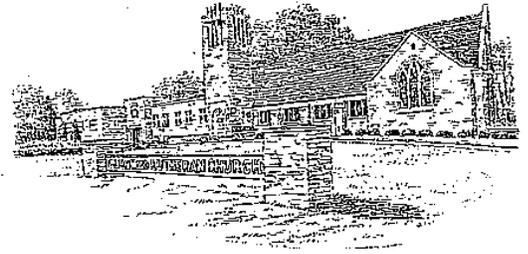


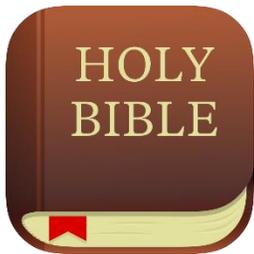
The Glenword

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 2019



YEAR OF SCRIPTURE EDITION

Bishop Daniel has announced 2019 as the Year of Scripture with a three-fold focus.

1. **Bible Reading** as a daily discipline and habit
2. **Bible Reflection** to help us become fluent in the language of sacred scripture
3. **Bible Study**: to lead us to discover the depths of who God is and the breadth of what God does.

Our Year of Scripture **Memory Verse** is Psalm 119:105 *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"*.

Inside this edition of *The Glenword* you will find **Strategies for Daily Bible Reading**, ideas for increasing **Biblical Fluency**, and a save the date for the first Adult Forum centered on **Studying the Bible**.

May God bless our reading and growth as Jesus' disciples in the Year of Scripture!

Pastor Chris

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

This January, Glenwood will join with two other churches in the Old West End, offering fun activities to beat the winter blues!

Friday, January 18th at 7 PM: BUNCO Night with Collingwood Presbyterian, at Collingwood.

Friday, January 25th at 7 PM: Karaoke Night at Glenwood! Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to help shape this event.





STRATEGIES FOR BIBLE READING AS A DAILY DISCIPLINE

The Bishop has challenged us to read the whole Bible in a Year! This represents the AP Honors College Credit version of Bible Reading. (We're Lutheran, no one gets extra points in the Kingdom of God for reading the whole thing.) Whatever goal you set for yourself in Daily Bible Reading, may God bless you and the Spirit grow you as Jesus' student. May these strategies encourage you and aid you.

Strategy 1: Read what you can. A very fit friend once told me that whenever anyone asks her what workout they should do (in order to be fit like her) she tells them: Do the workout that you *will* do. For the Year of Scripture you do not need to swing for the fences and read the whole Bible. The goal is to read each day and if you will read a verse, then do *that*.

Strategy 2: Read with friends. People sometimes get scared away by the idea of a 'Bible Study' as if it's for only the holiest people increasing their holy points. A Bible Study is simply a group that is attempting to read this huge book together, a chunk at a time, and doing it as friends.

Strategy 3: Listen to the Bible. I love podcasts, I love to learn something new while washing my dishes or making coffee. When I am on twenty minute drive sometimes throw on a podcast or a friend's sermon from their hipster church in Chicago. For phones capable of this, the YouVersion Bible App (the first one that pops up usually) has audio versions of *most* translations of the Bible! I am telling you now, many of the chapters I 'read' for the Bishop's will actually be read by some British guy in the King James Version. I often hear things I would not have caught with my eyes.

Strategy 4: Keep track of your questions! The Bible is full of things that are completely crazy to modern standards and can be very distracting. If you hear or read something crazy, write it down and then move on. Chances are that 'rivers of ink' have been spilled about exactly those verses by people who have dedicated their lives as scholars of the Bible. Your local pastor can help track down some of that information for you.

Strategy 5: Pray before you read. I wish that I had done this every single time I sat down with the Bible at the University of Chicago. Optimally before I read from the Bible I pay attention to taking deep breaths, maybe pray the 'Jesus Prayer,' and focus myself so that I am ready to encounter this Book. Then I ask for the Holy Spirit of Jesus to lead me into what I am reading. The words do not matter so much as taking time to be still and then relaxing in order to be led.

Lastly, if you strive to read the whole thing and you fail to read for a whole week, **do not worry about anything**, as we learned last year with Philippians 4:6. There is grace for you! Pick back up in the next book. It's a marathon that we're all trying to run together. Whatever you read, however you read, whenever you read this year may God's Spirit move you, excite you, and draw you closer to the Good News.

REFLECTING ON THE BIBLE

Do you ever find yourself talking like someone that you've spent a lot of time with? My New Testament teacher, Margaret Mitchell, had a big impact on my learning. Whenever you hear me say, "That is an answerable research question," you can thank her; she taught me to immediately distinguish between what is a question we can answer and a question that can never be definitively answered. We pick up language and patterns of thinking from those we spend a lot of time with, especially those we admire. Building a fluency in the Bible requires a fair bit of reading with the Book and getting acquainted. If we will 'pick up' language from Paul we will need to read his letters whole and get to know him as we know our favorite authors.



One way we can join together on this project is through **Reading Parties**. Throughout 2019, especially in Lent, we will gather together to read together. A whole book. I'll read. It will go relatively quickly. But you'll get to hear the *whole* thing. The 'Bible Project' podcast used this analogy. When we get together to worship we read clips of the Bible and then talk for a long time. Who, when watching the *Godfather* or *Star Wars*, says let's watch three YouTube clips and then talk about them. No one! We say, "Hey, let's watch this!" The whole thing. Stay tuned. This will happen.

Also the Bible Project, is a great resource for Bible reflection. I like their podcast, and I newly discovered that they also do art and videos that interpret and summarize whole books! Check them out at: thebibleproject.com

SAVE THE DATE

As you may have noticed, the Connection Cards recently have polled worshipers to prepare for the Year of Scripture. The *mode* response so far has been "Think Critically about how to Read and Interpret the Bible." The first Adult Forum featuring this topic will be **Sunday, February 17th** at 11 am following worship. Pastor Chris will present, "Reading 101: The Art of Interpreting and Why It Matters for Bible Readers." Check back in February's newsletter for more information on this event.

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.





COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 12, 2018

Jean Emery updated council on the kitchen improvements made possible by the \$10,000 grant in 2017 from Zion Lutheran, Waterville for the project. Approximately \$5000 has been spent. The remaining \$5000 will be spent to further update the kitchen and offer new programming to our Giving Store clients.

The Stewardship Committee reported that 26 giving units turned in consecration cards that totaled \$75,000.

The Finance Committee presented a budget for 2019. Total income is projected at \$154,300 and expenses at \$209,700, which leaves a deficit of \$55,400.

Fritz Hartkopf, treasurer, spoke of concerns of the deficit. Two ideas were explored – one to charge The Giving Store rent; the second to lease east side of building to an outside tenant.

Pastor Chris talked with Bishop Beaudoin about the possible sale of the back parking lot. He suggested that council members embark on 40 Days of Prayer, setting aside a few minutes each day to pray about the issue and praying together before worship. This would culminate in a Council Retreat on January 19th during which the Council will arrive at a recommendation together.

There followed a discussion of current negotiations with TMA. The congregation needs a drawing of portion of the parking lot that would be sold, as well as a list of the conditions which have been negotiated. A concern was raised that TMA will not tell us exactly what it intends to do.

GIVING STORE ADVOCACY MINISTER – 2018 IN REVIEW

Advocacy Minister definition: under general direction of the pastor, provides support and social services information to meet the needs of individuals; serves as liaison between community agencies and individuals who request assistance for navigating the social service systems; ministers to individual(s) regardless of race, creed, economic status, or gender.

During the year 2018, 46 referrals and social services in the following categories:

Appliances – 6	Furniture – 6	Primary Care Physician – 1
Call phones – 2	Housing – 2	Toiletries
Dental care – 1	Lutheran Social Services – 6	Utilities – 1
Completion o	Mercy/St. Anne Pharmacy 1	Vision – 2
forms/interpreting – 5	Read for Literacy – 2	
Food pantires	Special needs – 1	

Juanita Hollis, Advocacy Minister

ADAM – THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Abled Disabled Awareness Ministry (ADAM)

Abled Disabled Awareness Ministry was established at the synod level of the ELCA in 1985. The mission is to educate, advocate, and support persons with special needs and others, based on the biblical scripture, “one body, with many parts, we all are connected.” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 24-27)

If you were to attend this informative ministry, you would experience the following: lunch, devotions, prayer, blessings, hymn singing, scripture reading, prayer concerns, topics on health, etc..., monthly birthday celebrations, and the Jesus Game with gifts and much more.

In 2018, ADAM met every fourth Monday at 12 noon (11 meetings) with an average of two to four people. Forty-four prayers, scriptures, made a spiritual setting most peaceful for the afternoon. We keep in mind the biblical text which speaks of Jesus promising his presence where two or three gather together. “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.” (Matt. 18:20 NRSV) With this scripture, it gives us a positive reason to meet regardless of the number in attendance. For ten years this ministry has been led by the Holy Spirit, even at times when there were two. The last meeting of the year consisted of eight people – five Glenwood members and three from the community.

The tenth anniversary was in June, however we celebrated our anniversary by attending a Senior Christmas party in December with two ADAM members and seven people from the community. One community member expressed a desire to join the ministry. Amen. We give God the glory.

Community participants are from various churches: Ascension Lutheran Church, All Saints Episcopal, Indiana Missionary Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist church, and St. James Holiness Church (The Armory Church).

For more information, contact Juanita Hollis (567-225-9308).

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 – Erwin Wenzlaff
- 31 – Barbara Heindel



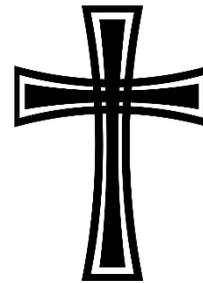
WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jerry Bell, Karen Billings, Brittany Brauer, the Decker family, Tom Dellinger, Don, Annelle Donaldson, Rob Donaldson, Doris Ann, Steve & Sandy Drake, Helen Green, Karen H., Lillian Henning, John, Dennis Johnson, Mary Knight, Melissa, Michael, Barbara & Dick Miller, Faith Miller, Lenore Mortemore, Nililah Jean, Joseph Parnell, Jr., Eileen Pratt, Robert, Charles & Mary Roberts, Mary Robertson, Mary Root, Jack Russell, Makalah Sande, Simo, Madeleine Smith, Jim Sprang, Terri, William, and Pam Wingo.



WE MOURN

Warren "Bud" Pratt, died November 23, at age 94. Born in Toledo, he spent 3 years in the Army Air Corps in England during WWII. After the war, he attended UT and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business. After retiring from Sears, he opened his own business, Pratt Hearing Aids which still remains in the family. He joined Glenwood in 1953. Pastor Chris conducted his funeral on November 27th. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Eileen and all family and friends.



Mildred "Millie" Allred died December 24th, at age 95. A graduate of Woodward High School and the University of Toledo (Bachelor & Master degrees), she went on to receive a Doctor of Education degree from Rutgers University in 1978. Millie was a Professor of Sociology at UT and ComTech for many years. Upon retirement, she remained active with UT alumni & retiree groups. At Glenwood, Millie helped lead Keenagers and Glenwood's Thrivent chapter. We offer our condolences to her sister, Lenore Mortemore and all her family and friends. Her memorial service will be here at Glenwood on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m.

David Heath died December 24th, at age 59. Born in Toledo, David graduated from Rogers High School and earned his Bachelor of Music Education from UT. In 2003, he received his Masters of Music in Music Education. David worked as a music teacher at DeVilbiss High School until it closed and then at Rogers – first as choir director and then as band and orchestra director. His enjoyment of music continued in retirement as he played in the Maumee Community Band and The Brevard Community Band. He also sang in the Teutonia Choir and Glenwood's Chancel Choir. Pastor Chris conducted his funeral here at Glenwood on January 3rd. We extend our condolences to his wife, Nancy.

We offer our sympathy to...

Kathy Pinkstaff and family upon the death of her sister, Barbara Eckenroth.

Norm Uhlman and family upon the death of his mother, Mary Uhlman.

Charlotte Parnell upon the death of her brother, Sandy.

HEART GALLERY

Wine Pairing and Tasting - Thursday, Jan. 17 at noon \$10, Friday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. \$15
Sample wines and cheeses while Diane Rogers of Syd & Dianes demonstrates how to create an outstanding cheese plate for home entertaining. The gallery exhibit explores an exquisite collection of vintage wine labels, produced by the Lehmann Printing Company of San Francisco.



Hymns with a View - Sunday, January 27 @ 5 p.m.

Join the band of musicians for an inspirational evening of singing together.

There will be hymns old and new, special music, food, and fellowship.

RSVP for both events to kate@stpaulstoledo.org. The HeART Gallery is located in St. Paul's Lutheran Church 428 N. Erie St, downtown Toledo – across from the courthouse.

Looking ahead to February:

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 3 - following worship

On the agenda:

- Review of financial report for 2018
- Approval of 2019 budget
- **Vote on sale on portion of back property to Toledo Museum of Art**
More details on what portion of back property is being considered for sale and other negotiation points with TMA will be provided *at least one week prior to meeting.*

THANK YOU

Thank you to Alie and family for helping my family and kids following the house fire. "It was so beautiful and thoughtful. It really made their Christmas to get the things they lost in the fire. They were really surprised!"
-Dawn Billings

HELP NEEDED ...

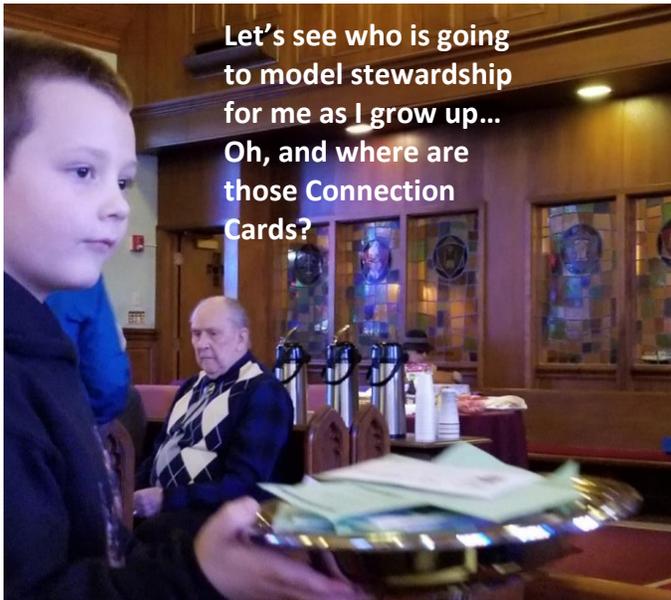
One member of our congregation is in desperate need of an inexpensive but trustworthy car. With the reduced schedules for TARTA buses, transportation to and from work has been compromised, and church attendance at Glenwood is not possible. Contact Pastor Chris or Ellen if you can help. Thank You.

OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES LEADING WORSHIP

December 30, 2018



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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.

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Barry Ramlow..... Financial Manager

Nancy Russell..... Organist

Del Schmidt..... Custodian

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Jerry Brucksieker

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