

Participants in Video Devotions for February, 2021

| Date | Worship Assistant (Psalm) | Reader (reading) | Prayer leader/reader |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Feb 7 | Marilyn | Kim | Jett |
| Feb 14 | Katharine | Pam | Kara |
| Ash Wed, Feb 17 | Jett | Monica | (Lexy – sung prayers) |
| Feb 21 | Monica | Christa | Tim |
| Feb 28 | Tom | Kara | Kim |

Video clips need to be submitted in advance; contact Pastor Tyler if unclear about parts.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-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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*God of desert, God of promise, you have bid us journey on
through the days of dust and darkness to the rising of the dawn.
Let us cross out of the wilderness to the rising of the dawn.*

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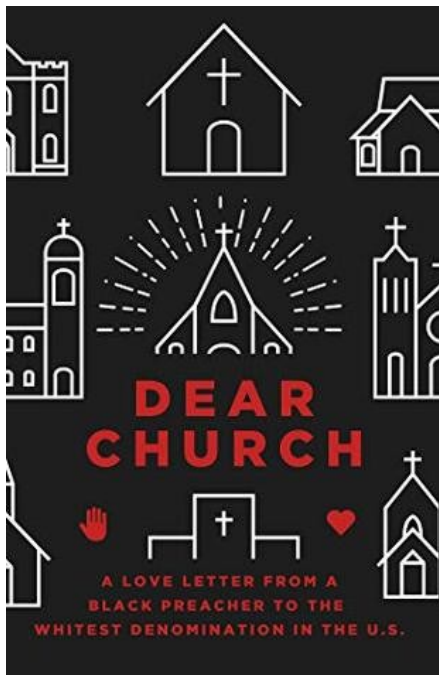
Have you seen those signs with the silhouette of a bird that say “Press on, Winnipeg?” They’re posted around the city, often on walking trails so people see them when they’re getting some exercise. It’s an encouraging message, with an image of peace and liberation, during a time where we might feel trapped, or discouraged.

In the month of February, we observe Ash Wednesday – a reminder of our mortality, and that we are connected to the earth in the most basic of ways: “you are dust.” And we enter in to the season of Lent – a journey into the wilderness: an image of solitude, of introspection, of intentionally connecting with Creator and creation for a time.

The hymnist calls us into this Lenten journey. In this pandemic time, it feels like we’ve been on this journey, already, for a long time. Indeed, it has been since Lent, last year!

This time of social distance and isolation that *feels like it won’t end* is also calling us to new places. From this wilderness vantage point, we are given opportunity to dream of where we might go when we can eventually gather again. And for the time being, we dwell in hope, and with courage, and we *press on*.

-Pastor Tyler



**SOME THINGS THAT STRUCK
ME DURING THE STUDY OF
THE BOOK
"Dear Church"
by Rev. Lenny Duncan**

- p. 14 "We are the whitest denomination in the United States" "if not us, then who will enter this battle for freedom."
- p. 15 "White supremacy doesn't need active racists to function."
- p. 16 "Most folks aren't *actively* racist. But you are passively participating in the spiritual and economic enslavement

of every person of color..."

p. 16 "Passivity is the new engine of systemic racism. You have handed the keys to our executioners unknowingly. Systemic racism is embedded in nearly every fiber of church life – from liturgical colors to the way we discuss Lent."

p. 67 "Over and over again in our music, liturgies, displayed artwork, and language and the word choices, we have reinforced the idea that white is holy and black equals sin"

p. 72 "...dismantling whiteness in our church...will require you to take down every white depiction of Jesus you can find in the church."

p. 117 "...our (church's) social statements are so powerful"

Dare I say, we are the whitest denomination in *Canada*, too? Why have a number of these things not occurred to me, before? Now I want to seek out those powerful social statements from our ELCIC!

There was much in this book to consider, and pray about, and act.

-Jean Hunter

Wednesdays – 9:30am Virtual Coffee Hour
Sundays – 9:30am Bible Study,
10am time of prayer:

- those who are ill
- those who have experienced loss
- those celebrating birthdays, and other good news



To join in these social times, follow the link provided in the e-news. *Once per month, our prayer time includes online Eucharist (see calendar) – have some bread and juice ready!*



• PRAY • FAST • GIVE •

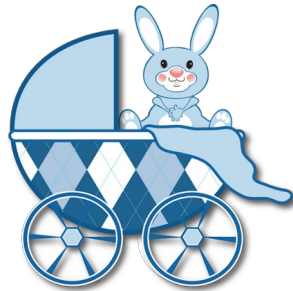
Online for Lent – what will that look like...?

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Since we can not gather in-person, we will have a pre-recorded worship service available on YouTube and Facebook. In place of ashes, this year, we will have a "Remembrance of Baptism," and you are invited to have a bowl of water available during our online service. This is different, but it is appropriate as – in the early church – the season of Lent was a time of preparation for Baptism for new converts to the Christian faith.

On Wednesday mornings, we'll include a brief Service of the Word at the end of our morning coffee hour on Zoom. This provides "real-time, face-to-face" gathering. For those for whom this timing doesn't work, we will have a pre-recorded service uploaded as a mid-week Lenten devotion, and it will include some more music. Look for that on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

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Birth Announcements!



Announcing the birth of
Brenley Astrid Isleifson Bright,
daughter of Dustin and Jill.

She arrived on Sunday, January 24th 2021
at 2:17AM. 7lbs 2oz, 19.5"

Mama Jill and baby Brenley are now at home and
doing great.

Big sisters Anna and Erin are proud as can be.

A big thanks to the amazing staff at Women's Hospital for their
kindness and care during our time there



Al & Marlene Herman have 4 grandsons & one Great-grandson
and on Monday, January 25th, the Lord blessed them with a lovely
Great-granddaughter **Elliot (Ellie) Grace Herman**, a sister for Cooper.

Congratulations and God's Abundant Blessings

to these Families!



Gloria Dei
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Gloria Dei's Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 2021

12:30pm on Zoom (access on your computer or telephone)

👉 Watch e-news for login and call-in information! 👈

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RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The commemoration of Black History Month dates back to 1926, when Harvard-educated African American historian Carter G. Woodson proposed setting aside a time devoted to honour the accomplishments of African Americans and to heighten awareness of Black history in the United States. This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926. Celebrations of Black history began in Canada also shortly thereafter. During the early 1970s, the week became known as Black History Week. It was expanded into Black History Month in 1976.

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

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month. It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month. (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/about.html>)