

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

DEI-LY LIGHT



OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

One Sunday a year, we ask people to think about what they will do in the coming year, in terms of their time, talent, and treasure. We ask people to fill out two forms, a pledge card and a Time and Talent sheet. This year, October 16, is our **ThanksLiving** Sunday. Please pray about how you can support the ministry of Gloria Dei. And as you're thinking about time, talent, and treasure, ask this question: ***What's in my hand?***

In Exodus 3, Moses encounters God in a burning bush. God asks Moses to do the impossible, to free His people from slavery. Moses has many excuses, such as, *'It's impossible,'* or *'I can't speak well,'* or *'Send someone else.'*

And then God asks Moses, *"What's in your hand?"* What was in his hand was a simple, gnarled wooden staff, not a royal scepter. If you remember Moses' story, he miraculously became the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter. But then, from a position of privilege, he now found himself in a foreign land, with few resources, and a tenuous future. What's in your hand? **The shepherd's staff represented all that he had lost.** But God was with him.

Instead of wishing life had turned out differently, God uses our very real lives, especially the struggles. And with Moses, and with us, it is enough.

What's in your hand? That's the question for Stewardship Sunday. How has God blessed you? Certainly your life hasn't turned out like you thought, but that's ok. God is with you.

What's in your hand? Sometimes God uses our failures to prepare us for ministry, to make us more compassionate, and to fully trust in the One whose grace is enough. God used Moses' reluctant willingness, God used what was in Moses' hand, an old staff, to accomplish the impossible. *What's in your hand?*

Yours friend in Christ,

David R. Mattson
Pastor David R. Mattson



MICHELLE LUM, Minister of Arts and Outreach

What can art do? There's a lot we could talk about but here's some brief thoughts: art expands our imagination; it gives form to thoughts and ideas we do not have language for. It allows us to express what is in our hearts. It can bring people together; it can start conversations.

If you're wondering why I'm talking about that, it's because we are starting an art ministry here at Gloria Dei! What is an art ministry? It's a place for creative people to gather and find community. It's a place where we can collaborate and create together, using our creative gifting to bless our church and the community through

art. If you are creative, or you know someone who is, come check it out! More info on our two arts opportunities:

Gloria Dei Art Ministry — 2nd Fridays of the month at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. First meeting October 14th.

For all artists and creatives at any experience level (including art enthusiasts!). Come connect and plug in! At our monthly Friday gatherings we'll do a variety of things from artist talks to working on upcoming art projects together. For our first gathering we'll announce an upcoming art installation we'll be doing and ways to get involved. (michellelum@mygloriadei.org)

Preschool Choir — Fridays from 11:45am-12:00pm starting October 14th.

All preschoolers are welcome! We will be practicing songs and will periodically sing during Sunday services. Looking for volunteers to help out, no music experience necessary.



SEMINARY INTERN DANA BECKER

October continues to bring newness with more events and opportunities that excite me. The fellowship at Gloria Dei brings deeper relationships and support in my learning and growth through this process. As we spend more time in community together, the church family reveals more and more grace.

Our packed calendar in October kicks off with an area I especially love- Confirmation with our middle school students. They will have the opportunity to explore, question, and invest in their faith as we continue to encourage them. Please join me in praying for their development, personal relationships with Christ, themselves, and their families throughout the year. I will also join Paige to

attend high schoolers' events. I love sports, musicals, and concerts- let us know when they are. I have never been to a water polo game so I'm excited to check that out!

My dog Darla and I are excited for our Halloween costume for Trick or Trunk on October 30. Can't wait to see you there!

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY - We celebrate with festive worship, trumpets, special music, sing "A Mighty Fortress", and remember Martin Luther's emphasis on scripture, grace, and faith active in love. You are invited to wear something red, representing the fire of the Spirit. 3rd graders will be presented Bibles during worship. Please watch the bulletin for details.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Young Children's Ministry)

SUSIE BOLAND begins her ministry with the children & will continue her efforts with fellowship events! To reach her, please contact: fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade) Sunday School is held at 8:30am & 10am services in Knudson Hall. Sunday school attendees will leave the church service after the children's message for Sunday school instruction and rejoin their families for Communion.



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!



NURSERY - Available for babies to preschool age during both morning worship services. The nursery is located in the preschool classroom directly across from the elevator. Please pick up a pager when signing in with your child.

FELLOWSHIP/FRIENDSHIP

(Congregation-wide Social and Friendship Events)

OKTOBERFEST - Saturday, October 8, 5pm is an all church event. It is sponsored by MGD (Men of Gloria Dei). Cost: \$10/person, children free. Join us for German food, polka music, great conversation and refreshments. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Invite a friend!

WOMEN'S BOARD - This group meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9:15am. They meet again on October 8. Questions, contact Dana Becker at danabecker@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 2pm*. The group meets in Knudson Hall and their next meeting is October 17. They are reading *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. 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 members' homes. They meet again on October 25. For information contact the church office.

TRICK OR TRUNK - Sunday, October 30th, at 4pm. We will have the In-n-Out Truck, fun games and an inflatable slide. Come dressed up as your favorite ghosts and goblins with some candy to pass out from your decorated trunk! We look forward to seeing you all there! Tickets for meals will be on sale starting Sunday, October 16th.

UPCOMING: Thanksgiving Feast (Sunday, November 20, 5pm); Christmas Caroling (Wednesday, December 7, 5:30pm)



DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

- **Sanctuary Choir** meets on Thursday nights at 7:30. **All voices are needed for this ensemble. Join us!**

We sing a variety of styles of music so there is something

for everyone. Singing, especially in an ensemble, has many health benefits, both physical and emotional. Choirplayer.com says "Studies have shown that the mental health benefits of choral singing include enhanced brain function, strengthened feelings of togetherness, and the release of endorphins and oxytocin resulting in reduced stress and depression." Singing together is just plain fun!



- **Bell & Chime Choir** meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm. We had fun accompanying Fred and the congregation during the Opening Hymn for both services on Rally Sunday! Our next ring in church will be on October 23rd.
- A big **thank you** to all of our ringers who gave their time to clean and polish the bells for the new season. Pizza, good conversation, a little elbow grease, and ta da! Our 3 octave set of Malmark bells is looking beautiful!

Do you play an instrument? There is an opportunity for you! Questions? Email Kathy Person:

music@mygloriadei.org.

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Confirmation class will be Sunday, October 2, and Sunday October, 16 at 11:15am. Lunch will be provided. For more information please reach out to Pastor David, Pastor Dana, or Paige.

CONFIRMATION AND SR. HIGH DAY TRIP TO CLU - October 15 - 6th to 12th grade students get to visit the campus of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks for a tour, lunch and LA sightseeing. Parents are welcome along this all day excursion. If

you and your child are interested in attending, please talk to Paige.

SR HIGH MINISTRY IN MOTION - Does your kid have a high school football game? Or a play? Or a cross-country meet? Whatever your kids are doing, that's what we will be doing! If your kid has an event they would like a cheering section for, email Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org.

BALLOON ANIMALS IN THE MAKING - We want YOU! To help us make balloon animals! Don't know how? That's ok - we will teach you. If your child is interested in making balloon animals for our Trick or Trunk event, please reach out to Paige youth@mygloriadei.org or Michelle Lum michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

TRICK OR TRUNK - October 30 - 4pm. Sr. High and Confirmation kids will be onsite to help out with any games, balloon animals and judging needed for our annual Trick or Trunk event.

YOUNG ADULTS - FAITH ON TAP - Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 pm - The last Tuesday of the month we gather for some good conversation and good beer. This month the group will be meeting at Docent Brewery, 33049 Calle Aviador Suite C, San Juan Capistrano.



PRESCHOOL

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

This month is exciting for kids with Halloween celebrations, costumes, and of course, Trick or Trunk!

Our preschool theme for October is "Planting Seeds of Faith". I love what this month brings into the classroom; seeds and planting explorations, apple tasting, and investigating the inside of pumpkins. Just as plants need water, sun, and nurturing, so do we as Christians. This is how we plant seeds of faith in children; prayer, praise, and learning how much God loves us through stories.

May you embrace every new thing God has in store for you this month; joy, peace, love and mercy.

RALLY SUNDAY FUN...



KINTSUGI CREATIVITY...



WELCOME TO OUR NEW GLORIA DEI MEMBERS!



Mari Agape



Suzanne Dirks



Bob & Brenda Gaumer



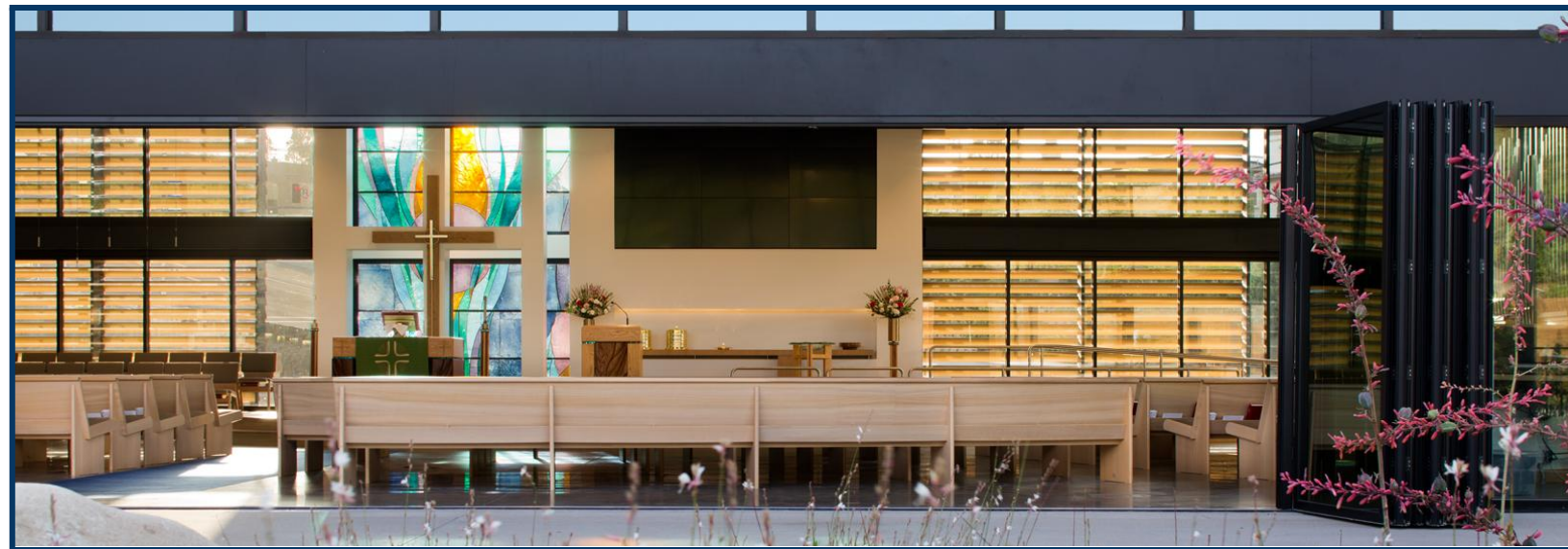
Gwen Krans



Jay & Liz Pederson



Karen Sanchez



GROWING TOGETHER!

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

G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER) BIBLE STUDY - Led by David & Susan Warneke is held in Bankson Hall, in the Sunday School room, on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm. On October 3 we are meeting to discuss the Book of Acts, lesson 4, *Into All the World*. To join, contact 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 Bankson Hall*. This group meets on October 8. Please let Pastor David know that you plan to attend and there will be a place set for you. All men are welcome.

HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY - Bible Study, for all interested ladies, on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month. It is a social and informative gathering to study "Meeting The Spirit", by Douglas Connelly. The next meetings are Tuesday, October 11th & 25, 6:30pm, at the home of Ann St. Martin. Carpool from Church. Study Books available for purchase at the Welcome Table for \$10. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Contact: Ann St.Martin or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (949-493-3414) for more details.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - This group meets every Wednesday at 10am - Gloria Dei women (and friends) meet in Knudson Hall. They meet every Wednesday in October. This study is led by a Pastor David or our Seminary Intern, Dana Becker. All women are invited to join in! Watch for an email/bulletin announcement regarding gathering.

500th ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHER'S TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE - This Fall we are celebrating Luther's 500th translation of the Bible with a church-wide 7 Week Bible reading challenge. If you are participating in this New Testament reading please fill the bowls on the ladder located near the Welcome Table. We will celebrate the power of Scripture. Several Seminary and College professors are lined up to do presentations for us. Watch the bulletin and future bulletins for more details.

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 on October 1. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like more information, call Peggy Johnson.

SERRA'S PANTRY - A 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, year round*. October 15 is the next volunteer opportunity. Please join us to help with this important outreach.

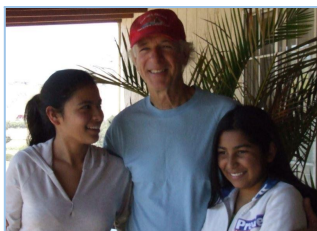
THE QUILTING GROUP continues preparing all the quilts from home. The quilts made by this group are provided to our newly Baptized infants & children. If interested in helping, please call the office or Donna Combe.

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. They meet on Monday & Thursday mornings 10am - 12pm in Knudson Hall. Interested in volunteering, contact gloriadei@mygloriadei or 949-493-3414.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY Los Angelitos orphanage, Tijuana Mexico

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Dana Point had the honor and privilege of hosting a Celebration of Life for Edward Perry on September 16, 2022. It was a beautiful, heart-felt and moving service. It was recorded and is posted on the Gloria Dei YouTube channel.

Ed Perry was the founding father and leader of the Los Angelitos Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, a beloved Christian brother and a dear friend to many. He passed away on May 5, 2022 after a brave battle with cancer. Edward was 77 years old.



There is a team of like-minded people that are committed to continuing Ed's legacy of caring for the least of these orphans from the streets of Tijuana, including Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Stay tuned for our next group visit to Los Angelitos Orphanage in early 2023.

Questions about Los Angelitos? Please contact David & Susan Warneke or the office for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY - Thanks to those who are involved in meeting with shut-ins, homebound, hospitalized and bringing the Lord's Supper. Thanks to Intern Dana and Daneen Pysz for leading this ministry. If you are interested in helping in this area, please call the office. The next meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers (and those who want to find out more) is Saturday October 22 at 9:30am.





DEI-LY DETAILS

ATTENDANCE and LIVESTREAM VIEWS

9/4: 296 9/11: 299 9/18: 307 9/25: 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.



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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.

SANDSTONE BENCHES have now been etched with the names (and scripture) of people who gave gifts during the Gen2Gen of over \$10,000. Thanks to these eight families. Several more will be etched this summer. If you would like to be a part of this fund (which reduces our mortgage), please contact Pastor David about details. We will be etching several more shortly.

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. Each niche holds two urns. Currently, 50 niches and 4 memorial plaques have been purchased. 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.

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

Thank you for your generous \$3,493.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Warm Regards,
Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief

Our next blood drive is Monday, November 14, 9am - 3pm. Watch for sign-up details at the Welcome Table and in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



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

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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, Alice Anderson, Mary Lou & Denny Walters, Jean Meinholtz, Gwen Layritz, Gloria Roberts, Christina Simpson, Lars Talstad, and Joan Sorge.

PEACE AND SAFETY for all our service men and women serving around the world. We pray for peace and help in the Ukraine.

FOR OUR MISSIONARY - Please keep Dorcas in your prayers for strength and peace.

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, 2022), 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



OCTOBER 2022 VOLUNTEERS

New time & talent assignments (Aug. 2022 - Jan. 2023) were sent out in July, primarily via email (although physical copies were mailed to those without an email address).

If you didn't receive your copy, please check your spam folder & if it is not there, please contact Carol Weinhardt at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

To assist, you must practice current Covid-19 guidelines. Thank you for your help in 2022!

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Organist/Planist Fred Johnson organist@mygloriadei.org
5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8:30am - Worship/Sun. Sch. 9:45am - Baptism/Sunday School 10am - Worship/Sunday School 11:15am - Confirmation (6th-8th) 5pm - Festival of Saint Francis 6:30pm - NA Meeting	10am - South Coast Literacy 5:30pm - Alanon Meeting 6:30pm - GIFT (Growing in Faith)	7am - AA Men Meeting 1pm - Staff Meeting 7pm - Al Anon Meeting 7pm - South Coast Singers	7am - AA Meeting 10am - Women's Bible Study 12:30pm - Deans Meeting/Pacific 6pm - Mission Hospital Alumni AA 7:30pm - 12 Step Couples Group	10am - South Coast Literacy 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - AA Men Meeting 7pm - Alanon Coed 7pm - Internship committee 7:30pm - Sanctuary Choir		7am - AA Men Meeting 9am - Prayer Shawl 11:30am - ACA Meeting 6pm - ASPIRE Women's Event 7pm - NA Meeting
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(See Calendar on Website: <http://www.myloriadei.org/calendar-2/>)

