



### Sunday Holy Communion Worship

8: 15 and 10:45 a.m. in person and  
livestream on YouTube at 10:45 a.m.

Join 10:45 a.m. Online Worship

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## JUSTmove Participates in Worship Tonight, Sunday

***"If we can't talk about racism in our churches, where can we talk about it?" – JUSTmove***

JUSTmove helps people of faith have courageous conversations that build bridges across cultural differences. Modeling ways to get beyond the anxiety of discussions of race, and into authentic conversation with our neighbor, JUSTmove invites us into a process toward societal healing. Its unique blend of movement, music, storytelling and poetry offer us new ways to consider cross-racial reconciliation. The duo of Joe Davis (left) and David Scherer will be a constant presence at Gloria Dei this week. Tonight (March 13), they will be participating in Lent Evening Prayer speaking on the topic of Community and Antiracism. They will also be meeting with Confirmation students. They'll be back Sunday (March 17) to take part in both worship services and also present at Sunday Forum at 9:30 a.m.



## Lent 2024 Created for Community



Join us each Wednesday for Lenten Evening Prayer at **6:30 p.m.** The service is also livestreamed [on Gloria Dei's YouTube channel](#). Next week's focus will be Community and The Self with a reflection shared by Dennis Friesen Carper.

Throughout Lent, send us your photos showing community being created from your Gloria Dei perspective. We're sharing them on social media and posting them on the bulletin board near the office. Be creative in sharing your community's story. How can you share your photos?

- Post them as a comment on the weekly posts on Facebook. [Follow this link to Gloria Dei's Facebook page.](#)
- Send them by email to [communications@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:communications@gloriadeistpaul.org).



We'll be sharing them both digitally on our Facebook page and in prints that are posted on bulletin boards near the parish nurse office.

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## What Soup is Being Served this Week?



Moroccan lentil & vegetable along with salad and bread make up the menu for Wednesday Night Supper this week, 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering is accepted. Next week's soup will be Thai coconut & vegetable along with salad and bread. This will also be our last Wednesday Supper for the 2023-34 program year. And sadly, it will also be the final supper prepared by our chef, Antonio Sanchez, who has now moved on to a new kitchen management role with Hennepin County Medical Center.

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## Holy Week 2024

As we pass the midpoint of Lent, it's a good time to preview the Holy Week schedule this spring at Gloria Dei. Easter is early this spring and there are new times for many of the Holy Week services this year.

- **Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24:** Procession with Palms, Passion According to Mark; 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.(livestreamed); Intergenerational Palm Sunday Experience in the Fellowship Hall, 9:45 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday, March 28:** Children's Experience 6 p.m.; Announcement of Forgiveness, Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar, 6:30 p.m. (livestreamed). **\*Note new time.**
- **Good Friday, March 29:** Prayers for Those For Those Struggling with Mental Health, Including Prayers for Those Who Ended Their Lives, noon; Children's Experience, 6 p.m.; Passion According to John, Adoration of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. (livestreamed). **\*Note new time.**
- **Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30:** Children's Experience, 6 p.m.; Fire, Story, Baptism and Holy Communion, 6:30 p.m. (livestreamed). **\*Note new time.**
- **Easter Sunday, March 31:** Festival Worship with Holy Communion at 8, 9:30 (livestreamed), and 11 a.m.



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## We're Halfway to Collecting an Amazing Amount of Rice



How much rice can we collect at Gloria Dei before the end of this month? March is Foodshare Month in Minnesota. All month we'll be collecting as much rice as we can to support Neighborhood House's Francis Basket Food Market on West Seventh Street. Rice is a staple food for many of the customers shopping there. It's an efficient time to collect food as Minnesota Foodshare matches a portion of each item or dollar donated. Financial donations are the most effective way to contribute as Neighborhood House can then buy rice in bulk at lower

prices. Francis Basket is also the recipient of this month's Second Offering. The in-service collection has been taken, but financial contributions can also be [made anytime by clicking here](#) or dropping a check off in the office or offering plate.

How are we doing as we hit the middle of the month? We've received 98 pounds of actual rice which has been delivered to Francis Basket. So far we've collected \$1,510 in money donations, which through government bulk rice pricing can buy 4,376 pounds of rice. That's more than two tons and is the average weight of an African white rhino! How much more can we get? Can we amass the weight of even bigger animal? Bring your rice to church to worship on Sunday and bring it forward to the basket by the font during our offering collection. It's not a competition, but our hungry neighbors are the real winners.



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## Together We Can Make a Glorious Easter Garden

The Gloria Dei Easter Garden will be blossoming in less than a month. The vivid hues of the Easter Garden reflect not only the promise of the empty tomb, but also the blessings bestowed on us by those we honor. You can help the garden look lush and beautiful by purchasing flowers through the Easter Garden forms that will be in the Sunday bulletin. You can also [place an order online by clicking here](#). Orders must be received and paid by Thursday, March 21. Donors will have the opportunity to list the names of loved ones they wish to honor in the Easter Sunday service folder. Completed order forms along with payment can be put in the offering plate, dropped off at the church office or mailed to 700 Snelling Ave S., St. Paul, MN 55116.



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## MPR's Before Bach's Birthday Bash is Here Saturday

Gloria Dei will be hosting several major concerts in March this year! We have become a highly sought out concert venue since we have completed our sanctuary renovation and new pipe organ. Here's what is coming up in the next two weeks.:

- **Saturday, March 16 at 9 a.m.**  
**Before Bach's Birthday**





**Bash organ recital.** This one-hour concert will feature local organists and musicians as part of an all day celebration of Bach at five St. Paul churches. The concert at Gloria Dei will be broadcast live on Minnesota Public Radio Classical (99.5 FM). Gloria Dei members, Brenda and David Mickens will be playing violin accompanied by Director of Music, Tim Strand, along with other organists, pianist and a cellist. This concert is free and open to the public. The Gloria Dei portion of the event will also be livestreamed on MPR's YouTube channel. [Click here for the link.](#)

- **Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. Bemidji Choir of Bemidji State University** will perform a concert under the direction of Dr. Dwight Jilek. The choir has performed here twice in the recent past and always brings a fresh mix of joyful, comforting and challenging music. This concert is free and open to the public.

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## Beacon Housing Hosts Meeting With Rep. Pinto



Gloria Dei's Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative team will host an In-District Meeting with 64B State Representative Dave Pinto in Fellowship Hall on Saturday at 2 p.m. The focus will be a conversation on homelessness in our community and ways that we can partner/support each other in the efforts to end homelessness. Please invite other congregation members, as well as local community members who live in the district served by Rep. Pinto.

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## First Communion Class is Saturday, March 16

At Gloria Dei, families decide when their child is ready to start participating in communion. Is your child asking a lot of questions about communion and showing interest? Sign up for the upcoming First Communion Instruction class for children and parents on Saturday, March 16, 9-11:30 a.m., in Room 109.

[Click here to register to attend.](#)

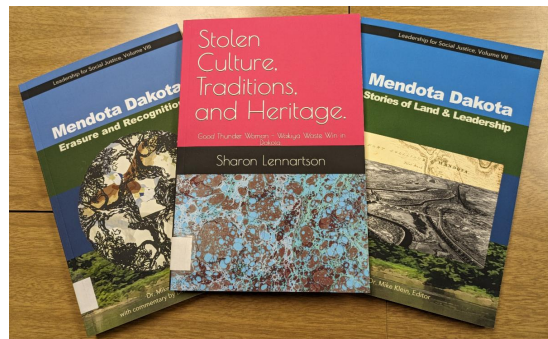


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## Get to Know Our Mendota Dakota Partners this Spring

Gloria Dei's Racial Justice Committee is offering several opportunities to connect with our Mendota Dakota Partners in upcoming weeks. Here are things that you can do:

- **READ THE BOOKS** books from the Gloria Dei Library's Mendota collection, including: *Stolen Culture, Traditions, and Heritage: Good Thunder Woman -- Wakiya Wasta Win in Dakota* by Sharon Lennartson; *Mendota Dakota: Stories of Land & Leadership* edited by Dr. Mike Klein; *Mendota Dakota: Erasure and Recognition* edited by Mike Klein with commentary by Dr. Chris Mato Nunpa. These collections of stories told by Mendota Dakota families will introduce you to the history and deep heritage of these close neighbors.
- **MEET THE AUTHORS** at Sunday Forum on April 14 at 9:30 a.m. Sharon Lennartson, Chairwoman of the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community



(MMDTC) and Dr. Mike Klein, Professor from University of St. Thomas. Sharon will share information about the community and how we can be in relationship. Dr. Klein, with his UST students, has written two books about the MMDTC and will share their involvement with the community. We will hear from Karen Lansing, Gloria Dei's new liaison with the MMDTC. Our own Dr. Deanna Thompson will moderate the discussion.

- **MEET FOR A BOOK TALK** on Wednesday, May 1, from 7 to 8 p.m. Hosted by the Racial Justice Committee and led by Dr. Deanna Thompson, we will consider how we at Gloria Dei might respond as a community to what we are learning.

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## New Opportunities Help With the Livestream Crew



As we're learning more about the sound dynamics of the remodeled sanctuary, the livestream crew is learning that we need more helpers to make sure sound levels are good in both the sanctuary and on the livestream. That requires two people adjusting the sound levels going to each destination. Are you interested in audio-visual production? We're looking to add to our team so that each person's commitment to this volunteer role would be about once per month. No

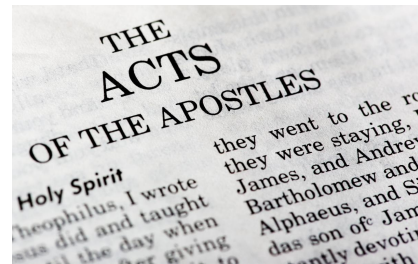
prior experience is needed and training is done on a one-on-one basis. This is a great worship volunteer experience for adults and teens. If you're not sure but want to learn more, you're always welcome to come shadow a livestream shift and see the work in action. Contact [Tadgh Wayne Ferris](#) or [Thor Carlson](#) to learn more about joining the team.

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## Book of Acts Bible Study for the Easter Season

Join us for eight Wednesday evenings to explore the New Testament book of Acts, 6-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 3 to May 22. We read from this book during the season of Easter, which tells of the courageous and inspirational work of the early church. Why do we tell these stories? How do they speak to us today? This is a one-hour bible study with others who are interested in deeper reflection on how scripture touches our lives. No former expertise or knowledge

needed. Bring a bible or use one here at church. If you're busy on these evenings, feel free to pack a sandwich to eat while you join others for reflection, exploration, and growth. Talk with Pastor Lois with questions. [Click here to sign up](#) to let us know to expect you.



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## Synodical Women's Organization Convention is Coming

Mark your calendar for the 35th Annual Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization Convention. It will be Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m.-4:30 pm St. Paul Lutheran Church 5879 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming, MN. The keynote speaker is Rev. Angela Khabeb, a Bridges Scholar and Distinguished Alumna of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago where she received the 2018 Emerging Voice Award and the James Kenneth Echols Prize for Excellence in Preaching. Come and Share and Love One Another with the women of our Synod. [Click here to register](#). For registration



***"This is my command –  
Love One Another"***

*John 15:12*

information, contact Amy Hendricksen at [amyhendricksen@gmail.com](mailto:amyhendricksen@gmail.com) or 773-383-5477 or 1181 Edgumbe Rd #101, St Paul, MN 55105. [Click here to get the spring edition of the SWO Bridges newsletter.](#)

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## April, May Opportunities For Project Home Dinners

Gloria Dei volunteers are continuing to serve a Sunday evening meal and lead Bingo at Project Home at Provincial House of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet next to the St Catherine's campus. This is a commitment of two hours and

the serving is easy to learn. Gloria Dei's next two opportunities to serve at April 7 and May 5. If you would like to join us, [click here to sign up](#). [Email Marie Hanson](#) with questions.



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## Helpful Resources for Problem Gambling Month



Gloria Dei's Mental Health and Recovery Ministry is raising awareness that March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, a time to learn more about resources Minnesota offers to people concerned about their own or a loved one's gambling habits. The State of Minnesota pays for inpatient and outpatient problem gambling treatment for residents who qualify for help. A statewide, toll-free, confidential 24-hour helpline is also available at 800-333-HOPE. There you can get suggestions for how to make changes and how to talk to people whose gambling concerns you. To participate in a motivational text messaging

program, text EncourageMeMN (English) or AnimameMN (Spanish) to **53342**.

More information is available at [GetGamblingHelp.com](http://GetGamblingHelp.com).

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## Vacation Bible School Registration is Now Open



Registration is now open for Gloria Dei's Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 24-27. [Click here to check out the VBS website for all the info and to submit registrations](#). We are partnering with Camp Onomia this summer. The ELCA camping organization will send its counselors to Gloria Dei for the week to help provide programming. One of the many benefits is that partnering with the camp will allow our volunteers to be more focused on relationship building and less on logistics! It also allows us to offer all-day programming for elementary students. VBS will take place Monday, June 24, to Thursday, June 27, with these hours:



- PreK: 9-11:30 a.m.
- Elementary: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (with an optional extension until 5 p.m.)

## Sign-Up Open for Duluth Youth Mission/Adventure Trip



Current 6th-12th grade youth are invited on a four-day trip with service work AND fun adventures along the way! We will be able to go white water rafting and rock climbing, while serving Duluth *and* enjoying a rock concert! What more could you ask for? The trip, running July 31-August 3, costs \$275 if attending the Toby Mac concert and \$225 if not. Register online with a non-refundable \$75 deposit to save your seat on this awesome adventure! Adult leaders are needed and able to attend free of charge. [Click here to sign up](#). Please [email Ashley](#) with any questions.

## ELCA Bishops Take Stands on Gaza, Immigration

The ELCA Conference of Bishops this week issued a pair of position statements on issues generating headlines these days in our world. Read the full statement the bishops made calling for [a permanent, bilateral cease-fire of the armed conflict in in Israel and Gaza](#). Read the [bishops' statement in solidarity with migrants in Texas](#) by clicking here.



## Ways to Engage With Health and Healing

In addition to the activities noted above, join Gloria Dei friends in one of these other ways to assist in reaching out to help with caring and healing.

- **Gloria Dei Quilters** meet Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, in Room 100 with coffee at 10:30 a.m. No sewing skills necessary; all are welcome. [Contact Connie Anderson](#).
- **Mental Health and Hope in Recovery** ministries meet the second Tuesday of each month. Contact [Parish Nurse Jill Stewart](#).
- **Prayerful Knitters**, meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place; [email Paula Hutchinson](#) for details.
- **Card Ministry** makes greeting cards for various church needs. Completed cards are used by staff and ministry leaders for distribution. [Contact Heidi Isaacson-Anderson](#).
- **Yogadevotion** stretches out on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Descriptions of the classes are available on the Yogadevotion website. [Click here to register](#).
- **Blood Drive** tasks include greeting donors, helping them sign in and offering refreshments. Contact [Parish Nurse Jill Stewart](#).
- **Funeral Reception** volunteers prepare and serve funeral reception luncheons. They provide warm hospitality to funeral guests. [Contact Brenda Higgins](#).
- **New Arrival Ministry** identify individuals who have had recent additions to their families by birth or adoption. [Contact Heidi Robole](#).
- **Growing Stronger Fitness Group** meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Contact [Parish Nurse Jill Stewart](#). No cost to attend.
- **Grief Support Team** connect with those grieving loss by sending cards or messages, phone calls, or conversation. Contact [Parish Nurse Jill Stewart](#).
- **Visitation Ministry** visit and bring communion to individuals who cannot be in church. [Contact Barbara Salava](#).

[See all Gloria Volunteer Opportunities at this link.](#)

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

### Second Offering – February

As is our custom, on the second Sunday of each month we collect a Second Offering. 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.

February's Second Offering is going toward **Loaves & Fishes** which provides daily meals to homeless and hungry people in downtown St. Paul.

### Online Offering

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

- [Electronically through Vanco Payments](#) (a third-party website).
- [Vanco Mobile App](#), a third party, or by text to 833-608-0559 with the amount.
- 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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#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
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