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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



Council President's Message

Dear Gloria Dei Members,

As many of you know, our church building sustained significant roof damage during the recent hail storm back in March. After a thorough inspection and discussions with our insurance provider, we have learned that the necessary repairs will not be covered under our current policy. Wind and hail coverage was removed from our policy back in 2025 without bringing this to our attention. We have reached out to the MO Insurance Commission to file a claim against Church Mutual. However, as long as the insurance company has copies of the documents they claimed to have mailed to us with these changes, we do not have a leg to stand on. It probably does not need to be said, but we are also looking for a new insurance company.

The roof is an important part of maintaining a safe and welcoming place for worship, ministry, and fellowship. To prevent further damage to the building, these repairs need to be completed as soon as possible. We have secured 7 bids from reputable roofing companies and have narrowed our search down to 3 local roofing companies.

To be transparent about the cost of the hail repairs, we are sharing the bids for the three companies we have negotiated with to complete the repairs needed. These are not the final costs, as there may be additional repairs once they begin the repairs.

	Flat Metal Roof	Pitched Shingle Roof	Gutters
Miller Roofing	\$ 98,000	\$46,000	\$3,150
JR&Co	\$170,123	\$44,300	
AAS	\$213,710	\$54,164	

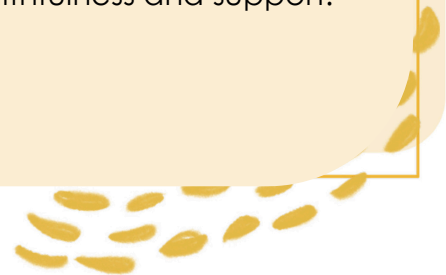
The Council will share the final decisions on whom we contract to complete the work and when repairs will begin. We will need congregational approval to move forward with these repairs because of the total expense. Our plans are to cover 50% of the expenses out of our current church funds, and we are looking to finance the other 50% with the contractors or with our bank.

We would like to ask for your prayers as we move forward to repair the roof of our building. We are deeply grateful for the continued generosity, encouragement, and commitment of this church family.

If you would like to contribute specifically toward the roof repair fund, please reach out to Pastor and/or Cheryl.

The entire Church Council would like to thank you for your faithfulness and support. With gratitude,

Bob Brunker – Council President





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Voices from the Minor Prophets

Hosea, Joel, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Haggai, and Malachi

The twelve "Minor Prophets" occupy the final section of the Old Testament. They are called minor not because their message is less significant, but because their books are shorter in length than those of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. Yet within these brief books are powerful messages of warning, hope, repentance, justice, and restoration.

This month, we highlight seven of these prophetic voices: Hosea, Joel, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Haggai, and Malachi. Though they wrote in different circumstances, together they reveal the faithfulness of God and His desire to draw His people back to Himself.



LESSONS

Hosea: The Faithful Love of God

Hosea ministered to the northern kingdom of Israel during a time of spiritual unfaithfulness. God used Hosea's troubled marriage as a living picture of Israel's relationship with Him. Though the people repeatedly turned away, God continued to pursue them with steadfast love.

Joel: A Call to Repentance and Renewal

Joel begins with a devastating locust plague that stripped the land bare. Yet he points beyond the disaster to a greater spiritual awakening. He calls the people to repentance and warns of "the day of the Lord," when God will judge evil and restore the faithful.

Obadiah: The Danger of Pride

Obadiah, the shortest book in the Old Testament, delivers judgment against Edom, a nation marked by pride and hostility toward Judah. Edom trusted in its strength and security rather than in God.

Nahum: Comfort Through God's Justice

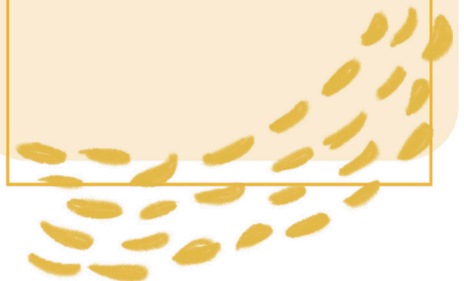
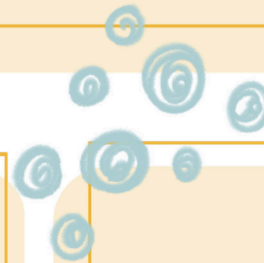
Nahum prophesied against Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. Though Nineveh once repented during Jonah's time, later generations returned to violence and oppression. Nahum announces that God's justice will prevail.

Habakkuk: Faith in Times of Confusion

Unlike many prophets, Habakkuk speaks directly to God with questions and struggles. Troubled by injustice and suffering, he asks why God seems silent. God answers that He is still at work, even in ways difficult to understand.

Haggai: Putting God First

After the exile, the people returned to Jerusalem but neglected rebuilding the temple while focusing on their own comfort and security. Haggai challenged them to renew their priorities and complete God's work.





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Voices from the Minor Prophets continued...

Why the Minor Prophets Matter Today

Though written centuries ago, these prophetic books still speak powerfully today. The Minor Prophets invite us to listen carefully—not only to ancient voices, but to the living God who still calls His people to faithfulness today.



LESSONS

Malachi: Returning to Faithfulness

Malachi closes the Old Testament with a call to renewed devotion. The people had grown spiritually weary, offering careless worship and drifting from God's commands. Through Malachi, God calls His people back to wholehearted faithfulness.



Pastor's Article

As summer begins, our routines often shift. School schedules pause, vacations are planned, and longer days invite us outdoors. In the midst of all this change, worship remains a steady anchor — a place where we gather to give thanks, find rest, and remember God's presence in every season.

Summer offers its own opportunities for renewal. Just as the earth flourishes in warmth and light, our faith can also grow when we continue to make time for prayer, worship, and community. Whether you are traveling or staying close to home, staying connected to worship helps keep our hearts centered on Christ.

This season, may we embrace the joy of summer while also making space to pause, reflect, and praise God for His many blessings. We look forward to worshipping together throughout the summer months!

Summer Adult Sunday School begins June 7th

This summer, join us for a new Adult Sunday School class exploring Martin Luther's 95 Theses and the beginning of the Reformation. In 1517, Luther's theses challenged abuses within the Church and sparked a movement that reshaped Christianity, emphasizing salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Together, we will look at the historical setting of the 95 Theses, discuss several of Luther's key ideas, and reflect on why these teachings still matter for Christians today. Whether you are new to church history or simply interested in learning more about our Lutheran heritage, this class offers a meaningful opportunity for study and conversation. All are welcome!





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June 13th & 14th Worship: One Voice, One World

We will worship together and celebrate our diversity with a service dedicated to our brothers and sisters around the world. If you have any ethnic clothes or items that you would like to share with the congregation, please bring them.



American Red Cross

Hosting a blood drive is a remarkable act of service. It takes vision, coordination, and a deep commitment to your community. Through your dedication, you do far more than organize an event—you create a vital connection between generous donors and the patients whose lives depend on them.

Every pint collected, every donor encouraged, and every challenge overcome reflects the impact of your leadership. Your time is one of your most valuable resources, and we are sincerely grateful that you chose to invest it in our lifesaving mission.

We are honored to partner with you and look forward to continuing this important work together.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held this summer on July 27, 28, and 29. The date will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. If you are interested in helping this summer, please contact the church office.

A planning meeting will be held in early June. This year's theme is SHINE! I hope that you will join us.



BABY SUPPLIES DRIVE

Lutheran Family and Children's Services

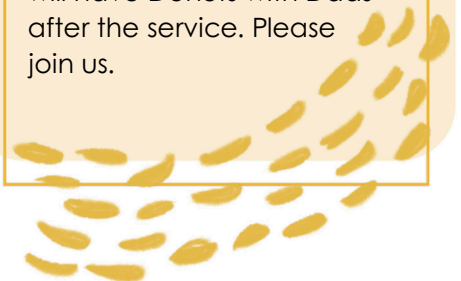
It is a nonprofit organization providing support to children and families in the Kansas City area.

This June, we are collecting baby supplies to support those families in need. Items include diapers, wipes, formula, cleaning supplies, new or gently used clothing, or lap blankets. Donations are also welcome. Contact Kitty Long with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 21st is Father's Day

To honor our fathers, we will have Donuts with Dads after the service. Please join us.





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June 7 at 10:30 pm - 12:00 pm

Join us for a variety of games and pizza lunch



You are welcome to bring your favorite game or play one of the games we have out: card games, trivia, board games, and more. Sign up to help us order enough pizza. Hope to see you there.



*The Carray Music Studio's
violin & viola buddies
would LOVE for you
to attend our*



Cantabile Recital!

*Saturday, June 27
1:00 p.m.*

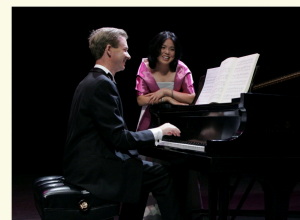
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GDLC SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



THE LYRIC DUO

JUNE 17, 2026, 7 PM



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NORTHLAND ARTISTS' GALLERY
2nd Annual
Gallery in the Garden
Saturday, June 6, 2026 10 AM-5PM

NorthlandArtists.com 519 Main Street, Weston, MO 64098 816-386-5400
Artwork courtesy of Ronda Reinke

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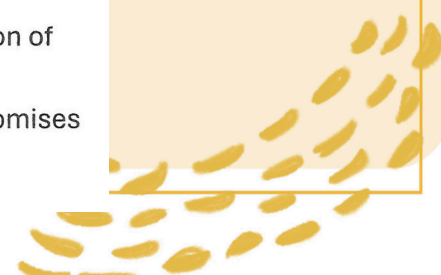
Our second annual Gallery in the Garden celebrates the beauty of nature and creativity coming together in a unique outdoor setting. Visitors are invited to stroll through the garden while enjoying a curated collection of garden-inspired artwork created by talented local artists. Throughout the event, guests can watch live demonstrations that showcase artistic techniques and creative processes, offering a behind-the-scenes look at how inspiration from the garden becomes art. Whether you're an art enthusiast, a garden lover, or simply looking for a relaxing and inspiring experience, Gallery in the Garden offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with art, nature, and community.

Facebook  Saturday, June 6, 2026 10 AM-5PM  Instagram



Invitational Ministry

With the arrival of warmer weather, Gloria Dei is entering a new season of renewed activities and growth. As plans are finalized, stay tuned for information regarding events for both youth and adults. This season promises fellowship and connection, so we encourage your participation!!





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COTA for Ellie's Journey 

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23 Moonshiners Car Club
Cruise In and Dance
Downtown Weston

June 13 Ellie's Garden Party and
Homes Tour

June 14 Urine Good Hands
Kidney Comedy Show



Learn more: <http://cota.org/cotaforelliesjourney/>



You're invited to Summer Office Hours

June to August

Monday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
 Tuesday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
 Wednesday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
 Thursday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
 Friday, Closed

THANK YOU!

Food Donation

Martin Luther Academy did a canned goods drive for our Gloria Dei Food Pantry. These are the kids who brought over the canned goods.



THANK YOU!

TEDFORD FAMILY

Dear Gloria Dei Friends, Outreach Ministry, and Women's Fellowship, Our family appreciates your prayers, cards, and concern as we continue to travel this journey. We do not know what the future might bring, but we do know that God will be there to love and guide us. Your continued prayers will sustain us and give us hope. Thank you, Tom, Lydia, Luke, and Rachel Tedford





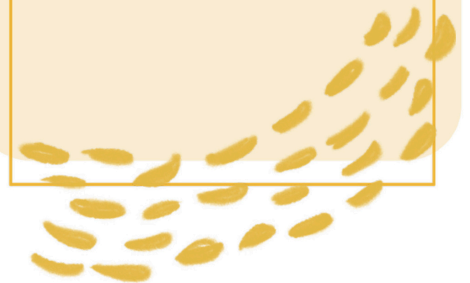
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SENIOR SUNDAY



Dear congregation and Pastor,
Thank you so much for all the gifts and prayers I've received through the years. I really appreciate it and I've been blessed to be a part of this community. Thanks again!
- Ashleigh Cruce



June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	2 6:45 am NorQuest 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	3 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	4 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	5 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	6 7:00 - 8:30 am Harvesters Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
7 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Sunday 10:30 am Games & Pizza 11 am GS Mass	8 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:30 pm Meeting Invitational Ministry	9 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 10:00 am Chosen	10 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	11 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	12 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	13 5:00 pm Worship
14 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School 11 am GS Mass	15 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:00 pm Council Meeting	16 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	17 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Summer Concert Series I	18 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	19 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	20 7:00 - 8:30 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
21 Father's Day 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School 11 am GS Mass 3 pm 1st KC Baroque Concert	22 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 5 pm Sactuary	23 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	24 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	25 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	26 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	27 5:00 pm Worship 1:00 pm Cantabile Recital
28 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School 11 am GS Mass	29 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	30 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	1	2	3	4 Happy Father's Day to all the Father at Gloria Dei!

COMMUNION SERVERS

June 7 The Fox family
 June 14 Jennifer Shireman & Carol Kuhr
 June 21 Jim & Jackie Finnegan
 June 28 Dean & Joan Dark

ASSISTING MINISTER

June 7 *Steve Fogt (Lector: Jo Ellen Witt)
 June 14 Payten Davis (Lector: Jodi Fox)
 June 21 *Brian Ericksen (Lector: Kurt Sortland)
 June 28 Corey Reil (Lector: Treva DeLeon)

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 7 None ~
 June 14 *In honor of my mother's birthday ~ Darlus Wolff*
 June 21 *In loving memory of Christopher & Matthew ~ Bob & Kitty Long*
 June 28 *In loving memory of Dena McMillin ~ Jennifer Shireman*