

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

DEI-LY LIGHT



JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

Carol Weinhardt retired as Administrative Assistant at Gloria Dei. Now, she has time to pursue other interests and we're very happy for her! Of course, that means big adjustments and changes for all the practical details of ministry. It will take a bit of time.

People ask *'Why is Gloria Dei doing well?'* (worship attendance, variety of ministries...) There are many reasons, but mostly, the Spirit works through people. Carol greeted people warmly and worked hard in her area to share God's grace.

Thankfully, we are pleased to announce that Susie Boland will now be moving into this position in June. She will begin this position after the preschool year finishes. (Her previous duties, Children's Ministry/Sunday school and Fellowship will be changed also.)

Susie will be juggling various responsibilities in June - beginning work in the office and also running VBS. I know she would appreciate anyone who's interested in volunteering!

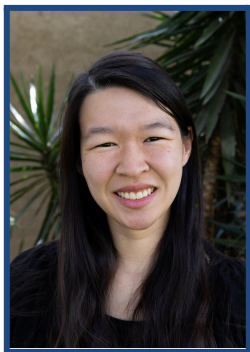
Peace,

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

Pastor David R. Mattson



P.S. My thanks to the volunteers who make Gloria Dei hum! Thanks to all of our musicians, singers, bell ringers, kids' choir, ushers, readers, coffee makers, office volunteers, language tutors, gardeners, sound board, teachers, council, women's board, altar guild... the list goes on and on. I'm amazed that in a day and age when no one volunteers for anything - people step up and share that *"Grace changes everything!"*



MINISTER OF ART & MUSIC

Happy summer! Maybe it's because I've only been out of school for a year, but summer always makes me think of a time to rest and play. "Play" is actually the personal theme I have had for myself this year. If you're like me, you may find it easy to overwork (especially when you love your job!). But creativity often flourishes in play. It's those silly, fun times when "happy accidents" occur. Several of the art projects I have recently made came out of times when I simply got to play in my studio.

When was the last time you got to play? If you're looking for a place to get started, I invite you to come to church! VBS is happening this month, and playing with the kids is always a special time. There are also several upcoming events at our church, from the church campout to art workshops. Find one that works for you!

ART & MUSIC NEWS

June is a quieter month for the art and music ministries of our church. Do mark your calendars for some upcoming events later this summer:

Christmas in July: Ornament Workshop - July 17 at 10:30am in Bankson Hall. Join the art ministry for a fun workshop on making alcohol ink ornaments. Sign up at the welcome table.

Summer Concert by Micaela Lum - July 26, 2:00pm in the sanctuary. Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon with Micaela as she gives a lecture-concert on Olivier Messiaen's *Vingt Regards sur l'Enfant-Jésus*.

Kintsugi Sessions - August 14 at 12:30pm and August 16 at 9:30am in Bankson Hall. Kintsugi is an ancient art form where vessels are mended with gold. Learn about the art of kintsugi as we use a contemporary method to mend vessels together. Sign ups for these sessions will come out in July.

Interested in joining the art ministry email, newsletter or a choir? Email michellelum@mygloriadei.org



Celli à Deux - A wonderful cello duet concert in May.



GLORIA DEI SPIRITUAL CARE

Prime Time Seniors will be attending a day of food, fellowship, and fun at Los Alamitos Race Track. Saturday, July 5 at 12 noon. Watch for details in the bulletin and a signup sheet at the Welcome table. Admission cost is \$10.00 to the Vessels Club, where you are welcome to purchase lunch and beverages. Even if you are not a senior, you are always welcome to join us. Future suggestions for Prime Time Seniors are bowling, miniature golfing, Pageant of the Masters, ax throwing, a movie and early dinner. If you have any suggestions for any other recreational activities or community outreach programs, please let me know.

OTHER MINISTRIES:

- **Laundry Love:** at Sparklean Laundry, San Juan Capistrano is the first Friday of each month from 2 pm -5:30 pm. Gloria Dei will provide a laundry card that you can swipe, so folks in need can wash & dry their clothes for FREE. All are welcome! Questions: contact me at deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org.
- **C.A.R.E. (Comfort Appreciate Remember Empathize):** sending birthday greetings and get well cards to members.
- **Flower Power:** Making bouquets from Sunday's altar flowers on Monday to give to shut-ins, etc.
- **Grief Healing:** 13 week ministry to share and heal from our grief. Look in the Fall for the next sessions.
- **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. If interested in helping in this area, please call the office at 949-493-3414 or, reach out to Deacon Daneen.

THE BIG NEWS

THANKS to Bob Gillespie and all the men who volunteered and helped with the placement of the new video wall. It is beautiful!

THANKS to the many people who helped with the Pacifica Synod Assembly. Voting members from over 100 ELCA congregations were at the church for days. Gloria Dei members helped with parking, housing, hosting, set-up, clean-up, hospitality, and kept the coffee coming!

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY - If you have a child or grandchild who is graduating from high school this year, Gloria Dei will have special prayers and a blessing for them on Sunday, June 8 at the morning services. Let the office know and we will have a special gift for them. And if they are going away for school, we want to be sure they are receiving "care packages" from home (A ministry of our congregation led by Diane Kelly).

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: *Vintage Faith: A 2nd Look at Luther's Small Catechism*. We'll study the foundational scripture passages of our faith - The 10 Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacraments, The Apostles' Creed. This theme is more than something from the past, but always new and life empowering. Invite a friend to worship with you. (Series begins Sunday, June 22) There will also be vintage cars!





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

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

PRIMETIMERS (Seniors) - This is a group of seniors who meet for such things as fellowship, learning, service, and more. All seniors are welcome! Our next event is Saturday, July 5, 12 noon at the Los Alamitos Race Track. Watch for details at the Welcome Table. Everyone is welcome.

WOMEN'S BOARD - This group meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9am in the conference room. *The next board meeting is June 14.*

- Women's Upcoming Events:
 - Fall Bunco (September 5, 6pm)
 - Women's Fall Retreat (October 3-5, 2025)
 - Women's Christmas Event (December 13, 2pm)



CHURCH CAMPOUT - Annual campout will be held at O'Neill Regional Park, June 6-8, campers & tents. Come for the weekend or Saturday for the Horseshoe Tournament, potluck, and worship service. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

OTHER FELLOWSHIP EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Micaela Lum Concert (Saturday, July 26, 2pm)
- Tailgate party at the Angels' Game - Saturday, August 2 (\$25/ticket. Game is at 7pm with Fireworks)
- Fantasy Football Draft Day (Saturday, August 23)
- 60th Anniversary Celebration of Gloria Dei (Friday, September 19)
- Oktoberfest (Saturday, October 11)
- Trick or Trunk (Sunday, October 26)



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL is now on summer break until the Fall. Thank you so much to the Sunday school teachers and helpers this past year!

VBS - "TRUE NORTH - TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD" will be June 16 - 20th from 9am-12pm. It is for Ages 4 years old to 5th grade (Fall 2025). Cost: \$60 for members (additional sibling \$50) - \$75 for non-members (additional sibling \$65). Military Families are free. Sign-up online at: mygloriadei.org. We are also looking for teen & adult volunteers. Volunteer sign-up will be on the Welcome Table.



NURSERY is available for babies to preschool age during 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 is open during summer.

PAIGE GULCK, YOUTH DIRECTOR



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - Sunday, June 1, We have 3 confirmands getting confirmed at the 10:00 am service. PLEASE come say prayers for these young kids as they start their new faith journey.

FLOATS FOR DADS - Sunday, June 15, between services. The Sr. High kids will be serving rootbeer floats for all the dads. "Float" on by the coffee table to get yours!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 26 - July 1 - Sr. High Summer Trip to Maui! We'll be helping wildfire victims any way we can.

Summer Break - Events may pop-up over the summer, be sure to check the website for information.

MUFFIN MAYHEM! We had some great servers for Mother's Day muffins.





PRESCHOOL

Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

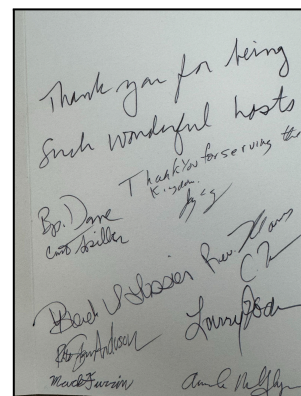
School's out for summer! We finished May with a successful Open House event. Our PreK students graduated on May 28th and we are excited for them as they enter new schools as Kindergartners. We wish everyone a restful and fun summer!



THANKS

Thanks to Bob Gillespie, Jay Pedersen, and Scott Neiderhiser for their work in putting up the new video wall. There was a lot of preparation work that needed to be done and they worked hard to meet the deadline.

Thanks - What a beautiful thank you note we received from our Pacifica Synod in regards to the assembly in May! It was a wonderful event!



Thank you to Haley's Petting Zoo for bringing all the wonderful animals for Good Shepherd Sunday!

GROWING TOGETHER!

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

HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S STUDY - For all interested women, evening study offered on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday monthly at 6:30pm, social time & 7pm - 8pm, study time. *This group is currently on summer break until September 2025.* For more information, contact the church office 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday, 10am (September - May) - Gloria Dei women (and friends) meet in Knudson Hall. Study led by Pastor David or another staff person. All women are invited to join in! *They are currently on a hiatus during summer.*

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month, year round, at 2pm*. The group meets in Knudson Hall & next meeting is June 16. They are reading *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. If interested in the book club, contact Diane Kelly or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - Pastor David and others lead this study, held on the 2nd Saturday each month, September - May. Men volunteer to bring food (Let Pastor David know if you would like to help out.) All men are welcome. This group will meet again on September 13.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm* at members' homes. Their next meeting is on June 24 at 6pm & the book is *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. The meeting will be held at Hal Scott's home. For information, contact the office.

G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER) BIBLE STUDY led by David & Susan Warneke, typically on the first Monday each month, 6:30pm, conference room. On June 2, G.I.F.T. will continue studying *Life Lessons from 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus* by Max Lucado. To join, call the office 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER) BIBLE STUDY led by Deacon Daneen & Dennis Pysz is held on the first & third Tuesday/month, 10am, Knudson Hall. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 3. There is no meeting on June 17 because of VBS. We are using The Gospel of John with the supplement, "John: Jesus-the-Word, The Messiah, The Son of God." All are welcome!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY for all adults/teens begins Wednesday, July 23, 5pm. Join us for dinner, conversation, and a look at Professor N.T.Wright's videos on "Vintage" or basic questions, such as: What is worship? How do I discern God's will? What actually happened on the cross? What is a Christian?

N.T. Wright has held a variety of both academic and chaplaincy posts at Oxford, Cambridge, and McGill University, Montreal. He was Canon of Westminster in 2000, before serving as Bishop of Durham between 2003-2010. He is currently Research Professor Emeritus of New Testament and Early Christianity at St Mary's College in the University of St Andrews and Senior Research Fellow at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.



MAY IN PICTURES



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Bryan & Carmen Hand



**Jim & Madelyn
Jansma**



**Jordan
Kaiser**



**Gene
Mack**



**Lin
McNaughton**



Rich Niemi



Rohan Williams



**Nathan Wilson
&
Krystal McCarty**

DEI-LY SERVICE

(All things related to service, ministry, helping others, compassion, caring, loving, serving "the least of these", etc.)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - People of all ages are invited to join in - *The first Saturday of the month, 9am, Knudson Hall. Next meeting - June 7. They are in need of experienced knitters to help with this wonderful ministry.* If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like more information, call Peggy Johnson.

SERRA'S PANTRY - Volunteer opportunity in San Juan Capistrano provides food to those in need. Gloria Dei members serve at Serra's Pantry *every third Saturday of the month at 8:30am, year round.* June 21 is the next volunteer opportunity. Please join in 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 - All-volunteer, nonprofit organization whose mission is to assist adults to acquire English language skills. *Knudson Hall on Mondays, 10am - 12pm.* Interested in volunteering, contact For information, email Sharon Miller at esldanapoint@mygloriadei.org.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY -

2025 visitation dates at the Orphanage are:

- June 28, 2025
- September 27, 2025
- December 6, 2025

Team Los Angelitos,

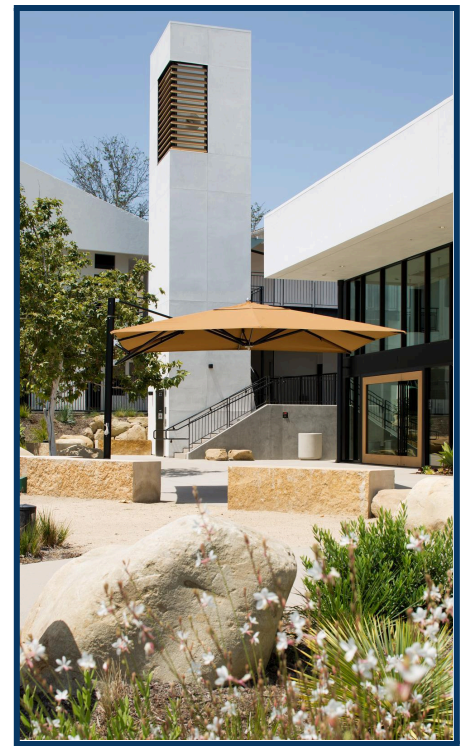
We did it! Gloria Dei raised the money to get much needed dental work for three of the children at the Los Angelitos Orphanage. The work will be done by a dentist

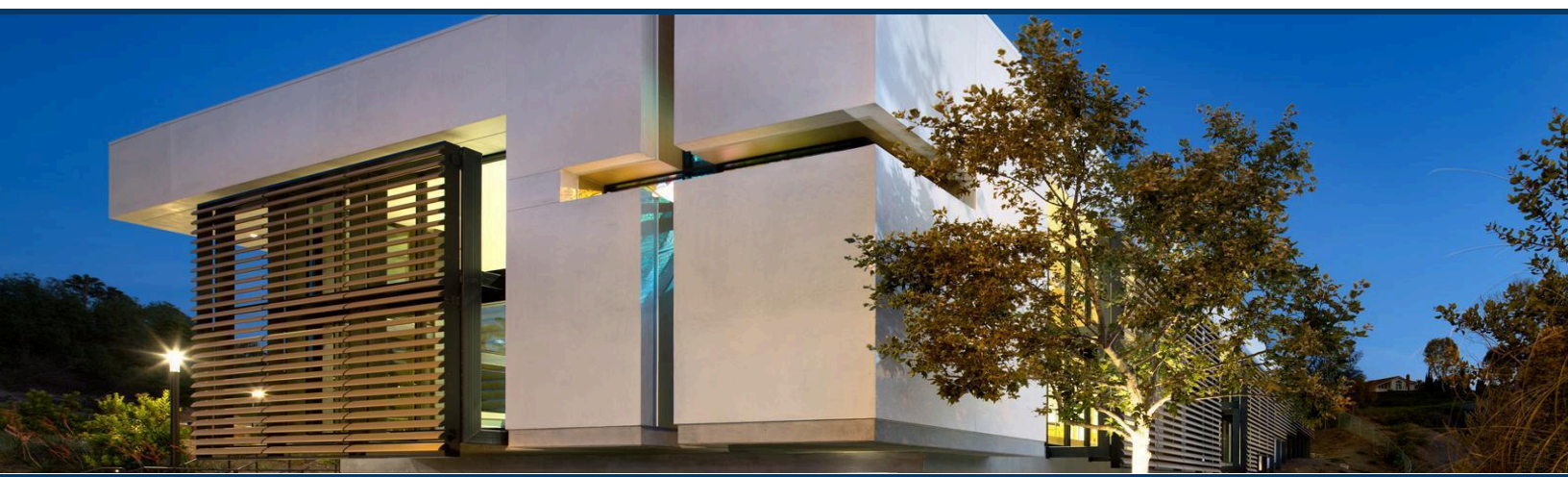
in Tijuana who charges a special low rate for the Orphanage. Thank you to

all members of Gloria Dei. Your generosity is a part of our mission.



Our next trip to Los Angelitos Orphanage in Tijuana is June 28, 2025. We can't wait to see the children on our next trip, especially the ones with their new dental work and smiles. Stay tuned for the signup sheet at church beginning in May. All are welcome. In the meantime, if you are interested in donating new items for the children, please let Eric Houser know and/or contact the church office. Thanks all!





DEI-LY DETAILS

ATTENDANCE (In-Person/Livestream)

5/4: 337

5/11: 339

5/18: 395

5/25: 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 - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. We have added ZELLE as another secure 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 of over \$10,000. Thanks to these eleven families. If you would like to be a part of this fund (which goes to reducing 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: 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, 60 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.

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 Walters, Jean Meinholtz, Gini Sherwood, Gwen Layritz, Christina Simpson, Sue Swenson, Frances McFarland, John Knudson, Erika Mills, John Engel, Mark Lopez, Debbie Billingsley, Dave Pozzi & Paul Dubow.

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. We also pray for courage, patience, safety & peace for those affected by the California wildfires.

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 2025), is available for pick up at the Welcome Table on Sunday or at the church office. We also have copies in large print. Please call or email the church office 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org if you would like to receive it another way.

DEI-LY DUTIES



JUNE 2025 VOLUNTEERS

Time & Talent assignments for February - July 2025 were distributed on January 9, based on the form you filled out in Fall 2024. They were distributed via email for most & traditional mail for those without email access. If you have questions, call Susie Boland 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.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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JUNE 2025

(See Calendar on Website: <http://www.myloriadei.org/calendar-2/>)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>8:30am - Worship</div> <div>10am - Confirmation Sunday</div> <div>10am - Worship</div> <div>5pm - Worship</div>	<div>10am - South Coast Literacy</div> <div>5:30pm - AI Anon Meeting</div> <div>5:30pm - Alateen</div> <div>6:30pm - GIFT (Growing In Faith)</div> <div>7pm - AA Coed Meeting</div>	<div>7am - AA Men Meeting</div> <div>10am - G.I.F.T. Knudson Hall--</div> <div>7pm - AI Anon Meeting</div>	<div>7am - AA Men's Meeting</div> <div>12:30pm - Staff Meeting</div> <div>6pm - Mission Hospital Alumni AA</div> <div>7:30pm - 12 Step Couples Group</div>	<div>7am - AA Men Meeting</div> <div>9:30am - AA Women Meeting</div> <div>5:30pm - AI Anon Coed</div> <div>7pm - AA Men Meeting</div>	<div>Church Campout</div> <div>8:30am - Last Day of Preschool</div> <div>10am - AI Anon Meeting</div> <div>2pm - Kenny's Music Rehearsal</div> <div>2pm - Laundry Love San Juan</div>	<div>7am - AA Men Meeting</div> <div>9am - Prayer Shawel Meeting</div> <div>11:30am - ACA Meeting</div> <div>1:30pm - Ukrainian School of</div>
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