

Participants in Sunday leadership for September, 2022

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter
Sept 4	Pam	Tom	Larry
Sept 11	Jett	Tom	Rocky
Sept 18	Monica	Jett	Jerry
Sept 25	Pam	Monica	Larry

Readings and prayers available on the "Sunday Service" page (and archive) of our website.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Ojibwe-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

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*Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.*

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A book I read this Summer, "When Time is Short" by Timothy Beal, talks about the climate crisis, and our human impact on the planet.

The publisher's book summary reads, "Modern capitalism, as it emerged, drew heavily upon the Christian belief in human exceptionalism and dominion over the planet, and these ideas still undergird our largely secular society. They justified the pillaging and eradication of indigenous communities and plundering the Earth's resources in pursuit of capital and lands."

It sounds bleak. Even the title is ominous: there isn't much time! But I appreciated an outlook that was invited – *what do we do when we have been told we only a short time left?* Sometimes it can lead to spending meaningful time with others, and doing things that are important instead of busy-work.

The thing is, we are part of a wider web of life, and people have – throughout history – wanted to find ways to dominate while oppressing others, or gather up riches to the detriment of others, and find excuses to be right in their actions. In fact, a message of grace reminds us that we are not immortal, or able to entrench our ideas of *how things ought to be...* and maybe that is a freeing word!

In this *Season of Creation* (September-October), how might we re-envision our relationship with the planet for the sake of the future?

-Pastor Tyler



"Sundae Sunday"

after church on September 11th

As we kick off the programming year, let's have ice cream together!

"While the campaign agrees that all forms of violence are unacceptable regardless of gender, we are keenly aware that violence against women and children has been an unacceptable reality for generations. We know that women are far more likely to be victims of domestic violence and sexual harassment than men.

And while women have been at the forefront of efforts to end domestic violence, gender-based violence and inequality, men have largely been absent in these efforts. It is time for men to join these efforts and work together to encourage a culture of healthy masculinity."

"Indigenous peoples have had a deep and sacred connection with the natural world since time immemorial. This relationship has always included harvesting practices such as hunting, fishing, plant gathering, and berry picking. Many protocols and teachings have been passed down through the generations to guide these harvesting practices and ensure that principles of respect, gratitude, sustainability, and reciprocity are honoured. In this context, moose have always represented an important source of food and clothing for Indigenous communities and for many non-Indigenous communities.

For many generations, moose hide was used for ceremonial purposes and for making moccasins, jackets, gloves, rope, etc. It is associated with gentleness, warmth, comfort, hope, and love. The use of the moose hide for this campaign honours this sacred relationship and keeps the traditional protocols and teachings of our Elders alive."

👉 **PINS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH!** 👈



"In every country, gender-based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma and further violence. We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies.

The campaign is simple but profound. **Wear black on Thursdays.** Wear a pin to declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence. Encourage others to join you.

Often black has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign Black is used as a color of resistance and resilience.

Share your Thursdays in Black photos on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, using hashtags #ThursdaysinBlack and #WCC!"



MNO city and nearby congregations - and friends of the Urban

Lutheran Urban Ministry
2022 Walk/Ride Fundraiser

Date: September 10, 2022 (Rain date October 1)

Kick-off Location: Abundant Life Lutheran Church
3486 Raleigh St., East St. Paul, MB R2E 1B9

Registration time: 9:00 a.m.

Walk/Ride/BBQ lunch: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ride: 25 km or 50 km to Birds Hill Park, led by team captain Kim Scherger of the Abundant Life Team for the Urban.

Walk: 2 km walk down Raleigh St. to Hoddinott Rd and back, or 5 km walk to Silver Springs Park, Birds Hill and back, or Kids on tricycles/scooters & parent(s) – 1/2 km or more!

BBQ Lunch: (provided by the Urban) back at Abundant Life, coffee/tea/water, and fellowship: Noon – 1:30 p.m.

- To form or join a team please contact your pastor (or contact Rhonda at the Urban: rhonda@theurban.ca).
- Team captains will be provided with additional information, sign-up forms and donation sheets. Donations (cash, cheque, or through Canada Helps) are tax deductible.

💙 **Bring a lawn chair - and your bike or walking shoes!** 💙

The Urban's AGM is coming up in October 2022 and the board is looking for individuals who are passionate about the ministry, have had some experience with the Urban, and who have gifts for administration they'd like to share.

Please contact the board chair, Rev. Annemarie MacInstosh at ann00mac@gmail.com if you would let your name be considered, or if you know someone who would.

TIME AND TALENTS TO SHARE

As we begin a new programming year, are there special gifts among us, or people we might approach who have talent and time to share?

Here are some of the ministry areas at Gloria Dei to consider...

Adult Education:

- Provide ideas for speakers/forums
- Organize and plan small group discussions

Children's Ministry:

- Serve as teacher, substitute or helper with Sunday School
- Serve as Kid's Time group leader during worship
- Prepare baptismal 'birthday' cards for the Cradle Roll Ministry

Youth Ministry:

- Volunteer at or assist with driving for Youth events
- Assist with fundraising for youth projects
- Serve on Youth Committee (support youth worker)

Fellowship:

- Assist with occasional Luncheons
- Volunteer to bring food/desserts for events (as needed)
- Clean up Coffee Hour on Sundays
- Serve as dish washer for events
- Clean tables after events

Property:

- Help with maintaining yard around the church building
- Remove snow from sidewalks (in winter)

Worship:

- Serve as greeter and usher
- Serve communion
- Acolyte
- Advance slides for PowerPoint
- Serve as Sound/Technology person - training provided
- Read scripture
- Participate in musical leadership
- Serve on Altar Guild
- Assist with Sanctuary Arts

Contact our office to join in! gdeiwp@gmail.com or (204) 834-4564

SEASON OF CREATION

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures, and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it.

This year, the theme for the season is **Listen to the Voice of Creation.**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have become familiar with the concept of being muted during virtual conversations. Often, people using a platform do not have the capacity to unmute themselves. Even more do not even have access to digital platforms, and so their voices are never heard. Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are the voices of a diminishing diversity of more- than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. The 2022 Season of Creation theme raises awareness of our need to listen to the voice of all creation.

The Psalmist (19: 1-4) acknowledges that hearing the voice of creation requires a kind of listening that is increasingly rare. Within the ecumenical Christian family, there is a diverse range of traditions to help us recover our capacity to hear the voice of creation. Some of the earliest Christian writings refer to the concept of creation as a book from which knowledge of God can be read.

