

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ MARCH 4, 2022

FROM THE SYNOD:

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

**YOUR CHURCH'S GIFT
WILL BE MATCHED UP TO
\$100,000**

**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

**GIVE NOW AT
LWR.ORG/MATCH**

Nelsonville Lutheran Church in Wisconsin will double all gifts from congregations – up to \$100,000 – for our neighbors suffering in the Ukraine crisis. Right now, Lutheran World Relief teams are working with partners in and around Ukraine. Your congregation's gift will deliver urgent support and care, like: food, shelter and other critically needed items; Mission Quilts and Kits for families who fled their homes; and medicine and supplies for clinics. **Gifts will be matched through March 15.** You can give online at www.lwr.org/match or by mailing to LWR, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be holding a Special Congregational Meeting after Church on Sunday, March 13, at 11:30 am via Zoom for the purpose of voting on a motion to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northwestern Housing Alternatives (NHA), a non-profit company that builds affordable housing with government funding and then manages the properties and provides services for those tenants with special needs.

The Gloria Dei Church Council met on February 22, 2022 and decided to continue with online only worship and meetings through the month of March, with a plan to return to in-person worship April 1st, provided numbers of Covid 19 cases continue to drop.

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of Bob DeHart's death on February 28, 2022. Bob had been on Hospice and died of pancreatic cancer, at home, with his family. There are currently no plans for a memorial service. Bob will be interred with Nancy.

Last summer, Bob moved to California to be with his daughter. Though he relinquished his official membership at Gloria Dei, he was, and always will be, along with Nancy and Elizabeth, part of the fabric of our Gloria Dei community.

We hold Bob's family and friends in prayer, trusting in the promises of baptism and the hope of the resurrection, knowing that in life and in death, we belong to God.

"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."
Romans 14:7-8

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Alyssa

Please join us on Zoom for the Baptism of Kelsey Kathryn Johnson! The Celebration of Baptism is being held Friday, March 11, at 11 am. A Zoom link will be sent.

Custodian Vacancy

The church custodian job is vacant. Before we post a job announcement, we wanted to give church members an opportunity to seek this job. It's 20-25 hours per week \$15/hr. If you would like to see a position description, please contact the office.

Until we can hire a replacement, we're asking members to volunteer. The Whitwers are taking the week of the 7th, the Dentons are taking the 14th. We need at least two people for subsequent weeks - please contact the office at 541-267-2347.

CHURCH USE

As we move into in-person worship and meetings PLEASE let the office know if you are planning to use the church building for ANY reason. There are many reasons for this:

*Building use must be approved by the Church Council.

*We do not want overlapping use. The office keeps a master calendar.

*Staff likes to double check doors and windows, and appreciates knowing when someone has been in the building.

Even as we resume using our building, there are concerns around the Covid 19 virus as well as normal safety and security protocols. Please remember to let the office know when you plan to be in the building!

SAVE THE DATE!

Partners in Preparing (PIP) has a gift for each of our Gloria Dei households! Thanks to the generosity of the Endowment Fund, Thrivent, and others we have put together a "Go Bag" (a nice backpack!) containing important information and a couple of items to help you get ready for emergency situations. On Sunday, April 3, we will be distributing these "Go Bags" after the service. Please pick up your household's bag that day!

We will be distributing these "Go Bags" to households in the immediate neighborhood of Gloria Dei, as well. We welcome others to join us in reaching out to our neighbors! Pizza and T shirts will be available for helpers.

If you are not able to pick up your "Go Bag" on April 3, please call the church office (541-267-2347) to reserve one and arrange for a convenient day/time to pick it up. Let's be prepared!

Women's Retreat

Anyone interested in having a women's retreat this year can contact me via email 19kaj56@gmail.com or leave me a message at 541-269-2483.

I did contact Big K in Elkton recently and must point out Big K has no vaccination mandate there. For some of us this is very important to know.

Our reservation dates are April 29 and 30, Friday and Saturday and May 1 Sunday. This is the weekend before Mother's Day.

Please let me know soon, I'm sorry to get such late start but COVID has been a challenge for planning anything in the future.

I will have more information if we have enough interest this year as Covid is subsiding or maybe wait another year.

Thank you!

Kathy Jacobson

CHRIST IN OUR HOME. The January, February, March edition of *Christ in Our Home* has been available for a while, and Barbara forgot to tell you that! Apologies! They are outside the church door on the office side in the basket, and on a table in the Narthex. The ones for April, May, June just arrived, so those are available in the outside basket and the Narthex, as well.

Kay Kerriden is moving! She is downsizing to a one bedroom apartment by giving away the furniture from one of her current bedrooms. She has a double bed, lowboy, bedside tables, lamps, and bedding for the bed (3 sets of sheets and a LL Bean comforter). Please call the church office if you (or someone you know) would like any or all of these items, and we'll put you in touch with Kay.

FOUND! Two pairs of women's jeans were left on the bench near the labyrinth. They are Wallflower jeans, size 22, brand new with tags. If they are yours, please call the church office to claim them!

MORE FROM THE SYNOD:

Parables as Invitation: an [Oregon Synod lay education course](#). In this class, we'll be invited to bring our lives into conversation with the parables of Jesus, asking:

- What can we learn about first-century Galilee and Judea that can help us hear Jesus' parables closer to how the people who first heard them did?
- How does each gospel writer influence the re-telling of Jesus' stories?
- What words, images, and messages resonate today as we listen?

This on-line course will meet on **eight Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm beginning March 29**. We'll be joined by several guest instructors, including Pr. Joan Beck and Pr. Tyler Beane Kelly. The course is designed with a Lutheran lens and inclusive heart; all are welcome. See the [course flyer](#) for details on dates and topics. Course participants and/or their congregations are encouraged to donate, as they are able, on a sliding scale between \$20-\$160, but donations are not required to participate. [Register here](#). *(You will need to hit CTRL and click to follow the link. If this does not work for you, please let Barbara know and she will send you the original with active links).*

We need Flowers for 2022! Please sign up!

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