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"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf; Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." - 2 Corinthians 5:20b-21

The Lenten Season is approaching, and we invite you, your family and friends to participate in the many ways the Gloria Dei community walks together, deepening our relationship with God and with each other. The opportunities are:

Ash Wednesday: 7:00 pm, February 22
This worship begins the Lenten season as we recognize our humanity with the imposition of ashes. There will be no dinner on Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday Lenten Services: 6:30 pm, Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesday through Lent, including Feb. 29, March 7, 14, and 21. Simple soup suppers will be served from 5:00-6:15 pm throughout Lent.

Joint Evensong: 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 28
We hope to be in partnership with another church as our adult choirs join together to lead us in worship.

Wednesday Lenten Choir Schedule:
5:00-5:45 pm 21/2 year olds—2nd graders
5:35-6:25 pm 2nd grade—6th grade
5:45-6:20 pm 7th and 8th grade
7:00-8:30 pm Adult Choir

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 1
Festival Worship, 8:00 and 11:00 am
NewSong Contemporary Worship, 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 5
Based on Leonardo de Vinci's portrait of "The Last Supper," a dramatization will be shared during this service by members of Gloria Dei. Maundy Thursday, stemming from the word mandatum, (mandate or command) we remember Jesus' command to his disciples to "do this in remembrance of me" and will share in Holy Communion.

Good Friday: Friday, April 6
12:00 pm (noon) Brief order of Tenebrae
7:00 pm, Tenebrae Service

Mark your calendar for **Easter Sunday, April 8**, with worship at 7:45, 9:30 and 11:15 am. There will be a pancake breakfast in between services!



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Stephen Ministry

Sometimes Valentine's Day Isn't Happy

For some people, Valentine's Day is a painful reminder of a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, a recent relocation, a chronic illness, or another life challenge. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring Jesus' love (God's "ultimate Valentine") back into your life. Stephen Ministers provide **confidential**, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately to listen, support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your struggle.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with *one* of our Stephen Leaders: Priscilla Kepler, Jodi Luedecker, Cheryl Steiner, and Darrol Steiner. **Our**

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Christ Caring for People through People

Announcements & Special Thanks

NEW at GLORIA DEI!! YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

starting in February!

Kathleen Dudley, Caryn Pharris and Pastor Molly are coordinating this new ministry that will meet for the first time on Wednesday, February 8th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Gloria Dei!

The Young Adult group (post-high school through 30ish) will plan to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. We will have relevant conversations about life and God and of course, eat good food!! As the group evolves we will brainstorm together on how the ministry takes shape and what we want to do. Please mark your calendars, and invite your friends! All young adults are welcome!!

For more information contact Pastor Molly through the church office.



Announcements & Special Thanks

Christmas Carols and Prayers

Thank you for the visit & wonderful Christmas carols in December. Many thanks for your prayers, love, care and visits during my time in the hospital and my recuperation at Mother Joseph Care Center.
My recovery is going well.



Housing Needed

A retired pastor and spouse are in need of a housesitting opportunity or a temporary monthly rental arrangement while house hunting in Olympia.

Contact Sandra Kreis through the church office.

Jubilee Club



The Jubilee Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

In February we will meet on the 28th at 12:30 pm for a potluck lunch and our annual white elephant bingo party.

Bring a white elephant gift and if you are lucky you will win one you can bring to the party next year.

See you there!

Please join us for the First Annual...

Ibsen Valentine Dessert

February 11th

7:00pm to 9:00pm at Gloria Dei

All proceeds will help **Ibsen Adoption Network** continue to help families adopting special needs children.

Admission is free...come ready to bid on delicious desserts and wonderful silent auction items!

Please R.S.V.P. by February 5th to Marilyn Brisbane at admin@ibsenadoptionnetwork.com.

New Grief Support Group



A New Grief Support Group will begin the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12:noon to 1:pm in the Choir Room. Our first meeting will be **January 10, 2012.**

Pastor Doug will facilitate this

group as we share together the difficulty of loss in our lives.

All are welcome.

Preschool 10 Year Anniversary Celebration...Reschedule!



We are preparing for our **10 year anniversary celebration.** Can you believe that the preschool has been here for 10 years? The time has flown by! Our celebration will take place on **Saturday, February 25th at 10:00 a.m. in Luther Hall.** We will have a presentation, a

slideshow, treats and a tour of the classrooms. Come and help us celebrate! We are looking forward to the next 10 years.

Youth

Confirmation (7th & 8th Graders)

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm Sundays 10am

February 1st, Luther the Movie, Part 2 (Study Guide)
Friday, February 3rd, Kings & Queens Dinner @ Teri's
February 8th, What is a Lutheran: Along Came Martin Luther/Movie Review
February 15th, What is a Lutheran: The Reformation/Who Are the Lutherans?
February 22nd, No Class: Ash Wednesday
February 29th, Other Religions/Denominations



DRIVEN (9th - 12th Graders)

Thursdays 6:30-8pm Sundays 10am

February 9th & 16th, No DRIVEN
February 17th-20th, Winter Retreat @ Silver Mountain in Idaho
Check GloriaDeiYouth.org to Register and for more details.
ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans
Thursday, February 23rd, 6pm, Parent/Youth Meeting

Justin Snider
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, AIM
www.GloriaDeiYouth.org

Preschool News



I hope everyone made it through the snow, ice, wind, rain and lack of power without too much damage! With all of our crazy weather the month of January has really flown by. I can't believe it's February!

We have some special events happening in February. At the beginning of the month we will be going on a fieldtrip to The Olympic Flight Museum. This fits in really well with our space theme. We have also rescheduled our 10 Year Anniversary Celebration which got cancelled due to the weather. Our new date is Saturday, February 25th from 10-11:30. I hope this date works into your schedules so many people can attend.

The month of February is registration time. Registration will open for current preschool families and church families on Monday, February 6th. We have packets ready if you need one. There will be some available at the church office as well. Our Open House will take place on Thursday, February 23rd from 6-7:30p.m. The preschool room and 2 year old room will both be open and teachers will be available to answer any questions you have about our preschool program. If you would like a tour or want to observe a class, please feel free to give me a call at 357-7634 and I will be glad to set that up for you.

Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you also to those of you who have donated to our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). You have helped many preschool families!

God's Blessings,
Erin Holmquist
Preschool Director



Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us . . .

Ourselves

We welcome . . .

... **Jonathan Robert Price Keller**, son of Jim & Julie Keller (and nephew of Pastor Doug), who was baptized January 8. Jonathan's sponsors are Gretchen Anders Elaine Claflin.

...**Bridger Graham Wright**, son of Chris & Sonya Wright, who was baptized January 29th. Bridger's sponsor is Frank Wright.

...**Enzo Austin Reilly**, son of Tyler & Nicola Reilly, who was baptized January 29. Enzo's sponsors (and grandparents) are Fran & Kay Reilly.

Our Time

Thank you . . .

... For all those who helped in one way or another with the Interfaith Works Overflow Shelter here at Gloria

Dei—launderers, overnight hosts, welcome hosts, those who provided food, and those who provided transportation. Special thanks to Jill Esbeck and Ralph Blankenship for their work coordinating, and to Mike Kelley and Robin Johnstone for their valiant efforts at getting the generator to work when we lost power during the ice-storm.



For in the one spirit
we were all baptized
into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13

Our Possessions

Thank you . . .

... For the donations of shoes that have been coming in to support the Soles for Souls shoe drive.

... For the those who continue to give generously to the Food Bank box in the church office.

For the signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Calendar

To view the calendar, go to www.gloriadeiolympia.org

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Children's Ministry

FEBRUARY 2012

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY GATHER, GROW, AND GO IN FAITH



Reenactment:
"The Baptism of Jesus"



SEE YOU AT CHURCH!

www.gloriadeikids.org

Children's Ministry Events:

February 4

- Sledding Memory Work Party
Grades 1-6

February 12

- 1st-3rd Fellowship: Roller Skating
at Skateland in Olympia!!
12:30-3:30 p.m. \$4.50

February 26

- J.A.M. 4th-6th Grade
Roller Skating at the Roller Dome
in Centralia!! 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
\$7.00 - \$8.00

March 4

- "The Old Testament >> Fast
Forward" Musical: 9:15 & 11:00
worship

March 16-17

- Elementary Retreat @ Lutherwood
Bible Camp in Bellingham

www.gloriadeikids.org

Check out the latest info and
registration forms.

Children's Library:

Our Children's Library upstairs
has wonderful books waiting to be
checked out. Happy Reading!!



Join us for fun this month as we
go roller skating! Age group dates
are listed on the calendar to the
left. Chaperones and drivers are
needed. Please sign up on our
Bulletin Board so we can plan
rides.



CAMP LUTHERWOOD ELEMENTARY RETREAT

The Elementary Retreat for first-
sixth graders is March 16-17.

This is a taste of all things camp
in a fun 24 hours and a great way
to introduce kids to Bible
camp! Sign ups are
on the Children's
Ministry Bulletin
Board and more
information is on
our website.



VBS 2012: July 9-13, 15

"The Good Samaritan"

Please contact Beth Tobin or the
church office if you are interested
in being on the
planning
team.



Volunteer Opportunities! Positions are open on
education planning teams, teaching young children, and Rotation
Workshops. Please contact Beth Tobin for more information.

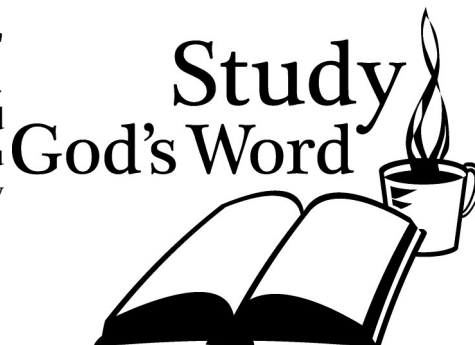
Adult Education

Each Sunday at 10 am two classes are offered: one meets in the Conference Room (go to the Office and down the hall) the other in the Fireside Room/Library.

In the Conference Room....

In the Conference Room: (go into the church office and straight down the hall)

This group is studying the book "Making Sense of the Christian Faith" looking at Bible passages that help us understand the Christian faith. The focus in February is covenant/law/community as found in the Old Testament and what that means to our living out our faith today. You are invited to come with your questions and your insights as we study together



In the Fireside Room....

February Sundays:

- 5th Postponed from Snow Day in January--"**Update on the Lutheran Church**"-
What separations still exist historically and new divisions created recently.

- 12th New Series: "**Living Your Faith**"
Living Your Faith as a Community/Church Volunteer with Jill Esbeck and Phil Owen. Come to hear more about "**SideWalk**" Advocacy Center and opportunities to volunteer at Gloria Dei.

- 19th Living Your Faith as a Politically Aware Citizen- responses to the Interfaith Advocacy Day

- 26th Living Your Faith with Science

YOU ARE INVITED

Join us to brainstorm new ideas for Adult Education Classes on Tuesday, February 7th at Church. Those who attended the last session are most welcome to return.....



INTERFAITH ADVOCACY DAY

Held in Olympia on Tuesday, February 14th. Sponsored by the Lutheran Public Policy Office and the Washington Association of Churches now united as FAITH ACTION NETWORK. Meets from 8am to 3pm starting with Breakfast and worship at the United Churches, concluding with Lunch and visits to congressional representatives at the capital. Reserve your place for \$20 by registering on their website:fanwa.org or \$25 that day.

February Birthdays

1st	Kirsten Conklin	Wyatt Finn	Katie West
	Dennis Eckhart	Grace Lincke	23rd Donna Buxton
	Dan Tomlin	12th Marv Nelson	Joan Stiggelbout
3rd	Andreas Dettling	Justin Tunheim	24th Caroline Christenson
	Carl Hanson	13th Carma Johnson	Robin Johnstone
6th	Doug Knutson-Keller	Suzie Stottlemeyre	Randy Newton
	Dale Schaefer	14th Bob Lester III	25th Juliet Dickson
7th	Jonah Wangen-Hoch	Thomas Weston	Rosemary Esbeck
8th	Wendy Bennett	Audrey Zabel	Jolie Merriott
	Trudy Cook	15th Jeanette Lester	Gary Pedigo
	Annita Field-Borodin	16th Caryn Pharris	26th Kieran Nguyen
	Doug Morey	17th Matthew Hancock	27th Margaretha Best Richardson
9th	Lola Anderson	Liz Hanson	28th Kathy Aulwurm
	Tom Brinkley	Ella Johnson	Monica Mason
	Serena Bures	18th Kirstin Hernandez	28th Kolten Tomlin
	Julia Eisentrout	19th Neal Darrow	Rusti Walch
	Rocky Perrott	20th Brendan Curtis	Diana Wallace
	Marty Werner	Marv Loftness	29th Brett Bures
10th	Dave Arbaugh	21st Paul Klenk	Connor Scott
	Peter Arbaugh	22nd Vic Boyer	
	Alan Beireis	Tina Hackworth	
	Alyssa Bergeron	Abbey Lincke	

February Baptism Birthdays

3rd	Hunter Sapp	17th	Shirley Ashbaugh
5th	Kaela Vatschelle	18th	Lydia Sopa Blake
7th	Isabella Bolosan	19th	Melissa Luper
8th	Kris Wesson		Martin King
9th	Meygan Kirkpatrick	20th	Marv Schurke
11th	Keith Willson	21st	Barb Reinke
	Jennifer Tomlin		Dennis Eckhart
12th	Ros Jensen		Amellia Partlow
	Gerry Brown	22nd	Nicole Heitz
13th	Martha Humphries	26th	Lori Barney
14th	Brian Slater		Carol Wozniak
15th	Aileen Bausch	27th	Kirsten Conklin
	Rhianna Smith		Hadley Clarke
16th	Cassidy Moyes	28th	Adam Archer
	Willy Shaughnessy		Kelsey Loftness
	Crystal Henry		
	Will Henry		



February Worship Assistants

Acolytes

5th 8:00 Brenden Merriott
 9:00 Matthew Hancock
 11:00 Lydia Erdelbrock
 Travis Tallman
 12th 8:00 Dylan Willis
 9:00 Caralina Casperson
 11:00 Maria Mandt,
 Ally Barton
 19th 8:00 Justine Seidel
 9:00 Noah Montz
 11:00 Andrea Luper
 Brenden Merriott
 26th 8:00 Grace Tobin
 9:00 Erin Snodgrass
 11:00 Kirsten Kearns,
 Jonathan Tunheim

Coffee Hour

5th Vickie Beireis, Donna Butler
 12th Marvin & Inez Renz
 19th Ron & Jean Tallman
 26th Randy & Anne Edwards

Lectors

5th 8:00 Joy Moorhead
 11:00 LuAnn Unrue
 12th 8:00 David Klein
 11:00 Roger Kreis
 19th 8:00 Steve Loftness
 11:00 Rosemary Esbeck
 26th 8:00 Fathie Eisentrout
 11:00 Skip Kister

Altar Guild

Gloria Jensen, Janet Carlson

Communion Assistants

5th 8:00 Sue German, Lori Barney
 11:00 Caroline Manger, Paul
 Chell, Robin & Cindy
 Johnstone
 12th 8:00 Ernie & Diane Malick
 11:00 Nancy Winters, Barb
 Reinke, Terry Maurer,
 Ralph Blankenship
 19th 8:00 Bob & Joy Moorhead
 11:00 Jon & Jodi Luedecker,
 Sharon Lightfoot,
 Sue Schultz
 26th 8:00 Star Parsons,
 Connie Ambuehl
 11:00 Jytta Wagoner, Bob
 Larsen, Gloria Morrison,
 Linda Holmes

Greeters

5th 8:00 Lynn Reese,
 Florence Sailer
 11:00 Jytta Wagoner,
 Bob Larsen
 12th 8:00 Darrol & Cheryl Steiner
 11:00 Mel & Carol Hill
 19th 8:00 John & Nancy Peterson
 11:00 Craig & Lynne Adair
 26th 8:00 Lou Mortensen,
 Laverne Williams

Welcome Hosts

5th 11:00 Judy Carlson
 12th 11:00 Jeff Whitten
 19th 11:00 Charen Blankenship
 26th 10:00 Juanita Good

Bus Drivers

5th Steve Kirkpatrick,
 Kent Stottlemyre
 12th Denny Johnson, Bill Vasek
 19th Steve Kirkpatrick,
 David Gomez
 26th Ralph Blankenship, Bill Vasek

Ushers

5th 8:00
 9:00 Christy Peters,
 George Spencer
 11:00 Dee Glenn, Dave Reinke
 12th 8:00 Darrol & Cheryl Steiner
 9:00 Susan Callender,
 Sherrie Smith
 11:00 Dee Glenn,
 19th 8:00
 9:00 David & Kristen Gomez
 11:00 Dee Glenn, Bob Larsen,
 Jytta Wagoner, Daphne
 Niemann
 26th 8:00 John & Kathy Mackey
 9:00 Rick & Vickie Beireis
 11:00 Dee Glenn,



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Preschool Registration



Its time for...

Gloria Dei Preschool Registration

If you have a child who will turn 18 months by August 31(for our Mommy & Me class), 2 by August 31(for the M/W or T/TH classes), 3 by August 31

(for the Tuesday/Thursday classes) or 4 by August 31 (for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes), please pick up a registration packet or give me a call at 357-7634 and I would be glad to answer any questions you may have or arrange a tour. We will open registration to school and church families on February 6th, alumni families on February 20th and the community on February 27th. Our Open House will take place on Thursday, February 23rd from 6-7:30 p.m. If you know of anyone who is looking for a quality preschool program, please let them know about us. Thank you for your continued support!

Erin Holmquist
Preschool Director