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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Highland, Indiana

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The Rev. Harold E. Koch, editor

OUR MISSION IS NAMED: GLORIA DEI

At its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 1, the Steering Committee considered the names submitted by members of the congregation and voted to name the soon-to-be-organized congregation Gloria Dei Lutheran Evangelical Church.

How do you pronounce it? "Glo-ri-a Day-ee" Try it three times aloud and you will have no further trouble.

What does it mean? "To the glory of God." Certainly this is a fitting name for a congregation that has been blessed so richly by God in all areas of endeavor. Our name now gives us a proper orientation and lets the community know that we are committed to "do all to the glory of God." To Him alone be praise!

Why the order in full name? This follows the sequence in name of new merged Church that will become a reality in '62, The Lutheran Evangelical Church in America (IECA). We are the Lutheran part of the Evangelical (Gospel-believing and Gospel-preaching) Church in America. The name gives a greater sense of oneness with our fellow Christians.

Will we use the full name? No, before the public we will use Gloria Dei Lutheran Church; in official communications we will use the full name.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church - it comes easier already, doesn't it? As one man said last Monday, "It grows on you."

CHARTER TO BE OPENED MARCH 13

Three months to the day from the first Service on December 13 we will open the Charter for the signatures of those intending to unite with us as charter members. A portion of this day's Service will be given to affixing names on the charter. This will be a momentous day and one that will long be remembered. Plan now to be in attendance on March 13 and have a part in this glorious occasion. The charter will remain open until noon of Saturday, April 9 by which time we expect to have at least 150 signatures.

ORGANIZATION DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 10.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS SCHEDULE

Sessions V and VI of the current series of instruction will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 7 and 14 in the Highland Christian School. The subjects are: 2/7, The Sacraments and Stewardship, and 2/14, The Lutheran Church and Our Congregational Life. All who are planning to unite with us, including those from Lutheran churches, are expected to attend the last two sessions.

Another series of instruction classes will begin at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 1960 in the parsonage and will continue for six consecutive Tuesday evenings. Special make-up sessions will be scheduled for those who miss any of the sessions.

Topics to be discussed are:

- March 1 - The Ten Commandments, and Christianity and Life
- March 8 - The Apostles Creed, and Missions
- March 15 - The Lord's Prayer, and Worship (The Service)
- March 22 - The Holy Scriptures, and Church History
- March 29 - The Sacraments, and Stewardship
- April 5 - The Lutheran Church, and Our Congregational Life

The sole purpose of the adult instruction classes is to prepare you for meaningful church membership. The more you know of your church, the more it means to you; and the more you mean to your church.

HOW DO I BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER?

Lutherans will be received by letter of transfer from other Lutheran churches where their membership is in good standing. Inactive Lutherans will be received by reaffirmation of faith. NonLutherans from other churches will be received by adult confirmation following sessions of instruction. NonChristians will be received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism following instruction. All who are beyond confirmation age (8th grade) are eligible to become charter members.

ORGANIZATION DATE APPROVED: APRIL 10

Palm Sunday, April 10 has been approved by the Board of American Missions! Baptisms and confirmations will be administered in the morning Service. Official organization and installation of Church councilmen will take place in the afternoon. To help you express your joy at this, the birth of a new congregation, the Steering Committee has designated the Organization Day offerings for the Site and Building Fund. In a spirit of prayer, a goal of \$750.00 has been set for this special organization day offering. More information will come to you later.

CHURCH SITE IN FINAL STAGES

Approval has been granted by the Board of American Missions (BAM) to loan sufficient funds to purchase site at Ridge and Orchard. Owners have complied by securing clear title. Within a fortnight we should complete transaction that will permit us to display a sign at the "Future home of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church." Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED APRIL 3

Necessary matters of business connected with organization of a new congregation will be transacted at a congregational business meeting in the Highland Christian School on Sunday, April 3 at 6:00 pm.

Election of church council, adoption of the budget, adoption of constitution, adoption of resolutions, etc., are important and should be considered by all. We need YOU at this meeting. Thanks!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2 Lenten Services will be held at 7:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal will follow the Services.

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
P. O. BOX #1672
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Church School - 9:30 a.m.
The Service - 10:45 a.m.
Nursery during The Service
(Highland Christian School)

FORM 3547 REQUESTED

WORSHIP ATTENDANCES AND OFFERINGS

Date	Attendance	Offering	Bldg. Fund
1/3	94	\$ 122.39	\$ 42.00
1/10	97	78.99	21.00
1/17	120	90.70	79.50
1/24	125	91.80	27.50
1/31	108	92.78	33.00

CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCES AND OFFERINGS

1/3	78	\$ 20.71
1/10	83	18.85
1/17	91	20.12
1/24	89	18.20
1/31	85	17.83

WE CAN DOUBLE THE ABOVE FIGURES if "Each one will bring one."

RECENT GIFTS TO OUR MISSION

Twenty-eight hymnals have been given; twenty-two may yet be given at \$4.00 each. Names of donors are placed in books. See Mrs. Muriel Nelson if you would like to give one or more in memory of a loved one or as an outright gift.

Flowers may be given in worship or in memory of a loved one. Names are listed on flower chart. See Mrs. Beulah Kuric with your requests and \$4.00 per Sunday.

White paraments have been given by the Jerry Heichel family. Three other sets will be needed. Mrs. Adeline Heichel will be happy to give further information.

A Communion Set has been given by the Homer Street family.

A Baptismal Bowl has been given by the Frank Clark family.

Folding screens for Primary Department have been made by Mr. William Rover.

ROOM FOR MORE SINGERS IN CHOIR

Thanks to the choir for fine music, but we can use more singers. Rehearsals each Thursday evening (Wednesday during Lent). Mrs. Nelson will gladly discuss further.

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