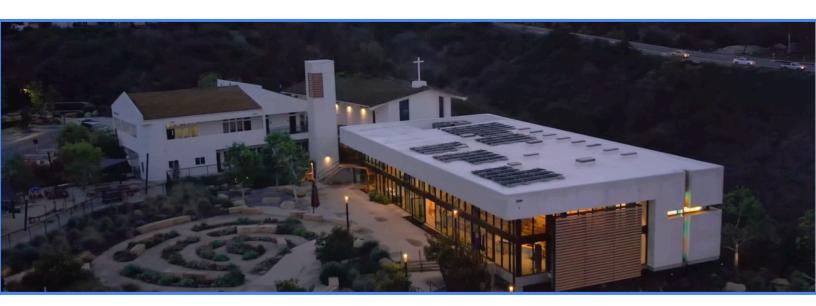
# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

# **DEI-LY LIGHT**



### **JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Gloria Dei family,

Summer is just around the corner. It used to be that the pace of summer slowed everything. I'm not so sure that's the case anymore. But I hope you have some time for reenergizing, whether that's a trip, a walk, a good summer read, meeting a friend for a coffee or drink...

Summer is often the time I find to do long range planning. I hope to plan a bit of an "international" feel some global worship experiences, getting ready for our missionary's visit, and music from around the world.

Speaking of international, this summer is the Olympics in Paris. Keeping with that emphasis, our summer theme will be *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Highter, Stronger) - We will follow this Olympic motto and look at the Gospel of Mark, which is all about action.

**And, Gloria Dei is going camping!** We haven't had a church-wide campout since before the Covid pandemic, so it's time to get this great fellowship event going again. I hope you can join us for the weekend, or a day, or... whatever fits your schedule. We'll have a few fun things happening on Saturday, June 8: 3pm-horseshoe contest; 5pm-Potluck (bring something to share); 7pm-Worship around the campfire.

I pray you have a blessed, restful, and renewing summer.

Gratefully yours,

Pastor David R. Mattson

P.S. On June 2, we give thanks to God for Music Director Kathy Person. Come and celebrate her!

#### MICHELLE LUM



### **Minister of Art & Music**

Happy summer! I don't know about you, but I am so glad it's summer. For me, coming out of an intense season at school, it means rest. Time to catch up with friends and fellowship with others. I don't know what your busy seasons are, but I invite you to take some time to rest with us! We have a lively summer ahead of us here at Gloria Dei and we would love to see you at any (or all!) of these gatherings.

Speaking of gatherings, we have some upcoming events in our art ministry. As the dates get closer you can find more details on our email list or welcome table:

**June 14th - Plein Air Painting.** We are going plein air painting again! Bring your own paints/pencils or use ours, either way come out and enjoy some scenic views as we paint together for a couple of hours.

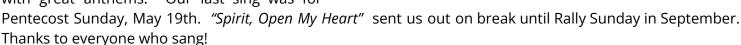
**July 12th - Paint Along with Dan Long.** We are having another "Paint Along" with watercolorist, Dan Long! All levels of experience are welcome; you'll come away with a beautiful painting of your own.

**August 6th - "Christmas Cards in August".** Never too early to start planning for Christmas! Come make Christmas cards with the art ministry. We'll create some designs together and you can also make your own.

#### **DEI-LY WORSHIP**

(All things related to worship, music, choirs)

**Sanctuary Choir** We wrapped up our year with great anthems. Our last sing was for



**Handbell Choir** also ended the season on Pentecost with "Alleluia" by J. Wayne Kerr and "On Wings Above" by Jason Krug. Thanks to all who rang this season!

Choirs, thank you for a really fun year! Congregation, thank you for supporting our music ministry! Sincerely, Kathy

### THE BIG NEWS

- **LEARNING OPPORTUNITY** with Dr. Melody Bacon, on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning June 12. A great summer study on mysticism, deepening your prayer life, and other lesser known methods. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.
- **THANK YOU** to Kathy Person for her years as Music Director at Gloria Dei morning services (8:30am/10am), Sunday, June 2, 2024.
- **LUNCH AND LEARN** about the "Following in the Footsteps of Saint Paul," Sunday, June 30, 11:30am in Bankson Hall. Those who went to Greece/Turkey will share photos and thoughts. (donation for lunch)



#### **DEACON DANEEN PYSZ**



### GLORIA DEI SPIRITUAL CARE

All I can say is WOW! And THANK YOU to all who witnessed my ordination. Your love, support, beautiful cards, and prayers were overwhelming, and the Cinco de Magico celebration was another monumental event. There was such a great deal of fellowship with at least three different churches and eight pastors, one bishop, and one deacon from the Orange County and San Diego area attending.

You might be wondering why, as a Deacon, my stole is worn left to right instead of around the neck as pastors wear them. One, is to

distinguish us in our role as servants for God to bridge the church and community. Yes, we all are called to be servants of the Lord, but in this ordained role, it is an honor to wear the stole.

The stole reminds us of Jesus carrying the towel around his waist, or perhaps slung over his shoulder as he knelt down to wash the disciples feet on Holy Thursday. The Gospel reading of my ordination said, "But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:43-45).

Have you asked God how you can serve? Perhaps next time you take your dish towel to wash or dry something you will remember the servant role that Jesus showed us. Perhaps it will inspire you to be a servant to others in Christ's name. In the next few months, there will be many more opportunities to serve in Spiritual Care for others. I look forward to you joining me.

May we all serve and proclaim God's Word, Deacon Daneen

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY** - Thanks to those who are involved in meeting with shut-ins, homebound, hospitalized and bringing the Lord's Supper and/or conversations and prayer. Thanks to Deacon Daneen Pysz for leading this ministry. If you are interested in helping in this area, please call the office at 949-493-3414.

**PRIMETIMERS** (Seniors) - One of the areas which Deacon Daneen will focus on is seniors. The Primetimers group is about to be restarted. This will be a group of seniors which will meet for such things as fellowship, learning, service, and more. If you would like to be a part of this group, or would like to be part of the planning, please speak with her. (<a href="mailto:daneen@mygloriadei.org">daneen@mygloriadei.org</a>.)

**PRAYER** - Another area Deacon Daneen will focus on is prayer ministries, such as prayer vigils, prayer hosts (people willing to pray with people following worship), and other areas. If you have suggestions, please speak with her. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details.

#### SUSIE BOLAND, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DIRECTOR



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Young Children's Ministry)

VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL) - "SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God" will be the week of June 17-21 from 9am-12pm. All children ages 4 (Pre-K) - 5th grade are welcome! Sign-ups are available at <a href="https://www.gloriadei.org">www.gloriadei.org</a>.



**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING** - We will have a meeting up in Bankson Hall on Sunday, June 9th at 11:00 am, right after

the 10:00 service. Meeting will be for all adult and Middle/High School volunteers.

We also have a sign-up for Volunteer helpers at the Welcome Table. Middle School and High School kids are needed as helpers and volunteer hours will be signed off.

If you have any questions, please email Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL -** We are on summer vacation until September 8, Rally Sunday. Thank you to all of our Sunday School teaching volunteers! We will see you all in September.

**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. The nursery will be open during summer months.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Young Families & Preschool Family Concert - July 25, 10am.

### FELLOWSHIP/FRIENDSHIP (Congregation-wide Social and Friendship Events)

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

**WOMEN'S BOARD** - This group meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9am in the conference room. *Their next meeting is on June 8.* 

- Upcoming Events:
  - o Fall Bunco (September 5)
  - Fall Weekend Retreat at The Welk Resort (September 26-28)

**LADIES TEA** - Sunday, June 2 at 2pm, Bankson Hall. Food catered by Ellie Snyder. Cost: \$30 - Venmo, Zelle, check or cash. No charge for table hostesses and military families. For women of all ages. Invite a friend!

**CHURCH CAMPOUT** - Friday - Sunday, June 7-9 at O'Neill Regional Park. Come for a few hours or come for the weekend. Tents/RVs. Horseshoe Tournament (Sat., 3pm), Potluck (Sat. 5pm), and Worship (7pm). Cost for camping/rv-ing: \$25/night. Sign-up and join in the fun!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Young Families & Preschool Families Concert (July 25, 10am); Angels Game (tbd).

#### PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

**DAD'S ROOTBEER FLOATS** - June 16 between services. Senior High Servers will be whipping up some delicious floats for our Dads and everyone else! Those kids attending the ELCA Gathering will be helping out for donations to support our trip this summer.

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING JULY 16 - 20, 2024** - Six of our finest will be going to New Orleans for a week full of service and gratitude to God. Kids will be taking donations at the Dad's Day floats table. Please support our kids on this endeavor in their lives. Experiencing worship with 30,000 other kids is truly a once in a lifetime experience. NOLA here we come!

**WATCH THE BULLETIN** for summertime activities for both Junior High and Senior High, such as:

- Trolly Time
- 6 Flags
- CLU





#### SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



**PRESCHOOL** 

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

As the song goes, "Schools Out For Summer". We celebrated 23 students at our Preschool Graduation bidding them a farewell as they move onto kindergarten. It's both a happy and sad time; we've developed some pretty close bonds with these kiddos and saying goodbye was a little hard. From what they learned here over the years, we know they will be natural leaders in their new schools.

We don't have any major projects to complete this summer so I will focus on the little chores that need to be done and get started on preparing for the new year which begins August 19th. I pray for our students both past, present and future that their summer is filled with sunshine, friendships, and lots of sweet belly laughs. May God bless them and their parents with wisdom and strength.

# **PICTURES OF WONDERFUL MAY EVENTS!**







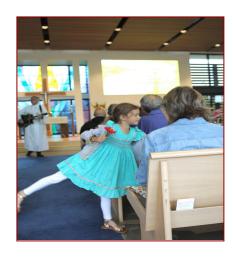
















#### **GROWING TOGETHER!**

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

**LUNCH AND LEARN** about the "Following in the Footsteps of Saint Paul," Sunday, June 30, 11:30am in Bankson Hall. Members of the church who went to Greece and Turkey will share photos and thoughts related to this trip to Greece and Turkey.

"THE BIBLE YEAR" (2024 Bible reading challenge!) - This all church event meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall, for a Bible study on the readings. We will be taking a break in June - look for bulletin announcements for the next start-up. Bring your Bible and join in! This is led by Pastor David.

**G.I.F.T.** (**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**) **BIBLE STUDY** - Led by David & Susan Warneke & held in the conference room, typically on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm. We are studying *The Miracle of the Scarlet Thread* by Dr. Richard Booker & we meet on June 3. To join, contact the church office 949-493-3414 or <a href="mailto:gloriadei@mvgloriadei.org">gloriadei@mvgloriadei.org</a>, so we can add you to the group.

**HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S STUDY** - Bible Study for all interested ladies, on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 6:30pm (Fall - Spring). Watch for information about Heart Lifters at the Welcome Table this Fall.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - Every Wednesday (mid-September - May), 10am - Gloria Dei women (and friends) meet in Knudson Hall. Study led by Pastor David or Assistant Minister Dana Becker. All women are invited to join in! This group will start again in September.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** meets the *second Saturday of every month at 8:30am in Bankson Hall. This study group 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 17 & they are reading *Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverini. 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. *Their next meeting is in September.* For information contact the church office.

### **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. They meet the first Saturday of the month at 9am in Knudson Hall. They are on summer break & will meet again in September. 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.* June 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 in Knudson Hall on Mondays, 10am - 12pm for formal study.* Interested in volunteering, contact gloriadei@mygloriadei or 949-493-3414. *They are on a short break during the beginning of June & classes start again on June 10.* For more information, email Sharon Miller at esldanapoint@mygloriadei.org.

#### LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY -







On April 5 - 7, three Los Angelitos orphan teenagers, along with the home Director, visited Gloria Dei. Joining them was Los Angelitos Principal Officer Jeff Hubbard & George Perez from Corizon de Vita. Our guests had a wonderful time visiting us at Gloria Dei. They were most grateful for the hospitality of a member family's home, taking advantage of the swimming pool & jacuzzi – an uncommon luxury for them. They were delighted that so many of the Gloria Dei family joined in all the fun activities. Around 50 church members participated in one or more activities – many of whom had never before been involved in this important ministry. Activities included a pizza party, bowling, whale watching (yes there were dozens of whale sightings and blue skies), shopping at the outlet mall, several wonderful meals & more. Los Angelitos is also very thankful for the generosity shown by so many, including several who were not able to join-in the fun but who's financial gifts helped to make it happen.

Please contact Susan or David Warneke or the church office for more details.



### **DEI-LY DETAILS**

ATTENDANCE (In-Person/Livestream)

5/5: 459 5/12: 349 5/19: 332 5/26: TBD

"SIMPLY GIVING" - Gloria Dei offers electronic giving on our website (mygloriadei.org), which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. You can also make "one-time" special donations electronically. Choose to donate from your checking account or by using your credit card, 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.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH ZELLE** - <u>gloriadei@mygloriadei.org</u>. We have added ZELLE as a giving option at Gloria Dei.

**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 people are requesting information about the Endowment Fund. Call the office and speak with Pastor David for details or visit our website: <a href="www.mygloriadei.org/donate">www.mygloriadei.org/donate</a>. 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, 56 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: <a href="mailto:mygloriadei.org/columbarium">mygloriadei.org/columbarium</a>.

#### **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, Mary Lou & Denny Walters, Jean Meinholtz, Gwen Layritz, Gloria Roberts, Christina Simpson, Jerry and Sharon Grady, John Burns, Carol Clisby, Sue Swenson, and Frances McFarland.

**PEACE AND SAFETY** for all our service men and women serving around the world. We pray for peace and justice in the Middle East and 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" (April - June 2024), 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 <a href="mailto:gloridei@mygloriadei.org">gloriadei@mygloriadei.org</a>).

#### **DEI-LY DUTIES**



#### **JUNE 2024 VOLUNTEERS**

Time & Talent assignments for (February - July, 2024) are currently distributed. Time & Talent for the second half of the year will be distributed in July, based on the form you filled out in Fall 2023. If you have questions, call Carol Weinhardt at the office: 949-493-3414.

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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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

## **JUNE 2024**

(See Calendar on Website: <a href="http://www.mygloriadei.org/calendar-2/">http://www.mygloriadei.org/calendar-2/</a>)

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