



September 22, 2021

Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in person

Nursery available

Online live broadcast of 10:45 a.m. service

https://bit.ly/GDLC_Worship

Now is the Time to Welcome



This week our theme is “Now is the Time to Welcome.” On Sunday, we heard more about how to be involved in the Room 99 project to build an apartment for an immigrant family ([read Lenore Franzen's message here](#)). Please see the Room 99 Project article below for ways to participate that include a Target gift registry and financial donations. Check our [website](#) for more information.

Help us welcome new people at worship or coffee hour. We’ve had a large number of visitors lately. Say hello to people you don’t recognize. Meet a new person at coffee hour or as you come and go from the building. Give them a building tour.

Consider how to live the theme at home: pray for immigrants and asylum seekers; befriend an immigrant in our neighborhoods and learn more about each other; write sidewalk messages of welcome; bake cookies or pie for a neighbor; live out our welcome statement and invite friends to online or in-person worship; talk to someone you don't know.

Shared Ministry

Visit the Ministry Fair on Sunday

Complete the
Gifts &
Interests
Inventories

This Sunday's Ministry Fair features our Children, Youth and Family Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, Art Committee, Library, Landscaping and Shared Ministry. We invite you to stop by after both services to learn more.

For Shared Ministry to be effective, we ask everyone to complete new forms each year, even if you’ve done it in the past. We do not retain the responses from year to year. Click the Gifts and Interests button above to view all ministry roles and complete this year’s three inventories (gifts, passion, involvement). When the Shared Ministry team receives your completed forms, you will get a call so you can learn more about the ministry

you selected. They'll be able to direct you to someone with more information if necessary. Paper forms of the inventories are also available at the church as part of the booklets that Pastor Javen Swanson highlights in our video below.



Happening at Gloria Dei

This Week

- Tonight at 7 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Gathering Place.
- Tomorrow at 9 a.m., Gloria Dei quilters in Room 100.
- Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., in-person worship (masks required) with Holy Communion and singing; 10:45 a.m. [online worship with live broadcast](#) from the Sanctuary on YouTube.
- Sunday at 9:30 a.m., [Sunday Forum](#) led by Nancy Agneberg and Deanna Thompson to explore, "What is Sacred Space." (Meets in Fellowship Hall and online on Zoom.)
- Sunday at 9:30 a.m., [Outdoor Children's Time](#) in the church yard.

Next Week

- Monday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m., Good News 4U Bible Study at the church; contact [Miles Renaas](#).
- Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 9:30 a.m., [Soul Food Book Group](#) (details below).
- Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m., Gloria Dei Quilters in Room 100.
- Thursday, Sept. 30, fall series of "In Your Own Words: Contemplative Writing as a Spiritual Practice" begins.
- Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m., Yogadevotion in Room 100; [sign up online](#).
- Sunday, Oct. 3, Leave-Taking Services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., in-person worship (masks required) with Holy Communion and singing; 10:45 a.m. [online worship with live broadcast](#) from the Sanctuary on YouTube.
- Sunday Oct. 3 at 9:30 a.m., [Sunday Forum](#), "Now is the Time to Rise!" with a hymn sing led by Music Director Tim Strand (details below)
- Sunday, Sept. 26, at 9:30 a.m., [Outdoor Children's Time](#) in the church yard.

Looking Ahead

- Sept. 27, Good News 4U Bible Study at the church; contact [Miles Renaas](#).
- Sept. 29, quiet leave-taking time opportunities in the Sanctuary (details below).
- Sept. 30, [Faith and Science Book Group meets](#).
- Oct. 1 and 2, quiet leave-taking time opportunities in the Sanctuary (details below).

- Oct. 3, Leave-Taking Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Last Sunday in the Sanctuary for several months (details below).
- Oct. 6, pick up your pew (if interested; details below).
- Oct. 7, Prayerful Knitters (online).
- Oct. 9, [Men's Book Group](#).
- Oct. 10, in-person worship services move to the Gathering Place.
- Oct. 11, Growing Stronger exercise group resumes in the gym.
- Ongoing, drop off non-perishable food donations for Francis Basket in the red bins near the parking lot entrance; bring any extra plastic grocery bags, too.

New on GloriaDeiStPaul.org

- [Rise, O Church Status Report – September 2021](#).
 - [Join the Room 99 Preparation Effort](#).
 - [2021 Gifts & Interests Inventories](#).
 - [Caring for Creation: Green Workspace](#).
 - [Gloria Dei Supported Dakota Wacipi \(Pow Wow\)](#).
 - [Reflection from a Summer Food Justice Garden Intern](#).
 - [Past sermons](#).
 - [Stay Connected with Gloria Dei](#).
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Rise, O Church Sanctuary Renewal

Construction is scheduled to start Oct. 11. On Sunday, Oct. 10, our in-person worship services will move to the Gathering Place; the online live broadcast of the 10:45 a.m. service will continue.

Volunteers Needed to Help Move Furniture

If you can help move furniture from the Gathering Place to the lower level Gallery, and move chairs for worship to the Gathering Place, we can use your help. Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 5-7 p.m., and/or Thursday, Sept. 30, 1-3 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact [Beverly Sargent](#) or [Pastor Javen](#).

Sanctuary Leave-Taking Opportunities

Sunday, Oct. 3, will be our last Sunday to worship in the Sanctuary for several months. You may reserve up to 30 minutes in the Sanctuary for reflection during specific hours on Sept. 29, Oct. 1 and Oct. 2. [Learn more and reserve your time online](#). We will hold leave-taking worship services on Oct. 3 during the 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services. Watch for more details soon.

Pew Reuse Opportunity

For anyone who wants a pew(s) from the Sanctuary, [sign up online](#) to reserve the pew(s) you want. Pew sizes include 119, 145 and 193 inches long. The 119-inch Chapel pews have kneelers and pivoting backs for interchangeable seating positioning (like a train car). Please study the pews in the Sanctuary after worship to better understand sizing. All pews will be disconnected from the floor. No cutting of pews in the church or on the church property will be allowed. You must pick them up on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 4-8 p.m., and provide your own labor power and trailers for hauling.

Volunteers Needed for Organ Removal

We need strong, able-bodied volunteers to help with removal of our current pipe organ the week of Oct. 4. Our organ maintenance company is doing the removal for us. They will supervise and salvage several ranks of pipes to be re-purposed into organ projects at other churches. In exchange, we will not be charged for the removal labor, and save money by providing volunteer help. If you can help, please contact [Music Director Tim Strand](#).

Room 99 Project

Financial Donation

Target Gift Registry

Room 99 is Gloria Dei's latest effort in its ministry to shelter those most in need. The Room 99 project extends Gloria Dei's decades-long ministries to immigrants and people experiencing homelessness by providing temporary living space to asylum seekers. Renovations will begin in October to prepare that space in Room 99. You can support this ministry in the following ways:

- Make a [financial donation](#) (or send a check to Gloria Dei, with "Room 99" in the memo line).
- Shop the [Target gift registry](#). Search first name "Gloria" and last name "Dei." Choose from several household items. It's easy, and all orders ship to one location.

If you have questions, email [Lenore Franzen](#) or [Claire Hoyum](#).

Sunday Forum - 9:30 a.m.

All are Welcome

Fellowship Hall or Zoom

Learn More

***This Sunday, Sept. 26:
"What is Sacred Space?"
with Nancy Agneberg and
Deanna Thompson***

***Next Sunday, Oct. 3:
"Now is the Time to Rise"
Hymn Sing with Tim Strand***

The first in a series on "Sanctuary: Sacred Space." We will soon move from Sunday morning worship in our Sanctuary to worship in a temporary space, the Gathering Place. What makes space sacred? How is our sanctuary a sacred space for us? What did we grieve as we were away from our sanctuary during the pandemic? What will it mean for us to leave again, or continue to stay apart, during the construction? What changes for us when we worship in new places?

"Giving thanks for Sanctuary: Sacred Space." During worship on Oct. 3, we will soon move from worship in our Sanctuary to worship in a temporary space, the Gathering Place. In our Forum, Music Director Tim Strand will lead a Hymn Sing as we say goodbye to the organ which has led us in worship over these years and give thanks to God for all it has offered. Come hear the organ for the last time as we sing together in the sanctuary.

Sunday School and Confirmation

Learn More

If you have questions please contact:

- [Children's Ministry Director Kyrstin Schwartz](#) for Sunday School.

- [Youth Ministry Director Katie LeClair](#) for Confirmation.

Outdoor Children's Time on Sunday Morning

For children ages 3 through Grade 6, and their younger siblings, bring a blanket and join us on the church lawn behind the gym from 9:30-10 a.m. Through Oct. 3, we will gather there for a Children's Message, prayer, song and a family activity. We ask parents to remain with their children. In the event of rain, we'll move inside to the gym (and wear face masks).

Schola Cantorum

Our Schola Cantorum choir (for children in Grades 3-6) will have a late start this season. Due to the concerns related to COVID-19, we will delay beginning rehearsals until we know more about how the school year is going. We hope to be able to start the season with choirchimes and percussion (masked, safely distanced and with good ventilation) in the coming weeks. We'll send an email to all parents of children in this age group to assess interest and concerns about when to move forward. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact [Music Director Tim Strand](#).

Caring for Creation: Green Workspace

We aren't limited to being conscientious about God's bounty in our personal life. We can adopt habits and activities in our workplace that reflect our value of stewardship towards God's bounty and set a good example for others. You can make personal changes and advocate for organization-wide changes that will reduce your use of valuable resources and make your workspace healthier. What changes can you make at work to reduce energy consumption and waste? [Read more in our latest blog](#).

Fresh Produce for Francis Basket

Neighborhood House is excited to share that the Francis Basket Food Market will host another "Produce Box Pickup" on Monday, Sept. 27, 12:30-3 p.m. Families can walk up, register on-site, and receive a free pre-packed box with approximately 20 pounds of mixed fresh produce. Gloria Dei is signed up to volunteer that day. Please contact [Pastor Javen](#) if you are able to help.

Soul Food Book Group

[Learn More](#)

The Soul Food Book Group meets weekly on Wednesday from 9:30-11 a.m. to discuss books from a faith perspective and includes scripture and time for personal reflection and questions. On Sept. 29, we begin a seven-week discussion of *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. This 2020 bestseller compares racism in the US to the caste system of southern Asia and shares compelling ideas of how both systems work to separate and categorize people in society. Our discussion will invite us to consider how our faith responds to the concepts described in the book, and how we can look for new ways of expressing love of neighbor in our daily interactions. We'd love to welcome you any time for all or any of the discussions.

Faith and Science Book Group

[Sign Up](#)

Join the Faith and Science Book Group on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., at church. The group meets monthly to discuss books that explore the intersections between spirituality and science. We'll discuss, *The Feeling of Life Itself: Why Consciousness Is Widespread but Can't Be Computed*, by Christof Koch.

Guatemala Friends Update

Register

On Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m., join other Minnesota companions of the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala by Zoom to hear the latest news from Pastor Karen Castillo, Diego Gil, and the Pastoral Team. Topics will include recent visits to the rural communities, renovations at the CLAG elementary school, and the SEED sustainable agricultural project. Click the Register button to receive the Zoom link.

ELCA National Youth Gathering

Register

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis in late July 2022 for those completing Grades 8-12. Registration is now open with a deposit of \$150. This will be a fantastic week of local social justice ministry, faith building, and new friendships.

Final Volunteer Training Session for Hosting Asylum Seekers

Register

The training has one remaining class on Oct. 7, 6-7:30 p.m. It will be at Edina Community Lutheran Church and will discuss trauma, a common experience for asylum seekers, and offer suggestions for appropriate response. Click the Register button to sign up. Held outdoors (indoor restrooms available) for COVID safety; please dress accordingly. Masks required indoors, and we strongly encourage participants to wear masks outdoors. If you prefer to join by Zoom, please indicate so on the registration form. You will receive a link the day before the class. The registration form provides further detail on class locations and weather contingency plans. If you have questions, please contact [Claire Hoyum](#) or [Lenore Franzen](#).

Dei2Dei Walking Club

The Dei2Dei Walking Club logged another 170 miles this week. This week's Gloria Dei is in Tomah, WI, founded in 1945. Total miles are now 6,292, enough to walk from Gloria Dei from Rajamundry, India, to our partner congregation in the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. The season is winding down, but there is still time to get involved or catch up. If you missed reporting any weeks, please send your name and miles to [Parish Nurse Jill Stewart](#) (651-699-1378, ext. 3031).

In Your Own Words: Contemplative Writing as a Spiritual Practice

Sign Up

Begins Tomorrow

Sign up now to join Nancy Agneberg for the Fall Series of her writing workshop: In Your Own Words: Contemplative Writing as a Spiritual Practice. It begins this Thursday, Sept. 23, and meets weekly on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Come to write and reflect. Come to deepen your awareness of God. Nancy is a spiritual director and advocate for

Chopin Piano Recital

Join us Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m., at the church for a Chopin Piano Recital on our beautiful Steinway concert grand piano. Originally scheduled for April 2020 and postponed due to the pandemic, we are so happy to host it now. The concert features Nocturnes and Mazurkas by Frederic Chopin performed by four outstanding Twin Cities' pianists: Tadeusz Majewski (Artistic Director of the Frederic Chopin Society), Mark Mazullo (Macalester College), Claudia Chen (Macalester College), and Heather McLaughlin (North Hennepin Community College). Please join us.

Saint Paul Area Synod Women's Organization

RSVP

Join the annual soup luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mark Lutheran Church (One North Road, Circle Pines, MN). This is a follow up to the August meeting with Toni Carter and will include a devotion and a panel discussion with members of the Synod's Advocates for Racial Equity Work Group. Click button to RSVP.

Rent Stabilization Ballot Initiative

This fall, St. Paul voters will have a chance to support renters and advance equity in housing by stabilizing rent increases to 3% per year. Rent hikes of more than 3% can be a cause of homelessness and rapid gentrification of diverse neighborhoods, and disproportionately impact Black and Indigenous communities and communities of color. Several faith organizations are working on this issue, including ISAIAH, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, and MICAHA. Here are two opportunities to learn more about the ballot initiative:

- MICAHA rent stabilization presentation on Zoom, Thursday, September 30, 7:00-8:00 p.m. tinyurl.com/MICAHevent
 - Beacon rent stabilization forum on Zoom, Tuesday, October 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Register at www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/rent-stabilization-forum/
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Sunday Worship

- Online at 10:45 a.m. on YouTube for a [live broadcast](#) of the service in the Sanctuary.
 - In person at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., (masks required).
 - If anyone in your household doesn't feel well or has been exposed to COVID, please choose to stay home.
 - Worshipers in the Sanctuary may be seen on camera; the back of the Sanctuary and the balcony are the best areas for those who prefer to be off camera.
 - We do not broadcast or record the 8:15 a.m. service.
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Rooted in Generosity, We Give

Your generosity continues to bless and enrich Gloria Dei's work and ministries of love, welcome, care, healing and justice. For every one of us who can't give more,

Online Offering

[Options for Giving](#) as you are able:

we trust that someone else will step forward and fill the gap. We are the church together.

Second Offering

As is our custom, on the second Sunday of each month we collect a Second Offering. Thank you to all who have given over \$2,600 so far this month. Our September Second Offering supports the [Highland Park Elementary School Weekend Backpack Program](#) to provide nutritious food for children so they get enough to eat on weekends.

Any time before the end of the month, you can give [online](#) or mail a check to the church office with "second offering" in the memo line.

- [Electronically through Vanco Payments](#) (previously called "Simply Giving").
- [GivePlus mobile app](#), or by text to 651-400-8624 with the amount (example: 25).
- Mail your offering to the church office at 700 Snelling Ave. S., Saint Paul, MN 55116. Note on the memo line to designate your gift for a specific fund.

Electronic giving through automatic deductions provides a steady income stream that helps us the most.

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Gloria Dei is a [Reconciling in Christ](#) Congregation

[Bible readings for this Sunday](#)

Limited office hours.

Call our phone number above to reach staff.