

Participants in Sunday leadership for October, 2022

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter
Oct 2	Jett	Monica	Ralph O
Oct 9	Pam	Jett	Rocky R
Oct 16	Katharine	Monica	Larry R
Oct 23	Monica	Jett	Jerry B
Oct 30	Katharine	Monica	Ralph O

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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*Oceans rise, the coastland trembles;
mountains melt and dry earth crumbles.
All the world with longing groans.
Love abides, this gracious promise is our help,
our hope and solace. God's strong word is solid ground.*

ACS #1023

Fall is a beautiful season, with the leaves on the trees turning colour, and the temperatures dropping: cool, but not cold. It's a time of transition – maybe we put things away in our yards to prepare for the coming winter – and we might put our t-shirts away, and dig out our heavier jackets and sweaters.

We are coming to the close of the Season of Creation, on a note of thanks for the harvest. We also close out the month of October, as Lutherans, remembering the Reformation and 16th Century changes that transformed society and western civilization.

We also resume activity after a pandemic-time of interruption and isolation – what do our programs look like, now? Do we try to return to the familiar, or do we work at creating something new?

The hymnist speaks of changing times, and uncertainty. But the verse concludes on a note of hope: God's Word is sure – that's a refrain from Luther's time! In times of change, we might return to a place of refuge, a safe haven when storms rage – the always-comforting, sometime-challenging Word that speaks grace into our times.

May we find in this time of harvest, and of uncertainty, and yet of hope, that love does abide and we are helped by God's gracious promises.

-Pastor Tyler



SEASON OF CREATION

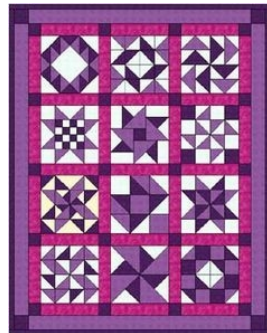
Service of
BLESSING
OF ANIMALS

Saturday,
October 1, 2022
2:00pm



Bring your lawn chair and your pet (on a leash or in a kennel), or a picture of your pet, and we'll have a simple, outdoor service where we give thanks for – and bless – our animal family members! Refreshments to follow.
Service open to those without pets, too, of course! Everyone welcome!

Quilting in the basement of Gloria Dei will start Tuesday, Sept. 27th, 1pm-3pm, and every Tuesday thereafter. For further information, contact Barb Magnusson.



*Please watch the weekly bulletin and e-news for information on **Ladies Luncheon** which is scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month.*

In 1992, the Government of Canada designated October as **Women's History Month**, marking the beginning of an annual month-long celebration of the outstanding achievements of women and girls throughout Canada's history.

(<https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/2021-theme.html>)

October 11 is **International Day of the Girl Child**, a day dedicated to celebrating the voices and power of girls, championing their rights worldwide, and reflecting on the challenges they continue to face because of their gender. (<https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/international-day-girl-child.html>)

October 16 is **World Food Day!**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) created World Food Day to commemorate its founding in Quebec City, October 16, 1945. The goal of the FAO is to free humanity from hunger and malnutrition, and to effectively manage the global food system. World Food Day events are organized in over 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. These events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and help strengthen the link between agriculture and food security. (<https://foodgrainsbank.ca/resources/world-food-day-open-hands/>)



October 18 is **Persons Day** in Canada!

It marks the day in 1929 when the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of "persons" was handed down by Canada's highest court of appeal. This gave some women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women's increased participation in public and political life. Though this decision did not include all women, such as Indigenous women and women of Asian heritage and descent, it did mark critical progress in the advancement of gender equality in Canada. (<https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/persons-day.html>)





*Excerpt from
Cameroon:
Addressing gaps in
theological
education and
leadership*

Adult Christian Ed series – **Becoming a Welcoming Church**

The Journey towards Reconciling In Christ

~ Wednesday mornings on Zoom ~

Through the weeks of October, we'll be looking at what it means to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation, the format will be conversational, and questions are encouraged!

More information on the "Christian Education" page of our website



Coffeehouse concert
Messiah Lutheran Church
(400 Rouge Rd)
Saturday, October 15 – 7pm

Save the date:

All Saints evening musical service,
featuring Gloria Dei's Casavant pipe organ

Sunday evening, November 6th

(watch e-news, and November newsletter, for more information)



National Bishop Dr Jean Baïguélé reflects on African realities in church life

Tell us about your background, growing up and schooling?

I grew up in the south of Adamawa, Northern Cameroon, the fourth born in a Christian family of eight. The region was relatively calm, and the church was a central part of my life. My early schooling was at a primary school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon (EELC) and I later proceeded to a Protestant college of the same church.

I studied theology at the Lutheran Theological Institute in Meiganga, and at the Protestant University of Central Africa (PUCA) in Yaoundé, where I obtained my Bachelor's degree. I took a break from theology and enrolled at the Pan-African Institute of Development in Douala, where I obtained a post-graduate diploma in organizational management. Afterwards I enrolled at the Faculty of Theology at PUCA, where I graduated with a Master's in theology. I did my doctorate studies at the University Institute for International Development in Yaoundé, graduating with a PhD in New Testament studies in 2019.

I was ordained in 1998, after which I served as chaplain at the church's schools until 2002. The best way to describe my profession is both as a teacher and a pastor.

Which means you still teach theology at church institutions?

Yes and no, I'll explain. I worked as a chaplain for four years, after which I taught at the EELC Bible school, this time in the north. I returned to the parish where I continued pastoral work before I was elected regional bishop of the Central and Southern Ecclesiastical Regions. I served in that position for four years, before returning to the theological institute in Meiganga to lecture in the New Testament. I was elected as national bishop on 21 July 2021 and installed on 28 November in a festive worship service presided by The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) President Archbishop Dr Panti Filibus Musa. (*read more at <https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/cameroon-addressing-gaps-theological-education-and-leadership>*)