

Gloria Dei News

The Newsletter of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

August 2010

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From our Pastor....

Recently a friend gave me an article from the newspaper about the crisis in the Catholic Church. The ELCA is mashing through its own crisis, small by comparison but yet confusing and disconcerting for many people. Nearly every denomination is on the decline. A few days ago I read an article that reported a study of people who do not belong to a church. The study reveals that a majority of them would be at least 'somewhat likely' to attend if they were invited. (So shouldn't we risk inviting them?) Meanwhile, the average person in a main line church invites someone to church (on average) only twice in their life time (some studies say once every 85 years). On July 4th our worship attendance was one of the very the lowest that we have recorded since I came to Gloria Dei nearly ten years ago. The Monday morning Bible study has fewer than 15 people in it. The Wednesday study is consistently larger than Monday's study but not by much. (And yes, when the attendance is low in worship and Bible study, I do wonder if I am still effective here.)

Idea abound in churches regarding what to do about the crisis that seems to have over come the church. Some people think we should fight in the courts for the return of the Ten Commandments and prayer to the schools and no sports on Sundays, others think we should have glossy handouts, projector screens, info-mercials, worship services for segregated groups such as a service for teens, another one for "twenty somethings", another for white haired people. Perhaps, some say, we are failing because we don't have a good long range strategic plan, we need jazzercise classes, a camel and an elephant visitation to liven the place up. We need rock music, hymns, no music at all... We should go back to smells and bells and rigid rules... or maybe no rules at all would work better. If only we could get better organized, less structured... have more rules, less rules...

But honestly, I believe it is a time for an end to every, and all gimmicks and I humbly purpose a four word solution...

GET BACK TO JESUS

(or maybe five words, **GET BACK TO JESUS NOW!**)

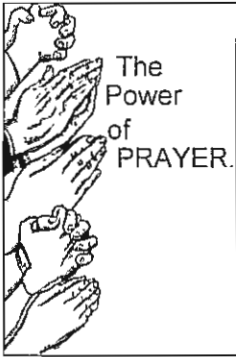
There is a wonderful story that comes from Christian legend. The legend is that a wealthy merchant was looking for the distinguished Pharisee, Paul. Eventually Timothy, Paul's associate took the man to visit Paul. Paul was in jail in Rome at the time. The merchant was surprised to see that Paul was an old man, physically frail, but that he was serene and had a magnetism that was engaging. Paul and the merchant talked for hours. Finally the merchant left with Paul's blessing. Outside the prison, the man asked, "What is the secret of this man's power? I have never seen anything like it before." Timothy replied, "Paul is in love." The merchant didn't understand and asked what Timothy meant. "Paul is in love with Jesus Christ," was the answer.

This early follower of our Lord faced a lot more hardships and disarray than we face. The disagreements of the early church were numerous. And yet, a small group of believers witnessed fervently to the hope that they had in Christ and they transformed the world.

If we really do want to do something about what ails the church the most important thing we can do is **GET BACK TO JESUS NOW! TO LOVE HIM FERVENTLY AND WITNESS TO THE HOPE THAT COMES ONLY THROUGH HIM.** When we do that we can let the rest fall under his feet!

Who will you invite? Which class will you attend? Will worship be the most important thing you do this week? Will you join me and others in the solution?

~Pastor Vicki



“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” *Ephesians 6:18 NLT*

GO GLOBAL (Part 1)...How to Be a Prayer

Missionary-Praying vs. Going

Recently, in our INTERACTIONS Bible Study Group, one of the members asked, “How can I help everyone in the world and spread the Gospel to all nations when I’m just one person? Am I supposed to quit my job and travel the world as a missionary?” Good point. Many disciples of Christ struggle with this same question. God clearly calls us to feed and care for those in need, but what if circumstances are such that packing up and traveling the globe is not a viable option? Take heart, there is a powerful way to make a difference, with PRAYER. In the March/April 2009 edition of PRAY! magazine, author Christopher A. Lane, shares the following insights. This is the first in a 3 part series, “Praying Versus Going.” In it, he writes:

Both prayer & proclamation are necessary in order to “make disciples of all nations”; neither is a stand-alone activity. E.M. Bounds once wrote, “The key to missionary success is prayer. A person who can pray is the mightiest instrument Christ has in the world.”

Missionary efforts will almost certainly result in defeat if they aren’t preceded by and sustained with intercessory prayer.

Think of it as being at war. Certain troops are on the front-lines, in this case these troops are on-the-scene missionaries. Others play a

supporting role, such as keeping supply lines open and insuring that those in the danger zone have the equipment and ammunition they need to win the battle. That supporting role is to be a prayer missionary. It is our duty as those who are not currently “deployed” to intercede on behalf of those who are.

We no longer need to feel helpless and wonder how we can make a difference in our broken and hurting world. It is clear that our prayers are the most powerful resource we possess. In the next issue, and Part 2 of this series, we will learn how to identify the areas of the world that are in desperate need of global “prayer missionaries”.

Come join the fun at Children choir! Mark your calendar! Choir starts on Wednesday September 8th at 6:30pm. Any questions contact Christina Paferson 261-0457.



Seeking Sunday School teachers for the Fall start after Labor Day! To proclaim the Gospel—the Good News of God’s love in Jesus Christ. Please consider fulfilling the role of “Passing on” the bible stories and thus living and sharing the faith. The program themes will run in four (4) week cycles which afford you the opportunity to volunteer for one or more cycles. For additional information see: <http://www.gloriadei-nky.org/SundaySchool.htm>.

CHURCH ACTIVITES!

- Florence freedom game: Aug 15th (about \$9 a ticket)
- Hayride at Mullens farm: Oct 16th





Worship and Music needs YOU!

We need individuals that have a passion for worship. People that have creative ideas for worship lay out, while staying true to our Lutheran heritage but ultimately make sure all our focus is on giving thanks and praise to God.

We are also looking for individuals that have strong leadership skills that would prayfully consider co leading this committee. We need people that can help run a meeting smoothly, put together an agenda and help facilitate the group.

If you feel God tugging at your heart to serve in a new way, please consider working with the Worship and Music committee. If you are interested or need more information about this committee, please email Rebecca Brode- youth@gloriadei-nky.org or call the office 331-4694.

Thank you for willing to try something new...and guess what?? It was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve in all the worship services at Gloria Dei. We will have the signup sheets out in late August to sign up for October and November. Remember that spots go fast, so make sure to get there early to sign up for where you want to serve in the worship service.



(In case you missed it, we put out blank sign up forms for the August and September service participants schedule. Because you know your schedule better than we do, and you know where you like to serve, we asked you to sign up for the Sunday and service you wanted to help in.)



The August "I-K Lutheran: *Where mission meets the road*" newsletter is now available for you to print, and copy for your monthly church newsletter. Please visit:

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Harold Hoppe was remembered by the following people to the undesignated funds: Steve and Janet Simon, Bob and Judy Johnson, Geneva and Buck Reimer, Donald and Joy Shattuck, Mary and Clyde Middleton, Tom and Nancy Bunnell, Shirley Benken, James and Linda Byrne, Sara and Steve Kieffner, Warren and Gail Cato, John and Jinny Huenniger, and Mary's Circle. Charlotte Davis's memorial for Harold was made to worship and music.

Marsh Linnemann made a donation to Undesignated.

Ranier Jaesehke's mother was remembered by the Choir with a memorial to the Worship and Music fund.

Virginia Penner, Linda Himmler's mom, was honored with a donation to the Garden by Sam and Mary Finch.

Sara and Steven Kieffner and Doug Ebert made a Memorial Gift to Evangelism.

Peggy and Rob Bolen made a donation to Undesignated.



Circle Meetings

All ladies are welcome to participate in any of the WELCA circles and stitching groups. Please contact Judy Effler at 341-8190 for more information.

Mary Circle will meet at the home of Virginia Stutzman on August 19th at 7 PM. . We would like to invite all the women of Gloria Dei to attend Mary Circle. Please let Virginia know if you will be able to attend the meeting. We will also be collecting cleaning supplies for United Ministries that evening.

Servant Schedule

8:00 Service	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
Lay Asst. / Comm. Asst. Reader	Hart, Zach	Quandt, David Kuhse, Todd	Chapin, Mary	Quandt, David	Quandt, David
Usher / Visitor Host	Zuziak, Dan	Himmler, Tom	Chapin Tom	Miller, Beth	Sausser, Harold
Alter Set-up	Chapin, Mary	Quandt, David	Chapin, Mary	Miller, Bill	Sausser, Harold

5:30 Service	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
Lay Asst. /Comm. Asst. Reader	Hayes, Leslie	Land, Greg	Morgan, Kate	Chapin, Mary Bolin, Rob	Lancaster, Donna
Usher / V. Host	Schein, Jan	Land, Mary	Kieffner, Steve	Chapin, Tom	Land, Bob
Musicians / Alter	Schein, Bill Berwanger, Margaret	Wolff, JoAnn Berwanger, Margaret	Kieffner, Sara Berwanger, Margaret	Barry, Elizabeth Coleman, Jim & Bev	Quant, Alane Berwanger, Margaret

9:00 Service	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
Coordinator	Reimer, Geneva	Honnerlaw, Amy	Reimer, Geneva	Miller, Claudia	Skavdahl, Jan
Basket Holder	Bosma, Andrew Bosma, Megan	Honnerlaw, Brandon Hammers, Marcus	Hurley, Taylor Willoughby, Sam	Murray, Sam & Jack	Miller, Amanda Hurley, Taylor
Reader/Sacristant	Mueller, Marjorie	Washburn, Susan	Sittason, Kelli	Honnerlaw, Shawn	Deaton, Tracy
Children's Sermon	Pastor Vicki	Steinbis, Dennis	Brode, Rebecca	Murray, Jenny	Brode, Rebecca
CC Leader	Hogle, Sharon	Hammers, Michelle	Brode, Rebecca	Shattuck, Joy	Brode, Rebecca
CC Helper	Davis, Courtney	Hegna, Jennifer	Reimar, Geneva	Miller, Mandy	Willoughby, Sam
Usher/Visitor Host	Grimm, LuAnn Grimm, Jeff Hurley, George Miller, Jordan	Budrick, Ed Budrick, Betsy Nicol, Jane Nicol, Mike	Eichinger, Jim Hurley, George Mitchell, Frances Mitchell, Jack	Miller, Claudia Zuziak, Dan Zuziak, Rhonda Keiffner, Steve	Bianchi, Donna Hurley, George Trickel, Paul Bianchi, Jim
Communion Asst.	Skavdahl, Jan & Duane	Hegna, Len & Andrea	Eichinger, Mary Beth Eichinger, Katie	Dick, ShHelley Honnerlaw, Amy	Washburn, Susan Deaton, Tracy
Nursery Asst.	Viox, Linda	Woods, Jana	McGlasson, Jennifer	Bosma, Andrew	Zuziak, Katie
Outdoor Setup	Murray, Jim	Willoughby, Sam Budrick, Ed	Hegna, Len & Brett Miller, Bill	Murray, Jim Trickel, Paul	Bianchi, Jim & Donna
Musicians	Praise Band	PRaise Band	Barry, Elizabeth	PRaise Band	Praise Band

Servant Schedule

11:00 Service	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
Coordinator	Kieffner, Steve	Ramathal, Hansel	Wuellner, Kathy	Patterson, Christina	Ebert, Paula
Acolyte	Rose, Kyle Vacant	Willoughby, Sam Rose, Kyle	Allen, Lindsay	Willoughby, Sam	Allen, Lindsay
Lay Asst.	Sittason, Kelli	Sittason, Kelli	Allen, Bryan	Ratliff, Deborah	Allen, Bryan
Reader / Sacristant	Young, Ellen	Dye, Stacy	Gray, Carole	Davis, Charlotte	Tiedt, Jill
Altar Care		Dick, Shelley	Dick, Shelley	Patterson, Michael	Bianchi, Jim
Usher	Thornton, Susan Wedig, Herb Vacant Vacant	Dietz, Marian Allen, Bryan Wedig, Herb Benken, Shirley	Vosmcier, Gabriele Frey, Christy Frey, Erik Frey, Bob	Patterson, Michael Ratliff, Raleigh Miller, John Miller, Dawn	Moore, Linda Ebert, Paula Hayes, Leslie Hayes, Ken
Visitor Host / Offering Usher	Mueller, Dick	Benken, Shirley	Middleton, Mary & Clyde	Kimball, Donna	Kennett, Wayne
Comm. Asst.	Thelen, Marcia	Thelen, Marcia Moore, Tim	Abramis, Sue Davis, Charlotte	Kennett, Wayne Huber, Delilah	Auge, Roger & Jane
Nursery Asst.	Simpson, Jennifer	Sittason, Anna	Simpson, Jennifer	Weiner, Maddie	Dugan, Karla
Counters	Trickel, Paul Kuhse, Todd	Shattuck, Joy Shattuck, Don	Frey, Christy Watts, Betty	Cato, Gail Benken, Shirley	Ebert, Paula Smith, Tina

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12:15pm Prayer Walk 2:30pm Prayer Service 5:30pm Building Teamwork (F1 & F)	7:30am Prayer 10:15am Bible Study (CR) 11:00am FH - Swim 12:10pm Lunch Study (CR) 6:59pm Special Olympics (F)	7:30am Prayer 8:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Prayer Group (C) 6:30pm Praise Band (S)	7:30am Prayer 9:15am Kings Island 6:00pm JTG AD (CR) 6:30pm Bible Study (F1)	6:00pm FNC (W&L) 6:30pm Quilters (F2) 6:59pm Ruth Circle 6:59pm Boy Scouts (F)		
12:00pm CWLS (F1) 5:30pm Building Teamwork (F1 & F)	7:00pm Stitches (F2)	6:30pm Prayer Group (C) 6:30pm Praise Band (S) 10:00pm Newsletter Deadline	Debbie Vacation 2:00pm Brighton Service Project 6:00pm JTG AD (CR)	6:00pm FNC (W&L) 6:59pm Boy Scouts (F) 7:00pm Friendship Bible Study	6:00pm Rehearsal	6:00pm Wedding-Heiringer
9:00am Blessing of the Back Pack 5:30pm Building Teamwork (F1 & F)		6:30pm Prayer Group (C) 6:30pm Praise Band (S)	PV - Vacation 6:00pm JTG AD (CR)	10:00am PS - Teachers Meeting 6:00pm FNC (W&L) 6:59pm Mary Circle 6:59pm Boy Scouts (F)		
5:30pm Building Teamwork	7:00pm Martha Circle 7:00pm Stitches (F2) 7:00pm Whole Health (F1 or CR)	6:30pm Prayer Group (C) 6:30pm Praise Band (S) 7:00pm Cub Scouts (F2)	6:00pm JTG AD (CR)	6:00pm FNC (W&L) 7:00pm Boy Scouts CoH (F&S) 7:00pm Friendship Bible Study	6:00pm Rehearsal	10:00am Fibro Friends (F1&2) 6:00pm Wrddling - Conner/Arlingha
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You are Invited

Pastor Vicki and Pastor Phil are celebrating their twentieth wedding anniversary by renewing their marriage vows.

Please join us on September 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church as we renew our wedding vows.

Dessert reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

RSVP:

*859-331-4694 or
pastorvickig@aol.com*



Youth and Family Ministries

August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.	2. *Pool Day @ Taylor Mill Swim Club 11-3pm	3.	4. *Kings Island Trip 9:15am meet at church	5.	6.	7.
8.	9.	10.	11. *Service Project at Brighton Center 2pm	12.	13.	14.
15. Blessing of the backpacks 9 & 11am services <i>Back to school week!</i>	16. <i>Covington Latin and St. Henry</i>	17. <i>Covington Catholic, Erlanger/Elsmere and Ft. Thomas</i>	18. <i>Boone, Kenton and Campbell County, Villa Madonna and Notre Dame Academy</i>	19. <i>Springer and Beechwood</i>	20.	21.
22.	23.	24.	25. High School Bible Study @ Church 6pm	26.	27.	28.
29. Confirmation Meeting 10am Sunday School Teacher Training 12:15pm	30.	31.				

***For these events, please sign up on the youth or family ministry boards in the Narthex.**

Thanks!

Blessing of Backpacks!

It is back to school time (groans and cheers) so lets start this school year off with an extra blessing. Bring your backpack, lunch bag or briefcase to church and be part of the blessing of the backpacks. We will do this during the children's sermon at the 9am and 11am service.



Harvest Time!

The garden has been very plentiful this year! We were able to give bushels of food to UMC and St. John's Lutheran Church food pantry all summer long. God was so good to us. Thank you to Steven Smith for his labor of love weeding and tilling all summer long. We want to share the harvest with Gloria Dei! The garden is open for you to pick what you want- lots of sweet corn!



**Do you have a desire to give back?
Have you ever wanted to be a strong part in a child's faith development?
Do you have 1 hour of time on Sunday for four weeks?
Could you be one of our next faithful adults to teach Sunday School?**

The curriculum for Sunday school is a four week rotation system. You would teach one story in one area for four weeks, having K-5 rotate weekly to your station. If you like crafts, you teach crafts for four weeks. If you like games, you teach that for four weeks. The material has a lot of information and lays out what you need to do. PLUS! We will teach you how to teach each age group.



**Come to the Sunday School Teachers Training on Sunday,
August 29th at 12:15pm.**

You will have a chance to see the material, sign up for weeks you want to teach and ask questions!

ALSO, WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS TO TEACH OUR PRESCHOOL YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH. IF YOU HAVE A STRONG PASSION FOR EITHER OF THESE AGE GROUPS, PLEASE COME TO THIS MEETING!

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We are saved by Grace through Faith and are called by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known. In joyful response, we strive to....

- ♦ Love God
- ♦ Love others as God loves them
- ♦ Live as disciples
- ♦ Grow spiritually
- ♦ Share the good news

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday worship services for everyone are offered at 8AM, 9AM, 11AM and 5:30PM. Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at all services. A nursery is also provided at all morning services. There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

GLORIA DEI NEWS

The newsletter of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is published monthly. The deadline for articles is the 10th of the month. Articles may be emailed to Emily Boomershine at newsletter@gloriadei-nky.org.

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