

Participants in Sunday leadership for July and August, 2023

Date	Reader	Liturgist	Greeter
July 2	Monica	Jett	
July 9	Pam	Jett	Larry
July 16		Monica	Jerry
July 23	Katharine	Jennifer	Ralph
July 30		Monica	
August 6		Monica	
August 13	Katharine	Jett	
August 20	Katharine	Jennifer	Ralph
August 27	Pam	Monica	Larry

Readings and prayers are available on the "Sunday Service" page 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.

Each of us is a unique creation drawn into being by the Source of Life. While committed to the Christian path, we do not all believe the exact same things; there is room at Gloria Dei for doubt, exploration, and diversity.

We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts among us. We strive to be an open and affirming congregation to all, welcoming and including in our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness, we all grow in our faith following Christ's model of love, respect, kindness, and generosity.

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New Church Office Hours:

Wednesdays & Fridays
9am – 2pm

*"Welcome to our new
office admin, Lexy!"*

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*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, us our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you.*

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Have you heard...?

In Las Vegas people can tithe by dropping casino chips into the offertory.

And at the end of each weekend, there is a Brother that goes around to all the casinos to cash them out and make a deposit.

He's the Chip Monk. ☺

There are numerous ways that we can contribute to our community of faith. And, what we may aspire to be as a church may not be as out-of-reach as we think!

It delights me when our community joins in work with *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* by creating quilts, or builds the ministry of *The Urban* by making meals, or lifts up international development work of *Canadian Lutheran World Relief*. In these, and other, ways, we lift our voices and hands and connect ourselves to a world-wide body of believers who seek to carry out the ministry of Christ and love their neighbour.

I wonder how we might build on that. Are there ministries that new people seek to engage that we, as an established congregation, might help support? Are there ways in which young families might want to share good news and lift spirits of the surrounding community that we might also say "yes, we hope for that, too – let's work together!"

As you re-create, this Summer, dream about the future! -Pastor Tyler

Wednesday Morning Virtual Coffee Hour

zoom



Link to join in is provided in the e-news



Thank you for your faithful support!

We invite your generosity through the Summer months! Our obligations continue, even as weeks may be lighter through the Summer.

Pre-written cheques can be submitted to Al Herman, or offerings can be given by e-transfer: gdeiwp@gmail.com

CLAY Gathering – “Ashes & Embers” August 10-13

Do you see that glow among the ashes? Can you feel the ember's radiant heat? The fire is not out. In fact, it's the strongest it's ever been. Fire is sacred in the bible; symbolizing both life and death. God intentionally uses fire in all kinds of ways; from burning bushes and pillars of fire, to the gentle crackle of a campfire in the wilderness. The roaring flames usually get the most attention. But, there are also important stories to be found in what comes before and after.

Our stories and faith journeys are a lot like fire too. There's the hard stuff, ashes. There are exciting parts, sparks. There are chaotic times, flames. And there is the quiet and calm, embers. Each of these are holy and vital parts of life. Whatever place you find yourself in, God is right there with you.

Gloria Dei's Lexy will be in the band! More information: www.CLAYgathering.ca

ELCIC Special Convention – June 28-July 2

For the second time in our history the ELCIC will meet in collaboration with our Full Communion partners, the Anglican Church of Canada. Their General Synod will be meeting at the same time as our Special Convention, with a number of joint sessions involving both bodies for worship, fellowship, Bible study, presentations and other discussions—with other matters such as voting and convention business being conducted separately. More information: <https://www.anglicanlutheran.ca/assembly/elcic/>



Growing our faith – a thought to ponder (found at <https://faithlead.org/blog/decline/>)

Shift from performative to participatory spirituality. Faith cannot be primarily something performed by clergy or staff for people to watch or consume; it must be something that everyone is equipped to practice in daily life. This means creating pathways for simple, accessible spiritual habits and disciples that can be adapted by everyone.

Luther Village Bikeathon 2023 (by Jett Isleifson)

"Steel is real." This slogan appears on the Luther Village Bikeathon 2023 T-shirts that were distributed to all the riders participating in the Bikeathon. The quotation was made by the late Pastor Bruce Gelhorn who was always an enthusiastic Luther Village supporter, Bikeathon participant and avid cyclist. Cyclists who rode light weight titanium or composite material bicycles once teased him about a steel bike he rode and his reply to them was "Steel is real." The 2023 Bikeathon was in his memory and dedicated to him. On Sunday morning the worship service made tribute to Pastor Bruce.

Bikeathon day, Saturday, June 3, 2023 was forecast to be a very hot day. Indeed a heat warning had been posted for the Kenora region by Environment Canada. To beat the heat the 100 km riders set out an hour earlier than usual. At 7:30 A.M. the temperature was +21° C with a humidex of +27° C. They rode north up Hwy 71 to Rushing River, turned around and headed south back to Luther Village to hook up with the 80 and 40 km riders. Well, those guys on their titanium and composite light weight bikes got there quickly. Not so for that rider who always rides in blue jeans! And met them coming head on after their stop at Rushing River! Around 8:40 A.M. it was +25° C with a humidex of +31° C!

Now we're heading south from Luther Village down Hwy 71 to Sioux Narrows where there was a rest break and a light lunch. A short rest at the Bunny Lake picnic site and then onwards to Sioux Narrows. Oh, here's all the 100 km riders coming head on again. They'd made it to Sioux Narrows and were on the way back to Luther Village. Yep, they beat the heat as planned. The rider wearing blue jeans continued slogging on. Uh-oh, leg cramps! A few simple stretch exercises to clear it up and on the way again.

The 40 km riders were complete and rode back to Luther Village in the support vehicles. The 80 km riders were all returning to Luther Village by bike. Uh-oh, leg cramps again! And again. And again! This cannot go on. Reached the Bunny Lake picnic site again around 12:30 P.M, temperature +28° C, humidex +33° C. With recurrent leg cramps, dehydration and generally not feeling so well it was the right thing to do to drop out and ride in a support vehicle. I wish I could have completed 100 km's, but I managed 80 km's.

Thank you to all of you who pledged my 100 km attempt in support of Luther Village. The in-person cash pledges I received from generous supporters and pledges received via the Gloria Dei Sunday offerings were \$995.00 that I'm aware of. There were many pledges made online directly to Luther Village. I don't know what those totaled but I'm told it was substantial. Thank you all, and *here's to 2024!*



Jett with Elaine Gelhorne at LV