



newsletter
sharing the

good News

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FREED BY CHRIST, WE

**GATHER
GROW
GIVE
& GO**

ALL TO THE

**GLORY
OF GOD**

Worship Times

**Sat 5:00pm
Sun 9:00am
Sun 10:30am
Wed 6-6:30pm**
(Sept-May)

Church School
(Sept-May)

**Sun 9:20-10:05am
Sun 10:50-11:35am
Wed 4:00-5:00pm**

October 9 , 2017

Affirm: state as a fact; assert strongly & publicly

If you were asked to pick a bible verse(s) that was important to you, what it be, and why? This is one of the things we are asking of the freshman and sophomore students to do this fall as they prepare to be confirmed. I love either helping them discover a verse or two that speaks to them, or hearing their stories as to why they chose that verse, or verses. Our youth have amazing faith and it has been an honor to sit down with them. My faith is deepened, and I am renewed with each and every youth I get to meet with. I know all of the Pastors on staff feel the same way.

For the past 7 years in the fall I have been meeting with youth who are preparing to affirm their baptism. Confirmation, which is really Affirmation of Baptism, is a way for our youth to take ownership of their faith formation. They are affirming that they will continue in the covenant that God made with them in their baptism. They are affirming that they will:

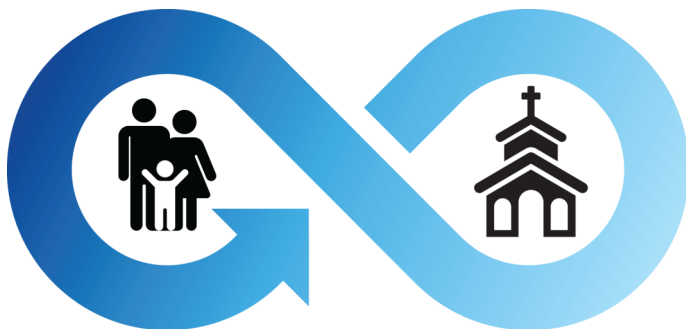
- Live among God's faithful people,
- Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,
- Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- Serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Each year as I go over these words with our confirmands, I think, aren't those great words for all of us! I daily need to be reminded to serve all people the way that Jesus served. My job, not just as a Pastor but as a Christian, is to proclaim the good news in word and deed. A lot of times the deeds and how I love others, being more important than my words.

As Lutherans we call this being washed daily in the waters of our baptism. We return to the font to remember that God has made a covenant with us. He always holds up His end of the deal. I on the other hand, need to be reminded and washed anew daily.

I hope you find freedom in this. God will never leave you or forsake you. You are a child of God now and forever. It is by His grace that we get to walk wet and live out our faith!

God Bless,
Pastor Sarah Goldammer



Check out page 4 for
more information.

Faithful from Generation to Generation

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith Life at gloria Dei

SERMON SERIES

2017-2018

Roots, Relevancy, Renewal
Luther's Small Catechism
Weekends: Sept 10 - Oct 15

The Gospel According to Luke
Wednesdays: Sept 13 - Dec 20

THIS WEEK OCT 9 - OCT 15

WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) 6:00pm

Wednesday Supper

Soft shell Tacos, dessert and beverage, \$3 per plate. Meal Punch Cards available for \$30 at Gloria Dei - perfect for kids, or families that don't carry cash!

Sunday Breakfast

Continental Breakfast 8:30-10:30am.
Pancakes and Sausage. Suggested Donation \$3 per plate. Coffee/Tea available in the Dei Café. All are welcome!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

contact: sarah.goldammer@gloriadei-sd.org
Find us on Facebook: @GloriaDeiMOPS. All moms of children not yet in kindergarten are welcome to be a part of this group. Next meeting Fri Oct 13, 9-11am Fellowship Hall

New Member Welcome

contact: darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org
New Member Welcome Weekend, Oct 14/15
www.gloriadei-sd.org/im-new/

OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)

Sun Oct 15, 11:30 am Room 123
(3rd Sunday of each month) Potluck Lunch; bring a dish to pass or just come. All 68+ and significant others are welcome!

SEE → Sunday Evening Pickleball

NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

GO: Serving at The Banquet

contact: chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org
Thurs Oct 19 The Banquet 8th & Indiana
VOLUNTEERS: currently we are "wait-listing" interested volunteers on the kiosk at church. Or call the office, 605-371-3737 Let's GO!

The Divorce C.A.S.T. (Called & Sent Team)

contact: judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org

Thurs, Oct 19 at 6:30pm, Room 123. All who are separated, divorced, or divorced and remarried are welcome. Child care provided with an earlier reservation, 605-371-3737

Family Movie Night - Despicable Me 2

contact: mmanderson@sio.midco.net
Fri Oct 20, Chapel, 5:30 Car Decorating | 6:30 Movie Starts. Come and make a "car" (decorated box) to sit in and watch the movie, or you can bring your own "car". Cars are not required. Friends welcome! Parents stay with children for this event.

Bloodmobile

contact: judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org
Sun, October 22 from 8:30-12:00 PM. Call church to schedule a time, or just stop by that day. Each day there are nearly 100 pints of blood used within our local area to treat patients in need. The Community Blood bank is the sole provider to our community hospitals. Your donation of blood directly ensures that blood is available and ready to save lives. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluid prior to the donation. Our goal is 25 units of blood from Gloria Dei.

Listening: The Art of Really Hearing

contact: darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org
Mon Oct 23, 1:30-3:30p Cookies, Coffee and Conversation Series Do you know how to listen...how to really hear someone's story? What prevents us from truly hearing? Experience how we can be present to those around us. Learn the basics of really listening with Linda Beckman. All are welcome!

WIT (Widows in Transition)

Tues Oct 24, 5:30pm at Market Grill HyVee 26th & Sycamore. This group is opportune for widows to meet, have fun and support one another as they live as single persons again. For questions or ride, contact Sheryl Curl, sacurl@aol.com

Book Group

contact: darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org
Thurs, Oct 26, 5:30- 7:00pm Fellowship Hall This month this group is reading "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck. All are welcome

Christmas Greenery

Sunday Oct 22 (last day to order) between

services. Order from Boy Scout Troop 371 in the Gathering Space and your greens will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

SIGN-UP (ONLINE / WELCOME CENTER)

GO: Nicaragua Mission Trip

contact: chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org
February 14-21, 2018

It's not too early to start giving this mission opportunity prayerful consideration. The deadline for deposits is Oct 29.

~ CHURCH SCHOOL* #soblessed

contact: sandy.berven@gloriadei-sd.org

2017-2018 - 3 Church School Options

Sunday 9:20 - 10:05am & 10:50 - 11:35am
Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00pm

CONFIRMATION

~ 9th / 10th Grade Service Time Sign-Up

10th grade Oct 28/29 & 9th grade Nov 4/5
We need Bible verses from all confirmands. If you have not yet told us your verse, please call this week, 605-371-3737

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

High Schoolers BALANCE

contact: sandy.berven@gloriadei-sd.org
High Schoolers-find your BALANCE at youth group each Wed, 6-8:30pm

Get to the Point with Pastor Chris - What is a Lutheran?

contact: chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org
If it's been a while since you sat in a confirmation class, or if you've never sat in one, this is your chance to get a quick 4 session, Get to the Point class, on what it means to be a Lutheran. Wed Nov 8, Sun Nov 12, Wed Nov 15, Sun Nov 19 (Wed time 6:30p-7:30p; Sun time 12p-1p)

6th/7th/8th Confirmation

contact: sarah.goldammer@gloriadei-sd.org
Every Wednesday beginning with 6pm Worship; large group and then small group. Monthly, 4th Wednesdays are mentor night.

Guitar Ensemble

contact: john.effinger@gloriadei-sd.org
Sundays 6-7pm Theater Room. New students welcome to join. Previous ensemble members encouraged to return. Guitars available to rent, if needed.

The Recovery Advocate Program w/ Communities Facing Addiction

www.gloriadei-sd.org/addiction

Working with other Lutheran Churches and Face It Together, we are working to create a culture of openness for those impacted by addiction. Contact our Advocates, listed online, or Pastor Bob O'Connor

Walking Souls - Walk with Martin Luther

contact: judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org

2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Walk with Martin Luther from Erfurt, Germany to Rome - all 826 miles, on your own or with a team. Regular reporting dates with educational and spiritually reflective emails to guide you.

Spiritual Growth Group

contact: judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org

contact: chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org

Sundays 7:30-8:30pm Spiritual Life: An invitation to Passion, Purpose and Joy.

This small group focuses on recognizing and listening to God's Spirit in your life. All are welcome. Come as you are able.

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Studies

Exercising Your Faith,

contact: judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org

Mondays, 5:15pm Join this 8 week study of *Living with God's Courage: Jesus Calling*.

Exercise and Bible Study good for your heart, mind, body and soul.

contact: darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org

"Gather" Tuesdays, 9:30am, Rm 123

Wednesday Women, 10:30am Rm 123

Men's Bible Study

contact: chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org

Wednesday 6:30am, Rm 123

Bible Study w/Pastor Tim

contact: darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org

Roots, Relevancy, and Renewal; connecting the dots with the Book of John. 6:30-8:00pm, on the first and third Thursday of each month. Location: Office Commons - All are welcome!

FYI

Music Ministry

contact: matt.walicke@gloriadei-sd.org

www.gloriadei-sd.org/music for age info

Bells / Tues 6:30pm

Youth Choir / Wed 4:15-5:00pm

Heavenly Harmonies / Wed, 5-5:30pm

GDei Choir / Wed 7-8pm

GRACE / Sun, 1-3:00pm (not all Sundays - see [online calendar](#) for exact dates / times)

All are always welcome to join music ministry, it's not too late. No experience necessary.

Morning Pickleball

contact Janine/Adrian Mohr;

jjam45@sio.midco.net

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:15-10:15am

→Sunday Evening Pickleball

Sundays 4:30-6:30pm *Beginning Oct 15th*

Thursday Night Pickleball 6:45pm

contact: brendaolson@sio.midco.net

Come as you can-we will teach you to play!

Quilting Ministry

The quilters provide quilts to local groups.

Dei Quilters contact: vpanders@q.com

Meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 9.00am.

Peace by Piece smileshiner@sio.midco.net

Meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm

GDei Library

contact: Laura at lruesch@sio.midco.net

Stop by. Check Out. Read/View. Return.

Repeat. There is an easy to follow self-checkout procedure posted on the desk.

GO: Turkey Baskets

contact: chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org

"Gobble 'til You Wobble" is what many people do over the Thanksgiving holiday. There is much to be thankful for, and family to celebrate with. But not everyone has the means to provide a big "Gobble 'til you Wobble" meal for their families. *This is where you come in:* Adopt a family and gather the fixings for a Turkey meal for them to prepare, then deliver the fixings early in the week, Thanksgiving week. Turkeys are provided. More details coming.

Gloria Dei Live on Facebook

Devotions Facebook Live every Monday, at 12:30pm. 'Like' us on Facebook to get info and pictures of Faith Life at Gloria Dei.

COMMUNITY

Reformation Worship - 500 years

Join members of the South Dakota Synod for an evening of worship, music, and celebration

as we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. All are welcome to attend this milestone in history.

Wednesday, November 1

Sioux Falls Arena • 1201 N. West Avenue

Doors open at 6:00 PM. Worship Begins at 7:00 PM, with prelude before. Information and tickets: sdsynod.org/reformation500/

Come and Sing! Hymn Festival Celebrates 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Sun Oct 29 3:00pm - First Lutheran Church Led by John Schwandt, associate professor of organ and director of the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma. A 100 -voice community choir, brass quartet, timpani, violin, and flute will join in supporting congregational song. Theological reflections offered by Steven Paulson, professor of systematic theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Following is a German-themed supper of bratwurst and German potato salad, \$5 per plate. The hymn festival is free and open to the public, but complimentary tickets are required. Tickets for the meal must also be reserved. Please reserve by Sun, Oct 22 by visiting or calling First Lutheran Church, or online ficsf.org/hymnfestival

Lecture and Prayer

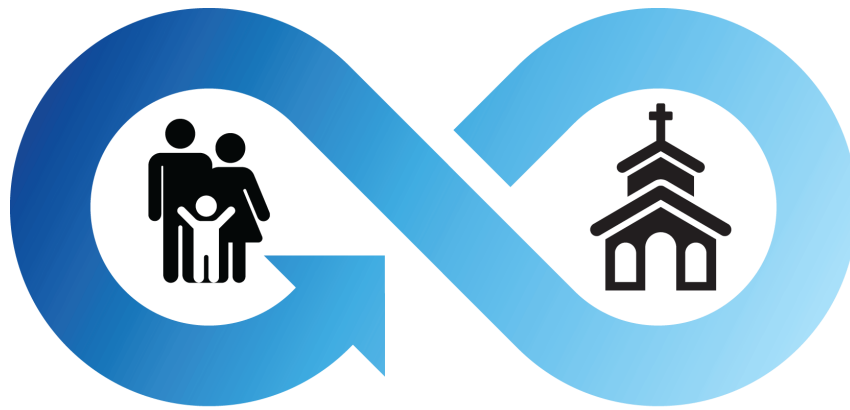
Wed Nov 29 7pm Chapel of Reconciliation, Augustana University

*Please see our [website](#) / [church calendar](#) for a complete listing of church events and details. Information subject to change.

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Oct 14/15: New Member Weekend
- ✓ Oct 28 & 29: 10th Grade Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Service
- ✓ Wed Nov 1: Reformation Worship at SF Arena (*no programming at gDei*)
- ✓ Nov 4 & 5: 9th Grade Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Service
- ✓ Wed Nov 22: Thanksgiving Eve Service
- ✓ Sun Nov 26: Advent Begins
- ✓ Sun Dec 10: Cantata
- ✓ Wed Dec 13: Children's Christmas Program
- ✓ Sun Dec 24: Christmas Eve

For scheduling information or event details, please refer to the [Complete Church Calendar](#) on our website or call us, 605-371-3737.



Faithful from Generation to Generation

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faithful from Generation to Generation Stewardship Campaign - *You are invited!*

As mentioned at services this past weekend, Gloria Dei will soon be conducting the *Faithful from Generation to Generation* Stewardship Campaign. The theme communicates our desire as a congregation to continue being faithful stewards of Gloria Dei to ensure its future for the next generation.

Over the next couple of weeks information will be provided about this effort in various ways. All members are invited to attend one Congregational Forum Gathering and the Social Gathering to learn about the stewardship effort, building mortgage update and vision for Gloria Dei's future:

Congregational Forum Gatherings: in the Office Commons following services on,

Saturday, October 14

Sunday, October 15

Saturday, October 21

Sunday, October 22

Congregational Social Gathering:

Callaway's (500 E 69th St. in Sioux Falls): Sunday, October 29 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

RSVP to Gloria Dei Office 605-371-3737 or Cheryl.McGuire@gloriadei-sd.org or on the Welcome Center

This is a special year as we are asking members to combine what they would typically give to the building mortgage into their stewardship commitment. We ask members to pray for God's guidance throughout this process as well as the stewardship committee and entire Gloria Dei community.