

# A Joyful Word

## Gloria Dei

### Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER, 2025 NEWSLETTER

Gloria Dei Folk:

As we rush rapidly into fall and what follows (sorry can't say the word w----- just yet!) it always amazes me how much change we see all around us. On my morning bus route, the incredible fall colors seem to change by the day. What beauty and transformation God has weaved into the world that is all around us.

By the time you receive this, we will be past the celebration of Reformation Sunday. For we Lutherans, and most other Protestants, it is a day that celebrates change. The change that happened in the world in the early 16th century, as well as the change that God wrought in the awakening of many to the knowledge that God is a God of grace and not wrath; of acceptance and not judgment.

We certainly could use a renewal and rebirth of that awareness in the world in which we live and move and have our being. There seems to be so much turmoil, anger, and disagreement. My continual prayer is for change. Change that unites and unifies rather than divides; change that brings about love rather than hate.

I enjoy poetry. A Canadian poet I recently discovered wrote the following about change:

“Change” by Ullie Kaye

If you have encountered too many wolves in life, become a shepherd.

If you have encountered too much loss in life, become a guide.

If you have encountered too much pain in life, become a healer.

If you have encountered too much hatred in life, embody compassion.

May we always aim to be the very things that our hearts and souls seek.

Hurricanes to hillsides. Wilderness to waters. Fires to fragrant fields.

This is where we find comfort; knowing that inside us all, is the capacity to love.

And where love resides, there is the courage to change.

Peace & prayers,

Pastor Ted Kerr

Diane and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the cards, gifts, and expressions of appreciation on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We are so grateful for your prayers and support in this ministry that we share together.

## **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Ken Knorp, Debbie Brighton, Bonnie Little, Nancy, Margaret Hern, Sharon, Dakota Courington, Randy Tripp, Sherrill, Pat Sturk, Pam Brakke, Duane Borsvold, the people of the Ukraine, and the Mideast, and those impacted by wildfires, earthquakes and tornadoes.

## **Bishop Kreiss' Visit**

Bishop Kreiss led worship on October 12<sup>th</sup> while Pastor Ted and Diane were on vacation. A special coffee hour took place to honor his visit.

## **Lessons for November**

November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1: 11-23
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Job 19: 23-27a, Psalm 17: 1-9, 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Malachi 4: 1-2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1: 11-20
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 2: 1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13: 11-14

## **Thanksgiving Service**

Our Thanksgiving service this year will be held here at Gloria Dei on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM. We will be joined by the congregations of First Presbyterian and Tecumseh United Methodist churches.

## **Opportunities for Fellowship**

Men's Breakfast:	Meets at Big Boy every Thursday at 7:00 AM
Ladies' Lunch:	Meets at Big Boy every Thursday at noon
Theology on Tap:	Meets at Danley's every fourth Monday at 6:00 PM

## **German Potluck**

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we gathered to celebrate Oktoberfest as we shared and sampled German dishes, as well as homemade German beer! A free will offering was collected for Mwanza, the program we support in Tanzania. Thanks to everyone who participated and had a great time – we raised \$600!

## **Social Outreach News**

Thank you for your support of the Share the Harvest Food Collection for the holiday food boxes given out by the Methodist Church food pantry.

Our congregation collected the following:

68 boxes of stuffing	38 boxes of crackers
55 cake mixes	100 cans of vegetables
107 muffin and cookies mix	47 nuts, fruits and raisins
76 cans pie filling	

Last week the pantry provided food for 56 households. Gloria Dei's donation will go a long way towards filling the Holiday food boxes.

## **Calling All Veterans!**

If you are a veteran please come to our lunch to honor you on Monday, November 10th in Luther Hall. Bring a guest along as we share stories and reflect on your service. It's our way of saying THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! Call the church office to let us know you can come.

## **Help Encourage Our College Students and Service Members**

Please support our college students and service members with prayer and cards. Mailings may be sent directly to them at the following addresses:

Aubrey Baur  
1931 Duffield Drive  
Hamilton 4007, Bursley  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Elise Kruse  
906 S.University Avenue  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

If you have family members away at school or in the military, or know of others who might appreciate an encouraging note, please send their addresses to the church office.

## **Trunk or Treat**

October 26th was a big hit with a number of cars decorated and church members dressed in costumes passing out treats. Cider and donuts were also served by our youth group.

## **Youth Group Game Day**

Plan on joining us on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Youth Group Game Day from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Bring a favorite game and a dessert to share. Pizza and drinks will be provided, and friends are welcome.

## November Birthdays

Anne Adesso	November 1	Sherman Garner	November 15
Peter Longabaugh	November 3	Katy Ford	November 18
Susan Van Buhler	November 3	Kristin Longabaugh	November 18
Gwen Cousineau	November 7	Jan Salsberry	November 21
Brian Sosko	November 10	Sharon Hale	November 24
Butch Gordon	November 12	Susie Hamilton	November 26
Darrell Eaton	November 15		

### Did You Know...

Those of us born in the 30's to the 60's are the last generations who played in the street. During our childhood we "walked" over a mile a day when we played with friends, and played hide and seek outside at night with no worries or fear of anything bad happening to us.

We are the first generation who played video games and the last to record songs off the radio onto a cassette tape. We learned how to program a VCR before anyone else, we were the first to play from Atari to Nintendo...We are the generation of Tom & Jerry, Looney Tunes, and Captain Kangaroo. We traveled in cars without seat belts or air bags, lived without cell phones and caller ID. We did not have fax machines, flat screens, surround sound, iPads, Facebook, Twitter, computers or the internet. And through it all, we had a great time!

### Sign Outside Royal Oak Missionary Church

"Let's Meet at My House Before the Game Sunday" – God

**Happy Thanksgiving!**