

Participants in Sunday leadership for February, 2023

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter
Feb 5	Monica	Jett	Rocky R
Feb 12	Katharine	Tom	Jerry B
Feb 19	Pam	Monica	Larry R
Wed, Feb 22			
Feb 26	Katharine	Jett	Rocky R

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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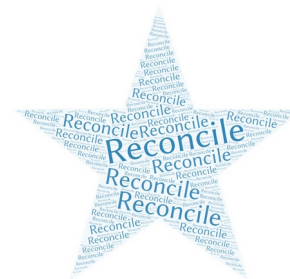
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*See the Morning star now beckon
to those now bound to doubt and night'
"Follow me," Christ calls in welcome,
"come from darkness into light."*

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Have you heard of "star words?" It's an exercise – sometimes initiated by Sunday Schools or youth groups – where words are put on cut-outs of stars and given out around Epiphany (hence, the shape of a *star*). The word on the star is meant as something of a theme, or guide, for the year.

I wonder: as we are in these weeks after Epiphany, might our star word for 2023 be "reconcile?" Look at the definition, and words of reflection, in the pages of this newsletter!

Light shines! And we also feel the earthy nature of life – that back-of-mind reminder that we are dust.

February 20th is "Social Justice Day" – we join in holding up matters of human rights and distributive justice... to use church-language: that all may experience of God's abundance! It is so easy to lose sight of those who are on the margins – struggling to be heard, struggling for basic necessities, struggling for *life* – we may neglect others when our needs are met. Sometimes we lament the struggle we feel when we have deficit budgets, or smaller numbers at our gatherings: "are we perishing, God?" Maybe our call, in this time, is to engage life at the margins even more heartily – to find places of solidarity, and *to join in*, and to make a point of reminding each person we meet that they are God's beloved.

-Pastor Tyler

Join in...

- Children's Sunday School** – during worship on Sundays
- Confirmation class** – contact Pastor for schedule
- Preparing meals for The Urban** - 1st Wed of the month
- Ladies' Luncheon** - 2nd Wednesday of the month
- Quilting group** - Tuesday afternoons
- Zoom coffee hour** (with Adult Christian Ed) – Wed morn

TRIVIA NIGHT

The West Winnipeg Viability Short Term Planning Committee is hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday,

February 11th at 7pm

at St. Andrew, Woodhaven Anglican Church (2700 Portage Ave). Doors open at 6:30pm.

There will be snacks, pizza, drinks and prizes.

Admission is free but we just ask that you bring a 'Tin for the Bin'

(food bank donation) *Please RSVP ASAP!*

For more information or to register contact Susan Brown at

mrsbrown@mymts.net

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CAMBRIDGE COFFEEHOUSE

Saturday, February 25th, 7:30pm

St Mark's Lutheran Church
(600 Cambridge St)

An evening of music by local artists,
admission by donation,
with proceeds going
to a community cause



Will you help to host coffee at church?

See the sign-up sheet for Sundays in February
in our narthex!



Pray – Give – Fast

Ash Wednesday
is February 22
Worship service at 7pm

Save the date!
**Gloria Dei's AGM will
follow Sunday worship
on March 5th.**



Mid-week Lenten
services (beginning
March 1st) will be

with the Royal Canadian College of Organists
at noon-hour on Wednesdays in Gloria Dei's sanctuary,
featuring our Casavant pipe organ! *More info next issue*

*I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger,
but then it hit me. ☺*

When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic. ☺

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black people have lived in what we now call Canada since the 1600s. From that time until the early 1800s, hundreds were forced to come here as enslaved people.

After slavery was abolished here in 1834, thousands of people of African descent from the United States, the Caribbean and Africa chose to come to Canada at different times for different reasons.

For 400 years, Black men and women have contributed to all areas of society. They have fought for Black people to be treated with fairness and equality in the struggle against racial discrimination, a fight that has benefited all Canadians.

The United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (2015 to 2024) encourages us to "promote a greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of societies." (<https://www.canadashistory.ca/education/kayak-in-the-classroom/black-history/black-history-educational-package>)

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by Dr. Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament. The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

(<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/about.html>)

2023 Theme

"Black Resistance: Remember, Recognize, and Educate"

In Manitoba, see www.bhmwinnipeg.com

There are events taking place throughout the month of February!



Ladies Lunch

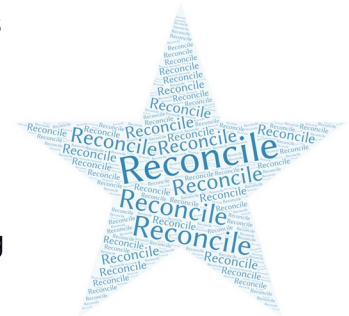
Wednesday, February 8 at 12-noon
at Taverna Rodos, corner of
Harstone and Roblin Blvd.

RSVP to Marlene Herman at 204 895-1628
or e-mail alvinmar@shaw.ca
by Tuesday morning, Feb.7



"All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's-self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us."

(2 Corinthians 5:18-19)



Reconcile is defined as "restoring friendly relations between." It has to do with repairing a break in relationship.

You've heard of "Truth and Reconciliation," and "Reconciling in Christ" Our society recognizes that we need to do better with how we relate to our neighbours. This is what our faith is all about!

In Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, he writes about how God has reconciled us to God's-self through Christ. And, we are called to this ministry of restoring relationships, friendships, connections!

It isn't always easy. It calls us to open ourselves, and go to new places. It is work that is ongoing! Let us actively engage this ministry of reconciliation, and share God's Love!