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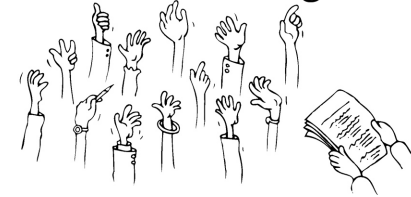
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Congregational Annual Meeting

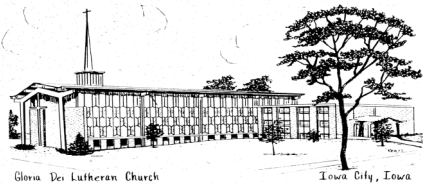


Sunday, January 29 at 1 pm following lunch. (Chili cook off information on page 8)

We will be considering several business items such as election of council members. Agenda items can be submitted to the office through the 15th. Copies of the Annual Report will be available Sunday January 22.

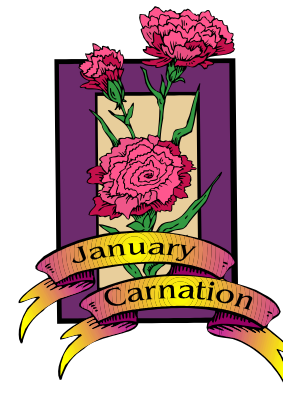


**Your 2012 Offering
Envelopes can be picked up
at the church!**



Pastor:
Karl Divine-Koch
Minister of Congregational Life:
Pam Larabee-Zierath, AIM
Campus Pastor:
Robert Dotzel
Director of Music Ministries:
Laura Wiebe
Organist:
Ruth Hurlburt
Office Manager:
Natalie Polzin
Sexton:
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gathered by grace, scattered for service.

Worship

8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday Mornings
with Holy Communion.

6:00 pm Thursday nights Lutheran
Campus Ministry gathers for supper
during the U of I semesters at the
Christus House .

Youth Ministry

Families with children of all ages
gather for events and activities
monthly.

Sunday School meets regularly
Sundays at 9:15 am September - May.
Confirmation classes, 7th and 8th
grades, meet Wednesday nights and
Sunday mornings during the school
year.

Choirs

New singers always welcome!
Youth Choir—6:30-7:10 pm Wed.
Senior Choir—7:30-8:30 pm Wed.

Adults

Bible Studies

- Tuesday Mornings:
6:45 am Men's Bible study
10:30 am Bible Study—all
welcome
- Wednesday 6:30 pm Spanish
Bible Study
- Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Study
- Thursday 10:30 am Bible Study—
all welcome

4 Women of the ELCA Circles meet
monthly (pg. 3)

3M Club meets the second Tuesday of
the month. Adult fellowship, sometimes
a potluck, sometimes an evening out,
always room for more.

Families in Formation is a group for
families with new children to come
together for fellowship and service.

Kira Hennes	1/1	Catelyn Foerstner	1/16
Joceline Spenner	1/1	Heather Heaford	1/16
Bess Vrchoticky	1/1	Clay Monserud	1/16
Maria Bavier	1/2	Matthew McIlrath	1/17
Shirley Harris	1/2	Alexandria Maier	1/18
Dale Bentz	1/3	Elizabeth Breed	1/19
Lois Coon	1/3	Isabelle Gray	1/19
Sheryl Gordon	1/3	Doris Houser	1/19
Ashley Peter	1/3	Alicia Netolicky	1/19
Cindy Mason	1/4	Nichole Netolicky	1/19
Dalton Huff	1/5	Kent Bredlau	1/20
Daniel Karr	1/6	Tony Zinn	1/20
Charles Isaacs	1/7	Ruth Johnson	1/22
Brenda Vrchoticky	1/7	Josh Livermore	1/22
Michael Kovar	1/9	Sue Soderberg	1/23
David Maher	1/9	Ben Smith	1/24
James Maher	1/9	Mindy Lingel	1/25
Roger Fisher	1/10	Evelyn Bollinger	1/26
Amos Lavela	1/10	Kathryn Chase	1/26
Karen Smith	1/10	Miguel Garcia	1/28
Cathy Anson	1/11	Brandon Netolicky	1/28
Jason Johnson	1/11	Alan Stang	1/28
John Morrison	1/11	Susan Cooper	1/29
Terry Anderson	1/12	Bill Haigh Jr.	1/29
Florence Stockman	1/12	Duane Chase	1/30
Mike Armens	1/13	Becky McLachlan	1/30
Eric Richmond	1/13	Parker Vick	1/31
Denise Lavela	1/14		
Anders Lie	1/14		
Connie McRoberts	1/14		
Bryanna Bredlau	1/16		

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Bill & Deb Larson	1/2
Dave & Roma Panther	1/5
Arne & Katharine Bjorndal	1/12
Michael & Gail Maher	1/19
Bill & Carol Dollman	1/22
Kristine & Thomas McLachlan	1/23

Congratulations to all those who celebrate a birthday or anniversary this month. If we've missed you, please let Natalie know so that she can update the records. Thank you!



Pray for God's care and healing for: Keith Koch (brother of Karl), Joe Segreti, Thelma Aldeman, Gladys Moore, Millie (mother of Barbara Palasek), Larry Wonick, Kelly Knight (cousin of Cathy Divine-Koch), Bette Schmidt, Don Brown, Karin Orr (niece of Brenda Vrchticky), Betty Sass, Betty Forell, Michael Molinar (friend of Brigitte Vanle), Jeanette Roth (friend of Deb Bailey-Murray), Ramona Bell, Debbie Reid (mother of Ryan Reid), Jack Boal, Kathryn Nereim, Shelley Tucker (niece of Jo McConahay), Jeanette Bailey-Murray (Arthur's mother), Byron Bacher, Edward (brother of Barb Palasek), Paul Wiese (brother of Jim Wiese), family of Dorette Morehouse (mother of Cathy Goddard), family of Bill Lumpa (husband of Janet Lumpa), family of Doug Duncan (father of Adele Monserud), family of Sven Armens (father-in-law of Dottie Armens).



Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA

Marie Jensen Circle: Mon., Jan. 16, 7:30 pm
Location: Lounge

Maya Winther Circle: Tues., Jan 17, 7 pm

Elaine Wagner Circle: Wed., Jan 18, 9 am
Location: Lounge
Devotions: Judy Juwan
Bring Your Own Snack

Rosella Kameo Circle: Wed., Jan 18, 1 pm



To the congregation of Gloria Dei:

Thank you for the beautiful bowl given to me on my retirement as volunteer coordinator. It is a lovely addition to our home.

I appreciate and thank all the wonderful volunteers who have worked with me over the past years ensuring that we have the positions filled every Sunday morning.

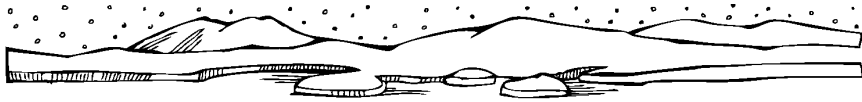
I look forward to continuing as a volunteer with them.

Thank you again for this lovely gift that honors my service to you and Gloria Dei.

Sincerely,

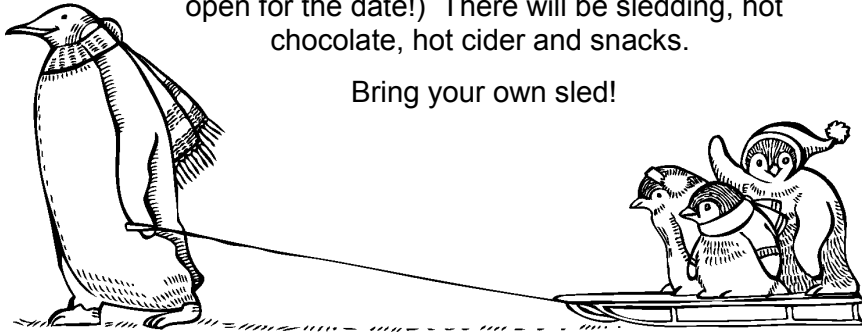
Chris Christian

YOUTH NEWS



We're going to hope that we get snow! Join us for a **sledding party** in January (keep your eyes and ears open for the date!) There will be sledding, hot chocolate, hot cider and snacks.

Bring your own sled!



We are lining up worship volunteers for Jan. thru April. We need greeters, readers, ushers, and people to bring cookies and make coffee. Be ready to respond to an invitation to serve or volunteer by writing your name on the schedule near the coffee pot. NOTE: You can see the volunteer schedule for the next two Sundays in the "Members Only" section of the website. Go to "Events" located on the members only ribbon.



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

Gloria Dei's youth heading off to New Orleans for a week of learning, worship, and service next summer are: Ryan Ruckdaschel, Ben Smith, Tessa McRoberts and Tina Bailey-Murray. Adult sponsors are Mary Maxwell and David Larabee-Zierath, along with Pam L-Z. Please hold the group in your prayers and watch for ways to support their trip.



The full minutes of the Council are posted on the kiosk in the church narthex.

ATTENDANCE



DATE	8:00	10:30	TOTAL
12/4/11	119	112	231
12/11/11	131	138	269
12/18/11	155	198	353
12/24/11 (5:15)	133		
12/25/11 (10:00)	59		
	(7:00) 255	(11:00) 67	

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Forum at 9:15 am on Sundays

January 8 and 15 - Pastor Karl leads a consideration of the Council of Nicaea and the creation of the Canon

January 22 - Annual meeting discussion

January 29 - no class

Weekday opportunities:

Tuesday - Men's Bible Study at 6:45 am
New Testament Study at 10:30 am

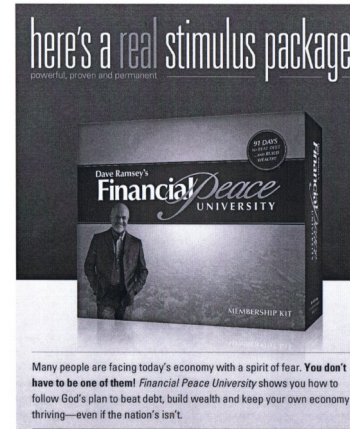
Wednesday - Spanish Bible Study at 6:00 pm (en español)
Evening Bible Study at 6:30 pm—Romans

Thursday - Old Testament Study at 10:30 am

Committees of Gloria Dei

Please remember to write up a report for the end of the year and get them into the office by January 11th for inclusion in the Annual Report. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSTIY - If your New Year's Resolution is to reduce your debt, then you are invited to join us for the 13 week Financial Peace University class beginning Sunday, January 22 from 1:30—3:00. Cathy Goddard, FPU coordinator.

Looking for a volunteer to provide child care during the 13 weeks of Financial Peace University Please contact Cathy Goddard.



A new member orientation will be held on **Sunday, January 15th**. New members will be received at the 10:30 am worship service.

THEOLOGY FOR LUNCH - BOOK DISCUSSION

LOVE WINS: A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived;

By Rob Bell, HarperOne, 2011

Spring Semester, 2012

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Lounge

(Select Wednesdays at noon)

(Books should be purchased individually by participants)

Led by Campus Pastor Rob Dotzel

January 25 – Chapter 1: What about the flat tire?

February 1 – Chapter 2: Here is the new there

February 8 – Chapter 3: Hell

February 29 – Chapter 4: Does God get what God wants?

March 7 – Chapter 5: Dying to live

March 28 – Chapter 6: There are rocks everywhere

April 4 – Chapter 7: The Good News is better than that

April 11 – Chapter 8: The end is near

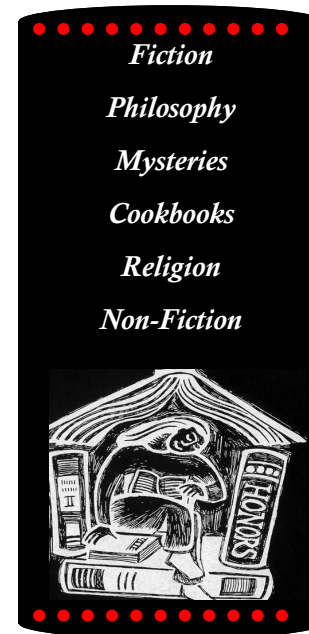


Shelter House Annual Used Book Sale

Saturday, March 3rd

At the former

Walden's Book Store in Sycamore Mall



If you are beginning to sort through no longer needed books or DVD's please consider setting them aside for this event. Collection boxes will be set out in early February. Then remember the date and come shop to help support our local shelter house.



Partners in Faith Formation

By Pam LZ

Thanks for all the cards and good wishes over the holidays! Here are a couple of thoughts as we move toward the Epiphany season.

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS— *Howard Thurman*

When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To teach the nations
To bring Christ to all
To make music in the heart.

IT'S NOT OVER – *Ann Weems*

It is not over,
this birthing.
There are always newer skies
into which
God can throw stars.
When we begin to think
that we can predict the Advent of God,
that we can box the Christ
in a stable in Bethlehem,
that's just the time
that God will be born
in a place we can't imagine and won't believe.
Those who wait for God
watch with their ears and not their eyes,
listening
always listening
for angel words.



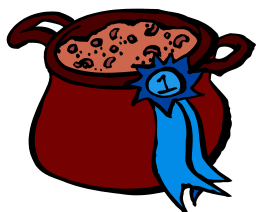
Lutheran Men in Mission Townhall Meeting February 11, 2012 - 10:00 AM - Southeastern Iowa Synod Center for Ministry Just as Philip invited Nathanael in John 1:46, Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) invites men to Come and See Jesus Christ! LMM's vision is for every man to have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective men's ministry in every congregation. As part of this relationship we are Called to walk with Christ, be Equipped to live like Christ and Sent to work for Christ.

On Saturday, February 11th, Lon Buss, LMM Region 5 Director will share information from LMM about resources, events and ideas for congregations regarding their ministry with men and helping them have a closer walk with Christ. There will be an opportunity to share ideas from congregations and discuss the potential for multi-congregational activities and raising the awareness of LMM's ministry in the area and synod.

The meeting will start at 10:00am at the Southeastern Iowa Synod Center for Ministry located at 2635 Northgate Drive, Iowa City, IA. To help with planning, please call Ryan Reid or email ryanreid@mchsi.com

If you are unable to attend, or would like more information about LMM sooner, please contact Lon at londebbuss@charter.net. You can also go to www.lutheranmen.org for information about LMM and/or One Year to Live Retreats in WI in 2012.

2ND Annual Gloria Dei Chili Cook-off



When: Annual Meeting in January

*This is a fundraiser for the
Gloria Dei Budget shortfall of 2011*

Price per person is \$ 5.00

*(Please note if you can give more than \$5.00 that would be
greatly appreciated)*

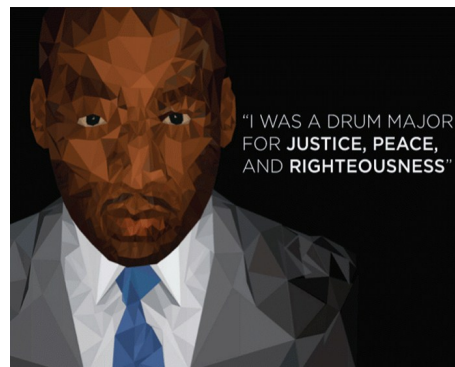
*We will be having 20 contestants that will bring their chili in
for us to decide who is the Gloria Dei's Chili King or Queen.*

We will be awarding prizes for the top 6 categories:

1. Best overall Chili (Grand Prize)
2. Most Original Chili
3. Hottest Chili
4. Best Tasting
5. Best VEGETARIAN
6. People's Choice

Please come and join us for great church fellowship and to see
who will have the bragging rights for the year!

Note: For those unable to eat chili, a non-chili alternative will be
available for the same price. Come be a part of the fun anyway!



**M. L. King, Jr.,
Interfaith Service on
January 15th**

Interfaith Worship Service

To honor the life & work of the
Rev. Dr. M. L. King, Jr.

7:00 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15th

Sponsored by Consultation of Religious
Communities of Johnson County

Talk by Local Activist Royceann Porter

Music □ Readings □ Prayers for the world

Coralville United Methodist Church
806 13th Ave., Coralville

All are welcome! Refreshments & conversation
after the service.

2012 PLEDGE STATUS

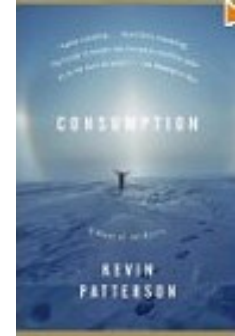
Through January 3, 2012 we have received pledges for 2012 from 80% of our members who also made pledges for 2011. It is critical to our financial planning for 2012 that we receive, **as soon as possible**, the 2012 pledges still outstanding from those who pledged in 2011. There are also several members who are regular contributors throughout the year, but who have chosen in the past not to make a formal pledge. Again, we strongly encourage these members to reconsider making a pledge for 2012 to be the most helpful to our Church Council in the final determination of our budget for 2012. Also, all **new members** who have not yet turned in their pledge for 2012 are urged to do so.

Please turn in your pledge cards to the church office, or verbal pledges of your best estimate of your intended 2012 regular envelope giving can be **called in** to Jim Wiese.

SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER,
Jim Wiese, Stewardship Committee



ARE YOU READING?
GLORIA DEI BOOK CLUB
Mark your calendar and dust off your library card, the Gloria Dei Book Club is meeting the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the lounge.



Books for 2012

No January Meeting

February
Consumption
by Kevin Patterson

No March Meeting

April
Sing Them Home
by Stephanie Kallos

Join the discussion
Wednesday, Feb. 8th,
6:30pm in the church lounge.

The Book for Feb.—Consumption
by Kevin Patterson

Wednesday, Feb 8th, 6:30 pm

The reader enters into the modern contradictions of the Arctic—walrus meat and convenience food, midnight sun and 24-hour satellite TV, dog teams and diamond mines—and into the heart of Victoria's internal exile. Born on the tundra in the 1950s, Victoria knows nothing but the nomadic life of the Inuit until, at the age of ten, she is diagnosed with tuberculosis and evacuated to a southern sanitarium. When she returns home six years later, she finds a radically different world, where the traditionally rootless tribes have uneasily congregated in small communities. And Victoria has become a stranger to her family and her culture.