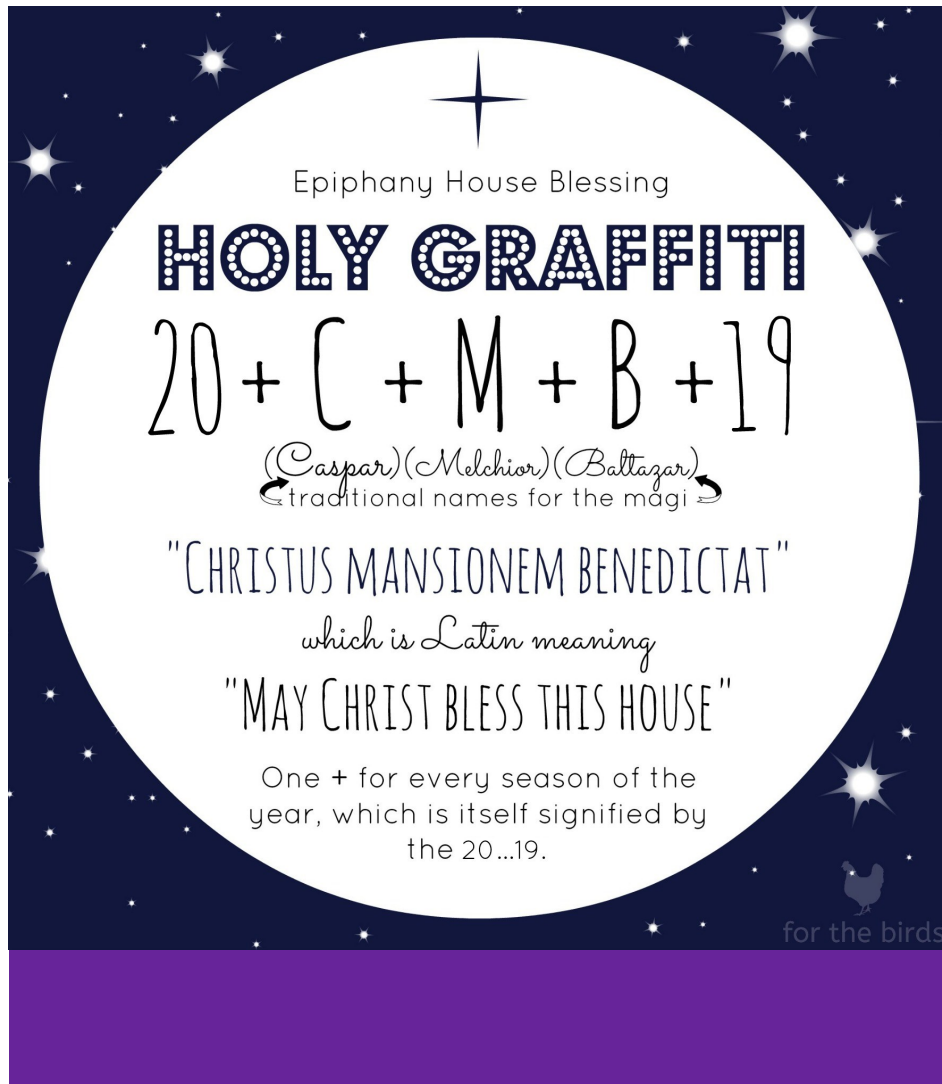


# Gloria Dei Guide

January 2019

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## Chalking the Door

*From Living Lutheran*

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek word “ἐπιφάνεια,” meaning “appearance” or “showing forth.” It names the day that the church tells the story of the magi from foreign lands who follow the light of the star and thus see Jesus as Christ. We celebrated the Epiphany of Our Lord on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> Gloria Dei celebrated Epiphany by chalking the church door together during Worship. Everyone was given a piece of chalk and instructions to chalk their door at home. Chalking the door is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions – the Latin words, Christus mansionem benedictat, “May Christ bless the house.”

If you weren’t able to be here on January 6<sup>th</sup> here are instructions for chalking your door at home. Additional packets are available

## Worship

Sundays 8:15 & 10:45 am



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to pick up at Sunday's worship if you wish.

## Greeting

May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

## Reading

As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this house, let us listen to the words of scripture. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:1-4, 14, 16)

## Inscription

This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance: 20 + C M B + 19 Write the appropriate character (left) while speaking the text (right):

The magi of old, known as

C          Caspar,

M          Melchior, and

B          Balthasar

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20          two thousand

19          and nineteen years ago.

+          Christ, bless this house,

+          and remain with us throughout the new year.

## Prayer of Blessing

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## New Art Exhibit in Gallery

*by Art Committee*

All visitors are welcome to view the art in our gallery. We exhibit art with the mission to enhance our spiritual growth and expand our faith by experiencing the transcendent power of the arts.

Painting primarily with water-based media Jeanne Kosfeld's body of work also includes newspaper design, board game design, sculptures in ice, polymer and living matter.

Being raised in a family of artists Jeanne began her career as an illustrator/cartoonist. Along her artistic path she led the design department at the University of Alaska where she taught magazine design. At the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in Saint Paul, Minnesota she was the creative director/designer for eighteen years before retiring to become a fulltime painter.



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## A message from Teleen Saunders, Interim Director - Children's Ministry

**Dear Gloria Dei Friends,**

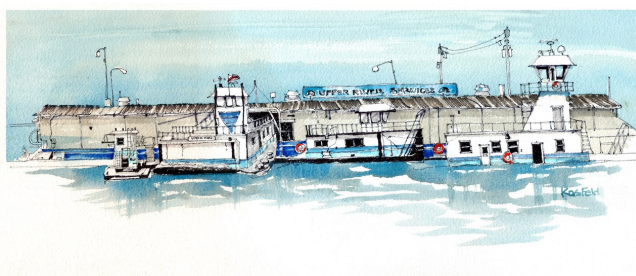
It has been a joy to fill in as interim Children's Ministry Director these past few weeks. The highlight has been the Children's Christmas Program where the Gospel message is proclaimed through the words and songs of our children. Many thanks to the pastors, staff, teachers, parents, and children who allowed me to share in this ministry. Blessings to you all in 2019!



View entire 2018 Children's Christmas Worship: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/gloriadeistp/z7w8ft>

### Art Exhibit from page 2

Jeanne has been honored with artist-in-residences in France; Colorado; Arkansas; Minnesota; Wisconsin; California. She recently attended the International Urban Sketchers Symposium in Portugal. Next fall Jeanne will be the artist-in-residence in Juneau, Alaska. Jeanne's exhibit will be in the Gallery at Gloria Dei in January and February 2019. Potential plans for workshops with the artist are underway.



## Woof! Woof! to another great year



by Katie LeClair

We've had three-legged dogs, pure breeds and rescues, barkers and the shy quiet types. We've had those who love to fetch and those who only want to cuddle with humans.

Highland's Doggie Play Dates have been going on for over a year now and it is a neighborhood success! Our Facebook group is almost 300 people and each time we meet new pups join us. In fact, the word of mouth has been so great the need to advertise is unnecessary due to large crowds each time we meet!

Dog parents enthusiastically participate in other GDLC ministries such as Project home and the Giving Tree when they discover how much we do for our neighborhood. Most of our guests are not church members. We suggest a donation of \$5.00 per hour/per dog with the promise that we donate half of all our dollars to local organizations that participants vote for. In total, we've donated \$1,385 to local rescues, including Ramsey County Humane Society, Secondhand Hounds, People and Pets Together Food bank.

Our elementary, junior high and high schools students have also found a place to volunteer, as we are always looking for help with set-up, clean-up, and treat-bag packing. Our schedule and rules are here: <http://www.gloriadeistpaul.org/highlands-doggie-play-dates/>

## Financial Update

### Capital Fund Information

Contributions YTD	\$329,301
Monthly mortgage payments	\$18,752
Capital Improvement Cost Year-to-Date	\$98,552
Balance in Capital Accounts November 30	\$353,076
Mortgage Balance November 30	\$2,762,708

### Operating Information, Nov 30

Total Offerings	\$77,893
Ahead(Behind)	(\$12,487)
Total Income	\$111,168
Total Expenses	\$107,824
Net for the Month	\$3,344
<b>Total Year-to-Date Offerings</b>	<b>\$1,069,728</b>
Ahead(Behind)	(\$29,392)
Total YTD Income	\$1,294,176
Total YTD Expenses	\$1,300, 836
Net for the Current Year	(\$6,660)

## Our Mission

By God's grace, we are called to be a caring, healing and welcoming community who proclaim and celebrate the love of Jesus Christ, live as God's servants and seek justice for all people.

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