

October 2009

Glad Tidings



A Letter From Vicar Dan

Greetings yall,

Well, it has been an exciting and enthusiastic first month for me here at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The things I have encountered are memories that I will carry with me for a long, long time. I appreciate all the encouragement that yall have shown to me this time. The opportunity to spread the Good News of Jesus through the message on Sunday morning is always a time for me to reflect on how to convey what I know to be true in a manner that is both acceptable and accountable to you. I appreciate the feedback that I have received so far. So keep letting me know if anything I say has meaning for you, or if it doesn't. Both are greatly appreciated.

We have an enormous number of things coming up here in the next few months. The confirmation class has started with a bang but we need more young folks. All are welcome and I am quite sure that they will come away from these teachings with a new understanding about their own life journey and how their faith plays into that. The classes are every other Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. The youth get to eat and have good fellowship each and every time.



We have scheduled a paintball outing for both the youth and the adults alike. Be sure to get signed up, as we will go head to head with another church group in the area. Nothing like shooting the pastors, legally. For you parents, this is a good way to relieve any frustrations you may be having with your kids when you get a beeline on them and leave a little paint. It will be great fun. Remember, no matter how good you look on the field, the sound of the next paintball is said to never be heard.?

We are also planning a class on Revelations that will be most interesting since it is usually the most read book and, at the same time, the most misunderstood book of the bible. Come hear our own Pastor David give these classes. They are conveniently scheduled for attendance by all. We will be introducing an automatic dialer with Pastor David's message on it so be sure and listen when this machine calls your home.

There are many, many more exciting events planned and I am blessed to be able to a part of those things. I look with great anticipation to the months to come and my opportunity to get to know each every one of you in a better way. If I get your name wrong, please, please correct me as I am trying to match faces with names. Sometimes it takes me a little longer than most. Thanks.

Till next time. Keep the front porch light on and the dogs on the leash.
Vicar Dan Kerr



Starting Monday October 5th **“Revealed Knowledge—by God”** will be taught five times during the week for the adults of our congregation and the community. This is a wonderful class exploring the story of Revelation in a manner that actually makes the book come to life. (More information will be available)



Paint Ball - Sunday October 11th 1-5PM

Immediately following worship service on Sunday October 11th anybody who wishes to join us, we will driving to Hobart and having a paintball war with Southside Christian Church from Munster. Pastor Steve and I figured, instead of arguing over differences lets just shoot one another with paint, covering up those difference with love and good fun. Makes sense to me!

Vicar Dan will be handling all the details and a sign up sheet will be out shortly with all the details.

Service Committee News



Crop Walk The 4 mile walk will be held on Sunday October 4th beginning at 1:00 pm and ending at Immanuel United Church of Christ, Highland. There is still time to be a part of this years crop Walk. Walkers sign up in advance and collect pledges. The money is used for hunger-related causes. This year we will include “spirit walkers” (someone who cannot walk the route, but wishes to collect contributions). See Nancy Talabay to obtain a donation envelope or to sponsor a walker. Pray for great weather!



Next month collection of World Hunger coin banks and our Annual Pack a Sack program.



Ladies' Birthday Club



Gloria Dei Women gather once a month at a selected date and Restaurant at 11:30 am.. All women invited . Margaret Paulson selects the restaurant and time. Look for more information to be available soon in our Sunday bulletin announcements.

ANGEL KITS

Gloria Dei will be sponsoring a “HOLIDAY TREE” at the Lake County Visitors Center on Kennedy Avenue. The display will open on Nov. 1st. Take an “ANGEL KIT” and follow the directions included. Return your finished ornament to church by Oct. 18 please.





Coming Events

#1

North West Fall Retreat — Oct. 10, 2009

Theme: Called to Love as God Loves



This event will be held on Oct. 10, 2009 from 8:30am to 2:30 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2050 West 1100 N., Chesterton IN
Registration: \$10.00 includes breakfast and lunch.
For any questions or more information contact:
Nancy Walter at (219 322-8999) by Sept 30.

#2



Church Women United Fall Conference

Oct. 21, 2009

Theme: God's Fitness Builders —
Through the Power of Prayer

More info will be in CWU Oct Newsletter.

#3

W/ELCA SUNDAY

Nov. 15, 2009

Your Sister in Christ
Elaine Van Proyen

Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle will be meeting at Gloria Dei in the kitchen on October 14th at 9:30 am.

All women of Gloria Dei are encouraged to attend.

| = Business Meeting

| = Planning

| = Great Conversations

| = Delicious Refreshments

NOTE:

For more information or for any questions call Fran Abatie at (661-0455)



ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 7

We have been hard at work preparing for the HOLIDAY BAZAAR, have you? We are looking for crafts donated by ALL our members to make this the best bazaar yet.

We will be featuring items that will be for sale at the bazaar in the narthex in the weeks leading up to it. So get creative and also make plans to attend the Holiday Bazaar. We'll be looking for you.

Raffle Tickets

Beginning September 1st raffle tickets go on sale for a 9- Piece Longaberger Basket and Pottery Set valued at \$350. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5.

NOTE: Take some raffle tickets home and sell them to you family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Just return the stubs and the money to Sandy Trexler or Elaine Von Almen. This is a fantastic gift and should be a great fund raiser.

Attic Treasures Room

We will have a special room to sell;

- = Antiques
- = Glass Ware
- = Nick Knacks
- = Trash or Treasure
- = Re-gift Items (in new condition)

We will also have an Attic Treasure Room featuring non-wanted/little used items for resale. Please bring them by the church and give them either to pastor or place in storage room located in the last classroom on the right.

Please do not bring clothing items. These will be sold at the Annual Spring Sale.



Men's Breakfast Club

We will resume meeting October the 3rd at 9:00 am. We can look forward to a delicious home cooked breakfast, great conversation and fellowship.

Golden Opportunity Coupon Books

These books are available in the narthex for \$25 as much a \$9.00 will be donated back to the church. Buy one for yourself and a couple for friends and family. Sell them at your place of employment! They make wonderful gifts and at the same time teach us to be wise stewards. Last year alone Sandy and I saved over \$400 by simply using this book! Money for the books should be given to Gail Duro or Pastor .

Serving in Worship Schedule					
Sunday	Assistant Minister	Reader	Acolyte	Greeter(s)	Counters
Oct. 4	Donna Antal	Charity Riddell	Christian Danner	The Talabays	Deanna Jahnke Eric Socin
Oct.. 11	Becky Tutto	Lindsey Trexler	Cody Novak	The Schillers	Gail & Andy Durro Eric Socin
Oct.. 18	Sandy Trexler	Bev Arnold	Brittney Choate	The Vates	Gail & Andy Durro Eric Socin
Oct.. 25	David Adams	Don Pahr	Bethany Riddell	The Pahrs	Debbie Thinnes Barbara Banek

October Birthdays



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1	Ronald Danner	18	Barry Fry
8	Eric Socin	19	Jeffrey Danner
9	Carl Reinhardt	27	Shari Reed
10	Carolyn Spacek	29	Lauri novak
10	Sandra Trexler	29	Katie Schiller
15	Frances Schiller	30	William Margraf
29	Robert Crowell		

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