Dear Friends,

Didi Gregarious, short stop for the NY Yankees, was player of the month back in April. His batting average and home runs were incredible. Then in May he dropped off a cliff, going 0 hits for 30 times at bat. That’s often the way it is in baseball and other sports as well.

How do players handle slumps? They listen to their coaches. They make a tweak in their game. They make an adjustment. And rather often, they just tough it out. Sometimes we do the same at work, at school, or in a relationship. We listen, we attempt to make a change and then we hang in and tough it out. We wait to see what tomorrow brings. There are seasons too in our relationship with God when it appears we have entered a slump, a dry spell. What? Is the Lord’s website or cell phone down? Did God get caught in traffic? It can be hard to pray or read Scripture or attend church.

It can be good medicine to give voice to your slump or dry spell. Visit with a trusted friend, a Stephen Minister, your pastor. There are ways to tweak or even overhaul one’s faith practices. There are people and resources to encourage you, to walk alongside you. Jesus has your back especially in those times when you may not feel connected to God.

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See you Thursday, Sunday and at Places along The Way,

Pr. Randy

ENCOURAGE

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Gloria Dei Night at the Kernels - Saturday, July 14 at 6:35 p.m. Kernels vs Lake County Captains. Fireworks to follow. Please sign up on the office window. Cost of the tickets will be determined by how many sign up. Thanks.

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WORSHIP

Anointing for Healing will be included in Worship, Sunday, July 1.

July Preaching Schedule:

July 1 - Pr. Trish
July 8 - Pr. Randy
July 15 - Pr. Jerry Collell - Anamosa State Prison Ministry
July 22 - Pr. Randy
July 29 - Pr. Paul Ostrem, Assistant to the Bishop

New Speaker Demo – Tuesday, July 3 at 5:00 p.m. We will be testing new sanctuary speakers. All are invited to come and give feedback. Thanks!

Can’t make worship on Sunday morning? Join us for Worship on Thursday evenings, 6:14-7:00 p.m. Relaxed atmosphere, sermon, and Holy Communion each week. Thank you for keeping the Sabbath holy!

Sunday sermons are now available for viewing on our website, www.gloriadei.com. Click on “Sermon Video” under Weekly Worship on the front page of the website.

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JULY 1 - 15

Sun. July 1 ........ 8:00 am - Worship/Communion/Anointing for Healing
                   9:25 am - New Member Class
                   10:30 am - Worship/Communion/Anointing for Healing
                   2:00 pm - West Ridge Service
Tue. July 3 ......... 7:00 am - Men’s Bible Study
                   5:00 pm - New Speaker Demonstration
Wed. July 4 ........ 4th of July Holiday - Church Offices Closed
Thu. July 5 .......... 6:45 am - Women’s Study at Panera
                   6:14 pm - Worship/Holy Communion
Sun. July 8 ........ 9:30 am - Worship/Communion at Cherry Hill
                   10:30 am - Continental Breakfast at Cherry Hill
Mon. July 9 ........ 6:00 pm - Softball at Noelridge #5
Tue. July 10 ........ 7:00 am - Men’s Study
                   9:00 am - Mom’s Morning Out
                   5:30 pm - Stewardship Team
Wed. July 11 ...... 10:00 am - Women’s Bible Study
Thu. July 12 ....... 6:45 am - Women’s Study at Panera
                   9:00 am - Quilting
                   6:14 pm - Worship/Holy Communion
                   7:00 pm - Council
Sat. July 14 ....... 6:30 pm - Gloria Dei Night at the Kernels
Sun. July 15 ....... 8:00 am - Worship/Holy Communion
                   9:25 am - New Member Class
                   10:30 am - Worship/Holy Communion
                   Depart for Tanzania/Marindi Parish

PRAY

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.

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Please pray for our Tanzania Travelers: Pastor Trish Decker, Stephanie Cory, and Jordyn Cory. They depart for Tanzania on Sunday, July 15 and will return on Thursday, July 26. They will go on safari, visit the Pare Diocese in Same, and stay with families in the Marindi Parish where they will share and learn about the Parish ministries.

QUOTES

“In our daily life we can smile, if we can be peaceful and happy, not only we, but everyone will profit from it. This is the most basic kind of peace work.” Thich Nhat Hanh

“Those who contemplate the beauty of the Earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.” Rachel Carson

“Sticks in a bundle cannot be broken.” East African Proverb

“Gratitude celebrates life with a joyful “yes” at every knot of the great network in which everything is connected to everything.” Br. David Steindl-Rast

YOUTH NEWS

Mom’s Morning Out – Tuesday, July 10, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Preschool-4th grade are invited to Gloria Dei to learn about “David and Goliath”, through Bible story, snack, games, and crafts! Sign up on the church office window to register or email Laurie Weber: laurielweber@gmail.com

THANKS

Thank you for all of the prayers, encouragement, and support. You surrounded us with the love and strength we needed to get through. Thank you to those who donated and volunteered with Angie’s visitation, service, and luncheon. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring and thoughtful church family. The Musselman’s

Dear Gloria Dei Family - Please accept my sincere ‘Thank You’ for the wonderful going away Recognition Sunday, May 20th. And for the kind words, cards, and comments, the quilt and Prayer Shaw, and beautiful and delicious cake! Gloria Dei will always be in my heart! Sincerely, Judy Lockett

EWALU Day Camp Thanks – Thank you for hosting counselors, for donating funds, time, talent, and children to make EWALU Day Camp such an inspirational week! Special thanks to the EWALU Counselors, Jarred and Shannon Johnston, Laurie Weber, and Pr. Trish for coordinating the Day Camp Week.

Thanks to all those who helped serve root beer floats at Fairfax USA Days. Proceeds will benefit the Fairfax Public Library.

Thanks to all those who serve on our Leadership Teams and Task Forces.

Thanks to the Altar Guild for faithfully preparing for our worship each week.

Thanks to Pastor Randy and Pastor Trish for their faithful leadership and guidance.