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GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

33501 Stonehill Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Education: 9:40 a.m.

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MAY
2012

Dear Gloria Dei family,

One of the names for Holy Communion is "*Eucharist*" which comes from a Greek word which means, "*thanksgiving*." These are ancient terms, but the bottom line as we celebrate Eucharist each Sunday: Gratitude is a major part of what it means to be Christian.

What or who are you grateful for?

During the month of May, we give thanks for Mothers, for confirmands, for campouts, for opportunities to serve (Serra's Pantry and the High School Youth group to Union Rescue Mission, etc.), for our larger church (Synod Assembly), and much more.

What or who are you grateful for?

Following Easter, I'm always mindful at how much people volunteer around the church with set-up, preparation, clean-up, music, worship, etc. If you were here on Palm Sunday, I mentioned that most ministry is simply "donkey fetching" – small matters, matter. We have many people who do things with good grace and by the power of God's Spirit, lives are strengthened.

What or who are you grateful for?

I'm also thankful for our leadership—Pastor Sabrina, Betsy Dubow, Shelli Parajeckas, Peggy Johnson, Steve Sivcovich, Barb Collins, Marcy Backhus, Brian Tatomir (Council President), and the entire council—to mention a few people. Our Building Committee and architect Richard Hanson are working hard at developing a Master Plan. We will all see more details of that shortly.

What or who are you grateful for?

For our Savior and the power of His Spirit working, prodding, pushing, encouraging us on the way.

See you Sunday,

Pastor David

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May Calendar

SERVICE TIME CHANGE BEGINS Sunday, June 3rd 8:30, 10:00 & 5pm



Pastor Sabrina Vasta's News

Now that it is May and spring is in full bloom, it occurs to me that my favorite thing about spring is the transformation that takes place in our gardens, our outdoor living spaces, and all of the nature around us. There is nothing like the smell of fresh-cut grass or the aroma that hits you when you walk into a garden center and are surrounded by new spring blooms. When I lived in New Jersey, you really couldn't begin to do your planting until the beginning of spring, when you were sure there would be no more frosty nights. In California, of course, there are blooms for every season. But even so, springtime means that everything is on the verge of a new transformation.

In the same way, the time after Easter is a time of transformation, too. We are renewed in the hope of the resurrection. And of course, God is always there always with us—offering us transformation any season of the year. At springtime, however, I think we are reminded in a strong way that we are God's own creation, ready to be transformed again into new creatures in Christ. This transformation brings amazing possibilities into our lives. We are freed from our fears so that we can witness to others about God's love. And we are freed of our tendencies to focus inward so that we can open our hearts to all other people who are also part of God's creation.

Yes, spring is certainly a time of transformation! Praise be to God!

Save the date!

WOMEN'S TEA

Saturday, June 9th, 2-4pm

Theme: "*Tea & Chocolate*"

Please watch for the table on the patio to sign up for the tea and also to sign up to be a table hostess. Women of all ages are welcome!

WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 20th, 11:45 a.m.

Guest speaker, CJ Rapp,

Topic, "I AM says, 'You are...'"

Understanding Your Identity in Christ."

Cost: \$20.



HEART-LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY GROUP

Wednesday, May 16

6pm Fellowship & Potluck; 7pm Study

Location: Ann St. Martin (249-6710)

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION—9:40 a.m.

Sunday May 6th

Special Guest Speaker: Habitat for Humanity

Diane Smith, Faith Relations Coordinator from Habitat for Humanity, will be coming to speak about what Habitat has been up to in our area. She will also bring with her one of the recipients of a home build by Habitat for Humanity in San Juan Capistrano, who will talk about what that experience has meant for her family.

Sunday, May 13th

Pastor David will present a short overview of the work being done on "The Master Plan" of the property.

Breakfast Bible Study

**Tuesdays, May 1 and 15
at 7:00 a.m.**

Join us for a quick breakfast and Bible Study, lead by the pastors, before work.

Location: Carrow's
620 Ave. Pico, San Clemente

Women's Bible Study

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30**

All women are invited.
Join Pastor David or
Pastor Sabrina in the
Fellowship Hall.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Saturday, May 12, 8am

Fellowship Hall
All men are invited!



G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) Small Neighborhood Study Groups

Monday, May 14, 7pm
Study: "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis
David & Susan Warneke
25262 Braque Way, Dana Point
Phone: 203-952-5657

Tuesday, May 29, 6:30pm - Potluck!
Study: "Men of Faith—Life Principles from the New Testament"
Ruth Lorvick, host; Roger Grefsrud, facilitator
33532 Sea Gull Court, Dana Point
Phone: 488-7788

YOUTH

HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY will continue on May 2nd and 16th. On May 2nd, we will gather at Pastor's Sabrina's condo, 129 Chandon, Laguna Niguel, for dinner, snacks, games, and discussion from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. On May 16th, our final Wednesday meeting will be a potluck party at the church.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY at the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles. We will depart Friday evening, May 11th, stay overnight, serve at the Mission all day Saturday, and return to the church around 5:00 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Cost: \$25. It is a great way to give back in our local community! Adult chaperones are needed – please contact Pastor Sabrina.

CONFIRMATION

(6-8th Grades)

Class on Thursday, May 3, 6pm

Confirmation Sunday, May 27, 2012

Congratulations!

Kate Bein

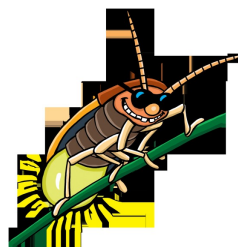
Marissa Deering

Bryan Fettis

Alex Knuf

Nicolette Spriggs

Andrew Stapleton



Join us for **Vacation Bible School** July 9-13, 2012. Our VBS theme is "BugZone, Transformed by Our Big God." BugZone challenges kids to respond to God's wonderful love with love, trust, and courageous obedience. The Youth Encounter team, Captive Free Cross Country, will be joining us and will provide music and games. Sign up your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. All are welcome. Registration forms follow on the next two pages or can be found at the Welcome Center, back table in church, and bulletin board on patio.

SUMMER SEWING CAMP

Location: Gloria Dei

Six sessions—June 25—August 31

Ages: 8 and up, Cost: \$125/session

Please see information and registration forms on bulletin board.

PRESCHOOL

Shelli Parajeckas, Director (Phone: 493-3596)

May is here, and with summer just around the corner, this is a great time for our preschoolers to learn about ocean life. With the warmer days arriving a little early, the kids have had lots of water days allowing for mud rivers, car wash (bike wash, really), gardening, and washing chairs. Water days are a great excuse to take off our shoes and run bare-foot all day!

Some of the special events we have in May include our Annual Bike-a-thon, celebrating our preschool moms with a Mother's Day Breakfast, and celebrating our dedicated teachers with Teacher Appreciation Week.

Gloria Dei's philosophy is the belief preschool children learn through hands-on experiences and through exploring their environment; Gloria Dei is blessed to be able to provide this for all children and their families.



**REGISTRATION FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
July 9-13, 2012— 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon**

4 YEAR OLDS THROUGH 5TH GRADE

Child should be 4 years old (by July 6)

You may register your child by mailing the forms to the church office or stop by the church office.

PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We reserve the right to close age level sections to provide the best experience for **both** staff **AND** student. A waiting list will be arranged for each age level. There is a **suggested donation of \$20.00 with registration** for the entire week of Vacation Bible School. In addition, a free will offering/donation will be received on Friday during the closing celebration. Envelopes will be provided for this purpose. Snack donations will also be appreciated. Watch for a list of items needed once VBS begins.

MAIL TO: GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH 33501 Stonehill Drive – Dana Point, CA 92629

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone during VBS hours _____

Cell Phone _____ (for emergency use only!)

Church Membership _____

Children to register:

<u>Children to register:</u>	<u>Birth date</u> Month/day/year	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade (fall/12)</u>
Name _____	_____	_____	_____
Name _____	_____	_____	_____
Name _____	_____	_____	_____

- ___ I prefer my child NOT have sugar and so will provide his or her daily snack.
- ___ I am willing to donate a snack item for VBS. (If yes, you will be contacted by the snack coordinator)
- ___ I will be willing to help in a children's group/crew to allow more children to attend VBS.
- ___ I would be willing to help in a children's group/crew **one day** should there be a staff emergency situation.
- ___ My child would like to be in group/crew with _____
(please list only one friend)

NOTE: We will try our best to accommodate requests for children to be together in a crew (class) with their special friends. However, crew (class) size needs to be regulated for teaching quality and is always a priority for VBS. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

IMPORTANT: There is also a medical release form provided on the back of this registration form.
Any physical restrictions or allergic reactions should be written on the back of this form!
Be sure to sign and complete the information requested.



**Parent Medical and Liability Release
Statement for
Gloria Dei Lutheran VBS July 9-13, 2012**

I understand that in the event medical intervention is needed, every attempt will be made to immediately contact the persons listed on this form. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency during the activity dates shown on this form, I hereby give my permission to the physician or dentist selected by the activity leader to hospitalize, to secure medical treatment and/or to order an injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as deemed necessary.

I understand that my insurance coverage for my child will be used as primary coverage in the event medical intervention is needed. Coverage by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church through its accident policy will be used as a backup for what my family's insurance does not cover.

I understand all reasonable safety precautions will be taken at all times by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and its agents during the events and activities. I understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not to hold Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, its leaders, employees, and volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, diseases, or injuries by the subject of this form.

Name of
Child(ren): _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____

Date: _____

Additional information you would like to share concerning your child(ren):

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

PRIMETIMERS

Sunday, July 8 - Church Picnic & Worship at local park, 3-5:30pm.

Wednesday, August 8, 8pm "Pageant of the Masters" Laguna Beach. This event is sold out! (Contact for cancellations is Bob Kensler.)

Please watch newsletters, Sunday bulletins and patio for upcoming news!

MEN'S BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 29, 7pm

Selection: Abundance

by Peter Diamandis & Steven Kotler

Location: TBA

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

R.I.O.T. (Reading is Our Thing)

Monday, May 21, 7pm

Selection: The Covenant of Genesis

by Andy McDermott

Hostess: Barbara Cumming (661-0441)

MEN'S BRIDGE

Tuesday, May 1

6:30 p.m.

All men are welcome!

QUILTERS

Saturday, May 26

9:30 a.m.

All are welcome!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Saturday, May 5

9:00 a.m.—Sanctuary

All are welcome!

VOLUNTEER at Serra's Pantry SJC

May 19 Saturday, 10am-1pm

(3rd Saturday of the month)

Sign up on patio!

ANGELS Vs. TEXAS RANGERS

Sunday, June 3, 12:35pm, Tickets: \$20.

See sign up on the patio.

First come, First served.

NEW!

EMPTY-NESTERS (or soon to be . . .)

Please watch Sunday bulletins for next meeting date and location.

CHURCH CAMPOUT

Campland on Mission Bay

May 4—May 6

Sign-up on the patio if you plan to camp or come for the day on Saturday!

Saturday's Schedule:

Morning/Early afternoon enjoying the Boche Balls, Frisbee, Hiking, Visiting, etc.

2pm Golden Horseshoe Tournament: All levels of ability are welcome (16 years and above. We'll have games for younger kids too.)!

5pm. Potluck Dinner. Bring something to grill and something to share. (Don't forget utensils and **lawn chairs**.)

7pm. Fireside Worship. This will be an informal service with guitars, around the campfire.

Questions, speak with Jim Bankson at 361-3154.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Save the dates for these up coming congregational events:

July 8th – Church Picnic and Worship at local park, 3-5:30pm.

August 4th – Hot August Nights Neil Diamond Tribute under the stars at Mission SJC.

August 26th – Beach Party and BBQ.

If you would like to help in the planning please feel free to contact Marcy at 949-264-6402 or marcy@mygloriadei.org

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayers of healing for Harry Meinholtz, Gina Grefsrud, Freda Avery, Vera Stricker, Len & Betty Michel, Lorraine Cryer, Si Grim, Betty Darrow, and Joel Nelson.

Prayers of sympathy to Bette Dubreuil and family on the passing of her mother; to the Wittich family on the passing of Jane's sister; to the Gustavson family on the passing of Elvia's mother; and to Betty Prock on the passing of her sister.

Prayers of peace & safety for all our service men and women now serving around the world.

To place a loved one on the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 493-3414.



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★ Thank You! ★
★ THANK YOU! ★

I want to say "THANK YOU" to my many friends at Gloria Dei. Thanks for the cards, phone calls, kind thoughts, and especially the prayers during my surgery and now in my recovery period. I am not 100% yet, but SOON. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful congregation.
Gina Grefsrud

2012 Upcoming Events

- June 3 - Angel's Baseball Game
- June 9 - Women's Tea, 2pm
- June 22 - SR HI Event
- July 8 - Church Picnic & Worship at local park, 3-5:30pm
- July 9 - Vacation Bible School (thru July 13)
- July 17 - SR HI Youth to National Youth Gathering, New Orleans
- August 4—Music Under the Stars (Neil Diamond Tribute) @ Mission, SJC
- August 8—PrimeTimers to Pageant of the Masters, Laguna Beach, 8pm
- August 26 - Beach Party, 5pm
- Sept. 8 - Prayer Vigil, 8am-8pm
- Sept. 9 - Rally Sunday
- Sept. 14 - Women's Bunco, 6:30pm
- Sept. 15 - New Member Adult Inquiry Class, 9am-12 noon
- Sept. 16 - New Member Orientation, 6pm



VOLUNTEERS

MAY, 2012 VOLUNTEERS

<u>READERS</u>			<u>HOST/ESS/REFRESHMENTS</u>				
	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>		
5/6	L. Titus	C. Uhlenhoff	J. Contestabile	G&D Blanda	C&K Anderson		
5/13	J. Adams	G. Annis	L. McCarty	M&N Ficken	J&D Combe		
5/20	D. Titus	G. Powell	J. Moyer	K. Yagher	M&K Desmond		
5/27	K. Gray	Confirmation	E. Mills	I. McDonald			
<u>WELCOME/VISITOR'S CENTER</u>		<u>PEW MAINTENANCE</u>		<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>			
	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>					
5/6	G. Rightmire	R. Lorvick	E. Quinn	D. Leahy			
5/13	B. Sels	L. McNaughton	I. Schuller	N. Hudson			
5/20	T. Setum	L. Mers	G&B Sels	L. McNaughton			
5/27	J. Skraba	D. Pysz	J. Skraba	P. Johnson			
<u>USHERS</u>		<u>ACOLYTE</u>		<u>COMMUNION ASST</u>		<u>SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE</u>	
8:30am	J. Adams, S. Miller		T. Knuf	G. Enright		L. Mers	
10:30am	B&A Barnes		E. Dickinson	L. Lugo/L. Mers			

JUNE, 2012 VOLUNTEERS

<u>READERS</u>			<u>HOST/ESS/REFRESHMENTS</u>				
	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>		
6/3	S. Lund	J. Combe	J. Moyer	S. Miller	S. Grady		
6/10	D. Pysz	K. Conway	C. Simpson	J. Olson	S. Hall		
6/17	H. Nurminen	C. Sorenson	J. Contestabile	G. Rightmire	L. Mers		
6/24	L. Fettis	R. Easton	L. McCarty	J. Skraba	D. Mounts		
<u>WELCOME/VISITOR'S CENTER</u>		<u>PEW MAINTENANCE</u>		<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>			
	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>					
6/3	J&J Young	J&A St. Martin		L. Mers			
6/10	J. Adams	H. Stutz	L. Ellis	K. Yagher			
6/17	D. Jacobson	Kathi Anderson	E. Quinn	D. Combe			
6/24	D. Kelly	Ken Anderson	I. Schuller	L. Titus			
<u>USHERS</u>		<u>ACOLYTE</u>		<u>COMMUNION ASST</u>		<u>SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE</u>	
8:30am	D&L Titus			S. Furlong		G. Talstad	
10:00am	C&K Anderson		J. Miertschin				

Attendance, Offering, Communion, Education

4/1	403	\$11,997	330	N/A
4/8	678	\$13,558	257	N/A
4/15	259	\$5,537	233	N/A
4/22	331	\$7,198	274	37

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 15, 7pm
 Please pick up monthly packet in office mailbox.

"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.

PLEASE help our offering counters by using your envelope with assigned number.

GLORIA DEI
ENDOWMENT FUND
"What legacy will you leave?"
 Brochures are available in the pews
 and at the Visitor's Center!

MAY 2012

Communion served at all services every Sunday.
Church Office Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 7am Early Study @ Carrow's, SC 9am Preschool Bike-a-thon 9:30am Alanon 6:30pm Men's Bridge	<i>2</i> 10am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm SR HI Dinner	<i>3</i> 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>4</i> CAMPOUT BEGINS @ Campland on the Bay 	<i>5</i> 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry
<i>6</i> Worship: 8:30am 9:40 Education 10:30am 5pm	<i>7</i> Church Office Closed 7pm Alanon	<i>8</i> 9:30am Alanon 3pm Aegis Worship	<i>9</i> 10am Women's Bible Study	<i>10</i> 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>11</i> 8am Preschool Mother's Day Breakfast HS Mission Trip To LA 	<i>12</i> 8am Men's Breakfast
<i>13</i> Mother's Day Worship: 8:30am 9:40 Education 10:30am 5pm	<i>14</i> Church Office Closed 7pm GIFT @ Warneke 7pm Alanon	<i>15</i> 7am Early Study @ Carrow's, SC 9:30am Alanon 7pm Council	<i>16</i> 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Women's Heart-Lifters 6:30pm SR HI Dinner @ church	<i>17</i> Synod Assembly Irvine 	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 9am Women's Board Meeting 10am-1pm Serra's Pantry
<i>20</i> Worship: 8:30am 10:30am 11:45 Women's Event, Speaker 5pm	<i>21</i> Church Office Closed 7pm Alanon 7pm Women's Book Group	<i>22</i> 9:30am Alanon	<i>23</i> 10am Women's Bible Study	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 9:30am Quilters
<i>27</i> Worship: 8:30am 10:30am Confirmation 5pm	<i>28</i> Church Office Closed 7pm Alanon	<i>29</i> 9:30am Alanon 6:30pm GIFT @ Lorvick & Potluck 7pm Men's Book Group	<i>30</i> 10am Women's Bible Study	<i>31</i>		