

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

DEI-LY LIGHT



JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

“But first, coffee...” Last month and I spoke to Jesus’ words - *“Stay awake.”* Not sure what it all means, but at the beginning of the year, we will look at **Living Our Baptism - The 5 Gifts of Discipleship**. No better way to go through life “woke” than by focusing on those 5 promises. The 5 Gifts of Discipleship are:

1. Live among God’s faithful people; 2. hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper; 3. proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; 4. serve all people following the example of Jesus; and 5. strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

And then a pastor asks, if this is the person’s desire. If so answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.



So, for the New Year, we focus on these 5 responses to God’s love. There will be lots of messages, Bible studies, songs, emails, events, which will all help us focus, stay awake spiritually.

One event I would like to highlight is singer/songwriter **Arvid Pettersen** and his family who will be with us from Norway, on Sunday, January 27 at morning services. He will also perform a concert on Wednesday, January 30, 7pm in our sanctuary. Please join me in welcoming them in the New Year.

But first, coffee,

Pastor David R. Mattson



Pastor Sabrina's Dei Light

Remember Your Baptism

In January, we are starting a study on "Living Out Our Baptism". What does it mean to live out our baptisms? We will be discussing the 5 Gifts of Discipleship as part of our study, but generally speaking, in our baptisms, when we receive the power and presence of the Holy Spirit and are washed clean, God has given us two important gifts: first, we are united with Christ, and second, we are united with a community of fellow believers. These gifts help us to live out the promises we make during our baptisms, even when it's hard to do so.

Radical Christian author Anne Lamott was once asked to defend requiring her 14-year-old-son go to church. She said, *"We live in bewildering times and a little spiritual guidance never hurt anyone. Besides, left on their own, teenagers would opt out of many important things they don't enjoy like homework or flossing their teeth. It's good to do uncomfortable things. It's weight training for life.... God also loves teenagers who don't go to church, but such teenagers are deprived of seeing people who love God back. Learning to love back is the hardest part about being alive."*

Learning to love back is living out our baptismal vows, the vows that we made when we were baptized, or that our guardians made for us, and also the vows that we take whenever we are present when someone else is baptized. That vow is to live in the knowledge that we are not our own. We are God's.

It is said that whenever Martin Luther felt drained or empty or felt that his faith was fading, he would simply write on a blackboard these words: "I have been baptized" — which was simply a declaration of God's permanent hold on his life. For that same reason, Martin Luther used to say to people, particularly people who were facing a difficult situation, *"Remember your Baptism"*. It is a reminder that it is not enough to simply ask "What do I want out of my life?" We must go on to ask, "What does God want out of my life?"

How important is that for us to remember, perhaps especially as we start a brand new year!

THE BIG HAPPENING...

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

MOVIE NIGHT for all ages - the adults (and teens) will be in the sanctuary for "Mr. Rodgers" and younger children will be in Bankson Hall for a kid's movie and refreshments. This event is January 12 at 6pm.

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON - Sunday, January 27, 11am, Bankson Hall. All members are invited to attend to approve a new leadership team and budget.

ARVID PETTERSON (and family) in concert on Wednesday, January 30, 7pm. Arvid is an amazing songwriter (just finished a new album) and his music draw us into a deeper encounter with God's grace. Invite a friend to join you. A free-will offering will be taken.

WINTER CARNIVAL OUTREACH (Preschool - 5th grade): Games, snow, refreshments, and all things cold weather will take place in Bankson Hall, Friday, February 8, 5pm - 7pm. There's nothing like a life-size snow globe for photo ops! Help of all kinds will be needed. Watch for sign-up.





DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

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

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.
Sunday school resumes January 6th.

FELLOWSHIP MOVIE NIGHT - January 12, 6pm. This event is for all ages - the adults (and teens) will be in the sanctuary for "Mr. Rodgers" and younger children will be in Bankson Hall for a kid's movie and refreshments.

AMAZING GRACE THROUGH ART CO-OP - Meets on the 3rd *Saturday each month at 10am in Bankson Hall. Their next meeting will be January 19.* 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 January 21. They will be reading *Inheriting Edith* by Zoe Fishman. 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, January 6 from 11:00am-1:00pm in Knudson Hall. Lunch provided.

SR.HIGH YOUTH - **Saturday, January 26, 8:30 a.m.** HNY to all! You all know I love to start the year off right, and what better way than to give back to those less fortunate. Join me for a morning at Serra's Food Pantry, to help fill food bags for the homeless. RSVP to Paige @ youth@mygloriadei.org or (949) 449-7143



DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on January 10th. This month as we focus on living our baptism, the choir will sing some great songs that celebrate water, the word, and the abundant life we have been given.

Handbell Choir returns January 10th. We'll be preparing new music for Spring. Small ensembles will perform popular praise tunes while our three octave group prepares new music for Spring.

New Music Group - Gloria Dei Recorder Ensemble

Recorders have been meeting on Thursday nights for short rehearsals. This is a really fun, social group. We'll begin learning new music for the Lenten season. Rehearsals resume January 17th at 6pm.

Upcoming special musical events at Gloria Dei:

- 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



PRESCHOOL

(All things related to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Preschool)

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

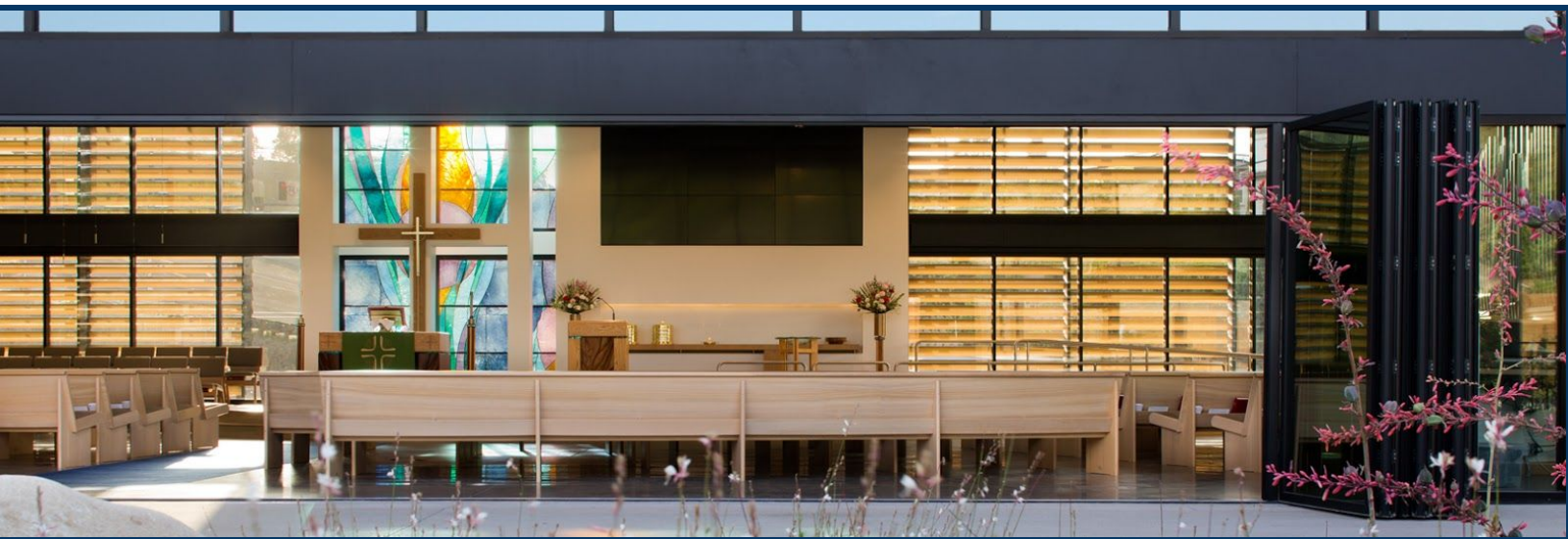
I hope 2019 brings you peace for what is, and hope for what will be.

The preschool has now reached the halfway mark in our year. Our students are growing rapidly, and the teachers and I couldn't be prouder. Their laughter is contagious, their curiosity is endless, and they are simply joyful to be around!

This month we will be offering speech and hearing screenings by the Speech, Language & Learning Center, and vision screening by Elk's Vision screening. These screening programs ensure our preschoolers receive the most out of their early childhood education. Our students will learn about animals in winter, different types of weather, and interesting facts about the sun and moon.

Be on the lookout for information about our upcoming event on Friday, February 8th, "Winter Carnival".

"May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." Nelson Mandela



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, January 6 at 11:00am. Fred will play music from the 30's & 40's. Lunch and cake will be served during a birthday celebration for Gloria Dei 90+ year olds.

UPCOMING L&L OPPORTUNITIES IN 2019 - February 3 - Dr. Frank Rogers of Claremont Theological Seminary will talk about the connections between spirituality and compassion in a presentation called, "How We Can Love People Even When We Don't Like Them." March 3 - Dr. Craig J. Sloan from the Bonhoeffer Foundation. April 3 - David Warneke will lead a Bible study on the Babylonian Captivity. May 5 - Cinco de Magico (an intergenerational event!).

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 25-29 on Monday, January 7 at 6:30pm.

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 January 12th.

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). *On January 8th, they meet at Donna Combe's home and on January 22, they meet at Ann St. Martin's home.* All women are welcome to join.

TABLE TALK: Discussion/Chat around the table, the last Friday of the month. Next meeting on January 25 at noon, at the new Gloria Dei Conference Room. Soup/Coffee provided.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY reconvenes on January 9 at 10am to continue the study on The Book of Revelation. This Bible study generally meets weekly September - May, and is led by a pastor.

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. Bethel kicks off the new year on January 10.

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 January 5. 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 each month at 9:30am, in Knudson Hall*. Their next quilting group will occur January 26, 2019. 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*. January 19th 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 - 2019 trips: February 23, May 25, August 24, and November 2

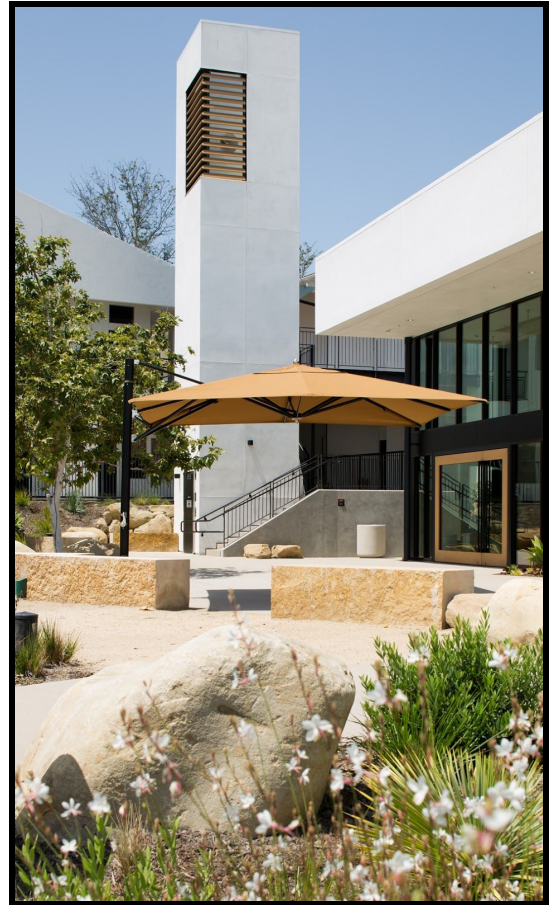
James 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."



Dear Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,
Seasons Greeting and all good wishes for the New Year. We love you mucho! We are so grateful to have you in our family. God bless you today and always. Feliz navidad, prospero año nuevo y mucha felicidad!
- Los Angelitos Orphanage

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.



THANKS

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

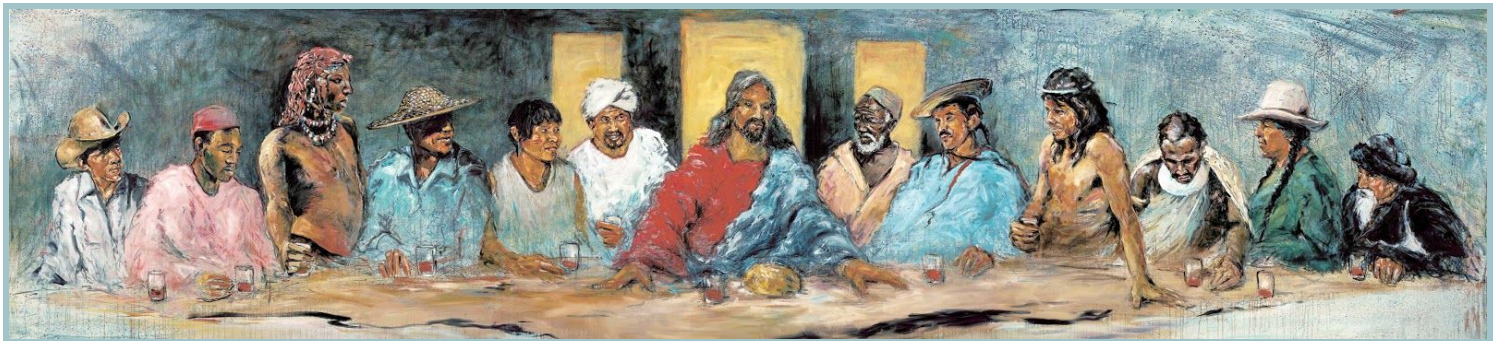
To the many folks who helped make the Advent and Christmas season so special: Alzheimer service, sanctuary beautification, Sunday school & Preschool Christmas Plays, concerts & Advent readers.

Dear Gloria Dei,
Thank you for your generous gifts to Global Mission!
ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton

Dear Pastor Mattson & the congregation of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,
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 mission 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,
Melissa Maxwell-Doherty
Vice President, Mission and Identity

THE LAST SUPPER AND THE 12 TRIBES

The painting below, "The Last Supper and the 12 Tribes" by Hyatt Moore was recently purchased anonymously by members of the Gloria Dei. Our thanks to them for their generosity and making this amazing painting available to us all.



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, Rick Mesa, and Allen Bergman.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT - Prayers for the Susag family as they mourn the loss of Carol. Prayers also for all those directly or indirectly affected by the wildfires and mudslides in California.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S PRESENTATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS





DEI-LY DUTIES

JANUARY 2019 VOLUNTEERS

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	Connor Susag		
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u> (month)	P. Furlong S. Furlong S. Guilliams J. Gustavson D. Holzkamp	P. Johnson J. Cummings	
<u>USHER</u> (month)			
<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>
1/6	J. Luhan	L. Holmes-Hylton	B. Ramsey
1/13	D. Chernekoff	J. St. Martin	C. Simpson
1/20	B. Keim	N. Wenrick	M. Van Ness
1/27	C. Backhus	L. Mers	E. Mills
<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>			<u>FOUNTAIN CARE</u>
1/6	K. Desmond		
1/13	J. Cox	A & J. St. Martin	
1/20	S. Caskey	S. Lund	
1/27	P. Weiss	L. Mers/ S. Miller	
<u>WELCOME CENTER</u>			<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
1/6	K. Dickinson	M. Bise	D. Combe
1/13	M. & W. Wilson	V. Anderson	B. Cummings
1/20	B. & B. Gillespie	D. & J. Combe	M. Dubow
1/27	D. Kelly	J. Hettmann	G. Rightmire

FEBRUARY 2019 VOLUNTEERS *(TBD based on 2019 Time & Talent)*

<u>ACOLYTE</u> (month)	Connor Susag			
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u> (month)				
<u>USHER</u> (month)				
<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
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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 GEN2GEN OFFERING

12/2	310
12/9	428
12/16	577
12/23	
12/30	

2018 GEN2GEN GIVING: \$133,938.00 (as of 12/19/18)

"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.

TEXT YOUR OFFERING - It is simple and safe (through Vanco) - text \$ amount you want to give to 949-356-5326. You will receive instructions how to complete registration via a return text.

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.

Church Calendar							Jan 2018 (Pacific Time)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	2 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's	3 4pm - TOPS Meeting @	4 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 6:30pm - Bethel Bible	5 11:30am - AA Women's 2pm - Art Club @	6 9am - Prayer Shawl @ 9:30am - Griefshare 7pm - Piano Concert -							
7 8:30am - Worship @ 10:30am - Worship - 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	8 Preschool Re-Opens @ 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	9 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 6:30pm - VFW Auxiliary 7pm - Heart Lifters	10 10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting @ 7pm - NAMI Meeting @	11 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	12 11:30am - AA Women's 5:30pm - Wedding/Reh	13 7am - Los Angelitos 8am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Adult Inquiry @ 9:30am - Griefshare 3pm - Wedding @							
14 8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 10:30am - Worship @ 12pm - New Member's 5pm - Worship/Ordinati	15 3pm - RIOT Book Club 7pm - AI Anon Meeting 7pm - GIFT Group	16 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 7pm - Church Council	17 10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting @ 7pm - GIFT Group	18 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 6:30pm - Bell Choir @ 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	19 11:30am - AA Women's	20 8:30am - Serra's Pantry 9am - Women's Board 9:30am - Griefshare							
21 New Member Sunday @ 8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 10:30am - Worship @ 5pm - Worship/Renewal	22 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	23 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 7pm - Heart Lifters	24 10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting @ 5pm - Dana Point 7pm - NAMI Meeting @	25 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 6:30pm - Bell Choir @ 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	26 11:30am - AA Women's	27 9:30am - Griefshare 9:30am - Quilting							
28 8:30am - Worship @ 9:40am - Ed - All Ages 10:30am - Worship @ 11:45am - Annual 5pm - Worship @ Gloria	29 7pm - AI Anon Meeting	30 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's	31 10am - Women's Bible 4pm - TOPS Meeting @	1 7am - AA Men's 9:30am - AA Women's 6:30pm - Bethel Bible 7:30pm - Sanct. Choir	2	3							

LESSONS & CAROLS 2018



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