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### Holy Communion Worship

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

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Join 10 a.m. Online Worship

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## Worship at 8:15 and 10 a.m. Starts This Sunday

Gloria Dei's summer worship schedule starts on Sunday, May 18. Worship services will be held at 8:15 and 10 a.m. starting that day and continuing on through Sunday, Sept. 8. The 10 a.m. services will be livestreamed throughout the summer schedule.



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## Pr. Lois Retires; More Help Needed with Potluck, 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.



### What to bring?

**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 whether you bring a dish or just your well wishes for her.

### Help!!! Really. Help!!!

Only 12 people have signed up for the 27 needed spots! We need YOU! Think of it as a way of honoring Pastor Lois, who was often the one who wrangled the potluck teams into place. 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.](#)

**And More 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 the type of pie you're bringing by clicking here](#) or email [Cara Sjodin](#) or [Cheryl Stever](#). As of May 13, 30 pies have been promised for this event.



**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](#).

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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..

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## The Rojas Family is Moving!

Luis, Stephanie and Sebas, our guests in Room 99 for almost three years, are ready to take their next big step toward self-sufficiency. They have worked hard, planned and saved for this exciting moment. On June 1, they will move into a two-bedroom apartment in St. Paul, which will give them more space and independence. We are thrilled by how determined successful they have been in their journey from Peru to make a new life in the U.S. Let's help them make this big transition by furnishing their new place. [Click here to select the household item](#) you would like to donate. We ask that all used items be clean and in good shape. Thank you for your generous support of this wonderful family. Drop off your donation in the gym on one of these dates and times:



- Wednesday, May 28, 4-7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m. to noon.

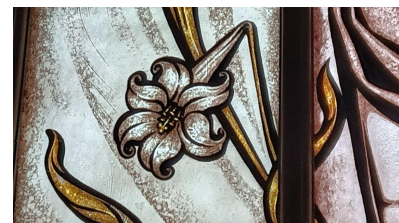
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## Upcoming Funerals

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

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

**Vivian Anderson**, Wednesday, May 21, funeral at 11 a.m., visitation at 10 a.m.

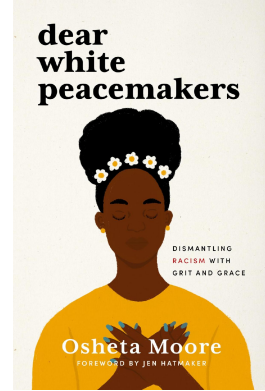


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## Summer Book Group Reads Osheta Moore's Book

This is your invitation to join a summer book group to read and

discuss *Dear White Peacemakers: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace* by Osheta Moore. The Racial Justice Committee will host four Monday evening sessions in the Gathering Place on June 23 & 30 and July 7 & 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. The facilitators will be Dr. Deanna Thompson, Pastor Jodi Houge, Paula Hutchinson and Baya Clare. The book is available for purchase at Black Garnet Books, 1319 University Ave S., or from most of your favorite sources. There will be iced tea and maybe cookies! [Click here to sign up online](#) or at the table across from the library most Sundays. Look for the poster.



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## Giving Gardens Really, Really Needs Your Green Thumb

Did you know that Gloria Dei uses the 11 garden boxes near Highland Parkway to grow produce to 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 24. Planting begins the

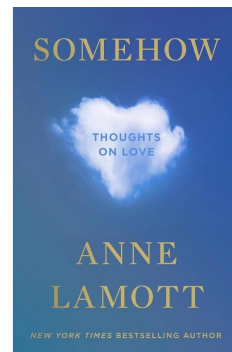


week of May 25. You will receive an email with further direction about how to plant and harvest. Questions? Contact Laurie Possin at 651-295-4902 or [lpussin@comcast.net](mailto:lpussin@comcast.net).

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## Soul Food Starts Final Book of the Season

You're welcome to join our Wednesday morning Soul Food book discussion group for the last book of the season, *Somehow: Thoughts on Love* by Anne Lamott. Lamott explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward. We'll begin it next Wednesday, May 21, and finish up on June 4, then take the summer off. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 in the Mississippi Room. Contact Baya Clare, [gdlcsoulfood@gmail.com](mailto:gdlcsoulfood@gmail.com), for more information.



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## 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 home projects serve over 1,200 residents in the greater Twin Cities metro area, and its policy work impacts the entire state. Beacon believes quality, affordable homes belong in all communities. You can contribute digitally anytime [by clicking here](#) or by putting a check in the offering plate with "Second Offering" written on the



memo line. So far \$1,575 has been raised.



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## Kitchen Essentials Was a Big Success!

The Immigrant Justice Team and the Gloria Dei Youth extend a heartfelt thanks to the many members who donated kitchen items for immigrant families in our neighborhood. Already one family, who recently moved out of a shelter and into an apartment, is benefiting from your generosity. The kitchen is stocked! We hope to have another drive later this year and are looking for someone to take the lead on coordinating the effort. We have all the pieces in place and would be happy to share our "template." If you would like to take this on or learn more about what's involved, please email either [Jill Karl](#) or [Lenore Franzen](#).



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## Help Beautify Our Courtyard Planters

Our courtyard has 12 large planters that need to be filled with wonderful flora. See how blah they look right now. If you or your household would like to adopt one or more, [sign up on this form](#). Six of the planters are predominantly in the sun; six predominantly in the shade. 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. We are also looking for volunteers to do the weekly watering of the planters between mid May and the end of September. Sign up on the same link above.



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## Guest Preacher June 1: Jeff Chu

On Sunday, June 1, we welcome Pastor Jeff Chu to Gloria Dei. Jeff is a writer, reporter and editor-at-large for Travel+Leisure, a teacher in residence at Crosspointe Church in North Carolina, parish associate for storytelling and witness at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, California, student in theology at the University of Stellenbosch and minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. He's also a cook, gardener and author. Jeff's new book is *Good Soil: The Education of an Accidental Farmhand*.



An illustration featuring three black graduation caps with gold tassels at the top. Below them are three hands: the left hand is open with fingers spread, the middle hand has the index finger pointing up, and the right hand is open with fingers spread. The hands are wearing white cuffs and dark sleeves.

## Donate Your Old Instruments to Tanzanian Students

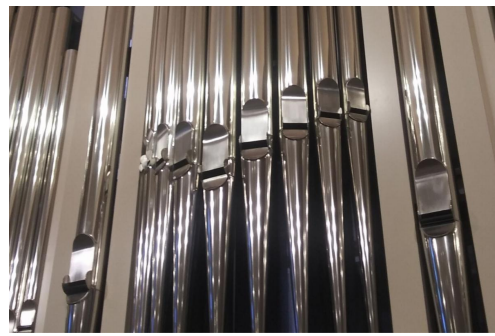
## How You Can be Part of the Guatemala Health Ministry

A top-down view of various medical supplies arranged on a light blue surface. In the center is a white medical form with a large 'Rx' symbol and fields for 'Patient Name', 'Date', 'Physician', 'Diagnosis', and 'Prescription'. Surrounding the form are a blue stethoscope, a white syringe, a white pill bottle with yellow caps, a blister pack of white pills, a white face mask, blue nitrile gloves, a pair of black-rimmed glasses, a silver reflex hammer, and a wooden tongue depressor.

## Fridays at Noon in June Organ Recitals Return

Gloria Dei will be hosting Friday noonday organ recitals in June again this year, highlighting our new Letourneau/Casavant pipe organ. These recitals are 30 minutes in length and are followed by lemonade and cookies reception in the Gathering Place (or Courtyard, if weather permits). Our recitalists this year are:

- **June 6 – Dr. Gregory Peterson**, director of music and organist at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina and formerly the organ professor at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.
- **June 13 – Dr. Samuel Backman**, director of music and organist at Holy Cross Catholic Church in NE Minneapolis.
- **June 20 – Karla Johnson Beck**, organist at First Lutheran Church, St. James, Minn., and **Timothy Strand**, director of music at Gloria Dei.
- **June 27 – Dr. Melanie Ohnstad**, organist and director of music emeritus, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis.



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## June 12: Food Pack and Water Park Fun

Join Gloria Dei Youth for one or two amazing events on Thursday, June 12. The day will start with a food-pack project at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan from 9:30-11:15 a.m. After that, enjoy some wet fun at Cascade Bay Waterpark nearby. Cost for that is \$13 from 11:40 a.m.-2:45 p.m.; \$19 for all day.

[Click here to register for](#) Feed My Starving Children.  
[Click here for more information or registration for Cascade Park.](#)



Gloria Dei: Join Us @ FMSC June 12th

 <b>FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN</b> Register Online with the link provided. Email Deacon Ashley with Questions.	<b>Ages 5 and Up are Invited to Join us Together Thursday Morning, June 12</b> Meals packed locally by volunteers for food shipped worldwide. Let's enjoy this wonderful service opportunity together as a church. Join us in Eagan Thursday, June 12! <b>Thursday, June 12 @ 9:30-11:15 am</b> Join us at Cascade Waterpark Afterwards!

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## Empowering Religious Support for Trans Lives

Does your faith call you to speak up for those under attack right now, including non-binary and trans people? Check out Justice and Joy: Empowering Religious Support for Trans Lives on May 30 to learn why and how to speak out! No experience necessary, just an open heart. The event is free and runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, 767 N. Eustis Street, Suite 140, St. Paul. [Click here to register](#) so we can plan for your lunch.



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## George Floyd Memorial Event

ELCA Racial Justice Ministries and ELCA African Descent Ministries invites you to join them at the Rise & Remember Festival in Minneapolis. The three-day annual event “exists to hold in remembrance George Floyd and those we have lost unjustly to the pervasive impacts of systemic racism. Activities focus on education, empowerment, healing, celebration, and our



collective pursuit for racial justice and equity.” We hope you will join us for the gospel concert and candlelight vigil on Sunday, May 25. We will meet in front of [Calvary Lutheran Church](#) at 5 pm. If you plan to attend, please let us know by [completing this short, six-question survey](#).



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## Ways to Help 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 [Maren Jansen](#).
- 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](#).
- Coffee, Tea and Camaraderie meets weekly on Wednesdays 2-3 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Conversation topics are determined by those who show up each week. Contact parish nurse Jill Stewart, [nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org](mailto:nurse@gloriadeistpaul.org) or 651-699-1378 ext. 3031.
- 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 identifies 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 connects with those grieving loss by sending cards or messages, phone calls, or conversation. Contact [Parish Nurse Jill Stewart](#).
- Visitation Ministry visits and brings communion to individuals who cannot be in church. [Parish Nurse Jill Stewart](#).

**Next week:** Ways to help with Facilities and Administration.

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

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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, 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

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

church office with "second offering" in the memo line. May's Second offering will go to Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, which supports affordable, equitable housing for all.

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.

Call our phone number above to reach staff.  
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