Gloria Dei Lutheran Church DEI-LY LIGHT



JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

Gen2Gen - "One generation will praise Your works to another..." (Psalm 145:4)

Thanks to the many people who signed up as new partners in this 3-year program of reducing our debt, finishing off campus projects (columbarium), and lifting up new ministries. And though we've finished making an appeal until next year, Gen2Gen is always happening. Where else, but in a church do you have all generations? Where else do generations actually talk about, pray about things that are actually important, such as faith, hope, and love? To that end, "adopt" a child, adopt a grandchild, adopt a father or mother, adopt a person of another generation to speak with, pray for, and support. You can do this!

And speaking of Gen2Gen, our newsletter is full of things related to that theme, but the one, I want to highlight is our summer emphasis - **The Sermon on the Mount.**

On Sunday, June 23, artist Hyatt Moore will kick off our summer series by presenting and speaking on his new paintings - The Beatitudes. He will present all the paintings at the morning services.

Then every Sunday, during the summer, we will be looking at another portion of Jesus' amazing words – The Sermon on the Mount. Topics will include: Let Your Light Shine; The Lord's Prayer; Love Your Enemies; Judge Not; Building on the Rock.

A summer Bible study based on The Sermon on the Mount (4 Wednesdays) will begin, Wednesday, July 10, 5pm with happy hour - Luciana's patio, 24312 Del Prado Ave, Dana Point. Join in the discussion.

Peace,

Pastor David R. Mattson

HYUNJU HWANG Concert Organist

TSUGUMI SHIKANO jazz percussionist





Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 33501 Stonehill Drive Dana Point, CA

Saturday, June 15, 2019 3:00pm-4:00pm

An amazing and diverse concert of classical, jazz, and other musical styles. There is something for everyone!

This is part of Gloria Dei's summer concert series. Donations to defray cost.





Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

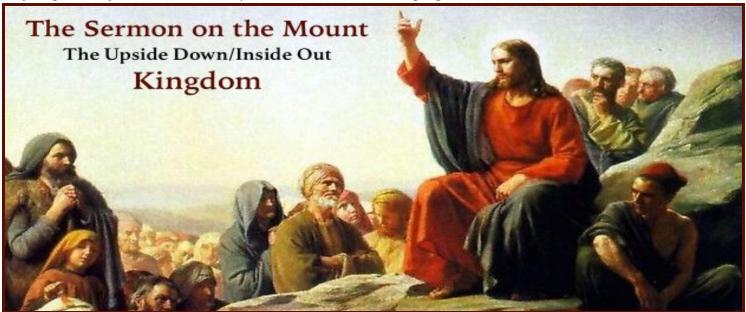
Summer Reading List

Every June, I like to suggest some potential summer reading material based on what I have enjoyed over the past year. Summer can sometimes be a season where there is more free time (if you're lucky!). So with that in mind, here are some inspirational and nonfiction books that touched me in some way this year:

1. *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans – An author I have grown to deeply appreciate over the past few years and who tragically died at the young age of 37 this past May. You could spend the summer reading through RHE's books and be very well-served. I might

be doing just that.

- 2. **Family Trees and Olive Branches: Creating a Culture of Grace in Your Family** by Christina Hergenrader This book is about messy families of all kinds (which basically means all of our families) and how to create a culture, an environment of grace within those messes, even when it's difficult. As a side note: Hergenrader, who is from Texas, will be a guest speaker during our February Lunch & Learn this year and will also be speaking to the confirmation class, so you can get a head start on her thoughts by reading her book.
- 3. **Out of Sorts: Making Peace with an Evolving Faith** by Sarah Bessey A great book about living out one's faith, even in times of uncertainty. It doesn't go very theologically deep, but it does offer some very interesting questions and observations without feeling the need to wrap them up in a tidy bow.
- 4. **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others** by Barbara Brown Taylor a reading list would not be complete without a book from my favorite (and luckily very prolific) author. Recently published, this could not be more relevant with its emphasis on love, respect for people from all over the world and the way they worship. We can all learn a lot!
- 5. **Goodnight, Ark** by Laura Sassi Geared toward children (specifically toddlers), this is a wonderful message of God's protection and it's a great way to tell the story of Noah's ark to young children in a way they might always remember. As a plus, the illustrations are gorgeous!



ARTIST HYATT MOORE (The Last Supper and the Twelve Tribes) will be with us to kick off our summer theme on Sunday, June 23, morning services. He will unveil his new paintings on all the Beatitudes.



DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

WELCOME - Please welcome our new Congregational Life Director, Susie Boland! She can be reached at fellowship@mygloriadei.org or at the office at 949-493-3414.

THANK YOU to those who helped with "Cinco Dei Magico"! It was a "maravilloso" family night!

CHURCH PICNIC - We look forward to seeing you all at the Church Picnic at Dana Woods park on Sunday, June 30th, 12pm. We will be playing Bocce Ball, Corn Hole and hopefully enjoying a "warm" summer day! More details to follow. Additionally, if you have any ideas for some "happenings" at our wonderful church, please contact me. We will be planning our calendar year in the beginning of June and we are always looking for new ideas for fellowship. Have a wonderful June!!

AMAZING GRACE THROUGH ART CO-OP - This group is taking a break for the summer. They will reconvene in September. All are welcome...you don't have to be "an artist". If you have supplies, please bring them. Explore your creativity and meet new friends! Details: Jane Zeiger 949-235-4359.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday each month at 3pm* and they'll be meeting next on June 17. They will be reading *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact: Diane Kelly (949-493-9632).

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm* at different host's homes. For more information go to the website: Gloriabc.com or contact Bob Gillespie at gillespierm@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S HIKE - Saturday, June 15, hike and tour of the historic Arden Helena Modjeska House and Gardens. Leave the church at 9:00am. Guided tour will last 1 ½ hours. Then we will enjoy a catered boxed lunch at the park across the street. Return to the church by 1:30pm. Cost for lunch: \$12. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS: Angel Game - July 15, 7pm, Seats in the "Trout Farm," special giveaway, \$25, first-come, first-served; Church Beach Party - August 18 (time & location TBD). Stay tuned for more 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!

The school year has come to an end, and it's been a terrific year for our Gloria Dei students. While the children are away for the summer, we hope to do some handy work in our student bathrooms and out in the play yard.

Thank you to the congregation for always supporting this program through service and prayer. May your summer be filled with laughter and love.

"Learning is like building a sand castle. Once you have the right tools, you can build anything.

You can be anything you want to be." -Unknown



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

(Sunday school, Young Children's Events and Ministry)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (preschool-5th) - Offered during Sunday worship at 8:30am and 10am. Children are invited to leave with the Sunday School leader after the children's message and they will return for Communion. Questions, speak with Barb (<u>sundayschool@mygloriadei.org</u>).

• Sunday school is on break. They will reconvene September 15, 2019.

THANKS to all our Sunday school teachers! You do the most important work - planting seeds of faith. We are always looking for more volunteers, please speak to Barb Collins if you would like to learn more or team-teach.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - **July 1-3, 5, 9am - 3pm**. Ages 5 years old - 5th grade.

- Fee \$75 for members, \$100 for non-members. Multi sibling discount, (3 or more siblings), available upon request.
- Registration forms will be available at the Welcome Table and in the church office. Invite a friend!
- Volunteer opportunities will be available as well.
- Our 2019 VBS Theme is Heroes of Faith
 - o <u>Joshua 1:9</u>: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

VBS FUN FROM LAST YEAR















YOUTH NEWS JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

SR. HIGH YOUTH -

Sunday, June 16 - Dad's Gourmet Root Beer Floats - come see what is in store this year for a twist on flavors! Floats will be served after both morning services. Contact Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org) if your Sr. Higher wants to help.

CONFIRMATION - Congratulations to Josh Chernekoff, Lexi Chernekoff, Lucas Miertschin, and Connor Susag who were confirmed last month.



SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- Saturday July 20: Youth Sock Hop and Men's Car Rally Hop on down to the church for a swingin' good time! Sr Highers will be helping out at the summer BBQ. 50's themed everything!
- Saturday, July 27 Wednesday, July 31: Jr. & Sr. high retreat to Mammoth. Come along as we escape cell reception and enter God's country! Hiking, fishing, a trip to Devil's Postpile National Monument and an evening of stargazing are all on the itinerary for this nature-loving trip. If your child is interested in attending, please let Paige know ASAP (youth@mygloriadei.org).

KATHY PERSON, MUSIC DIRECTOR



DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

The Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir, & Gloria Dei Recorder Ensemble

Our music groups are on break until September. Thank you to everyone who provided so much beautiful and inspiring music for our services this season! While our groups take some time off please enjoy all of the special events happening at Gloria Dei over the summer. Did you get your tickets to the organ concert yet? They are available at the Welcome Table.

Upcoming special musical events at Gloria Dei:

- Hyunju Hwang Jazz Concert with Organ and Percussion on June 15 at 3pm. Don't miss this amazing, high energy duo. To listen now, visit: www.hyunjuhwangorgan.com/recordings
- South Coast Singers Spring concert is June 22 at 4pm.



GROWING TOGETHER!

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

G.I.F.T. (**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**) - David & Susan Warneke's home (25262 Barque Way, Dana Point, Phone: 203-952-5657) They will study Song of Songs 1-4 on Monday, June 3 at 6:30pm.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets the second Saturday of every month at 8:00am in Knudson Hall with Pastor David leading the study. During June, July and August, they will be on summer break.

HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY meets on the *2nd and 4th Tuesday each month*. Refreshments and social time: 6:30pm; Bible Study: 7pm - 8pm. The location alternates monthly between the homes of Donna Combe (45 Belleza, San Clemente; 949-369-5382) and Ann St. Martin (29845 Hiddenwood, Laguna Niguel; 949-933-3906). *Heart Lifters will break for the summer & reconvene in September*. All women are welcome to join.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY *will break from June - August.* It will resume September 11 and will continue every Wednesday in Knudson Hall at 10am. The study is led by a pastor.

THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES - This two year overview of the Bible has just finished. Congratulations to the following people for finishing:

 Barb Collins, Donna & Jerry Combe, Katherine Dickinson, Betsy & Paul Dubow, Deepanie & Howard Eng, John & Sandy Hall, Julie Hettmann, Storrow & Wayne Johnson, Daneen & Dennis Pysz, Gail Rightmire, Dave Ross, Liane Schuller, Betty & Don Scroggin & Stephanie Stoner

A new Bethel class will begin in the fall. Please pray about your participation. It is a commitment, but so worthwhile - as you learn "the big picture" of scripture.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - We will meet on Wednesdays for happy hour and Bible study at Luciana's patio, 24312 Del Prado Ave, Dana Point. The Bible study dates will be: July 10 and 17, 24 and 31 at 5pm. Watch for the sign up at the Welcome Table later in June.

ANOTHER SMALL GROUP? If you would like to begin another small group/Bible study/gathering, please speak with one of the pastors.

DEI-LY SERVICE

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

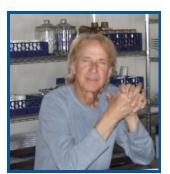
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - This ministry invites people of all ages to join their group. They meet the *first Saturday of the month at 9am in Knudson Hall.* Their next meeting is June 1. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like more information, call Peggy Johnson at 949-363-8714.

THE QUILTING GROUP meets the *4th Saturday each month at 9:30am, in Knudson Hall*. Quilts are provided to our newly Baptized infants & children. Their group is on *summer break*. If interested in helping, please call Donna Combe at 949-338-5327.

SERRA'S PANTRY - This local volunteer opportunity, in San Juan Capistrano, provides food to those in need. Interested Gloria Dei members serve at Serra's Pantry *every third Saturday of the month at 8:30am.* May 18 is the next volunteer opportunity. Contact Paul Dubow at 949-248-8865, if interested.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY - 2019 trips: June 1, August 24, and November 2

James 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."



Casa de Los Angelitos - House of Little Angels

Ed Perry is the Founder and Director of the Los Angelitos Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico. This is his story.

Ed has a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineer. He worked for many years in the Aerospace industry, followed by a long and successful career in the Music industry in Hollywood.

Perry eventually retired and was living at Leisure World in Laguna Woods and had

been attending classes on **Finding God's Calling for One's Life** taught by Pastor Rick Warren at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest.

Pastor Rick taught that the answers to the following 3 key questions would help one discover God's calling:

- 1. What are your personal interests?
- 2. What are your God given talents & gifts?
- 3. What is the source of your hurt & pain?

Ed's source of pain was growing up in an orphanage called **Home for the Friendless** in Pennsylvania. It was about that time in 2003 when Perry was visiting Mexico and made a by-chance donation to an orphanage in Mexico. Ed soon after visited the orphanage and was so moved by the Holy Spirit that he started Casa de Los Angelitos - House of Little Angels.

Please join us on a mission trip to Los Angelitos to visit the Little Angels. If you can't attend a trip to Los Angelitos, but want to help, we have suggestions. Please contact David & Susan Warneke 203-952-5657 or 510-967-3211.



THANKS

(Weddings, memorials, outreach, education, community service, etc.)

Congratulations to Jennifer Dubow & Chad Smith on their marriage, scheduled June 1, 2019!

Thanks to all members & friends who gave blood. The Red Cross will be back for our next blood drive on November 1.

Dear Gloria Dei.

Thank you for helping make our 4th grader's trip to Mission San Juan Capistrano possible! Love.

Bishop Elementary 4th Grade Class & Staff

New beginnings and new everlasting happiness. Let them be ours in our life Gloria Dei! "God be with you",

Los Angelitos

Dear Gloria Dei,

The South County Community Handbell Choirs wish to thank Gloria Dei for allowing us to have our FAM benefit concert at Gloria Dei. This allowed us to give all proceeds to FAM (\$1400.00, plus 50 camper kits). We look forward to continuing this partnership in future years. Pastor Sabrina's help & encouragement was invaluable.

Sincerely,

Sharon Guilliams

Founding Member / Artistic Director

Dear Gloria Dei family,

On behalf of my entire family, thank you so much for all the kind words, thoughts, and letters regarding my mother's death. They were extremely uplifting and encouraging! Many of you knew her personally and experienced her positive, musical, and faithful energy. I thank God for Easter! Yours in Christ, Pastor David

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, Debbie Campominosi, Jack Doerr, Ingrid Schuller, Mary Lou and Denny Walters, Vera Williams, Harry and Jean Meinholtz, and Gwen Layritz.

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.

DEI-LY DUTIES



JUNE 2019 VOLUNTEERS

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>
ACOLYTE (month)	Connor Susag	
COMMUNION ASST		
(month)	B. Jonas	M. Bacon
	B. Keim	R. Bacon
	K. Martino	L. Holmes-Hylton
USHER (month)	P. Weiss	D. Warneke
	S. Weiss	S. Warneke

LECTORS	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
6/2	C. Asis	B. Prock	G. Boicey
6/9	K. Dickinson	J. Combe	J. Contestabile
6/16	G. Rightmire	P. Johnson	B. Mesa
6/23	D. Caskey	L. Mers	E. Mills
6/30	H. Nurminem	S. Lund	J. Moyer

REFRESHMENTS			ALTAR GUILD
6/2	J. & K. Hallowell	S. & T. Lund	L. Mers
6/9	B. Collins	D. & D. Pysz	D. Pysz
6/16	B. & B. Gillespie	L. Mers/S. Miller	S. Miller
6/23	D. & S. Caskey	M. Bise	B. Cummings
6/30	K. Martino	M. Atkinson	P. Weiss

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6/2	K. Desmond	L. Schultz
6/9	J. Olson	C. Clisby
6/16	D. Kelly	S. Behnke
6/23	B. & B. Gillespie	P. Kramer
6/30	J. Skraba	B. Prock

<u>8:30am</u>

JULY 2019 VOLUNTEERS

ACOLYTE (month) COMMUNION ASST	<u>0.504111</u>	Lucas Miertschin	
(month)	J. Adams D. Boyd G. Enright	B. Prock D. Pysz D. Pysz	
<u>USHER</u> (month)	M. Bacon T. Boyd	J. Cummings J. Wenrick	
<u>LECTORS</u> 7/7 7/14 7/21 7/28	8:30am S. Furlong K. Desmond P. Dubow D. Macher	10:00am A. Hettmann S. Schroeder T. Lund J. Wenrick	5:00pm B. Ramsey C. Simpson M. VanNess G. Boicey
REFRESHMENTS 7/7 7/14 7/21 7/28	J. & K. Hallowell B. Collins B. & B. Gillespie D. & S. Caskey	S. & T. Lund D. & D. Pysz L. Mers/S. Miller M. Bise	ALTAR GUILD D. Combe G. Rightmire M. Dubow Nancy Smith

<u>10:00am</u>

M. & R. Bacon

V. Anderson

J. Hettmann

D. & J. Combe

J. Cox

J. Skraba

K. Dickinson

M. & V. Frost

WELCOME CENTER

7/7

7/14

7/21

7/28



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 GEN2GEN OFFERING

5/5: 412 5/12: 331 5/19: 297 5/26: TBD

GEN2GEN GIVING: \$298,336.00 (Program runs 2018-2020. Goal is \$600,000.)

"SIMPLY GIVING" - Gloria Dei offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. You can make "one time", special donations electronically as well. Choose to donate from your checking account or by using your credit card, so you can accrue miles, etc. Applications are available at the Welcome Table or church office.

TEXT YOUR OFFERING - It is simple and safe (through Vanco) - text \$ amount you want to give to 949-356-5326. You will receive instructions how to complete registration via a return text.

GLORIA DEI ENDOWMENT FUND - "What legacy will you leave?" Brochures are available 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.

COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE - Gloria Dei has submitted an application to the City of Dana Point, requesting permission to install columbarium niches in the Outdoor Chapel and Contemplation Garden area. Members of the Columbarium Committee have met with City planning staff, and it is anticipated that the application will be scheduled for a public hearing later this year.

A growing number of local churches provide or plan to provide columbarium niches on their grounds. People increasingly choose a local columbarium because of a strong desire to be laid to rest on the grounds of the church they loved and served. Proximity makes it convenient for loved ones to visit and remain connected. The cost of columbarium interment is also considerably less than the cost of burial at a cemetery.

Please keep this effort in your prayers and look for another update soon!

JUNE 2019

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Sat	7am - Los Angelitos 9am - Prayer Shawl 10am - O/A Group 4pm - Wedding Dubow 7pm - NA 8am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Women's Board 10am - O/A Group 10:30am - Memorial	8:30am - Serra's Pantry 9:30am - Women's Hike 10am - O/A Group 3pm - Hyunju Hwang 7pm - NA 10am - O/A Group 11am - VFW Aux. 4pm - South Coast 7pm - NA	10am - O/A Group 7pm - NA
Fri	10am - AA Men 11:30am - AA Women 12:15pm - School Ends 8pm - AA Men's	10am - AA Men 11:30am - AA Wenen 8pm - AA Men's 10am - AA Men 11:30am - AA Wenen 8pm - AA Men's	10am - AA Men 11:30am - AA Women 8pm - AA Men's
Thu	730 AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 7:30pm - AA Meeting	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 7:30pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - AA Women 7:30pm - AA Meeting	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 7:30pm - AA Meeting
Wed	29	9am - Staff Meeting 7pm - NAMI Meeting	7 pm - NAMI Meeting
Tue	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 2pm - AA Seniors	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 2pm - AA Seniors 6:30pm - VFW Auxiliary 7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 2pm - AA Seniors	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 2pm - AA Seniors 7pm - Men's Book Club
Mon	6:30pm - GIFT Group 7pm - ACA 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	6pm - South Coast 7pm - ACA 7pm - AI Anon Meeting 3pm - RIOT Book Club 7pm - ACA 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	7 pm - ACA 7 pm - Al Anon Meeting
Sun	2 Baccalaureate Sunday 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 5pm - Worship 7pm - Al Anon	8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 5pm - Worship 7pm - Al Anon 8:30am - Father's Day 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 5pm - Worship	8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 5pm - Worship 7pm - Al Anon 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 12pm - Church Picnic 5pm - Worship

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

CINCO DE MAGICO WAS FANTASTICO!













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