

Observer

October/November
Newsletter of
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*Together in Christ,
We worship, We grow, We serve.*

WORSHIP SERVICES

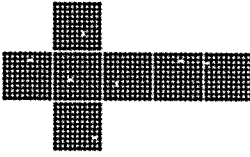
Fall/Winter/Spring
Sunday~ 8:00 am
10:30 am
SpiritEd / Sunday School—9:15 am

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
MAY 28~SEPTEMBER 3
Sunday~ 9:00 am

JACOBSVILLE CHAPEL SERVICES
JUNE 18~AUGUST 27
7:00 pm

GOD'S GREAT MERCY

BECAUSE OF



GREAT MERCY

a stewardship program for our congregation

October, 2023

Friends in Christ, grace and peace be with you.

Often, congregations have stewardship conversations in the fall. It has been a few years since Gloria Dei has had a stewardship emphasis, but they are important for the life and ministry we share together as we recognize God's active presence amongst us.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year.

The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is I Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title "Because of God's Great Mercy." God has made us God's own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian's life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to Gloria Dei is an important part of our Christian faith, and how Gloria Dei uses our offerings to do God's work within the congregation's walls, in our community, and around the world.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will ask you to do two things. First, to look at your giving as a percentage of your income, and seeing if you can increase that by 1/2 of 1% of your income. Second, you will be asked to consider using an automatic funds transfer program that Gloria Dei already has in place for your giving.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will use mail, e-mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please be on the lookout for these communications.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our ministry together in response to God's great mercy for us!

Pastor Brahm



Food Pantry News

The number of visitors using the pantry has greatly decreased the past few years, with last year experiencing fewer than 3 persons per month.

We remain very appreciative of the congregation's generosity.

We are in need of: Hamburger Helper (or similar), baking items (flour, sugar, cake mixes), condiments, salad dressings, dish/laundry soap personal hygiene items, and toilet paper.



Mitten Alert!

The Jeanne Kotila Memorial Mitten Tree will be up in the Narthex from Sunday, November 26 thru Sunday, Dec. 10. The week of Dec. 11. we will bring the donations to individuals, charities and schools for distribution. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.



Please, Sign In:

Just a reminder: for those attending Sunday worship to please sign in. The sign-in sheet is located on the Welcome Center in the Narthex. This form will be replacing the Friendship Cards that used to be located at the end of the pews. Please take time either prior or after service to sign in. Thank you!

Address Changes:



Please let the church office know if you have a change of address so you will get your Observer and other mail! Thanks!

Happy Birthday!

October: 5: Vi Norkol

6: Karen Jarvis

11: Glenn Anderson, Lillyana Birondo, Tom Oldfield

12: Marlena King

13: Noah Kinnunen, Ruth Ann Smith

15: Avaline Klein

19: Agnes Karkkainen

21: Jamie Johnson, Roger Maki, Marian Peltier

25: Renee Butkonen

28: Jack Kotila

November: 4: Jim Barroga, Chloe Hohnholt

6: Alivia Baril

7: Rachel Huotari

9: Bob Hodges, Jane Markkanen

10: Lily Ross

16: Bob Garnell

17: Maryann Wanhala

22: Olivia Hohnholt

23: Nancy Birando, John Butkonen

28: John Drake

29: Roger Rintala.



Happy Anniversary!

October: 12: Ruth Ann & Stephen Smith

13: Mary Lou & Glenn Anderson, Julie & Willie Ross

19: Karen & Brian Jarvis

November: 20: Bonnie & Ed Longenecker

22: Brita & Greg Odegard

23: Ruth & Glen Archer

29: Marja & Rick Salani

Observer Deadline

The next Observer will be December/January issue! The deadline for inclusion will on November 18. Thanks!

In Person Worship Sundays at 8 & 10:30 am. With Live Stream at 8 am and later online.

Recent Pastoral Acts

Funeral: Margaret Lindeman, September 7, 2023

Memorials:

Margaret Lindeman: Carole Ahola, JJ, Janelle & Families, Charlene Ahola, Jean Hiltunen, Carol Henderson, Jane Berner, Barbara Jukuri, Dave & Judy Marke, Martha Dickson, Jim & Chris Lickman, Dolores Romano, Rod & Carol Lindrus, Darlene Siekas, MaryAnn & Dave Quayle, Bruce & Carol Ragusett, Sue Huff, Carol Erickson, Avie Powell, Anneille Engel, Kernie Benson, Kevin & Donna Ruohonen, George & Judy Bill, Dorothy Mattson, Pete Perola, Gary, Julie, Liisa & Helmi Beck, Darene Sibilsky, Jason Auel, Karen Palmer, Bob & Bev Auel, John & Carol Henderson, Eric & Kim, David & Tracey, Mary Ann Yajana & Marian Mattila, Vi Norkol, Gerry & Nancy Perreault.

Al Gebeau: Norma Nominelli, Bertha Maki, Darlene Sibilsky, Fayth Wolf.

Bus Drivers needed:

Please let the office know if you are willing and able to help. 482-2381.

Our Little Library:

Thank you to all who have made our little library a success. We are in the process of organizing it to make topics easier to find!

The Faith in Action Team

enrolled Gloria Dei in Tadych's MarketPlace Grocery Receipt program. A collection container is on the shelf in the coat room. We will be collecting Tadych's MarketPlace receipts and twice a year will submit them to the store. They will pay 1% of the total back to Gloria Dei. The proceeds of this program will be used to fund various projects of the church. Please consider supporting this program with your Tadych's MarketPlace receipts.

Let's Eat Community Meals:

Third Sundays, October 15 at Church of the Resurrection, Hancock and November 19 at Holy Trinity, Chassell from 4-5 pm. All are welcome to the meal and there is no charge. Dine in preferred, take-out available!

Visitors Needed:

If you have time and like to visit, we have homebound members who would appreciate a visit/phone call. Call the office for details 482-2381.

Gloria Dei Congregation Council

Glenn Anderson, Kathy Goulette, Zach Halkola, Shannon Handler, Courtney Hohnholt, Brian Jarvis, Dolores Kilpela, Jen Mattila and Tom Oldfield.

Ladies Luncheon:

Ladies Luncheon on Thursday, October 5 at noon at Eagle Harbor Inn in Eagle Harbor. Bus leaves at 11:00. Call Gladys Brownlee or Karen in the office at 906-482-2381 to RSVP. All are welcome to attend!



TIME CHANGE

Sunday, November 5 Turn your Clocks BACK 1 hour

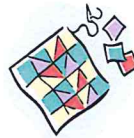
2024 Budget requests are due in the office by Nov. 1

Vanco Mobile App

This is an app driven giving opportunity powered by Vanco Faith (Simply Giving). You can use your smart phone or tablet. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play. Search for a church in Hancock, Michigan. (If you search Gloria Dei, the list is LONG), and you can donate using your credit card or your checking account. You can set it up to give one time or every week/month. There is also a link on our web site.

QUILTERS' CORNER:

Meet on Tuesdays from noon to 4 pm. All are welcome. Drop in for the time you have. We make simple straight line sewing quilts. No experience necessary. We offer a **Quilt-To-Go Program** for those who would like to sew at home. *If you would like to sew at home call the office to arrange pick up of quilt tops and simple directions. 482-2381.*



Painting Restoration

Gloria Dei Memorials Team has authorized the establishment of a new Memorial Fund titled "Restoration of the Transfiguration Painting". This creates a new gifting opportunity for a memorial in Memory or In Honor of someone or some event the gifter chooses. The painting was created for the Holy Trinity (Scandinavian Lutheran Church) of Quincy Hill by local painter Matti Fredd in 1895 and now needs to be restored before being displayed at Gloria Dei. Gifts should be sent to the secretary at Gloria Dei, designated for the Painting Restoration.



Fortune Lake Happenings

Nature Inspired Fall Wellness Retreat. September 14-17
Fall Fest Quilt & Fine Arts Auction, October 7, 2023
Solid as A Rock Retreat: October 20-21 (Grades 3-6)
Register On-Line at www.Fortunelake.org.

Operation Christmas Child



Boxes need to be turned in to the office by Sunday, November 12 for delivery to Dollar Bay that week. There are boxes and tags available at Church. Or call the office to make arrangements to get yours. We are in need of someone to transport boxes to Dollar Bay, call the office if you can help out.

All Saints Day Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023

*Those members who have been called
to church triumphant since last year!*

- ❖ *Lucille Paavola* ❖ *Charlie Streicher* ❖
- ❖ *Ray Marttila* ❖ *Al Gebeau* ❖
- ❖ *Margaret Lindeman* ❖

Please call the office by October 30 with names of anyone else who has passed away in the last 3 years that you would like to have remembered on All Saints Day. If you have a picture that you would like us to use for remembrance, email them to the office or bring in a photo (it will be returned).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Christian Education 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	2 Pr. Brahm's day off 4:30 pm Tops	3 12 Quilters 5:30 pm Habitat 7 pm Boy Scouts	4 5:45-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	5 11:00 Bus leaves for luncheon 12 Noon: Ladies Luncheon at Eagle Harbor Inn, Eagle Harbor 1 pm Mahjong 6 pm Book Study 6 pm Noteworthy	6	7
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8:00 am Lector	John Vaara	Julie Beck	Travis Hanson	Dianne Johnson	Dave Strong
8:00 am Communion Assistant	John Vaara	Julie Beck	Travis Hanson	Dianne Johnson	Dave Strong
8:00 am Usher Team	John Vaara Phil Quenzi	Bruce Ragusett Carol Ragusett	Tom Oldfield Pat Oldfield	Don Juntunen Bill Lohela	David Strong Al Kempainen Dave Kumlin
10:30 am Lector	Dave Ruhman	Shannon Handler	Chris Hohnholt	Doug Hamar	Laurel Roehm
10:30 am Communion Assistant	Neil Ahola Jen Mattila Glenn Anderson	Chris Hodges Liz Siivola Shannon Handler	Ann Anderton Mary Brunet Courtney Hohnholt	Zach Halkola Brian Jarvis Shelby Hamar	Dolores Kilpela Maija Stadius Neil Ahola
10:30 am Usher Team	Rich/Karen Brooks Steve/Jane Zutter Todd Bessner Eric Seagren	Neil Ahola Carole Ahola Chris Ahola	Wayne Stordahl Brian Jarvis David Hughes Lennon Hughes	Mark Halkola Zach Halkola Seth Halkola Noah Halkola Laurel Roehm	George Stockero Shari Stockero Greg Markkanen Gladys Brownlee Doug/Shelby Hamar
Bus Driver	Stephen Smith	Scott Pietila	Dave & Lisa Ruhman	Stephen Smith	Gary Kilpela

Altar Guild

October:

Marie Laitinen
Karen Brooks

November:

Marie Juntunen
Ruth Ann Smith

December:

2-23: Deb Vaara
Marja Salani
24-31: Maija Stadius
Chris Hodges
Dianne Johnson

Bread Bakers

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Myrna Gondek

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Faithful Giving	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
2023	March	April	May	June	July	August
Attendance	582	582	439	419	592	460
Target Offerings	19,583	19,583	19,583	19,583	19,583	19,583
Actual Offerings	18,227	14,766	18,227	19,153	17,894	16,929
Target Offer. 2022	18,567	18,567	18,567	18,567	18,567	18,567
Actual Offer. 2022	21,598	21,118	19,192	18,048	12,579	19,351