



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting and POT LUCK!

February 5, 2017

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Don't Miss the fun!

It's a POT LUCK! If your last name begins with

A – C, Bring bread, rolls, spreads or condiments

D – J, Bring desserts or fruits

L – S, Bring main dishes, meats, cheeses

T – Z, Bring salads, vegetables, side dishes

Hotdish? Bundt Cake? Casseroles? Jello? It can only mean one thing – Gloria Dei's Annual Meeting and Potluck, February 5. Don't miss the fun. Here's what to expect: We'll start serving right after the second service ends, about 11:45 or 12:00. After the meal, activities for youth and kids will be scheduled in the gym and Room 100. All confirmed members and prospective members are invited to join the Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. We discuss plans for the upcoming year, review the past year, and set our budget. Annual reports are available the week before (January 29) in the church office.

Recommendations for Gloria Dei Constitutional Changes

Gloria Dei Congregation Council approved recommending to the congregation a variety of updates and changes to the congregation constitution. These edits will help keep our constitution consistent with the ELCA's model congregational constitution. The council also recommends adding a continuing resolution regarding the establishment of a Racial Justice Committee.

We will vote on these edits at the annual meeting on February 5, 2017. Click on the attachment below for full language of the edits, or pick up a copy of the document in the church office.

[ELCA Model Constitution Amendments 2016 Summary \(2\)](#)

Save the Date! Gloria Dei Auction 2017

2017 Gloria Dei Auction!

Three Events:

1 - Live Auction Event

February 25

Western-themed, Chili Cook-off
Sokol Hall
385 Michigan Street, Saint Paul, MN.
Free Registration opened soon!

Events

6:00-6:30	Registration and Social Hour
6:30-7:30	Chili Taste testing and chili judging
7:00-7:30	Cowboy-themed entertainment/activities
7:30-8:00	Live Auction and Fund-a-Need
8:00-8:15	Contest Awards
8:30	Auction Check Out



2 - Silent Auction

February 26

Join us in the Gathering Space between services
Items for all ages – remember to bid **BOLDLY**

3 - On-Line Auction

February 27 - March 2

Bid in the online auction for group events, services and gift certificates to local businesses

Proceeds have helped us to fund some of our regular needs, as well as to extend our outreach commitments. In the past, we supported:

Chiller Repair
A new refrigerator
Ceiling Projector for Fellowship Hall
Faith Formation by providing Bibles to third graders and subsidized VBS
Brass for Easter services
Shobi's Table
And much, much more!

To donate auction items, click on the link provided [here](#).



The Moller Pipe Organ at Gloria Dei has served very well over its 52 years in service, but many issues are becoming ever more serious. This photo shows a mitered pipe that has simply collapsed on itself over the years. Many of the pipes in the Gloria Dei organ are "mitered" which means they have to be bent to fit into the confined space of our organ chamber. This had to be done to accommodate a limited space where the pipes must be "bent" because there isn't enough height to allow their full length. This is always done somewhat discriminately in pipe organ building, but the Gloria Dei organ has a large number of them because of a lot of organ being crammed into a small space.

Our ciphering (stuck notes) problem continues to be of grave concern. If you were in church on December 4th, you heard the effects of the organ "sticking" during the end of the service (during the closing hymn and postlude). Fortunately the sticking note was in the same key as the hymn, otherwise the clash would have been even more dramatic. Luckily our repair technicians were here to repair the organ before the next weekend, but to do these repairs have to "rob" parts from less used areas of the organ to address the more shot heavily used parts. This can only be done for so long before a more extensive electric relay replacement needs to be made. This will definitely need to be done before we have a new or renovated instrument just to simply keep the organ functioning properly in the meantime. We will continue to educate and address the issues surrounding our pipe organ project at the **Adult Forum on Sunday February 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please be there!**

January J -Term for Confirmation

Katie LeClair

BYO-Bible!

To celebrate the 500th Year of the Reformation, we will be leading four weeks of workshops to help church members and Confirmation students take up the study of the Holy Scriptures in new ways.

Join us from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary each week in January with your own Bible in hand! We'll be kicking off each night with some ice breakers, then going into a time of teaching with staff and pastors leading exercises to help each person learn how Lutherans "handle" the Bible.

Over the course of the weeks we will also re-learn some basics such as how the Bible was compiled, why there are so many translations, how can we be sure the manuscripts we have are accurate, the relationship between messenger and message and audience, and more!

Confirmation parents, students, small group leaders and mentors should attend – and all church members and friends are most welcome, including 11-12th graders. (Families should sit together if possible.)

Gloria Dei Wins Conservationist of the Year From Ramsey County

Gloria Dei was named the Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation District as Conservationist of the Year, 2016, for “leadership in the science and practice of sound use, management, and conservation of resources.” The church was recognized for its work to go beyond requirements to treat and retain storm water by adding rain gardens and slow-release storage tanks under the parking lot. Bill Barton, Meg Stevenson, and Pastor Bradley attended an awards luncheon in December to receive a certificate, along with recipients from sixty Minnesota counties.

Meg Stevenson, chair of the capital improvements task force, said, “I’m so proud that Gloria Dei is leading the community in taking care of the earth God gave us.” Pastor Bradley added, “What inspired us was being able not only to restore our building, but also to be able to live more deeply into our commitment to be a Caring for Creation congregation. This project turned out to be as much about our faith as it was our facility.” Gloria Dei was the one urban project in the state to win an award. Pastor Bradley said, “It was inspiring to see all the farmers doing such important work to care for water and the land. There’s so much being done that those of us in the cities never see.”

It was also exciting to see that Jon and Karen Helvig receive the same award for Martin County for their care in farming practices. Jon and Karen are from Waverly Lutheran Church in Trimont, Minnesota, our partner congregation. They have been instrumental in welcoming our third graders every year to farm country to learn about growing food and serving Christ in rural Minnesota.

Meet the Enneagram: a Guiding Map in Times of Transition

Save the Date: Saturday January 28, 2017, 9:30 am – 1:30 p.m. This workshop introduces men and women to the Enneagram: a fascinating, centuries-old map that helps you better understand yourself and the motivation behind your behavior. You will learn about the nine different Enneagram types and begin to determine your own type. Kate Ostrem of 9 Open Doors will share how this knowledge helps you prepare for and understand how you can react to transitions in the healthiest way possible. The event is partly paid for through a grant from the Lyngblomsten Foundation. This workshop will be held at Gloria Dei in Fellowship Hall.



Community Events

Annual MLK Community Breakfast Monday, January 16, 2017, 7:00-9:30 a.m., at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (285 Dale St. N., St. Paul) Plan now to celebrate the 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday at the annual Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul community breakfast. Enjoy a tasty, hot breakfast and watch a live broadcast of the General Mills breakfast event in downtown Minneapolis. The keynote speaker will be Myrlie Evers-Williams, author and civil rights activist. Everyone is invited to attend. Space for the breakfast is limited, so reservations are required. Tickets: Adult \$5, Ages 12 & under FREE. Register at www.interfaithaction.org/mlk or contact Pastor Javen.



Financial Update

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**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.**

Capital Fund Information

Contributions Year to Date	\$ 406,379
Monthly mortgage payments	\$ 18,752
Capital Improvement Costs Year-to-Date	\$ 1,741,889
Balance in Capital Accounts November 30, 2016	\$ 184,113
Mortgage Balance November 30, 2016	\$2,982,466

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Operating Information

November 30, 2016

Total offerings	\$ 84,936
Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 15,128)
Total Income	\$ 108,273
Total Expenses	\$ 122,513
Net for Month	(\$ 14,240)
Total YTD Offerings	\$ 987,325
Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 4,630)
Total YTD Income	\$ 1,210,616
Total YTD Expenses	\$ 1,187,087
Net for Current Year	\$ 25,529