

# DEI-LY LIGHT



## JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

# OBSERVING THE WONDER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

It seems we've been observing one historic moment after another at Gloria Dei:

- Last fall, we observed a worship service between the Lutheran World Federation President and Pope Francis. They signed a statement of agreement that will guide our mutual ministries into the future.
- This year, Lutherans (and all Protestant Christians) are observing the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and all the changes that the Spirit through Martin Luther let loose on the world.
- A year ago, we observed Gloria Dei's 50th anniversary and held special events all year long.

On June 3-4, we will celebrate the Dedication of our new sanctuary. (June 3, 6pm - Bach Festival with new organ and piano, Sanctuary Choir... Refreshments begin at 5pm until the concert. We will also offer childcare/movie night and games for kids. June 4 - Official Dedication - 8:30am and 10:30am with blessing ceremony and at 9:40am, we recognize community leaders and the people that made this possible.)

Lots of "observing" - wonderful events and then the question: So what? What difference will it all make?

We pray that new and expanded facilities, will expand our desire to share God's love, to live out the grace of God, so that we can all, together, experience deeply that "grace changes everything!"

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Mattson".

Pastor David R. Mattson



## Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

It is that time again. As the summer approaches, I always like to present a list of inspirational or devotional books that I would recommend for summer reading – whether on vacation, on a plane, on the beach, or just sitting at home with some extra free time. These are all nonfictional books. Some may be more to your taste than others, but all have some insight that I found to be interesting, thought-provoking, or faith-inspiring.

1. *God's Joyful Surprise: Finding Yourself Loved* by Sue Monk Kidd
2. *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr
3. *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis (an older book, but a classic!)
4. *The Wisdom of Tenderness: What Happens When God's Fierce Mercy Transforms Our Lives* by Brennan Manning
5. *Found: A Story of Questions, Grace & Everyday Prayer* by Micha Boyett
6. *The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires Our Trust More Than Our "Correct" Beliefs* by Peter Enns

**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, the interior is finished - bathrooms, sacristy, altar platform, choir risers, pews, piano, organ and all the glass. And in terms of the outside - paving finished, elevator/bell tower completed, landscaping going on, patio area is finishing.

A few things that will take place before or after we get occupancy - organ pipes, stained glass, pavers at entrance and turnaround finished.

It's becoming real! Thanks be to God!

If you have not made a special gift via "The Puzzle Piece" envelopes, now is the time. We would still like to pay off a few items ahead of time. See the table in the Fellowship Hall for an envelope!

### **NEW SANCTUARY DEDICATION WEEKEND, JUNE 3-4, 2017:**

#### **Saturday, June 3, 2017, 6:00pm**

Bach Festival Concert

5:00pm - Light refreshments prior to the concert. Childcare - movie night & popcorn

#### **Sunday, June 4, 8:30am, 10:30am**

Official Dedication Worship

9:45am - public presentations, recognitions, thanks, entertainment, and refreshments.



# YOUTH NEWS

## JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH



**SR HIGH SERVES IT UP:** Sunday, June 18th between services, the Sr. High will be serving "gourmet" root beer floats. Stop by and get one for your Dad or Grad!

**SUMMER TRIP MEETING:** Sunday, June 25th - Between morning services, in the outdoor sanctuary. This summer, the junior high and senior high youth will be white water rafting on the Kern River and camping overnight from July 30 - August 2. If you are interested in having your child attend the trip, please attend this meeting. More details of the trip will be available.

### CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!



Presley Boland, Ava Garriott, Garrett Knuf, Abigail Melschau (not pictured), Gunnar Michalis, Jonathan Naranjo and Taro Tokai (not pictured).



## DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

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

**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](mailto:sundayschool@mygloriadei.org).

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** - June 26th-June 30th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. VBS fee for the week will be \$95.00 per camper for Pre-K to 5th graders (sibling discount available). VBS will be staffed by Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences (LRCC) and will focus on the theme "This Little Light of Mine" Matthew 5:14-16. *Registration is in process.*

*Volunteers also needed for this fun filled week. Stay tuned for more information. Questions-contact Barb Collins ([sundayschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:sundayschool@mygloriadei.org)).*

**VBS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** - We are seeking host families for the Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences (LRCC) staff who will be facilitating our VBS program. There will be 4-6 team members who will arrive Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>- Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. LRCC asks that staff stay in one or two locations to allow for planning and community building within the team. Host family responsibilities include lodging and meals (breakfast and dinner) as they have their own transportation. Please contact Barb Collins (949) 412--2004 if you are interested.

**MEN'S BRIDGE** - Will meet on Tuesday , June 6th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) will meet on Monday, June 19, at 7pm to discuss - *Stella Bain*, by Anita Shreve. Location: Gloria Dei Fellowship Hall. The group will break for two months during summer & reconvene in September (*Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance), for those who like to read ahead. 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!).

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. **Our moving day is Wednesday, June 7th at 4pm. We can use all the help we can get!**

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.



## DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

**CHOIRS** - Sanctuary Choir (Teen - Adults) will have our last sing together on Sunday, June 4th at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

**NEW PIANO** I was so excited to spend the day with Hanna Lee when she chose the new piano for our sanctuary. It was a gift to listen to her play all the gorgeous instruments! Her selection could not have been more perfect. **The Bosendorfer 225 "sings"**. It has the most lovely tone I have ever heard and Hanna brings out the best in

this truly fine piano. Thanks to Bill Jonas for having the right connections to make this happen!

**HANDBELL CHOIR** We will celebrate the end of the season with a final ring together on Pentecost (June 4th) at both 8:30 and 10:30 services. 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** A special thank you to the Gloria Dei Men's Choir for their beautiful rendition of "Jesus Loves Me" for Mother's Day. This growing group will be back in the Fall with more to sing about. Join us!

**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, June 5th 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 Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00pm Study: Discipleship, led by Jim and Neta Wenrick.

**HEART-LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY** will be on summer break during June - August. They concluded their regular meetings in May, with a potluck. *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 in September.

**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 19.

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** led by the pastors will take place on Wednesday evenings. Watch the bulletin, future newsletters or the website for upcoming information.

Gloria Dei Church Council



## DEI-LY SERVICE

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

**HELP NEEDED** - lifting, carrying, packing up the preschool and moving them downstairs. And then "stuff" from the fellowship hall that has been in storage (including a piano) needs to move upstairs!

Our thanks to Dave Ross for providing boxes for this move. Mark the date and join us for an hour or more... Wednesday, June 7, 4pm until finished.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - Meets the first Saturday of each month, but they do take a summer break in July and August. The next meeting is June 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.



On April 28, our prayer shawl knitting group was invited to join the St. Edward's Catholic Church knitting group for breakfast and knitting together. It was a wonderful morning of exchanging ideas and having fellowship with one another. We all enjoyed it so much that we are making plans to invite them to Gloria Dei to knit together and tour our new sanctuary. ~ Peggy Johnson

**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. June 17th is the next volunteer opportunity 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, June 10,  
Saturday, August 26  
Saturday, November 18

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

## DEI-LY SERVICE (continued)

### A Los Angelitos story...

Sheccyd, Saharan and Yuliana are siblings. Their father is a drug addict and their stepmother couldn't take care of them anymore so they brought them to the orphanage in August of 2016. Their birth mother lives in Tenencingo. They've only been visited twice by their parents since they arrived.

Sheccyd is 10 years old and her favorite color is blue. She likes to do "everything", but especially likes painting. She wants to be a nurse when she grows up.

Saharan is 7 years old and he likes to ride bicycles!

Yuliana is 5 years old and she appears to like the color rosado (pink), like most young girls.

You don't need to go to make a difference. If you can't go to Los Angelitos this time:

Pray.

Offer time & talents prior to or following the trip.

Encourage those who can attend.

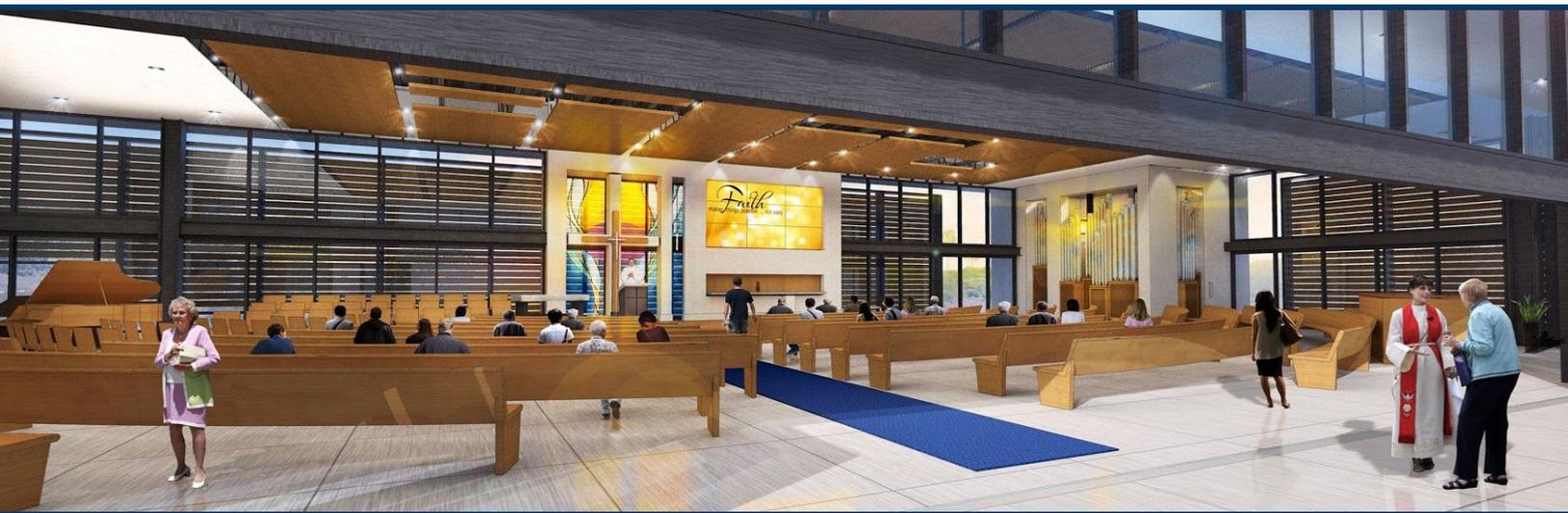
Create awareness about Los Angelitos.

Financial support is always welcomed. How & where to send tax deductible gifts:

[www.losangelitos.org](http://www.losangelitos.org)



(Gia Lugo with kids from Los Angelitos)



## 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>5/7</u>	215	\$7,416.00
<u>5/14</u>	283	\$6,267.00
<u>5/21</u>	402	\$6,908.00
<u>5/28</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.



**OUTDOOR CHAPEL BLESSING CEREMONY** - On May 21st, between services, Gloria Dei blessed the Outdoor Chapel including the addition of the new cross and wall of faith, hope and love.





# DEI-LY DUTIES

## JUNE 2017 VOLUNTEERS

**ACOLYTE** (month) L. Chernekoff A. Dardis  
**COMMUNION ASST** S. Guilliams G. Powell  
 (month)  
**USHER** (month) J. Adams J. Cummings  
 G. Enright D. Dooly

<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
6/4	J. Knudson	J. Knudson		L. Mers
6/11	D. Pysz	S. Boland	C. Simpson	D. Pysz
6/18	G. Rightmire	G. Powell	J. Contestabile	K. Gray
6/25	S. Furlong	B. Jonas	B. Mesa	M. Delgado

**REFRESHMENTS**

6/4	J. Olson	L. Heuer & F. Houghton
6/11	D&G Blanda	L. Mers
6/18	J. Skraba	P. Michalis
6/25	C. Weinhardt	D&D Pysz

**WELCOME CENTER**

6/4	J. Skraba	H. Stutz
6/11	G. Rightmire	R. Hanson
6/18	J. Young	D. Powell
6/25	N. Ficken	S. Pyle

## JULY 2017 VOLUNTEERS

**ACOLYTE** (month) P. Furlong B. Prock  
**COMMUNION ASST** (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. Chernekoff	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. Chernekoff	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	

# 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!**

"I want to thank you for all your prayers and also for your get well cards. I have missed you all and hope to be back soon. Love and God bless! JOYCE JENSEN"

## **MORE THANKS!**

Dear Members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

What a year it has been for ELCA Global Church Sponsorship! Because of your generosity, programs are growing and lives are changing. Congregations like yours re demonstrating a faithful commitment and steadfast belief in the work of Global Church Sponsorship - giving an astounding 21 percent more in 2016 than the previous year.

As we celebrate the growth that we have achieved and look to another year together, I hope you will pray for the missionaries and ministries of our Global Church in 2017, even as we thank God for you.

In Christ, Andrew Steele (YAGM, 2010)  
Director, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

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# JUNE 2017

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				6:30pm - Bell Choir @ 7:30pm - Sanc. Choir @		9am - Prayer Shawl @ 5pm - Appetizers/Refre 6pm - Bach Festival @
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dedication - New Pentecost 8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Ceremony/De 10:30am - Worship @ 11:45am - Planning/Los	7pm - GIFT - Warneke's	Last Day of Preschool 6:30pm - Men's Bridge	4pm - Move Preschool 4pm - TOPS Group @		5pm - Rehearsal/Weddi	Los Angelitos Mission 4pm - Wedding
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Summer Hours Begin @ 8:30am - Worship @ 10am - Worship @ 5pm - Worship/Baptism		6:30pm - DP VFW	4pm - TOPS Group @			8:30am - Serra's Pantry 9:30am - VFW Bunco @
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Dad's Day 10am - Worship @ 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	7pm - Book Club (RIOT)		4pm - TOPS Group @ 7pm - GIFT - Pysz's			
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
8:30am - Worship @ 10am - Worship @ 12pm - Church Picnic @ 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	Stained Glass Windows Installation @ Gloria Dei 9am - VBS (Vacation Bible School)		4pm - TOPS Group @			

