



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Onion Jam for Burgers**
- **Fireworks safety**
- **Leadership Team Update**
- **Forward in Faith**

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## From the Pastor . . .

Here at Gloria Dei, though delayed, we are still in a consultation process with Church Doctor Ministries. A report is forthcoming, when travel is allowed, but I think it important to say that we are striving, first and foremost, to seek, know and do the will of God in this entire process. More important than the process or its outcome is that it all be approached, surrounded, upheld and bathed in prayer, prayer and more prayer.

In describing prayer's importance, the document "**Building Healthy, Multiplying Congregations,**" said:

*Our Savior Jesus prayed often, faithfully, and seriously--his prayer life shows that his relationship with the Holy One he called "Our Heavenly Father" was the mainstay of his life.*

*As members of the body of Christ, our well-being depends totally on God. As we pray through Christ our head we are brought into the joy and awesome accountability of relationship with the Holy Trinity.*

*The evidence of vibrant churches everywhere confirms the priority of prayer. Before directions, plans, projects, and goals are set in action, they have engaged in a season of prayer--prayer by the pastor, the lay leaders, and the whole congregation.*

*When we "Pray First" we saturate our lives with prayer, so that our mission is shaped by*

*openness to God and God's will. Prayer opens us to the future God has in store for us as saints, churches, and church bodies. The Holy Spirit uses such openness to God to give vision and courage for an adventure into ministry "outside the box."*

*Praying people are open people--open to God, to others and the world. Mission begins with prayer and finds its energy in prayer. In fact, when through prayer we gain clarity about the direction of the Spirit, we receive also the power to live according to what the Spirit shows us.*

*Prayer as a priority means that we trust God to provide what we lack. In addition to prayers for discernment in our congregation, and intercessory prayers in times of corporate worship, it is "right and salutary" to call for special congregational and national days of prayer to intercede on behalf of the church and the world.*

*High quality, inspiring worship is also prayer! It is a communal and faith-shaping expression of our devotion to God. When people are present in our liturgical services, no matter what the style, they ought to be able to sense that here is a church committed to God, in love with God, wanting to live in thanksgiving and service like Christ the Savior. Such worship and passionate spirituality is vital to our life together, alluring to those seeking God, and provides instruction in the dynamics of living in the life of Christ.*

*Our Lord prayed long and often. Let us do the same.*

**Please consider this a clarion call to prayer.** Many in our congregation have been praying intentionally for quite some time for this church to know and do God's will. As we continue to address the many visions and strategies discussed in our small group studies, "Who Broke My Church," "Your Spiritual Gifts," and "Discover Your Windows," considering just what might be the next step, we wish to be especially clear about God's will, God's directions, God's voice in the matters at hand. Pray that the Holy Spirit's still small voice may be especially audible to all of us here at Gloria Dei, that our ears may be opened and prepared to hear, that our minds may be clear and thoughtful, that our hands and feet may be prepared to respond, that our leaders may be the greatest of servants, that all the people of God in this place may acknowledge their role in the priesthood of all believers, so that the kingdom may grow and thrive in this place to the glory of God.

Whatever it takes to remind you to be in constant and consistent prayer, please do that. We will never know what God is able to do until, through prayer, we hear what God desires to do.

Power to you!

Pastor Pat

## We pray for:

- ◆ Healing for: Mike DeHart (eye surgery recuperation), Rosemary Livesay, Rose Bakken, Naomi Moore, Ernie's sister (dialysis), Mitch (eye melanoma), Ann Fitzgerald (neck), Lois Swanson, Danny Shewey (shoulder surgery recovery), Cathy Duncan's granddaughter Gracie and her parents (chest surgery recovery), Pastor & Ann's great niece Sloan with Behcet's syndrome and Sloan's paternal grandmother Linda (cancer), Marice (cancer in brain), Jessica (breast cancer, relative of Joyce').
- ◆ Our shut-ins: Virginia Fife, Ron Nuessle, Joan Rositano, Claudette Rezos, Lois Swanson, Arlette Grafft, Rosemary Livesay (not to mention all of us sheltering-in-place)
- ◆ David Bakken as he prepares his doctoral defense, for wisdom, rest, peace.
- ◆ 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 and rest to the caregivers who assist in the care of others.
- ◆ The ELC as they continue to provide class for students.
- ◆ The Lord's Pantry, keeping the volunteers safe, sane, and 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 and protection.
- ◆ Provision & safety for the homeless.
- ◆ Gloria Dei for direction and motivation in our "Healthy Churches Thrive" consultation. Come Holy Spirit!
- ◆ Wisdom for leaders & provision for refugees from Central & South America
- ◆ Our nation, to heal our division with truth, justice & honesty, & for the world. Help heal us, Lord. Bring comfort to those who suffer, compassion to those who've lost loved ones, and help world leaders make smart & timely decisions.
- ◆ Gilda & Julien Carlsen, for their continuing care.
- ◆ For wise leadership and positive outcomes regarding issues of racism & policing.

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.*

Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of July



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

**[gdlcsj.office@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Proverbs 22:3** A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.

In our city it's illegal to have even "safe and sane" fireworks. It doesn't seem to keep a lot of the people from setting all kinds of them off anyway. It risks setting fire to dry hills and roofs, and burning people. The following information is from the website:

### Leave Fireworks to the Experts



Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. In 2017, 8 people died and over 12,000 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Of these, 50% of the injuries were to children and young adults under age 20.

### If You Choose to Use Legal Fireworks



If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under adult supervision
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material

- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Never ignite devices in a container
- Don't try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby just in case.
- Never use illegal fireworks

Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the fireworks show.

### Health Sunday is July 5.

If we're back at church by then, blood pressure monitoring is offered.



### ***The month of July health designations:***

Fireworks Safety Month (June through July 4), Cord Blood Awareness Month, Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month, International Group B Strep Awareness Month, National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention Month, World Health Day (July 28)

# The Recipe Box Quick Onion Jam for Burgers

SHARED BY . . . Libby Nelson! *This is a quick condiment for burgers...It's Yummy!*



Quick Onion Jam for Burgers

- 1 Tbsp Vegetable oil
- 1 yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup Balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsps sugar

Heat a drizzle of vegetable oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add onion and cook until browned and softened, 8-10 minutes. Stir in vinegar and sugar. Cook until caramelized and jammy, 2 - 3 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper. Makes 1 cup



*Special Designation for July is Youth!*



*Leadership Team Meeting was held on June 16, 2020. Here are some highlights:*

**Healthy Churches Thrive** - The Leadership Team is in communication with the Church Doctors team. Due to Shelter-in-place

practices, things are moving slowly. We'll let members know when we have some finalized dates.

**Solar Project** - We continue working with the K-12 Energy staff. More news as things progress.

**ELC** - The regular school year is ending, but a summer session is in the works. 7 or 8 children have signed up.

Needs: play yard water faucet clogged & leaking. Windows need adjusting. We're 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 - We're starting to do the landscaping for the project.

**Lord's Pantry** - The Pantry continues to be very busy and is open 4 full days and 1

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 demand. Here are the numbers for May: Families - 2114; Adults - 3258; Children - 791; Seniors - 1542; Homeless - 507

**Parish Nurse** - In May, Donna served over 156 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. We're carefully tracking our expenditures to maximize the amount of our Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness. Our income is maintaining. Members are encouraged to use the "digital" platforms to make their tithes and offerings. If you need help with any of the plans, feel free to contact Dan Rinerson, who is able help!



*"The bigger the darkness, the easier it is to spot your little light."*

**Brother Andrew**

# FORWARD IN FAITH



*Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”  
(Ephesians 3:20)*

## **UPDATE – July 2020 !!**

*by Dan Rinerson, Campaign Chairman*

As of June 12, 2020, the cumulative total (5+ years) of Forward in Faith funds that have been received was **\$476,000**. That is an amazing amount in that time period!! Thank you for your **faithful and generous support** for this campaign! I truly hope that you have **grown in your faith and stewardship** - and that God continues to bless you as you **trust him to provide for your needs!**

Our campaign was **officially completed in April of 2018**. Contributions have continued to come in and are now being used to make extra principal payments on the Thrivent loan. This loan covers the remaining costs owed for our renovation project. The loan balance at the end of 2019 was about \$222,300 and now **as of 6/12/20 is about \$200,800**, a \$21,500 decrease in the first 6 months of this year! The regular monthly payment continues to be paid from the income the church receives from Sprint. Please **pray about how you can continue your Forward in Faith giving** to help pay off this debt in a timely manner.

**Thank you to all who have continued giving faithfully over and above their original commitments!!**

Here is a report on the progress of loan payments as of June 12, 2020:

### **NEW THRIVENT LOAN DETAILS:**

LOAN TYPE: 5-year fixed rate/10-year term/25-year amortization  
 LOAN AMOUNT: \$300,000 - Effective date = 9/16/18  
 INTEREST RATE: 5.25%  
 MONTHLY PAYMENT: \$1810.56 (Principal & Interest) – First payment = 10/6/18

### **LOAN PROGRESS: STARTED YEAR 2 OF PAYMENTS IN OCTOBER 2019!**

| DATE     | REGULAR PAYMENT | EXTRA PAYMENT   | LOAN BALANCE     |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|          | 1810.56/Month   | Start Year 2020 | <b>\$222,282</b> |
| Jan-2020 | YES             | \$3,100         | \$218,380        |
| Feb-2020 | YES             | \$2,700         | \$214,870        |
| Mar-2020 | YES             | \$3,300         | \$210,670        |
| Apr-2020 | YES             | \$2,500         | \$207,330        |
| May-2020 | YES             | \$2,300         | \$204,130        |
| Jun-2020 | YES             | \$2,400         | <b>\$200,840</b> |

### ***Forward in Faith - Stewardship!***

#### **Proverbs 3: 9-10**

Honor the Lord from your wealth  
 And from the first of all your produce;  
 So your barns will be filled with plenty  
 And your vats will overflow with new wine.



## MINISTRY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

July

### ACO LYTES

07-05 Lessa Hawkes  
07-12 Katherine DeHart  
07-19 Ushers  
07-26 Ushers

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

07-05 Jon Kromrey  
07-12 Joyce Boddie  
07-19 Donna Zimmerman  
07-26 Jane Hendricks

### COFFEE HOSTS

07-05  
07-12  
07-19  
07-26

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

07-05  
07-12  
07-19  
07-26

### POWER POINT

07-05 Wendy Kromrey  
07-12 Wendy Kromrey  
07-19 Wendy Kromrey  
07-26 Wendy Kromrey

### READERS

07-05 Ann Fitzgerald  
07-12 Kandra Tobin  
07-19 Ann Fitzgerald  
07-26 Jon Kromrey

### SOUND & LIGHTS

07-05 Rikky Bakken  
07-12 John Mlnarik  
07-19 Rikky Bakken  
07-26 John Mlnarik

### USHERS

Bob Martinez, Dennis Eliason, Nick Martinez, Dick Nelson

### WORSHIP PREPARATION

Gail Castle

### TELLERS

Joyce Boddie, Barbara McCalment

***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:

07-05  
07-12  
07-19  
07-26



### July Birthdays

07-04 Greta Rinerson  
07-16 Jill Korin  
07-16 George Carroll  
07-19 Virginia Fife  
07-23 George DeHart  
07-27 Ben Tobin  
07-29 Josh Smith  
07-30 Lois Swanson



# July 2020 Calendar

## special happenings

07/04 -



## Meetings

07/13 - Lord's Pantry Board meeting 3pm

07/21 - Leadership Team meeting 6:30pm

07/22 - ELC Board meeting 3:30pm

## Small Groups

Small groups are being held through Zoom until further notice.

Contact Pastor Pat if you wish to join in!

**Newsletter submission deadline is the 20th of each month!**

## July 2020

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TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION~FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY



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### **DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATION**

**Sunday Bulletin:** Each Wednesday by noon

**Monthly Newsletter:** Due the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.