



Broadcaster

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WORSHIP 10:00 AM MAY

WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH WILL WE BE?

We received an invitation from old friends from Green Bay last week to their 40th wedding anniversary celebration. We have hardly connected with them since we moved to Glenview, so we were both surprised and delighted that they invited us to their party. I called to RSVP, and that telephonic reunion filled my heart. In the course of that conversation, my friend told me about their recent visit with family members to an evangelical church. Here's how she described the message:

Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. That means that if we accept Him as our Lord and Savior, we can do whatever we want!

Then she added: ***For me, there's so much more to faith than that!***

The message my friend heard is personal salvation without social responsibility. Biblically, it's all about Ephesians 2. Here's what it says:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Too often, that's where we stop. But that's not where the Apostle Paul stops! Listen to the rest of the story:

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Grace withers and dies if it doesn't bloom into good works. Faith is empty if it isn't the foundation of our investment in and our commitment to God's love.

We're sailing through rough seas at Glenview Community Church. We've got a finance problem. For six years the financial investment of our living members and friends has fallen short of the financial needs of our Message, Ministries and Mission. So we've turned to our dead members and friends for help. And we've used up the financial resources of the bequests they've left us. Those bequest reserves have allowed us to "kick the can down the road." Now there aren't enough of those reserves left to responsibly do that for one more year. So we have to lower our expenses. And the most personal and heart-rending way that that is happening is Pam Keckler's announcement that she will move to half-time on January 1, 2019 and will be planning her retirement at the end of that same year – a year or so earlier than her original plan.

At our annual meeting on Sunday, May 20, one of our anguished members asked, ***What kind of a church are we?*** By that she meant that we are allowing our balance sheet to drive reductions in staff. That's unavoidable for a financially-challenged church where three quarters of its budget is dedicated to staff compensation.

We have a finance problem! That's true. But that's not our biggest problem. ***Our biggest problem is a faith problem!*** In the words of the Apostle Paul again:

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FIRST SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture:
Isaiah 6:1-8
John 3:17

Sermon:
Change and Truth
Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

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SECOND SUNDAY IN TRINITY COMMUNION SUNDAY

Scripture:
1 Samuel 3:1-10
Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon:
Keeping the Sabbath
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

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THIRD SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture:
1 Samuel 8:1-20
Mark 3:31-35

Sermon:
Like a Moth to a Flame
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

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For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Or, in the words of Jesus:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

For me, the most important question isn't **What kind of a church are we?** The most important question is **What kind of a church will we be?** Will we be a church that limps along, living by balance sheets and reducing the ways that we make God's love real in the world? Or will we be a church that lives by the gospel, stretching and daring to do ever more good works because that is the life that God has prepared for us? Have we given our hearts to Jesus and His love? The best indication is where we invest our treasure. **Yes, we have a faith problem.**

As we are sobered by this news...as we express our sadness, dismay, grief and perhaps anger...please remember that none of these emotions will make any difference in our faith problem. What **will** make a difference is the saving love of Jesus Christ that is God's abundant and everlasting gift to us. What **will** make a difference is examining our hearts and investing our treasure in God's heart of love.

So, friends, in the light of your faith, I invite you to examine your hearts today. Where are you investing your treasure? Are you investing it in the good works of God's love, in and through Glenview Community Church? If you aren't doing that...if you are part of the problem...let God make you a part of the solution! Pledge up to the goal the Generosity Team set for the congregation: 5% of your adjusted gross income (line 37 on your 1040)! Give so that you feel the blessing of your commitment in your wallet! Remember, we give our treasure to the things that fill our hearts. May our hearts be filled with God's love!

See you in church,
Chuck Mize

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for our longtime member, **Pieter Fockens**, who died on Monday afternoon, May 14 after a brief illness, even as we hold **Nina and their family** in our prayers. **Pieter** was a devoted member of our Chancel Choir and served as its librarian for decades. We will give thanks for **Pieter's** life and trust him to our God at a memorial service at Glenview Community Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 16...and for **Melinda Krueger's** mother, **Betty Stokes**, who also passed away on Monday, May 14, even as we hold **Melinda, Steve and their family** in our prayers. A memorial service at Elliott Chapel of the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston remembered and gave thanks for **Betty's** life on Thursday afternoon, May 17.

HELP WANTED

FOR THE AUDIO/ VIDEO TEAM

The Audio/Video Team desperately needs additional volunteers to assist with the recording of audio and video of weekly services and periodic concerts. Our intrepid team currently consists of only 3 people. An additional 4-6 people would allow for , on a typical Sunday , one person to operate the cameras/video and another person to be responsible for recording the audio of the service. A team of 8 people would allow for a two person crew each week and provide flexibility in the event of schedule conflicts. The job is not that difficult and training would be provided. The commitment would be approximately one service a month and a periodic concert.

Please contact Brian Grad at brian.grad@gmail.com if interested.

MYRA LORIS

"SIX YEARS THAT SHAPED AMERICA" 1946-1952

June 5 **IKE, ADLAI, AND WE ALL LOVE LUCY** takes a look at the growing power of television as an entertainment, economic, social, and political force that would change America forever. Will look closely at the phenomenon of "**Uncle Miltie**", **I Love Lucy** and focus on the role of TV in the 1952 Eisenhower-Stevenson presidential campaign.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per lecture. Tickets are available at the door.

GIVING GLIMPSE APRIL 2018

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving and ensure the fiscal health of the church. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
Pledge Fulfillment	\$350,936	\$28,136
Other Income	\$ 92,873	\$23,624
Expenses	\$478,754	\$10,403
Net Total	(\$34,945)	\$41,357

SUMMARY: We are \$41,357 better than budget through April. Our approved budget defines an annual deficit of \$79,779, so if the balance of the year holds plan, we will end 2018 with an operating deficit of \$38,422.



Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 24 May 2018		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
Saturday, 26 May 2018		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
Sunday, 27 May 2018		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:01 AM to 11:40 AM	Refreshments & Fellowship	Narthex
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Harold Godfrey Wedell Memorial	SanctuaryM
Monday, 28 May 2018		
8:00 AM to 8:30 PM	Memorial Day - Church Closed	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 30 May 2018		
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Construction Meeting	Chapel
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	The Kings Journey - Opera	Sanctuary
Saturday, 02 June 2018		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
Sunday, 03 June 2018		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:01 AM to 11:40 AM	Refreshments & Fellowship	Narthex
Monday, 04 June 2018		
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Yoga	Room 201
Tuesday, 05 June 2018		
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Myra Loris	Sanctuary
Saturday, 09 June 2018		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
Sunday, 10 June 2018		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:01 AM to 11:40 AM	Refreshments & Fellowship	Narthex
Tuesday, 12 June 2018		
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Ministry Steering Committee Groups	Gym

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS MAY 30, BY 9:00 AM



We are looking for a new name for the Resale Shop and need your help! The Resale Shop committee of the Women's Association would like YOUR help in determining a fresher, less generic, and catchier name for the shop. With having a permanent home in the

Plymouth Room following the construction, we will be taking the opportunity to relaunch our shop with a new name, new logo, and other changes. If you have a name idea you'd like the committee to consider, please submit it to cjsultz@comcast.net by May 31. Besides the fame and glory associated with the winning entry, there will also be a special prize!

THE LABOR DAY ALL CHURCH RETREAT

The Labor Day All Church Retreat will be September 1-2(3). We will be staying at Tower Hill Camp located in Sawyer, MI. There have been some updates to their facilities. The cost is \$90 for 13 year olds and up, \$60 for 8-12 year olds and children 7 and under are free. Please contact Amy Song at arigoni3@sbcglobal.net if you would like to attend. This is a great way to get to know and become reacquainted with our church family.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR AJH

While for many of us summer is a break in the routine and time to enjoy the outdoors, **A Just Harvest (AJH)** continues to serve the needs of hundreds of Chicagoans who suffer from food deprivation year-round. GCC has been a partner for **AJH** for 35 years. Because of the that dedication, and the support of many organization, **AJH** continues to deliver on their promise to provide good, nutritious meals every day to people in difficult circumstances. We are looking for GCC volunteers for the following dates to make sure the need is met:

SUNDAYS (leave the church at 3:30 p.m.)
June 3, July 1, August 5, and September 2

WEDNESDAYS (leave the church at 4:00 p.m.)
June 20, July 18, and August 15

Please respond to Sandra-frantz@sbcglobal.net or Linda Crowder at lccrowder@Comcast.net.

2018 SUMMER MUSIC /MOVEMENT

Summer **Music and Movement** Cclasses for young children will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at GCC in Room 107. Classes will be held at 9:15 and 10:15 for children ages 6 months - 5 years. Summer classes will be offered as "drop in" classes to accommodate your busy summer schedules. "Sign -Up Genius" will be our mode of registration.

TUESDAYS: JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26 JULY 10, 17, 24, 31

WEDNESDAYS: JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27 JULY 11, 18, 25 AUGUST 1

If you wish to be on the e-mail distribution for this registration process or have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at debbieberg23@gmail.com Non-GCCNS families are welcome as well, so share the information with your friends and neighbors that might be interested. We hope to see YOU this summer.

FOR ALL SPIRITUAL SEEKERS!

MAY 30, 7:30 p.m. Satisfy Your Musical Spirit: A Performance of a contemporary spiritual opera, **The King's Journey**, with music by Bobbie McKay and story by Lew Musil, will be presented by singers and chamber orchestra from Northwestern University Bienen School of Music. This is the story of everyone who looks for God and finds God in an unexpected and powerful experience that transforms our lives. Performed in the Sanctuary. No reservations needed. (This program will be enjoyed by ages junior high through seniors.)

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*
Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Associate Pastor for Youth and Children*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PONDING IN SILENCE

Each year at the Confirmation Retreat, the confirmands are asked to reflect on a problem or issue that really concerns them, and how they might begin to address it. This issue was mentioned by several.

School shootings – we could live in a way that Jesus would want us to, by spreading love, not hate. We teach a faith where we treat everyone as our neighbor, and how we would want to be treated.