

# DEI TO DAY

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June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 10 AM

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## Father's Day Coffee Hour

June 21<sup>st</sup> | 9:15 am

\*Special Note: Coffee Hour over the summer months will be held, provided that we have volunteers who sign up to host. On days without hosts, coffee hour will not be held. See the kiosk to sign up.

2026

## Hunger Haven

Tomah Tractor Pull

June 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>



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# GLORIA DEI YOUTH PAGE

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." -1 Timothy 4:12*

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Karli Hall, the recipient of our first annual Scholarship Award for youth! Karli will receive the scholarship upon completion of her first year of college education. The scholarship was presented to Karli on May 4<sup>th</sup> by Pastor Dave Dahl at the Tomah High School Award Night.



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Feed My Starving Children's Mobile Food Pack is returning to Tomah on August 14th - 15th, 2026. See Jackie Kiel or Pastor Kay for more information.



Youth Inspiration

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:15 pm. A light meal will be served at 5 pm, with the program beginning at 5:30 pm. To register, please visit [www.gloriadeetomah.com/events](http://www.gloriadeetomah.com/events) or contact the office.



\*We had a beautiful Mother's Day breakfast on May 9th. Thank you to Esther/Rachel Circle for all the lovely details you put into the morning. The food was delicious, the program so meaningful and the fellowship was wonderful.

\*On June 21<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate the Dads in our lives with a special Cinnamon Roll coffee hour!

\*We are collecting specific items for our LWR Baby Kits. See the full list below. Items can be placed in the totes in the Fellowship Hall.

\*The Kitchen updates are done and look beautiful. Thank you to BJ and Collin Rice for their assistance with this!

\*Our next General meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm with a Potluck and short business meeting.

## LWR Baby Care Kits

- 2 Lightweight cotton t-shirts (No Onsies)
- 2 gowns or sleepers (without feet) or top/pants sets
- 2 Receiving Blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted/knitted, 36" - 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers and 2 diaper or lg safety pins
- 1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood (or include a baby cap)
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath size bars of gentle soap, in original packaging (no mini or hotel-sized)

\*Sizes 6 - 24 months may be used, and sizes can be mixed in each kit to allow for growth. Gently used, clean items are also ok. No patriotic or religious messages.

**AS A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN,  
CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF  
GOD, CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP  
IN JESUS CHRIST, AND  
EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, WE COMMIT  
OURSELVES TO GROWTH IN  
FAITH, AFFIRM OUR GIFTS,  
SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN  
OUR CALLINGS, ENGAGE IN  
MINISTRY AND ACTION, AND  
PROMOTE HEALING AND  
WHOLENESS IN THE CHURCH,  
THE SOCIETY, AND THE  
WORLD.**



# Congrats, Graduates!



## **Brennen Worden**

Brennen is attending UW-La Crosse in the fall. Brennen will be majoring in Kinesiology on a pre-chiropractic path, and is a 2026 Tomah Youth Soccer scholarship recipient. Congratulations, Brennen!



## **Karli Hall**

Karli is the recipient of the GDLC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship Award, which was presented to her on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Tomah High School Scholarship Award evening by Pastor David Dahl. She will be attending St. Mary's University in Winona, MN this fall. Congratulations, Karli!



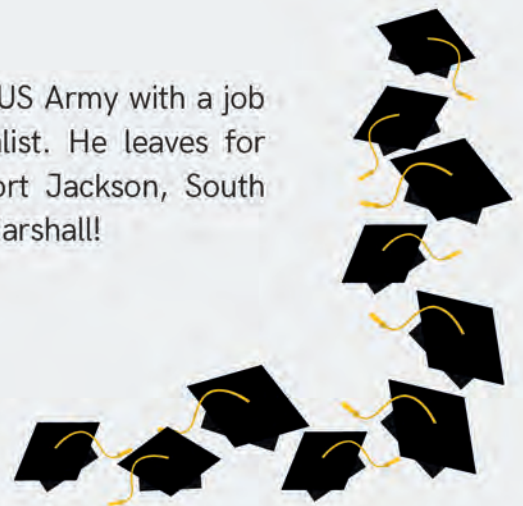
## **Isabelle Guthmiller**

Isabelle will be attending UW Milwaukee in the fall and plans to study psychology. Congratulations, Isabelle!



## **Marshall Reiman**

Marshall has enlisted in the US Army with a job as a religious affairs specialist. He leaves for basic training in July to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Congratulations, Marshall!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2-5  
AUGUST



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310 W ELIZABETH STREET  
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## CAMHC

Did you know that Gloria Dei has a Mental Healthcare Relief Fund for families? Six years ago, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church established the Child/Adolescent Mental Health Care (CAMHC) Relief Fund to support families facing the financial burdens of mental health care for their children.

Rooted in the calling of Romans 15:1-2, "to bear the weaknesses of those without strength," this fund reflects our commitment to care for one another in tangible ways. The CAMHC Relief Fund provides financial relief to families navigating the high costs of treatment, helping to ease stress during already challenging seasons.

The Church Council serves as custodians of the fund. The fund is supported through designated gifts and other sources as approved by the Council. Through this effort, Gloria Dei seeks to extend Christ's compassion in distressing circumstances.

If you're facing difficult choices as to your child's mental healthcare due to the financial burden, please contact one of the pastors or one of the Church Council members. Recipients are considered prayerfully and confidentially.

# COUNCIL

Corner

Things have been busy around the church in the last month. On April 18th we had a large number (I believe around 30) volunteers show up to work on cleaning up the outside of the church property. A special thank you goes out to the individuals who organized this event, as it was a huge success! Along with that the Church Council met for their annual council retreat which was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the time spent together.

Another event that was a big success was the Creative Arts Sale. We want to thank every one who was a part of organizing that and lending a helping hand. As they say "many hands make light work for everyone".

By the time I write my next article for the news letter the NEW PEWS should be in place and we can't wait! Here is wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. God's blessings to all.

Bill Reneau, Council President

Thank you, God, for fellowship, creativity of many, and the excellent cooks and bakers we have at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church! Not only did we increase the amount in the Fix It Fund by \$5,662 at the Creative Arts Sale, we welcomed people into a beautiful setting with many items to choose from and also good tasting food. Connect, Grow, Serve are what we strive to achieve and I think we accomplished all three in this event.

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**CONNECT.  
GROW.  
SERVE.**

## Treasurer's Report

### April 2026 Income & Expenses

Income.....	\$41,892.34
YTD Income.....	\$168,006.61
Expenses .....	\$39,016.23
YTD Expenses.....	\$158,085.26

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

- \*We served bbq sandwiches and chips at the Tomah Museum Car show on May 2nd.
- \*Our Meal for the Community Dinner was well received on May 4th.
- \*Thank you to all that helped with these events.

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

\*Congratulation to our 4 High School Graduates! We honored them on May 20th in a special baccalaureate service at Church and enjoyed an ice cream sundae bar. See page 4 for graduate biographies.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they move on to this next important step in their lives.



HELLO  
SUMMER

## HOMEBOUND

**Care Center:** Susan Kammerer &  
Velma Lutz

**Close to Home:** Sharon Jensen &  
Wanda Baker

**Sunset Ridge:** Laurie Olson

**Liberty Village:** P.T. Melby

**Morrow Home:** Cherlyn Moseley

**LaCrosse, WI:** TJ Waege

**West Salem, WI:** Flo Lloyd

**Cranberry Court:** Patricia Olson

**At Home:** Victor Burnstad

**The April Giving Jar  
donated \$1015.38 to  
Caring Closet thanks to  
your generosity.**

## A BIRTHDAY THANK YOU FROM PR. DAVE

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR ALL THE BIRTHDAY WISHES AND – ESPECIALLY – THE PIES OF EVERY KIND! IT WAS SUCH A JOY TO SHARE THAT TIME TOGETHER, AND I'M TRULY GRATEFUL FOR EACH OF YOU. I'M REMINDED OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD THROUGH YOUR KINDNESS: "EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS..." (JAMES 1:17). THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE DAY SO SPECIAL!

- PR. DAVE DAHL

## **Thank You to Our Volunteer Leaders:**

- **Ruth Stoner (Hospitality)**
- **Jim Grilley (Safety)**
- **Bill Reneau (Readers)**
- **Jane Tessmann (Communion)**
- **Linda Frye (Care Ministry)**
- **Jackie Kiel (Acolytes)**
- **Sue Waege (Coffee Hour)**
- **Rick & Annette Eagen (Tech)**



# MISSIONS

Our June 2026 Giving Jar offerings will be split between two worthy organizations. He Knows Your Name, which was suggested by Jason Reiman, was founded in 2009 by Linda Znachko, when she learned that the body of a newborn baby was discovered in downtown Indianapolis.

As she states, " three thoughts rang through my head: a dumpster is NOT a grave!, a diaper is NOT a burial gown! And Doe is NOT a name!"

Even with the Safe Haven Law, babies are still abandoned, buried in nameless graves, with no headstone to mark either their deaths or their lives. He Knows Your Name ministry strives to ensure that every child receives a name in life, and dignity and honor in death. The Ministry also advocates for, and provides Cuddle Cots to hospitals for stillborn babies. The Cuddle Cot cooling method allows the maternity ward of a hospital to keep the baby with the family for a long period of time during the mother's hospital stay. "The baby's presence with his/her family is a priceless gift that helps heal the most painful loss of a child. When a family can hold , sing to, and rock their baby, and allow siblings and extended family to share in the love, remarkable redemption can start to lift suffering."

Wisconsin Nurses Honor Guard was suggested by Barb Eirschele. The WHNG is a statewide network of volunteer nurses who dedicate their time and efforts to honor a fallen colleague. The Guard will provide a final tribute, free of charge, for any LPN, RN or Advanced Practice Nurse, active or retired, anywhere in the state of Wisconsin (given the availability of members). Guard uniforms are traditional white, with caps, and possibly vintage-style capes. In an 8 minute ceremony, a short biography of the nurse's career is read aloud along with the Florence Nightingale tribute; then the tribute is completed with a Final Call to Duty for the fallen nurse. To request a Nurse Tribute or to volunteer please visit: [www.winurseshonorguard.com](http://www.winurseshonorguard.com).

Thank you everyone who donated towels, pillow cases, toilet paper and paper towels for the Family Promise house. I plan to deliver them in June.

Our next meeting is June 3rd at 1:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to come. Keep up the volunteering through the summer! As one of my son's former Sunday School teachers told him on the last day of that Sunday school year, "Remember God through the summer, He remembers you".  
-Colleen Bolchen for Missions Ministry Committee

Compassion Sunday will be June 10th and 14th. Assisting this year will be Lyam Eno as his Confirmation Faith Project. We will have special treats on Wednesday night and on Sunday. Please help Lyam raise funds to purchase a goat and pig for Families in need through Compassion!

Usher/Greeter  
(Hospitality)

9:00 AM

Jim & Beverly Stroh  
Bruce & Gloria Aarness



Acolytes

9:00 AM

6/7 - Emilee Scholz  
6/14 - Kimberly Jenkins  
6/21 - Khloe Habeck-Stepanski  
6/28 - Lyam Eno

Communion Assistants

9:00 AM

6/7 -  
Jane Tessmann  
Louie Lawrence

6/21 -  
Trina Bakken  
Darlene Nelson



Altar Guild

Gloria Aarness



SUMMER  
IS  
COMING

Readers

9:00 AM

6/7 - Ethan Habeck  
6/14 - Jim Stroh Sr  
6/21 - Jason Reiman  
6/28 - Scott Conzemius

Safety Team

9:00 AM

6/7 - John Lawrence  
6/14 - Jim Stefanski  
6/21 - Bill Wright  
6/28 - Bruce Aarness

Tech Booth

Sign Up to help in  
the tech booth  
today!



# MESSAGE *for all* CONGREGANTS

**"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him." — Jeremiah 17:7**

**This summer, we're leaning into a simple but searching question: "What does a truly blessed life look like?" On the surface, it might look like sunny days with timely rains that are mosquito and tick free! For as inviting as that may sound, we're going deeper - beyond the version shaped by comfort, success, or control. We're going after what Jesus describes in the Sermon on the Mount.**

**When Jesus opens with "Blessed are..." He isn't handing out motivational slogans. He's describing a way of life that flows from trust in God. That's why Jeremiah's words matter here: blessing is rooted in where our confidence rests. If our trust is in the Lord, our lives begin to take on a different shape—one marked by REAL JOY that is seasoned with humility, mercy, integrity, and quiet faithfulness.**

**Over the coming weeks, we'll walk through the Sermon on the Mount together - a body of teaching that is considered one of the most comprehensive and beautiful bodies of teaching ever recorded. We'll hear Jesus call the poor in spirit blessed, invite us to love our enemies, challenge our motives, and teach us to seek first the kingdom of God.**

**This teaching is both beautiful and demanding. Jesus cuts against our instincts. He exposes our motives and our trying to justify bad behavior. But He also offers something solid: a life anchored in God rather than tossed around by circumstances. Like a tree planted by water, the one who trusts the Lord has roots that hold.**

**Our aim isn't just to understand these words, but to build the foundation of our lives on them. That means practicing what we hear, and encouraging one another along the way.**

**If you've ever wondered whether Jesus' teaching can actually be lived out in ordinary, everyday life—the answer is yes. . . Not perfectly, but truly. And it all begins with knowing and following the One who lives it perfectly and rooting ourselves in His grace and strength.**

**So come ready. Come honest. Come expectant. This summer, let's learn together what it means to live the blessed life.**

**Keep and Live the Faith!**

*Pastor Dave Dahl*

# Ordinary Moments

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June has a way of sneaking up on us, doesn't it? One minute we're digging out from winter and racing through spring schedules, and the next we're staring at calendars full of vacations, cookouts, family visits, and hopefully a little time to breathe. Summer brings a different rhythm with longer days, later sunsets, and maybe even a few moments to sit outside and enjoy the season instead of rushing to the next thing.

Around here, June is already shaping up to be full in the best kind of way. There's a lot to look forward to this time of year; gatherings, travel, celebrations, and those simple summer moments that somehow become the memories we keep the longest. My family is also remembering my grandmother after her recent passing. We miss her deeply, but we're grateful for the love and faith she shared with us over so many years, and thankful for the hope and peace we hold onto in Christ.

This summer, as a congregation, we'll be spending time in the Sermon on the Mount. These words of Jesus are some of the most familiar and most memorable: "Blessed are the peacemakers," "Love your enemies," "Do not worry about tomorrow." They challenge us, encourage us, and remind us that life in God's kingdom looks a little different.

It is rooted in grace, mercy, trust, and joy. They invite us to live with open hearts and to notice the ways God is already at work in everyday life. As you travel, rest, gather with friends and family, or simply enjoy a slower evening now and then, I hope you'll carry these words with you. Jesus meets us in the ordinary moments just as much as the extraordinary ones around the table, out on the road, during quiet mornings, and in the middle of busy weeks.

So wherever June takes you, I pray it brings laughter, rest, connection, and plenty of reasons to soak in the goodness of the season. Enjoy the sunshine. Stay up a little later when you can. Make space for joy. And through it all, remember that God is present in every part of it. Wishing you a joyful and blessed start to summer.

-Pastor Kay

# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 - Communion 1 pm Missions Meeting & Book Club 6 pm Worship	4 1:30 pm Miriam Circle	5	6
7 Communion 9 am Worship 10 am Volunteer Appreciation 10:30 am Liberty Village	8 6 pm Small Group with Bill & Deb Rice	9 7 pm Council Meeting	10 6 pm Worship 7 pm Dorcas Circle	11 1 pm Esther-Rachel and Sarah Circles	12	13
<b>Bus Trip to Branson &amp; Eureka Springs</b>						
14 9 am Worship Compassion Sunday 10:30 am Liberty Village	15 9 am Rebekah-Ruth Circle 10 am History Committee 6 pm Small Group with Bill & Deb Rice	16	17 - Communion 6 pm Worship	18 12 pm Newsletter Deadline	19	20
21 Communion 9 am Worship 10 am Father's Day Coffee Hour 10:30 am Liberty Village	22 6 pm Small Group with Bill & Deb Rice	23	24 1 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting 6 pm Worship	25	26	27
<b>Hunger Haven Serving at the Tractor Pull</b>						
28 9 am Worship 10:30 am Liberty Village	29 6 pm Small Group with Bill & Deb Rice	30				

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