



## 2017 Newsletter

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Worship: 10:00 AM Sept. 10 only  
8:30 & 10:45 AM Sunday

Office Hours: M T Th F 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Mission Statement:** *“As the Body of Christ known as Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, our vision for Mission and Ministry is to gather, empower, and send people into the world as disciples of the living Christ.”*

### STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Gordon Peterson	Secretary	Kim Kendrek
Choir Director	Kirk Maki	Bell Director	Carol Boyce
Organists	Sharon Kuhlman, Haley Sulisz	Praise Band	Julie Becker
Accompanist	Barbara Wagner		

### COUNCIL

President	Kerry Hamilton Smith
Vice President	Laura Schaedler
Secretary	Tom Carothers
Treasurer	Teresa Bohannon
Financial Sec.	Jim Feldkamp
Christian Ed.	Deb Flint
Mutual Ministry	Brad Kuhbender
Social Ministry	Deb Lawson
Youth Group	Jenna Dickerson & Diane Dickerson
Stewardship	John Wanke
Worship & Music	Jenny Merritt & Elaine Webb
Inside Property	LoAnn Smith
Outside Property	Brent Gnodtke
Members At Large	Kim Janeczek & Russell Wiese

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Sue Samelak, Mary Ferguson, Karen Watson, Russell Wiese, Pastor Gordy, Judy Peterson

### PRAYER CHAIN

June Macbeth (517)-423-4182



Stewardship is alive and well at Gloria Dei. This fall there are a couple things happening that will help Gloria Dei with knowledge on each of our time & talents. The Stewardship Committee is working on a "Time & Talents" inventory sheet for each family. It will be introduced mid-October and be completed by mid-November. The inventory will then be used in 2018 to help with doing God's work through Gloria Dei.

The second event that will happen will be Commitment Sunday scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is using a program "Keep it Simple", again more will be coming in the next few weeks.

God Bless,  
Stewardship Committee



Greetings from your Treasurer:  
Just an update as to how Gloria Dei is doing financially to the approved budget:

<b>Year to date August 2017</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Giving:	\$ 201,336	\$ 195,432
Expenses:	\$ 201,064	\$ 188,784
(Shortfall)/Excess:	\$ 272	\$ 6,648

With generous giving and careful spending, we are looking good with an excess of \$6,648 going into this fall. Thank you to all for a job well done!

Teresa Bohannon,  
Treasurer



# God's work. Our hands.

The 12 weeks of Christmas collection for this project begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will collect *laundry detergent* that Sunday which will be taken to the Tecumseh Service Club food pantry after late service. Each week a different item will be collected for the pantry. Items may be placed in the car sitting under the awning as you enter church. The items will be delivered to the pantry following late service.



Dear Gloria Dei Family,

Thank you for the lovely card and delicious cookies. It was an added ray of sunshine to my day. I also thank you for the cards and prayers. They lift me up and remind me of God's love and care.

I give thanks to God for each of you. God bless!

In Christ,  
Walt Breeze

Dear Gloria Dei members,

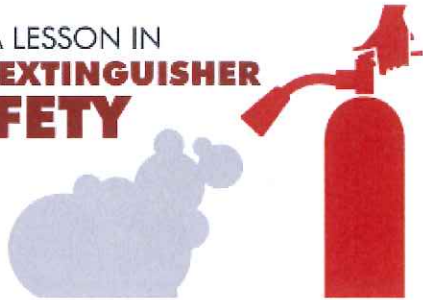
We want to thank you for all you did for my dad and our family last Saturday.

He so much enjoyed the group that came to sing and the ladies that took time to talk with him. The cookies were an added bonus. Thanks!

The weeding and bush trimming was also greatly appreciated. That was on my to do list. What a relief to be able to check that off my list. What a wonderful job all of you did. The added window washing was over the top. You all thought of every way to be a blessing.

Your friends,  
Art Baaske, Linda Iott, Bruce and Susie

TAKE A LESSON IN  
**FIRE EXTINGUISHER  
SAFETY**



Last spring Fire Chief Joe Tuckey came to Gloria Dei for CPR/AED training. It was a great training session which prompted us to purchase our AED that is hanging in the narthex. Joe Tuckey will be back here on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:15 pm for Fire Extinguisher Safety Training. Chief Tuckey has many useful tips that we will learn in this class.



### Confirmation

On Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Aaron Becker will affirm his baptismal vows in the Rite of Confirmation. Aaron has completed two years of study in the basics of our faith and is eager to assume the responsibility for continued growth in faith. Please remember Aaron in your prayers as he takes this major step in his faith.

### Church Directory



The church directory has been in progress for quite some time. With your help and updates and the help of Jeanne Sheldon & George Eidson making phone calls and May Butler spending time in the office helping with detail, the directory is almost ready for print. Watch for release in October!

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council Meeting

July 18, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Kerry Hamilton Smith. An opening prayer was given by Pastor Gordy.

**Present:** Kerry Hamilton Smith, Laura Schaedler, Tom Carothers, Teresa Bohannon, Pastor Gordy Peterson, Jim Feldkamp, LoAnn Smith, Jenny Merritt, Brad Kuhbender, Jenna Dickerson, John Wanke, Russell Wiese.

**Absent:** Deb Flint, Kim Janeczek, Brent Gnodtke, Deb Lawson,

**Electio Novina:** Isaiah

**Establishment of Quorum & Agenda:** Quorum is present and Agenda was submitted.

**Secretary's Report** (Tom Carothers): John Wanke filled in for Tom Carothers and submitted Minutes from the June meeting.

**Motion:** To accept consent items was seconded and passed unopposed.

## **Gathering:**

**Pastor's Report** (Pastor Gordy Peterson): Mutual Ministry wants to build up adult discipleship – they have been reviewing programs from time and talents of other churches.

Pastor's upcoming vacation schedule 8/28 – 9/3 and 10/18 – 10/24.

**Stewardship** (John Wanke): The committee will be meeting next week (7/24). They are discussing different programs such as the Live Generously program for consecration Sunday, which will be November 12<sup>th</sup> this year. Jack Eggleston has changed positions and will not be available to help.

September 17<sup>th</sup> the council meeting will be held at Pastor and Judy's home.

October 14<sup>th</sup> will be a cluster wide music program in Ida.

The truck parked on the west side of our parking lot belongs to the neighbor – he has permission to park there occasionally. We have the right of 1<sup>st</sup> refusal if that house ever goes on the market.

## **Financial Reports**

**Treasurer's Report** (Teresa Bohannon): Written report was submitted and reviewed. Benevolence has been paid up to date. The HVAC maintenance (\$975) and catch basin repair (\$1,246) are current expenses.

**Motion:** To pay for the catch basin repair out of the building reserve fund was seconded and passed unopposed.

There will be no Consumer's Powers bill this month due to a credit balance.

**Financial Secretary's Report** (Jim Feldkamp): Written report was submitted and reviewed. Giving year to date is up about \$14,000, mostly due to memorial and special giving. General budget giving is up about \$2,000.

**Motion:** To accept financial reports was seconded and passed unopposed.

The Webbs submitted a handout regarding the "God's Work, Our Hands" service program, which will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> this year.

The Reformation Survey has resulted in the following changes: The new pew layout feedback has been very good so far; We will put more of the council minutes into the newsletter.

There will be a meeting August 24<sup>th</sup> for further review of the survey results.

**Motion:** To close meeting was seconded and passed unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held Sunday September 17, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Pastor's house.