

# DEI-LY LIGHT



## May 2017 NEWSLETTER

# THE PARTY

Dear Gloria Dei family,

On Easter I confessed, *"I'm a liar."* Because last year I announced we would be in the new sanctuary this Easter. Wrong! And the following plans may make a liar out of me again! But we've got to plan... So here goes: Tentative plans are being made to celebrate **the completion of the new sanctuary:**

- May 21 - First worship service in the new Sanctuary. Confirmation at 10:30am.
- May 28 - Baccalaureate Service for graduating high school students in New Sanctuary.
- June 3 - Bach Festival with new organ and piano, Sanctuary Choir, and refreshments.
- June 4 - Official Dedication on Pentecost Sunday - watch bulletin/newsletter for details. Special anointing of new sanctuary altar and items.

On Saturday, June 3, 6pm, we will celebrate with a *"Bach Festival"* and reception. This will give us a chance to really hear the new organ and piano! I can't wait to hear Hanna Lee on these amazing instruments.

And then on Sunday, June 4, we will have a blessing ceremony, recognitions, giving thanks to the many people that made it possible, and pray to God for future opportunities.

As we solidify the dates, more information will be sent out.

Psalm 122 - *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

Peace,

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

Pastor David R. Mattson



## Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

Genesis 8:22: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

What a perfect passage to reflect on in the season of Easter and as spring gets into full swing. During this time of year, when new flowers are blooming and the sun is shining late into the evening, it seems to me that God is everywhere I look. It's hard to believe that anyone could deny God's existence? God has been coloring and changing our scenery in beautiful ways since the beginning of time.

No matter how bad the news on TV is, sometimes seeing the colors of spring, smelling the smells of new grass and flowers, hearing the birds, feeling the sunshine - all of this is a gentle reminder that God is alive and in control.

From where I sit in the sanctuary during Sunday service, I can see a bird's nest outside on the windowsill above the organ. Every year for the past eight years I have seen that nest be built, used, destroyed by the elements in the fall and winter, and then be rebuilt in the next spring. One year, I even saw the baby birds peeking out as the mom or dad bird brought back food. To me, it is a reminder that life goes on, that there is always hope.

The season of Easter stretches from Easter Sunday until June 17th. It is a full 50 days to explore, savor, and relish the idea of the resurrection and its implications. As we breathe in the freshness of springtime, as we observe the life being re-born all around you, let us not forget to give thanks to the one who always gives us hope.

## 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, much of the interior is finished - bathrooms, sacristy, altar platform, choir risers, and all the glass. And in terms of the outside - paving finished, parking spaces returned, grading, deck to elevator - is complete. Early in May, pews go in, organ is placed, piano is delivered, and more. A few things that will take place before or after we get occupancy - elevator installed, outdoor chapel's corten steel cross and wall installed, and the stained glass.

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!



**GERMANY TRIP MEETING** takes place on Sunday, May 7, 6pm. This trip is to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! This once in a lifetime event is July 10-20, 2017. Pastor David will lead Gloria Dei's group to the famous sites in Germany. Questions, speak with Pastor or grab a brochure at the back of the sanctuary or at the Welcome Center.



## DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

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

**Sunday School** - Our Sunday school year is drawing to a close (last day is May 7th). Our dynamic teachers (Kevin Don, Greg Person and Kristin Doorn) have led the elementary children through year one of Whirl Classroom. This program is a two-year curriculum that highlights 80 key Bible stories from both the Old and New Testament. We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow in their bible knowledge and faith!

**MEN'S BRIDGE** - Will meet on Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) will meet on Monday, May 15th, at 7pm to discuss - *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*. Location: Gloria Dei Fellowship Hall. If interested in joining, speak with Diane Kelly (949-493-9632).

**SAVE THE DATE: Women's Tea.** The annual women's tea will be held Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The theme of the tea this year: "Tea in the Garden." There will be wonderful food, beautiful decorations, and special music, all held in the backyard garden of Donna Combe's home. Reservations: \$25.

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



## YOUTH NEWS JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL:** will take place on Sunday, May 14th at 9:40am in the sanctuary. All 8th graders must attend.

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:** On Sunday, May 21, we will have the "Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation" at the 10:30am service. After three years of meeting with the pastors and youth leaders, the following 8th graders are ready to make their Confirmation: Gunnar Michalis, Abigail Melshau, Presley Boland, Ava Garriott, Garrett Knuf, and Taro Tokai.

**SR HIGH AT SERRA'S PANTRY:** Saturday, May 20th at 8:00 a.m. Meet at Serra's Pantry 31611 El Camino Real in SJC for a morning helping the homeless.

**SUMMER TRIP - SAVE THE DATE:** Calling all youth! Join us for White Water Rafting, July 30 - August 2. There will be a meeting in June with all the details. Hope you can join us for some epic rapids on the Lower Kern River!





## DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

**CHOIRS** - Sanctuary Choir (Teen - Adults) continues to rehearse on Thursdays at 7:30pm. The choir season may be drawing to a close but we haven't slowed down one bit! We are preparing wonderful music by Bach for our sanctuary dedication at the end of the month. After that we'll change gears as we learn about the tradition of shape note singing. We will sing the Sacred Harp hymn "I'm Going Home." You may recognize it from the film *Cold Mountain*.



**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 Todd Peterson at Keyboard Concepts for his help in locating this one of a kind instrument.

**HANDBELL CHOIR** continues practicing on Thursdays at 6:30pm. In May we will read through some pieces for for fun and prepare a pretty arrangement of "Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart."

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - Join us during the Sunday School hour! We are the "musical opening" for the lesson. Meet in the Sunday School Room at 9:40am and find out what "Amigos de Cristo" means.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Mother's Day is coming-- Sunday May 14th. The Men's Choir is planning a special song for 8:30am & 10:30am services that day. Guys, all are welcome to join in the fun even if you are not in the Sanctuary Choir. For your convenience we'll offer two short rehearsals both at 8:20 pm on Thursday, May 4th and Thursday, May 11th. Questions? Talk to choir director Kathy Person.

**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.

**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.



## 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, May 1st at 7:00pm Study: The Gospel of John. This GIFT group will not be meeting in April.

GIFT Group at Dennis and Daneen Pysz's home (33172 DeSoto Way, Dana Point, Phone: 949-290-0381) meets on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00pm Study: Discipleship, led by Jim and Neta Wenrick.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES (9:40am)** - The 2016 - 2017 adult education Sunday morning forum will conclude with a two-week Bible study on the book of Ephesians on April 30th and May 7th, led by Dennis Chernekoff.

**HEART-LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY** continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, May 9th and 23rd. They will meet at Donna Combe's home, 45 Via Belleza San Clemente, CA. All women are welcome to join in. Refreshments and social time: 6:30pm; Bible Study: 7pm - 8pm. Carpooling is available. For information contact Ann at 949-369-5382.



## PRESCHOOL

(All things related to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Preschool)

*Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!*

*"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9*

Our school year is coming to a close, and although this year presented itself with bumps and dips, God was in control the entire time. It's His plan, not ours; something I have told myself time and time again. The preschoolers have grown so much this year, and I am proud of their progress. Their smiles and squeals have filled my heart. Their conversations have gotten longer and contain details that would amaze you. The efforts towards independence is evident in their capabilities. All of these accomplishments are happening because of the amazing teachers we have at Gloria Dei. They teach with love and passion, and know their gift is from God. I am thankful for the women I work with every day, for the children who I love very much, and for where God is leading us all with the completion of a new Sanctuary. I look forward to the changes the future will bring.

### Gloria Dei Church Council



## DEI-LY SERVICE

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

**HOME COMMUNION VISITORS NEEDED** - Anyone who is interested in visiting the homebound or hospitalized and bringing communion is invited to attend the training session on Saturday, May 6, at 9:00am in the kitchen.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - Meets the first Saturday of each month: May 6th, 9am. This ministry invites people of all ages to join us. 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 meeting May 27th (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. May 20th is the next volunteer opportunity at Serra's Pantry. Contact Paul Dubow at 949-248-8865, if interested.



## DEI-LY SERVICE (continued)



### LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY - You don't need to go to make a difference.

#### 6-Ways you can support Los Angelitos without ever traveling.

**1. Prayer.** Pray for the children. Pray for Los Angelitos Director Ed Perry. Pray for the adults that take care of these children daily. Pray for the financial stability of Los Angelitos. Pray for those that do go.

**2. Offer your time and talents.**

- Helping missionaries prepare craft activities, etc. prior to the trip.
- Donate food/water to missionary meal planners.

- Offer to return the rental vans to the car rental agency after a mission trip.
- Ask how you can help.

**3. Give encouragement to those that go,** before and after the trips. Ask about their trip and give thanks.

**4. Attend Los Angelitos planning meetings** at Gloria Dei, along with family and friends.

**5. Create awareness about Los Angelitos** and about Gloria Dei's involvement by sharing with your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. One never knows who may be interested in getting involved. Plus, it is a good way to share your faith.

**6. Regular financial support.** Los Angelitos is helping some children, but it is a small number and there are so many desperate kids on the street. Los Angelitos needs regular, steady income to decide how many children they can accommodate. One time gifts are welcome, of course, but they need a steady income to gauge how many kids they can afford. The amount does not matter. Consistency does matter.

#### How & where to send tax deductible gifts:

- Go to [www.losangelitos.org](http://www.losangelitos.org), click on donate, and sign up for recurring donation.
- You can also write a check payable to "Little Angels Orphanage Foundation" and mail it to: Los Angelitos Orphanage. P.O. Box 433263. San Ysidro, CA 92143

Lastly, should you decide to join us on a trip to Los Angelitos this year, these are the upcoming trips in 2017.

**Saturday, June 10, Saturday, August 26 or Saturday, November 18**



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



## DEI-LY DETAILS

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

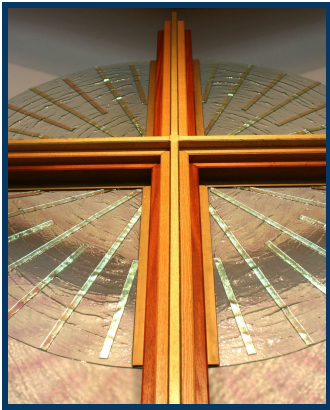
### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<u>4/2</u>	361	\$11,386.00
<u>4/9</u>	420	\$12,708.00
<u>4/14</u>	220	\$ 3,352.00 (Good Friday Service)
<u>4/16</u>	720	\$ 8,817.00
<u>4/23</u>	258	\$ 5,398.00
<u>4/30</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.





# DEI-LY DUTIES

## MAY 2017 VOLUNTEERS

**ACOLYTE** (month) J. Chernenkoff P. Melschau

**COMMUNION ASST** G. Enright L. Mers  
(month)

**USHER** (month) S & P Furlong T. Cawein  
W. Knottnerus

### **LECTORS**

**5/7**

**5/14**

**5/21**

**5/28**

### **8:30am**

G. Enright

C. Asis

K. Gray

M. Dubow

### **10:30am**

M. Boland

S. Pyle

Confirmation

S. Warneke

### **5:00pm**

J. Contestabile

B. Mesa

E. Mills

J. Moyer

### **ALTAR GUILD**

G. Rightmire

L. McCarty

D. Combe

D. Dooly

### **REFRESHMENTS**

**5/7**

**5/14**

**5/21**

**5/28**

B&B Gillespie M. Bise

C. Jennings L. Flippen

K. Chernenkoff S. Grady

S. Manville J. Hettmann

### **WELCOME CENTER**

**5/7**

**5/14**

**5/21**

**5/28**

K. Desmond T. Seibert

B&B Gillespie D. Powell

Manville & Sels A&J St. Martin

J. Olson S&D Warneke

## JUNE 2017 VOLUNTEERS

**ACOLYTE** (month) L. Chernenkoff A. Dardis

**COMMUNION ASST** S. Guilliams G. Powell  
(month)

**USHER** (month) J. Adams J. Cummings  
G. Enright D. Dooly

### **LECTORS**

**6/4**

**6/11**

**6/18**

**6/25**

### **8:30am**

D. Caskey

D. Pysz

G. Rightmire

S. Furlong

### **10:00am**

B. Prock

S. Boland

G. Powell

B. Jonas

### **5:00pm**

A. Boicey

C. Simpson

J. Contestabile

B. Mesa

### **ALTAR GUILD**

L. Mers

D. Pysz

K. Gray

M. Delgado

### **REFRESHMENTS**

**6/4**

**6/11**

**6/18**

**6/25**

J. Olson L. Heuer & F. Houghton

D&G Blanda L. Mers

J. Skraba P. Michalis

C. Weinhardt D&D Pysz

### **WELCOME CENTER**

**6/4**

**6/11**

**6/18**

**6/25**

J. Skraba H. Stutz

G. Rightmire R. Hanson

J. Young D. Powell

N. Ficken S. Pyle

# 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, Len Michel, Debbie Campominosi, Ray Burke, Kristen Sears, Jack Doerr, Vera Stricker, Ray Schuller, Emmy Quinn, Lorraine Cryer, Joyce Jensen & Sue Swenson.

**ETERNAL HOPE** - For Betty Michel and her family and for Harold "Buck" Henderson and his family.

**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 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

On behalf of our entire Dana Point Auxiliary, we ask that you accept the enclosed donation of \$200 toward your new organ fund. We appreciate your generosity in extending the use of your building to hold our meetings.

Heartfelt thanks to you!

Best regards,

Rebecca Dulmage (President) and Lisa Mers (Secretary)

Auxiliary to the VFW Post 9934

Dana Point, CA 92629

## MORE THANKS!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

You are a very important part of this ministry and will be blessed forever by the children that you provide for in their times of hardship.

In His service,

Los Angelitos Ministry

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# MAY 2017

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



