



Sunday Holy Communion Worship
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. in person and
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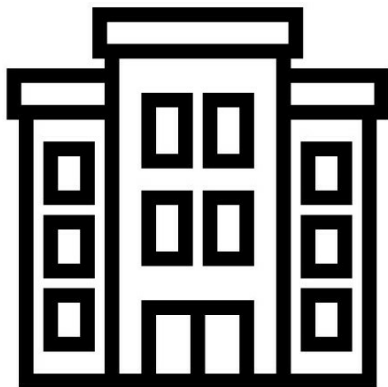
Stay Connected with Gloria Dei

Congregational General Meeting is May 12 Between Services

All confirmed members of Gloria Dei are encouraged to join us at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will elect members to the Congregation Council and other leadership positions, express our gratitude to those who have served Gloria Dei in significant ways in the past year and take care of other important business in the life of the church. Also on the agenda will be the consideration of recommended changes to the church constitution. [Click here to see a draft of the constitution changes.](#) Please plan to join us between services in Fellowship Hall.



Forum: An Exercise on Supportive Housing, Mental Health



Having a place to call home is key to good mental health. To mark May as Mental Health Month, Gloria Dei's Beacon Housing and Mental Health and Recovery ministries invite you to explore this topic at the Sunday, May 5, Forum in Fellowship Hall (9:30-10:30 a.m.) Those attending will be asked to participate in an exercise imagining the types of choices a person with no housing is forced to make on a daily basis. As a Minnesota housing nonprofit committed to change, Beacon leads the way in creating supportive, deeply affordable housing in the Twin Cities metro area. Gloria Dei's Mental Health and Recovery Ministry works with staff to promote our faith community as a safe place to discuss mental health and substance abuse concerns and learn ways to address related issues.

This Sunday: Last Chance to Buy Hanging Flower Baskets

We will have 20 new Hanging Baskets for Sale this Sunday, May 5, between services. Stop by the Minnesota Room to pick up a beautiful 12-inch Hanging Basket before and after services this Sunday! Each Basket is \$35 and we accept cash, check or online payment. (No pre-order needed) All profits support our youth ministries program!



This Sunday, Learn Details of a Guatemala Trip in Fall 2024



Gloria Dei is planning a trip to Guatemala to visit our church partners in Guatemala City and San Lucas Toliman from Oct. 25 through Nov. 4, 2024. Please join us at one of our information sessions to learn more details about the trip after the second services on Sundays May 5 or May 19. If you can't attend but have questions, you can [email Julie Printz](mailto:jprintz@gloriadei.org). [Click here to fill out a form to express your interest in joining the trip whether you can or can't attend the information sessions.](#)

Planting Trees for Apples in Gloria Dei's Future

This past Sunday our third graders were able to help plant two apple trees that was gifted to the church by Donna Anderson (in the blue coat at right). It was another environmental lesson Sunday School students are learning this spring with the help of the Gloria Dei's Care for Creation team. The students helped to dig the planting hole, gave a blessing and also learned about apples from apple tree expert Eric Gustafson (in the red hoodie). See if you have can find the tree next time you are at church. It is located in near the south east side of the parking lot. It will be fun to watch it grow. And some day down the road, we might even be able to eat fresh apples off of it. Thanks for the donation Donna!



Bringing the Fire for Pentecost on May 19



Join us on the front lawn of Gloria Dei on Sunday, May 19, 9:45-10:15 a.m., for a Pentecost fire celebration. Fire dancers from Insphyre Performance will wow all ages as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. While a number of chairs will be provided, you might want to bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show.

Key Links from Last Week's Forum Presentation

Last Sunday's Forum speaker, J. Drake Hamilton, shared a series of web link resources for people to learn how to make their lives more energy efficient. For those who attended and didn't get a hand-out, and those who weren't able to attend, here's a recap of some of those key links.

- homes.rewiringamerica.org/Programs for funding assistance and/or tax breaks for installing electricity-saving features in your home or workplace.
- fresh-energy.org/subscribe: Get newsletters and updates on the non-profit Fresh Energy's efforts to reduce Minnesota's carbon footprint.



J. Drake's book recommendation for positive news on climate change: *Not the End of the World* by Hannah Ritchie.

May Second Offering Supports Beacon Interfaith Housing



May's Second Offering is going toward Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, which is made up of over 100 Twin Cities area faith communities that develop deeply affordable, supportive and sustainable housing and advocate to end homelessness in Minnesota. The Gloria Dei Beacon Team is involved by reaching out to elected officials to encourage them to champion legislation like Bring It Home, MN to remove barriers that prevent people from finding a home. The in-service collection will be taken on Sunday, May 12. Any time before the end of the month, you can give [online](#) or drop off a check to the church office with "second offering" in the memo line. April's Second Offering for Lutheran Social Services'

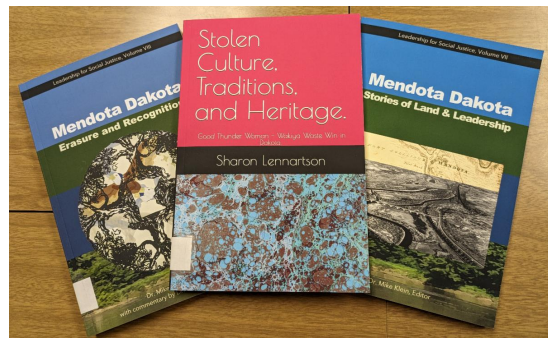
Youth Homelessness Programs collected \$3,355. Thanks to all who contributed!

Mendota Dakota Partners Book Discussion is May 1

Gloria Dei's Racial Justice Committee Chair, Dr. Deanna Thompson, will help us to think robustly about our growing relationship with the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community. On Wednesday, May 1, 7 p.m. in the Gathering Place, we'll look at the three books about this community that some of us have been reading and also reflect on the April 14 Forum presentations made by Sharon Lennartson and Dr. Mike Klein.

Copies are still available in the Gloria Dei Library of the three books: *Stolen Culture, Traditions, and Heritage: Good Thunder Woman -- Wakiya Wasta Win in Dakota* by Sharon Lennartson; *Mendota Dakota: Stories of Land and Leadership* edited by Dr. Mike Klein; *Mendota Dakota: Erasure and Recognition* edited by Dr. Mike Klein, commentary by Dr. Chris Mato Nunpa. Here are three questions to consider in advance of the May 1 discussion.

1. What did you hear in the April 14 Forum conversation that would be important for this congregation to learn more about?
2. What is a takeaway from one of the books about the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community that you didn't know before?



3. How does our learning about the MMDTC help Gloria Dei imagine what it means to become a good partner with this community?

A Few Planters Remain for Adoption



All but three of our courtyard planters have been adopted to be filled with wonderful flora. If you or your household would like to adopt one, [make your intentions known by filling out this form](#). You can design your planter with your own favored plants and colors. All you need to do is complete your planting between May 15-31. Church staff will tend to them and take care of watering through the summer season. Don't wait on this opportunity.

Study the Book of Acts for the Easter Season

Join us on Wednesday evenings to explore the New Testament book of Acts, 6-7 p.m., meeting through May 22 in the Gathering Place. A light lunch of sandwiches will be served at 5:30 p.m. for those interested in eating before the Bible study. 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. Have questions or need more information? Contact [Baya Clare](#).

Service Opportunities for Feed My Starving Children

Anyone age 5 and older is invited to serve together with others from Gloria Dei at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan this summer. We will help pack food bags that will be shipped all around the world. Children should be accompanied by an adult. This event is free but consider bringing a donation for Feed My Starving Children. You can help pay for a child to eat for a year for \$88. Register to attend with the link below.

- [Wednesday, June 12, 9:30-11:15 a.m.](#)
- [Tuesday, July 30 from noon-1:45 p.m.](#)
- [Monday, August 19 from 5-6:30 p.m.](#)



All Ages Summer Event

Meals packed locally by volunteers.

Food shipped worldwide by FMSC.

Open to ages 5 years and up.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, June 12 from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, July 30 from 12:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Monday, August 19 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

New Yogadevotion Session has Begun



Yogadevotion is a gentle flow class developed by Lutheran pastor Cindy Senarighi. It combines yoga poses and breathing with a Christian devotion. No prior yoga experience is required; do wear comfortable clothing. We have mats and blocks or you may bring your own if you wish. This session is eight weeks long and meets Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. in the Gathering Place.

Youth Summer Trip to Duluth Deadline is May 1

We'll need ten 6-12th grade youth to sign up for our Duluth youth trip by Wednesday, May 1. The trip runs Wednesday-Saturday, July 31-August 3, and will be a mission/adventure trip that will include service work, rock climbing, white-water rafting and a Christian music festival! This will be an amazing trip and we can help with cost as needed. The fee is currently \$225, with scholarships available. Contact Ashley with any questions or register your student yet this month. [Click here to register.](#)



New Date of Baptism Orientation Workshop is May 18



Our next Baptism Orientation Workshop is on Saturday, May 18, from 9-10 a.m. If you are preparing for a baptism, we ask all parents (members and non-members) to attend a Baptism Orientation Workshop (on Zoom) before the child's baptism. [Click here to register for the workshop before your child's baptism.](#) Contact the church office (651-699-1378) to schedule the baptism.

Gloria Dei Church at the Baseball Parks!

Let's share in fellowship and have fun cheering on the Minnesota Twins and the St. Paul Saints on group outings this summer. We will be attending the Saints game on Tuesday, July 23, at 7:07 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Deadline is June 26. Then in August, we will attend a Twins game on Saturday, August 10 at 6:10 p.m. Tickets are \$48. Deadline is July 8. Transportation isn't provided but we can help organize carpools if needed. It is very helpful if people sign up early in the summer.

- [Saints Game, Tuesday, July 23, at 7:07 p.m.](#)
- [Twins Game, Saturday, August 10, at 6:10 p.m.](#)



Cruise With Gloria Dei Friends on the Mississippi River

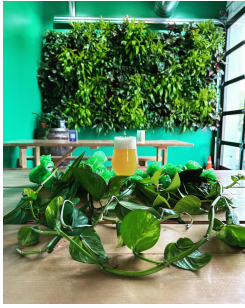
Save the date for a fun summer cruise on the Mississippi River to renew friendships and build new ones in our Gloria Dei community. We will cruise the on the Betsey Northrup riverboat on Friday, July 12,



from 7-9 p.m. Boarding starts at 6:30 p.m. on Harriet Island near downtown St. Paul. All ages are encouraged to come. Pricing is \$16 adults, \$15 seniors, \$11 children and youth

ages 3-17 and \$0 free for children 2 and under yet still require a reservation. [Click here to reserve and pay for your spot.](#)

Join in for Beer & Cheer June 9 at Wandering Leaf



Looking for a way to reconnect with longtime friends at church and to meet new ones? Come to Wandering Leaf Brewing Company, 2463 7th St. W., St. Paul, on Sunday June 9 from 5-7 p.m. Lots of free parking. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available, along with snacks. The focus is on deepening community ties within the congregation. Lots of free parking, too!

Fresh Sunday Altar Flowers are Just a Click Away

Our Easter Garden has withered away. But do not fret. We appreciate everyone who provides altar flowers to beautify our Sunday worship. Purchasing flowers online is quick and easy. They can be purchased for \$65. Follow this [link](#) and follow the instructions to order flowers for a specific week to commemorate a special occasion or just to brighten worship. And you're always welcome to stop by the church office to make arrangements in person, too.



Students, Volunteers Still Needed for VBS



Has the warming weather gotten you into a Vacation Bible School mood? Gloria Dei's Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 24-27 can take more students and needs more volunteer helpers. [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.)
-

Music in May at Gloria Dei

Mark your calendars for a pair of musical events in May at Gloria Dei.

- **Organ Recital** on Sunday, May 12, at 3 p.m.

featuring Trevor Good (left), a student at the University of Kansas, and Aaron Looney (right), a senior at St. Olaf College. They are the first- and second-place winners of Regional Competition of the American Guild of Organists. Come and hear these talented young players! Free and open to the public.



- **Minnesota Boychoir Annual Spring Concert**, Sunday May 19, at 4:30 p.m. This concert will feature all four choirs of the Boychoir from elementary through high school singers. Under the direction of Mark Johnson, these young singers always inspire with their beautiful voices and present a wide array of music in their concerts. Freewill donation. Come early to get a seat!

5 Simple Things You Can Do to Help With Mental Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Here is a list of five simple things you can do to make the world a better place for people with mental illness and their families.

- **Be a Friend.** Provide companionship and compassion on the road toward recovery. Offer a ride to church or to a support group. Listen without judgement. Pray for those you know with mental illnesses and for their family members.
- **Be an Inspiration.** Share your story. Has mental illness impacted you or your family in some way? Your story may empower others to seek treatment or have hope.
- **Watch Your Language.** Pay attention to the words you use and avoid stigmatizing labels. Do not refer to people as "crazy," "psycho," "lunatic" or "mental."
- **Be a Stigma Buster.** Challenge negative attitudes toward mental illness among your friends and acquaintances and in the media.
- **Learn the Facts.** Educate yourself about the various mental illnesses. Attend a lecture or class or use the Internet. Good places to start include the [National Alliance of Mental Illness](#) and the [National Institute of Mental Health](#).

Volunteer Opportunities with Mendota Dakota

Here are some upcoming volunteer opportunities with the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community:

- **Digitizing.** We are sorting through hundreds of pieces of information that need to be digitized. If you have an interest in digitizing and have a scanner, this might be something you can do from home. We will be starting up again in May.
- **Donate items** for the 30th Anniversary Silent Auction. They do not need to be Indigenous items--just items in good condition.
- **Volunteer** to help with 30th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, June 19, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, 1405 Sibley Memorial Highway, Mendota. It is a potluck celebration and charity fundraiser. Help will be needed in kitchen and at various tables for raffles and the silent auction.
- **Wacipi/PowWow** will be held Sept. 14 and 15. Everyone is invited! Volunteer opportunities include help with setting up during the week, working in the kitchen serving Indian Tacos, as well as helping prepare and serve the Sunday Feast that we have co-sponsored with Cherokee Park United Church.



[Email Karen Lansing](#) to get more information and get your name on the list to get to know this wonderful community! Thank you!

Ways to Help With Worship

In addition to the activities noted above, join Gloria Dei friends in one of these other ways to assist in Worship.

- Altar Care Team prepares the altar paraments and along with setting up and cleaning for communion service. [Contact Amy Hinrichs](#) with questions.
- Assisting Minister helps lead worship with pastors, shares prayers and serves communion. [Contact Mark Christianson](#) with questions.
- Communion Assistants distribute bread, wine and grape juice during worship. [Contact Mark Christianson](#) with questions.
- Hospitality Team welcomes people to worship, collects offerings, assists with seating needs and ensure that worship runs smoothly. [Contact Mark Christianson](#).
- Lector reads scriptural lessons during worship. [Contact Mark Christianson](#) with questions.
- Crucifer carries the cross in worship processions. [Contact Mark Christianson](#) with questions.
- Sacristan assists with the logistics of of worship and guides acolytes. [Contact Mark Christianson](#) with questions.
- Adult & Children's Choirs provide special music for worship services with rehearsals on Wednesdays. Contact [Music Director Tim Strand](#).
- Tech Crew produces the weekly YouTube livestream. [Contact Tadhg Ferris Wayne](#).

Next week: Ways to help with Outreach.

[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 – May

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.

April's Second Offering is going toward Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, which ?????????? Twin Cities area.

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.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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