Gloria Dei Lutheran Church DEI-LY LIGHT



JULY/AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

As a kid, each summer my parents loaded up the green Chevy station wagon ("The Green Latrine"), put the Coleman canvas tent on top, all five kids would pile in (seat belts were optional at that time), and we would drive across the country. We camped a lot, but also descended on relatives.

One of the things I loved to do (and still love) is to look at a paper map, study our route. Much of the time it was on the "red" highways - large interstates, but often, we would wander off on to the "blue" highways. Those were two lane roads, less traveled, more interesting, but slower.

I hope you take a blue highway view of things this summer. That is, take a new route, look at something a second time, try something new, meet a stranger, listen to some music that's not your go-to genre, and rest. That's my hope. **Kimberly and I will be gone until mid-August** taking a breather.

If you need pastoral care - Dana Becker and Michelle Lum will be holding things together. Simply call the office and Carol Weinhardt will direct things to the right person.

Here's a good Psalm for traveling the blue highways, or traveling through life for that matter, Psalm 121:8:

The Lord will watch your going out and your coming From this time forth and forevermore.

Gratefully yours,

Pastor David R. Mattson

P.S. **Thanks** to all those who helped with our *Raise the Roof* celebration. We've raised over \$91,647.65 towards roof repair. That's wonderful news! New roofs will commence the week of July 10.



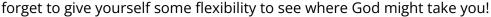
MICHELLE LUM, Minister of Arts and Outreach

Our latest art event this summer was a plein air painting day at Pines Park (Thanks to everyone who came, what a fun time that was!). It was great fun to paint with everyone. If you were there, you know that it was not exactly the picturesque scene you might have imagined. When we got there at 10am, it was cloudy and overcast. I think a few of us took some liberties to brighten up our paintings, but if you were to make it true to reality then a lot of the paintings would have been gray. About a half

hour before our event ended though, the sun came out and the water was vibrant and blue. It was a

stunning scene, and would have made for a beautiful painting! But for us it was a bit ironic because by then most of us were finishing up our paintings. Oh well, next time!

Plein air painting is fun but if you do it seriously then you are very dependent on the weather. It's the kind of thing you plan and show up, but also need flexibility to go wherever the weather takes you. I think life is often like that too, we make plans and show up, but then sometimes God wants to take us somewhere unexpected. With whatever you have planned these next few summer months, don't





Gloria Dei Art Ministry

- On break from our monthly gatherings for July and August, have a restful summer!
- Hammer Museum Trip on August 19th at 9:15am. We will be taking a bus up to the Hammer Museum to see the exhibits and have lunch there. Sign ups at the welcome table.



SEMINARY INTERN DANA BECKER

Thanks to my internship committee for helping guide me through my internship position at Gloria Dei. Your insight and feedback was invaluable!







I also thoroughly enjoyed the TACO' BOUT fiesta we had to celebrate this accomplishment!



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.mygloriadei.org/donate.



Sign-ups are online and at the Welcome Table.

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!

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)

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

ANGELS GAME & TAILGATE - sponsored by MGD (Men of Gloria Dei), July 14, 4pm Tailgate. The game is at 6pm. Sign-up, tailgate details and tickets for purchase at the Welcome Table. Tickets: \$25. Questions - Danabecker@mygloriadei.org.

CHURCH PICNIC - July 23, 12pm at Dana Woods Park. Food, games, swimming (no lifeguard), and fellowship! Gloria Dei provides bratwurst/hotdogs, water and utensils. Sign up at the Welcome Table to bring a side dish. Maps available. Questions - fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

HAMMER MUSEUM TRIP - August 19, 2023, 9:15am - 3pm. Details on page 2 of the newsletter.

GLORIA DEI BEACH/GAME DAY - August 27, 3pm. Meet at Doheny State Beach near the bocce ball court, close to the jetty for an afternoon full of sun, sand, fun, games, fellowship & yummy food. More details and a sign up coming soon. Watch for details in bulletins & and the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S BOARD - This group meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9am, however, they are on break for summer. Questions, contact Dana Becker at danabecker@mygloriadei.org. Women's Board upcoming events:

Bunco (September 8, 6pm); OC Arts Museum and Private Tour of Segerstrom Hall (November 4)

ISRAEL TRIP - Pastor David will lead a group to the Holy Land, October 22 - Nov. 2, 2023. This popular trip is full.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Rally Sunday - Sunday, September 10

KATHY PERSON, MUSIC DIRECTOR



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 we still have great music and many people to thank! Special thanks to Shelly Parajeckas and Carol Weinhardt for organizing the meals for the St. John's Boys' Choir visit with us in June. Thanks to Micaela L for playing for our morning services while Fred is away from the keyboard. Thanks to Dr. Mark Lum

for playing for our 5pm services while Micaela is on break. Thanks to Darius Miertschin for playing during Offertory in July. Watch the announcements for his recital in August.

Summer Concerts: Saturday, July 29th at 7pm: Pianist David Clemensen and Friends; Saturday, August 12 at 6:30pm: Matthew Shephard Benefit Concert with Pearl Zimmerman and others.

Listen to Sunday's Announcements and subscribe to the <u>Dei-ly Update</u> for the latest news. More great music to come! Questions? Email Kathy Person: <u>music@mygloriadei.org</u>.

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

JR. HIGH CATALINA DAY TRIP - Saturday, July 8 with Paige and Pastor Dana. Meet at the Dana Wharf at 8:45 a.m. Returning about 6:30 p.m. Advanced purchase required so please reach out to Paige ASAP if your child plans on attending.

WHITE WATER RAFTING - July 29 - August 1 . Kern River here we come! With all the rains this season, how can we not take full advantage of white water this summer?? If

your child is interested in going, please reach out to Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org for details.











SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

PRESCHOOL

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

School is out for the summer so it's quiet around campus. It's also the perfect time to get a lot of repairs done, clean, organize, and plan for another great year in preschool. Students will return to preschool on August 15th.

"Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury; play is a necessity." ~Kay Redfield Jamison

DANEEN PYSZ, DEACON INTERN



Can you believe this is my sixth and final month in my internship at Christ Lutheran and Our Savior's? When I look back at the beginning, it felt like such a steep mountain to climb. I really believe many of you were praying for me, and I appreciated all those who inquired as to how my internship was progressing. Thank you, for your prayers and encouragement. As I look back on the six months, I have experienced many areas of growth in pastoral care, preaching, bible studies, VBS, working with the unsheltered, and managing my time between two churches. Take a moment and think back on the last six months of your life. What did you accomplish for yourself, for others, for God? If you're like me, your life gets consumed with so much that we sometimes forget to

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46).

The next few months for me, will be hurry up and wait. By the end of July, I will submit nine extensive forms to the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary faculty panel. In September, I will meet with them and they will review the forms, and give approval for the next step. The approval and forms are then sent to the Pacifica Synod Candidacy Committee for review and approval. I will meet with the Candidacy Committee November 30, 2023. Then the waiting game begins as to when I will be called for a Deacon position. Once I accept the call, I will be ordained. "Be still..." Your continued prayers for God's plans for me is encouraging and humbling. May you have a blessed summer, and experience the stillness of God.

Blessings, Daneen Pysz, Deacon Intern

WELCOME TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!





2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Thanks to all the wonderful ladies who helped make the Women's Retreat such a success!















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 & held in Bankson Hall, on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm. We are studying *1st & 2nd Samuel*. We'll meet on July 10, and study lesson 4 -Escapes, 1 Samuel 19 - 26. Then we will meet on August 14 to study lesson 5 - Further Flight & Battle, 1 Samuel 27 - 31. To join, contact the church office 949-493-3414 or <a href="mailto:slope-study-left-square-glorial-eight-weight-square-glorial-eight-squa

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 meetings are July 17 and August 21. They are reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt (July) and *Northern Spy* by Flynn Berry (Aug.). If interested in the book club, contact Diane Kelly or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

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). Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

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.* July 15 and August 19 are the next volunteer opportunities. 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 - It's a Family Affair

The Los Angelitos Orphanage is committed to keeping families united. It is not uncommon to find multiple siblings in need of a safe and loving home. They do everything possible to keep these families together. In their already unstable lives, keeping siblings united adds a much-needed thread of permanence, not only for these family members, but also for the other orphan residents.

According to Los Angelitos Foundation board member Francesca Messori, there are currently several families of children living at the orphanage: one family of nine-children, another of five- children, another of three-children and even a set of twins. Their ages range from two to eighteen.





It is a blessing, an honor and a privilege for Gloria Dei to help support this vital ministry. God Bless all of you for your continued support, for your time, for your talents and your treasure.

Our next visit is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY - Thanks to those who are involved in meeting with shut-ins, homebound, hospitalized and bringing the Lord's Supper. Thanks to Student Pastor 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)

6/4: 293 6/11: 308 6/18: 353 6/25: 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.



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 organize, set-up & clean-up for the Dana's 2.0 Party to celebrate her internship completion and return to Gloria Dei for another year!

Thank you to all who donated blood at our most recent blood drive. We had 41 donors (two first timers, including Dana Becker) and collected enough pints of blood to help save over 120 lives! Our next blood drive is August 22, 2023 in Bankson Hall. It is an annual blood drive held by Mitch Redden's family in his memory. Mark your calendar.

Dear "Nice person",

I don't know who sends the bulletin each week and this time the newsletter - but THANK YOU so much! Makes me feel like I am still connected to Gloria Dei!

Corrine Fredrick

Dear Friends at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation! Your generosity & commitment ensure Pacific Lutheran Seminary can better serve our students & assist them as they transform lives and help equip leaders for the church & world. With appreciation - Raymond Pickett, Rector

ST. JOHN'S BOYS CHOIR ROCKIN' THE HOUSE!







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.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT - Please keep Tom Avery's family in your prayers as they mourn his passing.

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), 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



JULY/AUGUST 2023 VOLUNTEERS

The current time & talent schedule goes through July 31, 2023. The second half of the Time & Talent schedule for <u>August 2023 - January 2024 Time & Talent will be sent out in late July,</u> 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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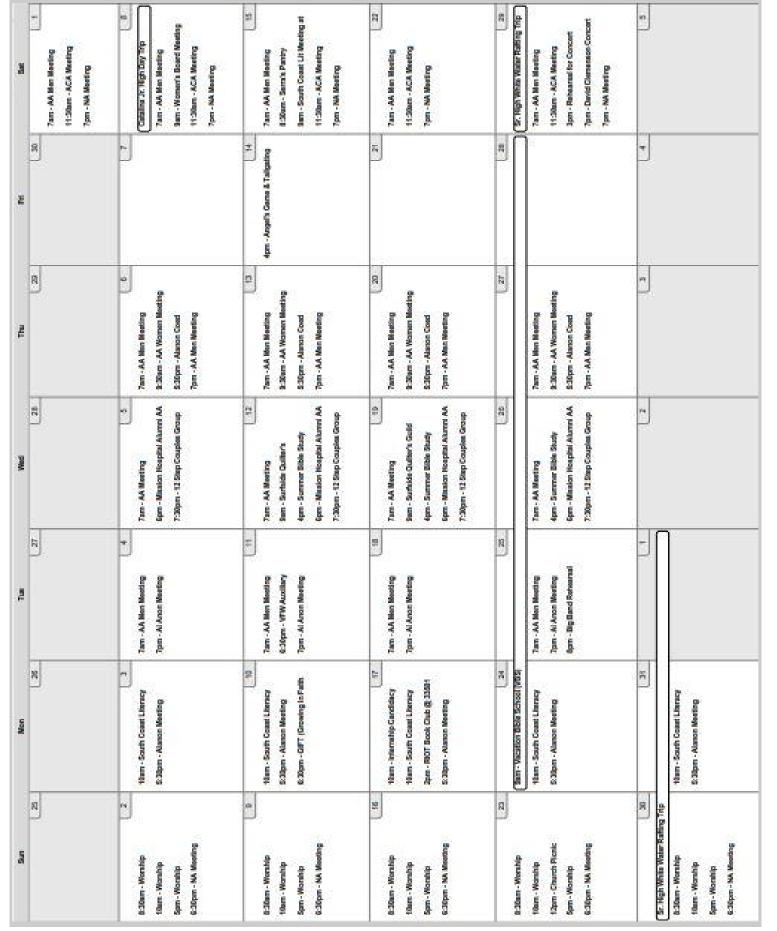
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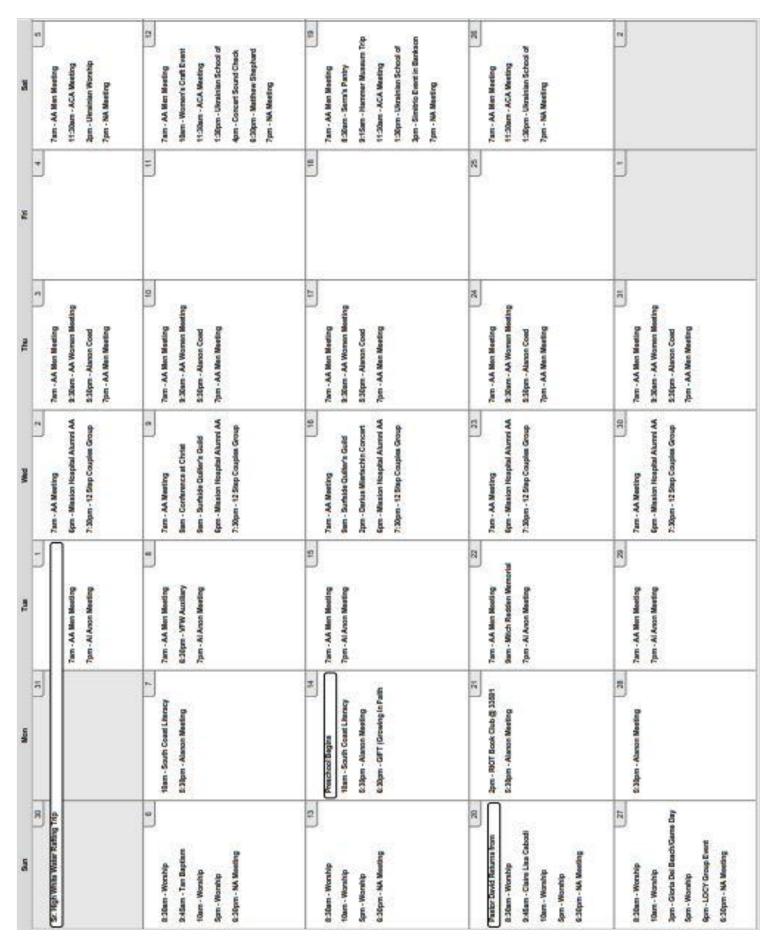
Music Director Kathy Person <u>music@mvgloriadei.org</u>

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

2023-2024

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 33501 Stonehill Drive + Dana Point, California

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

David Clemensen and Friends Concert

Extraordinary pianist and singers. July 29, 7pm - In the Sanctuary.

Matthew Shephard Benefit Concert

(Big Band Music) with Pearl Zimmerman, Kyle Sheldon Zimmerman, Ron Kobayashi and others. August 12, 6:30pm - In the Sanctuary.

Darius Miertschin Concert (Classical Guitar) August 16, 2pm - In the Sanctuary.

Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Concert (Jazz Pianists)

www.paoloandstephanie.com

INVITE A FRIEND!