

Participants in Video Devotions for December, 2020

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader
Dec 6	Marilyn C	Monica P	Jett I
Dec 13	Katharine B	Pam R	Kara R
Dec 20	Monica P	Christa	Tim L
Dec 24-25	<i>Pastor Tyler will contact participants</i> ✨		
Dec 27	Tom R	Jett I	Kim D

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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*Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

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In 2 Corinthians 5, we hear Paul write of the ministry of reconciliation. Paul writes of God's grace:

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself 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. (vss.17-19)

“Everything has become new” – through Christ, a new day is ushered in. A new relationship with God.

The hymnist writes of this new day, that we – as humanity – might draw closer, that we might be one.

We long for that day of peace, that day where we might all experience and live into God's grace. That is much of what Advent is about. Yes, it is waiting, it is preparing: setting up the decorations, trimming the tree. It is also *being Christ* in the world. “Make us one body” is not a passive statement, but one that calls out something in all of us – that each of us may work towards peace and unity in the world.

Paul's letter says, in verse 20, that “we are ambassadors for Christ” – that is, Christ's presence is experienced through us, as Christ's followers, in the world.

How's that for the start of a new year? It might be a tall order. It is the basis for our faith and what we believe about Christ's body.

A Blessed Advent and Christmas to you!

-Pastor Tyler

Message from the Chairperson – Jett Isleifson

We all recall March of 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic pressed down upon us all and it was necessary to suspend worship services for our own protection and everyone else's too. Perhaps we could resume worship services and other gatherings by Easter? That was not to be the case and now we're into the season of Advent still doing ministry in this unfamiliar new environment. In-person worship and gatherings are still in the future beyond Christmas and into the New Year 2021.

Certainly our in-person worship services are suspended and we cannot gather as before but this is not to say ministry at Gloria Dei is suspended. Ministry at Gloria Dei actually is active, very active, and there is no sign that it will slow down. Indeed plans are afoot to celebrate and worship on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and of course the Sundays in Advent and then in Christmas. Yes it is all online by means of Zoom and Facebook but this is what we must do in these times. Soon and very soon we will be gathering again face to face but these new online tools we are using for worship will be continued and built into our worship services.

Gloria Dei is even going to proceed with our annual Baby Shower for Mary and Joseph in the season of Epiphany 2021! This is still in the planning phase and how exactly we are going to do it will be communicated in the weeks to come, but we are going to do it! Needless to say it will have to be a virtual event. The first Wednesday of the month continues to be the day we prepare the meal for The Urban, not online obviously, but our meal team meets practicing safe distancing and hygiene to prepare bag lunches for The Urban which are distributed to our inner-city friends instead of a sit-down meal.

Thanks to all of you who are making all this ministry happen! Be sure to "attend" our Facebook channel worship and the Zoom gatherings. Continue to telephone or write to our congregants who are not on the Internet as you've been doing.

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:3-9, NRSV)



Gloria Dei
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.
On the first Sunday of the month, our prayer time includes online Eucharist – have some bread and juice ready!



"We'll Be Online for Christmas" 🎵

We have settled into a bit of a rhythm for gathering online. And, each household has chosen where they might join in – by viewing our online videos on YouTube and Facebook, by reading announcements and material on our weekly e-news, by joining in our Zoom gatherings on Wednesdays and Sundays... And our online worship involves the participation of many of our people – reading, music, leading prayer, and photos! So, working with these tools, we're going to do the best we can to hold up images and sounds of the season!

December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 5pm Zoom carol service (*link will be in e-news*)
- 7pm YouTube and Facebook online worship

December 25 – Christmas Day, 10:30am on YouTube and Facebook



Social Ministry – *Gloria Dei supporting The Urban*
update from Marlene Buffie

We began preparing and delivering soup in March of 2009.

Meal teams began later, after Bob Whellan spent the summer helping at the Urban. He shared how their congregation in Thunder Bay was supporting a similar mission.

Subsequently Gloria Dei and other congregations began preparing meals on a regular basis.

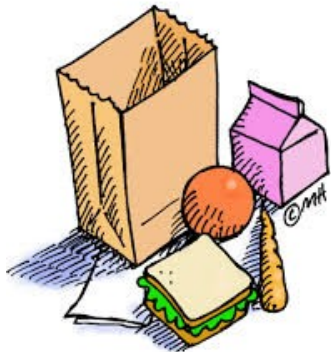
Gloria Dei established the Urban Meal Fund which was generously supported by the congregation.

Individual members including confirmation students assisted in preparing and serving the meals.

Since then we have always been able to meet our commitment to prepare and serve a meal every month. There was a brief period when we served a second meal every month, but eventually there was insufficient help to continue.

Currently we are severely short of funds to continue our commitment. It comes as a timely blessing to receive a message from Rhonda advising that the federal government has provided a grant whereby our congregation will receive cheese slices, juice boxes and paper lunch bags for a period of several months.

To contribute to this ministry of our church, you can give a special offering.



Financial Update

November General budget is \$15,500.00.

December General budget is \$18,100.00.

The average General donations for the first 10 months was \$11,372.00.

If that continues for the next 2 months we will drop \$10,856.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Herman

How to give an offering to Gloria Dei...

- 1) write a cheque, and mail it to the church!
- 2) join our Pre-Authorized Debit program (this is very helpful because it means we have a better sense of what our monthly income will be)
- 3) send an e-transfer to
gdeiwpg@gmail.com
- 4) give through CanadaHelps.org

