Gloria Dei Lutheran Church DEI-LY LIGHT



NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

November kicks off with All Saints' Sunday (November 7). There are some people who come into our lives and through them we experience God's grace. Who is that person, that saint for you?

At all services, we'll toll the bells after reading the names of those who have finished their race on earth, giving thanks to God for them, and reminding ourselves that they are fully alive with Christ. We will also have a very brief service of remembrance at the Columbarium for those who are interred there (9:30am).

Like many of you, I think of my parents. The reason I'm a Christian is because they showed me that following Jesus was something real and simply the best way to journey in this life. It all goes back to the crucified One.

Like many of you, I think of friends. I'm thinking of a family who pays for funerals at CHOC for people who cannot afford to honor their infant child. I'm thinking of a couple who volunteer their time every week at a substance abuse ward of a local hospital. I'm thinking of a doctor who takes his vacation time and goes to Haiti for several weeks each year (Not sure how that will work out this year). I'm thinking of people who always seem to have your back, to listen, and to pray. It all goes back to the crucified One.

What saint introduced you to this big, outlandish, mysterious, forgiving crucified One?

Yours in Christ.

Pastor David R. Mattson

P.S. Everyone loves Taco Tuesdays! Join us for the first **"TACO 'BOUT** THRIVING (or at least surviving) THE HOLIDAYS - November 16, 5:30pm. Taco carts. Fun. All ages. \$10/person and children are free. Sign-up!



PASTOR VERONICA

We've been reading through 1 Thessalonians in the Wednesday Women's Bible Study. It's amazing how much depth there is to explore in only five chapters! At one of our sessions, we invited our favorite saints to be with us as a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) as we studied the first letter to the church in Thessaloniki.

I have often thought about the saints that have gone before us—our spiritual ancestors. These saints are the loved ones who shared their faith with us. They are also the historical and Biblical figures whose stories inspire us in our walk of faith. I love the annual tradition of All Saints Day, when we celebrate God's promise of resurrection and eternal life for all who have died in Christ. It gives me tremendous hope to know that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses as we seek to follow God's will for us. We are never alone.

The next time we profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed, you may notice that we profess belief in communion of the saints. Another way of expressing this is that, in Jesus, we are united with all of God's faithful, living and dead, past, present, and future.

There's a profound beauty in the fact that each one of us has the opportunity to be spiritual ancestors as well. With each prayer we pray, each encouraging word we share, and each life we touch with mercy and justice in the name of Jesus, we continue a legacy that spans centuries, generations, and continents.

THE BIG THING

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

STEWARDSHIP - Have you picked up your Pledge Card and Time and Talent form for 2022? See the table on the patio or call the church office for more details. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei! Option: Time and Talent form can be filled out on-line: www.mygloriadei.org/timeandtalent.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - Nov. 7. Tolling of the Bells takes place. If you would like the name of a loved one mentioned in worship, please fill out the form at the Welcome Table. At 9:30am, we will hold a brief time of prayer and thanksgiving at the Columbarium for those interred there.

BLOOD DRIVE - November 10, 9am - 3pm in Bankson Hall. Sign up online at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Gloria Dei Alternatively, you may contact the office at 949-493-3414 or email gloriadei@mygloriadei@mygloriadei.org to request a time.

TACO 'BOUT THRIVING (or at least surviving) THE HOLIDAYS - Tuesday, November 16, 5:30pm - 7pm in Bankson Hall. Taco carts, fun & an interactive presentation by Dr. Dennis Chernekoff. All ages (childcare provided). \$10/person. Children free. Childcare provided.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE & PIE - Wednesday, November 21, 7pm. There will be the singing of traditional Thanksgiving hymns, special music, and the offering will go to World Hunger. Join the church family in giving thanks to God for overflowing blessings. Pie served following worship.



PRESCHOOL

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

Each day is a gift and I welcome it with gratitude. I'm thankful for my family, my friends, my work family, my church family, and the laughter of children; I'm just thankful.

This month our students will create and share a meal in celebration of Thanksgiving. November is when our students will begin to lead prayer with their classmates, expressing their gratitude and giving thanks to God. This is the most

precious thing to hear and a reminder for us to not be afraid to pray out loud or simply say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

To contact Shelli Parajeckas email her at: preschool@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) - **10am service only**.

Sunday school attendees will leave the church service after the children's message for Sunday school instruction in Knudson Hall. Kids rejoin their families for Communion. Sunday school classes are divided with four year olds - 2nd grade children meeting in one classroom and 3rd-5th graders meeting in the other classroom. All students and teachers will be masked while indoors.

If you are interested in teaching Sunday school, please contact Barb Collins via email at sundayschool@mygloriadei.org or call the church office.

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

GOD SQUAD (3rd - 5th Graders) - We baked pumpkin bread for our Shut-ins & delivered it too. We also picked a name for our group...God Squad! This is a great way for kids to get to know one another and to strengthen the future Jr & Sr. high youth groups. We

will be doing quarterly activities & kids are welcome to bring friends! Stay tuned for our next event. Any questions, please contact the church office or Barb Collins

sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.







DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

- **Sanctuary Choir** It's great to be back! We are learning new music for Advent and Christmas. Masks are required during rehearsal and at Sunday service. We invite you to celebrate the good news in song with us. Choir is for everyone! Join us Thursday evenings at 7:30.
- **Bell Choir** practices Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We have room for more musicians. Contact <u>music@mygloriadei.org</u>
- Special Music Oboist Mallory Bacon will be with us on the 21st with a Bach concerto.
- **Brass Group** meets Tuesdays at 5pm. All levels of ability are welcome!

Do you play an instrument? There is an ensemble/opportunity for you! Questions? Email Kathy music@mygloriadei.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Concordia College Choir (Moorhead, MN) is one of the finest acapella choral groups in the world. They will be performing at Gloria Dei on Wednesday, March 2, 7:00pm.

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



YOUTH NEWS JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Classes are November 7 and 21 at 11:15 a.m. Come ready with a Bible to learn all about the Old Testament. For more info on the program please follow the link:

https://www.mygloriadei.org/confirmation-program/

SENIOR HIGH SERVERS (Saturday, November 20, 9:00 am): Need community service hours? This is the place for you! Come help serve at the local food pantry. Setting up, serving and cleaning up are all part of this fun morning.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (July 24-28, 2022): Our high school students are invited to join 30,000 other youth in Minneapolis, MN. \$150 non-refundable deposit is due November 12. Sign up at the welcome table or for more information email Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org) or check out the website: https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering



DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

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

What an amazing October we had here at Gloria Dei! It kicked off with Oktoberfest and then we had an amazing turn out for Trick-or-Trunk! Thank you to all that attended and helped to make these memorable events for the children and all our members!

WOMEN'S EVENTS - We will be looking forward to the holidays and 2022 as we plan events for the future! We will update as we put events on the calendar!

• **GLORIA DEI WOMEN'S COOKBOOK** - All submissions for the Gloria Dei cookbook, sponsored by the Women's Board, must be provided to Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org by November 5th, 2021 or drop it by the office.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 2pm.* The group meets in Knudson Hall. Their next meeting is November 15. They are reading *Kept, An American Househusband in India* by Gregory E. Buford. 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 meeting in person at O'Neill's Bar & Grill (26772 Avery Parkway, Mission Viejo/Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course). They will be reading *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn & will meet on November 23. For information contact Craig Backhus or the church office.

TRICK or TRUNK FUN!











Oktoberfest...











More Trick or Trunk Spooktacular Fun!







GROWING TOGETHER!

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

CONNECTING JESUS TO OUR JUSTICE - Led by Susan Warneke and offered via Zoom for the entire Pacifica Synod. For the zoom link, please email the office (gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

Learn practical Biblical solutions for solving worldwide hunger and promoting economic justice through this study of Ronald J. Sider's <u>Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger</u>.

This 5-week study is geared toward faithful Christians seeking to gain a deeper appreciation of the global challenges of helping the poor. Remaining zoom meeting dates: 11/15; 11/29; 12/13. The class will be at 6:30pm - 8pm. Purchase a book at the Welcome Table.

G.I.F.T. (**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**) - Led by David & Susan Warneke is typically held in Knudson Hall, in the Sunday School room, on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm. On November 1 we are studying Ephesians 5:1 - 5:14, lesson 8. To join, contact the church office 949-493-3414 or <u>gloriadei@mygloriadei.org</u>, so we can add you to the group.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets the *second Saturday of every month at 8:00am in Bankson Hall.* This group will meet on November 13. 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.

HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY - 2nd & 4th Tuesday/month. Social 6:30 PM; Study 7pm - 8pm. However, in November we will only meet once, November 9 at Ann St. Martin's home and will study "*Praying with Power*" by Christa Kinde. Questions: contact Ann St. Martin, Donna Combe or the office at 949-493-3414.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday at 10am, Gloria Dei women (and friends) will meet in the Sanctuary. This study is led by a pastor. All women are invited to join in! Watch for an email/bulletin announcement regarding gathering.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7am-8am, this Bible study is meeting at RJ's restaurant across from the Harbor. It's a great way to start the day! Breakfast and study will be about an hour & be led by a pastor. To begin, we'll be looking at the Gospel for the coming Sundays and then the group will decide what book of the Bible to study. They will meet November 3 and 17.

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 6. 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.* November 20 is the next volunteer opportunity. Please join us to help with this important outreach.

THE QUILTING GROUP continues preparing all the quilts from home. The quilts made by this group are provided to our newly Baptized infants & children. If interested in helping, please call the office or Donna Combe.

SOUTH COAST LITERACY COUNCIL - this is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, whose mission is to assist adults in south Orange County to acquire English language skills. In October, they will meet on Monday and

Thursday mornings 10am - 12pm. If interested in volunteering, contact the office gloriadei@mygloriadei or 949-493-3414.



LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY Los Angelitos orphanage, Tijuana Mexico

We miss you.



Until we meet again...

We pray for you.



Remember us in your prayers.





The children at Los Angelitos send their love and gratitude to their Gloria Dei family. For more information regarding Los Angelitos, orphanage ministry, call the church office to contact David or Susan Warneke.



DEI-LY DETAILS

ATTENDANCE and LIVESTREAM VIEWS

10/3: 334 10/10: 297 10/17: 315 10/24: 332 10/31: TBD

"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, 46 niches and 4 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.

THANKS

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

Pastor David & members,

On behalf of the Synod Council, we wish to thank you for your generous support of Pacifica Synod. With your mission support we are able to continue to equip, accompany and serve boldly with all, so that many will know of God's love. May your church continue to be a blessing to all you touch.

Angela Jackson (Pacifica Synod - ELCA)

Thank you Pastor David for the Happy Birthday wishes you sang to me, along with the congregation on Sunday. Thank you too for the beautiful, unique card that you delivered to my door with wishes from so many friends. I thank you again for making my 100 year birthday so special. God Bless you and Love, Corinne Bego

Dear Friends at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

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 us fulfill our mission of equipping leaders for the church and world.

With appreciation,

Raymond Pickett

Rector (Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary)

Dear Gloria Dei:

How are you? Did you go back to the services? We hope you guys are doing great and have good health. We love you and we hope we can see you soon! The children of Los Angelitos Orphanage



Thank you to the Gloria Dei God Squad for the Halloween cookies. I enjoyed every bite, plus you made my day a little brighter. Also, I thank Barbara Collins for delivering them. In Christian Love, Dorothy Jacobson

Thank you for the delicious cookies. I had to start sampling them yesterday and they are too good to stay away from. This is a very thoughtful act and very much appreciated! Thank you again! In God's Love, Joan Sorge

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 and Frieda Avery, Blaine Johnson, Alice Anderson, Debby Campominosi, Mary Lou and Denny Walters, Jean Meinholtz, Kay Hendrickson, Jeri Steck, Gwen Layritz, Joann Groon, Gerd & Lars Talstad, Virginia Moore, Ingrid Schuller, Marty Ficken, Marj Knudson and Sue Swenson.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT for the family of Betsy Dubow as they mourn her passing on October 9, 2021; for the family of Gretchen Enright on the passing of her father.

PEACE AND SAFETY for all our service men and women now serving around the world. We also pray for peace and help in so many parts of the world with political unrest, posing safety issues on a daily basis. Also peace and safety for our frontline emergency and healthcare workers treating those infected with the Coronavirus and other ailments.

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 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).

DEI-LY DUTIES



DECEMBER 2021 VOLUNTEERS

We will work from our 2021 time & talent schedule through January 31, 2022.

Please pray on it & complete your 2022 time and talent, which was part of the stewardship packet. Sign up to lend a hand...there are so many ways to lend a hand! The new time & talent assignments will be sent out in January & will begin in February 2022. Please contact Carol Weinhardt if you have any questions.

To assist and attend, you must practice Covid-19 guidelines (wear a mask indoors).

Many of these volunteer responsibilities have changed to promote safe social distance ie. no passing through offering plates or physically handing out bulletins, etc.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Carol Weinhardt gloriadei@mygloriadei.org;

Shelli Parajeckas preschool@mygloriadei.org;

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Fred Johnson organist@mygloriadei.org

NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	E	Sat
31		2	8	4	9	9
	10am - Literacy Group	7am - AA Men Meeting	Preschool Picture Days			7am - AA Men Meeting
	5:30pm - Alanon	1pm - Staff Meeting	7am - AA Meeting	7am - AA Men Meeting		9am - Prayer Shawl
	6:30pm - GIFT Group	5pm - Brass Practice	7am - Breakfast Bible	9:30am - AA Women		2pm - ACA Meeting
		7pm - Al Anon Meeting	10am - Women's Bible	10am - Literacy Group		7pm - NA Meeting
			12:30pm - Pacifica	6:30pm - Bell Choir		
			6:30pm - Movie Outing	7pm - AA Men Meeting		
			7pm - 12 Step Couples	7:30pm - Sanc. Choir		
			7pm - Covid Long Haul			
7	8	6	10	11	12	13
All Saints Sunday	10am - Literacy Group	7am - AA Men Meeting	7am - AA Meeting	Preschool Holiday		7am - AA Men Meeting
8:30am - Worship	5:30pm - Alanon	1pm - Staff Meeting	9am - Blood Drive	7am - AA Men Meeting		8am - Men's Bible
10am - Worship		5pm - Brass Practice	10am - Women's Bible	9:30am - AA Women		9:15am - Women's
10:15am - Sun. School		6:30pm - VFW Auxiliary	7pm - 12 Step Couples	10am - Literacy Group		11am - Working
11:15am - Conf. Class		7pm - Al Anon Meeting		6:30pm - Bell Choir		2pm - ACA Meeting
5pm - Worship		7pm - Church Council		7pm - AA Men Meeting		7pm - NA Meeting
6:30pm - NA Meeting				7:30pm - Sanc. Choir		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30am - Worship	10am - Literacy Group	Preschool Thanksgiving Feast Days	Feast Days	7am - AA Men Meeting	12:15pm - Preschool	7am - AA Men Meeting
10am - Worship	2pm - RIOT Book Club	7am - AA Men Meeting	7am - AA Meeting	9am - Saddleback		8:30am - Serra's
10:15am - Sun. School	5:30pm - Alanon	1pm - Staff Meeting	7am - Breakfast Bible	9:30am - AA Women		8:30am - Sr. High at
5pm - Worship	6:30pm - Pacifica	5pm - Brass Practice	10am - Women's Bible	10am - Literacy Group		10am - Memorial Bruce
6:30pm - NA Meeting		5:30pm - Taco 'bout	7pm - 12 Step Couples	6:30pm - Bell Choir		2pm - ACA Meeting
		7pm - Al Anon Meeting		7pm - AA Men Meeting		7pm - NA Meeting
		7pm · The Shack Group		7:30pm - Sanc. Choir		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30am - Worship	10am - Literacy Group	7am - AA Men Meeting	7am - AA Meeting	7am - AA Men Meeting		7am - AA Men Meeting
10am - Worship	5:30pm - Alanon	1pm - Staff Meeting	10am - Women's Bible	9:30am - AA Women		2pm - ACA Meeting
10:15am - Sun. School		5pm - Brass Practice	7pm - 12 Step Couples	10am - Literacy Group		7pm - NA Meeting
11:15am - Conf. Class		7pm - Al Anon Meeting	7pm - Thanksgiving	6:30pm - Bell Choir		
5pm - Worship		7pm - Men's Book Club		7pm - AA Men Meeting		
6:30pm - NA Meeting				7:30pm - Sanc. Choir		
28	29	30	-	2	8	4
8:30am - Worship	10am - Literacy Group	7am - AA Men Meeting	8			
10am - Worship	5:30pm - Alanon	1pm - Staff Meeting				
10:15am - Sun. School	6:30pm - Pacifica	5pm - Brass Practice				
5pm - Worship		7pm - Al Anon Meeting				
6:30pm - NA Meeting						

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