

Synopsis for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located in the heart of Charleswood, a residential suburb in the west side of Winnipeg. It is known for its small town country feel. The population of Charleswood is approximately 26,000 people. Our congregation was formed in 1961, with our current building constructed in 1977.

We seek to hear the Gospel and live it out in the community by building positive and dynamic relationships. Of priority is building up our Sunday School and Youth programs to engage our youth who currently do not attend church. We would like to grow our congregation, while providing pastoral care and support for our current membership. Our members have wonderful talents and gifts to share, and are generous in doing so. Several of the ministries in the congregation are coordinated and run by our members.

Our worship services are structured according to “Evangelical Book of Worship,” and we use a broad selection of that material. We regularly have Ensemble-led services using more contemporary selections. Our practice is to commune each Sunday.

Our members volunteer within the church and in the broader community with organizations such as the ALS Society, Children’s Hospital Book Market, the volunteer Income Tax program, and The Urban (a community-based ministry program in central Winnipeg). As a congregation we support the World Day of Prayer, Lutheran Urban Ministries, Charleswood Ministerial, the National Youth Gathering, CREST (refugee support), and Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to the Pastor, our staff consists of a part-time administrative assistant, caretaker, and organist.

We are looking for someone to help us grow our congregation through engaging worship, stewardship, and member support. Having a healthy relationship with the broader community is important to us as well.

The top 5 Areas of Ministry to prioritize in the next 1-5 years: (In no particular order)

1. Transformational/Redevelopment via Sharing Leadership
2. Ministry with Youth and Young Adults
3. Stewardship
4. Ministering in Crisis via Counselling
5. Preaching and Creatively Sharing the Word (i.e., musically; artistically)

Interested persons may request a detailed Congregational Profile and the procedure for call process in the MNO Synod from:

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