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**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
AUGUST 18/19, 2018**

**HONORING JOYCE PAULY
AS SHE RETIRES FROM GLORIA DEI**

In addition to the retirement luncheon planned for Sunday, August 26 at 11:45 am, many people have asked about a gift for Joyce to celebrate this milestone. Joyce has served 15 years in the office at Gloria Dei, first as Membership Secretary and subsequently as Office Manager. Donations in Joyce’s honor may be made payable to Gloria Dei earmarked “Joyce Pauly gift.” Please return your donation to the church office by this **Friday, August 24th** so that we may present the gift at the luncheon. Thank you.

CHOIRS RESUME WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Choirs for all ages start rehearsals soon! See our website for a list of groups for ringing and singing. Contact Sue Scharping or Betsy Waldon for more information. All are welcome!

REMINDER

If you take towels home from the kitchen to wash them, please return them in a timely manner. Thank you.

**GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
PLAN TO PARTICIPATE**

Members are encouraged to plan their Sunday, Sept. 9th as a special day to help with the activities planned for God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday. You are encouraged to stay after the 9:00am Worship Service or come early for the 10:30am Service to participate in the various activities which are planned for the morning. God’s Work, Our Hands is a church-wide designated day of service.

**GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS—SEPTEMBER 9TH
SNACK BAG ACTIVITY**

Please donate the following items for the 100 snack bags we will assemble for people in need. Items needed for the bags: Protein bars, fruit/vegetable cups, granola bars, prepared microwavable meals, juice boxes, gum, or treats. A list of items needed will be on the Welcome Desk. Sign up on the green sheet. You may drop items off in the red bins. Thank you!

- SAVE THE DATES
FOR THESE EVENTS**
- Love INC and Gloria Dei Car wash, September 8
 - God’s Work Our Hands, September 9
 - Sunday School, Grandparents Day, September 9
 - “Get On the Bus”, September 14
 - Blood Drive Sunday, September 23
 - Life Line Screening, Tuesday, October 2
 - CROP Walk, October 14

This Week at Gloria Dei

SUNDAY—AUGUST 19
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP
10:05 a.m. Spirit Choir—Nave
11:30 a.m. Sunday Schl Teacher Wrkshop-Lng

MONDAY—AUGUST 20
12:15 p.m. 60 Min. Book Club—Library
6:15 p.m. Citizenship Class—Rm 110-111

TUESDAY—AUGUST 21
10:00 a.m. 3rd Tues. Women’s Grp-Lounge
6:30 p.m. New Member Meet & Grt—Library
7:00 p.m. Grief Support—Lounge
7:30 Exec. Comm.—Confrnce Rm

WEDNESDAY—AUGUST 22
6:40 p.m. Pizza & Polish—Nave & Lounge
7:00 p.m. Youth Group—Youth Room

SATURDAY—AUGUST 25
5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY—AUGUST 26
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP
11:30 a.m. Retirement Luncheon for Joyce-FH

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

**STATIONARY BICYCLE NEEDED FOR
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY**

Any member who has a stationary bicycle that Mission & Justice Committee could use for an activity on Sept. 9th, God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, please contact Mary Ann Smith through the church office. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**WESTERN US WILDFIRES AND LUTHERAN
DISASTER RESPONSE**

The Carr fire burning in Northern California has been a very destructive fire, with seven fatalities and tens of thousands evacuated. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and the Sierra Pacific Synod to respond to this fire. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for 'U.S. wildfires' will be used to help those affected by wildfires until the response is complete. Please pray for those affected and give generously using the blue envelopes in the pews, and designate "U.S. Wildfires".

3RD TUESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP

3rd Tuesday Women's Group will have a guest speaker this week! Molly Arnodt from LSSI will be speaking with us about new LSSI Mental Health programs. The meeting is Tuesday, August 21st at 10 am in the church lounge. This group is open to all. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Please come for an informative program and fellowship.

DIAKONIA

The diakonia program is a two year educational program of spiritual formation and religious education. Its goal is to provide each participant the opportunity to discover their God-given gifts, strengthen their faith and their abilities and give them purpose within their own congregations, synods and the church. Classes will be offered at Gloria Dei on Saturday mornings, starting Sept. 15th. Contact Mary Ann Smith if you have any questions.

GET ON THE BUS PARTY

You are invited to the 9th Annual "Get on the Bus Party"! This event benefits the "Visits with Mom" program, part of Prisoner and Family Ministry at LSSI and will be held on Friday, September 14th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Ericson. This program provides transportation for children to visit their moms who are incarcerated in IL prisons. To attend, please RSVP to Karen or the church office. If you can't attend, but would like to contribute, you can put a check in the offering made out to Gloria Dei with "Get on the Bus" on the memo line. This year, we are also collecting \$5 gift cards for McDonalds that the children can use to purchase a meal on their way home from their visit to see their moms. Put these in the box at the Information Desk. Thanks for supporting this important program!

**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. The list of items needed for the school kits and health kits are located on the Welcome Desk. The kits need to be returned by the first weekend of September.

CITIZENSHIP CLINIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Gloria Dei will partner with World Relief again this year to offer a US Citizenship Clinic for legal permanent residents. There are many ways you can help. We need greeters, child care helpers, copier helpers, N-400 application assistants, and help taking the event down afterwards. You can serve the whole day or take a shift, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.. Take down is from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.. Sign up on the Green Sheet today! Mary Anne and Mark Hewett have more details.

GOLF OUTING

You are invited to participate in the 28th Annual Gloria Dei Open Golf Outing to be held Saturday, September 8 at 8:00 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 Thursday, August 30, 2018. Please specify "**Golf Outing**" on the **check and envelope**. Tee times will be made Tuesday, September 4. You can call the church, Bruce or Sharon if you did not receive your postcard.

JOIN US & LIVE GENEROUSLY!

Opus Financial Group with Thrivent is hosting a Summer BBQ & Charitable Event. On Sunday, August 26th from Noon to 3pm at Patriots Park Pavilion, 55th & Grand Avenue in Downers Grove. We will be celebrating community, sharing a meal and supporting Rural Pre-ventures Charitable Trust – a mobile medical & dental clinic with volunteer doctors providing care for children in rural villages of India.

CHURCH NIGHT SUPPER—HELPERS REQUESTED

Church Night Supper has been a tradition for over 40 years at Gloria Dei! Keep the tradition strong by volunteering to either shop, serve, clean up, cashier or bake goodies! Please sign up on the green sheet. Church Night Supper begins August 29.