

# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



## *Christmas In July*

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

*Welcome to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ and welcome you to our church home. Please sign the perforated tear off sheet on the back cover of the bulletin. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Lord's body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Everyone is invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Today's entire worship service is printed in this booklet. Worshipers read or sing all boldface type marked "All." Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Childcare is available in our nursery. Our ushers will be happy to assist you.*

## By Grace, God Gathers Us

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PRELUDE: "Noel Nouvelet" Medieval French Carol arr. Crisafulli  
Estelle Schultz, Flute

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(please stand as you are able)*

ENTRANCE HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ELW 283

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh,  
born of Mary, be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Angels We Have Heard On High" ELW 289*

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refrain*

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Pastor: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace.  
Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## In Grace, God Empowers Us With The Word

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### FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;  
all day and all night they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest  
until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies,  
and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but  
those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather  
it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people;

build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones,  
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes;  
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD";  
and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Suo Gan" arr. White Melody Ossi, Soprano

## SECOND LESSON: Titus 3:4-7

Reader: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand, as you are able)*

### GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *“The First Noel”*

*The first Noel the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep  
**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the king of Israel***

*They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
and so it continued both day and night.  
**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the king of Israel***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter:

**ALL: Glory to you O Lord.**

### GOSPEL:

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *"The First Noel"* v.3

*This star drew near to the northwest o'er Bethlehem it took it's rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.*

***Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the king of Israel***

*(please be seated)*

**SERMON:** "Into Our Hearts All Year Long" Pastor Rosemary Backer

*(please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ELW 270

## NICENE CREED

*God has made his people through our Baptism, living together we confess our faith.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Kneel/Sit*

*After each petition of the prayers:*

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*The worshipers may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## In Grace, God Empowers Us With The Meal

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## THE OFFERING

<p>The OFFERING is received – if you haven't already done so, we ask at this time for you/family to complete the perforated tear off sheet on the back of your bulletin.</p>
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# THE ANTHEM

## Carol Our Christmas

Words and Music by  
Shirley Erena Murray and Colin Gibson

$\text{♩} = 60$

**F** **Am** **B<sup>b</sup>**

1 Car - ol our Christ - mas, an up - side down  
2 Sing of the gold and the green and the  
3 Shep - herds and mus - ter - ers move o - ver

**C** **F** **C/E**

Christ - mas; \_\_\_\_\_ Snow is not fall - ing and  
spar - kle, \_\_\_\_\_ wat - er and riv - er and  
hill - sides, \_\_\_\_\_ find - ing, not an - gels, but

**G7/D** **C** **F** **Am**

trees are not bare. Car - ol the sum - mer, and  
lure of the beach. Sing in the hap - pi - ness  
sheep to be shorn; Wise ones make jour - neys what -

**B<sup>b</sup>** **C** **C/B<sup>b</sup>**

wel - come the Christ Child, warm in our  
of o - pen spac - es, sing a na -  
ev - er the sea - son, search - ing for

**F/A** **B<sup>b</sup>** **C7** **F**

sun - shine and sweet - ness of air.  
tiv - i - ty sum - mer can reach!  
signs of the truth to be born.

(please stand as you are able)

## OFFERTORY “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

**All: the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR THE NATIVITY

Pastor: Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life,  
in the beginning your Word brought light into the whole world.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary,  
to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.  
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for  
all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us,  
his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things  
will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you,  
we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

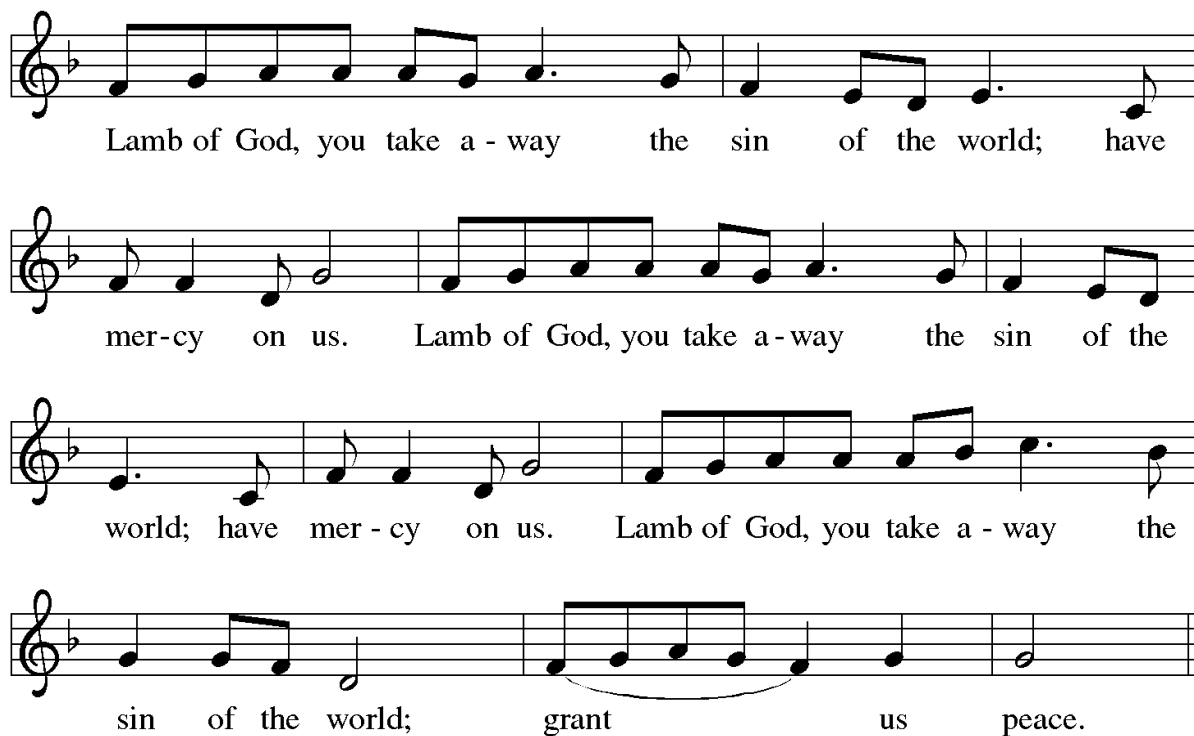
**Pastor:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Dei Lutheran Church celebrates open communion. We understand the sharing of the bread and the cup in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples. We don't require you to be a member of this church to participate with us in this feast of grace – it is God's Table. Simply come forward at the usher's direction. The wafer will be given to you by the pastor and communion assistant will offer the cup for you to dip the wafer into the wine. If you prefer a common cup this available at the next communion assistant. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available for those who are allergic, please ask the communion assistant.*



## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION MUSIC:

*The Sussex Carol English Carol –arr. Crisafulli (Estelle Schultz, Flute)*

*The Virgin's Slumber Song – Reger (Melody Ossi, Soprano)*

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
And keep you in His grace.

**All: Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Leader:** God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us  
with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy  
and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Go Tell It On the Mountain”

*Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

## With Grace, God Sends Us

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### BENEDICTION

Pastor: Life is short and we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.  
And may the Divine Mystery Who is beyond our ability to know  
but Who made us, and Who loves us, and Who travels with us,  
Bless you and keep you in peace.  
In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “Joy to the World” ELW 267

### DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *In Dulci Jubilo* German Carol 14<sup>th</sup> Century

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL PRAYERS** - Please pray for Bud & Gretchen Edgren, Shirley Horvath, Phyllis Munson and Family, Kathy Clark, Mike Mulyck, Sara Edixon, Ken Fuchs, Barbara Gilso, Donald Turner, Linda Brusco, Ella Fullin, Lac Nguyen, Brianna Tonkin, Miriam Longenecker, Matthew & Andrew Woodall, Jordan Bailey, Roger Moury, Courtney Lakis, Felicia Alberico, Gerhard John, Joanne Rood, Louise Johnston and Phil Bjornberg.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**...is today. Please take a moment to look at the Christmas tree in the Narthex and take an item package that you would be willing to give to the needy family. We will be collecting donations until mid-August. Your donations may be brought to the church office.

**WE ARE COLLECTING SHOES**...Please bring in a pair of new shoes and/or a pair of new socks for Project Heart. If you would rather bring in a monetary donation please do so. This is an organization that helps the homeless children of Manatee County. Let's send as many children as possible to school with a new pair of shoes.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are given by Fred Dever in celebration of Bobbie's birthday.

**ESTELLE SCHULTZ**, a native of Kansas City, Missouri. She graduated from the Kansas City Conservatory of Music in the same year she graduated from high school. She attended Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS where she graduated magna cum laude with Bachelor of Music degree in flute, piano and music education. After graduation she studied at Washburn University, Peabody Conservatory of Music and the U. of Maryland. She has taught privately and in public school music, directed three church choirs and is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, an honorary professional music fraternity. Since moving to Bradenton in 1994 she has played in the Sarasota Concert Band, the Anna Maria Island Orchestra (for 10 years +) and currently plays in the Manatee Community Band and the Gulf Coast Flute choir while still teaching.

**MELODY OSSI**, a native of Harrisburg, Illinois, is a graduate of Webster University in St. Louis. She went on to pursue her graduate degree at the St. Louis Conservatory of Music, where she was the recipient of the Helen Traubel Memorial Scholarship. She has performed as a soloist with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Opera Company of Boston, Opera Tampa, New Century Opera Bach Society of St. Louis, St. Louis Chamber Chorus and the New Jersey Pops Orchestra. She was a New England Finalist in the 1989 Metropolitan Opera Auditions and was a 1988 Tanglewood Fellowship recipient. Recently performed roles include 1st Converse in “Suor Angelica” with Opera Tampa and Pamina in Mozart’s “The Magic Flute”, Dew Fairy/Sandman in “Hansel & Gretel” and Wellgunde in Wagner’s “Das Rheingold” and “Götterdämmerung” with New Century Opera Company in Tarpon Springs. She is currently the South Florida Lyric Opera Musical Director for their production of “Die Fledermaus” which opens in August.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**...please see the Serving in Worship schedule in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. This is the Worship Leader and Reader schedule through October. You have been added to this schedule because you have offered to serve in worship. If you are unable to serve your day you are asked to find a replacement and notify the church office. Thank you

**IN THE SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION  
WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF NICHOLAS PATSIOS.** A  
Memorial service will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 11am. Following the service a  
reception will be held in the fellowship hall.

**ATT. LAST WEEK:** 5:00 – 17 9:30 – 95                      C.O.M.T.D.-\$9255.00  
**SERVING IN WORSHIP:**    Memorials M.T.D.-  
**Reader:** Elsie Tamson                      **Communion Asst:** John Bonser  
**Ushers:** Rein Mueller and Tom Wyneken

**THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI**  
**July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Gloria Dei**  
**Lutheran Church**  
*Communication Card*  
**July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9<sup>th</sup> WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST**  
**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**SATURDAY**

5:00 P.M. Celebrate!

8:00 P.M. AA

**SUNDAY**

9:30 A.M. **Traditional Worship**

10:30 A.M. Fellowship

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

9:00 A.M. Quilters

(All invited bring a bag lunch)

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

9:30 A.M. Women's Book study

**FRIDAY**

**10<sup>th</sup> WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST**

**SATURDAY**

**11:00 A.M. Patsios Memorial**

5:00 P.M. Celebrate!

8:00 P.M. AA

**SUNDAY**

9:30 A.M. **Traditional Worship**

10:30 A.M. Fellowship/Birthday Sunday

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address, Phone or E-mail  
change?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate  
box:

I would like info on  
making Gloria Dei my church  
family.

I would like to receive the  
newsletter electronically  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to learn to be a  
worship assistant

I have something to  
contribute for the next  
newsletter.

I will read during worship

I will donate a thumb  
drive/memory card for Haiti

I will bring in a dessert for  
the Patsios Memorial.

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Message to Staff:  
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**Guests: Welcome to  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!**  
Are you visiting with us today?  
If so, please fill out the following  
information:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

**We're glad you're here! Please  
tell us about yourself:**

Which service did you attend?  
Trad. Worship @ 9:30 AM

How did you hear about us?

- Newspaper  Banner
- Mailing  Friend
- I would like information on  
joining Gloria Dei Church
- I would like information on  
Sunday School Classes
- I would like information on  
Adult Small Groups
- Please register me for a  
New member's Class
- Gloria Dei would like to be a  
home away from home. If you  
need a prayer or a Pastor's call  
please let us know.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*(please place card in collection plate)*

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**Kim Phillips, Office Administrator**

**Dolores Dunn, Domestic Engineer**

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| <b>Susan Bonser '12</b>    | <b>President</b>                     |
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| <b>Vera Kersell '12</b>    | <b>Caring Board</b>                  |
| <b>Greg Mundell '10</b>    | <b>Caring Board</b>                  |
| <b>Brian Orr '10</b>       | <b>Stewardship</b>                   |
| <b>Rein Mueller '11</b>    | <b>Property</b>                      |
| <b>Beverly Orchard '11</b> | <b>Property</b>                      |
| <b>RuthAnn Jacobson</b>    | <b>Adult Fellowship</b>              |
|                            | <b>Altar Guild</b>                   |