

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

DEI-LY LIGHT



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

I'll be gone for much of the summer. My last Sunday will be June 18 and I'll be back in mid-August. Thankfully, we have such a wonderful staff who will be covering for me (as they often do). Thank you for supporting and praying for them.

What will I be doing? Hanging out with the family. Hopefully recharging my spiritual battery. Learning a bit related to worship and getting ready for our fall push: *The Bible Year*. I took a sabbatical many years ago and it accomplished those goals, so I'm hoping for the same.

What are your summer plans? I hope you find a bit of time to rest, hang with friends, learn something new, walk on the beach, and give thanks. Here are a few things to calendar this summer (you'll find more details about them in other parts of this newsletter):

- Father's Day - Dad's Root Beer for everyone
- Vacation Bible School
- Concerts at Gloria Dei
- Youth Trips
- Summer Bible Study
- Fellowship Events

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Mattson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor David R. Mattson

P.S. **Thanks** to all those who helped with our *Raise the Roof* celebration. It was a fun, entertaining, and great fellowship. FYI - As of this writing, we've raised over \$83,265 towards roof repair. That's wonderful news!



MICHELLE LUM, Minister of Arts and Outreach

When was the last time you saw God in the world?

For me, there are two recent events that come to mind. The first was when I was walking through my school's campus and found a branch on the floor. It was so perfectly formed and was in just the right location; it looked like an outdoor sculpture (and I think it was, just not made by a person). This encounter inspired a new artwork.

The second event was when my friend invited me to dinner after a really hard day. God knew I needed a friend that day and I was blessed with her company.

It's amazing how there are some moments when you just know God is at work. It made me wonder, where else is God working in the world that I am simply unaware of? I can think of several places, and yet I also know God is working in so much more. As we get further into the summer, as our schedules change and we see and experience new things, may we be more aware of how God is at work in our lives and in the world.

Gloria Dei Art Ministry — 2nd Friday of the month at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall.

- Our upcoming art gathering is June 9th. We are continuing with our mini artist talk series with a guest artist.
- Plein Air Event with Jay Smith on June 16th from 10am-12pm. All skill levels are welcome, come enjoy the outdoors with us! Location tbd.



SEMINARY INTERN DANA BECKER

My internship year is complete! I'm working on finishing paperwork and final projects, but the requirement is done. But, I'm not leaving yet. I will be staying on staff here at Gloria Dei for the last year of my seminary degree before I graduate in 2024.

Thank you for your encouragement this year! It flew by! I'm excited to have another year to learn and grow as a pastor.

For most of June I will be in Minnesota, taking a class at Luther Seminary, spending time with family, and resting for a couple of weeks. I will be returning toward the end of June.

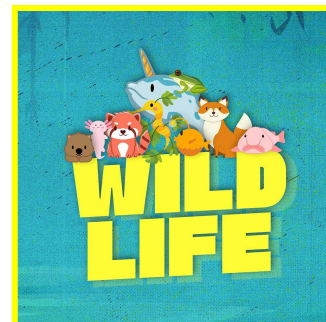
WOMEN'S RETREAT - Friday June 2- Sunday June 4. Join us for a weekend of fun, rest, and renewal at the Welk Resort in Escondido. As we spend time together, we'll also have time for spiritual retreat through devotions, conversations, and blessings. We'll also share meals and enjoy the resort's activities such as tennis, pickleball, outdoor games, pool, spa, golf, and beautiful property. See the welcome table for more information and sign up. Scholarships available. Cost: \$275-\$325.



SUSIE BOLAND, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DIRECTOR

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Young Children's Ministry)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - July 24th - 28th from 9am-12pm. For Ages Pre-K - 5th grade. Cost: Members - \$60, Additional Siblings \$50; Non-members - \$75, Additional Siblings \$65; Military families - free. **Payment Methods:** **Cash, Check** (Gloria Dei), **Venmo** (@GloriaDei-DanaPoint) or **Credit Card online** (<https://www.myloriadei.org/donate>). Sign-ups will be online and at the Welcome Table soon.



SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade) is held at 8:30am & 10am services in Knudson Hall. Sunday school attendees leave the church service after the children's message for Sunday school instruction and rejoin their families for Communion. We are on summer break until September 10, 2023. **THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!**

DISNEY SING-ALONG with Michelle and Micaela Lum. Friday, June 30, 10am. This event will be geared towards preschool, early elementary age, with favorite songs sung by Michelle and then a movie and snack. Watch for more details in the bulletin. Dressing up as your favorite character is also welcomed!

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)

TACO'BOUT DANA 2.0! - Let's celebrate our favorite intern as she makes her transition from staff intern to staff member at Gloria Dei! Join us for tacos and fun on Sunday, June 4th at 5:30pm in Bankson Hall.

WOMEN'S BOARD - This group meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9am. We will meet on June 10, then *break for summer*. Questions, contact Dana Becker at danabecker@mygloriadei.org. Women's Board upcoming events: Women's Weekend Retreat at Welk Resort, Escondido, CA - June 2 - 4. See details on page 2.

ISRAEL TRIP - Pastor David will lead a group to the Holy Land, October 22 - Nov. 2, 2023. If interested, contact Pastor David for all the details of the trip, go to mygloriadei.org.

If you have questions or ideas for fellowship events, contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 14, 2023 - Angels/Astros Game at Angel Stadium - Tailgating at 4pm, Game starts at 6:30pm
July 23, 2023 - Church Picnic - 11:30am Dana Woods Park
August 19, 2023 - Hammer Museum Trip, 9:15am - 3pm



DEI-LY WORSHIP

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

Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir - Our ensembles are on break until September, but the music goes on all summer long. Song leaders will continue to guide the hymns, instrumentalists will visit with special solos, and Fred will keep the beat going for us!

Summer Concerts: Wednesday, June, 21st at 7pm with the [St. John's Boys' Choir from Collegeville, Minnesota](#); Saturday, July 29th at 7pm: Pianist David Clemensen and Friends; Saturday, August 12 at 7pm: Matthew Shephard Benefit Concert with Pearl Zimmerman and others.

Listen to Sunday's Announcements and subscribe to the [Dei-ly Update](#) for the latest news. More great music to come! Questions? Email Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

SR. HIGH SERVERS - DAD'S ROOT BEER FLOATS - June 18 in between services. Boy do our dads love their root beer floats! Come help honor them on their special day. Contact Paige Gulck at youthdirector@mygloriadei.org if you plan to attend.

JR. HIGH CATALINA DAY TRIP - Saturday, July 8 with Paige and Pastor Dana. Details coming soon. Watch the bulletin.

WHITE WATER RAFTING - July 29 - August 1 . If your child is interested in going, please reach out to Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org for details.

TEA TIME





SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

PRESCHOOL

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

We completed our 2022-2023 school year. We had 22 students graduate and I will pray for their new beginnings as they enter Kindergarten.

During the summer months, I will be doing a lot of purging and organizing. A new floor will be going into one of our classrooms which had some water damage from all the rain this year. The campus will be quiet, but will allow me to prepare for a new school year which will start on August 15th with 72 eager little preschoolers.

I hope you find happiness in every peaceful moment, every colorful bloom, and every warm breeze this summer season.

DANEEN PYSZ, DEACON INTERN



Praise, Blessing, and Joy to each of you. In my four months of internship, I have been doing God's work at Christ Lutheran and Our Savior's Churches. My internship project has begun in both churches with a Eucharistic Ministry to their homebound members.

I am excited that at Our Savior's, six people have volunteered and three people at Christ Lutheran to share their gifts of time to call or visit members and give them communion. Here at Gloria Dei, we have a Eucharistic Ministry team that visits and calls homebound congregants and gives them communion. We can use more volunteers! Perhaps the Holy Spirit is tugging at your heart to do something more. If you are interested in learning about this ministry, please contact me or call the office.

Last month I was privileged to preach a sermon on God's glory. We give glory to God when we are faithfully obedient to do the work of God. In turn, we experience the glory of God in reciprocity of our faithful service. As always, I am thankful to God for your prayers and support on my diaconal journey.

Blessings,
Daneen Pysz, Deacon Intern

THE BIG THING

THE PENTECOST SEASON HAPPENINGS THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS:

- BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY (June 4): If you have a high school graduate, please contact the church office. We will celebrate them with a gift, prayers, and sending blessings.
- TACO'ABOUT (Dana 2.0) - Celebrating the completion of Dana Becker's Internship year, June 4, 5:30pm.
- PENTECOST SEASON (Summer): Every Sunday will focus on a Psalm and also a favorite hymn/song ("The people's choice").
- DISNEY SING ALONG with Michelle and Micaela Lum. Friday, June 30, 10am. This event will be geared towards preschool, early elementary age, with favorite songs sung by Michelle and then a movie and snack.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Brian Worek & Lindsey Engel



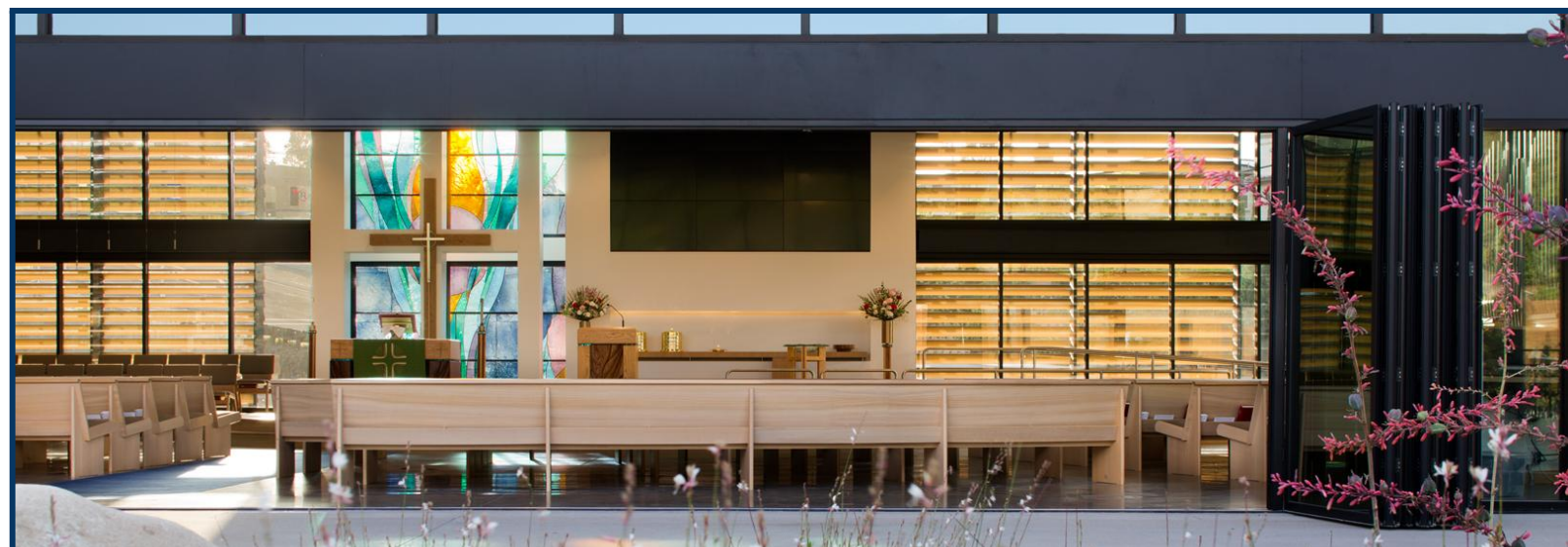
Nancy Marcello



Ingrid, Ava, Sophie & Dave Echternach



Don & Jeanne Mills



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, on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm. Moving forward we'll study *1st & 2nd Samuel*. We'll be meeting on June 12, and lesson 3 will be David's Rise, 1 Samuel 16-18. *We will meet throughout summer*. To join, contact the church office 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org, so we can add you to the group.

HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S STUDY - Bible Study for all interested ladies, on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday/month, 6:30pm. It is a social and informative gathering that will *begin again in September after a summer recess*. Carpool from Church. Contact: Ann St. Martin or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (949-493-3414) for details.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday, 10am - Gloria Dei women (and friends) meet in Knudson Hall. Study led by Pastor David or Pastor Dana Becker. *They are on Summer vacation*. All women are invited to join in!

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets the *second Saturday of every month at 8:00am in Bankson Hall*. *This study is on summer break*. Please let Pastor David know if you plan to attend and there will be a place set for you. All men are welcome.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 2pm*. The group meets in Knudson Hall. The next meeting is June 19. They are reading *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. If interested in the book club, contact Diane Kelly or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER) VIRTUAL STUDY - Led by Jim & Neta Wenrick on the 3rd Tuesday each month, 7pm. The group is studying *Meditative Prayers: Entering God's Presence*. The next meeting is June 20. To join, contact the office 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org, so we can add you to the group.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm* at members' homes. *They will take the summer off*, meeting again on September 26. For information contact the church office.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - 3 classes on the Psalms led by Pastor Dana (July 12, 19, 26, 4pm at Luciana's)

UPCOMING - *The Bible Year* - Begins Rally Sunday (Sept. 10), Gloria Dei kicks off a year-long emphasis of reading through the Bible. There'll be a devotional guide to lead us through the reading. The pastors will be preaching on the readings, a weekly Bible study on Thursday evenings will be offered, plus more.

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 are on break in June, July & August. 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*. May 17 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. *During summer (June 12 - August 14), they meet on Monday mornings 10am - 12pm in Knudson Hall*. Interested in volunteering, contact gloriadei@mygloriadei or 949-493-3414. For more information, email Sharon Miller at esldanapoint@mygloriadei.org.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY -



We are pleased to report that the orphanage has welcomed five new children to the Los Angelitos family. They range from 3 to 12 years of age, which increases the total headcount to 27 children.

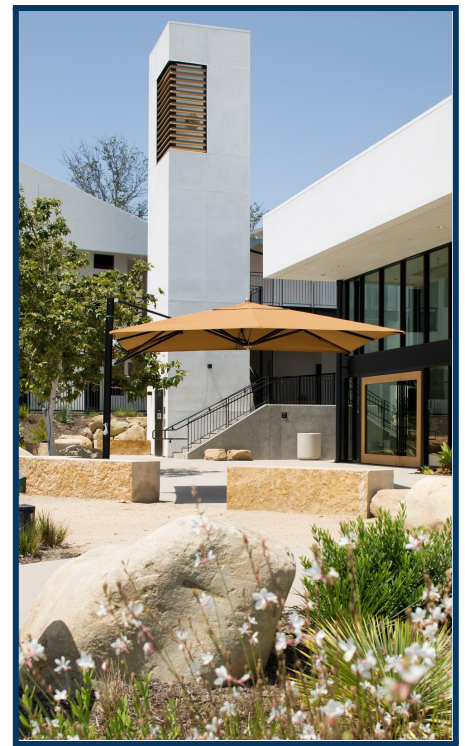
Graduation season has arrived! Bianca will graduate high school. She is currently preparing for the University entrance exam and is planning to pursue a degree in Industrial Engineering. Four youngsters will graduate Middle School and are heading to

High School after summer vacation. Three other children will be graduating Primary School and will be attending Middle School next semester.

Currently, all of the children are receiving their annual dentist check-ups which has resulted in some fillings, crowns, root-canals and many bright smiles.

Our *next visit is scheduled for June 17th, 2023*. Sign up soon if you want to join us, but if you can't go, there are many ways to be part of this dynamic ministry. Contact David or Susan Warneke or the Church office for details.

EUCHARISTIC 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 at 949-493-3414.





DEI-LY DETAILS

ATTENDANCE (In-Person/Livestream)

5/7: 270 5/14: 314 5/21: 352 5/28: 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 eleven families. If you would like to be a part of this fund (which reduces our mortgage), please contact Pastor David about details.

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, 55 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.

THANKS

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

Thanks to all who helped donate, organize, set-up & clean-up for the Raise the Roof Dinner Party!

It was very fun as evidenced by the pictures below. If you still want to make a donation to Gloria Dei to help cover the cost of roofing for Knudson & Bankson Hall, here are the Payment Methods: **Cash, Check** (Gloria Dei), **Venmo** (@GloriaDei-DanaPoint) or **Credit Card online** (www.mygloriadei.org/donate).



THANKS! Turning 90 years of age is quite a milestone. I want to thank all of you for the well-wishes, the cards and letters and pictures recalling special events of my ministry to our here at Gloria Dei from 1975 to 1999. It was a wonderful time in my ministry. Thanks for making my day special. **Pastor John Knudson**

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 - Blaine Johnson, Alice Anderson, Mary Lou & Denny Walters, Jean Meinholtz, Gwen Layritz, Gloria Roberts, Christina Simpson, Gerry Grady, Joan Sorge and John Burns.

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"* (July - September 2023), will soon be 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



JUNE 2023 VOLUNTEERS

The current time & talent schedule goes through July 31, 2023. The second half of the Time & Talent schedule for August 2023 - January 2024 Time & Talent will be sent out in late June or July, primarily via email & mail to those without an email.

For other time & talent opportunities that don't happen weekly, we will reach out to you as needed. In addition, please watch for happenings in the bulletin or opportunities listed at the Welcome Table.

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Congregational Life Director Susie Boland
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Music Director Kathy Person music@mygloriadei.org
Organist/Planist Fred Johnson organist@mygloriadei.org
5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

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