

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

DE-LY LIGHT



NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

Thank you. Maybe it's my age, but it seems my "debt load" gets larger and larger, the longer I live. I'm indebted to so many, in so many ways, and ultimately to God, for everything.

A retired Lutheran pastor put it well: *"If, when, where, however God chooses to provide richly there is reason to thank him. It is equally true, however, that if, when, where, however he chooses to provide less richly there remains reason to thank him also. For God is always the Giver and we are always receivers."* (Hubert Beck)

There's a lot in that sentence to consider, but certainly gratitude is a personal response and emotion. It is also true, as a faith community, gratitude is also a part of our DNA. How do we express our gratitude? As a church, this certainly happens through worship, service, ministry, and giving.

November is the month where so many important happenings focus on gratitude. Let me list a few:

- All Saints Sunday, November 4 (Tolling of the bells.).
- Veterans' Day, November 11.
- Thanksgiving Feast Potluck, November 18, 5pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, November 21, 7pm
- Christ the King Sunday, November 28

Abraham Heschel - *"Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living."* And a major part of that prayer is *"thank You."*

God's peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Mattson".

Pastor David R. Mattson



Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

Living in the Light

I don't love Daylight Savings Time. I don't understand it. Even when we gain an hour, as we do on the first weekend of November, I don't enjoy it because the kids are off schedule, the afternoons are suddenly plunged into early darkness, and I know that we're just going to lose that hour again in March.

Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:5,8, *"You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the*

hope of salvation as a helmet."

This verse is a beautiful reminder for Christians in a sometimes dark world. Of course, as human beings, we all need light. We need light to see and for energy. We need light because the days are getting shorter and shorter this time of year. But as people of God, we need light in a different way. We need to remember that we belong to Jesus, the Light of Life and the Light of the world. Jesus' presence is a light that helps us to see God's light is always shining in this world and in us.

This is a beautiful verse as we prepare for Thanksgiving, as well. We may give thanks for all kinds of things in our lives, but as we do so, I hope we will think about the ways that God's light is shining in our lives, in our communities, and in our world. When we take the time to really look around, I think we cannot help but see that God's light is truly shining, even, and perhaps especially, in the darkest places.

THE BIG HAPPENING...

(The big happening - you don't want to miss out!)

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 4, we celebrate "For all the saints who from their labors rest..." We will "toll the bells" in loving memory and prayers for those who have gone before us. If you would like a name read during worship, please fill out a form on Sunday morning.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP

See article on this trip and service, sign-up, and join in: Saturday, November 3.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Sunday, November 18, 5pm. This annual potluck event has been happening for almost 50 years! Bring something to share. Entertainment provided. Dessert provided. Sign-up for this fun event! Harpist will provide entertainment during our meal.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 21, 7pm.

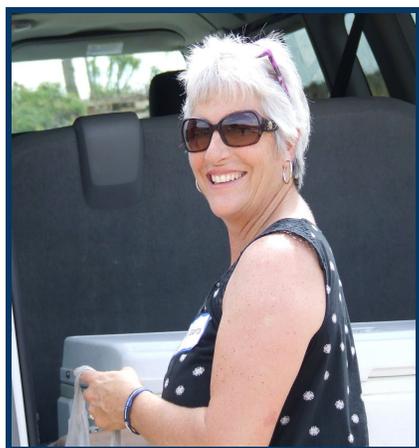
Offering for World Hunger and food collection. The Sanctuary Choir sings and we gather to sing our praise.



REVISITING OKTOBERFEST FESTIVITIES...



BARB COLLINS, CHILDREN AND FAMILY DIRECTOR



DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

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

WINE TASTING FELLOWSHIP EVENT - Saturday, November 10, 6:00pm at the home of Jeff and Jocelyn Contestabile (26542 Estanciero, Mission Viejo). There will be appetizers provided by We Olive in San Juan Capistrano and wine tasting of 6 different varietals. Cost: \$25 per person. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - December 9 at 10:00AM. If you would like your child to participate in this annual telling of the Christmas story, please see Barb Collins or Daneen Pysz (director). We will be rehearsing during a portion of our Sunday school time and have a full dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 8 at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (preschool-5th) - Offered Sunday at 8:30am and 10am. Children are invited to leave with the Sunday School leader after the Children's Message to their classroom and will return for Communion.

AMAZING GRACE THROUGH ART CO-OP - Meets on the 3rd Saturday each month at 10am in Bankson Hall. Their next meeting will be November 17. 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 the *third Monday each month at 3pm* and they'll be meeting next on November 19. The group is reading *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton. 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.

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



YOUTH NEWS JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

CONFIRMATION - Confirmation class will take place on Sunday, November 2 from 11:00am-1:00pm in Knudson Hall. Lunch provided.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT - Nov. 16-18 at the Hilton Hotel in Woodland Hills, CA. The theme is 1 John 3:18, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth." The weekend will involve speakers, a day spent at Universal Studios, and fellowship time with other middle school Lutherans. Cost: \$100.

KATHY PERSON, MUSIC DIRECTOR



DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

Sanctuary Choir Thanks to our amazing organist Fred Johnson and to trumpeter David Pittel for the beautiful musical offering on Reformation Sunday. It is so inspiring to listen them. Choir also got into the Trick or Trunk spirit & collectively decorated our trunk with “Noah’s Ark” theme. We are having fun learning our new music for Advent. Be on the lookout for special musical guests!

Handbell Choir will play for Advent, but we are also preparing music using small ensembles for services throughout the season.

New Music Group - Gloria Dei Recorder Ensemble

We are up and running! Our newest music group began meeting in September (Thursdays 6pm). Currently we are preparing music for Advent and Christmas. Contact Kathy Person music@mygloriadei.org

Upcoming special musical events at Gloria Dei:

- An Evening of Song with Elias Berezin, Tenor and John Gilmour, Piano on Saturday, Nov. 17, 7pm.
- South Coast Choral Society concert on Saturday, December 8, 3pm.
- South Coast Singers concert on Friday, December 14, 7pm.
- Choral Sunday - “Lessons and Carols” with string quartet at both morning services, December 16.
- Arvid Pettersen will return from Norway (with a new album) and he will sing in worship on Sunday, January 27, 2019.
- The Wartburg College Choir will be in Concert at Gloria Dei on Saturday, April 20, 2019 and then they will sing for Easter Services. This is one of the premier college choral groups in the world. To hear them, visit: www.wartburg.edu/choir-in-germany

SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



PRESCHOOL

(All things related to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Preschool)

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

Our students have had so much fun preparing and celebrating with activities surrounding Halloween. Their favorites were seeing a pumpkin rot and taking the guts out.

For November, we shift our focus to goodness and gratitude. Our children will hear the story of Jesus feeding the 5000, they will have opportunities to share and give to others, and we will document what they are grateful for. This is a tough concept for preschoolers to understand, however we are “planting seeds and watering their minds” for the future.

Our little ones amaze me every day; they are kind, generous, loving, and caring. I know they will internalize the acts of goodness and gratitude.

“Gratitude helps you to grow and expand; gratitude brings joy and laughter into your life and into the lives of all those around you.” – Eileen Caddy

THANKS!

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

Dear Friend,

How wonderful for me in this summer to visit supporting congregations and meet with old and new friends. I am truly blessed by your loving kindness, concerns, encouragement, support in both prayer and finances! Without God's grace and your partnership, I am NOT able to do what I am doing here daily.

Now I am back to China. But I know that I am NOT alone here, for you are with me through your faithful prayers. And our Mighty God is with us no matter where we are! I continue to covet your prayers that God will give me His wisdom, guidance, courage, strength and help for following His will and doing His work.

Allow me to say again, I am so thankful to be used by God at this time to serving my fellow Chinese in my homeland. Humanly speaking, you have made this possible for me with your faithful and generous partnership! May God bless and repay you for all you have done in Christ name!

Together serving our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Dorcas

Dear Gloria Dei,

Members of the San Clemente Art Association and Jane Zeiger thank you for your generous support of our Military Artist Program, MAP, for active military and their families. We appreciate the use of Knudson Hall for MAP volunteers to have a space to prepare crafts for 300 kids for our October event on base.

Many blessings,
Jane Zeiger

Dear Pastor Mattson and congregation of Gloria Dei,

Thank you for your generous donation to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. We are able to impact the lives of many students because of the gifts we receive from supporters like you.

Your donations make it clear that you believe in our missions to shape the leaders of tomorrow who are strong in their faith and committed to bringing peace and justice to our world.

Blessings in your ministry during this time,
California Lutheran University

THANK YOU...

To the many who gave of their "time, talent, and treasure."

Have you turned in your 2019 Pledge Card? Thanks to the many who have already responded! With all the bad news, Gloria Dei members and friends give of their energy, time, enthusiasm, gifts to bring the Good News of God's grace to the world.

If you need a "Time and Talent" sheet or a Pledge Card, please visit the Welcome Table or call the church office. Thank you.



GROWING TOGETHER!

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

L&L (LUNCH & LEARN) meets Sunday, November 4 at 11:00am. Lunch will be served, followed by a presentation by Pastor David on his book, *4dm*. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

TABLE TALK: Discussion/Chat around the table at Pastor David and Kimberly's: Friday, November 30, noon. Soup/Coffee provided. Sign-up to attend and get directions.

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 Proverbs 15-18 on Monday, November 5 at 6:30pm.

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). In November they meet on the 13th and 27th. All women are welcome to join.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets on *Wednesday at 10am in Knudson Hall* and will continue their study on The Book of Revelation. This Bible study meets weekly September - May, and is led by a pastor.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets the *second Saturday of every month at 8:00am in Knudson Hall* with Pastor David leading the study. Their next meeting is November 10th.

THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES - This in-depth, two year overview course on the Bible, led by Pastor David, meets on *Thursdays at 6:30pm*. The Bethel Group is in their second year and they are studying the New Testament.

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 November 3rd. 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 the 24th of November. 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 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*. November 17th is the next volunteer opportunity. Contact Paul Dubow at 949-248-8865, if interested.

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!

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

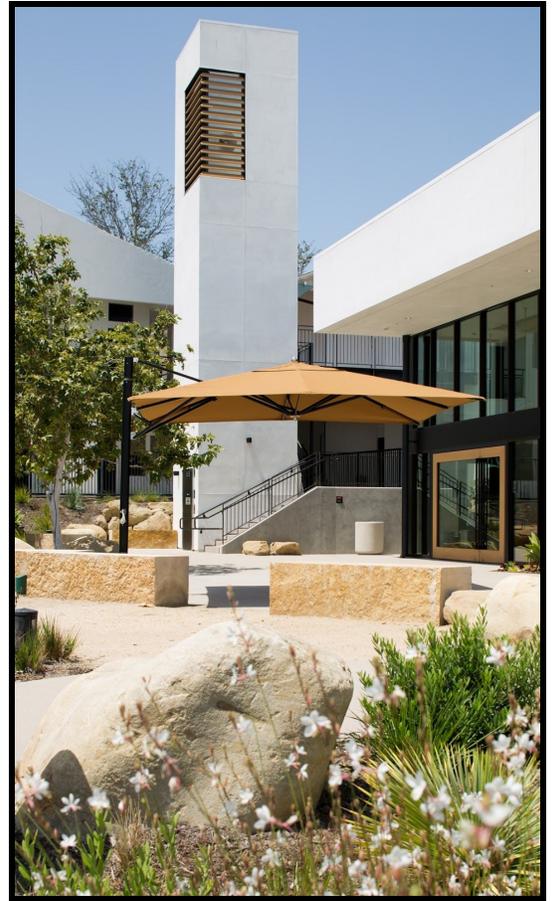


Maricruz is 22 years old and has been at Los Angelitos for over 12 years. Her mother died when she was only 10 years old and Maricruz arrived with a broken heart and afraid of the world. As a child she was always a good student and well liked in school.

Maricruz is now in her third year at the university and doing well in her studies of Business Administration. She is a big help at Los Angelitos orphanage assisting with administrative duties and enjoys gourmet cooking in her spare time.

She has been helped tremendously by Gloria Dei and other generous donors while growing up at Los Angelitos. Please pray about how you can help these orphans through your time, talents and financial gifts. Psalm 82:3 *“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.”*

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.





DEI-LY DUTIES

NOVEMBER 2018 VOLUNTEERS

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	Carter Neiderhiser	Samantha Flippin	
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u> (month)	J. Adams C. Collins C. Weinhardt	F. Hettmann L. Mers J. St. Martin	
<u>USHER</u> (month)	M. Dubow P. Dubow	S. Miller	
<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
11/4	C. Asis		J. Moyer
11/11	K. Dickinson	L. Schultz	B. Ramsey
11/18	G. Rightmire	R. Easton	C. Simpson
11/25	D. Caskey	J. Combe	M. VanNess
<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>			<u>FOUNTAIN CARE</u>
11/4	S. Caskey	L. Mers & S. Miller	Eric Russell
11/11	G. Rightmire	L. Flippin	Ann St. Martin
11/18	J. Skraba	K. Hallowell	Nancy Ficken
11/25	M. & W. Wilson	J. & S. Grady	Michael VanNess
<u>WELCOME CENTER</u>			<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
11/4	J. Vlahos	A. & J. St. Martin	G. Rightmire
11/11	J. Olson	R. Hanson	L. McCarty
11/18	B. & B. Gillespie	S. & T. Lund	P. Weiss
11/25	D. Kelly	L. Schultz	S. Miller

DECEMBER 2018 VOLUNTEERS

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	Gabby Susag	Erik Hallowell	
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u> (month)	B. Jonas B. Keim G. Rightmire	L. Holmes-Hylton	
<u>USHER</u> (month)	C. Asis K. Martino	T. Cawein	
<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
12/2	S. Furlong	J. Easton	E. Mills
12/9	D. Pysz	S. Lund	A. Boicey
12/16	K. Desmond	S. Schroeder	J. Contestabile
12/23	P. Dubow	A. Hettmann	B. Mesa
12/30	D. Macher	M. Boland	J. Moyer
<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>			<u>FOUNTAIN CARE</u>
12/2	K. Desmond		Tamara Stenson
12/9	J. Cox	A & J. St. Martin	R. Bacon
12/16	S. Caskey	S. Lund	G. Blanda
12/23	P. Weiss	L. Mers/ S. Miller	
12/30	B. Collins	D. & D. Pysz	
<u>WELCOME CENTER</u>			<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
12/2	S. Manville/G. Sells	G. Sherwood	M. Dubow
12/9	K. Desmond	D. Warneke	K. Gray
12/16	J. Skraba	V. Anderson	M. Delgado
12/23	P. & S. Weiss	L. Schuller	D. Combe
12/30		C. & K. Anderson	D. Pysz



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

10/7	347	\$12,604.00
10/14	308	\$5,014.00
10/21	296	\$7,868.00
10/28		

2018 GEN2GEN GIVING: \$108,310.00 (as of 10/21/18)

“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.

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, Ray & Ingrid Schuller, Lorraine Cryer, Mary Lou and Denny Walters, Vera Williams, Emmy Quinn, Gwen Layritz, Gunther and Jane Wittich, and Carol Susag.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT - For Sue Swenson and her family as they mourn the loss of Jim Swenson. Prayers also for Karen and Jerry Yagher & their family as they grieve for the loss of Emily Yagher. Prayers also for all those struggling with natural disasters around the world.

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.

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 11am - Lunch & Learn 5pm - Worship 7pm - AI Anon	6:30pm - GIFT Group 7pm - ACA 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	6:30am - Polling Site 7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 2pm - AA Seniors 7pm - SCCS Choral	10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting 6pm - Yoga by Jane	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 6pm - Recorder Group 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	9am - Blood Drive at 10am - AA Men 11:30am - AA Women 8pm - AA Men Meeting	7am - Los Angelitos 9am - Prayer Shawl 9am - Women's Board 10am - O/A Group
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship/Baptis 5pm - Thanksgiving 7pm - AI Anon	3pm - RIOT Book Club 7pm - ACA 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 2pm - AA Seniors 7pm - Church Council 7pm - SCCS Choral	10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting 6pm - Yoga by Jane 7pm - Worship	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 7:30pm - AA Meeting	10am - AA Men 11:30am - AA Women 8pm - AA Men Meeting	9:30am - Quilting 10am - O/A Group
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(See Calendar on Website: <http://www.mygloriadei.org/calendar-2/>)

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