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Gloria Dei Grapevine is the monthly newsletter of Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact us.

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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

Our Sunday Morning

Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, Teen &
Adult Bible Class

What is a Lutheran?

A Freudian psychologist is one who adheres to the teachings of Sigmund Freud, the most famous of all psychologists. Some might define Lutheran in a similar way: someone who follows the teachings of Martin Luther. Yes, but there are two things wrong with that definition. First, some who claim to be Lutheran follow teachings inconsistent with those of Martin Luther. Second, and more important, Martin Luther would never have wanted people to blindly follow his teachings.

Luther lived at a time when the gospel was all but lost. The church of his day taught that sins were paid for by doing penance, that is, good works that supposedly erased bad deeds. If you couldn't do enough good works to pay for all your sins, you could buy the good works of others. This purchase was known as an indulgence. In addition, Jesus was never portrayed as the Savior, but only as a merciless judge.

Many people accepted these false teachings without question, because they had no way to hear the truths of God's Word. The few Bibles that existed were locked up in the monasteries and churches. And those Bibles were generally Latin translations, a language few understood.

When Martin Luther heard these teachings, he feared he would never be able to do enough good to win God's favor. He dreaded that he had no chance of going to heaven. He became a monk to earn God's love. But when Luther became a monk, he gained access to the Bible. As he read and studied the Bible, he learned that humans of all time have been granted forgiveness of

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sins, full and free, because of the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

From that point on, Luther realized how dangerous it is to blindly follow the religious teachings of others. He understood that only God's Word can unlock the mystery of salvation. So Luther translated the entire Bible into German so that people could read it for themselves.

What is a Lutheran? A Lutheran is not someone who blindly follows the teachings of Martin Luther. How Luther would have hated that! Luther once wrote, **"Nothing better could be wished than that all books would be put aside and nothing else stay in all the world, especially among Christians, but simply the pure Scripture or Bible"** (What Luther Says, p. 112).

A Lutheran is someone who, like Luther, understands that only God's Word can dictate our conscience. A Lutheran is someone who, like Luther, understands how important God's Word is to our salvation.

Simply put, being Lutheran means being like Luther when it comes to God's Word. We love it more than anything. We study it all we can. We defend it courageously. We proclaim it boldly. Just like Martin Luther. To God be the glory!

NOTE: We celebrate the Reformation on **October, 31, 1517**, when he nailed his 95 Thesis on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He was born on **November 10, 1483**, in Eisleben Germany. He died in the same city on **February 18, 1546**. He was 62-years old.

Poinsettias



Look for a sign up sheet to order poinsettias to be used to decorate the church for this Christmas season

The cost will be \$14.00 for 7" pot and colors are: red, white or pink. When you order write down color and remit payment in your offering envelope, marked in the SPECIAL section, to Gloria Dei by November 22nd..



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE

Make plans to join us for our mid-week Advent service **December 9 at 7:00 PM**



Birthdays in November

11/02 Cindy Pustelnik
 11/02 Jaylin Dzendzel
 11/05 Brian Hull
 11/05 Caydence Pelch
 11/07 Cassandra Moore
 11/08 Mark Meyer
 11/08 Christina Metz
 11/09 Robert Grau
 11/10 Krista Baker
 11/16 Michelle Richmond
 11/16 Ashley Higgins
 11/20 Zachary Kritzman
 11/23 Breckin Cicalo
 11/23 Jeff Edgett
 11/23 Molly Peterson
 11/24 Jason Elliott
 11/27 Gary Nielsen
 11/28 Nicole Powers
 11/29 Kay Himm

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Join us for a special service of Thanksgiving on **Wednesday, November 24**. This traditional service will begin at **7:00 p.m.** We will be singing hymns of praise and thanksgiving, and the choir will be singing "*Gospel of Thanks*".

As at all our services your family and friends are always welcome

Anniversaries in November

11/02 Mitch & Patrice Dembo
 11/03 Gary & Linda Nielsen
 11/05 David & Kathy Burkett
 11/13 Jim & Penny Sharich
 11/20 Paul & Catherine Mueller
 11/22 Bob & Lynne Dutro





Serving in November



November 7

Ushers: Mike Hoppe, Dave Adams &
Ron Hull

Greeters: Hoppe Family

Communion Set Up: Barton

Cleaner: Hoppe

Counters: Arlowa Himm &
Tammi Neuwirth

November 14

Ushers: Jeff Dodge, Eric Metz &
Mark Moore

Greeters: Paul & Geri Zoch

Cleaner: Furnner & Zoch

Counters: Wes & Jan Siebert &
Priscilla Lynn

November 21

Ushers: Mark Barton, Tim Bliese &
Jim Sharich

Greeters: Tom & Pat Furnner

Communion Set Up: Barton

Cleaner: Gresock

Counters: Arlowa Himm &
Tammi Neuwirth

November 24 *Thanksgiving Eve*

7:00 p.m.

Ushers: Joe King, Kent Kerwin &
Jim Luisier

Greeters: Mark & Chris Barton

Counters: Scott Mortimer & Eric Metz

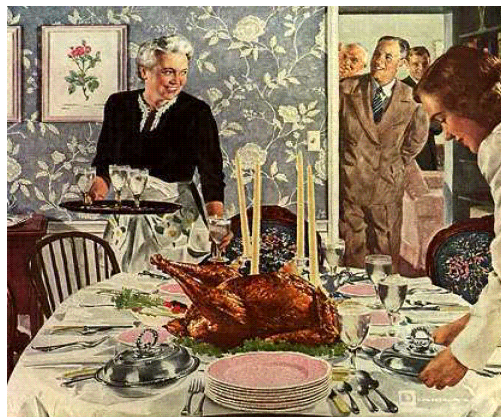
November 28

Ushers: Bob Kost, Gary Nielsen &
Tom Furnner

Greeters: John & Lesa Neuwirth

Cleaner: Boggs

Counters: Mike & Val Hoppe &
Sue & Katie Callahan





Serving in December



December 5

Ushers: Doug Skene, Steve Hudak &
John Kritzman

Greeters: Ron & Lisa Hull

Communion: Pustelnik

Counters: Arlowa Himm & Tammi Neuwirth

Cleaners: Gary & Linda Nielsen

December 8 7:00 p.m. Advent

Ushers: Wes Siebert, Tim Major & Tim Bliese

Greeters: Bob & Susanna Kost

Counters: Sieberts & Luisier

December 12

Ushers: Harold Fox, Dave Adams & Ron Hull

Greeters: Bob & Delores Grau

Counters: Scott Mortimer & Eric Metz

Cleaners: Nancy Viele

December 19

Ushers: Scott Mortimer, Joe King & Brian King

Greeters: Kings

Communion: Pustelnik

Counters: Arlowa Himm & Tammi Neuwirth

Cleaners: Sharich

December 19 5:00 p.m.

Children's Program

Ushers: John Kritzman, Mike Hoppe &
Mark Moore

Greeters: Edgett's

Counters: Deb Mortimer & Cindy Pustelnik

December 24 7:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kent Kerwin, Eric Metz & Bob Kost

Greeters: Gary & Linda Nielsen

Counters: Hoppe & Callahan

December 25

Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gary Nielsen, Tom Furnner &

Wes Siebert

Greeters: Priscilla Lynn

Counters: Siebert & Luisier

Cleaner: Kritzman

December 26

Ushers: Jim Sharich, Mark Barton &
Mark Moore

Greeters: Moore Family

Counters: Scott Mortimer & Eric Metz

Cleaners: Pustelnik

December 31

New Years Eve 7:00 p.m.

Ushers: Jeff Dodge, Jim Luisier & Tom Pustelnik

Greeters: Cindy Pustelnik

Counters: Deb Mortimer & Cindy Pustelnik

Communion: Pustelnik





Chili Cook-Off and Brownies Baking contest Christmas Tree Trim



Join us on **November 27th** to decorate the Church for the Christmas season and to eat great Chili! We are holding a men's Chili Cook Off with last years trophy being passed on to the next chili champ. Wouldn't you like the trophy to sit on your shelf?

Also the ladies have a chance to shine entering the best brownies competition! So here's your chance to get the bragging rights! Sign up sheets have been posted .

The evening will begin at **5:00 p.m.** and last till the last ornament is hung. Make this part of your Christmas tradition. The children love to be part of transforming the church by decorating the tree. See you there.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

On **Saturday, November 6** the first practice starts at **9:15 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.** Please be sure to arrange for your child to get to the practices.. The title of this years program is "***Sing and Shine at Christmas***".

This year's Christmas Program will be held on **Sunday, December 19, at 5 pm.** This allows for the most children to participated. We will also have a Candlelight Christmas Eve service on **Friday, December 24, at 7 pm.**

CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR THE CHILDREN

We are looking for a volunteer to oversee preparing the Christmas bags that we hand out after the children's program. If you are interested or need more information please see Cheryl Major or Penny Sharich



FALL FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 7, 2010 12 NOON

Meal

Italian Meal; Antipasto Salad, Regular Salad, Lasagna, Baked Spaghetti, Bread, Dessert and Drinks.

Cost: \$7.50 per adult

\$5.00 per child 5yrs-12 yrs

Free for children under 5



Silent Auction

Need donated Items. Use your imagination; make up a gift basket of goodies, or donate gift certificate, craft item, maybe an item you would like to re-gift.

Talent Show

After the meal sit back and enjoy the wonderful talents of your fellow church members. There is always room for more. Do you have a talent you'd like to share? Sign-up today.

THOSE ATTENDING THE FALL FESTIVAL ITALIAN DINNER: If you would like to eat this wonderful meal on the dishes that the meal deserves you will need to bring your tableware from home. There will be paper plates and plastic silverware for those that do not want to bring there own.

MEET YOUR ELDERS

Your Elders Committee is a small group of your fellow Christians directed by the church's Constitution to oversee the spiritual welfare of the congregation, including all phases of worship.

Among the committees' duties are scheduling regular and special services, recommending ways to improve those worship services, reviewing new and different publications and liturgies for possible use in our services, seeing that the pastor and choir director are properly cared for and compensated, and lastly, working with inactive members to get them back to regularly hearing the Word of our Lord. This is our most challenging but yet very rewarding responsibility, especially when those members are regularly attending services again.

To aid in shepherding the entire church membership, the congregation has been split into four groups with each of the four elders responsible for about one-quarter of the members. The members are assigned to each Elder in the following manner **based on the first letter of your last name:**

Kent Kerwin, A-F

Tom Furnner, G-K

Bob Kost, L-Q

Jeff Dodge, R-Z

Phone numbers and email addresses for each elder are as follows

Kent Kerwin, Home-810-636-2121; Cell-810-449-3012;
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Tom Furnner, home-248-335-0928; cell 248-425-4450
Email- taps1966@hotmail.com

Bob Kost, home-810-694-5437; cell-810-516-4653
Email-rkkost@sbcglobal.net

Jeff Dodge, Home-810-232-2599, Cell 810-919-3070
Email- JkdJnd@aol.com

Your Elders look forward to continue working with each and every member of the congregation and encourage everyone to aid us as we strive to have ALL members hear the Word on a regular basis.



PIONEERS



Congratulations to all who participated in the fall 2010 Pioneer Archery Camp-out on **October 8th – 10th**. This event was held at Killarney Lutheran Camp-ground in Onsted, MI. Gloria Dei had the second largest group of children in attendance with ten. Our group performed well, with eight out of ten children and three out of four adults receiving awards for their archery skills. We look forward to warming our souls at the next Iroquois District Pioneer event, the annual Winter Campout and Klondike Derby, on **January 29th -30th 2011** at the Chesaning Area Conservation Club.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

THANKSGIVING EVE: Wednesday, November 24, 7PM

ADVENT: Wednesday, December 8, 7 PM

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Sunday, December 19, 5 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE: Friday, December 24, 7 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: Saturday, December 25, 10 AM

No Bible Class on Sunday, December 26

NEW YEARS EVE: Friday, December 31, 7 PM

BIBLE STUDY FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Old T.	Psalms	Proverbs	New T.
1-Nov	Job 24-27	105: 1-15	1	Acts 19
2-Nov	Job 28-30	105: 16-45	2	Acts 20
3-Nov	Job 31,32	106: 1-16	3	Eph. 1,2
4-Nov	Job 33,34	106: 17-33	4	Eph. 3,4
5-Nov	Job 35-37	106: 34-48	5	Eph. 5,6
6-Nov	Job 38,39	107: 1-22	6	Rom. 1
7-Nov	Job 40-42	107: 23-43	7	Rom. 2,3
8-Nov	Ezek. 1,2	108	8	Rom. 4,5
9-Nov	Ezek. 3-5	109: 1-13	9	Rom. 6,7
10-Nov	Ezek. 6,7	109: 14-31	10	Rom. 8
11-Nov	Ezek. 8-10	110	11	Rom. 9,10
12-Nov	Ezek. 11,12	111	12	Rom. 11,12
13-Nov	Ezek. 13-15	112	13	Rom. 13,14
14-Nov	Ezek. 16	113	14	Rom. 15
15-Nov	Ezek. 18,19	115	16	Acts 21
17-Nov	Ezek. 20	116	17	Acts 22
18-Nov	Ezek. 21	117	18	Acts 23
19-Nov	Ezek. 22	118: 1-14	19	Acts 24
20-Nov	Ezek. 23	118: 15-29	20	Acts 25
21-Nov	Ezek. 24,25	119: 1-16	21	Acts 26
22-Nov	Ezek. 26	119: 17-32	22	Acts 27
23-Nov	Ezek. 27	119: 33-48	23	Acts 28
24-Nov	Ezek. 28	119: 49-64	24	Col. 1,2
25-Nov	Ezek. 29,30	119: 65-80	25	Col. 3,4
26-Nov	Ezek. 31,32	119: 81-96	26	Heb. 1,2
27-Nov	Ezek. 33	119: 97-112	27	Heb. 3-5
28-Nov	Ezek. 34,35	119: 113-128	28	Heb. 6,7
29-Nov	Ezek. 36	119: 129-144	29	Heb. 8,9
30-Nov	Ezek. 37	119: 145-160	30,31	Heb. 10