teach you about the Bible and how it developed gradually over 1000 years. Learn about the Book of Acts, General Letters and Revelation at a beginner's level. All are welcome; please join in the Spirit of knowledge and truth.

METRO-CHICAGO SYNOD ASSEMBLY-

3 DELEGATES NEEDED! June 8-9

Sign up now to attend the assembly at the nearby Tinley Park Convention Center on Friday, June 8th and Saturday (9-12). Learn about how the synod works to determine everything from budgeting to proposing resolutions to worshipping! Workshops in the afternoon focus on special interests and world issues. Please contact Pastor Kral if you can attend. FREE.

COME JOIN THE PARISH NURSE FOR APRIL FITNESS DAYS

Remaining April Fitness Activities with the Parish Nurse: All are welcome! Tai Chi Tuesday on 4/24 at 10:30 am in the lounge.

LOCKS OF LOVE

Do you have long hair and a giving spirit? Come join Confirmation student Anya K. on May 14 and donate your hair! Lengths of 8 inches or more can be given, and you can choose to donate your hair to Locks of Love or Pantene Beautiful Lengths. More details & a link to sign up for an appointment time are at

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0545ADA72CA1FB6-hair.