

Participants in Sunday leadership for July & August, 2025

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Usher
July 6	Kim	Lexy	Ralph
July 13	Karen	Jennifer	Merv
July 20	Katharine	Monica	Jerry
July 27	Pam	Helen	Larry
Aug 3	Karen	Susan	Jerry
Aug 10	Cathy J.	Jennifer	Ralph
Aug 17	Pam	Monica	Larry
Aug 24	Cathy D.	Lexy	Jerry
Aug 31	Katharine	Monica	Merv

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

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on Treaty One territory, the homeland of the Red River Metis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinabeg, Ininiwak, Dakota Oyate, Anisninew, and Dene peoples.

We strive to be an open and affirming congregation to all, welcoming 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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*We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

ELW #659

Our Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada is divided into five regions, or "synods." So, we have six bishops (one national and one for each synod). At the recent MNO Synod / Diocese of Rupert's Land / Diocese of Brandon clergy Study Conference, our MNO Synod Bishop Jason spoke with our synod pastors and noted that, with some recent and upcoming retirements, we are going from having recently had – collectively – 71 years of experience among our bishops, by the end of the Summer, there will be 11 years of experience (of which our synod's bishop has seven!).

What does this mean? In short: we are in a time of change and transition. Additionally, you know of services of closure, recently, in our city and synod – congregations that are moving out of their buildings or needing to end their ministry in their neighbourhood.

We are all affected by this – we grieve with our siblings in Christ when they grieve, we feel the loss when our fellow human beings go through loss.

How do you cope with change?

I like the words of the hymnist – we're on a journey, and we support each other as we travel!

As we pivot, or adjust, or otherwise move into new times, reach out to others! Whether you're in need, or whether you perceive another's need, let's "walk the mile and bear the load" together. - *Pastor Tyler*

Dates to Note this Summer

Pastor Tyler will be away from the church the following weeks this summer:

- **July 10-13** @ ELCIC Convention (at U of M)
- **July 20-26** @ at Luther Village as Resource Pastor
- **July 27-August 10** — on holidays

While Pastor Tyler is away, we are blessed to have Rev. Mark Koenker preside at Gloria Dei on July 13, 20, 27, and August 3. Additionally, we will have a Service of the Word on August 10 lead by Jett Isleifson.

Contact our office with pastoral emergencies.

☞ The church office will be closed **August 27—September 3**.

YARD PARTY – “come and go” 2pm until 5pm on Wednesday, July 16 at Pastor Tyler’s home (*bring a lawn-chair if you have one!*)



MID-SUMMER MOVIES – 6:30pm on Tuesdays, August 12 and 19 at Pastor Tyler’s home (*one serious film, one silly one!*)

For more information, email pastorgdeiwp@gmail.com

Looking to the Fall

Starting Sunday, September 7, we will be lifting up the Season of Creation, alongside other observances:



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

- Sunday, September 7: Blessing of the Backpacks & Sundae Sunday
- Sunday, September 21: International Day of Prayer for Peace
- Saturday, October 4: Gloria Dei’s Autumn Afternoon Tea

Make sure you’re subscribed to our weekly e-news to stay up to date on everything Gloria Dei!

Going the Distance for The Urban

The Urban’s annual walk/ride fundraiser is back this fall! Join our fellow MNO congregations, and other friends’ of The Urban, for a morning of walking or bike riding, followed by a BBQ lunch.



Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025 (rain date: October 4)

Kick-off Location: Abundant Life Lutheran Church
(3486 Raleigh St., East St. Paul, MB R2E 1B9)

Registration Time: 9am for riders / 9:30am for walkers

BBQ Lunch: 12pm-1:30pm at Abundant Life

Assiniboine Park’s Summer Entertainment Series



The Summer Entertainment Series features musical performances at the Lyric Theatre and the outdoor Performance Garden at the Leaf, Jazz in the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, Movies in the Park, and Wellness Wednesdays!



These great events and performances are open to the public and FREE thanks to generous sponsorship and donor support.
<https://www.assiniboinepark.ca/events/summer-entertainment-series>

Manitoba’s Passion Play 25th Anniversary Season



The Manitoba’s Passion Play is a theatrical account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This one of a kind outdoor event is appropriate for all ages, and features a live orchestra. Come and celebrate the 25th season of the Passion Play this July!

Show dates—all beginning at 7:30pm

Friday, July 4 – Sunday, July 6

Friday, July 11 – Sunday, July 13

Ticket information is available on their website.

Location: Oak Valley Theatre, LaRivière, MB

(1km east of LaRivière on Highway 3)

www.passionplay.ca

“Every seed planted in faith offers the opportunity of expected and unexpected growth.” - Sundays and Seasons

Gloria Dei Birthdays Coming up this Summer

Darlene Wittenberg
Angeline Tober
Marvin Gerbrandt
Matthew Robinson
Blair Sachvie
Jaxon Budd
Christa Mardis
Scarlette Dorn
John Fritz
Audrey Lefort
Karl Oswald
Karen Isleifson Buechler
Grace Koshyk
Jett Isleifson
Monica Perron
Jim Snell
Don Meseman

Pastor Katharine Bergbusch
Pastor Tyler Gingrich
Deborah Judt
Ethan Sachvie
Taylor Romaniuk
Wendy Maes
Luther Judt
Pam Ring
Pastor Carol Janke
Carol Maruk
Dennis Bohn
Ruth Krentz
Molly Oswald
Marshall Pitz
Barb Isleifson
Linnea Pitz



From Council Chair, Monica...

(excerpt from letter sent in June)

At the AGM the congregation voted to create a “wish list”, to give your council the opportunity to name items that we would like to work towards purchasing/installing in the future. Here are our **wish list** items thus far:

- An outdoor digital sign
- Some new streaming cameras for the sanctuary
- Special lighting/AV equipment for the parish hall to enable it to become a concert venue of sorts
- A new(er) BBQ – **which we have now obtained through a generous donation**

Visioning for next year:

- 2026 will mark the **65th anniversary** of our congregation. Would you be willing to serve on an anniversary committee to help shape what a celebration of this milestone event might look like? Please reach out to the office to express your interest in participating.

ELCIC National Convention

July 10-13



The ELCIC National Convention is happening this July in Winnipeg! Over the span of the weekend, delegates, ministers, and Bishops from across Canada will gather at the University of Manitoba to worship, engage in fellowship, and discuss National Church business.

This year, attendees of the Convention are tasked with appointing a new National Bishop of the ELCIC, as our current Bishop, Rev. Susan Johnson, is set to retire upon the end of her term. The pre-identification process of Bishop candidates is now complete, and six individuals from across Canada (including two from Winnipeg!) have discerned they would like to proceed in the call for National Bishop. The names, biographies, and introductory videos for these individuals are available on the ELCIC's website.

May God's grace guide all candidates and voters as they embark upon the duty of electing the next National Bishop. <https://elcic.ca/national-convention/>

Gloria Dei's Year-to-Date Financial Report, as of May 30, 2025

YTD 2025 Overall Income = \$86,598.40
YTD 2025 Overall Expenses = \$86,268.55
Surplus = \$329.85

YTD 2025 Operating Income = \$80,536.58
YTD 2025 Operating Expenses = \$82,617.90
Deficit = \$2,081.32



(this does not include Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses)

YTD 2025 Budgeted Revenue = \$73,983.19
YTD 2025 Revenue = \$86,598.40
Deficit = \$12,615.21

YTD 2025 Budgeted Expenses = \$98,309.05
YTD 2025 Expenses = \$86,268.55
Surplus = \$12,040.50
(this does not include Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses)



Summer 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am-2pm		July 1 Canada Day	2	3 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji	4 Weekly e-news	5
6 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 4)	7 Pastor's Day Off	8	9	10 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji	11 Weekly e-news	12 
13 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 5) Rev. Mark Koenker	14 Pastor's Day Off	15	16 2:00-5:00 Come & Go Yard Party @ Pastor Tyler's Home	17 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji	18 Weekly e-news	19
20 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 6) Rev. Mark Koenker	21 Pastor Tyler on Holidays ->	22	23	24 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji	25 Weekly e-news	26
27 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 7) Rev. Mark Koenker	28	29	30	31 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji		
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3 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 7) Rev. Mark Koenker	4 Terry Fox Day	5	6	7 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji	8 Weekly e-news	9
10 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 9) Service of the Word	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 6:30- Mid-Summer Movie @ Pastor Tyler's Home	13	14 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji	15 Weekly e-news	16
17 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 10)	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 6:30 - Mid-Summer Movie @ Pastor Tyler's Home	20	21 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji	22 Weekly e-news	23 
24 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 11)	25 Pastor's Day Off	26	27 Church Office Closed	28 8:00 – Men's Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji	29 Weekly e-news Church Office Closed	30
31 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 12)	Important Dates: Pastor Tyler @ ELCIC Convention July 10-13; @ Luther Village July 20-26 Pastor Tyler on holidays July 27-August 10 Lexy on holidays August 27-September 3					