

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

DE-LY LIGHT



NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

ThanksLIVING 2020 - November is always about gratitude.

Thankfully, election season, campaigning, proposition advertisements are almost over! Thankfully, no matter what happens politically, God is still in control and so we gather to encourage citizenship, compassion, and above all, praying for the Spirit's guidance.

All Saints' Sunday is November 1. Veterans' Day is November 9. Christ the King Sunday is November 22. Thanksgiving Eve Worship is November 25. First Sunday in Advent is November 29.

November - Lutheran World Relief: All month is about Thanksgiving. We'll not only take an offering for world hunger at the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, but there will be other ways we emphasize the work of LWR.

Gratefully yours,

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

Pastor David R. Mattson

P.S. My thanks to the anonymous donor who gave a \$5000 matching gift for Los Angelitos Orphanage. On top of that, we were able to raise an additional \$8,599. Well done!

P.P.S. Prayer for Election Day (from ELW hymnal):

Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE BIG THING

(The focus, the main thing, put it on your calendar, a second/third/fourth reminder)

FALL EMPHASIS

ThanksLIVING 2020

This fall, annual stewardship letters will go out to the congregation. Thanks to the many, many people who support the ministry of Gloria Dei through their time, talent, and treasure.

This is a difficult and challenging time for many, including the church and preschool. Thankfully, many people have given so that we can keep the doors open and the ministry growing. Watch for the Stewardship letter and return it to the church office.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP: Wednesday, November 25, 7pm. There will be special music, multimedia presentations, the Gloria Dei Brass, and several people sharing the message. The offering will go to support the important ministry of Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org).

BLOOD DRIVE AT GLORIA DEI - November 11, 2020 in Bankson Hall from 9am-3pm. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Gloria Dei. Alternatively, you may contact the office at 949-493-3414 or email - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org to request a time. CDC recommended precautions will be taken. Please give blood if you are able, as it is definitely needed.

FOSTER ALL - Toy & gift card collection will be happening during the month of November & we will provide Foster All with our collection on December 1. Foster All has requested we collect UNWRAPPED toys for boys aged 0-4 years old or \$25 gift cards. Watch for the giving tree at the welcome table on Sunday or contact the church office (949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org) to notify Carol that you want to participate in giving a gift card or unwrapped toy.

CONTINUED SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

Please stay home if you are at risk or not feeling well. Watch the livestream service.

Face masks are required at worship. Thank you for following the direction of the pastor and Council. We always have extra coverings at the Welcome Table, plus hand sanitizer.

At Bible studies, gatherings, please continue to observe a safe distance. We will get through this, all of us, together!



KATHY PERSON, MUSIC DIRECTOR



DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

Thank you Fred Johnson, Chris Try, Michelle Lum and Micaela Lum for the great music every Sunday!

Piano Recital by Micaela Lum will take place Saturday, November 18th at 3pm. Please join us in the sanctuary or via Livestream for an afternoon of beautiful music. For online: <https://www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint>

Handbell Choir rehearsals continue on Thursdays each week at 6:30 pm. We will meet in reduced numbers and observe safety recommendations. We're already busy preparing music for Advent.

Brass Ensemble had its first performance on Reformation Sunday. Great job! It was fun to see them gathered outside around the fountain. How wonderful to see and hear that our music program continues to grow! They will play again at the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Thank you Pastor David for leading this new group.

Do you play an instrument? There is an ensemble or solo opportunity for you! Email Kathy at music@mygloriadei.org

Questions? Email Kathy music@mygloriadei.org

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



YOUTH NEWS JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 1, 15, 11:00 AM - Confirmation classes continue in Bankson Hall, with lunch provided by the church. Don't forget your Bibles as Pastor David, Barb Collins, and Paige Gulck lead the sessions this year.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 6:00 PM - We will be having a Youth Movie Night focusing on family and the upcoming holidays. Movie TBD.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

(Sunday school, Young Children's Events and Ministry)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade) - Although we are not meeting in person for Sunday school, children will receive a monthly "family activity" via the mail. Online content will also be available on our website mygloriadei.org under the "Ministries" tab - Children/Sunday School. Please let us know if you have not received any mailings by contacting the church office or email sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

FIRST COMMUNION takes place on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, 10am. These students took classes last spring with the pastors and this has been postponed until this date. Congratulations to Erik Bergheim, Greta Rosanio, Nicholas Rosanio and Evan St. Martin who will receive their First Communion on this special day!

ADVENT - Sunday, November 29, 2020. Our Advent theme this year is "A Wonderful Life in Christ". You will receive Advent related activities in the mail!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sunday December 13, 2020 (8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.). Our plan for the pageant this year is to have a "fireside chat" with each child about Christmas traditions and what the Christmas story means to them. We will record and edit these conversations for a final video presentation. Barb Collins will contact families to set up a time for each child to come to the church on **December 5th** for filming. Know that COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place!

SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



PRESCHOOL

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

Our students had fun celebrating Halloween with costumes, and a "parking lot parade" as their parents watched from their cars. They played some fun games in their classroom and enjoyed some yummy treats.

This month, our students will shift their focus onto giving thanks. November is a perfect time to teach gratitude; being thankful for all things. Our students pray every day; in fact, they end their morning with a group prayer in which the students list what they are grateful for. They are pretty consistent; mom, dad, friends, pets, food, etc... Our youngest 2 and 3yr olds may not have all their language yet, but their message is clear...."Thank you God."

Although we can't host our annual Thanksgiving Feast, our students are going to have "Friendsgiving Lunch" with their classmates. They will feast on all the trimmings, create friendship necklaces, and decorate with their Thanksgiving art projects. Traditions are important to all of us, so we keep them going as best we can with a bit of alterations. I'm so grateful for an amazing staff who support my eagerness to keep our traditions adjusted to the Covid way.

"Family traditions old and new, what works for me may not work for you. The important thing is we work together to make memories that will last forever." ~Stacy Coles

To contact Shelli Parajekas go to preschooldirector@mygloriadei.org.



DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DIRECTOR - Susie Boland can be reached at fellowship@mygloriadei.org or at the office at 949-493-3414.

Happy November! Though we will not be able to offer pie and dessert after our Thanksgiving Eve service, we can all be thankful that we are able to see each other in person, give a wave and offer some smiley eyes at the service. And please remember, a wave and a thumbs up, even a wink, speak volumes. Grace changes everything!

ATTENTION ALL MASK MAKERS - Presley Boland & many of our quilters, directed by Donna Combe, have been making masks and will have some available in the church office for those in need. If you are also making masks and would be interested in donating for church members in need, please drop off to the church office. If the office is closed, please slide them through the drop slot in the office door.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 3pm*. The group will meet virtually on November 16. They will be reading *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo. if you have a little time on your hands & want to read. If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Diane Kelly at 949-212-1890.

PUZZLE TRADE - Raise your hand if you have enjoyed doing puzzles over the pandemic. I have! We will have a PUZZLE TRADE table out during each service in November. If you have any puzzles that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the table and feel free to take one in return. And please... make sure any donated puzzles have all their pieces. Thanks in advance!

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm* at different hosts' homes. They are taking a break during the November and December holidays and will meet again in January in Knudson Hall. For information on the books they are reading go to their website: gloriabookclub.com or contact Bob Gillespie at gillespirm@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S EVENTS - The Women's Board will meet on November 14 at 9:15am in Knudson Hall. to continue plans for future outings or activities. Their next event is Coffee & Crafts on December 12 at 10am, to make two holiday ornaments and a boxed breakfast snack. They will meet in Bankson Hall. Cost \$20. To sign up email Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

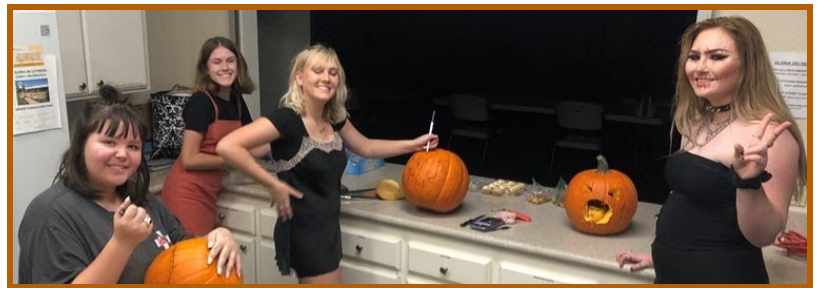
UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

- IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Movie Night - Friday , December 4th at 6:00pm in the sanctuary, outside seating allowed as well (social distancing regulations will be in place).

WOMEN'S PAINTING EVENT

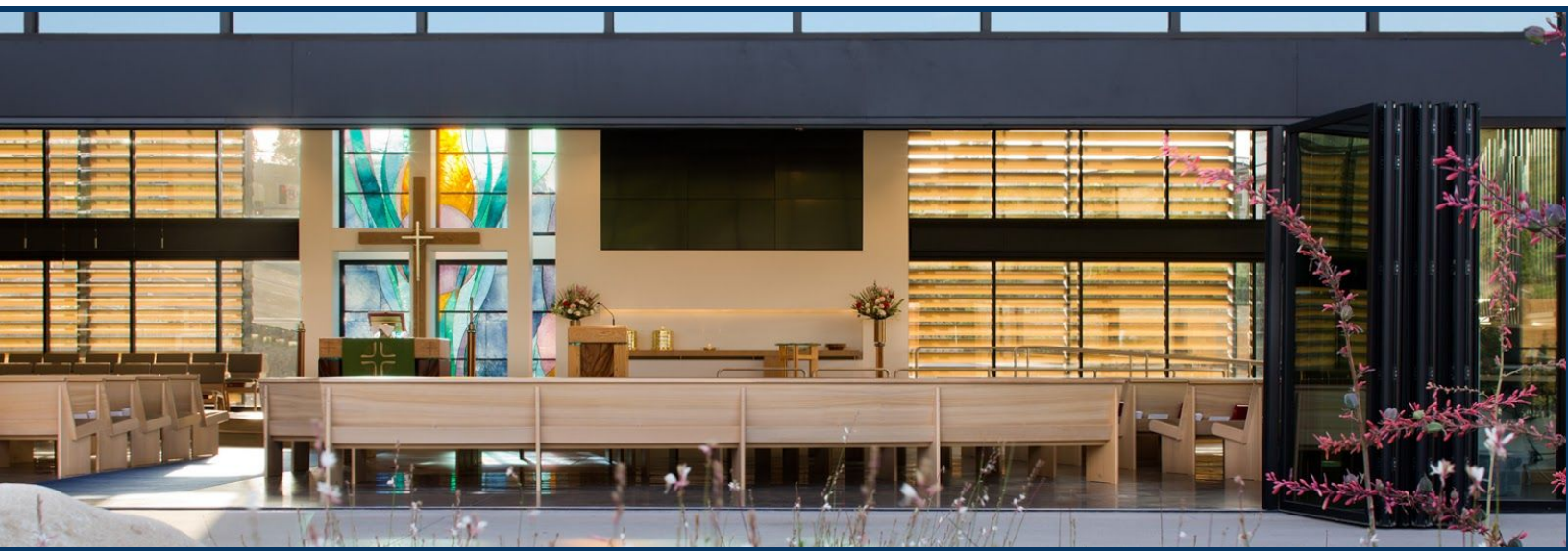


SR. HIGH HALLOWEEN NIGHT



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS





GROWING TOGETHER!

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

NEW G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER) - Will be led by David & Susan Warneke and will generally be held in Knudson Hall on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm. **The first meeting is November 2** and we are studying Ephesians. To join, contact David 203-952-5657, Susan 510-976-3211, or the church office 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org, so we can add you to the group.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets the *second Saturday of every month at 8:00am in Knudson Hall* with Pastor David leading the study. **This group will meet again November 14.** If you would like to participate in the next study, please email him at pastordavid@mygloriadei.org. All men are welcome.

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. 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). **They will continue meeting via Zoom on November 10 and will take a break on November 24, due to Thanksgiving week.** Study is open to all women.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY continues meeting **in person and online each Wednesday** in November. However, we will take a break November 25. Bible study meets each Wednesday at 10am and is led by a pastor.

THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES - Continues on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. It is a two year intensive overview of the entire Bible designed to learn "the big picture" of scripture. This group is now **closed** as it began the first week of October 2019. This group continues their meetings every Wednesday in October in the Sanctuary.

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. They will meet November 7.* If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like more information, call Peggy Johnson at 949-363-8714.

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 21* is the next volunteer opportunity. Please join us to help with this important outreach.

THE QUILTING GROUP is **preparing all the quilts from home** during the COVID-19 pandemic. The quilts made by this group are provided to our newly Baptized infants & children. If interested in helping, please call Donna Combe at 949-338-5327.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY

Our mission trip is December 5, 2020.

This trip is “Pending – based on circumstances in God’s control”.

Thank you for remembering Ed Perry and the orphans in your giving and in your thoughts and prayers! In October, we raised \$13,599.00 to buy the orphanage a van, which they desperately needed. Thank you to the congregation for your generous gifts and to the anonymous donor who contributed a “matching \$5,000 donation”.

To learn more about our orphanage ministry, contact David (203-952-5657) or Susan Warneke (510-967-3211).

GLORIA DEI BLOOD DRIVE - November 11, 2020 in Bankson Hall from 9am-3pm. This is an “essential” event. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Gloria Dei. Alternatively, you may contact the office at 949-493-3414 or email - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org to request a time. **CDC recommended precautions will be taken.** Please give blood if you are able, as it is definitely needed.

FOSTER ALL - We will start in November to provide toys/gift cards for FOSTER ALL (foster care program). Our goal is to provide 30+ toys (unwrapped), for boys, aged 0-4 years old. Look for the Christmas tree display to “grab a tag” and join in this giving opportunity. If you are not yet attending church on campus, but want to give an unwrapped toy or gift card, you may drop it by or have it shipped directly to the office. If you intend to do that, please contact Carol Weinhardt at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. All toys for FOSTER ALL will be delivered by December 1, so do NOT delay! As it gets a little closer to December we will likely have a toy drive for local families as well.





DEI-LY DETAILS

ATTENDANCE and LIVESTREAM VIEWS (Collective)

10/4: 347

10/11: 378

10/18: 511

10/25: 369

GEN2GEN GIVING: \$381,412.00 (This three year program runs 2018-2021. Goal is \$600,000.)

“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 contact the church office at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH VENMO - download the app on your phone and make your donation to **@GloriaDei-DanaPoint** (with a picture of our stained glass window overlooking the altar). Add where you want it applied in the Venmo required “memo” section.

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

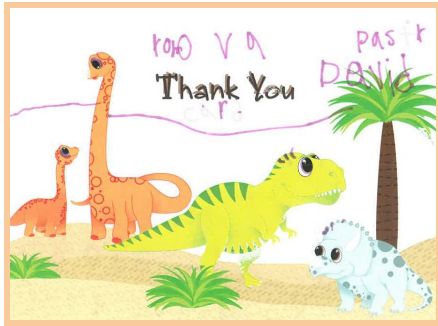
GLORIA DEI ENDOWMENT FUND - More and more people are requesting information about the Endowment Fund. Call the church office and speak with Pastor David for details, or visit our website: www.mygloriadei.org/donate. There you will find the brochure. *“What legacy will you leave?”* Have you considered putting Gloria Dei in your will? If you would like to leave a lasting gift to your church, please consider doing so.

THE COLUMBARIUM - The Columbarium is located in the upper canyon area in the Memorial Garden. Please stop by to see it at your convenience. Several of our members are now interred in the Columbarium and the ceremonies were beautiful family gatherings. Currently, 43 niches and 1 memorial plaque have been purchased and each niche will hold two urns. To reserve a niche for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church office, 949-493-3414.

For more information, please see our website: mygloriadei.org/columbarium.

THANKS

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



Dear People of Gloria Dei,

Thank you for your August gift to ELCA World Hunger through your Synod. With your generosity you stand with people working to feed their families now and to end hunger for generations.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity in support of your missionary. What faithful responses to God's amazing grace!

Thank You.

Yours in Christ,

Robin Brown

Mission Funding Director, Congregations

Dear Gloria Dei Church,

Thank you very much for being part of our family all these years, for staying by our side in these difficult times. We pray for you and all your family. We love you mucho!

The Children and Staff of Los Angelitos Orphanage



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, Don Bolick, Blaine Johnson, Bette Hopkins, Debbie Campominosi, Mary Lou and Denny Walters, Harry and Jean Meinholtz, Anne Siminuk, Kay Hendrickson, Jeri Steck, Gwen Layritz, Joann Groon, Gerd & Lars Talstad, Tom Vlahos and Nancy Ficken.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT - Please pray for Paige Gulck and her family as they mourn the loss of her father Frederick Gulck.

PEACE AND SAFETY for all our service men and women now serving around the world. Also peace and safety for our frontline emergency and healthcare workers treating those infected with the Coronavirus and other ailments. We also pray for race relations between people in the world to flourish in loving & compassionate ways.

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

DAILY DEVOTIONAL - *"Christ in our Home"* (October - December, 2020), is available for pick up at the Welcome Table on Sunday or at the church office. If you would like to pick one up or have one mailed to you, please call or email the church office (949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

DEI-LY DUTIES



NOVEMBER 2020 VOLUNTEERS

We are requesting help each week for lectors, ushers & the welcome center. We are also requesting help two times monthly for Altar Guild & communion assistant. We are using the original volunteer schedule as a rough guideline to help fill each of these volunteer opportunities at the varying services, but are making plenty of changes to the schedule as needed, so we will not be printing it at this time. **To assist and to attend, you must practice Covid-19 guidelines** (wear a mask, stay physically distanced, be healthy, etc.).

Due to the pandemic, many of the guidelines for each of these volunteer opportunities have changed to promote safe social distance ie. no passing offering plates or physically handing out bulletins, etc.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fred Johnson organist@mygloriadei.org

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Livestream 10am - 1st Communion 10am - Worship 11:15am - Conf. Ed. 5pm - Worship	2 6:30pm - GIFT Group	3 7am - AA Men 2pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Brass rehearsal 6:30pm - Alanon	4 7am - AA Meeting 9am - Preschool 10am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Bethel Bible	5 7am - AA Men 9am - Preschool 11am - Memorial 6:30pm - Bell Choir	6 8pm - AA Men's	7 7pm - NA Meeting
8 8:30am - Livestream 10am - Worship 5pm - Worship	9 1pm - Staff Lunch	10 7am - AA Men 2pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Brass rehearsal 6:30pm - Alanon 6:30pm - Online Heart 7pm - Council meeting	11 7am - AA Meeting 9am - Blood Drive 10am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Bethel Bible	12 7am - AA Men 6:30pm - Bell Choir	13 8pm - AA Men's	14 8am - Men's Bible 9:15am - Women's 3pm - Micaela Piano 7pm - NA Meeting
15 Stewardship Sunday 8:30am - Livestream 10am - Worship 11:15am - Conf. Ed. 5pm - Worship	16 3pm - RIOT Book Club	17 7am - AA Men 9am - Piano Tuning 2pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Brass rehearsal 6:30pm - Alanon	18 7am - AA Meeting 10am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Bethel Bible	19 7am - AA Men 12:30pm - Staff Lunch 6:30pm - Bell Choir	20 8pm - AA Men's	21 8:30am - Serra's 7pm - NA Meeting
22 8:30am - Livestream 10am - Worship 11:15am - Ken 5pm - Worship	23	24 7am - AA Men 2pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Brass rehearsal 6:30pm - Alanon 6:30pm - Online Heart	25 7am - AA Meeting 7pm - Thanksgiving	26 7am - AA Men	27 8pm - AA Men's	28 7pm - NA Meeting
29 8:30am - Livestream 10am - Baptisms 10am - Worship 5pm - Fantasy Football 5pm - Worship	30	1	2	3	4	5

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

