

2025 AUGUST NEWSLETTER

A Letter From The Pastor

PASTOR EDD

Think deep thoughts for a moment. Really deep thoughts. Think about the word “stewardship.” What comes to mind? If you’re like most people, money is what comes to mind. You might even envision the offering plate being passed here at Gloria Dei or writing out your check to support this ministry. Steve Mizerany used to own a large appliance store in St. Louis. Many people in St.

Louis remember him as being a bit eccentric as he moved throughout the store on roller skates, shouting out to potential customers his slogan, “Don’t be confused!” That’s good advice when it comes to buying appliances. It’s also good advice when it comes to stewardship.

Don’t be confused! Money is a very important part of stewardship. There are more verses in the Bible dealing with money, material possessions and giving than there are with heaven and hell combined. The Bible has more to say about money than about faith. Even a casual reader of the Bible would have to conclude that money is important to God. But money is not the be-all, end-all of stewardship. It’s important all right, but it’s only one-third of what we might call “total stewardship.”

Total stewardship consists of “three Ts.” Money is one of those, the “treasure” aspect of stewardship. “Time” is another, and “talents” complete the picture. Time, talents and treasure comprise total stewardship. How we use these invaluable resources says much about our Christian faith and our relationship to God.

You see, the Word of God is very clear: God owns everything. God has never relinquished the title deed to the world. According to Psalm 24:1, God owns it all. According to 1 Chronicles 29:11, everything in the world belongs to God. That means that all of us own exactly the same amount: Zero. That’s right. We own absolutely nothing. We are managers who have been entrusted by God with time, talents and treasure. God is the ultimate Owner; we are managers who are responsible to manage that which belongs to God.



Here Comes the Sun...

HEROES AND HERIONES OF THE BIBLE

August 3rd: SAMSON

August 10th: LOT’S WIFE

(Ado or Edith)

August 17th: ARRON

August 24th JONATHAN

August 31: JAMES



Welcome Our New Member

Abi Groves



Food Pantry

May ---
277 families
1,175 people

July 18---
98 families
326 people

July 19---
116 families
711 people

Invitational Ministry

BY MARYGENE TEDFORD

Summer activities are always fun! Team members are excited about our next activity occurring on August 8th at Waldon Elementary beginning at 10:30am.

We will represent Gloria Dei during the Park Hill Back to School Fair. Our table will be set up with giveaways to welcome teachers and staff back to school. Please offer prayers for a safe and successful fair and school year!

From Music Ministry Director

JESSICA SEIDLER



**GDLC
MUSIC
Ministry**

Love to sing? Want to learn to ring?

JOIN US!

Music reading skills are not required!

20	Aug. 2025	6 pm- fellowship dinner 7 pm- first choir rehearsal of the semester
7	Sept. 2025	7:45 am- first bell rehearsal of the semester

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JESSICA SEIDLER
WORSHIPMUSIC@GLORIADEIKC.ORG



Here Comes the Sun...

Thank you!

*Gloria Dei Outreach
Ministry, THANK YOU
soooooooooo much for the
generous gifts you gave to
our family! Not many
people enjoy going out to a
restaurant and listening to
a newborn cry! Being able
to stay home and order in
was amazing! We feel so
blessed that our baby girl is
surrounded by so much love!*



HARLEY, HAROLD, & HANNAH GEER

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Summer Concert Series



The Lyric Duo

EVA PENG, SOPRANO
DR. ANTHONY OLSON, PIANO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 7 PM

Admission: Free-will offering
Refreshments provided

5409 NW 72nd St. Kansas City, MO 64151

Back to School Potluck

BY FELLOWSHIP LIFE



Charity Golf Scramble

BY OUTREACH - FOOD PANTRY

The tournament Charity Golf Scramble fundraising goes to our Gloria Dei Food Pantry. The Food Pantry opens its doors to those in

Platte County and Clay County who need food. The money raised from the golf tournament helps to bring much-needed food items to our church for these food drives.



**American
Red Cross**

Thank you!

19

TOTAL DONORS

1

FIRST-TIME DONORS

19

UNITS COLLECTED

5

POWER RED UNITS

2025 CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

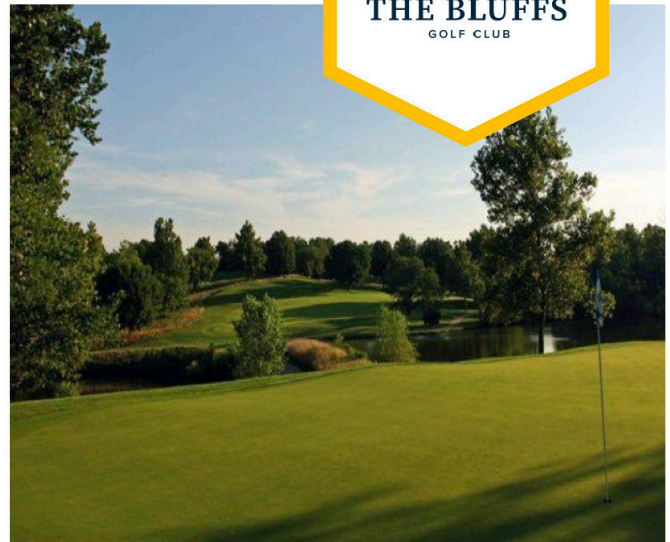
TREASURER DALE BROUK

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF GIVING!



2025 CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

**THE BLUFFS
AT THE NATIONAL
MONDAY, AUG. 18TH**



Schedule

- 8 am: Registration, driving range open
- 8:30: Breakfast is available
- 9:30: Shotgun start
- 2:30 pm: Awards lunch is served, courtesy of JIMMY JOHN'S

To Register: Go to
WWW.GENEROSITYUSA.ORG
to be part of this amazing event!



Sponsorship Opportunities

- Gold (\$5,500): 12 players. Includes breakfast & lunch for all players, 2 drink tickets per player, course signage and banner.
- Silver (\$2,750): 8 players. Includes breakfast & lunch for all players, 2 drink tickets per player, course signage and banner.
- Bronze (\$1,200): 4 players. Includes breakfast & lunch for all players, 2 drink tickets per player, course signage and banner.
- Hole-in-one (\$900): Includes recognition and course signage.
- Cart (\$600): Includes recognition and course signage.
- Single Hole (\$350): Includes recognition and course signage.
- Generosity (\$100-\$250): Includes course signage.
- Foursome (\$700) Individual (\$175)



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A Letter From The Treasurer

TREASURER DALE BROUK

Financial Summary – 2nd Quarter 2025

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2025, cash balances are \$382,486.46 of which \$261,938.66 are in reserves earning interest at a rate of 4.50%

Encumbering our cash balances are Memorials with balances of \$9,592.85, along with the church's food pantry with a balance of \$8,231.91.

Debt balance as of June 30, 2025, is \$357,843.33 pay down from the year- end balance of \$376,361.54. The church's loan was originated by Thrivent at a fixed rate of 5.20% and matures March 15, 2033.

Operating Statement

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, revenues are \$376,578.05 vs. a plan of \$227,856.16.

For the same six-month period, expenses are \$209,220.09 vs. a plan of \$208,371.97, resulting in a net profit of \$167,357.96 vs. plan of \$19,484.19.

A detailed breakdown of the \$209,220.09 in expenses is as follows:

	<u>Actual Expense</u>	<u>Plan Expenses</u>
Salary & Benefits	\$107,642.19	\$104,134.48
Property	\$ 60,845.87	\$ 58,497.00
Benevolence / Outreach	\$ 14,238.21	\$ 12,850.00
Interest	\$ 9,585.79	\$ 9,585.79
Other Expenses	\$ 16,908.03	\$ 23,304.70

Prayer Shawl Ministry

BY SANDY FOGT

Many thanks to all the crafters who produced these beautiful shawls and lap blankets blessed in July. I know it's hot, but stay in a cool place and keep producing those items that show God's love!



A Big Thank You to the following folks who helped make VBS a great success:

BY FRANCINE STUART

Tracy Johnson
Linda Surinck
Brittany Clark
Julie Sherbo
Jennifer Long

Savannah Clark
Aarron Clark
Jim Surinck
Mallory Dunaway
Brynna Fox
Jodi Fox
Vada Brittan
Renee Kilkenny
Emerson Walters
Judy Vore
Kitty Long
Mary Gene Tedford
Treva DeLeon
Richardo DeLeon
Toni Swenson
Cindy Luerding

*Thank you
Gloria Dei
friends for the
cards and Best
Wishes and your
presence at
Armand's 90th
birthday
celebration....*

ARMAND AND JO
MATTHEWS

*Dear Gloria Dei,
Thank you so
much for the
gifts. I use my
prayer shawl
everyday! I
appreciate your
thoughtfulness.*

SINCERELY,
CHARLOTTE SANDER

August 2025

SUMMER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 *Bold & color text is Building use or church room rentals of the Gloria Dei rooms.	29	30	31	1 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	2 School Drive 7:00 - 9:00 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
3 School Drive 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School	4 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:00 pm Worship Planning Meeting	5 6:45 am Norquest 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	6 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Eva & Anthony recital	7 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	8 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	9 School Drive 5:00 pm Worship
10 School Drive 9:00 am Worship Youth Sun School 3:00 pm Lyric Duo recital	11 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	12 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 10:00 am Chosen	13 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	14 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	15 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	16 7:00 - 9:00 am Harvesters Food Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
17 School Drive Ends 9:00 am Worship Bless Backpacks 10:15 am Back to School Potluck 3:00 pm Concert Summer Series III	18 8:00 am Charity Golf Scramble 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	19 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	20 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:00 pm Choir Dinner 7:00 pm 1st Choir Rehearsal of the semester	21 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	22 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	23 5:00 pm Worship
24 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School	25 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:00 pm Council Meeting	26 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	27 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	28 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	29 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	30 5:00 pm Worship
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COMMUNION SERVERS

Aug 3 The Fox family
 Aug 10 Jim & Jackie Finnegan
 Aug 17 Jerry & Jennifer Shireman
 Aug 24 Dean & Joan Dark
 Aug 31 **Volunteers Needed**

ASSISTING MINISTER

Aug 3 Brian Ericksen (Lector: Jodi Fox)
 Aug 10 Steve Fogt (Lector: Jennifer Shireman)
 Aug 17 Jennifer Williams (Lector: Kurt Sortland)
 Aug 24 Brian Ericksen (Lector: Treva DeLeon)
 Aug 31 Corey Reil (Lector: Carol Kuhr)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Aug 3 In honor of Tedford's 58th wedding anniversary ~ MaryGene Tedford
 Aug 10 In honor of our 45th Anniversary ~ Kris Smither
 Aug 17 None ~
 Aug 24 In honor of Dan Hayden's first heavenly birthday and Benny Miller's first earthly birthday ~ Kara Miller
 Aug 31 None ~