

# *Gloria Dei Lutheran Church*

## DEI-LY LIGHT



## MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We're still in the Season of Easter and we have two ministry goals/emphases:

1. Sharing Hope - How do we share the world's greatest news of Easter? To that end, we're focused again on **4dm - Fourth Day Movement**. Jesus rose on "*the 3rd day*" (Apostles' Creed) and on the fourth day, we invite people to hope. How? That's the question. I have used 4dm several times and will continue to do so every year. It's that important.
2. "*Love Has No Limits*" - **Foster All** Ministry - We support this group financially and their push to find every child a home. During April/May, we will continue to lift up their important work of hope.

Where is hope found? Ultimately it's in the Crucified and Risen One. And more, there's the Spirit. And more, there's a community whose calling is to reflect the hope of Christ. And more, there's Word and Sacrament. And more, there's meeting Christ in the "*least of these*." Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Yours in Christ,

Pastor David R. Mattson



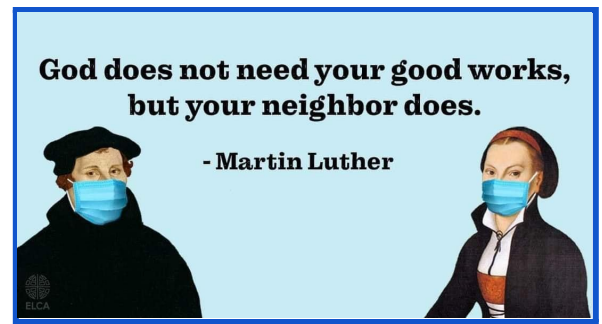
P.S. From the CDC - "Vaccinated people visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households at the same time: If the unvaccinated people come from multiple households, there is a higher risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission among them. Therefore, **all people** involved should take precautions including wearing a well-fitted mask, staying at least 6 feet away..." We plan to err on the side of health and safety. Thank you!

# THE BIG THING

(The main thing - put it on your calendar.)

## THANKS...

- To Carol Weinhardt for pulling off what has happened only once before (last Christmas) - organizing reservations for Easter. Talk about a moving target. Well done! That's all part of expressing hope to the world...
- To the volunteers, musicians, prayer chains, set-up, clean up, decorators, ushers, readers, altar guild, flower arrangers, fountain cleaners, AV people, and many others working in front and behind the scenes. It's amazing how Mark Frederick shows up every year on Easter morning, 5am to set up chairs. Well done! That's all part of expressing hope to the world...
- To the church council - Leading in 2020/2021 is challenging and you have stepped up with good guidance, above all concerned about the well-being of the neighbor. That's all part of expressing hope to the world.
- To all those caring for your neighbors during this unusual time. Thanks for wearing your mask. You continue to do so, even after you've been vaccinated, until the Council/Bishop has lifted our safety protocols. Thanks to Hedy Henderson who has found many people appointments for vaccines. That's all part of expressing hope to the world...



## EASTER SEASON:

- **4DM - THE 4TH DAY MOVEMENT** - Beginning April 18, Pastor David preaches on the main points from his book. This series is about how we share the Easter hope, in ways that are inviting, impactful, and life-giving. Invite a friend to join you for this time. (in person and live streamed) Books - \$10.
- **SPRING MINISTRY EMPHASIS** - Foster All's *"Love Has No Limits"*: Gloria Dei has supported this foster care ministry monetarily, with gifts, and with foster families. Goal: A home for every child in need!
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins April 25 during both morning worship services. (preschool-5th grade) The nursery for younger children will also be available that day.
- **PETTING ZOO** (Good Shepherd Sunday) - April 25, 9:30am-10am.
- **MOTHER'S DAY** - May 9 - Daisies for all mothers and daughters.



### SUMMER MINISTRY STUDENT AT GLORIA DEI

#### **Emma Janzen**

from Peoria, Arizona and is an active member with her family at Peace Lutheran Church.

She has worked in the area of childcare and youth ministry at her home church. She is a junior at California Lutheran University and active in campus ministry there.

Emma Janzen will be with us at Gloria Dei for June and July for an exploration of parish ministry. While with us, she will help, lead, assist, and observe in a wide variety of areas - worship, children's ministries (preschool summer program, Vacation Bible School, 3rd-5th grade group events), youth ministry (Jr. and Sr. High), and more. We will provide her housing and a stipend for her time with us.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - Ministry Celebration - Sunday, June 27, 11am - We'll adapt our annual meeting to make it a wonderful fellowship celebration. Food. Music. Announcement of New Ministry. A wonderful time to gather as a church family and pray/sing: *"Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."*



## DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

Sharing the Good News through music this month!

- **Every Sunday** in May will feature something special:

5/2 - Sharon Williams will perform a handbell solo

5/9 - Jim Bankson will lead our hymns and sing for Offertory

5/16 - Micaela Lum and Fred Johnson will play an organ piano duet

5/23 - "Happy Birthday" to the Church (Pentecost) with the Gloria Dei Bell Choir

5/30 - Ashley Santore will play viola

- **Brass Practice** -The Brass Ensemble is going strong-- looking forward to the next performance! Join in on Tuesdays at 4pm. Contact Pastor David for more details. [pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org)
- **Bell Choir** rehearsals continue Thursdays at 6:30 pm. We have space for new ringers. Contact Kathy for information.
- **Summer Concerts** are coming soon!

**Do you play an instrument?** There is an ensemble or solo opportunity for you! Email Kathy at [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@mygloriadei.org)

Questions? Email Kathy [music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@mygloriadei.org)

BARB COLLINS, CHILDREN AND FAMILY DIRECTOR



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Age 4 - 5th grade) - Begins again April 25 at both morning worship services. Outdoor story and activity immediately following the children's sermon. They will follow Barb Collins and other teachers out of the Sanctuary and then return to their parents in church, following their Sunday School activity. Facemasks required.

Online content will also be available on our website [mygloriadei.org](http://mygloriadei.org) under the "Ministries" tab - Children/Sunday School.

**NURSERY** - A nursery is now available for young children to preschool age during worship. Please pick up a pager after signing your child in.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - We'll be having a modified in-person VBS this summer! Mark your calendars: June 15 - June 17 (9am -12pm). Volunteers are needed! More information to follow as we finalize the details.

**UPCOMING: 3-5th Grade** - Events/Outings this summer - Bonfire & S'mores, June 30, 7pm & Wheel Fun, July 21, 2pm. More details are coming as we get closer. Save the dates!

If you would like your child to be added to the mailing list please contact the church office or Barb Collins [sundayschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:sundayschool@mygloriadei.org).





## YOUTH NEWS JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**CONFIRMATION MINISTRY** (6th-8th graders) meets with Youth Director Paige, Children and Family Ministry Director Barb Collins, and Pastor David on the 1st & third Sunday each month. **Our last meetings before Confirmation this year will be Sundays, May 1 and 16 (final).**

FYI - If for some reason you miss out on a meeting, you can make it up by going to the Gloria Dei website, click on the Confirmation tab and all the lessons are there.

**FRIDAY MAY 14, 6:00 PM** - Sr. High Bounce House. Come have a "blast" in a bounce house/ laser tag course. Friends are welcome!

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT** (Junior High) - May 15 at 1pm we will put together care packages for FAM ministries in Bankson Hall. Please let Paige know via email at [youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org) if your child plans on attending.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** - It's finally here! May 23 at the 10 am service, all the 8th graders will be confirmed! Rehearsal for Confirmation will be Saturday, May 22, at 10am. Details to be emailed to 8th Grade parents soon.

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY** - June 6 is Baccalaureate Sunday in celebration of our high school graduates. If you are a high schooler or have a child in high school who would like to participate in this important event, please contact Paige ([youth@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youth@mygloriadei.org)) or the office ([gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org)) so we can add you to the role, the gift, and the cards.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Kern River white water rafting July 24-27 for incoming 9th graders through 2021 highschool graduates.

SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



## PRESCHOOL

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

Our school year is coming to a close. These kiddos are not my own, but I am one proud mama bear. Our students have grown SO much; physically, emotionally, academically, and spiritually. They have brought so much joy to our campus.

My staff performed above and beyond their "normal" job expectations due to increased safety protocols. They created an environment that exudes love, compassion, creativity, and lots of laughter. We've all been through a lot this year, but our resilience, faith, and hope comes from God. Just less than a year ago, I thought my anxiety and tears were going to get the best of me, but now I'm focussed on gratitude and excitement for what's in store when a new set of students walk through our gates.

*"Resilience is all about being able to overcome the unexpected. The goal of resilience is to thrive."*

To contact Shelli Parajekas go to [preschool@mygloriadei.org](mailto:preschool@mygloriadei.org).





## DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DIRECTOR** - Susie Boland can be reached at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org) or at the office at 949-493-3414.

**GLORIA DEI COOKING WITH - Jim and Laura Bankson.**

Friday May 21st at 5:30pm - Stuffed Pork Chops with Roasted Vegetables

Please email or call the church office to be included on this fun cooking Google Meet! We will be continuing with a regular cooking LIVE monthly event using Google Meet. If you are interested in getting on the schedule, please email Susie Boland at [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org).

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 3pm*. The group will meet virtually on March 15th. They will be reading *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Diane Kelly or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

**MEN'S BOOK GROUP** - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm*. **They are not meeting in person or online at this time.** Stay tuned for updates. For information on the books they are reading, contact Paul Dubow or the church office.

**WOMEN'S EVENTS** - Women's Group Meeting is on Saturday, May 8th at 9:15 am. We will be meeting in Bankson Hall and/or virtual if you are interested in attending. At this meeting we will be discussing our events for the 2021 calendar year. We will be having

- Our first event will be a **hike, hosted by Ren Higgins, on Saturday, May 22 at 10:00am**. We will be meeting in the parking lot at Strands Beach.

We will keep you posted as events are added to the 2021 Women's Events schedule. Be on the lookout for our new monthly recipe offering, "What's Cooking at Gloria Dei!" We will be including a favorite recipe from our Women's Group starting in May.

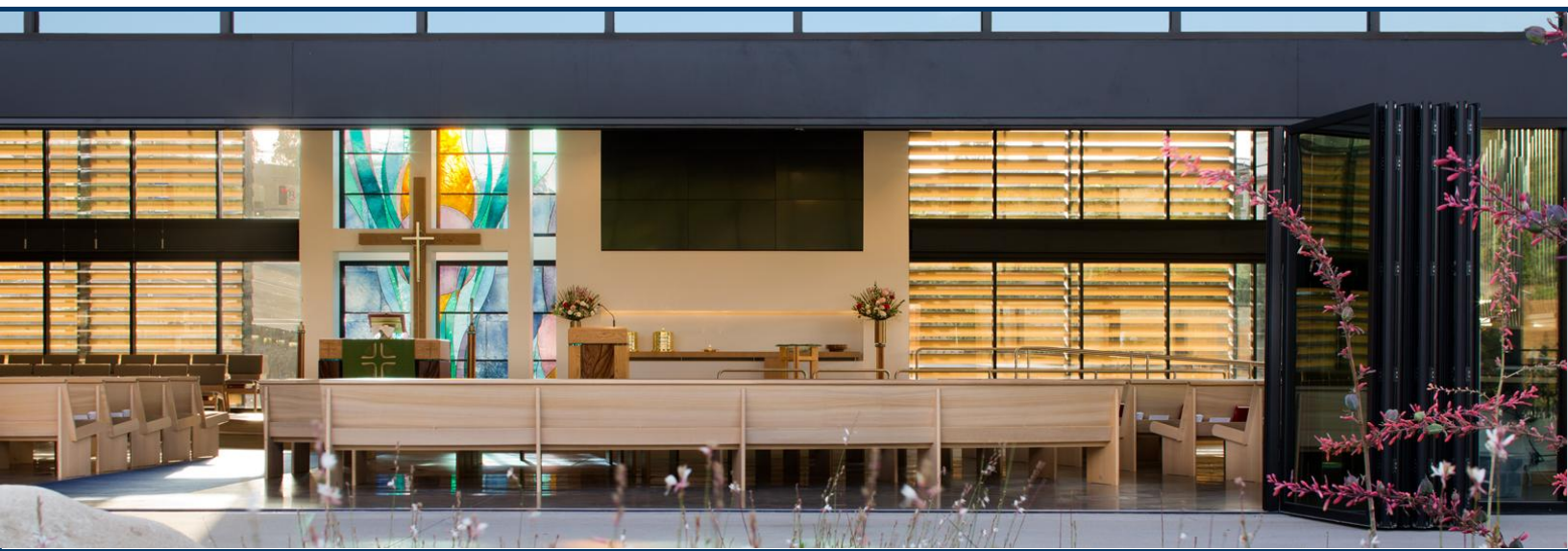
**UPCOMING EVENTS: Ministry Celebration** - Annual Meeting with brunch/lunch - Sunday, June 27th at 11am; Empty Nester Event at Craig and Marcy Backhus's home June 12, 5:30pm.



# EASTER IN PICTURES...







## GROWING TOGETHER!

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

### ALL STUDIES WILL BE IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL.

**4dm - THE FOURTH DAY MOVEMENT** - Pastor David has been preaching/teaching on sharing the hope of Easter. Each Sunday, there will be a take-home insert for further study/discussion. His book, *4dm* will also be available at the Welcome Table or by calling the church office.

**NEW G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER)** - Led by David & Susan Warneke and held in Knudson Hall on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm (**May 3, in Knudson Hall**). We are studying Ephesians 2:1-2:13, lesson 3. To join, contact the church office 949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto: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*. *This month will be in person* with Pastor David leading the study. **This group will meet May 8.** Please let Pastor David know that you plan to attend and there will be a place set for you. They are working through the Gospel of Mark. All men are welcome.

**THE SHACK** - Virtual Prayer Study Group: You can still join in. This study meets every third Tuesday at 7 - 8:30pm for 9 months. **The next meeting is May 18.** This study will be led by Jim & Neta Wenrickl. Interested? Contact the office for information on which study guide to purchase and for the ZOOM link.

**HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY** - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (May 11 & 25). Social 6:30 PM; Study 7pm - 8pm. Book: *"Praying with Power"* by Christa Kinde (Amazon & [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com)). To be added to Zoom, contact Ann St. Martin, Daneen Pysz or the office at 949-493-3414 or [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** resumes meeting **online each Wednesday**. Bible study meets each Wednesday at 10am and is typically led by Pastor David. This group is now in-person and online. Watch for an email/bulletin announcement.

**THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES** - Wednesdays, 6:30pm - A two year intensive overview of the entire Bible to learn "the big picture". 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 in Knudson Hall on May 1.* If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like more information, call Peggy Johnson.

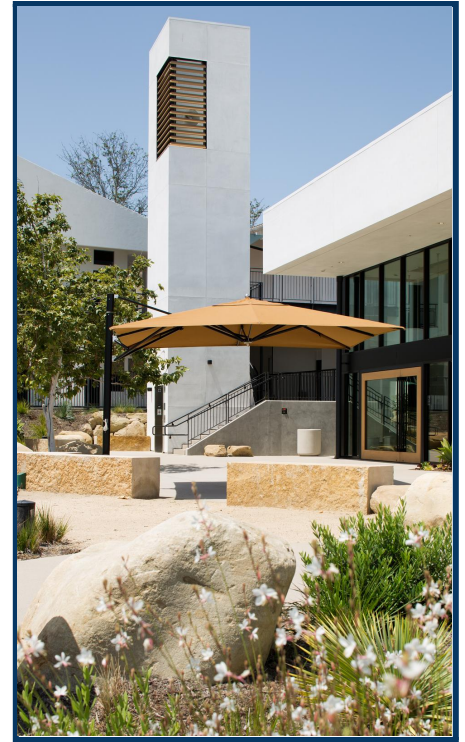
**SERRA'S PANTRY** - This local volunteer opportunity, in San Juan Capistrano, provides food to those in need. Interested Gloria Dei members serve at Serra's Pantry *every third Saturday of the month at 8:30am. **May 15*** is the next volunteer opportunity. Please join us to help with this important outreach.

**THE QUILTING GROUP** continues 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.

**FOSTER ALL** -*"Love Has No Limits"* - Gloria Dei supports this group financially and their push to find every child a home. During April/May, we will continue to lift up their important work of hope. Is God calling you to be a part of fostering and/or adopting a child? Visit: [fosterall.org](http://fosterall.org).

**NEW SERVICE GROUP AT GLORIA DEI** - We welcome the South Coast Literacy Council, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, whose mission is to assist adults in south Orange County to acquire English language skills. They will meet on campus two weekday mornings each week to provide in person tutoring sessions to those in need.

**LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY** - Los Angelitos orphanage, Tijuana Mexico



Dear Gloria Dei,  
How are you? We hope you are happy and have good health. We are grateful to have you in our family. We hope you have already been vaccinated so we can see you soon. We love you mucho!

The children of Los Angelitos Orphanage



## DEI-LY DETAILS

### ATTENDANCE and LIVESTREAM VIEWS

4/2: 192      4/4: 603      4/11: 247      4/18: 316      4/25: TBD

**GEN2GEN GIVING: \$432,159.00** (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 ", 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](mailto: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](http://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, 45 niches and 2 memorial plaques have been purchased and each niche holds 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](http://mygloriadei.org/columbarium).



# THANKS

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

Thanks to our ministry youth & adult helpers!

On Friday, April 16, the youth and three adults met to assemble 50 Hygiene Kits for the Family Assistance Ministry. Fun and service were mixed with refreshment of pizza and cookies.

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for donating the seed money to purchase the supplies and the assistance of Thrivent Action team Denise Boyd and Sharon Guiliams.

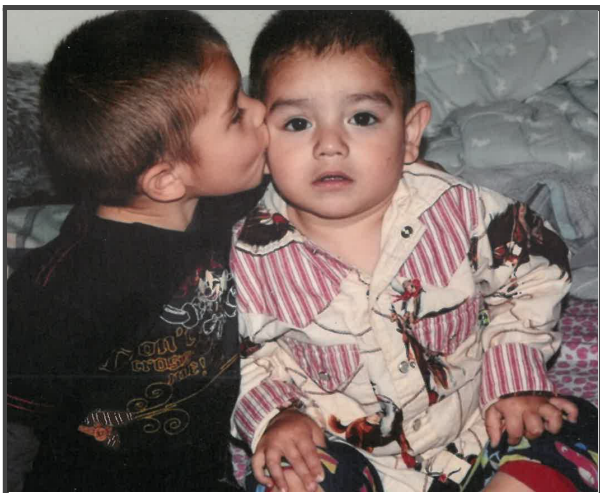


Dear Friends at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation!

Your generosity and commitment ensure Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary is able to better serve our students, faculty and community members. We are grateful for your gift, which is transforming lives and helping fulfill our mission of equipping leaders for the church and world.

Dear Gloria Dei Church,



Thank you very much for your kind donation. With your help, we have a place and people to call family and where we can make our dreams come true. We miss you and we hope we can see you soon.

The children 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, Blaine Johnson, Debby Campominosi, Mary Lou and Denny Walters, Jean Meinholtz, Anne Siminuk, Kay Hendrickson, Jeri Steck, Gwen Layritz, Joann Groon, Gerd & Lars Talstad, Virginia Anderson, Linda Friend, and Ingrid Schuller.

**PRAYERS OF COMFORT** - Prayers for the family of Annie Chen, who recently passed away. Prayers also for Dr. Diane Nugent and family as they mourn the loss of her mother, Lois Helen Nugent.

**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 a smooth and successful distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine.

**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" (April - June 2021), 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](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org)).

## DEI-LY DUTIES



### MAY 2021 VOLUNTEERS

We are requesting help each week for lectors, ushers & the welcome center. We are also requesting help once or twice monthly for Altar Guild & Communion Assistant. We have sent out a three month volunteer schedule through April 2021 to help fill each of these volunteer opportunities. **We will be sending out a new volunteer calendar for May - September.**

**To assist and to attend, you must practice Covid-19 guidelines** (wear a mask, remain physically distanced, be healthy, etc.). Many of these volunteer responsibilities have changed to promote safe social distance ie. no passing offering plates or physically handing out bulletins, etc.

## APARTMENT NEEDED

Gloria Dei will be in need of a studio/1 bedroom apartment for our seminary intern and summer CLU ministry student. If you have a connection or own an apartment near the church, please call the church office. Thank you.

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# MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8:30am - Livestream 8:45am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 10:15am - Sun. School 11:15am - Confirm. Ed. 5pm - Worship	6:30pm - GIFT Group	7am - AA Men 2pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Brass Practice	7am - AA Meeting 10am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Bethel Bible	7am - AA Men 6:30pm - Bell		Synod Assembly 9am - Prayer Shawl 2pm - ACA Group
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(See Calendar on Website: <http://www.myloriadei.org/calendar-2/>)





