Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Dana Point, California

DEI-LY LIGHT

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

500!

Dear Gloria Dei family,

October will be historic - historically uplifting - as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. 500 years ago, Martin Luther posted 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenburg, Germany. That was the beginning of great changes in the entire world and the bright side of those changes meant an emphasis upon scripture, grace, and freedom and in turn, the beginning of new music, languages, and exploration.

500 years is a big deal! At Gloria Dei, we will celebrate the 500th in many ways, including:

- A message series on "Sacramental Living" (what baptism/Holy Communion have to do with everyday life and "The Great Solas" - Sola (alone) Scriptura, Sola Gratia (grace), and Sola Fide (faith).
- **Oktoberfest** Celebration (October 7, 5:00pm) with music, food, games, prizes, and much more.
- Reformation Festival Worship on October 29 with special trumpet and special music, refreshments, and more.
- Community Open House - on Reformation Sunday (October 29), we will make a special emphasis to invite the entire community to tour our new sanctuary and join in worship.
- Trick or Trunk - (October 29, 5:30pm) This Fall Festival for young children gets bigger each year. Join in, buy a ticket for the *In and Out* truck, and bring some candy to share.

Gratefully yours,

David R. Mattson

Pastor David R. Mattson

PASTOR SABRINA VASTA

Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors, and teachers, for equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12

In October we always dedicate a week to talking about **stewardship** in the church. There are so many opportunities to get involved in the life of Gloria Dei. And while our volunteers are certainly a blessing to this church, I hope that they also receive a blessing from dedicating a portion of their time and talents in service, getting to know more people in the church, contributing to the variety of ministries that are offered here.

There will be a "Time and Talent" form that you will be asked to prayerfully consider filling out. If you were to check off everything on that form, you could have a fulltime job as "church volunteer." While that may sound good, it will probably lead to burnout (we're not a works righteousness church, so extra volunteer hours don't get you closer to heaven, anyway!). But we would ask that every single person fill out a form and considers at least one area in which to volunteer (or more – just not all of them). As a starting point, think about where your gifts and talents meet the needs of the ministries of Gloria Dei. And then imagine, even further, an area that you've never been involved in, but think you might be interested in. Talk to one of the pastors about the possibilities for new avenues of sharing your talents. We have a lot of members, but we also have a lot of ministries, both within the church and in our community and beyond.

There is something for everyone. Finally, and most importantly, we also ask you to pray for God to bless our life together as a church family.

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!)

THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES: Pastor David will be teaching an in-depth overview course on the Bible, The Bethel Series. This two year course will be taught on Thursdays, 6:30pm, during the school year (breaking for vacations.) The first class will take place on October 5. Those that go through this "Teacher Training" will then be invited to teach this course to the rest of the congregation or use this new knowledge to lead other opportunities of ministry. Please pray about your participation. It is a commitment! Questions, speak with Pastor David (pastordavid@mygloriadei.org) or (949)493-3414.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Festival of Saint Francis and *The Blessing of the Animals* will be on Sunday, October 1, 5pm and will take place on "The Island" at the Harbor. Bring your dog, cats, fish, turtle...

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR

YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING HOUSTON 2018 - June 27 - July 1, 2018. If your child is in 8th to 12th grade this year they are able to attend this amazing trip. Registration begins this month! Children will have the opportunity to earn money towards their registration fees by participating in service events throughout the year. Please let Paige know ASAP if your child is interested in attending.

TRICK OR TRUNK - Sunday, October 29, 4:30 p.m. Sr. Highers are needed to help with games, the costume contest, bounce house, and more! See you early to set up.

CONFIRMATION - Thursday evening confirmation will be five weeks in the fall (Sept. 21 - Oct. 19) and five weeks in the winter (Jan. 11 - Feb. 8). Confirmation classes will also meet Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT - The Lutheran Middle School Youth Gathering will take place November 17 - 19 in Anaheim. The theme this year is #Instagood. The retreat will include speakers, music, workshops and worship. A day at Disneyland and hotel night-life make the experience complete. Cost: $100. Sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Paige with questions: youth@mygloriadei.org.

BARB COLLINS, CHILDREN AND FAMILY DIRECTOR

DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

(Fellowship, Congregational Life, Community, Get

Sunday school classes continue in October @ 9:40. We will begin in the fellowship hall with children's choir and then move to classrooms for the lesson. Look for signs to locate the right room.

MEN'S BRIDGE - Will meet Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) group will meet Monday, October 16th at 7pm. The book for October is *Norwegian by Night* by Derek B. Miller. 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).

OKTOBERFEST- Saturday October 7th @ 5pm. Join us for brats, beer, trivia games and more as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. $10 per person-sign up at the Welcome Table (to plan food).

TRICK OR TRUNK - Fall Festival: Sunday October 29th at 5:30pm. This fellowship event is open for all ages to participate! There will be food, (In and Out Truck), games, activities, bounce house and a costume parade! Prizes for trunk decorations and costumes! Invite your neighbors and friends! Join in the fun!

RONEL SIDNEY, WOMEN'S MINISTRY GUEST SPEAKER

Save the Date: October 8th Women's Luncheon and Speaker!

The Fall Women's Luncheon will be Sunday, October 8th, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost will be $20. Ronel Sidney will be our guest speaker for that event, and she will be talking about "**Freestyle Faith, Around the Table":** Freestyle Faith is about learning to find your own unique way to worship, be in community and live life uncomplicated by what the fast paced world would tell us how to live, look and be in the world. Breaking the glass ceiling in work, life, family and faith in order to take your life to new heights of freedom through living freestyle faith in community around the table.

After traveling the world in the US Navy for over five years Ronel settled in San Diego, CA. She and her husband Jeremey will celebrate eleven years of marriage in November. They have one son, Lucas who is 10. Ronel began ministry in the Navy as a Catholic Eucharistic Minister. In 2003 she began to lead a working mom's small group in her home. She started leading Praise and Coffee Nights in San Diego in March of 2008 and stepped in as a National Director for Praise and Coffee in 2011. Ronel has her Bachelors of Science degree in Business Management and is currently finishing up her Masters in Leadership with an emphasis on developing women in leadership.

Artists - Crafters – Small Business Retailers… Looking for a place to market your creations and products? Why not consider being a VENDOR at the Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention, November 3-4, 2017, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Solana Beach. To qualify for a space you must be a member of an ELCA congregation. There is no fee for use of the space; however a donation will be much appreciated. Contact Jackie Severa at jsevera67@gmail.com or 760/464-2309 for an application form. (Space is limited.)

SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

PRESCHOOL

(All things related to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Preschool)

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

Now that routines are established and personalities are shining, our teachers will spend this entire month assessing each student. We document and measure areas such as social/emotional development, fine and large motor development, language, cognitive skills, and more. The assessments are used to create a progress report for parents.

October is a great month to introduce gardening, colors of fall, and do lots of science and cooking. This month the children will center their faith building on "gentleness". This "fruit" will be reinforced through literature, music, in the classroom centers, and amongst our friends.

"The love and kindness within our soul is revealed in the twinkle of our eyes, the glow of our smiles, and the gentleness of our words." Anthony Douglas Williams

DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR - (Adults/Teens) meets on Thursdays, 7:30pm. No experience necessary. The choir sings regularly at both morning services.

HANDBELL CHOIR - Meets on Thursdays, 6:30pm. Please speak with Music Director Kathy Person. (music@mygloriadei.org)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - resumed last month during Sunday School (9:40am) with new music and lots of new opportunities to sing together. Our first sing in church will be October 22nd at the 10:30 service.

NEW ORGANIST/PIANIST FOR GLORIA DEI... Fred Johnson began his tenure as Gloria Dei's organist on Sunday, September 24. He is an amazing musician and we are blessed to have him. Please introduce yourself around services on Sunday morning and welcome him.

THE MEN'S CHOIR has been doing such a great job this past year and 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 include: "Dei-lightful Dudes" and "Doo Dah Deis"?)

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, Jack Doerr, Ray & Ingrid Schuller, Lorraine Cryer, & Mary Lou Walters.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT - for Bill Fredrick's 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 - to Jerry Grady for his wonderful handiwork, hand carving crosses, from our old church pews.

THANKS ALSO - to Jeff Contestabile for creating the Dei-ly Grind coffee cart! This sturdy, yet stylish cart will help us transport and serve our coffee.

CELEBRATION: Marriage of Kathy Martino and Bill Jonas - September 20, 2017. Congratulations!

GROWING TOGETHER!

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

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

- **GIFT Group** - David & Susan Warneke's home (25262 Barque Way, Dana Point Phone:203-952-5657) meets on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00pm Study: The Gospel of John.

- **GIFT Group** - Dennis and Daneen Pysz's home (33172 DeSoto Way, Dana Point, Phone: 949-290-0381) meets on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30pm Study: Discipleship, led by Jim and Neta Wenrick.

HEART-LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. They will be meeting October 10th & 24th at Ann St. Martin's home: 29845 Hiddenwood L.N. Their book of study is *Becoming Heart Sisters* by Natalie Snapp. Refreshments and social time: 6:30pm; Bible Study: 7pm - 8pm. All women are welcome to join in.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday at 10am with one of the pastors. They will next meet on October 13th in the Fellowship Hall attached to the kitchen.

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 will meet on October 14th at 8:00am.

THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES - An in-depth overview course on the Bible. This two year course will be taught on Thursdays, 6:30pm, during the school year (breaking for vacations.), beginning October 5. Bethel has been taught to more than 1,000,000 adults, in many countries, and to Christians from over 47 different denominations. Pastor David received special training to teach this series to future teachers. Whether you end up teaching or not, please pray about your participation. It is a commitment! To find out more information, go to: http://www.mygloriadei.org/bethel-bible-series

DEI-LY SERVICE

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

Gloria Dei Church Council

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - The next meeting is October 7th, 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 meet on October 28rd at 9:30am. 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. October 21st is the next volunteer opportunity at Serra's Pantry. Contact Paul Dubow at 949-248-8865, if interested.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY -
The last trip of the year to Los Angelitos in 2017, is Saturday, November 18.

Pizza Party at Los Angelitos

13 missionaries visited the Los Angelitos orphanage Saturday August 26th , including 5 first time attendees.

Pizza was baked in the convections ovens at the new kitchen and served to all the kids and missionaries, along with fruit salad and fresh baked pastries. Other activities included crafts, bible study, praise music, sports and more. There were a number of new, younger orphans at Los Angelitos.

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Onsite at Gloria Dei November 3rd from 9am - 5pm. To donate, you must be at least 17 years old, 110lbs. & in generally good health. Are you a light weight? ...Literally or figuretively. You can still get involved by volunteering to assist at the the reception or refreshment area. Sign up will be posted at the Welcome Table to donate blood or be a volunteer helper.

SAN CLEMENTE MILITARY FAMILY OUTREACH - A Wonderful Silent Auction
TICKETS $60 ORDER ONLINE
Friday, Oct. 20th, 6PM Talega Golf Club (990 Avenida Talega, San Clemente)
http://militaryfamilyoutreach.com/fall fundraiser.html
949-388-2812 or information: militaryfamilyoutreach.com
Proceeds benefit 1000 families on Camp Pendleton at the Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Molly, Chris & Owen Healy

Chris, Susan & Ryan Lank (Amanda not pictured)

Cathy Lindgren

Don & Betty Scroggin

Walt & Margo Wilson

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

"Grace changes everything!"

October 7, 2017

Dear Gloria Dei family,

Our Stewardship theme for 2018 planning is "Sacramental Living." Martin Luther said *"We are to remember our baptism daily."* That is, we are loved and sent to be sacraments to the world - signs of God's presence. To that end, you will receive two forms to return:

1) A Time and Talent Sheet.

Pastor Sabrina spoke about this in her article. Please pray about your abilities and time commitments and what can you do for our ministry in 2018.

2) Treasure - Pledge Card.

Please pray about your financial giving to Gloria Dei for 2018 and return the Pledge Card.

We completed an amazing new sanctuary and have taken on a large mortgage. That's about a quarter increase to our entire budget or an additional $240,000/year. That sounds like a huge task! But when you break it down, it's a manageable increase.

Would you consider increasing your giving to the regular ministry of your church by 17%? As an example, if you give $700/month, that would be $819/month. Of course, every size pledge is needed. The bottom line: when we all lift, the load is very manageable.

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have." (2 Corinthians 8:12)

We give in gratitude and ask God to grant us wisdom with the time, talent, and treasure that He has entrusted to us. With everyone involved, with the growth of the church, and the increase mentioned above, we will be able to reach our 2018 goals and even more.

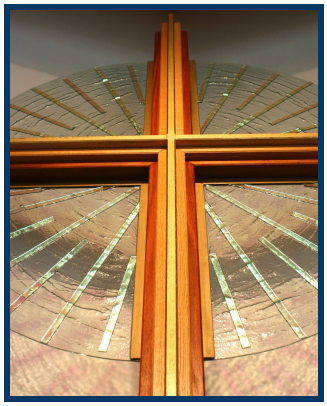
Thank you for living as God's walking, talking sacraments within and outside Gloria Dei!

Yours in Christ,

David R. Mattson

Pastor David R. Mattson

DEI-LY DUTIES



OCTOBER 2017 VOLUNTEERS

ACOLYTE (month)	Chernekoff	E. Hettmann
COMMUNION ASST (month)	G. Rightmire	F. Hettmann
USHER (month)	M. Dubow	T. Cawein
	P. Dubow	J. Cummings

LECTORS	**8:30am**	**10:00am**	**5:00pm**	**ALTAR GUILD**
10/1	C. Weinhardt	S. Warneke		D. Pysz
10/8	C. Asis	L. Schuller	B. Ramsey	D. Combe
10/15	K. Gray	J. Wenrick	M. VanNess	L. Mers
10/22	D. Caskey	B. Prock	E. Mills	B. Cummings
10/29	G. Rightmire	W. Johnson	G. Boicey	P. Johnson

REFRESHMENTS		
10/1	K. Dickinson	A & J St. Martin
10/8	K. Chernekoff	D & S Warneke
10/15	C. Jennings	C & K Anderson
10/22	B & B Gillespie	M. Cawein
10/29	D & G Blanda	D & J Combe

WELCOME CENTER		
10/1	B & B Gillespie	R. Hanson
10/8	Manville/Sels	D. Powell
10/15	J & J Young	S. Pyle
10/22	J. Skraba	T. Seibert
10/29	G. Rightmire	G. Sherwood

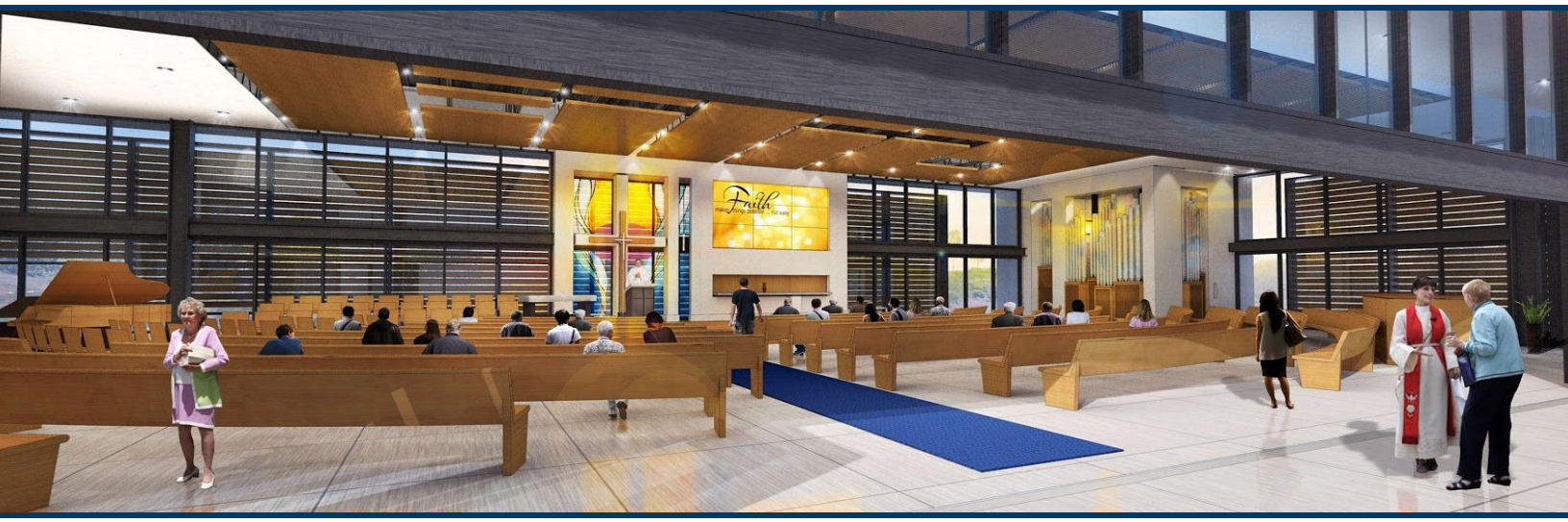
NOVEMBER 2017 VOLUNTEERS

ACOLYTE (month)	L. Chernekoff	A. Dardis
COMMUNION ASST (month)	C. Weinhardt	W. Johnson
USHER (month)	J. Adams	L. Mers
	G. Enright	S. Miller

LECTORS	**8:30am**	**10:00am**	**5:00pm**	**ALTAR GUILD**
11/5	D. Chernekoff	R. Grefsrud	J. Moyer	G. Rightmire
11/12	D. Pysz	G. Powell	C. Simpson	L. McCarty
11/19	K. Desmond	J. Easton	J. Contestabile	G. Talstad
11/26	P. Dubow	J. Combe	B. Ramsey	D. Dooly

REFRESHMENTS		
11/5	K. Dickinson	M. Bise
11/12	D & G Blanda	L. Flippen
11/19	K. Desmond	S. Grady
11/26	S. Manville	D & D Pysz

WELCOME CENTER		
11/5	J. Olson	A & J St. Martin
11/12	K. Desmond	S & D Warneke
11/19		H. Stutz
11/26	B & B Gillespie	R. Hanson



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

9/3	**280**	**$ 10,623.00**
9/10	**294**	**$ 8,918.00**
9/17	**365**	**$ 8,153.00**
9/24		

"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.

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Paige Gulck youth@mygloriadei.org; Barbara Collins sundayschool@mygloriadei.org

Kathy Person music@mygloriadei.org

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 10:30am - Worship 5pm - Blessing of the	2 7pm - Al Anon Meeting	3 6:30pm - Men's Bridge	4 4pm - TOPS Group @	5 6pm - Confirmation 6pm - TAG - Children's 6:30pm - Bell Choir @ 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Choir @ Gloria	6	7 9am - Prayer Shawl @ 5pm - Oktoberfest @
8 8:30am - Worship/Bapti 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 11:45am - Women's 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	9 7pm - Al Anon Meeting	10 6:30pm - VFW Auxiliary 7pm - Heart Lifters -	11 4pm - TOPS Group @ 6:30pm - Strategic 7pm - NAMI @ 33501	12 6pm - Confirmation 6pm - TAG - Children's 6:30pm - Bell Choir @ 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Choir @ Gloria	13	14 8am - Men's Breakfast
15 8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 10:30am - Worship 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	16 7pm - Al Anon Meeting	17 7pm - Church Council	18 4pm - TOPS Group @ 7pm - GIFT Pysz's	19 6pm - Confirmation 6pm - TAG - Children's 6:30pm - Bell Choir @ 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Choir @ Gloria	20	21 8:30am - Serra's Pantry
22 8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	23 7pm - Al Anon Meeting 7pm - GIFT - Warneke's	24 7pm - Heart Lifters -	25 4pm - TOPS Group @ 6:30pm - Strategic 7pm - NAMI @ 33501	26 6:30pm - Bell Choir @ 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Choir @ Gloria	27	28 9:30am - Quilting
29 500th Reformation 8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 5pm - Trick or Trunk 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	30 7pm - Al Anon Meeting	31	1	2	3	4

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