

Glendale Greetings

April 2008

Worship Schedule:

- Sunday School Opening
9:00 am
- Sunday School Classes
9:15 am
- Worship 10:30 am
- Fellowship 11:45 am

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Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

I begin this month by relating a story – one that has various retellings – that dates back to the early spring of 1912, as students crowded into a Harvard classroom for the final lecture of renowned philosopher and poet George Santayana. Near the end of his lecture, Professor Santayana glanced out the window. His eyes caught sight of a forsythia blossoming in a patch of lingering snow. He quit speaking, picked up his belongings, and walked to the classroom door. Then he turned to the group and said calmly, “I shall not be able to finish that sentence. I have just discovered that I have an appointment with April.”

Yes, it is the month of April, with springtime signs of new life and growth. The crocuses have given way to daffodils. And now, the tulips are in bloom, with their astounding rich colors that any clothing designer would covet and yearn to duplicate for their garments. Nothing is quite as beautiful as nature, and it is reemerging with a passion in the month of April. I am reminded of the words of the Psalmist who wrote: “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” (Ps.24:1, RSV) In April we get a full dose of that “fullness” with nature putting on a display of buds turning into blooms. It’s beautiful, radiant, cyclical, dependable, and therapeutic. The beauty has a way of stopping you in your tracks sometimes, if you’re not too busy to see.

Next time one catches your eye, get up close to a tulip, or a rose, or a “rhoddie” and you will see what I mean. The intricacy, delicate detail, coloration, and balance are beyond anything humanly-made...anything. By its beautiful showcase, that blossom gently reminds the beholder that it must be cared for, cared about, nurtured, because it is a sign of all that is good and godly in this created world. What a wondrous Artist is behind this display!

Yes, April is a good month because it’s a transition month. It holds the promise that these cold and wet northwestern reaches will not forever remain that way. There is sunshine behind those seemingly incessant clouds, and one day the sun will shine bright and warm. And in that way, April and its resplendent blossoms are therapeutic. They are an expression of God’s grace and healing mercy, just as the prophet Hosea spoke on God’s behalf to the Israelites who returned to the Lord long ago: “I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily...They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden...” (14:4-7)

Keep that appointment with April. And may your life blossom like the lily...or tulip...or “rhoddie”...or rose...or daffodil...or...

In Christ,

Pastor Phil

A Musician's Musings

I am in constant prayer for this church and the greater church as well, especially in regards to our worship. We have now been worshiping together at a single service on Sundays for almost two years with another on Wednesdays as well. I thought I might share some of my thoughts on worship. You will not find in this article my opinion on whether we should or should not do this. If you want my opinion and reasoning, you will have to seek me out and ask me personally. Instead, I have offered some things to think about, musings, if you will, that I have pondered and prayed about most recently. Ponder them yourselves and enter into a time of prayer and thought and talk amongst each other so that when decisions are made they will be based on the thoughts and prayers of the whole congregation. So sit back and pray and read...

A worship that survives follows the heart of God. Our pure and only desire is to worship God, not a space, not a style, not a pastor or worship leader. God's first commandment is to worship one God alone and when we say things like "I can't worship when they do ... on Sunday morning" we are saying we have created a blockade so that we can't let God come into our hearts. God did not put that block up, we did when we said, "I can't." or even worse, "I won't." Luther says in his explanation to the third article of the Apostle's Creed, "We can't come to God or know him" God comes to us. God created us so that we can worship him alone. We will do that in many ways over the course of our life and for many reasons over the course of our life, that's how humanity works. Styles, hymnals, pastors, church buildings – these can all change in the blink of an eye, but it is God who is the constant, God who is the heart of worship, God who is our only God.

We need to survive trends. As Pastor & I mold some of the liturgies of each of the styles of worship that we do weekly, we put the worshipers' hearts into the preparing of worship. By that I mean, we are not going to simply put a song or hymn in a service because we want to sing it. We are not going to look for prayers and creeds that only say what we want them to say. This ministry is to reach out to the worshiper and share with them the love and goodness that God gives to all everyday. I am constantly looking to the scriptures and prayer as a stepping stone for what will move a time of worship forward. After all, we need to worship, but if it doesn't move us to make disciples, go out into the world and share the worship experience, share the scriptures and the message with people who aren't hearing it, then we have missed at least part of the point.

God is bigger than the process and preparation, and authentic worship changes lives. God sends the Holy Spirit into our hearts and lives as we worship. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us in our praying when our words aren't enough. And our words are never enough. The Holy Spirit enters into our preparing our hearts for worship. We need to pray for our worship leaders, our worship-preparers, and let the Holy Spirit anoint them and also be our reminder that they are listening for the heart of God, too. We must always start with prayer – prayers of thanks and gratitude. We must come before our Lord with thanksgiving in our hearts and then also prepare for a time and place for Him in the quiet and hear Him speak to us. It is in this thanksgiving and listening that our lives are changed. It is here where authentic worship happens and changes our lives so that we can go out and share the heart of worship – the one true God – with the world around us.

Worship creates a community. We enter our worshiping body through Baptism. We are called into The Good Shepherd's fold. We confess this weekly through creeds and songs and hymns we sing and say together. We eat a meal together. These two sacraments – earthly signs of God's promise – are not done in isolation, but in community or in unity with the Creator and the created – each other! Then worship, after re-centering and reconnecting with our God, with His word and His grace, connects us with all of His creation.

Worship is not about you or me. It is about God and God's relationship with us. The next time we enter into a time of worship together let us be reminded and mindful of this truth.

Prayerfully,
Kerstin Shaffer
Music Director

Glendale Lutheran School News

Thank you for your participation in our potluck, which celebrated one of Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church's ministries: Glendale Lutheran School. We enjoyed the opportunity to worship and fellowship together, and are hoping to gather again in this way sometime soon.

We will have another opportunity to celebrate that Glendale Lutheran School is a vibrant ministry of Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church. As you know, the annual school auction is scheduled for the evenings of April 25 and 26. We encourage you to join us in this celebration, simply for the joy of sharing our ministry's success together. If you would like to participate in the bidding, you will find not only interesting objects, but also a variety of services and experiences available.

As we come together in fellowship and celebration, it is important to remember that Glendale's ministry touches many young people in life-changing ways. I invite you to contact the school for a tour so that you can see the excellent learning occurring daily. From kindergarteners writing stories in their journals to sixth graders learning about Roman history, the children are growing in mind, body, and spirit. Our most recent reading assessments show that many of our students have made tremendous gains since November. By working together, our church and school truly prepare our children to become strong Christian leaders for tomorrow's world.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Please join us for our upcoming events and visit the school when you have a few minutes, so that together we can celebrate this wonderful opportunity to touch young lives in such important ways.

Karin Manns, Principal

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ELCA Presiding Bishop's 2008 Easter Message

“For you have died, your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:3-4)

“You have died.” The words resonate because this world’s violence and suffering – so pervasive, so needless, so relentless – haunt every human community and life. Where death rules, hope lies entombed in endless grief.

Another death – the crucifixion of Jesus – changed everything. God is not hidden, but present through suffering, sorrow, and death. Jesus is God’s resounding “yes!” to the steadfastness of God’s forgiving love, embodied on a cross.

The death of Jesus shows no partiality. It was for all nations and all people – for them, for you, for me. Your life is now with Christ. In baptism you have died. Hidden with Christ, no longer entombed in grief, your life carries the promise of glory.

From the first day of resurrection onward, God has been raising up messengers of salvation, heralds of peace, and testifiers of the promised glory. You are a witness of the hope to come. Quite simply, Christ is your life, my life, our life. You have no other than this One who lives resurrected in you.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

GLS Garage Sale

Collection of Items: Friday, April 4; 2:00 – 8:00 pm
Drop-off Point: GELC Gym

Garage Sale: Saturday, April 5, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location of Sale: GELC Gym

There's still time! Do you have some closets and drawers filled with treasures that are ready to be "passed along?" During this time of spring cleaning, our school invites all church members to join us in preparing for our "first annual garage sale" in the gym on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. On that day we sell items to raise money for the school ministry, as well as provide literature about the school, the auction, and the church.

We hope to collect all sorts of items for the sale. On Friday, April 4, from 2:00 p.m. till 8:00 pm., volunteers will be in the gym to collect your items and label them for sale. If you have items to donate but are not able to come in on Friday, we can make arrangements to accept these things on Wednesday and Thursday of that week.

We're hoping that some garage sale experts will help us with the event. We would also love to have your support with the pricing and organizing on Friday, April 4, and/or the day of sale responsibilities on Saturday, April 4. If you can help in this way, please call the school office at 206.244.6085 to let us know of your interest and then we will be sure to contact you.

This garage sale is much more than a fund raising event. By working together and sharing information about our ministries with the public, we have a great opportunity to "grow our Glendale community!" Thank you in advance for your support!

Glendale Lutheran Night at Round Table Pizza

Come join us on Monday, April 7, 2008 for a night at the Round Table Pizza in Burien from 5:00-8:00 pm. The restaurant is located at 15730 1st Avenue S, Burien, WA 98148. Round Table will be donating a percentage of all proceeds made, back to the Glendale Lutheran School. What a great way to have dinner with family and friends! Games and prizes are also part of the evening. Come support the school and have a great time. Tell all your friends and family about this very special night as we fill the restaurant with friends of Glendale!

Glendale Lutheran School Annual Auction

Don't miss out on the celebration of the year!

Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th

Where: Glendale Lutheran School Gym

When: Friday, April 25, 2008

Time: 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Come and support Glendale Lutheran School at the “Silent Auction.” Items will be on display for you to place your bids. Bring your friends and family for a night of fun. Admission is free, and there will be concessions (hamburgers, corn dogs, chips, drinks, popcorn, and baked goods) for a nominal fee.

Where: The Cove

1500 SW Shorebrook Drive

Normandy Park, WA 98166

When: Saturday, April 26, 2008

Time: 5:30 – 10:00 pm (approximately)

Purchase your tickets now through March 31st at a discounted price of \$40 per person (as of April 1st). Tickets can be purchased through the school office (206/244-6085) until April 18th, and include admission to the celebration, a delicious dinner catered by Brown's Catering, fellowship with friends, and a live auction to help support Glendale Lutheran School.

The auction committee is in need of procurement items; help us reach our goal of 200 procurements. We're looking for all kinds of donations, big or small. Ideas of donations/procurements can be a service (yard work, house cleaning, massage, fishing trip, overnight at a cabin, babysitting, etc.), tools, plants, candles, crafts, books, gift certificate, sports tickets, baked goods, classes/lessons, hosting a party (wine tasting, hot dog roast, men's night, ladies night, poker, bunco, etc.) or gift baskets. (Baskets are available to pick up in the gym, during coffee hour, each Sunday. Take them home and bring them back filled with goodies. They can be dropped off at the school office, or bring them to church on Sunday and give to Diane Ball.) We've already started a couple of Glendale baskets, a Wine Collection, and a Garden Theme if you'd like to add to. We're looking for bottled wine for our Glendale Wine Collection and garden items for the Garden Theme. Please bring any donations/procurements to the school office. If you have any questions please contact Shelly Johnston at (206) 824-5231 or csjohnston@comcast.net Thanks for helping to make this year's auction a great success! Glendale Lutheran School is a ministry of Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Where We Are

We all share one common goal: to support our church. It's amazing, if you really stop to think about it. Glendale exists, purely, on the contributions and funds of its people. And its people have changed throughout its history, as has its leaders. I wonder what a church member of 30 years ago would have thought if they could have viewed the future of this church as it is today; to see its strengths and some of its weaknesses; to see some things on the property change and others remain the same. It brings me to wonder what Glendale will be like in another 30 years. Will we be like we are now, or how might we be different? What qualities and strategies will the leaders have then? It seems strange to think that we are all just part of something very big (the church body). At least I can say, Glendale was here before me and it's likely to be here long after I am not. So, I wonder what changes or ideas I can contribute to make it better. And pass on to the next generation, that I, at some point, will undoubtedly not be a part of. Yet, my position, and possibly, the roles I take, will. Thanks for all of your contributions to Glendale and your support, specifically towards the roof fund. To date, we have collected \$30,356.52 of the \$31,770.08 needed (\$1,413.56). We're almost there!

Don Wenstad
BEAM Chair

Spring Fling Brunch

Attention: Women of Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Ladies, mark your calendars for Glendale's Annual Spring Fling Brunch on Saturday, May 10th. Soon, we will have a sign-up for table hostesses. Watch for further details!

Women's One-Day Retreat

We have rescheduled our Women's Retreat for Saturday, June 7, here at the church. Pastor Nancy Winder and Kerstin Shaffer will be leading in Word and Music. Other activities will be announced when confirmed. Watch for further information. Suggestions accepted by Kay Nicholson, Kerstin Shaffer, Nan Ziegler, Pat Wollam and Loretta Anderson for classes or activities that interest you.

Lutheran World Relief News

During the months of April, May and June, we will be gathering items for layettes.

In refugee camps, hospitals, and villages around the world, gifts of layettes convey a warm welcome to newborns and their mothers.

Each layette consists of:

- Two shirts* or "oneses" (maybe gently used);
- Two gowns* or sleepers (with or without feet – may be gently used);
- Two receiving blankets (may be gently used);
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold;
- One sweater or sweatshirt*;
- Two wash cloths
- One bath-size bar (405 oz) of gentle soap in its original wrapping; and
- Two diaper pins.

If you wish to provide one or more of these items, please leave on the display table in the narthex. Thank you.

* Sizes up to 24 months

Thelma Dill & Eva Kragness

Quilt Blessing

A colorful annual event is about to happen at Glendale, once again: the Quilt Blessing. This year it will take place on Sunday, April 27, during the worship service. These magnificent quilts are created with loving hands by our sewers and quilters. Approximately 80 handmade, quilts will be displayed across the backs of pews for a blessing before being packed and sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to communities in need.

NW Washington Synod – Team Russia

You are cordially invited to the Inaugural Benefit Dinner, with live and silent auctions, for Team Russia of the Northwest Washington Synod.

Sunday, May 4, 2008 – 5:30 pm

Nile Shrine Center
6601 244th Street SW
Mountlake Terrace, WA
(exit #177 from I-5)

For reservations or information, please contact David or Renee McNeal at (425) 746-2241.

Taste of Tanzania – 2

Enjoy a quick visit to Tanzania – taste the Chai, see the sights, hear the stories... No passports or immunizations required!

Special Guests: ELCA Missionaries, Jean Wahlstrom & Marv Kananen

Sunday, May 4, 2008 – 3:30 pm

Kent Lutheran Church
336 2nd Avenue S.
Kent, WA 98032
(253) 852-2057

3:30 pm: Gather Together – Time for conversation and to learn how Washington Congregations are involved in Tanzania.

4:00 pm: Jean & Marv will bring updates from the MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School. Deana Miller will share the latest about Operation Bootstrap Africa.

The Ambassador Choir

Multnomah Bible College's Choir

Multnomah Bible College in Portland, Oregon, invites you to a concert of music and worship with Multnomah's Ambassador Choir. They will be performing at Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm. The Ambassador Choir, directed by Professor Stanford Campbell, is known for its inspiring "worship concert" experience, which consists of a blend of contemporary and traditional music.

Founded in 1936, Multnomah Bible College and Biblical Seminary is an interdenominational institution that enrolls approximately 800 students each semester. Multnomah Bible College offers full accredited Bachelor degrees that include life changing biblical training and practical application. All undergraduate students receive a degree in Bible as well as an opportunity to major or minor in another program. Multnomah offers, for example, programs in Pastoral Ministry, Music Ministry, Psychology, English, Intercultural Studies and many more. Please visit Multnomah Bible College and Biblical Seminary on the web at www.multnomah.edu.

In a way to offset costs, the choir is in need of home-stays for the night of the concert they will perform here at Glendale on April 23rd. You would need to provide a bed, breakfast in the morning and a sack lunch that the singer would be able to take with him/her for the next meal. If you have room available in your house for 1 or 2 singers, please contact Helen Lodmill at (206) 243-4804 as soon as possible. Thank you.

GELC Reunion – Summer of 2008

A GELC reunion is planned for August 1, 2 & 3, 2008, here at Glendale. Mark your calendars for what will be a memorable event. This will include those who have been involved with our church community from the early days to the present, so everyone is invited to participate.

We will keep you updated as we receive information, but the best way is to become a part of the Reunion Group via e-mail. Melanie Welton Wilson [(770) 447-9585] is the individual who is spear-heading this event, and she has put together an e-mail list that will provide updates to anyone who is interested. Please send an e-mail to: reuniongroupGELC@yahoogroups.com, or to Melanie directly at melaniewwilson@comcast.net, asking that you be added to this mailing list.

Vacation Bible School

Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church is hosting Vacation Bible School on June 23 – 27, 2008, from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Please save the date. For further information, please contact Helen Lodmill at (206) 243-4804.

Pastoral Visitations

If you have need of a pastoral visitation, please contact Pastor Lee at the church office. If there is no phone answer, please leave a message for Pastor Lee. He checks his voicemail and e-mail regularly.

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GELC Facilities Usage

If anyone would like to reserve space throughout our Glendale facilities for a function, please be certain to check with the church office for availability before making plans.

Also, if you use one of our rooms at the church and rearrange the furniture, please be sure to move it back to its original placement, as when you arrived. Your courtesy is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder: The 15th of each month is the deadline for the upcoming month's Glendale Greeter Newsletter. Thank you for keeping that in mind!

Worship Assistants - April 2008									
Date	Communion Schedule		Ushers	Readers	Acolytes	Special Music	Readings	Coffee Servers	
	Set Up	Clean Up							
4.6.08	Eileen & Cliff	Edna & Gladys	Team 2: Wiger, Matthiesen	Kay Nicholson	Nate Wollam Brandon Wickham	soloist	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35	Love Circle	
4.13.08	Ardis & Maureen; Bev & Shirley		Team 3: Parks, McBride, Levack, Thompson	Mel Nicholson	Kayleigh & Jacob Shaffer	Chancel Choir	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10	Men of Church	
4.20.08	Eileen & Cliff	Thelma & Maren	Team 4: Jury, Lorenz, Hoff, McComb	Jennifer Rameriz- Robson	Katie Gatto Emma Miller	Chancel Choir	Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14	Nellie & Linda	
4.27.08	Ardis & Maureen; Elna & Gladys		Team 1: Harris, Lodmill, Wickham, Carey	Joanne Parks	Maddy Gatto & Marissa Maimcovich	ANGELChoir & Hand Bell Ringers	Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21	Council; Worship & Music	

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10:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion

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Kerstin Shaffer – Dir. of Music Ministry
Earl Ericksen - Visitation Pastor
Paul Kragness – Custodian

April 2008 _____

VISION STATEMENT

Every Member Sharing in Christ's Ministry

MISSION STATEMENT

Make Jesus Christ Known through Evangelism,
Discipleship, Worship, and Service

MOTTO

Making Christ Known – Growing in Grace