



# Gloria Dei Guide

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## Reformation

*by Pastor Lois Pallmeyer*

We celebrate Reformation every October. It's a festival of tradition and faithfulness, renewal and hope. For many congregations, and for many years, Reformation has been a distinctly Lutheran festival, reminding us of our heritage and the teachings of Martin Luther. Two years ago, we celebrated the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's courageous stance when he opposed abuses in church hierarchy and teaching.

*"... Reformation reminds us that God is always renewing the entire creation."*

But if our commemoration of Luther's efforts is only a congratulatory remembrance of past events, we've lost the gift of Reformation. God's spirit constantly calls us all to reform, to begin again, to repent and be born again. This isn't something one branch of the church or one congregation has done and no one else has; it's a calling for everyone who follows Jesus, to be renewed and daily raised from the dead.

Even beyond that, Reformation reminds us that God is always renewing the entire creation. We celebrate best when we look for God's presence and revelation in traditions outside our own, when we notice how God works with us to repair broken relationships around the world, and in the ways God cries for us to heal the planet itself.

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## Worship Schedule

**8:15 & 10:45 a.m.**

Education Hour 9:30-10:30 a.m.



## Waverly Fall Festival was a blast

by Kyrstin Schwartz, Children's Ministry Director

[Waverly Lutheran Church](#), in Trimont, Minnesota, is largely made up of families who are active in farming or the agricultural industry, or who come from farm backgrounds themselves. Waverly (WLC) is one of Gloria Dei's partner churches. Over the past several years, WLC members have extended gracious hospitality to Gloria Dei members, and in particular, our third and fourth grade students and their families.

Every other year, WLC hosts a Harvest Festival that we attend. In this rural congregation, a church surrounded by cornfields, our students and families get up close and personal with the farming life, which is a pillar of Minnesota life.

Many of today's WLC members are direct descendants of the founding members of WLC. There are strong family ties to both the church and the area in their community.

Gloria Dei's partnership with WLC is a special one that pairs a city church and a country church. The partnership includes members of WLC who come to teach our second graders about stewardship of the land and nature. Our three pastors also enjoy the opportunity to travel to WLC to preach and give the WLC pastor time for vacation and rest.

On Sept. 15, a busload of Gloria Dei third and fourth grade children and family members traveled 2½ hours to WLC for the 2019 Waverly Fall Festival. The WLC congregation welcomed us all with signs with our names on them so we could each find our special buddy for the day.

We worshipped together and shared an amazing lunch that included pork chops on a stick. The afternoon included holding baby chickens; petting sheep, pigs and goats; riding horses; jumping in the corn pit; hay rides and even driving tractors. The people at WLC showed us such amazing generosity and hospitality.

We feel very blessed by our partnership and new friendships. WLC members actually donated the land that produces food they sell to cover the costs of this event.



(L-R) A Waverly member introduced Jameson Karli and his mom, Maggie, along with Wyatt and Bennett Deimel, to a baby goat.



Everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck picnic with some classic Lutheran jello dishes and, pork chop on a stick!





(L-R) Gloria Dei Children's Ministry Director Kyrstin Schwartz, and Kaisa and Ingrid Nodland, got to hold little chicks.

## Farm 4 Waverly

A Waverly Lutheran Church outreach project

Sowing the seeds of faithfulness to grow our understanding of God's gifts, our faith, and ultimately our ability to care for God's people.

Learn more at

[Farm 4 Waverly Outreach project](#)



Waverly Lutheran Church and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church children rejoice!

## Special Congregational Meeting October 13 at 9:30 a.m.

**Please plan to attend.**

The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church council has called a special congregational meeting for **Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**, in Fellowship Hall. The congregation will vote to accept and approve the Sanctuary Renewal Master Plan as presented at a congregational forum on Sept. 15, 2019, and to authorize the “Rise, O Church” campaign to raise the needed funds for the implementation of this plan. We encourage all confirmed members of Gloria Dei to join us for this important meeting. [Request a copy](#) of the Sanctuary Renewal Proposal Master Plan.

### Favorite Fall Foods

Fall is in the air, leaves have begun to turn colors, everyone is settled back in school, and coffee shops have their popular pumpkin lattes on the menu again.

We took a friendly poll of several Gloria Dei staff members about their favorite fall foods. Just as in the coffee shops, you'll notice a pumpkin trend.

- Pastor Bradley—pumpkin Bundt cake
- Pastor Lois—Haralson apples
- Pastor Javen—roasted delicata squash
- Tim Strand—acorn squash
- Paul Friesen-Carper—fresh apple cider and donuts
- Jill Stewart—applesauce cake with caramel frosting
- Katie LeClair—acorn squash with raisins, apples, nutmeg and cinnamon
- Kyrstin Schwartz—candy corn (not the chocolate kind) and candy pumpkins, and homemade apple crisp with ice cream
- Jeff Barth—pumpkin pie
- Beverly Sargent—cranberries, on pumpkin pie, and sweet corn
- Sonia Hernandez—baked sweet potatoes
- Karen Earhuff—pumpkin roll
- Linda McDonald—popcorn balls (marshmallow kind), hot apple cider and pumpkin bars with cream cheese frosting

### Women of Gloria Dei

The Women of Gloria Dei (WOGD) invite all women to participate in general meetings and programs. WOGD provides opportunities for fellowship and faith formation, and opportunities to serve and make a difference in our community and around the world.

Women also meet monthly from September to May in small groups called “Circles” for enhanced involvement. All Circles are open to all women (no cost).

Many of the Circles use the Women of the ELCA [Gather](#) magazine for monthly Bible study and discussion ideas. To learn more, please contact any of the [WOGD leadership](#) or the Circle leaders. (See *list of Circles on next page.*)

Women of Gloria Dei is part of the national Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and the local South Central Cluster of the Saint Paul Area Synod – Synodical Women's Organization.

Join us for the first ever All Church retreat.

Register by October 15.

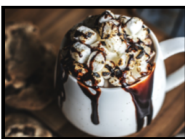
## All Church retreat

**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN**  
**ALL-CHURCH ALL-AGES**

**January 17-19, 2020**

### Connect With New Friends

Join Gloria Dei members of all ages as we spend a weekend together worshipping, learning, playing, resting, and feasting. **Camp Courage** is fully accessible for those of all mobility types and has delicious made-from-scratch meals and very comfortable lodging for all ages.



### Activities

Stay inside or play in the snow- or both! This retreat will have many options for your recreation time.

### Did you say zip line?

Shoot some hoops or play volleyball in the open gym, organize an afternoon broom-ball game, take a nature hike with your camera, build an outdoor camp fire, go sledding or tubing, bring your favorite book and read by the indoor fireplace, create some art in the arts & crafts building, or sign up for a fully accessible winter low/high ropes course with zip line included (all ages/abilities welcome).

### Worship together

Tim Strand and Paul Friesen-Carper along with other favorite GDLC musicians will be accompanying our retreat, leading us in familiar and new songs. Pastors Javen, Lois and Bradley will have some devotional words to share with us during evening prayer and morning devotions, as well as a worship service before we leave on Sunday morning.

### Programming for all ages

Whether you're a single adult, an empty nester, or a busy parent with elementary kids and teenagers, there will be workshops, games, ice breakers, and learning opportunities for all ages. Children's Director, Kyrstin Schwartz and Youth Director, Katie LeClair, will be hanging out the whole weekend along with our pastors and other special guests who will be teaching, playing, and leading the retreat.



### Pricing

We've booked one entire side of the camp so we can bring as many members and friends as possible. Lodging for single adults is limited and we encourage everyone to register early to help us plan ahead. Prices below reflect 2 nights/ 5 meals. Pricing for 1 night/ 3 meals is available online.

### Register Today!

*Children 3 & under are free.*

One person	\$ 160.00
Family maximum	\$ 480.00

### Location

**Camp Courage** is one hour northwest of the Twin Cities  
8046 83rd St NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358

### Questions

office@gloriadeistpaul.org  
<https://www.gloriadeistpaul.org/event/all-church-winter-retreat/>

Join Gloria Dei's pastors, music staff, youth ministry director and others at our first All Church retreat, Jan. 17-19, 2020. Enjoy a winter getaway, just an hour from the Twin Cities.

Take advantage of numerous activities and workshops, or use the time or beauty of nature to rest and rejuvenate.

Planned workshops include:

- Standing on Holy Ground
- 23 and Je(sus) – Digging through Jesus' Ancestry Pool
- How to Read the Bible
- Soul Collage
- Sketch Through the Bible
- Kids with Kyrstin
- Teens with Katie and Kelly

If you have any questions, contact [Youth Ministry Director Katie LeClair](#) or any of the pastors.

## Women of Gloria Dei Circles

### Mary Circle

Third Thursday  
9:15 a.m.  
Gloria Dei Colonial Room  
Leader: Donna Bjorkquist

### Phoebe Circle

Third Thursday  
7:00 p.m.  
Members' Homes  
Leaders: Julie Orman & Katie Russell

### Miriam Circle

Second Monday  
7:00 p.m.  
Members' Homes  
Leaders: Ruth Marcott & Jacque Bieber

### Ruth Circle

Third Friday  
7:00 p.m.  
Members' Homes  
Leader: Janet Warwick



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We will celebrate Reformation with the whole church on October 27. We'll still gather to sing some of our favorite Lutheran hymns. To really observe the festival, however, consider how God is reforming you, how God is calling you to the renewing work of reconciliation, and where God is restoring the entire universe to wholeness through you.

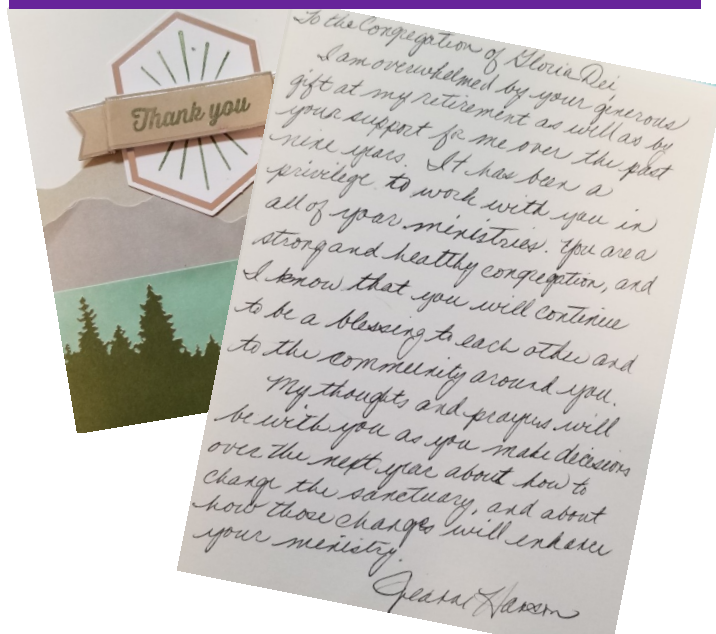
## New Gloria Dei staff

**Beverly Sargent**, Director of Finance and Administration, began work September 9. Beverly has worked in non-profit accounting for 25 years at three different organizations, including organizations with missions for the arts, environment and computers. She enjoys working for a great cause and looks forward to her work at Gloria Dei.



Beverly is in the office Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Her email address is [beverly@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:beverly@gloriadeistpaul.org).

From our previous administrator Jeanne Hanson.



Submission Deadline for November Guide  
October 11, 2019

## Financial Update

Capital Fund Information	
Contributions YTD	\$292,407
Monthly mortgage payments	\$ 18,752
Capital Improvement Cost Year-to-Date	\$ 32,562
Balance in Capital Accounts July 31	\$428,336
Mortgage Balance July 31	\$2,675,668
Sanctuary Renewal/Organ Costs	
Architect Fees YTD	\$ 71,244
Organ Costs YTD	\$ 0
Operating Information August 31, 2019	
Total Offerings	\$ 72,008
Ahead(Behind)	(\$ 14,163)
Total Income	\$ 99,641
Total Expenses	\$137,188
Net for Month	(\$ 37,546)
<b>Total Year-to-Date Offerings</b>	<b>\$798,558</b>
Ahead(Behind)	(\$ 18,148)
Total YTD Income	\$960,283
Total YTD Expenses	\$994,664
Net for the Current Year	(\$ 34,381)

## 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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St. Paul, MN 55116