



newsletter
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good News

Freed by Christ, We Gather, Grow, Give, and Go All to the Glory of God!

GET OUT OF THE BOAT

A couple weeks ago I preached on Mark 1:16-20. It's the scene in Mark's Gospel where Jesus calls a few of his disciples, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. In keeping with Mark's style, the scene lacks a lot of detail. We're told that Jesus is walking along the shore, sees some men fishing in the boat, and shouts to them to follow him and he will make them fish for people.

As I mentioned in my sermon, these men have very little reason to trust this guy calling to them from the shore. Instead, what they do have to trust is the God who knows them. Even though they have no real way of knowing what is next for them as the get out of the boat, they are known by God. God knows every strength, every weakness, every sin, every moral victory, and everything about them. And because God knows, Jesus knows. And when Jesus calls, they follow. They trust and get out of the boat.

I revealed that I've had a lot of things in my life that have felt like I was trusting God with some unknown future. I've had a lot of things that have felt like I was getting out of the safety and comfort of my little boat and trusting that God knew what was best for me. It's not always been easy to get out of the boat, and sometimes I haven't and probably should have. But when I have, things have always turned out better than I could ever have imagined. God always knew me better than I knew myself.

So, as I asked in my sermon, what are some of the safe and comfortable places that you've been in for a long time? And what are the uncertain and unsteady things that God is calling you into? Where is God calling you to get out of the boat and follow Him?

In our little Mission and Outreach world here at Gloria Dei, we have a few new places that God is calling us to follow Him into. First, we are beginning our work with an Inmate Reentry Program through our ELCA prison congregation here in South Dakota. We're being called to accompany a Returning Citizen as he exits prison and seeks to rebuild his life outside the walls. Our dedicated and competent team needs your support and prayers for this very important ministry!

Second, we are in the beginning stages of dreaming up a mobile hair salon to reach a need here in Sioux Falls. Many who are homeless or jobless or even simply living on the edge of poverty, struggle with finding the money to get a haircut. We all know how good we feel when we have a nice haircut, how much dignity comes with something we too often take for granted. We received a generous \$10,000 gift to get us going on building and outfitting a trailer with a hair washing sink, salon chairs, counters and cabinets, mirrors, electrical and plumbing, and heating and air-conditioning. However, we're hoping to raise at least \$25,000 total to cover the build costs; as an aside, this does not include the operational costs of the trailer, including licensing and insurance. We're hoping that you'll step out of the boat and donate to keep this project moving forward. Talk to me if you'd like to make a gift. Think of the good God could do through all of us!!

Let's GO and get out of the boat, Gloria Dei!
Pastor Chris



Faith Life at gloria Dei

SERMON SERIES

The Way of Christ - The Gospel of Mark
Jan 6 - April 21, 2019

MON JAN 28 - SUN FEB 3

Sunday Breakfast - 8:30-10:30am
2/3 - French Toast and Ham
Coffee/Tea available in the Dei Café.

Wednesday Supper
5:00-5:50pm Fellowship Hall
1/30 - Spaghetti / Chicken Alfredo

Pray Boldly - Spiritual Growth Group
Tuesdays Jan 22 - Feb 12, 6pm at Gloria Dei
OR Wednesdays Jan 23 - Feb 13, 11:45am
at tre Ministries. Join us as we learn to Pray
Boldly using the book *The Circle Maker* by
Mark Batterson, available for \$8.79 at Gloria
Dei. Questions: [Judi Schwerin](#) or [Chris Zuraff](#)

**AirMadness - Confirmation Service Project
and Fellowship Event**
Wed Jan 30, 6:30-8:00pm at AirMadness in
Harrisburg. \$10 per student, complete online
waiver with AirMadness and pay money to
Gloria Dei by Mon Jan 28. Parent will
transport confirmands to and from event.

**Silent Auction High School Youth
Mission Trip Fundraiser**
Wed Jan 30 - Sun Feb 10 in the Gathering
Space -- now collecting donated silent auction
items; deliver items to Gloria Dei.
[contact: Sandy.Berven@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:Sandy.Berven@gloriadei-sd.org)

Book Group
Thurs Jan 31, 5:30-7:00pm Room 123
Book: *Long Way Home* by: David Laskin
All are welcome!
melissa.mckinney@gloriadei-sd.org

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
contact: sarah.goldammer@gloriadei-sd.org
Fri Feb 1, at 9-11am Fellowship Hall
Find us on Facebook: @GloriaDeiMOPS.
All moms of children not yet in kindergarten
are welcome to be a part of this group.
2018-2019 Theme Find Your Fire

Kid's Night Out
contact: msdayleenswanson@gmail.com
Fri Feb 1, 5:30-8:30pm \$20 first child, \$5
each sibling. Come for cheese pizza, games,
crafts, movies, and fun. Children up through
age 12 welcome! >>RSVP by Wed Jan 30<<
www.gloriadei-sd.org/kno or call church

Annual Report
[View 2018 Annual Report HERE](#)

Council Meeting Minutes
[View Council Meeting Minutes HERE](#)


NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND



Pickelball 101
Wednesdays 8:15-10:15am
Come and learn this fast-growing sport. All
are welcome, wear tennis shoes, additional
needed equipment will be provided. This is a
great chance to check out the sport!
contact: [Janine/Adrian Mohr](#)

**Dessert Social - Gloria Dei Young
Professionals & Friends**
Tues Feb 5, 5:30-7:30 Tre Ministries (33rd &
Minnesota Ave) Are all Welcome!
contact: [Erika Hessman](#) or [Sandy Berven](#)

OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)
Sun Feb 17, 11:30 am Room 123
(3rd Sunday of each month). The meal is
potluck, and this is a time for those 55 and
older to gather and share a good meal,
fellowship and celebrate the gift of years.

**The Divorce C.A.S.T. (Called and Sent
Team)** Thurs Feb 22, 6:30pm in Rm 123
All members and non-members who are
separated, divorced, or divorced and
remarried are welcome to attend.

**Mini-Marriage Retreat: Laugh Your Way to
a Better Marriage w/Mark Gungor**
Fri Feb 22, 6-8pm offsite at
JJ's Event Center | 3000 W 57th St
\$25 per couple includes, catered meal and
childcare at Gloria Dei from 5:30-8:30pm. 
Limited seating, so RSVP, indicate childcare
for number of children and their ages, and
submit payment today!

Membership?
New Member Mixer, Meal/Tour/Info 
Wed Feb 20, 5pm OR Sun Feb 24, 9:30am
Get to Know Your Dei
Sun Mar 3, 9:00-10:20am 
New Member Welcome Weekend
Sat Mar 9 and Sun Mar 10
Questions about membership or to let us
know you will be joining, please contact
[Melissa McKinney](#) or check out the 'I'm New'
section of our website.

GO: THEREFORE

GO:St. Francis House
[Sun Feb 3](#) 6:00-7:30pm. Sign-Up by clicking
date, or call church. Serve/clean-up a pre-
pared meal to the guests of St. Francis
House; 6-7 disciples serving each time.

GO: Food to You
[Thurs Feb 7](#), 4-7:30pm
Disciples needed to help distribute food at
Eastside Lutheran Church. Click date above
to sign-up or visit the kiosk in the Gathering
Space. >> *Now - Feb 4, collecting PASTA for
Food to You in the Gathering Space.*

**GO: Church on the Street - Health and
Healing Event**
Sat Feb 23, 1-3pm, First Lutheran Church
We are offering free haircuts, makeovers,
manicures, feet washing, blood pressure
screening, games, face painting and balloon
animals for the kids and a hot meal. *We are
looking for people willing and able to cut and
style hair.* Contact: Harriet [harrietatchurchon-
thestreet@gmail.com](mailto:harrietatchurchon-thestreet@gmail.com) or call 940-0090

GO:Hub
Stop by the GO: HUB in the Gathering Space
or visit www.gloriadei-sd.org/go-therefore
Join our closed facebook group #GONetwork,
to learn about more opportunities to serve.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

CHURCH SCHOOL
contact: lara.kvale@gloriadei-sd.org
Sun 9:20-10:05am & Sun 10:50-11:35am
Wed 4:00-5:00pm

>> **2018-2019 Church School Registration**
cyf.gloriadei-sd.org/church-school-registration

6th/7th/8th Confirmation

contact: sarah.goldammer@gloriadei-sd.org
Wednesdays beginning with 6pm Worship,
followed by large group, then small group.

>> 2018-2019 Confirmation Registration
cyf.gloriadei-sd.org/confirmation

>>6th Gr Confirmation Camp Registration
June 9-14, 2019 or June 23-28, 2019
[Register Online ToDaY!](#)

High School Youth Group

contact: Sandy.Berven@gloriadei-sd.org
Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm - Youth Room
Attend 6pm worship, then hang in the youth
room, have snacks, play games, work on
homework, with friends. Bible study and small
groups from 7:30-8:30pm. All Are Welcome!

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. Confidentially contact our
Advocates listed online, or [Judi Schwerin](#)

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Studies

📖 **Exercising Your Faith**
contact: judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org
Mondays, 5:15pm Book: *Leading A Joy-Filled
Life* by Sarah Young

📖 "Gather" Tuesdays, 9:30am, Rm 123
contact: judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org

📖 **Wednesday Women in the Word-AM**
10:30am Chapel contact: [daricere-
nae@midco.net](mailto:daricere-nae@midco.net)

Book: Max Lucado's *A Love Worth Giving*.
We will study how to live in the overflow of
God's love for us. This study uses parts of 1
Corinthians and Romans. All Are Welcome!
>>Next book: *Before Amen*, Max Lucado
intro Wed Feb 13, study begins Wed Feb 20
in Room 123 - books at Crossroads

📖 **Wednesday Women in the Word-PM**
6:30-7:30pm Gloria Dei Library
>>Book: *Before Amen*, Max Lucado
Study begins Wed Feb 20 in Gloria Dei Li-
brary - books at Crossroads

📖 Men's Bible Study

contact: chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org
Wednesday 6:30am, Rm 123

📖 Couples Bible Study

2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm 🙏
Have you been looking for a way to grow in
your faith with your significant other? Come
give our new bible study a try. We'll gather in
the office conference room for casual conver-
sation around the scripture heard in worship.
Childcare available with RSVP, contact
church office.

📖 The Gospel of Mark, Thursday Nights with Pastor Tim

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30pm
All Are Welcome! Come as you are able.

FYI

Gloria Dei Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8am - 4:30pm
Friday: 8am-2pm

Music Ministry—All Are Welcome

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)
No experience necessary.

Guitar Ensemble

contact: john.effinger@gloriadei-sd.org
Beginning Students: Sundays 6-7pm.
Returning/Experienced Students: Sundays 7-
8pm. Previous ensemble members encour-
aged to return. Guitars available to rent, if
needed.

Gloria Dei Preschool '19-'20

Registration is now open for '19-'20
contact: sharon.claude@gloriadei-sd.org
Info Online: www.gloriadei-sd.org/preschool

The Food C.A.S.T. gathers to prepare meals
that are frozen and then brought out to
members and friends who are in need of a
prepared meal-such as a family with a new
baby, a person who is recovering from
surgery, or someone who has had a death in

the family. This ministry makes sure that
freezer #8 is stocked with nourishing meals
that embody the care of the community. *You
are welcome to take a meal to someone you
know at any time.*

Quilting Ministry

The quilters provide quilts to local groups.
Dei Quilters contact: vpanders@g.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

Pickleball

Come as you can-we will teach you to play!
>>Tues/Thurs Morning, 8:15-10:15am
contact: [Janine/Adrian Mohr](#)
>>Thursday Night, 6:45pm
contact: brendaolson@sio.midco.net
>>Sunday Evening, 4:30-6:30pm
contact: [Janine/Adrian Mohr](#)

GDei Library

contact: Laura at luesch@sio.midco.net
Stop by. Check Out. Read/View. Return.
Repeat. There is an easy to follow self-
checkout procedure posted on the desk.
[Library Newsletter - December 2018](#)

Past Newsletters

www.gloriadei-sd.org/newsletter

Thankful and Generous Hearts 2019 - Estimate of Giving Cards

It is never too late to turn in your 2019
Estimate of Giving Card. Mail, deliver, or
place yours in the offering plate. Contact the
office if you need an estimate of giving card.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vacation Bible School

June 10-14, 2019

With Every Act VI-Tennessee

July 8-15, 2019

NeSoDak Day Camp

July 29 - Aug 1, 2019

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

WOMEN IN THE WORD now in the AM and PM!

"The Power of Simple Prayer" using Max Lucado's *Before Amen*, will focus on what the Bible says about our prayer life and how to recognize when God is speaking to us.

Wednesdays 10:30-11:30am OR Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm
beginning February 20

Books available at Crossroads. Please join us and bring a friend!
Contact: [Melissa McKinney](mailto:Melissa.McKinney@gloriadei-sd.org)



GENESIS TO REVELATION IN 2019 APP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Download YouVersion Bible App on your device (Apple or Android)
2. Open app and create account
3. Select 'Plans' from the Home/Read/Plans/Explore/More options
4. Select 'Through the Bible'
5. Select 'Whole'
6. Select 'Canonical'
7. Begin reading your plan

If you'd like, share your email with Melissa.McKinney@gloriadei-sd.org
and you will receive periodic emails .

Paper copies of these instructions are also available at church
or online at www.gloriadei-sd.org/bible-studies