



LIGHT of DEI

Anchored in Christ ~ Baptized into Community ~ Called to Compassion

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Dear Gloria Dei family,


Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. There will be two traditional worship services with the Imposition of Ashes at noon and 7:00pm. Our theme this year will be *"Covered in the Dust of the Rabbi."* (Based on material by Ray Vander Laan) As you may know, that's an ancient expression that comes from the time when Rabbinis would teach and walk the dusty roads of the Holy Land. To say a person was *"Covered in the Dust of the Rabbi"* meant that they were not only a student or disciple of the Rabbi, but they were also very close to him. This Lent, as we walk with our Rabbi Jesus to the cross and on to an empty tomb, we will look at His important teaching moments and themes and pray that we get not only *"Covered in the Dust of the Rabbi"*, but covered in His mercy and purpose.

Also during Lent, as a way of reinforcing this learning/teaching theme, the offerings will go to support two schools—our own preschool and an orphanage/school in Mexico. More information will be forthcoming about these details.

And of course, during Lent we will have soup suppers before each Wednesday worship (6pm), first person portrayals by actors from our congregation during worship and we will be looking for members to provide special music as well.

Peace,

Pastor David

 ASH WEDNESDAY	February 22 Worship: 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m. Soup Supper: 6:00 p.m.
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Pastor Sabrina Vasta's News

We will be entering into the season of Lent on February 22nd, my very favorite season of the year. There is something wonderful and festive about Palm Sunday, when we wave palm branches and enjoy a celebratory pancake breakfast, and of course, we all love Easter Sunday! It is a happy time, with flowers, new clothes (and shoes!), and Spring in the air. But if we focus only on the high points of Palm Sunday and Easter without walking with Jesus through the shadows of Maundy Thursday and the darkness of Good Friday, then we are missing something very significant. The journey of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day that allows us to face the reality of the consequences of sin and the terrible toll it takes on the world.

The journey through Lent is a way to confess our total inadequacy before God, to come before God in dust and ashes. We think forward to the victory over the grave that we celebrate on Easter Sunday, but yet, that celebration begins in ashes. And it journeys through darkness. It is, in a way, a spiritual pilgrimage that we must go through in order to experience the spiritual renewal to come.

This Lent, we will be looking closely at the teachings of Jesus through our Lenten series, *In the Dust of the Rabbi*. An ancient Jewish proverb says, "Follow a Rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered with the dust of his feet." And that is exactly what we will be doing during the six weeks of Lent. The series will include topics such as discipleship, evangelism, being the church in a secular world, how we can be living stones for God, and the importance of the Word of God. Hopefully by the end of this series, we will be very dusty, indeed!



**HEART-LIFTERS
WOMEN'S EVENING
STUDY GROUP**
*Wednesdays,
February 1 & 15
7pm*

Feb. 1 Hostess: Janice Olson (661-7955)

Women's Event Lunch and a Movie Saturday, February 18

The Women's Ministries of Gloria Dei invite you to attend Lunch and a Movie on **Saturday, February 18th**. We will eat lunch at Cedar Creek in San Juan Capistrano, followed by a screening of *The Vow* at the Regency in San Juan Capistrano. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Lenten Soup Supper Signup on the Patio!

Dates: February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6pm
Sign up as a group if you'd like or grab some friends
and make your favorite soups!
Salads & bread/rolls are needed also.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

9:40 a.m.

February 5th

"A Study in 1 John" - Facilitator: Dennis Chernekoff

1 John was written to expose false teachers and to give believers an assurance of salvation. Through beautifully written prose, the author makes it abundantly clear that God is light and God is love.

Sunday, February 12th

Special Guest Speaker: David Gist—Bread for the World

Bread for the World is an organization that helps individuals and groups find their voice to work for an end to hunger at home and abroad. Mr. Gist will address the question: What can one person do when confronting the problem of hunger? Plenty.

Sunday, February 19th – March 11th

A Study of the Book of John, Part II—Facilitator: Pastor Sabrina Vasta

This Bible study covers the second half of the book of John. The Gospel of John is focused on the signs or miracles of Jesus that show how Jesus really is the "Bread of Life" for all of us.

Breakfast Bible Study

**Tuesday, February 7 and 21
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.
February 1, 8, 15, 29**

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

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

**Saturday, February 11
8:00 a.m.**

Fellowship Hall
All men are invited!



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

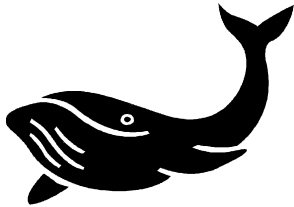
Study materials are available at each gathering or you may contact the facilitator for more information.

Monday, February 6, 7pm
Study: "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis
David & Susan Warneke
25262 Barque Way, Dana Point
Phone: 203-952-5657

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30pm
Study: The Book of Ecclesiastes
Emmy Quinn, hostess & facilitator
Phone: 493-8700

Tuesday, February 28, 7pm
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

ADULT FELLOWSHIP



**YOU'RE INVITED!
WHALE WATCHING
at the Dana Point Marina
Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 p.m.
Everyone \$16.00 Group Rate
Children under 3 free
Sign up on patio.**

**NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY at Serra's Pantry in SJC
Saturday, February 18th at 9:30am.
Please see sign up on patio for more information.**

BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING

(Men's Ministry)
March 9-11

Leaving early Friday, returning Sunday after worship. Cost: \$200 (2 nights at Embassy Suites and 4 ball games.) Breakfast provided. Other meals and gas money not included. Info and sign up on patio.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, February 28, 7pm
Selection: *Two Years Before the Mast*
by R.H. Dana
Please RSVP to Host: Jack Young
Phone: 388-5603
(25912 Calle Ricardo, SJC)

MEN'S BRIDGE
**Tuesday, February 7
and Wednesday, February 15**
6:30 p.m.
All men are welcome!

QUILTERS
Saturday, February 25
9:30 a.m.
All are welcome!

PRIMETIMERS

Dinner & Movie in SJC
Monday, February 13

Watch Sunday bulletins for details.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP
R.I.O.T. (Reading is Our Thing)
Monday, February 27, 7pm
Selection: *Unbroken*
By Laura Hillenbrand
Please RSVP to hostess
Cyndi Uhlenoff (481-6510)

**PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY**
Saturday, February 4
9:00 a.m.—Sanctuary
All are welcome!

LIFE LINE SCREENING
At Gloria Dei
Sponsored by Mission Hospital
Friday, March 9
Call: 800-324-1851 for appointment
Information at Visitor's Center

YOUTH

HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY will continue on Wednesday, February 1st and 15th at Pastor Sabrina's condo (129 Chandon, Laguna Niguel). This is a great chance for a mid-week break and time to get together for socializing and discussion. There will be no group meetings during Lent.

SKI RETREAT! The senior high youth group will be going on a ski retreat weekend to Lake Arrowhead February 10th – 12th. There will be opportunities for skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, and a variety of other winter activities. We will also have time for reflection, discussion, and worship each evening.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION—Gloria Dei has registered 41 youth! The kids are trying to raise the money it takes to go and they are looking for help. There is an envelope display on the patio. Each envelope is labeled with an amount from \$1.00 to \$144.00. Our goal is to find people or groups, to take each one, fill it with the amount of money written on the envelope & return it. If all of our envelopes are returned, the kids will collect \$10,440, which will go a long way toward our fundraising goal. If you contribute to the 144 Envelopes fundraiser and provide your email address, you will be updated by e-mail as we prepare for the trip and while we're gone. You will also be invited to a celebration dinner in September after we return.

CONFIRMATION

(6-8th Grades)

RETREAT

February 4-5 in LaJolla/Sea World

Leaving Saturday morning (9am) from church. Returning Sunday approx. 11:30am

Information, medical release & sign up on patio—friends are welcome!

Adult drivers are also needed!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

For children 10 years old or younger...(with Pastor's approval)

Classes will be on Wednesdays, March 7th, 14th, and March 21st, at 5:15 p.m.

(Children must attend ALL sessions – with at least one parent!)

First Communion will be on Palm Sunday, April 1st, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

PRESCHOOL

Shelli Parajekas, Director (Phone: 493-3596)

This month the preschool children will focus their learning on patriotism and on historical presidents. Our 4 & 5yr olds are working really hard on cognitive and physical skills so they are better prepared for their entrance into kindergarten this coming fall. One resource we provide parents each year is Chancy & Bruce developmental screening for their children. Parents are encouraged to attend the Parent Workshop held here by Chancy & Bruce to discuss their process, the results, and what is ahead for children in the elementary years.

Our staff continues to work diligently on their accreditation materials, and will be participating in CPR & first aid training this month to renew their certifications and keep them up to date.

We invite everyone to join us on Wednesday, February 1st at Baja Fresh in Laguna Niguel to raise money for sand. Baja Fresh will have a box on the counter to deposit your receipts. Eat in or take-out receipts will be accepted and we appreciate your support!!

Preschool Registration is just around the corner. If you or a friend is interested in enrolling their preschooler into Gloria Dei, please contact the office to schedule your registration date.

VOLUNTEERS

FEBRUARY, 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>
2/5	D. Holzkamp	H. Barnes	J. Contestabile	G&D Blanda	C&K Anderson
2/12	R. Lehmann	B. Dewar	L. McCarty	M&N Ficken	D&K Bunic
2/19	J. Skraba	B. Barnes	B. Mesa	T. Lund	J&D Combe
2/26	P. Dubow	J. Jensen	E. Mills	I. McDonald	M&K Desmond

<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>		
2/5	J. Adams	F. Avery	L. Ellis	V. Anderson
2/12	D. Jacobson	Ken Anderson	E. Quinn	D. Combe
2/19	D. Kelly	Kathi Anderson	I. Schuller	G. Talstad
2/26	J. Olson	A. Barnes	G&B Sels	N. Hudson

	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASST</u>	<u>SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE</u>
8:30am	P&S Furlong	M. Deering	J. Adams	S. Hall
10:30am	A&S Bergman	G. Spriggs	R. Grefsrud	

MARCH, 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>
3/4	TBA			S. Miller	L. Cryer
3/11				J. Olson	S. Grady
3/18				G. Rightmire	S. Hall
3/25				J. Skraba	L. Mers

<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>		
3/4	G. Rightmire	H. Barnes	J. Skraba	D. Leahy
3/11	B. Sels	D. Combe	L. Cryer	L. McNaughton
3/18	J. Skraba	M&K Desmond	L. Ellis	P. Johnson
3/25	T. Setum	B&C Fredrick	E. Quinn	L. Mers

	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASST</u>	<u>SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE</u>
8:30am	D&L Titus	A. Knuf	C. Backhus	S. Parajeckas
10:30am	C&K Anderson	G. Spriggs	D. Leahy	

Attendance, Offering, Communion, Education

1/1	180	\$5,996	98	N/A
1/8	336	\$19,519	129	62
1/15	300	\$7,671	169	55
1/22	329	\$7,473	109	69

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, February 21, 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!

February 2012

Services with Holy Communion are underlined.
 Communion will be served at all services during Lent.
 Church office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30-4:30pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Orphanage Trip To Mexico 10am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm TOPS 6:30pm HS Study 7pm Heart-Lifters	<i>2</i> 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 9am Confirmation Retreat to LaJolla 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry
<i>5</i> 8:30am 9:40 Education <u>10:30am</u> <u>5:00pm</u>	<i>6</i> Church Office Closed 7pm GIFT @ Warneke's 7pm Alanon	<i>7</i> 7am Early Study @ Carrow's,SC 9:30am Alanon 6:30pm Men's Bridge	<i>8</i> 10am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm TOPS	<i>9</i> 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>10</i> SR HI SKI TRIP Begins	<i>11</i> 8am Men's Breakfast
<i>12</i> <u>8:30am</u> 9:40 Education 10:30am <u>5:00pm</u>	<i>13</i> Church Office Closed Prime-Timers Event, SJC 6pm Preschool CPR 7pm Alanon	<i>14</i> 9:30am Alanon 2:30pm Aegis Worship	<i>15</i> 10am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm TOPS 6:30pm Men's Bridge 6:30pm HS Study 7pm Heart-Lifters	<i>16</i> 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 9am Women's Board Meeting 9:30 Serra's Pantry Women's Event: Movie & Dinner, SJC
<i>19</i> 8:30am 9:40 Education <u>10:30am</u> <u>5:00pm</u>	<i>20</i> Church Office Closed 7pm Alanon	<i>21</i> 7am Early Study @ Carrow's,SC 9:30am Alanon 6:30pm GIFT @ Quinn's 7pm Church Council	<i>22</i> ASH WEDNESDAY Worship: 12 noon and 7pm 6pm Soup Supper 8PM Choir	<i>23</i> 6:15pm Bell Choir	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 9:30am Quilters
<i>26</i> <u>8:30am</u> 9:40 Education <u>10:30am</u> 1:30pm WHALE WATCHING <u>5:00pm</u>	<i>27</i> Church Office Closed 7pm Women's Book Group 7pm Alanon	<i>28</i> 9:30am Alanon 7pm Men's Book Group 7pm GIFT @ R. Lorvick	<i>29</i> 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Worship 8PM Choir			

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayers of healing for Sandy Furlong, Bill Patterson, Jean Anderson, Si Grim, Betty Darrow, and Joel Nelson.

Prayers of sympathy to the Furlong family on the passing of Phil's 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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2012 Upcoming Events

- Feb. 4 & 5 - Jr. Hi Confirmation Retreat in LaJolla/Sea World
- Feb. 10-12 - SR HI Ski Trip to Lake Arrowhead
- Feb. 13—Prime-Timers Event: dinner & movie in SJC
- Feb. 18 - Women's Event: lunch & movie in SJC
- Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday Worship: 12 noon & 7pm, Soup Supper 6pm
- Feb. 26 - Whale Watching from Dana Point Harbor, 2pm
- March 9-11 - Men's Baseball Spring Training
- March 17 - SR HI Lock-In
- March 31 - Campus Cleanup Day, 9am-12 noon
- April 1 - SR HI Pancake Breakfast, 9:15-10:15am
- April 1 - Palm Sunday Worship, First Communion at 10:30am
- April 8 - Easter Sunday Worship: 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am
- April 8 - Eggstravaganza, 9:40am
- April 21 - New Member Adult Inquiry Class, 9am-12 noon
- April 22 - PrimeTimers concert at Concordia, Irvine
- April 22 - New Member Orientation, 6pm
- April 28 - Year of the Dragon Youth Fundraiser Dinner, 6pm
- May 4-6 - Church Campout @ Campland on the Bay, San Diego
- May 11 - SR HI Mission Trip to LA
- May 20 - Women's Spring Event
- May 27 - Confirmation Sunday, 10:30am

