



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Leadership Team Update
- Cherry Upside Down Cake
- Global Leadership Summit

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From the Pastor . . .

According to Grama-rist.com, "The Clock Is Ticking" is an idiom that means one is running out of time, that not much time is left to accomplish something, that a deadline is approaching. The phrase the clock is ticking is often used as a warning for someone to hurry up. The exact origin of the idiom the clock is ticking is unknown. The word tick to mean the sound a clock makes first came into use in the 1500s. The idiom the clock is ticking came into use sometime in the second half of the twentieth century. Interestingly, the phrase is as popular as ever, even though today, very few watches are analog watches that must be wound and make a ticking sound.

After viewing our report by Tracee Swank from Church Doctors Ministries yesterday, one of the fleeting thoughts, among many, that went through my mind was, "the clock is ticking." Of course, this can be viewed in a negative sense, as in "Her biological clock is ticking," or "We're running out of time!" That was certainly not the idea that came across to me. One of the most exciting pieces that I saw in the report was this: Sixty-seven percent (67%) of the leaders are looking to the future - they think the greatest era of the church will be in the next 10 years or more. That's a very positive outlook, one that excites me because it means we are ready to get moving

and create that "great era" at Gloria Dei.

Tracee made numerous recommendations, which may at first sound a bit overwhelming, but I remind you, what they are proposing is a three year timeline, with our adoption of their suggestions coming over that time. We may think that we have become too small or too old to accomplish the things she described but, first of all, we're not attempting to do God's work in this place alone - God has promised to



be with us, and if it's God's will we're working to accomplish than we can know that God will be in it. Secondly, lest we think that we don't have the means or wherewithal to get these things done, the truth is we are utterly dependent on God's provision, and what God directs, God provides. That's not just financial needs but personnel as well. If God wants something to occur in this place, he will either raise up someone from our midst with the giftedness for that task, or he will bring someone else to join us in the work to bring him glory.

Of course, that doesn't occur without the input and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Matthew records Jesus saying: "And

don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?" (Luke 11:13, *The Message*) And so we pray earnestly, we're asking: Come Holy Spirit! Come and fill us anew for the sake of our Father's Kingdom's and his glory!

The clock is ticking, the task has begun. An action Team and Prayer Team are already in formation. Soon ideas will be floated, priorities will be set, first steps will be taken. Three years out what will be accomplished? Then, what will be next? The best ten years are coming! As Tracee asked each of us in conclusion:

What is God saying to you?

What are you going to do about it?

And by the way, the clock has been ticking for 2000 years now, as the world has been waiting for the long-promised return of our Lord. It could happen any second now!

...Rats... not this time!

Power to you!

Pastor Pat

We pray for:

- ◆ Healing for: Mike DeHart (eye surgery recovery), Sarah Swanson (surgery recovery & good report), Rosemary Livesay, Ernie's sister (dialysis), Mitch (eye melanoma), Cathy Duncan's granddaughter Gracie & her parents (chest surgery recovery), Cathy Duncan (biopsy results), Pastor & Ann's great niece Sloan with Behcet's syndrome & Sloan's paternal grandmother Linda (cancer), Marice (brain cancer), Jessica (breast cancer, relative of Joyce), Gail's nephew Noel (cancer), Neita & Glen, Barb's sister (surgery & good outcome), Libby's neighbor Rob B, Pastor Pat for upcoming Mohs surgery.
- ◆ Our shut-ins: Virginia Fife, Ron Nuessle, Joan Rositano, Claudette Rezos, Rosemary Livesay (not to mention all of us sheltering-in-place).
- ◆ Those grieving the loss of loved ones: Gail Castle (brother), Ernie Moore & family (Naomi), the family of Lois Swanson.
- ◆ The struggling families in our midst. Job & business stability, for those out of work and wondering what comes next.
- ◆ Raina's son, Matthew, for courage & patience with the current routine.
- ◆ Strength & rest to the caregivers who assist in the care of others.
- ◆ The ELC as they continue to provide class for students and the Lord's Pantry in keeping the volunteers safe, sane & sympathetic.
- ◆ The ministries we support with our benevolence dollars.
- ◆ World Vision, medical personnel, and frontline first responders in the battle against Covid-19, for their safety & protection.
- ◆ Provision & safety for the homeless.
- ◆ Gloria Dei for direction & motivation in our "Healthy Churches Thrive" consultation. Come Holy Spirit!
- ◆ Wisdom for leaders & provision for refugees from Central & S. America.
- ◆ Gilda & Julien Carlsen, for their continuing care.
- ◆ For wise leadership & positive outcomes regarding issues of racism & policing. For our nation to heal from division with truth, justice & honesty. Heal us, Lord.

Lord in your mercy! Hear our prayers!

Please contact either Joyce Boddie, Gail Castle, Pastor Pat, or email the church office to add persons to our prayer list. We pray for many people whose names are not published. You are invited to join the intercessory prayer meeting on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church office.



Messenger article submissions are due in the church office by the 20th of each month. Email to:

gdlcsj.office@gmail.com

or drop it by the office.

We are always looking for your short original poem, favorite recipe, or a pic of the great fish you caught! We're community and we like to share who you are.

Gloria Dei Staff



by Donna Zimmerman, RN

Parish Nurse

Health Ministry News

Psalm 124:8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

All we can do these days is pray. Many of us do the best we can, wearing masks, social distancing and hand-washing often. Many lives have been saved thanks to God's gift to the many scientists that have developed vaccines in the past and are still working on

checked to see if your immune system is up to date? This August, National Immunization Awareness Month raises awareness and encourages everyone to make sure they are current on the necessary vaccinations for potentially harmful diseases. Many diseases can be easily prevented by administering vaccines, and thus, protecting you from unseen viruses. Take the necessary precautions with a simple call to your doctor, and avoid potential harm while leading a healthy, happy life.

1955 - Polio loses its punch. Jonas Salk introduces the Salk vaccine to the world. With 2 doses of the vaccine, 90% of individuals develop protective antibody to all 3 types of polio, and at least 90% are immune to polio following 3 doses.



First Polio Vaccine in St. Louis

them. I know there are untrusting people out there that refuse to get immunizations for their children. It is sad when I sometimes hear that a child died from a horrible disease that could have been prevented. We are now awaiting the Covid-19 vaccine. The following information is from the website:

National Immunization Awareness Month Timeline

1995 - We have a chickenpox vaccine. Prior to the vaccine there were around 4 million cases per year in the U.S. 10 years after the vaccine, the CDC reported as much as a 90% drop in cases.

1797 - The vaccine makes its debut. Edward Jenner develops and documents the first vaccine for smallpox. It's the first vaccine ever developed in history.



When was the last time you

1958 - Measles meets its match. In 1958, there were 763,094 cases of measles in the U.S. In 2008, there were 64.

Health Sunday would be August 2nd after the service if we have one at church by then. It will need to be decided how to work it, if and when we can, since we won't be having coffee hour after church for a while.

The month of August health designations:

Cataract Awareness Month, Children's Eye Health & Safety Month, National Immunization Month, Neurosurgical Outreach Month, Psoriasis Awareness Month, Relay for Life Month, Spinal Muscular Atrophy Month, World Breastfeeding Week (8/1 - 8/7)

The Recipe Box Cherry Upside-Down Cake

SHARED BY . . . *Therese Franzen! Thank you, Therese.....*



Cherry Upside Down Cake

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1 lemon
- 2 (10 oz) bags frozen or fresh sweet cherries
- 2 Tbsp plus 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 3 large eggs, room temp
- 2 cups sour cream, room temp, divided

Oven °425.

Melt butter over medium heat and cool. Finely grate zest of lemon, then squeeze 2 Tbsp juice; set aside. Brush 1 Tbsp of melted butter around bottom & sides of cake pan. Line with parchment paper.

Toss cherries with 2 Tbsp sugar, 2 Tbsp lemon juice and 2 Tbsp melted butter. Pour into cake pan. Bake cherries, gently shaking pan once halfway through, until juices are thick & bubbly, 40-50 minutes. Let cool. Reduce oven temp to °350.

Mix flour, baking powder, salt, baking soda and 1 cup sugar in large bowl.

Beat 3 eggs and pour into dry mixture along with 1 cup sour cream, 2 tsp lemon zest, and remaining 5 Tbsp melted butter. Whisk until smooth. Dollop large spoonfuls of batter over fruit, gently smooth surface.

Bake cake until top is golden, 45-55 mins. Let cool in pan 10 mins. Place a wire rack over pan and swiftly invert rack and pan. Cake should release from pan on its own. Let cool completely.

Whisk remaining 1 cup sour cream with 1-2 Tbsp sugar in bowl. Dollop on each slice.



“There are three stages to every great work of God; first it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done.”
Hudson Taylor



Special Designation for August is Forward in Faith!



This Summer Gloria Dei Celebrates 25 Years With Pastor Pat & Ann!!



We surprised them recently with a card shower and Dick & Libby stopped by their house to give them flowers and balloons with the stack of cards that came in!

Reverend Patrick Fitzgerald and Ann joined our flock on June 1st, 25 years ago. Wow, time flies! We have been blessed to have these two lovely servants here with us. God bless and keep them always!



The Leadership Team meeting was held on July 21, 2020. Here are some of the highlights:

Healthy Churches Thrive - We were scheduled to meet online with the Church Doctor's Team on Monday, July 27th for the results. We hope you ALL attended.

Solar Project - We continue working with the K-12 Energy Staff. We're expecting quotes for roof replacement soon and will move forward after that.

Early Learning Center - The summer session has 7 or 8 children. Things look promising for the next school year.

Needs:

Play yard water faucet clogged and leaking, and windows need adjustments.

We are seeking a handy-person who could fix these minor problems. No action yet.

Playground improvements are on the agenda - seeking a grant to pay for these. Still hoping this will happen.

Fencing around the front of the ELC building - The crushed gravel has been in stalled and the fencing should be going up soon.

The Lord's Pantry - The Pantry continues to be very busy and is open 4 full days and one half day. New clients continue to come in daily and family sizes have increased. The Food Bank has increased the volume of food delivery to keep up with the demand

We are in need of supplies for our Homeless Program - bags, individual sized containers of fruits, beanie weenies, Vienna sausages, juice boxes, etc., travel size soaps, toothpaste, floss, men's dark socks (clean used socks in good condition accepted), pill containers and dog food (dry). These items can be dropped off at the Pantry when it's open.

Parish Nurse - In May, Donna served over 45 individuals through home visits, and many phone calls. She continues to deliver Brown Bag program food to several of our shut-ins. Her Health Ministry Corner articles are sent out by Constant Contact each week.

GDLC Finances/Budget - As the shelter-in-place order continues, we are maintaining the normal salaries and benefits for our employees and staff. Our income is stable and doing reasonably well. Members are encouraged to use the "digital" platforms to make their tithes and offerings. If you need help, feel free to contact Dan Rinerson.

Worship Activities - Group Studies will resume the first week of August. We're planning to do "drive through" communion the first Sunday of each month. No change in sight for a return to normal Worship Services, but we'll let you know as things change.

Early Learning Center

Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds you safe and well. Here at Gloria Dei ELC, as we are planning on being open in the fall, I am having a hard time finding some supplies to keep our staff and children safe during these challenging times.

We are in need of Disinfectant spray/wipes such as Lysol, Clorox, Costco Brand or Microbran. We are looking for non-powdered gloves, and hand sanitizers.

We are also in need of the following as well: White Copier and White Card stock paper, Crayons, Pencils, and Erasers.

Thank you so much for your continued support at Gloria Dei ELC.

Kind regards,
Maria
ELC Director



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 + PHILANTHROPISTS + PROFESSORS

The Global Leadership Summit is coming up!
August 6 - 7

This year the Leadership Summit will be held online. Gloria Dei still has tickets available! If you're interested in attending, please contact Libby Nelson at: nelsonej2012@yahoo.com

The Global Leadership Summit is your opportunity to access a wealth of leadership insight from 15+ world-class faculty ready to equip and inspire you—*no matter where you have influence, and especially now.*

Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect with other leaders across the country virtually. Here are some of the faculty that will be speaking:



President George W. Bush, 43rd President



T. D. Jakes, Senior Pastor, The Potters House



Sadie Robertson Huff, Best selling author, social media influencer



Kaka, Brazilian retired soccer Phenomenon



Beth Comstock, Director at Nike, 20 most influential Communicators



Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic, Psychologist, Author



MINISTRY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

August

ACO LYTES

08-02 Lessa Hawkes
08-09 Katherine DeHart
08-16 Ushers
08-23 Ushers
08-30 Ushers

ASSISTING MINISTERS

08-02 Jon Kromrey
08-09 Joyce Boddie
08-16 Donna Zimmerman
08-23 Jane Hendricks
08-30 Holly Hawkes

COFFEE HOSTS

08-02
08-09
08-16
08-23
08-30

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

08-02
08-09
08-16
08-23
08-30

POWER POINT

08-02 Wendy Kromrey
08-09 Wendy Kromrey
08-16 Wendy Kromrey
08-23 Wendy Kromrey
08-30 Wendy Kromrey

READERS

08-02
08-09
08-16
08-23
08-30

SOUND & LIGHTS

08-02 Ricky Bakken
08-09 John Mlnarik
08-16 Rikky Bakken
08-23 John Mlnarik
08-30 Rikky Bakken

USHERS

Dennis Eliason, Robert Borregard, Ernie Moore, Bob Martinez

WORSHIP PREPARATION

TELLERS

Donna Zimmerman, Gail Castle

NOTE: If you can help fill in some of the holes on the Coffee & Flower Charts, please sign up on the kiosk or call the church office . . . Thank you!!

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

08-02
08-09
08-16
08-23
08-30



August Birthdays

08-08 David Bakken
08-14 Bob Martinez
08-18 Ron Nuessle
08-20 Sandra Zimmerman
08-24 Joyce Boddie
08-29 Karen Hokanson

August 2020 Calendar

Meetings

08/10 - Lord's Pantry Board meeting 3pm

08/18 - Leadership Team meeting 6:30pm

08/26 - ELC Board meeting 3:30pm

special happenings

Small Groups

Small Groups are being held on zoom until further notice.

Contact Pastor Pat if you wish to join in!

Newsletter submission deadline is the 20th of each month!

August 2020

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DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATION

Sunday Bulletin: Each Wednesday by noon

Monthly Newsletter: Due the 20th of each month.