



Holy Communion Worship

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

Join 10:45 a.m. Online Worship

Stay Connected with Gloria Dei

Support Our Youth and Get Beautiful Flowers

Our beautiful 12-inch hanging baskets (pictured growing in the greenhouse, right) are available again this spring at Gloria Dei starting Sunday, May 4.

Pre-order online at the link below or in the church office. Hanging Baskets are \$35 if pre-sold and \$40 if bought day of delivery. Each basket will have eight plugs of petunias, in a beautiful array of colors.

Baskets will be distributed in the Minnesota Room.

All flowers have been generously donated by a member with all proceeds supporting our Gloria Dei youth ministries. We are so thankful for all your support! [Click here to order and pay online.](#)



Find Your New Role at the May 4 Ministry Fair

Where can you fit in to the ministries of Gloria Dei? You'll have the chance to explore the possibilities on Sunday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. between services at the Spring Ministry Fair in the Gathering Place hallway.

The fair piggybacks on May's First Sunday Coffee Party. Many of Gloria Dei's ministry groups are preparing materials to share on ways you can get involved. We'll gather to learn about and celebrate the variety of ways that we may choose to be active in faithful service both here at Gloria Dei and in and around our community. Come for the coffee and treats...stay for the fair!



First Sunday Coffee Party is May 4

The next First Sunday Coffee Party happens on

Sunday, May 4, in the Gathering Place in between services from 9:30-10:30 a.m. It's a treat potluck, so bring something tasty to share. If you attend 8:15 a.m. service, plan to stay afterwards. If you attend 10:45 a.m., plan to come early. We want to have coffee with you!



High Need: 81 items Remain for Kitchen Essentials Drive

Time is running out and the need is still high for the Kitchen Essentials drive. The Immigrant Justice Team and Gloria Dei Youth invite you to donate kitchen essentials for local immigrant families. The program works in similar fashion to the Giving Tree program at Christmas. Our goal is to collect enough basic kitchen items for two families. Purchase items from the list below and drop them off at the Minnesota Room on Sundays May 4 & 11, 8 to 10:45 a.m., or Wednesday, May 7, 6 to 6:30 p.m. [Click here to sign up to indicate what you will be donating.](#)



Congregational Meeting is May 11 Between Services

All confirmed members of Gloria Dei are encouraged to join us at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 11. We will elect members to the Congregational Council and other leadership positions, express our gratitude to those who have served Gloria Dei in significant ways in the past year. Also on the agenda are a Room 99 update, information on the staff and council are preparing for three well-deserved retirements, and more! of other important business in the life of the church. Please plan to join us between services in Fellowship Hall. [Click here to see the agenda.](#) [Click here to see the list of candidates for Congregational Council positions.](#)



Sending Pr. Lois Off With Prayers, Potluck and Pies

Join Pr. Lois and Gloria Dei friends on **Sunday, May 18** after the second service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate her retirement and 26 years with Gloria Dei with a Potluck and Pie Program Celebration! Lois will be preaching at each service (8:15 & 10 a.m.) and she invites you to join her at the end of each service for the traditional post-Easter singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

How can you help?

Potluck – help create a bountiful potluck to send Lois off! To ensure a good distribution of food items, we've sorted dish requests this way: if your last name starts with:

- **A-F:** Salads and sides
- **G-S:** main dishes



- **T-Z:** breads, gluten free breads, rolls, spreads and condiments

If you have something amazing you really want to bring, go ahead! All are welcome to celebrate with Lois regardless of if you bring a dish or just your well wishes for her.

Set up, food distribution and clean up

You can help us set up Saturday late afternoon or assist with the Sunday chores of setting up, serving food and cleaning up Sunday afternoon. [Click here to sign up for one or more shifts to help make it a great potluck.](#)

Calling all pie bakers – The Great 50 Pies

Lois said picking a favorite pie would be like asking her to pick a favorite child – all pies are loved equally! Will you help us bring 50 pies for her celebration? Purchased or homemade would be lovely! [Register what type of pie you're bringing by clicking here](#) or email [Cara Sjodin](#) or [Cheryl Stever](#).



Gifts & Memories

If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift, [click here to give digitally](#) or put cash or check in the offering plate or the church office in an envelope that is clearly marked "Pr. Lois Retirement Gift." You are also invited to send [well wishes and cherished memories to Pastor Lois, by clicking here](#). On May 4 and May 11 between services and after the second service we will have an option to record a video message for Pr. Lois. You can record short message and send to worshiptech@gloriadeistpaul.org no later than May 11.

We will also be celebrating the retirements of **Music Director Tim Strand** (June 22) and **Office Coordinator Karen Earhuff** (mid August) later in the summer. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead..

The Giving Garden Needs Your Green Thumb

Did you know that Gloria Dei uses the 11 garden boxes near Highland Parkway to bring produce to a feed our food insecure neighbors throughout the summer? Last year, we delivered several hundred pounds of fresh garden produce to Neighborhood House Food Market at 1080 Montreal. We need about 30 volunteers to share the work of planting, weeding, harvest, delivery and fall clean up. You can sign up for one or more tasks. [Click here to sign up](#) by May 17. Planting begins the week of May 25. You will receive an email with further direction about how to plant and harvest. Questions? Contact Laurie Possin at 651-295-4902 or lpussin@comcast.net.



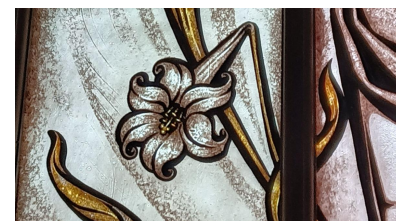
Upcoming Funerals

A number of upcoming funerals are on the calendar. Here's what's planned:

Marge Struve, Monday, May 5, funeral at 11 a.m., visitation at 10 a.m.

Bob Riesett, Thursday, May 15, funeral 1 p.m., visitation at noon.

Vivian Anderson, Wednesday, May 21, funeral at noon, visitation at 11 a.m.



Sound Mind Project Presents Saturday Concert

.Sound Mind Project will present their Spring Concert, *Peace Love Hope*, this Saturday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei. Sound Mind Project is a non-auditioned community choir dedicated to supporting the mental health of youth in our community. Freewill donations can be given to raise funds for youth mental health causes.



Second Offering: Supports Beacon Housing in May

May's Second Offering will go to the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, a group of congregations and housing advocates who believe that secure, affordable housing provides the key to safer communities, stronger families, and a healthier economy. [You can learn more about Beacon by clicking here.](#) Beacon homes serve over 1,200 residents in the greater Twin Cities metro area, and its policy work impacts the entire state. It believes quality, affordable homes belong in all communities. You can give digitally anytime [by clicking here](#) or by putting a check in the offering plate with "Second Offering" written on the memo line. April's Second Offering effort collected **\$3,713** for Lutheran Social Services Metro Homeless Youth Programs. Thank you for your generous support.



Next Wednesday Supper: Chicken Gyros on April 30

The menu for Wednesday Supper for April 30 features a menu of chicken gyros with hummus, tzatziki, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and onions. Falafel will be the vegan option. Also served will be a Greek quinoa salad of garbanzo beans, lemon juice and tomatoes. Meals are served 5:45-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person. Pay whatever you can. May 7 will be the final Wednesday Supper of the program year and will have a menu of pizza, salad and ice cream.



Baptism Orientation Workshop is May 10

Our next Baptism Orientation Workshop is on Saturday, May 10, 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.



Join 20/30-Somethings at Ikea on May 13

Gloria Dei young adults are invited to join the 20-Somethings/30-Somethings (or beyond) group! This group has been meeting for over a decade and we are always welcoming new members. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at various spots around town. Join us Tuesday, May 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ikea in Bloomington! Yes, you read that right! Join us for meatballs, lingonberries and a wander through the showrooms. Email [Chloe](#) with questions or for more details or to join the WhatsApp chat.



Ways to Help with Outreach

In addition to the activities noted above, join Gloria Dei friends in one of these other ways to engage with outreach.

- Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative advocates for affordable housing options across the metro area. [Contact Don Fulton](#).
- Caring for Creation promotes more sustainable practices in individual lives and around the Gloria Dei facilities, and advocates for public policy addressing climate change. [Contact Stephanie Stegeman](#).
- Global Missions Team coordinates global mission efforts with partners in Guatemala and Tanzania. [Contact Kenton Johnson](#).
- Habitat for Humanity partners with Interfaith Builders to build safe, affordable homes for families in need. [Contact Matt Sherwood](#).
- Immigrant Justice Team is dedicated to guiding Gloria Dei's support for immigrants in our community through direct assistance and advocacy. [Contact Claire Hoyum](#).
- Loaves and Fishes feeds an evening meal at the Dorothy Day Center in downtown St. Paul on the 4th Wednesday of every other month [Contact Cheryl Stever](#).
- Safe House Meals volunteers provide a meal every fourth Wednesday of the month for residents of Safe House, an emergency shelter for homeless youth ages 16-20. [Click here to learn more about the program](#).
- Project Home Meals serves supper and hosts Bingo for homeless families staying at Project Home at Provincial House two Sundays a month. [Contact Marie Hanson](#).
- Racial Justice Committee coordinates Gloria Dei's activities in support of racial justice and equality. [Contact Deanna Thompson](#).
- Weekend Back Pack Program packs and delivers healthy snacks for students at Highland Elementary School. [Contact Diane Burk](#).

Next week: Ways to help with Faith Formation.

[.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

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.

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 will go to Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, which supports affordable, equitable housing for all.

- 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.
Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Select option "2" for the on-call pastor.

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