

The *Gloria Dei* Grapevine

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

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From the Pastor...

While I was on vacation, I enjoyed a “first.” For most people, it wouldn’t make any difference but for me, it was rather huge. In all the bike rides that I’ve done since taking up the hobby I have never stopped at a restaurant or bakery along the ride for a snack or a meal. It’s usually been stopping about halfway and choking down an energy bar or stroopwafel or something like that. Pretty lame food. (Like most “health” food.) I never knew what it was like to pull the bike off the road, lock it into a bike rack, and sit down for something good to eat.

Now that I know the bliss of enjoying a pizza buffet or a raspberry filled donut while out for a bike ride, it will never be the same for me. Perhaps it’s the fact that I’ve just put forth a ton of effort and am hungry. Or maybe it’s the fact that I like both raspberry filled donuts and pizza. That food just tasted so good and made the ride even more enjoyable. Now, when I’m back to my normal routes and dining on a prepackaged oat muffin with carob “chocolate” chips that I’ve stuffed in my jersey pocket it’s going to be disappointing.

Our lives are filled with

many good times: a promotion at work, a perfect score on a test, a new larger house, a vacation that redefines the word “relaxation,” and so very many pleasant surprises. When they happen, we are so happy. It’s rare that we forget those times, even if they happened years and years ago.

But what happens when the awesome times are over and it’s back to life as normal? Or, what happens when the awesome times are over, and it isn’t simply back to normal but life actually gets worse? It’s likely happened to you. And something tells me that many of those times, you’d rather forget.

I know it sounds trite, but the simple response to such situations is: “That’s life.” But there’s more behind that than simply chalking the “normal” times and the “worse” times up to simple fate. We know that we will suffer challenging times because we live in a world that has been corrupted by sin. There are times when I have wondered what life would be like if Adam and Eve hadn’t sinned. But then I stop wondering because, well, it’s only more disappointing.

The writer to the

Please Join Us

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Worship** at 9:00am
- ◆ **Communion** on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month
- ◆ **Adult, Teen, & Children’s Sunday School** at 10:00am, September thru May
- ◆ **Adult Bible Study** - every Thursday at 9:00am
- ◆ **Youth Group** (6th-12th grade) First Saturday of the month, 6-9pm. Contact Laura or Allen Mortimer for more information.
- ◆ **Lutheran Pioneers** (K-8th grade) Meets twice monthly September thru May.

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Serving in August

August 3

Ushers: Mitchell Bessolo, Marshall Bessolo, Scott Mortimer

Communion Set Up: Major

Communion Assistants: Gary Richmond

Power Point Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Bessolo

August 10

Ushers: Allen Mortimer, Justin Lawrence, Eric Metz

Power Point Assistant: Marshall Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Mortimer

August 17

Ushers: Paul Allar, Jim Sharich, Lim Luisier

Communion Set Up: Major

Communion Assistants: Mark Moore

Power Point Assistant: Calvin Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

Cleaners: Reinke

August 24

Ushers: Joe King, Kent Kerwin, Mark Moore

Power Point Assistant: Owen Straub

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Gresock

August 31

Ushers: Harold Fox, Tom Furnner, Eric Bessolo

Power Point Assistant: Mitchell Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Counters: Mortimer & Major

Cleaners: Major

Serving in September

September 7

Ushers: Rocky Bessolo, Mitchell Bessolo, Marshall Bessolo

Communion Set Up: Moore

Communion Assistants: Rod Davies

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Allar

September 14

Ushers: Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer, Justin Lawrence

Power Point Assistant: Kaylee Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Moore

September 21

Ushers: Eric Metz, Paul Allar, Jim Sharich

Communion Set Up: Moore

Communion Assistants: Wayne Pennell

Power Point Assistant: Marshall Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

Cleaners: Bessolo

September 28

Ushers: Jim Luisier, Joe King, Kent Kerwin

Power Point Assistant: Calvin Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Mortimer



From the Pastor...

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Hebrews wrote his letter to people who were disappointed with their lot in life. Things were so bad for them because of persecution that they were considering abandoning the Christian faith altogether and returning to Judaism. They needed the gentle reminder that the life of a Christian isn't simply about a life in this world. No, Christians are future citizens of a much greater and awesome place – heaven. There, the ups and downs that we have to endure here won't happen anymore.

And that's only made possible by Jesus. Perhaps you remember the old song:

*There is a green hill far away
Outside the city wall,
Where our dear Lord was crucified
And died to save us all.*

Jesus was a sacrifice unlike any other. All the sacrifices in the Jewish faith occurred inside the temple, inside Jerusalem. Jesus was different. His sacrifice was made outside Jerusalem. And that's significant because it means that what he did 1) really does remove sin and 2) is for all people. That means us. Our sins are covered with Jesus' blood. And because of that, we are now not simply citizens of this world, but future citizens of heaven. So rather than living only for what we have here, we live with our eyes on Jesus and what's to come.

Yes, for me there will be bike rides that don't include pizza buffets and raspberry filled donuts. For you there will be days when you wish that you could turn back the clock to that good day you remembered. For all of us there will be tough times. But that's OK. We're headed to a place where we won't need to take the bad with the good. May that give you all the peace you need to take on your days.

**¹⁴For we do not have a permanent city here, but we are looking for the city that is coming.
(Hebrews 13:14)**

**Mark Your
Calendars...**

Please bring a dish or two to share and join us on September 7, after the service for our Fall Kick Off Pot Luck Brunch and Talent/No Talent Show
Adult, teen and children's Sunday School Classes will begin the following week, September 14

Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Class

Parent Information Meeting August 18, 6:30pm.

Confirmation class will begin in September. If you have a child that will be entering 7th or 8th grade this fall please let Pastor Hacker know so we can get class information to you, and so we can make sure we have enough supplies.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Join us on Saturday, August 16th at 8:00am for
the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

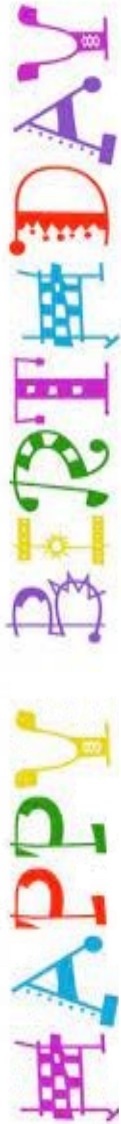


Daily Bible Readings for August

Date	Old Testament	Psalms	Proverbs	New Testament
1-Aug	2 Kings 17	29	1	Mark 9
2-Aug	2 Kings 18,19	30	2	Mark 10
3-Aug	2 Kings 20,21	31	3	Mark 11
4-Aug	2 Kings 22,23	32	4	Mark 12
5-Aug	2 Kings 24,25	33	5	Mark 13
6-Aug	Jonah	34	6	Mark 14
7-Aug	Amos 1,3	35: 1-16	7	Mark 15
8-Aug	Amos 4,6	35: 17-28	8	Mark 16
9-Aug	Amos 7,9	36	9	Luke 1
10-Aug	Hosea 1-4	37: 1-22	10	Luke 2
11-Aug	Hosea 5-7	37: 23-40	11	Luke 3
12-Aug	Hosea 8-10	38	12	Luke 4
13-Aug	Hosea 11-14	39	13	Luke 5
14-Aug	Isaiah 1,2	40	14	Luke 6
15-Aug	Isaiah 3-5	41	15	Luke 7
16-Aug	Isaiah 6-8	42	16	Luke 8
17-Aug	Isaiah 9,10	43	17	Luke 9
18-Aug	Isaiah 11-13	44: 1-8	18	Luke 10
19-Aug	Isaiah 14,15	44: 9-26	19	Luke 11
20-Aug	Isaiah 16-18	45	20	Luke 12
21-Aug	Isaiah 19-21	46	21	Luke 13
22-Aug	Isaiah 22,23	47	22	Luke 14
23-Aug	Isaiah 24-26	48	23	Luke 15
24-Aug	Isaiah 27,28	49	24	Luke 16
25-Aug	Isaiah 29,30	50	25	Luke 17
26-Aug	Isaiah 31-33	51	26	Luke 18
27-Aug	Isaiah 34-36	52	27	Luke 19
28-Aug	Isaiah 37,38	53	28	Luke 20
29-Aug	Isaiah 39,40	54	29	Luke 21
30-Aug	Isaiah 41,42	55	30	Luke 22
31-Aug	Isaiah 43,44	56	31	Luke 23

Birthdays in August

- 8/02 Alex Neuwirth
- 8/05 Cheryl Major
- 8/06 Joe King
- 8/06 Joe Hoppe
- 8/07 Holly Lambert
- 8/07 Shelbie Edgett
- 8/08 Gary Richmond
- 8/08 Justin Nielsen
- 8/09 Eric Metz
- 8/12 Grace Richmond
- 8/15 Ruth Kerwin
- 8/18 Levi Mortimer
- 8/21 Brenna Moore
- 8/23 Jim Luisier
- 8/23 Leah VanKeuren
- 8/24 Bob Harris
- 8/24 Tobias Edgett
- 8/25 Eliana Tesler
- 8/25 Evelyn Tesler
- 8/26 Guy Gardiner
- 8/28 Kaylee Mortimer
- 8/30 Mitchell Bessolo



Anniversaries in August

- 8/03 Wayne & Nancy Pennell
- 8/05 Mark & Laura Leplow
- 8/09 Kent & Ruth Kerwin
- 8/10 Scott & Deb Mortimer
- 8/21 Justin & Brittany Lawrence
- 8/21 Cole & Alyssa Coutcher
- 8/29 Bob & Susanna Kost



Did you know... the Ladies Guild are the ones who purchase all the "extras" that we use on a weekly basis? All the paper products, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, coffee, hand soap, dish soap, plastic silverware, kitchen supplies, batteries, etc. are all purchased through the Guild.

The first Sunday of each month is Donation Sunday.

The Guild asks that you to bring in donations of any of the above mentioned items, or if you don't want to bring in a donation, they are asking that you make a monetary donation that they can then use to purchase needed items.

Thank You!



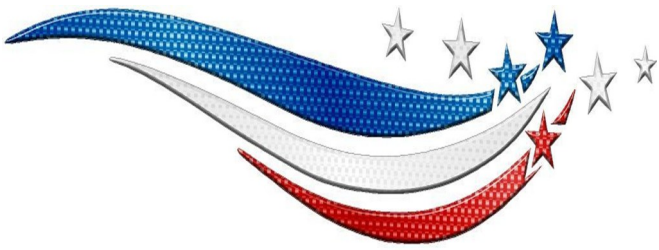
Choir Practice



will begin Monday, September 8.

Choir meets on Mondays at 7pm. If you are interested in joining please see Nathan Cort. We're always looking for more voices!





Church Picnic

August 3

At Gloria Dei

After the service

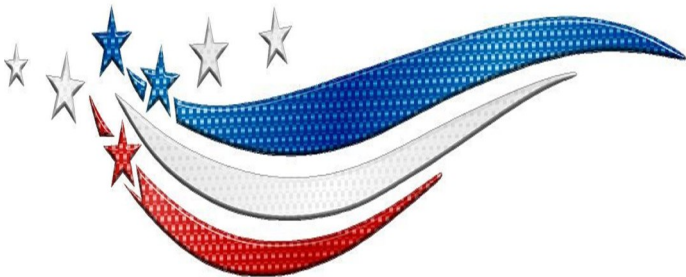
Wear your favorite patriotic outfit!

Helpers needed:

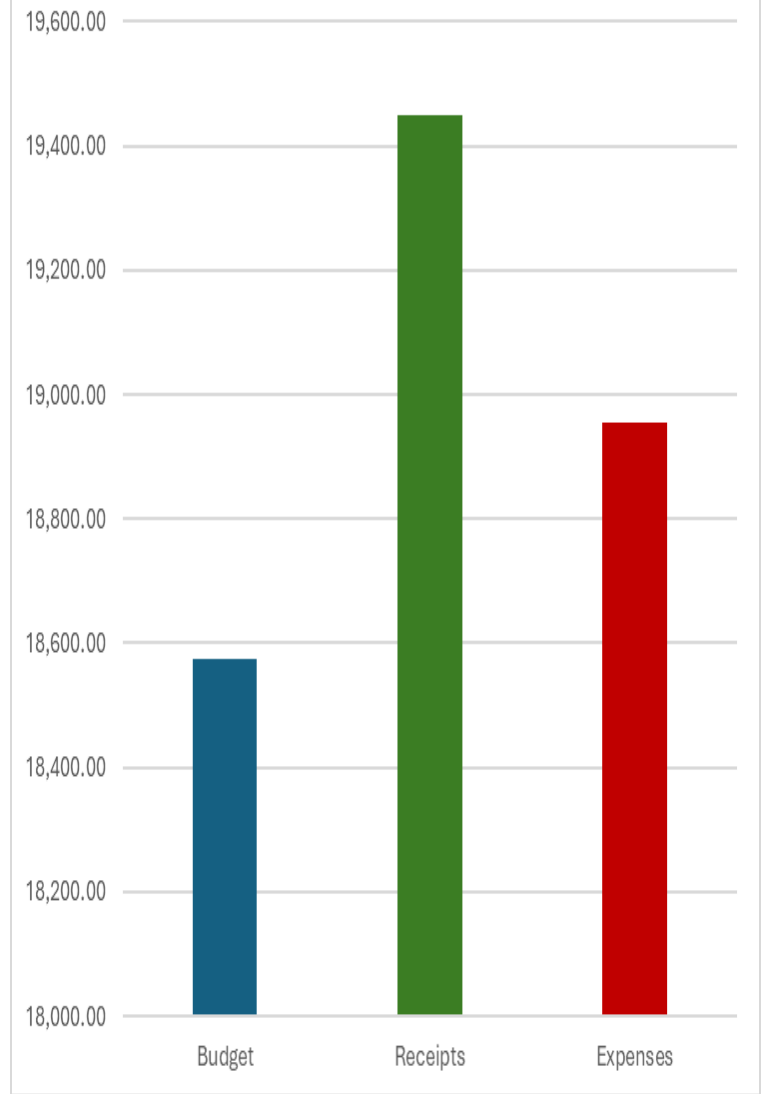
Set up

Clean up

Sign up sheets on the bulletin board



Totals thru June 2025



General Fund is 44,439.61

Budget	Receipts	Expenses
18,575.21	19,488.00	18,955.29



Reading Times for the Books of the Bible

(reading times are approximate)

Under 15 Minutes

- 2 John (2 minutes)
- 3 John (2 minutes)
- Philemon (3 minutes)
- Jude (4 minutes)
- Obadiah (4 minutes)
- Titus (7 minutes)
- 2 Thessalonians (7 minutes)
- Haggai (7 minutes)
- Nahum (8 minutes)
- Jonah (8 minutes)
- Habakkuk (9 minutes)
- Zephaniah (10 minutes)
- 2 Peter (10 minutes)
- Malachi (11 minutes)
- 2 Timothy (11 minutes)
- Joel (12 minutes)
- 1 Thessalonians (12 minutes)
- Colossians (13 minutes)
- Philippians (14 minutes)

Under 30 Minutes

- Ruth (15 minutes)
- 1 Timothy (16 minutes)
- James (16 minutes)
- 1 Peter (16 minutes)
- 1 John (16 minutes)
- Song of Solomons (20 minutes)
- Lamentations (20 minutes)
- Micah (20 minutes)
- Galatians (20 minutes)
- Ephesians (20 minutes)
- Amos (25 minutes)

Under One Hour

- Esther (30 minutes)
- Ecclesiastes (30 minutes)
- Hosea (30 minutes)
- Ezra (40 minutes)
- Zechariah (40 minutes)
- 2 Corinthians (40 minutes)
- Hebrews (45 minutes)

Under Two Hours

- Romans (1 hour)
- Nehemiah (1 hour)
- 1 Corinthians (1 hour)
- Revelation (1.25 hours)
- Daniel (1.25 hours)
- Mark (1.5 hours)
- Joshua (1.75 hours)
- Judges (1.75 hours)
- Job (1.75 hours)
- Proverbs (1.75 hours)

Under Three Hours

- Leviticus (2 hours)
- John (2 hours)
- Acts (2.25 hours)
- Deuteronomy (2.5 hours)
- Matthew (2.5 hours)
- Luke (2.5)

Under Four Hours

- Exodus (3 hours)
- Numbers (3 hours)
- Genesis (3.5 hours)
- Isaiah (3.75 hours)
- Ezekiel (3.75 hours)

Under Five Hours

- 1-2 Samuel (4 hours)
- Jeremiah (4 hours)
- 1-2 Kings (4.25 hours)
- 1-2 Chronicles (4.5 hours)

Under Six Hours

- Psalm (5 hours)

Read Your Bible

"Seek ye out the Book of the Lord, and read." Isaiah 34:16

The Bible is our daily guide for life. To follow God's will, we must read it! Here are some suggestions to help you as you feed on God's Word.

READ REGULARLY

It is important to read the Bible on a daily basis. Let God, through His Word, guide you through every day.

"They received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily." Acts 17:11

READ WITH PRAYER

As you read, pray that the Lord will give you understanding of His Word.

*"Teach me Thy way, O Lord."
Psalm 27:11*

READ WITH MEDITATION

Ponder over what you read in God's Word and He will reveal His truths to you.

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night." Psalm 1:2



AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 9:00 am - Worship <i>Pentecost 7</i>	28 Cleaners for August 3: Gresock	29	30	31	1	2 6:30—Youth Group
3 *Donation Sunday* 9:00 am - Worship with Communion Church Picnic <i>Pentecost 8</i>	4 Cleaners for August 10: Mortimer	5	6	7 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 6:30pm—Council Meeting	8	9
10 9:30 am - Worship <i>Pentecost 9</i>	11 Cleaners for August 17: Reinke	12	13	14 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	15	16 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
17 9:00 am - Worship with Communion <i>Pentecost 10</i>	18 Cleaners for August 24: Gresock 6:30pm—Confirmation Class Parent Meeting	19	20	21 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	22	23
24 9:00 am - Worship <i>Pentecost 11</i>	25 Cleaners for August 31: Major	26	27	28 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	29	30
31 9:00 am - Worship <i>Pentecost 12</i>	1 Cleaners for September 7: Allar	2	3	4 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 7:00pm—Council Meeting	5	6 6:30—Youth Group