

# DEI-LY LIGHT



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

We're in the middle of the Season of Lent - this 40 day pilgrimage to the cross. Some of you have given things up - a reminder to pray, a prompt to consider others. My thanks to Pastor Sabrina for arranging the traveling art exhibit.

My focus is on our upcoming theme: **Gen2Gen** (Generation to Generation). We want everything we do to consider - is this good for the children in our midst and the people yet to come? One of the world's greatest writers, Antoine de Saint-Exupery (The Little Prince) put it best:

*In a house which becomes a home, one hands down and another takes up  
the heritage of mind and heart, laughter and tears, musings and deeds.  
Love, like a carefully loaded ship, crosses the gulf between the generations.  
Therefore, we do not neglect the ceremonies of our passage: when we wed, when we die,  
and when we are blessed with a child; When we depart and when we return;  
When we plant and when we harvest.  
Let us bring up our children. It is not the place of some official to hand to them their heritage.  
If others impart to our children our knowledge and ideals,  
they will lose all of us that is wordless and full of wonder.  
Let us build memories in our children, lest they drag out joyless lives,  
lest they allow treasures to be lost because they have not been given the keys.  
We live, not by things, but by the meanings of things. It is needful to transmit the passwords  
from generation to generation.*

Peace,

*David R. Mattson*

Pastor David R. Mattson



## Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

### The Holiest of Holy Weeks

Lent is a wonderful time of reflection, perhaps small sacrifices, and remembrance. But just as important is Holy Week, the week before Easter beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing with services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The description of the Holy Week service is as follows:

**Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of Holy Week. We rejoice with the crowds as Jesus enters into the city of Jerusalem, waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" All of our worship services will begin outside, followed by a procession into the sanctuary. Worship on March 25 at 8:30am, 10:30am, and 5:00pm.

**Maundy Thursday** takes its name from the Latin word for "commandment," as we remember when Jesus told his disciples, "A new commandment I give to you: Love one another." This day marks the official end of Lent. We also remember the first Lord's Supper and the washing of the disciples' feet. Worship on March 29 at 7:00pm.

**Good Friday** commemorates the day when our Lord gave his life to save us from our sins. It is a very humbling service, as we contemplate the cost that Jesus paid for our redemption. The service is a "tenebrae" service, which comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." It makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. Worship on March 30 at 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

## 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!)

**HELP!** Our annual spring cleaning day is Saturday, March 24, 9am - noon. All ages are welcome and needed. Give us an hour or more. Thanks!

**SOUP SUPPERS AND WORSHIP:** Every Wednesday in March, Lenten soup suppers take place before worship, 6pm. Thanks to those who have provided soup!

**Mark your calendar now:** Gen2Gen (Generation to Generation) Spring Celebration will take place, Saturday, April 28, 5pm with music, the Bishop speaking, a party, and plans for the next years!





## YOUTH NEWS JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

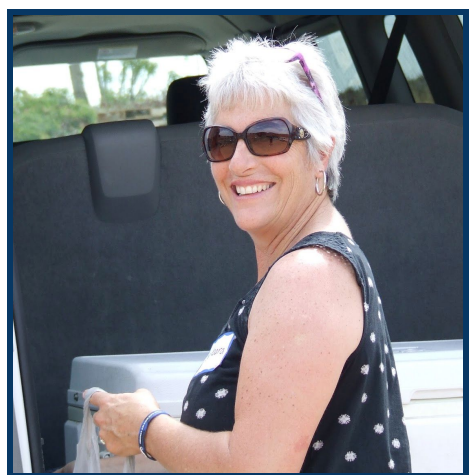
**FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION** - Children grade 3 (or younger) are in preparation for the Sacrament on Palm Sunday. The last of the three Wednesday night meetings at 5:15pm is on March 7. At least one parent must attend with their child. On Saturday, March 10, all students are invited to make chalices at Fired Up in San Clemente at noon. Questions, speak with a pastor.

**PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Sunday, March 25, 8:00 a.m. Senior High Servers will make their traditional pancake breakfast for the congregation with a few surprises mixed in. Come ready for some good food and lots of fun!

**SENIOR HIGH SERVERS** - Saturday, April 14, Mexico here we come! Get those passports ready to cross the border on a trip to Los Angelitos Orphanage. This is an all day trip with members of the congregation to help the orphanage.

**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. 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.

BARB COLLINS, CHILDREN AND FAMILY DIRECTOR



## DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

(Fellowship, Community, Get-Togethers, Support, etc.)

**MEN'S RETREAT** - Spring Training Baseball in Arizona, March 2-4. This annual event is full.

**WOMEN'S ONE DAY RETREAT** - Saturday, March 3, 9am - 3pm. The theme is "Christ Within Us." Special guest speakers include Daneen Pysz and Mary Gray Perdue from Family Assistance Ministries. Cost: \$25.

**AMAZING GRACE THROUGH ART** - *New Art Group* lead by Jane Zeiger and held *every Thursday at 2pm in Bankson Hall*. Jane is a gifted artist, passionate about sharing all mediums of art with others. All levels of

artistic talent welcomed. If you have supplies, please bring them. Come, explore your creativity and meet new friends! Questions: Contact Jane at 949-235-4359.

**SOUP SUPPERS** - 6pm, every Wednesday during Lent, Gloria Dei has soup suppers in Bankson Hall. Can you provide a soup? Please sign-up at the Welcome Table. Thank you! 6:30pm, Worship follows in Bankson Hall.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR & SUNDAY SCHOOL -

Save the date-*VBS June 25th-29th*. The LRCC crew will be back leading our VBS and we are also looking for volunteers. Details forthcoming.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets Monday, March 19th, 3pm, Knudson Hall. The book for March is *A Train to Potevka* by Mike Ramsdell. RIOT meets on the third Monday of the month. If interested, speak with Diane Kelly (949-493-9632).



## PRESCHOOL

(All things related to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Preschool)

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

We are more than halfway through our school year. March is one of our longer months, and our focus is on God's creatures. We just had a visit from the Lizard Wizard who brought some wild reptiles for the children to see and touch. He is always a welcome visitor at Gloria Dei, and he kick started our month on learning about God's animal creations.

This month we recognize our amazing parents by having *"Cool Dads Come to School"*. Our dads will come to school and experience some of their kids' favorite sensory activities, get a shave from their child, eat some donuts, and have fun in the photo booth. Our moms will have a night just for them at *"Mom's Night Out"*; we will gather for some laughs, food, and fun while playing Bunco.

May this season of Lent expand your vision for life, allow you to live in faith, and help you find hope in the face of adversity.

KATHY PERSON, MUSIC DIRECTOR



## DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

**THE SANCTUARY CHOIR** - (Adults/Teens) continues on Thursdays in February at 7:30pm. We have wonderful music for 2018 including new arrangements of favorite hymns and newly composed music. Instrumental music of all kinds will be featured as well. Some of the anthems we have planned call for more voices--please join in the celebration. Robe included!

**HANDBELL CHOIR** - We will play for services on March 11th. The choir is also preparing new music for church as well as a massed ring performance in April. From Southern Harmony to Calypso we cover it all!

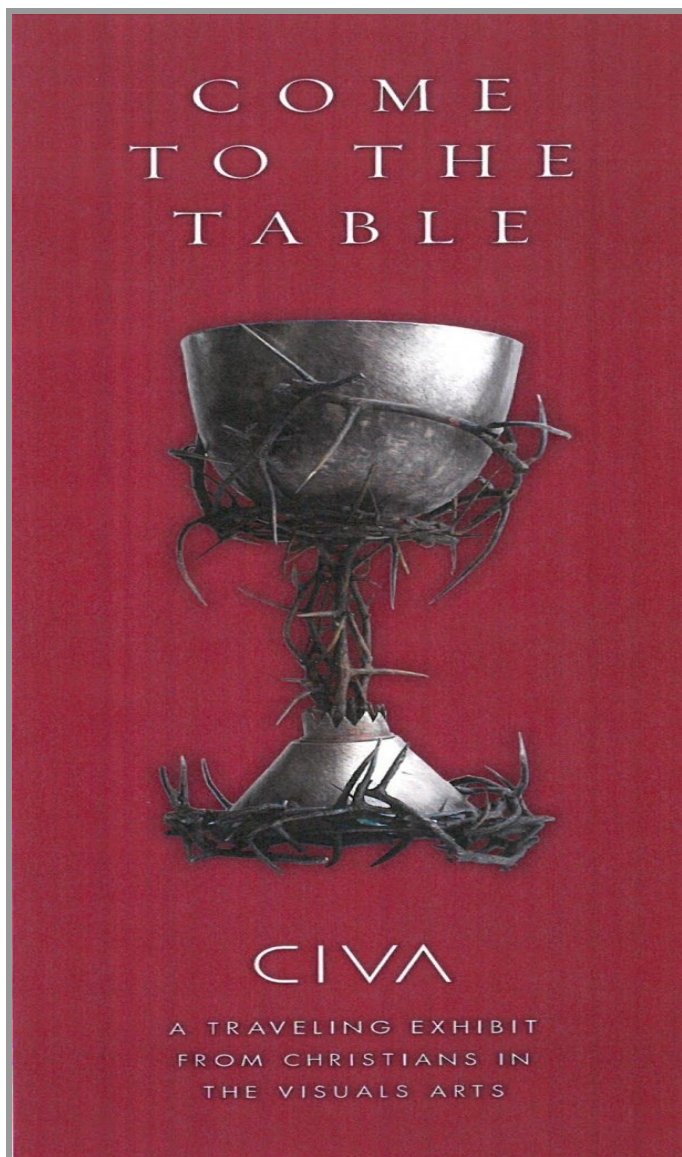
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - Children's Choir will sing on March 4th at the 10:30 service. In addition to singing liturgical music, hymns and playing bells, our group is learning some basic sign language. We pack a lot of fun into our Sunday mornings--join us during the Sunday School hour.

### GLORIA DEI CONCERT SERIES...

- Baroque Musical Performance: Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 7:00pm.
- Kangwon Kim – Baroque violinist from Madison, WI. Currently, the concertmaster of Madison Bach Musicians and Harpsichordist, Jung Hae Kim. Join us for a an evening of beautiful music featuring the moving "Crucifixion" Sonata by Biber. The performance includes an artists' discussion about Baroque performance practice.
- Admission is free to Gloria Dei members. A \$20.00 donation at the door will be accepted. See the Gloria Dei website for more information: [mygloriadei.org](http://mygloriadei.org).



# LENT - COME TO THE TABLE



**GLORIA DEI is hosting a national traveling art exhibit called "Come to the Table"...**

The exhibit is made available through CIVA|Christians in the Visual Arts, a non-profit founded in 1979 dedicated to exploring and nurturing the relationship between the visual arts and the Christian faith. It is on display in Bankson Hall right now.

**COME TO THE TABLE** features thirty-five carefully selected works including historical pieces by Albrecht Durer, modernist work by Jasper Johns and Sadao Watanabe, fresh contemporary pieces created by CIVA-member artists. This work, executed in a variety of media, celebrates both the rich community gathered at the Table of Fellowship and the privilege of meeting with God at his Table of Communion. From Abraham entertaining angels, to Christ's Last Supper with his disciples, to the great Marriage Feast of the Lamb at the end of time, the table is a rich biblical metaphor. Indeed, the promise of Revelation 19 is that human history will culminate around a table where the people of God are all present. God's Table is a place of welcome, justice, abundance, and worship.

## **SOUP SUPPER**

Each Wednesday during Lent there will be a soup supper and a worship service featuring the artwork and a video series entitled, "Feeding our Faith," which is an exploration of what it means to come to the table.

Please join us as 6:00 pm each Wednesday during Lent for a soup dinner and worship.

## 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, Vera Williams, Emmy Quinn, Margaret Vislocky, Bill Patterson, and Gwen Layritz.

**PRAYERS OF COMFORT** - For all those struggling with hope due to the shootings in Florida and for refugees around the world. Also prayers of comfort for Pat Kramer and her family as they mourn the passing of Reine Kramer.

**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.



# 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)  
The next meeting will be Monday, March 12th 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)  
The next meeting will be Monday, March 12th 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. In March, they will meet on March 13th & 27th at Donna Combe's home (45 Via Belleza, San Clemente). 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** is in full swing! They meet on Wednesday at 10am in Knudson Hall. This bible study meets weekly, unless otherwise noted.

**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 March 10th at 8:00am in Knudson Hall.

**THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES** - An in-depth overview course on the Bible. This two year course, which began October 5, 2017 is taught by Pastor David on Thursdays at 6:30pm, during the school year (breaking for vacations). In March, Bethel will meet every Thursday, *except March 29th*.

**CHURCH-WIDE BOOK:** Several members have purchased **"Giving to God"** by Mark Allan Powell. They read it and were so excited about it, they wanted the pastors and every members to read it. Have you picked your *free* copy up? Visit the Church Office and pick up one per member/family.



# DEI-LY SERVICE

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

Gloria Dei Church Council (2017)



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - The next meeting is April 7th, 9am, due to the WELCA retreat on March 3rd. This ministry invites people of all ages to join & they meet the first Saturday of the month in Knudson Hall. 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 of every month at 9:30am, in Knudson Hall. They will meet on March 24th and would love additional help. *They are also*

*looking for clean, old sheets with no stains or holes. If you have any sheets to donate, please drop them by the church office. Quilts are provided to our newly Baptized infants & children. If interested in helping, please call Donna Combe at 949-338-5327.*

**SERRA'S PANTRY** - This is a local volunteer opportunity (San Juan Capistrano), that provides food to those in need. Interested Gloria Dei members serve at Serra's Pantry every third Saturday of the month at 8:30am. March 17th is the next volunteer opportunity. Contact Paul Dubow at 949-248-8865, if interested.



**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY** - Three more trips to Los Angelitos are planned for 2018:

**April 14, August 4 and November 3.**

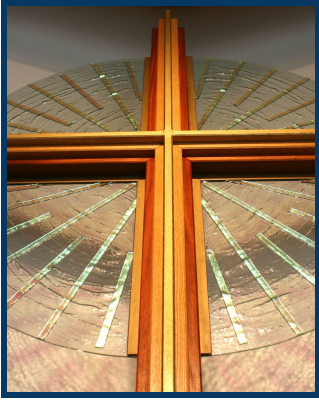
If you can't attend a trip to Los Angelitos, but want to help, we have suggestions. It is very helpful to have someone return the van upon our return to Gloria Dei. We have other helpful ideas too. Please contact David & Susan Warneke 203-952-5657 or 510-967-3211.

## LIVING A GENEROUS LIFE

One of the major themes of 2018 at Gloria Dei will be about how do we live generously, especially related to our time and talents, inside and outside of our church. To that end, several members have made available as a free gift, **“Giving to God”** by Mark Allan Powell.

Have you picked your copy up? Have you read the book yet?

In the season of Easter, the Pastors will begin a sermon series on it. Also, please mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 28, 5pm. Bishop Taylor will be with us, dinner provided, and our giving plans will be introduced.



# DEI-LY DUTIES

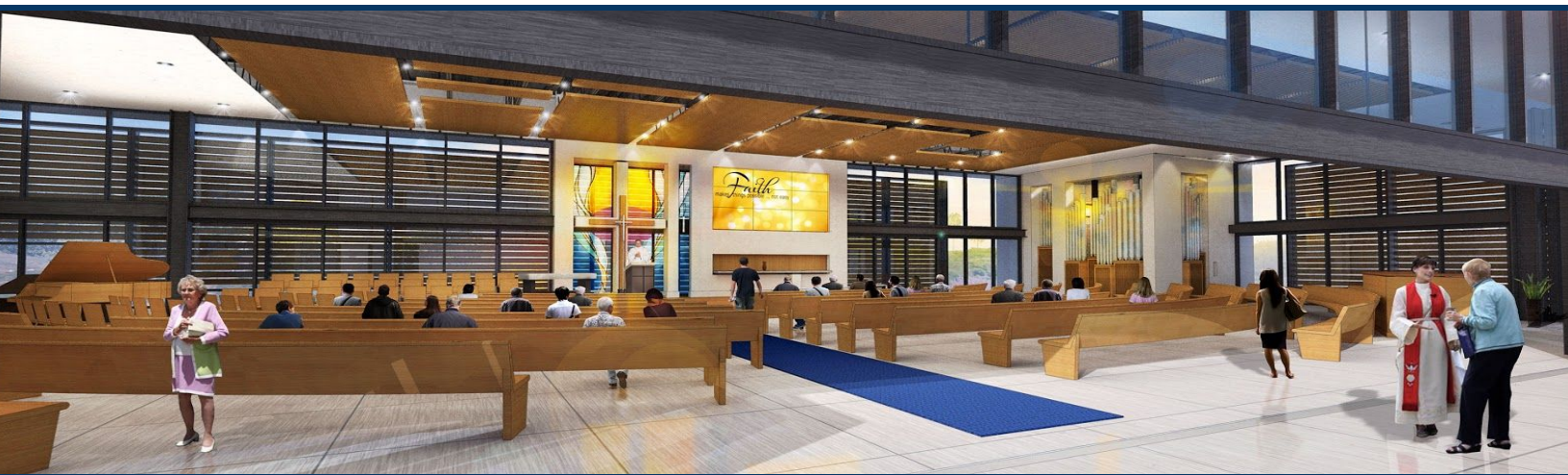
## MARCH 2018 VOLUNTEERS

<b><u>ACOLYTE</u></b> (month)	<b><u>8:30am</u></b> C. Susag	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> T. Henry	
<b><u>COMMUNION ASST</u></b> (month)	D. Caskey C. Collins G. Enright	W. Johnson R. Kramer L. Mers	
<b><u>USHER</u></b> (month)	C. Asis W. Ehrke	T. Cawein F. Hettman	
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<b><u>WELCOME CENTER</u></b> 3/4 3/11 3/18 3/25	K. Desmond P. & S. Weiss J. Skraba J. Vlahos	S. & T. Lund L. Schultz S. Pyle L. Schuller	<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b> L. McCarty M. Dubow P. Weiss L. Mers

## APRIL 2018 VOLUNTEERS

<b><u>ACOLYTE</u></b> (month)	<b><u>8:30am</u></b>	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> L. Miertschin	
<b><u>COMMUNION ASST</u></b> (month)	J. Adams C. Backhus G. Rightmire	R. Grefsrud F. Hettman J. St. Martin	
<b><u>USHER</u></b> (month)	C. Backhus D. Holzkamp	W. Knottnerus L. Mers	
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<b><u>WELCOME CENTER</u></b> 4/1 4/8 4/15 4/22 4/29	B. & B. Gillespie J. Olson D. Kelly S. Manville & G. Sels K. Desmond	A. & J. St. Martin R. Hanson D. Warneke L. Schultz R. Kramer	<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b> K. Gray M. Delgado S. Miller B. Cummings G. Rightmire





## 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>2/4</u>	334	\$ 19,610.00
<u>2/11</u>	435	\$ 8,974.00
<u>2/18</u>	402	\$ 8,374.00
<u>2/25</u>		\$

**"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.

**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.

**THANKS** - The ELCA has thanked our congregation for being a Top 100 Supporter of ELCA Missionaries! They also thanked us for our generous support in 2018 of Dorcas, our ELCA Missionary. For more details, see the article & certificates posted outside Knudson Hall.

### MORE THANKS -

Dear Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your kindness, donations and for being a big part of our family. With your help we are making our dreams come true!

~ The little angels of Los Angelitos Orphanage

**GLORIA DEI GRATITUDE** - Many thanks to the Gloria Dei members who designated their Thrivent dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Our church received over \$7,500 in charitable outreach funding in 2017 and we are very grateful for your generosity!

# MARCH 2018

Church Calendar							Mar 2018 (Pacific Time)		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
25	26	27	28	1	2	3			
				7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 2pm - Art Club 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	Men's Retreat Spring Training @ Arizona, USA 10am - AA Men's 11:30am - AA Women's	WELCA Retreat			
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Men's Retreat Spring 8:30am - Worship 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 10:30am - Worship 5pm - Worship	7pm - Al Anon Meeting	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 10:30am - Piano Tuning	Lent 3 7am - Preschool Dad's 10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting 6pm - Lenten Soup 6:30pm - Worship	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 2pm - Art Club 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	10am - AA Men's 11:30am - AA Women's 5pm - Hefflin Rehearsal	8am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Women's Board 12pm - Challice Making 3pm - Hefflin Wedding			
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