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Gloria Dei Gazette

Loved by God to serve all

A Note from Pastor Denise

Goodbye to Summer and Hello Fall! Everything Changes but God Remains the Same

We have had quite a summer with ups and downs across our church family. We began with swimming at Gaither Pool followed by Prayer in the Park with water balloon fights. We ate tacos at Family Promise Night. August kicked off with outdoor worship at the Arnold's and concluded with a wonderful camping weekend in the sun at Vista Park.

Now its time to bring in the harvest, put up the canning, park the RV, and prepare for the lovely colors of Fall. In worship we will change up our confession and forgiveness and move to setting five entitled "Bread of Life" in the blue worship handbook.

Even with all the changes, we remain in "Ordinary Time" in the church year as we finish out the Gospel of Luke. We have opportunities for fellowship with "Craft and Sip" and potlucks. Council will consider what it takes to be a Red Cross emergency shelter and Bible Studies will resume. October brings a Harvest Dinner on the 19th and Reformation Sunday on the 26th. All Saint's Day on November 2nd (and Day Light Savings Time ends.) Finally, we prepare for our Winter Bazaar on Nov 30th as we begin Advent!

We know from Ecclesiastes chapter 3 that "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:..." But the hope and joy that we have is this; though things change, God remains the same. Psalm 102:25-27 (NRSVUE):

²⁵ Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

²⁶ They will perish, but you endure;
they will all wear out like a garment.

You change them like clothing, and they pass away,

²⁷ but you are the same, and your years have no end.

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A Note from Pastor Denise continued...

Knowing that God remains the same is a great sense of comfort during times of change. God remains our rock and our shelter, reminding us of God's steadfast, unconditional, love for each of us.

Isaiah 54:10 (NRSVUE):

10 For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Have a Blessed Autumn,
Pastor Denise

Thank You!

I want to share our heartfelt thanks for all the support we received from Gloria Dei Angels. I know that Norm and I will have enough wood for the winter. The cookies, pie, and casserole got us through. We love all of you.

Thank you,
Pastors Norm and Denise

September 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Prayer @ 10:00 in Library | 5 Paint & Sip 5:30 in the fellowship hall | 6 |
| 7 Rally Day after church Riverside Park | 8 | 9 | 10 Wisdom Keepers 12 noon – bring sack lunch | 11 Prayer @ 10:00 in Library The Chosen Bible Study 5:30 pm | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Council Meeting after service | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 CCC @ 9:00 Prayer @ 10:00 in Library The Chosen Bible Study 5:30 pm | 19 | 20 Men’s Breakfast 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall |
| 21 Sunday School Training right after service | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Prayer @ 10:00 in Library The Chosen Bible Study 5:30 pm | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 FISH | 30 FISH | | | | |

Volunteering for Children's Sunday School.

On Sunday the 21, following Worship Jaws and Jackie will be giving a quick training to help volunteers for Sunday School. They will show you the video clips, the codes for the craft locks, and let you know how much fun it is to work with the children.



Gloria Dei Camp Out 2025



September Birthdays

07 – Odin Walther
08 – Carla Smith
12 – Asher Dixon
27 – Roger Amundson



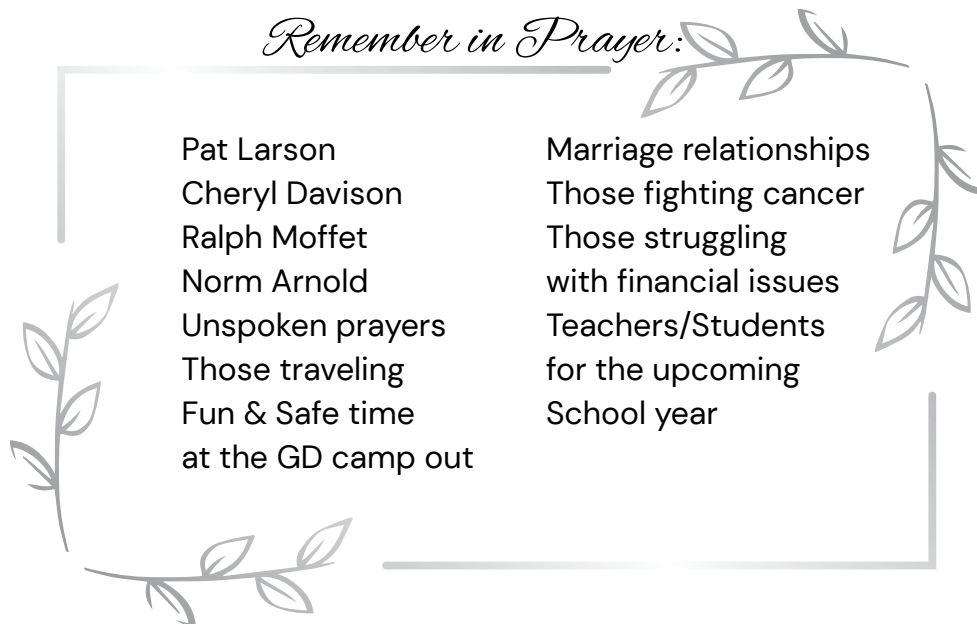
Join us for Thursday Evening Bible Study 5:30 pm Beginning Sept 11-Oct 30th.

We are in Season 5 of the Chosen, entitled, "The Last Super." It begins with Jesus angry at the money changers in the temple. We will be using a Bible Study from Victory Lutheran Church out of Mesa, AZ. They have graciously offered up the pdf's <https://victorylutheran.com/the-chosen/> The study will go for eight weeks, concluding before All Saints Day Nov 1. It is a causal meeting, watching the episode, followed by a bible reading, discussion, and prayer. Sometimes we are lucky and Jaws shows up with popcorn.

Looking to add something to the Newsletter?

Please send submissions to the Gloria Dei email prior to the 22nd of each month. Except for Feb, submissions need to be received by Feb 20th.

Remember in Prayer:



Save The Date

The family of Ron Schauer invite friends who remember Ron to a "Celebration of Life" gathering on Saturday, October 4th beginning at 1 pm, at St. Stephens Episcopal Fellowship Hall. We will share stories and memories as we honor Ron.

Peace and Love,
Pat

Great Bargains – Great Cause

Huge sale in the Gloria Dei Fellowship Hall on Saturday September 13th from 9 am –4 pm. All money raised will go to Scholarships for young women.

Thank you for your help.
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Sharing Gloria Dei Scholarship Updates

September, 2025

Cathy Halverson, Jocelyn Price, and Deborah Burns have been given the privilege to experience the journey of our scholarship recipients. The summer of 2025 brought these encouraging thoughts and experiences from Sami Masiarek, from the University of Washington, and Susan Somers from Concordia University.

*Susan Somers is the daughter of Candace and Rocky Kolberg

My first term of nursing school is coming to an end and I made it through! It was harder than I could've imagined but I persevered and I feel more confident as a result. The first term classes are Fundamentals of Nursing, Health Promotion and Assessment, Pharmacology, along with 4 additional lab simulation and clinical classes. For clinical, we worked at a skilled nursing facility that served a low-income population and I was able to learn a lot about disease processes and pathologies. The wound care was of particular interest to me, as it seems to be a barrier to people regaining their health and going back home. At this point in the process, I'm still determining what kind of nurse I want to be, but I continue to be compelled towards home health care, where I travel to different patients' homes and assess and treat them in order to help them stay at home. Helping to extend years at home and preserving one's autonomy and dignity is something I feel strongly about. I also feel a call towards hospice nursing. Next term I'll be taking pathophysiology and theology. I just received the highest score on my exam. I'm so very grateful for all the support. It means so much, you have no idea.

Susan Somers

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Sharing Gloria Dei Scholarship Updates

Sami Masiarek is the daughter of Lindsey and Matt Masiarek, granddaughter of Chuck and Cheryl Davison.

This portion below has been taken from July 2025, and her many letters she sends. See them posted in the narthex – Namely the COIN posted with her last letter.

About the coin in the envelope....During my freshman orientation I was given this coin. On the coin is an image of four columns, each representing a pillar of the University: loyalty, industry, faith, and efficiency. These columns reside on campus in Sylvan Grove, next to Rainier Vista and just past Drumheller Fountain. It is traditional to begin your freshman year by touching the column that represents the pillar of the University. you want to embody most during your time at UW, I chose efficiency. It is also tradition to give the coin to someone who supported you throughout your transition to UW and helped you embody your chosen pillar upon the completion of your first year. It took me very little thought to decide that I wanted to give Gloria Dei my own. Writing letters every month has kept me efficient. I wanted to make sure that I had new memories, accomplishments, and future events to share in my letters. I used the letters as a check list to keep me on track to make the most out of my first year. Additionally, my transition to a completely new environment was made much easier knowing that you all had my back along the way. I could feel your support not only through the generous scholarships I received this academic year and have been gifted for the next, but also your through your thoughts. It's as if you are all right here cheering me on. Thank you so so so much for your generosity and kindness. I look forward to sending more letters and updates over the summer and into the next year.

Sami Masiarek
