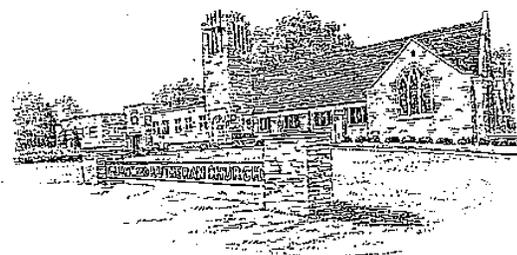


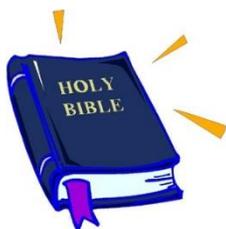
The Glenword

God's purpose for Glenwood Lutheran Church is that we accept all people, share the Good News, and help those in need.



The monthly newsletter of Glenwood Lutheran Church

January 2018



Two New Opportunities to Explore the Scriptures

Reading with Pastor Chris

Each Tuesday – 12 noon
@ Glenwood

'Reading with Pastor Chris' is a pilot Bible Study that will meet every Tuesday to look ahead to the coming week's assigned Scriptures for worship. This informal study will be a chance to explore the Scriptures at the same time your pastor does and to identify what you would want to hear in the conversation of a 'sermon.'

A Study of Ruth and Esther

every other Tuesday at 6 p.m.
@ Glenwood
beginning January 9

Fred Henning leads this study of the books of Ruth and Esther. Each class will last exactly one hour. The book of Ruth contains four chapters and Esther contains 10 chapters. We will meet every other week until completion. Please read the first two chapters of Ruth for the January 9th class.

Join Toledo congregations in discovering **Ancient Christian Art**

Sunday, January 21, 2018

12:30 p.m. in St. Paul's HeArt Gallery
428 N Erie St., Toledo.

2:00 p.m. at the Toledo Museum of Art, Docent Tour

Toledo congregations are going to the Museum to see a remarkable collection of 30 masterpieces of Late Roman art objects – precious stones, metals and jewelry. The objects in the exhibition date from the 2nd century B.C. to the 7th century A.D. We will begin with lunch at Toledo's HeArt Gallery. Pastors Chris Hanley and Tim Philabaum (Zoar) will share their knowledge of this period in early Christian history with a short lecture. The group will then drive to the museum and park at Glenwood for a docent-led tour. Please reserve a seat at lunch for \$10 per person by emailing HeArt Gallery Director, Kate Philabaum. (Kate@stpaulstoleado.org).



Cancellation Policy

If Lucas County is at a level 2 snow emergency, all activities are cancelled **except** Sunday worship. Sunday worship is cancelled if it is a level 3.

Please use your best judgment in deciding whether to come out.



Dear Friends in Christ,

The way we are spoken to shapes who we are. Through the presence of Jesus, God speaks to us personally and lovingly, a more consistent and constant voice shaping us as 'people who are loved' than all the other voices that want our attention.

If the way we are spoken to matters so much, then speaking our gratitude becomes all the more significant. The holidays, as even Hallmark cards have discovered, provide a space to stand still and give thanks. At Glenwood we have a great deal to be thankful for.

Thank you for the hard work and preparation of Annelle, Nancy, and our choirs, vocal and handbell.

Thank you for the decorating, undecorating, and beautifying of our worship space by Jean, Barb Heindel, Carol Stacy, and all of the Altar Guild.

Thank you to Ellen for readying us as a whole people to worship in so many and various ways.

Thank you to Brittany Burns (piano), Ed Bloedoe (oboe), and Greta Briggie (harp) who all shared their musical gifts.

Thank you to *all* of our readers, pray-ers, and everyone who lifted their voice to worship the Lord in this season of celebration our Savior's coming and birth.

Thank you to *all* of our greeters, ushers, and hosts/hostesses who made our worship space hospitable and delightful.

Thank you to Jerry, Al, Cliff, and Del for their hard work all year to keep our building in good shape so that we might have a place to gather and worship the Lord!

Thank you to Deaconess Rebecca West-Estell for leading worship and proclaiming the Word while I was out of town! (You can look forward to her return to the pulpit on January 28th!)

As you can see throughout this issue of *The Glenword*, 2018 will have a focus on prayer and in these winter months we will renew our commitment to reading together. You will have at least two opportunities to read with other disciples. I will hold an informal, weekly reading group to encounter the lectionary together at noon on Tuesdays. *If you are not able to join us but wish to be a part of the conversation, please read the lectionary and send your thoughts so we can bring you into the conversation!* Furthermore, please see the announcement about the study of Ruth and Esther led by Fred Henning. As our society continues to wake up to women's calls for justice, these books named for women will bring this important range of issues to the foreground.

Lastly, I had a wonderful vacation in Chicago, and I was welcomed back to Glenwood with words on our outdoor sign that truly resonate with the people of Toledo: "TOO COLD 2 CHANGE SIGN. MESSAGE INSIDE."

Pastor Chris



Offering Envelopes for 2018

Offering envelopes for 2018 are available. If you have not picked yours up, please contact the church office and we will get them to you.

Dear Friends in Christ,

A joyful New Year to each of you!

2018 is the Year of Prayer, and my prayer for the new year is that we grow strong in the practice of Daily Prayer. Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith. Prayer and Scripture are the foundation stones for a life of discipleship.



2018 will be devoted to prayer. Our Year of Prayer memory verse will be Philippians 4:6 **"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God"**. When we are in each other's company, I would love to hear you recite this beautiful verse.

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Northwestern Ohio Synod

Please remember in prayer

Jerry Bell, Karen Billings, Ginger Bopp, Melody Brewer, Tom Dellinger, Annelle Donaldson, Rob Donaldson, Steve & Sandy Drake, Barbara Eckenroth, Helen Green, Dave Heath, Lillian Henning, John, Dennis Johnson, Lori Lockwood, Mildred, Barbara & Dick Miller, Parker, Joseph Parnell, Jr., Kathy Pinkstaff, Warren "Bud" Pratt, Jack Russell, Madeleine Smith, SuAnn Snider, Jeff Stang, Leslie Uhlman, and Tom Wright.

Come Pray for Toledo's New Administration

Saturday, January 20, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood, Toledo

Join the Mayor-elect, Wade Kapszukiewicz, and Toledo's elected leaders for a multi-faith prayer service entitled: Our City, Our Future. Representatives from many religious communities, including Glenwood's Pastor Chris, will gather Toledo's citizens to speak of unity, prayer for our city and to ask blessings upon the new administration. Everyone who has a stake in Toledo's future is invited.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year,
for all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
so that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
and live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen



Bibles Needed

We occasionally have people come to the door requesting a Bible. If you have extra Bibles that you no longer use that you would like to donate for this purpose, please drop them off in the church office. Thank you!



State of the Choir 2018

Annelle Donaldson

Have you ever wondered about our obsession with numbers? We “count” the number of people in church on any given Sunday. We count the number of children in the sanctuary. (That determines whether or not we hear a children’s sermon). We definitely count the offering to see if we will be able to pay the monthly bills. We count the number in the choir, especially those who leave after the call to worship. If we count the number of men in the choir on a given Sunday, and compare it to the number of female voices, we can’t help but notice a discrepancy that becomes a problem for any director.

In professional choirs, women ALWAYS outnumber the men. Anatomically, men’s chest cavities and resonators are bigger sound producers, unless the ladies are Wagnerian sopranos that tip the scales at 300 pounds. (We don’t have any of those, nor do we want any!). Men simply produce a bigger sound.

By placing them (men) in the back of the chancel area, by choosing anthem material for two part voicing (instead of four), and by some judicious editing, we have been able to provide an introduction to worship that has, hopefully, been a meaningful contribution, and not a distraction. Our spirit is joyous, our rehearsals are fun, and our attendance is consistent. Absentees are accounted for (illness, out of towners, etc.). More is not necessarily better, but we do need to balance the sound between the sections. If the Lord sends us more men, then we will have a men’s chorus as well as a chancel choir! That would be a winner!!

“I don’t read music;” “I haven’t sung since high school/college;” “I have never sung in a choir;” “my music teacher told me to mouth the words and not sing.” No excuse will work at Glenwood.

If Thursday rehearsals don’t work for you, we’ll find a time that does. If transportation is a problem, we’ll find you a ride. If you don’t read music, we have three retired music teachers in the choir that will teach you to do so. If you don’t like the cookies that we serve, let us know what you prefer. We aim to please.

Please know that the gift of your voice in worship at Glenwood Lutheran Church is a glorious experience, one that constitutes giving to God far beyond any financial means. Choir meets in the choir room each Thursday at 5:45 pm, and each Sunday at 9:00 am. If these times won’t work for you, contact Annelle: church, 419-255-0886; home, 419-472-7885. Fabulous, free fellowship guaranteed!

Calling for Voices

Fred Henning

The choir needs additional voices in all ranges: SATB. The familiar excuse, “I can’t sing” rings hollow with Choir Director, Annelle Donaldson, who has a Master’s Degree in Music.

Annelle has only one test for teaching a person to sing. If, when eating an ice cream cone, you lift the cone to your mouth to eat it, then she can teach you how to sing. If, on the other hand, you lift the cone and miss your mouth, and stick the ice cream directly in the middle of your forehead, then she probably cannot teach you.





← On December 17, Nora Sloan Fields, daughter of Brandon and Katie Fields and granddaughter of Mike & Julie Navarre was received through the waters of Holy Baptism.

That same morning, the following people affirmed their baptism: Brittany Burns, Ken Schumaker, and Rebecca & Rodney West-Estell. ↓



We rejoice with them as we walk together on this faith journey.

Celebrating January Birthdays

- 1 – Polly Tate
- 4 – Kimberly Nye
- 6 – Steve Finch
- 7 – Sara Bokesch
- 8 – Georgia Ardner
- 9 – Sarah Gulch
Christina Kinney
- 16 – Keegan Downour
Taylor Hansen
- 17 – Eileen Pratt
- 18 – Chris Pawlaczyk
- 21 – Erv Wenzlaff
- 31 – Barbara Heindel



Christmas Gifts for our Homebound

We received several notes from our homebound members expressing their appreciation for the personalized snowman creations, fleece blankets, and other gifts. Thank you to Polly Tate, Brian Miller, Paul Swartz, Sharon Merritt, Julie Navarre, the Member Care team, and all who delivered the gifts.

Nativity Display



Many people who entered Glenwood during the holiday season commented on the lovely nativity display. We thank everyone who brought their nativities to share.

Thanks to all who pitched in with snow removal and building attention over the holiday season. You are appreciated.

From the Giving Store

Thanks to all who helped with the breakfast, with set up, and with the shoppers at The Giving Store opening on December 9. We give special thanks to BGSU students, confirmation students from Augsburg and Bethany Lutheran Churches, and all those who invited family and friends to volunteer for the day.



We couldn't do it without all of our wonderful volunteers!

Sorting continues on Wednesdays (except the fourth Wednesday) from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. All hands are welcome!

Fifteen to twenty Bowling Green State University students will be helping with The Giving Store on Monday, **January 15** as part of Martin Luther King Service Day. **Volunteers are needed that day from noon-4 p.m. to work with the students.** If you can help, please let Barbara Morgan know.

Items that are particularly needed for The Giving Store shoppers are pots and pans, blankets, and toilet paper.

Council Happenings



Where did the year go? Glenwood said farewell to Pastor Kathy Shuck, welcomed Pastor Chris, and grew in faith and ministry!

December Council Update:

- An Energy Audit/Green Team evaluation was shared by Justin Kahl from Interfaith Power and Light. Savings on the installation of LED lighting in the sanctuary as well of future energy savings are possible.
- We are thankful for the Member Care Team, Tours de Noel, Christmas Giving Store opening and breakfast, our Farewell to Becky & Joel Hansen, and all our members active in serving who made these possible.
- Consecrated income currently is \$88,878.00, representing 25 giving units.
- The sale of two parcels of property on Woodruff to the Toledo Museum of Art was completed December 14, 2017.
- **Annual Financial Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 following worship.**

Council will be looking for support, talents, time, prayers, advice, and help as new projects develop and we enter the Year of Prayer, adventure and new beginnings.

MONTHLY UPDATE

	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	ACTUAL EXPENSES
Nov. 5	89	\$2225	
Nov. 12	66	\$2589	
Nov. 19	64	\$3654	
Nov. 26	55	\$2065	
		\$	
TOTAL	274	*\$10,533	\$16,316

Difference between Income and Expenses for the Month: \$5783

* Does not include gifts to Dedicated Accounts (Memorials, Benevolence, etc.)



A Gfit from the Martyn Family

The Martyn family has preserved Pastor Peter Martyn's sermons and has created a website to make them accessible. They offer this link, <https://www.petermartyn.com/sermons> to Glenwood, which was so important in empowering Peter's ministry.

Help for Syrian Refugee Family

Social Services for the Arab Community (SSFAC) is raising funds to assist a recently widowed mother with two young children. Their goal is to provide one year of housing so she has not only housing, but also the precious time to learn English, to find a job, and have a chance for a future for her and her children. Checks can be payable to: SSFAC, PO BOX 548, Sylvania, OH 43560. Please note: "Syrian refugee family" in the memo line of the check.

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Sunday Worship at 9:45 a.m.

Home of the Giving Store

Second Saturday of each month

Worship 9:45 - 10 a.m.

Store is open 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Doors close at 12:30 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday of each month

except Nov. & Dec.

Worship 1:45 - 2 p.m.

Store is open 2-4 p.m.

Doors close at 3:30 p.m.

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