

DEI-LY LIGHT



MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

Gen2Gen - *"One generation will praise Your name to another and declare Your mighty deeds."* That was our theme. At the Gen2Gen Thank You Celebration in April, We began collecting pledges, we heard from Bishop Taylor, new ministries were introduced, bubbles and games happened. It was exciting. What a party and witness celebrating the love of Jesus for all people!

Speaking of Gen2Gen, here's a few happenings in May that are perfect examples of how people support one another, pray for one another, and give thanks for one another:

- Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day - at all services we will thank God for our mothers and sing *"Daisy a Day."* We will also welcome new members at all services.
- Sunday, May 20 is Pentecost Sunday, *"the birthday of the church."* We celebrate the Spirit's power in our lives. To that end, I invite you to do two things: One, invite a friend to worship with you. Originally, Pentecost was about the tremendous growth that happened in the early church. Let's be open to the Spirit's guidance in terms of invitation and welcome. Second, wear something red. By the way, Confirmation takes place at 10:30am service. Please pray for the 8th graders standing before the altar and proclaiming, "I believe." It takes a village, a church.

God's peace,

David R. Mattson

Pastor David R. Mattson



Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

Spring is Blooming

One of the best things about spring are the plants... the beautiful flowers, colors, and blooms that we see all around us. In order for anything to grow, it needs three essential ingredients: sun, water, and good soil. With those three things, a seed can grow into a plant and a plant can grow into its full potential. And sometimes, in addition to sun, water, and good soil, we need a little patience. I planted a garden in the backyard patio area of the condo about six years ago. One of the plants I planted was a dwarf grapefruit tree. It has always been healthy, green, and flowering, but for four years, it yielded no grapefruit. I thought about taking it out, but every year I decided to just give it one more year. Then, last year, it yielded a large crop of huge grapefruit. The rinds were thick, but the fruit was tasty. This year, the fruit was even better with smaller rinds. I have every hope that next year will be better still.

In many ways, one of the most important jobs of the church is planting and nourishing seeds. We plant seeds of faith. As a community, we all participate in nourishing those seeds with fellowship, prayer, Bible study, worship, and outreach. Patience is also necessary here because we are all busy, because we don't always see the results of our service work, and because it takes times for one's relationship with Jesus to grow.

I see the fruit of growth in our congregation all the time. This spring, I see it in the confirmation class. Five 8th graders will be confirmed at the end of May after three years of classes, meetings, and retreats. I see it in the children who participate in children's messages, Sunday school, and children's choir at church. I see it in the interactions between members, specifically intergenerational as we celebrated Gen2Gen in April. I see it in the fellowship of the men's and women's ministries and church dinners and picnics. I see it in the compassion of service projects such as Serra's Pantry, Los Angelitos, and the Saturday Homeless Engagement Center.

Psalm 1:3 reads, *"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper."* May we pray for God's continued work in our congregation and the blooming of ministries.

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!)

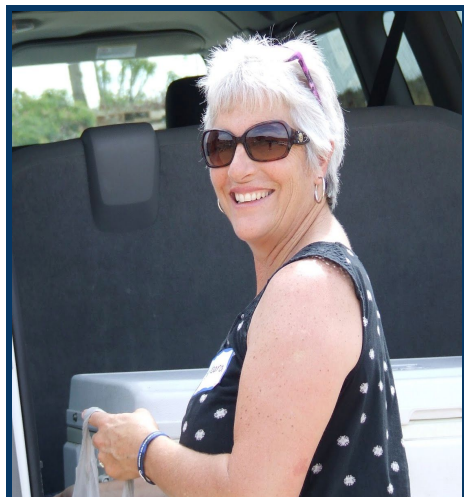
Gen2Gen Sermon Series continues in May:

April 29: Timothy 1:1-5 (Paul and Timothy - Intergenerational Collaboration)

May 5: Esther 4:1-17; 7:1-10; 9:20-22 (Esther and Mordecai - Connecting to a bigger story.)

May 12: Ruth 1:1-18; Ruth 3:1-4:17 (Ruth and Naomi - Intergenerational Strength Forever.)





DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

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

AMAZING GRACE THROUGH ART - Art Group lead by Jane Zeiger, held every Thursday at 3pm in Bankson Hall. Jane, a gifted artist, is passionate about sharing all mediums of art with others. All artistic levels welcomed. 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 Monday, May 21st, 3pm, Knudson Hall. The book for May is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. RIOT meets on the third Monday of the month. If interested, speak with Diane Kelly (949-493-9632).

WOMEN'S TEA - The annual women's tea will be held Saturday, May 12, 12pm in Bankson Hall. The theme this year is: "Tea Around the World." The tea will be catered by Ellie Synder. Cost: \$25. Please Sign up at the Welcome Table.

MEN'S BBQ at Jim Bankson's home on June 2. They will be serving Brats and Beer while strengthening their Gloria Dei brotherhood. More details soon to come.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 25th-29th, 9am-3pm. Ages 5 years old - 5th grade. Fee - \$100. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table and in the church office. Sign up and Invite a friend! Volunteer opportunities are available as well. Our 2018 VBS Theme is *Mark 12:30 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength"*.

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



YOUTH NEWS JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: will take place on Sunday, May 13th at 9:40am in the sanctuary. All 8th graders and a parent must attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Sunday, May 13, the Senior High Servers will be at it once again, serving Mother's Day Parfaits between the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. Hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: On Sunday, May 20, we will have the "Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation" at the 10:30am service. After three years of meeting with the pastors and youth leaders, the following

8th graders are ready to make their Confirmation: Aly Aga, Antonio Dardis, Tiana Henry, Cole Flippin, and Emma Hettmann.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING HOUSTON 2018 - June 27 - July 1, 2018. Youth in 8th to 12th grade are attending this amazing trip. They will have the opportunity to earn money towards their registration fees by participating in service events throughout the year. Questions about this or anything youth related, contact Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org.

ELCA RECAP DINNER - Mark you calendars for Saturday, July 14 at 5pm. Kids that go on the Houston trip will be able to share some of their favorite moments with dinner attendees. It'll be a great way to get some Gen2Gen time in for everyone! Details forthcoming.



DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR - (Adults/Teens) continues on Thursdays in May at 7:30pm. The choir continues to learn and grow! I am thankful for the time and talent everyone has shared with me. It has been a great year! The last Sunday performance for the choir will be at both services on May 20th.

HANDBELL CHOIR - We are wrapping up our season with a final ring in May. It's been a great year!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Children's Choir will sing on Mother's Day, May 13th at the 10:30am service. Both preschool and elementary choir groups will sing together on "My God Is So Great."

CHORAL MUSIC CONCERT - Choral Music Aliso (Aliso Niguel High School choir), performs May 4 at 7:30pm, in the Gloria Dei Sanctuary. Come watch this musical and educational event as the students prepare for their performance in New York City this summer. \$10 donation at the door.



PRESCHOOL

(All things related to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Preschool)

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

There is a saying, "Time flies by when you're having fun". I guess we've had a blast in preschool, because it's already May; our last month of school.

Looking back to August, when our students first stepped foot on campus to now, these kids have grown in so many ways. They exude confidence socially and physically. They are mastering fine motor skills for their age, and they are expanding their cognitive skills. Preschool is a time for God's children to grow,

learn, and have lots of fun.

That is what we've done this year, thanks to our amazing teachers. Words cannot express my gratitude for my staff's dedication in providing, not only a positive learning environment, but a place where our students feel loved and supported. God has blessed us with a great school year, and we are excited for what He has in store for us in the coming months.

"A child is like a butterfly in the wind. Some can fly higher than others, but each one flies as best it can. Why compare one against another? Each one is different. Each one is special. Each one is beautiful."



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, May 21st at 6:30pm (please note *new start time*). Study: The Gospel of John. This will complete this study series. In July, we will begin the study of Proverbs.
- **GIFT Group** - Dennis and Daneen Pysz's home (33172 DeSoto Way, Dana Point, Phone: 949-290-0381)
The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9th 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 May, they will meet on May 8th and May 22nd 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 continues their studies during May. They meet on Wednesday at 10am in Knudson Hall. This Bible study meets weekly, unless otherwise noted and is led by a pastor.

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 May 12th 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). *May 3rd will conclude the first year of Bethel study and the group will reconvene in September.*

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 member 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 (2018)

COUNCIL MEMBERS (left to right) - Jim Bankson, Susan Behnke, Craig Backhus, Dave Ross, Chuck Weinhardt, Liane Schuller, Courtney Jennings, Kristina Mayfield, Annette Fettis and Shelli Higgins. Not pictured: Bill Ramsey and Kim Santore.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - The next meeting is May 5th, 9am. 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 May 26th and would love additional help. 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 local volunteer opportunity 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 19th is the next volunteer opportunity. Contact Paul Dubow at 949-248-8865, if interested.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Volunteers needed in our community to provide supportive services to terminally ill patients and their families. Qualifications: a caring heart, the ability to listen and and willingness to learn. Time needed: about 2 hours per week. To learn more about this opportunity through VITAS Healthcare, contact Judy Andoe, 714-734-2723 or email at Judy.Andoe@vitas.com

NEW HOMELESS MINISTRY - Saturday Morning Engagement Center - Need volunteers to work at an interfaith center for the homeless every Saturday at San Felipe de Jesus in Capo Beach. Sign up at the Welcome Center to be contacted with a volunteer packet that has more information.

GRIEF SHARE GROUP - This 13 week class begins on Saturday, May 5, 9:30am, It is held in Knudson Hall (quad) and led by Jim Wenrick. If interested, please contact the church office, 949-494-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

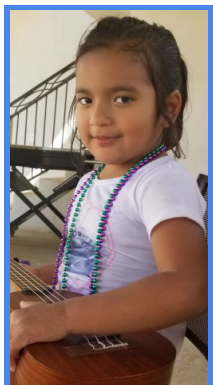
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - At Gloria Dei May 4th from 11am - 5pm. To donate, you must be at least 17 years old, 110 lbs. and in generally good health. Sign up at the Welcome Table or online to donate blood. Online sign up for blood donations at: www.redcrossblood.org/. Type *Gloria Dei* in the “find a blood drive” blue box in the upper right corner and the blood drive will pop up.

DEI-LY SERVICE (continued)

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LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY - Remaining trips in 2018: **August 4 and November 3.**

On our last visit to Los Angelitos, there were around 15+ or so children at the orphanage, from around 4 years old and up, with an even mix of boys and girls. Some new kids have moved into the orphanage, including a young pregnant girl. Little Francisco (who recently had surgery) was there and he is doing soooo well! They are all really nice kids; well cared for, and were happy to see us.



Here is a bio on one of the sweet children at Los Angelitos:

Hello. My name is Iris and I live at the Los Angelitos Orphanage in Tijuana. I am 4-years old and have two sisters; Mildred and Bianca. Next year I will start school. My favorite food is fresas (strawberries). My favorite thing to do is to play on the swings. When grow up I want to be a doctor. Thank you Gloria Dei for all you do for us.
Que dios te bendiga (God bless you).



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.

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 and Peggy Johnson, Gina Grefsrud, Debbie Campominosi, Ray Burke, Jack Doerr, Ray & Ingrid Schuller, Lorraine Cryer, Mary Lou Walters, Vera Williams, Emmy Quinn, Margaret Vislocky, Gwen Layritz, Paul Dubow and Carol Susag.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT - For all those struggling with hope and for refugees around the world.
Also prayers of comfort for:

- Hilma Patterson and her family as they mourn the passing of Bill Patterson.
- JoAnn Moerschbaeher and her family as they mourn the passing of Bill Moerschbaeher.
- The family of Lee Frodsham as they mourn her passing.

PEACE AND SAFETY for all our service men and women now serving around the world.

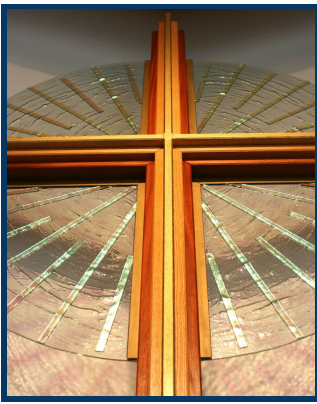
PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST - To place a loved one on the Prayer Chain, call the church office at 949-493-3414.

THANKS -

Dear Gloria Dei Family,

Thank you so much for remembering me and encouraging me while I've been away at school! I love TCU, but I miss everyone at home! I loved all my care packages.

Love,
Abby Fredrick



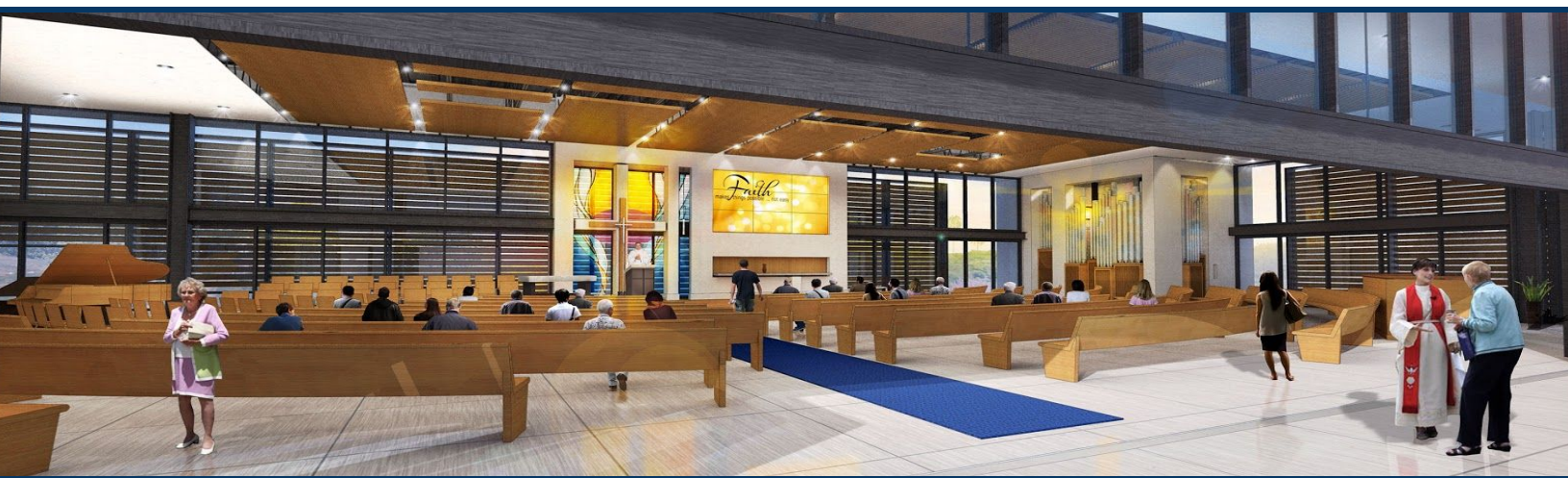
DEI-LY DUTIES

MAY 2018 VOLUNTEERS

<u>ACOLYTE</u> (month)	<u>8:30am</u> L. Chernenkoff	<u>10:30am</u> C. Flippin	
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u> (month)	B. Jonas B. Keim C. Weinhardt	R. Grefsrud F. Hettman L. Mers	
<u>USHER</u> (month)	M. Dubow P. Dubow	J. Cummings	
<u>LECTORS</u> 5/6 5/13 5/20 5/27	<u>8:30am</u> D. Holzkamp C. Asis K. Dickinson G. Rightmire	<u>10:30am</u> B. Prock R. Grefsrud Confirmands G. Powell	<u>5:00pm</u> J. Contestabile B. Mesa J. Moyer B. Ramsey
<u>REFRESHMENTS</u> 5/6 5/13 5/20 5/27	P. Weiss M. & W. Wilson J. Olson G. Rightmire	D. & J. Combe J. & S. Grady K. Hallowell L. Mers & S. Miller	D. & J. Marquardt
<u>WELCOME CENTER</u> 5/6 5/13 5/20 5/27	J. Skraba P. & S. Weiss C. Weinhardt B. & B. Gillespie	S. & T. Lund S. Pyle R. Hanson T. Seibert	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u> D. Combe L. McCarty M. Dubow P. Weiss

JUNE 2018 VOLUNTEERS

<u>ACOLYTE</u> (month)	<u>8:30am</u> E. Hallowell	<u>10:30am</u> L. Miertschin	
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u> (month)	J. Adams C. Backhus G. Enright	L. Holmes-Hylton W. Johnson B. Prock	
<u>USHER</u> (month)	P. Weiss S. Weiss	H. Nurminen D. Warneke	
<u>LECTORS</u> 6/1 6/10 6/17 6/24	<u>8:30am</u> D. Caskey D. Pysz S. Furlong K. Desmond	<u>10:30am</u> H. Nurminen L. Mers J. Combe P. Johnson	<u>5:00pm</u> C. Simpson M. Van Ness E. Mills A. Boicey
<u>REFRESHMENTS</u> 6/1 6/10 6/17 6/24	K. Martino B. Collins S. Caskey J. Cox	M. Bise D. & D. Pysz L. Flippin	B. Ramsey
<u>WELCOME CENTER</u> 6/1 6/10 6/17 6/24	J. Olson D. Kelly S. Manville & G. Sels K. Desmond	V. Anderson G. Sherwood D. Warneke	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u> L. Mers D. Pysz K. Gray M. Delgado



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

4/1	1,295	\$16,618.00
4/8	274	\$ 6,643.00
4/15	302	\$ 9,930.00
4/22	305	\$ 4,999.00
4/29		

"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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's	10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 3pm - Art Club 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	9am - Preschool Dance 9:30am - Meeting in 10am - AA Men's 11am - Blood Drive @ 11:30am - AA Women's 7:30pm - Choral	9am - Adult Inquiry 9am - Prayer Shawl 9:30am - Griefshare 10am - O/A Group 3pm - Primetimers
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am - Worship 9:40am - Ed - All Ages - 12pm - New member 5pm - Worship 7pm - AI Anon	7pm - AI Anon Meeting	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 6:30pm - VFW Auxiliary 7pm - Heart Lifters	10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting 6:30pm - GIFT Group at 7pm - NAMI Meeting	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 3pm - Art Club 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	10am - AA Men's 11:30am - AA Women's	8am - Men's Breakfast 9:30am - Griefshare 10am - O/A Group 2pm - Women's Tea
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
New Member Sunday 8:30am - Worship 10:30am - Worship 5pm - Henry Lugo 7pm - AI Anon	6:30pm - GIFT Group at 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 7pm - Church Council	10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting 5pm - Preschool	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 3pm - Art Club 6:30pm - Bell Choir - 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir -	Synod Assembly 10am - AA Men's 11:30am - AA Women's	8:30am - Serra's Pantry 9:30am - Griefshare 10am - O/A Group
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pentecost - 8:30am - Worship 10:30am - Worship 4pm - Bethel Group 5pm - Worship 7pm - AI Anon	3pm - RIOT Book Club 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 7pm - Heart Lifters	10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting 6pm - DP Historical 7pm - NAMI Meeting	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 3pm - Art Club	10am - AA Men's 11:30am - AA Women's	9:30am - Griefshare 9:30am - Quilting 10am - O/A Group
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
8:30am - Worship 10:30am - Worship 5pm - Worship 7pm - AI Anon	7pm - AI Anon Meeting	7am - AA Men's 8:30am - Piano Tuning 9:30am - AA Women's	10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting 5pm - Preschool	7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 3pm - Art Club		

(See Calendar on Website: <http://www.mycloriadei.org/calendar-2/>)

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