

JULY 2019



## COMING UP IN COMING MONTHS

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Riverside Quilt Auction

August 4-25 – Sunday Wheelchair Pushing at Bethany Manor

August 11<sup>th</sup> – Book Club @ 6:00 p.m.

September 29<sup>th</sup> – Annual Pig Roast

## RIVERSIDE QUILT AUCTION

**THE RIVERSIDE QUILT AUCTION** will be held Saturday, August 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Quilt Auction is Riverside's largest annual fund raiser and the donations are great gifts to the general ministry of Riverside! Members of the Fabricators, a quilting group that meets at GLC the third Monday of each month, has made 2 quilts for the auction. Both of these quilts will be on display here at GLC. If you would like to make a bid on the quilts or possibly buy one, please see Cindy Kruckenberg. If the price is right, it could be yours!

### **Schedule for Saturday, August 3, 2019:**

- 8:30 am – Riverside 5K
- 9:30 - 11:30 - Riverside Pool will be open for swimming!
- 10:00 – 12:30 – Quilt Previewing in air-conditioned chapel
- 10:00 – 12:15 – Silent Auction bidding in Mortvedt Hall (baby quilts/small items) Results will be known before 1:00.
- 10:30 – Brief outdoor worship
- 11:30 – 12:30 – Lunch served in the Dining Hall (free will offering)
- 1:00 – Quilt Auction in the beautifully renovated Chapel!

# SCHOOL KITS

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT** items will be collected between now and October 6<sup>th</sup>. For many years GLC has made a difference in children's lives by providing school kits. Education does so much to help eliminate poverty. Please consider being part of this important outreach project. A shopping list is included with this newsletter (on the last page). If you use Amazon Prime, you may be able to find some great deals on some of the supplies. Just make sure that items meet the specific criteria required on the LWR school kit shopping list. Extra copies are placed near the donation box in the entryway. Last fall, more than 500 kits were sent. This includes over 2,000 notebooks! If you have any questions, please talk with Cindy Kruckenberg (515-233-2953 or 515-460-2518). Thank you!



## GLC @ BETHANY MANOR

Wheel Chair Pushers needed at Bethany Manor, Sundays in August. Volunteers should arrive around 9:15. They start bringing residents down at 9:30. We would like to have four people each Sunday. Coffee and cookies available after the service or you can buy lunch at the Bistro at Bethany Manor. There will be a signup sheet in the entryway during the month of July or signup online at the link provided in the weekly email.

## BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet at Pam & Weldon Abarr's home on Sunday August 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m. The reading selections for the next discussion are *A Visit from the Goon Squad*: by Jennifer Egan and *Maybe You Should See Someone*: by Lori Gottlieb.

## WOMEN'S BOOK & BIBLE CLUB (WBBC)

Starting in July WBBC will read a new book "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" by Gregory Boyle. The book is a collection of essays about Father Boyle's rehabilitation work with felons and gang members in Los Angeles. Pastor Christian has mentioned Father Boyle's inspirational work and writing several times in his sermons. One reviewer Anne Lamott said of the book "An astonishing book...about suffering and dignity, death and resurrection... It is lovely and tough and tender beyond my ability to describe and left me in tears of both sorrow and laughter." Our first reading assignment on July 11 will be the Introduction and Chapter 1.

WBBC meets the first Thursday of the month except for July because the first Thursday is the 4th so we will meet on July 11, 6:30-8:00, Shalom room. Our discussions are always lively and meaningful.



For the past three summers it has been my pleasure to serve as the day camp director and as the director of Sunday school programming for the past two school years.

During this time I have had the honor of working with so many of our wonderful volunteers. There are countless people who have put time and effort into making our children's ministry program meaningful, substantive and enjoyable.

This year we had 70 kids attend Vacation Bible School (VBS) at GLC! Along with our preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade campers, we had 18 GLC youth volunteers help alongside the Riverside Counselors. These kids gave hours of their summer free time to help with VBS! A special thank you to Abby, Adalyn, Anna, Bella,

Brooklynn, Emma, Erin, Halli, Jacey, Jacob, Katie, Lauren, Maria, Nigel, Nuthi, Owen, Peyton and Taylor. Thank you to Mary Shahan for being our constant rock, assembling snacks and lunches and cleaning up after us every day. Thank you Connie Terrones for taking the kids outside to run off some steam after lunch! Thanks to Darlene Doerder, Dick Cooper and Nancy Doyle for helping get kids checked in every day and helping out in the kitchen, and to Dick for keeping watch on the front door (we didn't have any escapes!!). Thank you to Lindsay Borst and Emily Sowienski for helping set up for hours on Sunday. Thank you Margie Scott, Nancy Rabe and Peggy Jobe for helping with the preschool class. Thank you to Jan Boehme for helping procure camp themed décor that made the church so festive! Thank you to everyone who brought food and supplies. We kept nearly 100 people fed for 4 days, and that's no small feat. Thank you to Al and Deb Metz for hosting our Riverside counselors. And thank you to anyone I have left out or forgotten to mention. It took so many people and so much work to pull this off. We couldn't have done it without a single one of you.

Last, but not least, thank you to Marcia Dahlstrom for EVERYTHING. Thank you, Marcia for all the times you have stopped in the office to check in, see how things were coming along and what you could do to help. Thank you for always being willing to give of your time to the children of GLC. And thank you for being my biggest supporter in this undertaking the last three years.

I am excited to hand off the children's ministries to Kirsten when she returns in the fall. In my three years at GLC, my life has seen many changes. I am looking forward to this next leg of the journey, as I focus on my family; I am appreciative that my job in the church office gives me the opportunity to have a work/life balance I wouldn't have otherwise. I will miss your kiddos, so please stop in and see me any time you are out and about. I am in the office from 9:00-3:00 Tuesday-Friday, and I still plan on volunteering with Sunday school and children's events, and I will be happy to give hugs and high fives when I see the kids at Sunday worship and fellowship.

I wanted to share one last thanks with you. During VBS I had the honor of watching 70 children play on the Kylie Perrin Musfeldt memorial playground for the first time. They climbed, hung, slid and jumped all over it. Thank you to Kylie's beautiful legacy of love for children. We will remember her, and her love for children will live on in this wonderful gift to the kids of Gilbert.

Sincerely and with Much Love,

Laura Melton

## A NOTE FROM MARY SHAHAN:



GLC's 46th Annual Pig Roast will be on Sunday, September 29th from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. I have agreed to coordinate the roast for this year, but this is a 'GLC Project' and I need lots of assistance. To begin, I need your comments on what you think has worked in the past and what has not; ideas for what we could include this year; and offers to assist in the planning, and someone to head up the publicity for the event. More will be asked for in the future, but this is a start. Please contact me at [mshahan1023@gmail.com](mailto:mshahan1023@gmail.com), by phone at 515-232-7305, OR wherever you might see me!!! This is a fun event and the more people we have involved, the better it will be!

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### THE LES AND BARB LICKLIDER GILBERT LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

We have two recipients for a renewal award of the Les and Barb Licklider Gilbert Lutheran Church Scholarship this month: Annika Rotto and Jacob Adams. For their essays, each of them responded to this question: "Many issues face our world today including climate change, bigotry, food insecurity, health care, inequality, and numerous others. Choose one challenge and write how you will try to address the issue in your own small way, as you move through life."

Annika is the daughter of Mary and Hans Rotto. She graduated from Luther College this last May with a major in biology and minors in art history and chemistry. She will enter the Physician Assistant program at the Carver college of Medicine at the University of Iowa in August. Her essay follows:

In the United States, one area with a large amount of inequality is healthcare. It has been shown that social and economic factors are often better indicators of health than physical or genetic factors. Income, social status, education, physical environment, and social support networks have large influences on health outcomes (WHO, Health Impact Assessment: The determinants of health,) As I pursue a career in medicine, these are important factors to be aware of when providing care recommendations.

I suspect I will be involved in direct patient care throughout much of my entire career. While treating patients, it will be of the utmost importance to consider not only biological, but social and economic factors impacting my patients. These factors after important procedures can greatly impact a patient's outcome; patients with a higher economic status can often afford time off, assistive devices, additional caregivers and other comfort measures thus improving their health and recovery. The opposite is also true. While working with patient, it will be crucial to keep in mind all the factors that impact health rather than just physical symptoms alone. I hope to create a judgment free practice and I will work to have an awareness of my patients as individuals and strive to see each person's unique struggles. I will not understand or know every obstacle a patient is facing but by being thoughtful of the potential hurdles my patients face (which are often not easily spoken) I will continue to learn and adapt to assist patients. I hope to offer a place where all patients can be open and trusting and collaborative in their healthcare plan.

I also suspect that I will be interested in understanding how policy is developed around care delivery in the United States. I hope to be involved in the process and the discussion of policy

development and I intend to use my voice to help level the playing field around access and indentifying and removing obstacles that contribute to illness and disease in the disadvantaged. While I was at Luther College, I volunteered at the Decorah Free Clinic. We served a majority/Latino/Latina/Latinx rural community. Most of the people receiving healthcare were rural agricultural workers and their families and they were often undocumented immigrants. While I worked there, I assisted with reception and did mostly office work such as registration, filing, etc. I learned about the specific needs facing rural Iowa communities. I feel called to help in a greater capacity, and after I receive a Masters of Physician Assistant Studies, I hope to be able to volunteer my time as a PA. Working at the clinic taught me the impact that free healthcare can have in a community and has encouraged me to want to give back this way in the future. While I may not be able to entirely close the inequality gap in our society, I can do my part by helping those who are at a disadvantage only by their socioeconomic status. Volunteering my time and medical skills can hopefully help those in need and impact people's health.

Jacob is the son of Cathy and Dan Adams. He recently graduated from Grand View University in Des Moines with a degree in sport management and marketing. He will be attending graduate school in the fall. His response to the questions follows:

In this day and age, everyone is so concerned with themselves and how many likes they are going to get on their next Instagram post. People are so worried about what others are going to think about them; they stopped looking out for one another. Civility is an issue these days that needs to be addressed and fixed. I feel passionate about this topic because I believe that is the type of person I am; someone who looks out for their family, friends, and ones close to them. You don't see a lot of that nowadays, which is a sad reality. It's time everyone takes a step back and just observes their life. Be grateful for what you have and not envious of what others do. Be passionate about what you love and stop going through the motions for something you hate. Be there for the people around you. And most importantly, just be present. Too many times, I have witnessed people being so concerned of what their social media profile looks like; they don't care what their real life looks like. This is not the way people are supposed to live, but it is the reality that our youth are growing up in. Never in my life have I seen so many children with their butts on the couch and their eyes glued to their phone screen. It's a really sad thing to witness if you think about it. When I was growing up, we spent our days playing baseball at the park and swimming in the nearby lake. We wanted to be outside with our friends so bad; our parents had to go looking for us when the street lights came on. It's just not that simple anymore.

I want my profession to be focused on people and bringing them together in one-way or another. I will be attending graduate school in the fall, but once I am done there, I would like to work for a nonprofit organization that coordinates and directs recreational sports leagues for people of all ages. Back in the summer of 2017,, I did an internship with the Iowa Sports Foundation, where I did exactly that. In my experience, there is nothing that brings people together more than a little friendly competition. My childhood consisted of all different kinds of sports, like baseball, basketball, football and track. They were what I looked forward to because that is where I met all my friends I still have to this day. In college I played baseball for four year s and met even more amazing people that I will talk to for years to come. I know a lot of people that have similar stories like this as well.

From what I have seen, sports and sports competitions and the one constant that can bring people together. It has really allowed me to see the good in people that I don't know a whole lot about. Because of this, I want to do my part in maing things like that happen and I believe I can.

We are very proud of Annika and Jacob. They will make a difference in our world.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Madeline Jensen 07/02  
Adrian Lucas 07/02  
Debra Ordal 07/03  
Terri Nelson 07/03  
Jacob Moore 07/03  
Jason Taylor 07/04  
Alpharetta Peterson 07/09  
Mollie Schnormeier 07/09  
Carol Harriman 07/13  
Sheri Krumm 07/13  
Isabelle Terrones 07/14  
Autumn Binkowski 07/15  
Timothy Buffington 07/15

Jack Rechkemmer 07/15  
Maura Saltzman 07/16  
Zoe Binkowski 07/17  
Christine Henely 07/17  
Adrienne Gent 07/19  
Dick Cooper 07/19  
Nate Doerder 07/19  
Thelma Boss 07/20  
Deb Anderson 07/22  
Betty Upstill 07/22  
Tanner Henningsen 07/22  
Garrett McBeth 07/22  
Nyle Packer 07/22

Claire Roske 07/23  
Michelle Thompson 07/23  
Shawn Schnormeier 07/24  
Pam Vandenberg 07/25  
Braeden Nees 07/26  
Jean Bremer 07/27  
Ryan Saltzman 07/27  
Jonah Ordal 07/29  
Brody Hague 07/30  
Cindy Kruckenberg 07/30  
Carolyn Raymond 07/31  
Karen Johnson 07/31

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Margot Eness 07/02 59 Years  
Brent & Beth Henningsen 07/11 21 Years  
Bill & Carol Harriman 07/17 37 Years  
Doyle & Peggy Jobe 07/20 45 Years

Brian & Lori Fergen 07/21 30 Years  
Francis & Kayla Lyon 07/22 13 Years  
Kirk & Pauline Geist 07/23 42 Years  
Josh & Renee Hansen 07/25 21 Years  
Nyle & Nancy Packer 07/30 53 Years

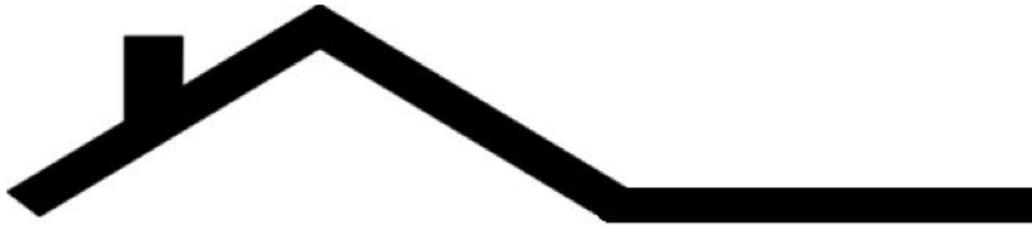
## JULY SERVICE COMMITTEE

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Pam & Weldon Abarr (515) 298-0165, 460-1718  
Al & Jane Murdoch (515) 292-8022  
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Cass & DeeDee Haselhoff (515) 450-3801  
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## A Roof Over Gilbert Lutheran Church A Call to Action – Target Amount: \$30,000

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A new roof over our heads and our church! What a relief, especially with the hard winter!

Late last year, we raised over half of the money needed for the new roof. Funds from the GLC Foundation financed the remaining costs. To replenish these monies, and to ensure that we'll have capital to meet future needs, we are seeking to raise the remaining \$30,000.

The following chart illustrates how our family of faith might meet the goal of this roof fund drive. We are asking you to prayerfully consider a gift. We hope there is a place on the chart for your gift and, at the same time, we remind you not to be limited by the breakdown. Each and every gift is important. No contribution is too large or too small.

<b>Gift Amount</b>	<b># of Gifts Needed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$/Week for 1 Year</b>
\$3,000	1	\$3,000	\$57.69
\$2,000	2	\$4,000	\$38.46
\$1,000	3	\$3,000	\$19.23
\$750	4	\$3,000	\$14.42
\$500	8	\$4,000	\$9.62
\$250	16	\$4,000	\$4.81
\$200	20	\$4,000	\$3.85
\$100	24	\$2,400	\$1.92
\$50	30	\$1,500	\$0.96
\$25	44	\$1,100	\$0.48

If you have any questions, please contact Joel Kruckenberg (515-460-2519) or Don Draper (319-290-3985).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!!!!**

# JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl	2 6:00 PM Prayer Group	3	4 Office Closed for the 4 <sup>th</sup> 	5	6 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
7 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship	8	9 12:00 PM 50+ Luncheon 6:00 PM Prayer Group	10 6:30 PM Midweek Worship 7:20 PM Board Meetings 8:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting	11 6:30 PM Women's Book & Bible Club	12	13 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
14 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship	15 7:00 PM Fabricators	16 6:00 PM Prayer Group	17 6:30 PM Midweek Worship	18	19	20 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
21 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship	22	23 6:00 PM Prayer Group	24 6:30 PM Midweek Worship	25	26	27 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
28 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship	29	30 6:00 PM Prayer Group	31 6:30 PM Midweek Worship			
						<b>TLC Coordinators for July</b> 1-15 Vicky Strom 16-31 Deb Anderson

# JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30
Acolyte	Nigel Appleton	Ally Nelson	Paul Marpe	Madisen Powers
Greeter	Pam Abarr	Allison Eness	Cindy Clark	Jon Strom
	Weldon Abarr	Margot Eness	Rose Houge	Vicky Strom
Ushers	Chuck Olson	Kathy Henryson	Dave Hartmann	Tim Ordal
	Emily Olson	Wayne Henryson	CoAnne Hartmann	Deb Ordal
Reader	Emily Olson	Kathy Henryson	Craig Kemp	Larry Hameister
Communion Assistants	Don Twedt		Cindy Clark	
	Kim Reilly		Rose Houge	
Cantor	Jeff Nelson	Marcia Prior-Miller	Daniel Hartman	Jerry Holtan

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship	8:15 AM
Fellowship	9:15 AM
Education	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE MEMORIAL DAY – LABOR DAY

Worship	9:30 AM
Fellowship	10:30 AM

Staffed Nursery Sunday Mornings

We celebrate Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month and special occasions.

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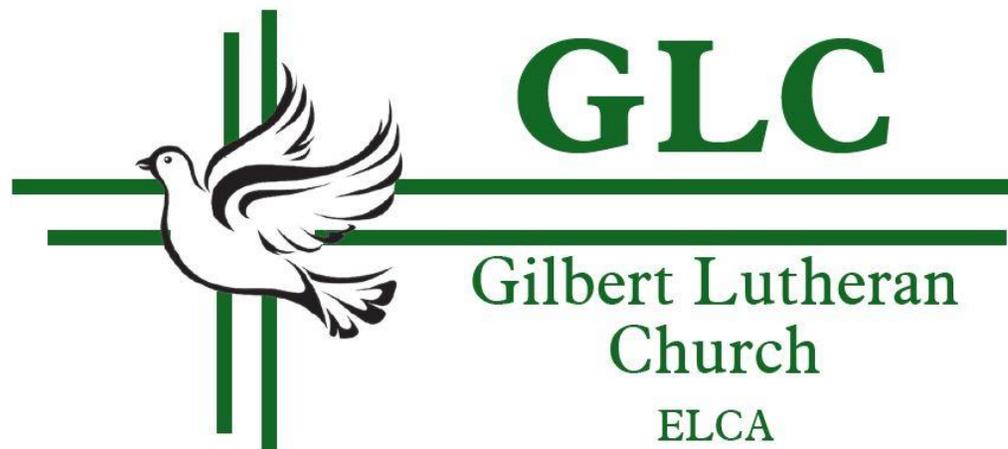
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*The people of Gilbert Lutheran Church, gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, invite and welcome all to join us in our journey of faith as disciples of Christ through meaningful worship and education while providing compassionate service for those in our community and world.*

## LWR School Kits

Please purchase the EXACT items listed. Packages of multi-items may be purchased. If you choose to purchase only a few items, please purchase notebooks and pencil sharpeners.

### Items needed:

- 4 x 70 sheet notebooks
- 5 x black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 x pencil sharpener
- 1 box crayons (16 or 24 ct.)
- 1 x 12" ruler
- 5 x **unsharpened** #2 pencils
- 1 x 2 ½" eraser
- 1 x blunt scissors



Monetary donations to purchase kits may also be given to Cindy Kruckenberg. Collection boxes will be located in the entryway until October 6<sup>th</sup>.

