

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Dana Point, California

DEI-LY LIGHT



JULY/AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER RENEWAL

Dear Gloria Dei family,

Summer's always the time to take a breath, slow down, go on vacation, head to the beach, or at least turn to those things I've been putting off for awhile... and if a little time gets wasted, that's probably the way it should be, especially if it's wasting time with family or friends.

This summer at Gloria Dei, things have not slowed down all that much: Vacation Bible school; summer Bible study; movie nights; spaghetti dinner, finishing off of all things related to the construction, repurposing our new space, putting together a new strategic planning team, and all the usual happenings.

In July, Kimberly and I will travel with a group from Gloria Dei to Germany to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. That's a big deal.

Luther wrote: *Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.* I would add, "and summertime." I pray God's Spirit speaks to you this summer, renewing and reenergizing.

Go for a walk. Laugh loudly. Call a pastor up and meet for coffee. A little wasted time is good.

Gracious God, for the lazy days of summer, where the days are longer, the temperature is warmer, and the pace is a bit slower - thank You! Help me to make the most of "wasted time" and find friendship and relationships reborn and renewed; in Your name. Amen.

Peace,

David R. Mattson

Pastor David R. Mattson



PASTOR SABRINA VASTA

Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

Summertime is generally a time to relax. Sometimes summer is called a "lazy" time. But as I consider all that is going on in the life of our congregation this summer, I am encouraged. It is certainly not a lazy time for Gloria Dei!

The youth group has a busy summer planned. There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in July in preparation for the youth white water rafting and camping trip on the Kern River. It's always exciting to see how God is working in our young people. It is also encouraging to see how many people have volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School, which has a new format this year. I'm sure the children who attend will feel the prayers of this congregation.

I am looking forward to the summer Bible study: "Find Joy Through Philippians" on four Thursdays in July and August. Serra's Pantry continues to have its core group of dedicated volunteers one Saturday every month without taking a break in the summer. The Eucharistic visitors continue their regular visits and I have heard about what a wonderful difference this is making in their lives – both the visitors and the visitees!

There are lots of fellowship events planned for the summer from baseball games to church picnics to beach days. Please come out and have fun, invite friends!

As I write this, I anticipate a summer filled with wonderful worship – watching as even more "final touches" are added to the sanctuary and grounds, welcoming guests each weekend, anticipating the renovations to the preschool and the old sanctuary. There is so much to be thankful for. Blessings on your summer!

THE BIG HAPPENING... (This is it! The big happening, that you don't want to miss out on, that is huge, a big give thanks to God!)

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION - At the writing of this article, everything is finished but the punch list of corrections and some landscaping. Have you found "your pew" yet? As the pastors have been saying, give it six months for all things to work out.

On Sunday, July 1, we will dedicate the **new stained glass windows** and learn about them. They have been created by artist Mark Gulsrud. For more information about his work, see markericgulsrud.com.

On Sunday, July 1, we will also **officially thank** all the people that have made contributions towards this project. There have been many! If you have not made a special gift via "The Puzzle Piece" envelopes, now is the time. See the Welcome Table for an envelope!

Thanks to the many musicians and volunteers who have made our sanctuary dedication weekend possible!



YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH



SUMMERTIME IS HERE!

SUNDAY JUNE 25 - 9:30 a.m. Kern Rafting trip meeting in the outdoor sanctuary. If your child is interested in attending the Kern trip, please plan on attending.

SATURDAY JULY 22 - 5:00 p.m. Join the youth group for a night in Italy... in the old sanctuary with the kids providing full service and table side entertainment. This spaghetti dinner is a must! A small silent auction and bingo are on the agenda for a night filled of fun. A sign-up sheet will be available between services starting Sunday June 25.

SUNDAY JULY 30 - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2 - We'll leave the church at noon for a drive up to the Kern river. All children over the age of 12 are welcome!

BARB COLLINS, CHILDREN AND FAMILY DIRECTOR



DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

(Fellowship, Congregational Life, Community, Get-Togethers, Fun, Support, etc.)

WOMEN'S HEADLANDS HIKE AND LUNCH - On Saturday, July 22, the women's ministry is sponsoring an easy/moderate hike starting at Strand View Park 9:00 am, hiking around the headlands, and ending with an optional lunch at Coastal Kitchens (34091 Pacific Coast Hwy, Dana Point) at 11:00. The hike will include a guide. Watch the bulletin for more details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Will resume on September 10, 2017, Rally Sunday. If you are interested in being a part of our Sunday school team please email me at sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

MEN'S BRIDGE - Will NOT meet in July. They will reconvene on Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) group will break for two months during summer & will reconvene in September. The book for September is *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance. RIOT meets on the third Monday of the month. Location: Gloria Dei Fellowship Hall. If interested in joining, speak with Diane Kelly (949-493-9632).

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME" - Save the date... August 1st, 7pm. Angels vs. Phillies (of course!).

BEACH PARTY - We will be having a beach bbq on August 13th. Stay tuned to the bulletin or on the website for upcoming details.

SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



PRESCHOOL

(All things related to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Preschool)

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

This year came with its challenges from the construction project, yet our students, parents, and staff made this the best year possible. We had several successful family events, a profitable Bike-a-thon Fund-raiser, and ended the year with a fantastic Open House and tearful Graduation. We're moving back to our original classrooms. **Thanks so much to those who helped move the Preschool. Your help is always greatly appreciated!!**

Over the course of the summer, I will be focussing on preparing the old rooms for a safe occupancy when the students return August 21st. With a great deal of patience and prayer, we are entering a new school year completely full with a waiting list....God is good.

KATHY PERSON, MUSIC DIRECTOR



DEI-LY WORSHIP

(All things related to worship, music, altar guild, choirs, singing, praise, etc.)

CHOIRS - Sanctuary Choir (Teen - Adults) will begin again in September.

HANDBELL CHOIR -

We celebrated the end of the season with a final ring together on Pentecost. Thank you for a great year of growth and fellowship!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - We will resume in the Fall with new music and lots of new opportunities to sing together.

NEW GROUP FORMING The Men's Choir has been doing such a great job this year we've decided to make it official and give them a name. Help us find a moniker for this one of a kind musical group. Winner earns "bragging rights" and notable entries will be announced alongside the winning name. (Pastor David has suggested, "Men in Blue." Other suggestions?)

SUMMER MUSIC Even though the choir will be on break, the music will go on throughout the summer months. Our congregation is blessed with many talented people. If you would like to contribute a vocal or instrumental solo or ensemble, contact Kathy Person.

CONCERT VENUE: With the amazing new sanctuary, Gloria Dei will become a place for concerts of all sorts. We will look forward to large ensembles, solos, quartets, and music of all sorts.





GROWING TOGETHER!

(All things related to learning, Bible study, small groups, G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) groups, education, etc.)

G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER)

GIFT Group at David and Susan Warneke's home (25262 Barque Way, Dana Point Phone: 203-952-5657) meets on Monday, July 10th and Monday, August 7th at 7:00pm Study: The Gospel of John.

GIFT Group at Dennis and Daneen Pysz's home (33172 DeSoto Way, Dana Point, Phone: 949-290-0381) meets on Wednesdays, July 12th and August 16th at 7:00pm Study: Discipleship, led by Jim and Neta Wenrick.

HEART-LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY will be on summer break during July and August. *They will resume meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month beginning September 2017.* All women are welcome to join in. Refreshments and social time: 6:30pm; Bible Study: 7pm - 8pm. Meeting location TBA.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday at 10am with one of the pastors. They will now take a break for the summer but will return to the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen area in September.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets the second Saturday of every month with Pastor David leading the study and Chef Paul Dubow providing the wonderful meal. They now break for the summer, but will begin again on September 9th at 8:00am..

EARLY BREAKFAST STUDY meets at RJ's in the Harbor for breakfast and study led by Pastor David (first and third Tuesday, 7am.). They will now take a summer break and return on September 19th, 7:00am.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY led by the pastors will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. It will be a four week Bible study: Finding Joy Through Philipians, Thursdays, July 20 - August 10. Location: Fellowship Hall.



DEI-LY SERVICE

(All things related to service, ministry, helping others, compassion, caring, loving, serving "the least of these", etc.)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Is on summer break in July and August. The next meeting is September 3rd, 9am. This ministry invites people of all ages to join. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like more information, call Peggy Johnson at 949-363-8714.

THE QUILTING GROUP will be breaking for Summer (June - August) and they will reconvene on September 23rd. This group meets the 4th Saturday of every month in the Fellowship Hall.

SERRA'S PANTRY - Providing food to those in need is a local volunteer opportunity, located in San Juan Capistrano. Interested Gloria Dei members serve at Serra's Pantry every third Saturday of the month at 8:30am. July 15th and August 19th are the next volunteer opportunities at Serra's Pantry. Contact Paul Dubow at 949-248-8865, if interested.



LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY -

The remaining trips to Los
Angelitos in 2017, are:
Saturday, August 26
Saturday, November 18

To learn more please contact
David & Susan Warneke
203-952-5657 or 510-967-3211



VARIOUS PICTURES FROM THE DEDICATION WEEKEND (June 3 - 4)



DEI-LY PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs..."

HEALING - Tom Avery, Blaine Johnson, Gina Grefsrud, Debbie Campominosi, Ray Burke, Kristen Sears, Jack Doerr, Ray & Ingrid Schuller, Lorraine Cryer, & Mateo Dewald.

PEACE AND SAFETY for all our service men and women now serving around the world.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST - To place a loved one on the Prayer Chain, call the church office at 949-493-3414.

THANKS!

Dear Pastor David, Pastor Sabrina & Gloria Dei Friends, I am recovering very well from my fall. It is because, I am sure, of all of your prayers, cards and visits. With love and heartfelt thanks ~ Sue Swenson

MORE THANKS!

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt! It means the world to our family. With much appreciation,
The Doorns

GRATITUDE FOR THE NEW SANCTUARY

Dear David, What great joy it was to be with you on Saturday night and Sunday! What a triumph! What a fantastic new Sanctuary. Congratulations! It was an honor to be with you. Thanks you all for this partnership!

Joel Wudel, Mission Investment Fund

Dear Pastor David, Pastor Sabrina, Hanna, Kathy and members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,
Thank you all so much for allowing me to help you with your selection of the Bosendorfer Grand Piano for your new Sanctuary. I know that it will bring members and guests of Gloria Dei many years of enjoyment in praise unto God! What an absolute blessing it has been for me to meet and work with you. When Martin Luther penned the words "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise" he must have known that Gloria Dei and others obedient to their call would prove this to be so true. On behalf of myself and Keyboard Concepts - again, thank you!

My musical best and blessing to you all,

Todd Peterson, Manager, Keyboard Concepts Orange County

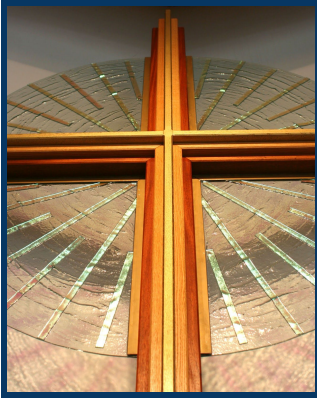
June 1, 2017

Dear Pastor David, Pastor Sabrina and people of Gloria Dei,

God's blessings as you dedicate your new building. I give thanks to God for all the people who have been involved in this project, from donors to design committees, to architects and construction workers, to those who have prayed throughout the process. I can only imagine how exciting it is for all of you to see this project through, and to join in praising God for the ways in which the building will be used for Christian ministry and community service. I am sorry I cannot be with you personally, but am grateful that Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen is able to represent not only the Bishop's office but also the good wishes and prayers of the congregations of the Pacifica Synod. We are grateful to God that you are one of us, and that through you, the love of God is experienced by the people of Dana Point. I look forward to a time when I can visit, see my old classmate Dave Mattson, and get a tour of the new facility. I am looking forward to hearing stories of how God's care and grace is shared within its walls and on the campus of Gloria Dei. Again, God's richest blessing as you dedicate this building. And may the Holy spirit guide you in the use of this facility, so that all may know Christ's love and care.

Yours in Christ Jesus, The Rev. Andrew A. Taylor, Bishop

DEI-LY DUTIES



JULY 2017 VOLUNTEERS

ACOLYTE (month) J. Chernenkoff T. Henry
COMMUNION ASST P. Furlong B. Prock
 (month)
USHER (month) C. Backhus D. Combe
 C. Collins J. Combe

<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
7/2	N. Wenrick	W. Johnson	E. Mills	L. McCarty
7/9	P. Dubow	R. Gresfrud	J. Moyer	D. Pysz
7/16	K. Desmond	L. Mers	A. Boicey	B. Cummings
7/23	D. Macher	R. Higgins	C. Simpson	L. Mers
7/30	D. Chernenkoff	J. Combe	J. Contestabile	D. Dooly

REFRESHMENTS

7/2	K. Desmond	A & J St. Martin
7/9	K. Dickinson	S. & D. Warneke
7/16	B & G Gillespie	K & C Anderson
7/23		M. Cawein
7/30	K. Chernenkoff	D & J Combe

WELCOME CENTER

7/2		T. Seibert
7/9	K. Desmond	G. Sherwood
7/16	D. Kelly	A & J St. Martin
7/23	B & B Gillespie	S & D Warneke
7/30	S. Manville	H. Stutz
	G. Sels	

AUGUST 2017 VOLUNTEERS

ACOLYTE (month) L. Chernenkoff A. Melschau
COMMUNION ASST B. Jonas D. Dooly
 (month)
USHER (month)

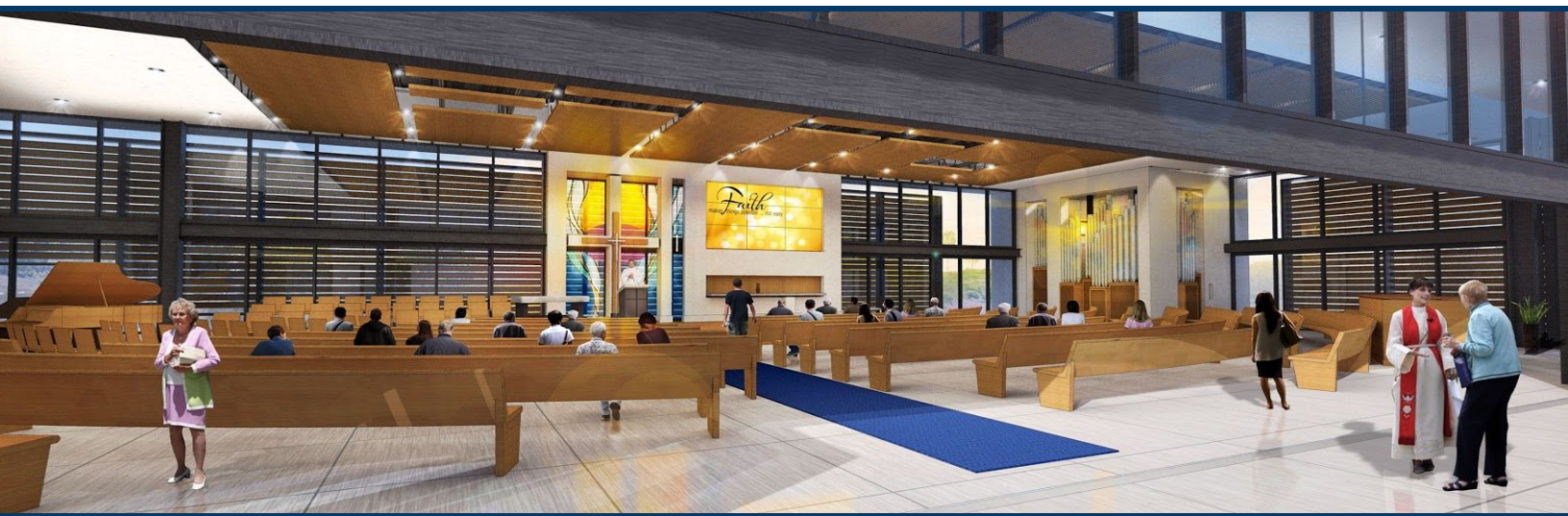
<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
8/6	G. LaBelle	M. Boland	B. Ramsey	D. Combe
8/13	J. Luhan	A. Hettmann	M. Van Ness	G. Rightmire
8/20	J. Skraba	S. Schroeder	E. Mills	L. McCarty
8/27	L. Ellis	P. Johnson	J. Moyer	G. Talstad

REFRESHMENTS

8/6	N. Ficken	M. Bise
8/13	N. Ficken	P. Michalis
8/20	N. Ficken	S. Grady
8/27	N. Ficken	J. Hettman

WELCOME CENTER

8/6	J. Olson	R. Hanson
8/13	Manville/Sels	D. Powell
8/20	J. Skraba	S. Pyle
8/27	G. Rightmire	T. Seibert



DEI-LY DETAILS

(Anything that has no other place, volunteer lists, prayer requests, special announcements, numbers, and figures, a veritable potluck of stuff, jokes...)

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<u>6/4</u>	813	\$10,059.00
<u>6/11</u>	330	\$ 4,268.00
<u>6/18</u>	326	\$ 8,438.00
<u>6/25</u>		

"SIMPLY GIVING" - Gloria Dei offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. Applications are available at the Visitor's Center or call the church office.

GLORIA DEI ENDOWMENT FUND - "What legacy will you leave?" Brochures are available in the pews and at the Welcome Center! Have you considered putting Gloria Dei in your will? If you would like to leave a lasting gift to your church, please consider doing so.

COFFEE ANYONE?

We want to take this opportunity to thank David & Susan Warneke for their wonderful donation of new coffee equipment! As we all know, Pastor David takes his coffee quite seriously and the "word about campus" is that our new equipment brews a "mean cup of coffee"... and quickly!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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JULY 2017

(See Calendar on Website: <http://www.mygloriadei.org/calendar-2/>)

Church Calendar							Jul 2017 (Pacific Time)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:30am - Worship @ 10am - Worship @ 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	7pm - Alanon Meeting		4pm - TOPS Group @				8:30am - Worship @ 10am - Worship @ 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	7pm - Alanon Meeting 6:30pm - DP VFW 7pm - GIFT - Warneke's	4pm - TOPS Group @				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Germany Trip	Germany Trip						Germany Trip	7pm - Alanon Meeting 7pm - GIFT - Warneke's	4pm - TOPS Group @				8:30am - Serra's Pantry
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