



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHERING IN CHRIST ✝ SHARING HIS LOVE

THE GLORION

November 2021

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SEXTON: TINA JANOSA

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



November 2021

NAILED DOWN!

Thanks so much for the great Installation. I really feel so welcomed. Now that the formalities are over and done with, I'm anxious to get more "in the groove" with you here.

Of all the comments told me after the Installation, by far my favorite was made by Janet Braun. "Pastor, are you happy now that you're nailed down here? We're so happy you're nailed down here."

I've never heard a pastoral Call described in such graphic terms! As a wordsmith in my preaching, I understand looking for interesting, vivid words to convey pungent sentiments. I love Janet's word choice because it reflects the feeling a congregation has when it is in an Interim situation – you want a permanent, fulltime pastor.

There's really no steady "in the groove" in the parish! Being "in the groove" means that things are always in flux and changing. None of us, not even pastors, are fully "nailed down." We always have options. The one option we don't have is to escape our human reality, one which is captured fully in the Cross of Christ.

Colossians 2:13-15 (NRSV) tells us: "And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it."

I look forward, God willing, to a long and fulfilling ministry with and among you here. I give thanks to God, that our sin is forgiven in Christ's being "nailed down" to the Cross... and that I'm here sharing with you in that forgiveness and grace.

Pr Ed Barnett

PS – I want to thank all of you who gave cards and gifts on the occasion of my Installation. It touches me so much that you've reached out to me and welcomed me in such a personal way.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Former member **Arlene Lauer** died Tuesday, **October 12, 2021**. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lauer family at this difficult time.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Members or friends hospitalized or had surgery in October: Janet Braun, Ray Haller

Please note: When being admitted to the hospital, please indicate “Lutheran” or “Gloria Dei” when asked about your religion. It helps our visitation team members know who is hospitalized so that visits can be arranged.

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of:

Loved ones.	Jan Rudolph/Flowers
Rudy Trapiss	Ed & Peg Chandler/October Wine
Joseph J. Kancel	MaryJean Kancel/November Wine

In honor of:

Linda Rapatas	Ed & Peg Chandler/October Wine
God's Blessing.	Anne Rusk/Flowers
To the Glory of God.	Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers
Our 67 th wedding anniversary.	Richard & Marilyn Czuprynski/Flowers
For Thanksgiving.	Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers
Our 64 th wedding anniversary	Pat & Doug Bressler/November Wine

PRAYERS

We will pray for the joys, sorrows, and concerns of the following members
November:

- 11/07** Nancy Almquist, Don & Helen Ames, Sue Anderson,
Ted & Dorothy Baehmann, Jean Baer
- 11/14** Pastor Edward Barnett, Forrest & Carol Berg,
Bill & Kathleen Birdsall, Gayle Bloom, Joyce Brandt
- 11/21** John & Janet Braun, Doug & Pat Bressler, Craig & Christine Carlson,
Ritch & Debbie Cassem, Ed & Peggy Chandler
- 11/28** Charlotte Christensen, Josephine Cichoracki, Michael & cj Clarke,
John & JoAn Cleary, Lynn Crane

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA WELCA is excited to resume our regular meetings again. All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings even if you are not a member of a Circle or a member the WELCA Board. Your presence will be welcomed and appreciated.

WELCA Board meets at the church the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM.

RUTH Circle meets the first Thursday of the month at the church at 1:30 PM.

Mary/Martha with the LWR Quilters meet the second Tuesday of the month at the church at 9:00 AM.

LWR Quilters meet the fourth Friday of each month at the church at 9:00 AM.

FL/BA SWO Fall Gathering at Lake Yale in Leesburg is happening November 12, 13 and 14. 2021. Exciting time to gather with our friends, make new friends, and have a fun, spiritually full weekend. There will be worship and workshops and fellowship. The lake is the perfect spot for meditating or visiting with your friends. Hope to see you there.

The Ladies Annual Christmas Party is on December 2, 2021 at The Crown and Shield Restaurant in Royal Highlands. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Watch the Bulletin and The Glorian for future events!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL! Be Grateful, Stay Safe and Healthy!
Peace and Blessings,

Lorraine Van Haecke, WELCA President
Home: 352-787-1407, Cell: 407-252-4692

RUTH CIRCLE-will meet on Thursday, November 4th at 1:30 at the church. This is a change from us meeting in our homes but most of the members want to meet at church. Elizabeth will lead the Bible Study. ALL women of the church are invited to attend. Always good fellowship and Bible Study. Remember to mark your calendars for Christmas Luncheon on December 2nd and to purchase your ticket on Sundays in November before or after the worship service. See you there. Janet Braun, Leader

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE-will meet on the 2nd Tuesday, November 9th, starting at 9:00 am, we will quilt until 10:30, break & coffee and then have our Bible Study from the November/December *Gather* magazine. If you do not have one we will share. We will be quilting on Friday, November 26, Day after Thanksgiving, 9:00 am. Please come and join us.

Carol Marshall 352 787 0435



Ruth Circle is hosting the Women's Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 2nd at 11:30 am at the Crown and Shield Restaurant in Royal Highlands. Tickets will be sold every Sunday in November before and after the Worship service. Price is \$15.50 - includes gratuity and tax and beverage. You will need to select your entrée and side dish when you purchase your ticket. Entrees are: 1/2# Burger; Fish Sandwich; Chicken or tuna salad sandwich; pecan crusted chicken salad; Margerita pizza flatbread or Rueben flatbread. All sandwiches will be served on Kaiser roll with lettuce and tomato. Side dishes are: fries, sweet potato fries, chips, cole slaw, cup of soup. There will be a white elephant gift exchange. So look around for a good white elephant item to bring. Please make checks out to Pat Bressler. Once again we would like to give Joining Hands Food Ministry Little Debbie snack cakes to give to the recipients who come on December 10th for food. Please bring a box or two with you to the luncheon. **ALL** women at Gloria Dei are invited to attend.

JHIFM (JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY)

Thaaaaaank Yoooooooouuuuuuuuuu to the approximately 35 volunteers who turned out this beautiful October morning on the 8th to distribute 11,299 pounds of nutritious food to 500 individuals from 143 families in need. That is a whopping 79 pounds of food to each family! I have posted photos of this morning's food distribution that you can view at

[Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/](https://www.facebook.com/feedinghopenow/). Just click on "Posts".

Richard K. Cassem, JHIFM Chief Operating Officer

MEDIA TEAM

CHECK OUT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE AT: www.gloriadeielca.com

The church website is where you will find the latest information about church events. The homepage contains the link for our online worship services, pictures of the latest Joining Hands food distribution, and other current information.

The Member Access page is a secure area just for our disciples. Here you can view the church directory, volunteer for Worship Ministries, or make a Worship Donation. The Giving page makes it easy for you to make donations using Tithe.ly, a funds collection application.

These are just a few of the many reasons to visit the website. If you have information or pictures to share, please contact Paityn Miller at m.paityn@yahoo.com

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The Social Ministries Committee met October 20th and discussed contributions to community groups for October. The following groups and amounts were approved:

Salvation Army	\$500
Habitat for Humanity	\$500
Esther House Reentry Inc.	\$500
So-Zo Kids in Ocala National Forest	\$500

Pastor mentioned that the donations from his installation will be given to Oak Park Middle School Instrumental Music Program.

The committee voted to request 70 angels for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Sanguedolce, Social Ministries Secretary

Bring Gifts of Love to Church on November 21!

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, our church is having a food drive for the Salvation Army. Please bring any non-perishable food gifts in original packaging to church for the drive. If you have items specific to Thanksgiving, they will be especially appreciated. Let's all pull together to make a big difference and restock the Salvation Army's shelves. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Social Ministries Committee

2021 Angel Tree Deadline is December 5

Do you like to participate in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree project? There's nothing like the warm feeling of providing a special gift for a child or senior person who may only get a few gifts at Christmas. This year, our church is asking for 70 angels. Some people pick two! The program is online at <https://angeltreelakeandsumter.org/gloria-dei-church/>. Please use this site to choose your Angel and bring your gifts to Gloria Dei by Sunday, December 5. Or you can order online and have the gift sent directly to Salvation Army. Or you can bring your gift to church or deliver to Salvation Army yourself. Last year 2,485 children and 125 senior citizens received new toys, gifts, and basic necessities with the Angel Tree project in Lake and Sumter Counties.

EDUCATION -DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

Due to the pandemic, Developing Disciples has put Bible Study on hold since February 2020. However, since most of us have been vaccinated, and we have some protocols in place for meeting in person, we can, now, get back to studying God's Word together again.

This month, I plan to lead a Bible Study on Women of the Bible. For the past couple of months, I have been getting reacquainted with the stories of women who were sometimes central in Biblical tales like Sarah, Ruth and Esther, and others who lived on the fringes of society who do not even have names like the Samaritan woman at the well. They were mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, immigrants, poets, a judge, a prophet, a warrior and a queen. Despite the fact that the contributions of women in history has often been overlooked or discounted, it is, therefore, even more important to seek to understand the significance of why these women were included in the scriptures. In this study we will examine the challenges that they faced. Most importantly, we will examine their relationship to God and how their stories may teach us something about our own faith journeys.

This study will start Tuesday, November 16 @ 11:00 a.m. in the vestry. If you want to attend, send me an email at skauvold.carlson@gmail.com or call me at (516) 458-7355. I pray that you will consider joining me in this study.

Chris Carlson

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/03	Richard & Marilyn Czuprynski	67 years*
11/30	Patricia & Doug Bressler	64 years*

**Special congratulations to those celebrating fifty or more years of marriage.*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01	Jim Rieb	11/04	John Kelly
11/10	Craig Carlson	11/10	Elizabeth Snyder
11/11	Andy Mincer	11/18	Dock Lias
11/22	Hanna Mann	11/22	Jane Zimmerman
11/27	Lynn Crane		

FINANCIAL CORNER

GENERAL FUND

	September, 2021	Year to date 2021
Contributions	\$17,443.40	\$150,566.38
Expenditures	\$23,932.88	\$171,978.71

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	beginning 9/01/2021	Donations	Expenditures	Ending 9/30/21
Elementary School	0	0	0	0
Oak Park Middle	82.22	0	0	82.22
Thrivent Choice \$	3,689.26	0	0	3,689.26
Basket Social	282.51	0	0	282.51
Eternal Light	580.00	0	0	580.00
Fellowship	190.55	0	6.99	183.56
JHIFM	0	253.05	253.05	0
World Hunger	0	256.50	256.50	0
ELCA	0	115.00	115.00	0
Flowers	150.00	100.00	200.00	50.00
Altar wine/bread	132.79	0	0	132.79
Tree/Landscaping	(209.96)	0	0	(209.96)
Be Prepared	663.91	20.00	0	683.91
AV Equipment	3,900.23	2,212.50	140.00	5,972.73
TOTALS	\$9,461.51	2,957.05	971.54	\$11,447.02

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tues.	11/02	10:00 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	11/03	4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	11/04	1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle
Fri.	11/05	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Sat.	11/06	10:00-2:00 p.m. Rotary Food Drive DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME END— TURN <u>BACK</u> CLOCK 1 HOUR BEFORE BED
Sun.	11/07	9:30 a.m. All Saints Sunday Worship
Tues.	11/09	9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting/Mary Martha 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	11/10	4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	11/12	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill 9:30-11:30 a.m. Joining Hands in Food Ministry
Sun.	11/14	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Tues.	11/16	10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	11/17	10:00 a.m. Social Ministries Meeting 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	11/19	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Sun.	11/21	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship FOOD DRIVE FOR SALVATION ARMY
Tues.	11/23	11:00 a.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	11/24	4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	11/25	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-office closed
Fri.	11/26	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting
Sun.	11/28	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Offer.
Tues.	11/30	10:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting 11:00 a.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

Legend: R-Reader, +-Crucifer, C-Communion Assist., A-Liturgy Assist.

9:30 a.m.

11/07 R=Linda Hide
+=James Menchaca
C=Leone Goding
A=Patricia Bressler

11/14 R=MaryJean Kancel
+=James Menchaca
C=Jayne Gable
A=Arlene Kelly

11/21 R=cj Clarke
+=Leone Goding
C=Taeko Mincer
A=Patricia Bressler

11/28 R=Arlene Kelly
+=Leone Goding
C=Patricia Bressler
A=Arlene Kelly

Ushers

If you are able to serve or have any questions, please contact Crystal Kirkpatrick at 552-3983.

9:30 a.m.

11/07 Byron Kirkpatrick
Crystal Kirkpatrick
Craig Carlson

11/14 Byron Kirkpatrick
Crystal Kirkpatrick
Craig Carlson

11/21 Byron Kirkpatrick
Crystal Kirkpatrick
Craig Carlson

11/28 Byron Kirkpatrick
Crystal Kirkpatrick
Craig Carlson

Altar Guild for November: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for November: Judy Eads

Greeters

11/07 Loraine Van Haecke & Mike Tarnok

11/14 Chuck & Joy Yonko

11/21

11/28

Fellowship---Suspended to do Covid variant

Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

11/02 John & Janet Braun
11/09 Jean Talts & Linda Riikonen
11/16 John & Janet Braun
11/23 Diane Wasser & Pat Heimbach
11/30 Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly

AMAZON SMILE

Just a reminder to use when shopping on Amazon. **Login: smile.amazon.com.** You access your account in the same way you normally do and then can designate a charitable organization. Gloria Dei and Joining Hands in Food Ministry are registered as recipients.

THRIVENT NOVEMBER EVENTS

The Power of Membership Wednesday, Nov. 10 2:00-1:00 pm
RSVP <https://thrivent.me/member>

Retirement & Taxes with Ed Slott Wednesday, Nov. 17 7:00-8:00 pm
Online Webinar
RSVP <http://bit.ly/edslott2021>

Big Daddy Weave Virtual Concert Friday Nov 19-21
On Demand Event Watch anytime during the 3-day event
Enjoy an uplifting virtual concert with the award winning Christian band.
RSVP <https://thrivent.me/BDW> ON DEMAND

Giving Tuesday/Virtual Filter Build Tuesday, Nov 30 7:00-8:00 pm
with Wine to Water

Online Event – Assemble water filters for those in need when you apply for a Thrivent Action Team with the promo code WATER21.
RSVP <https://thrivent.me/FilterBuild>

Council Corner for November, 2021

By William Birdsall, Council president

Well, what a month, so much happened in such a brief time. First, I have to say that Pastor Barnett's installation service was over the top. The showing of clergy and the distance some have travelled just says so much about his respectful connections around the Lutheran community at all levels. I believe even the Bishop was impressed. The music was wonderful, the trumpet and the soloist just made it even better and everyone seemed to sing their best.

The luncheon afterward was top notch and everyone I talked to expressed how much they enjoyed the food and service. Special thanks to Kathleen Birdsall and her task force for the wonderful jobs they did especially their attention to the details from the menu to the decorations.

The council met this month and discussed various topics and took formal action on some of them. First, it was agreed by council to form an Event Planning Task Force to coordinate monthly events at Gloria Dei that the various committees want to hold at the church. These events not only will include just our members but, in some cases, include those within our cone of influence such as our immediate neighborhood and also beyond.

The first of these events has been approved by council is a neighborhood yard sale to be held in the church parking lot on Friday December 3rd from 8am to 2pm. There will be a \$5.00 charge for a parking spot which will go to JHIFM. Our members as well as anyone else will be able to participate. There will be free coffee and Danish served in the morning and hopefully JHIFM will sell those delicious hot dogs again for lunch. We are looking for volunteers to help out so please see a council member to express your interest.

The second event approved by council is another Car Show to be held on Saturday, February 5th from 10am to 2pm in the church parking lot. There will be free coffee and Danish for the early arrivers and hopefully JHIFM will again cook up the delicious hot dogs for lunch. Again, we will ask for a bag of food to feed the hungry as an entry fee, have a 50/50 raffle and sell raffle tickets for another quilt. All proceeds will go to JHIFM. Please volunteer to help at this event.

The council hopes that we can lift the Mask requirement in church very soon so we can get back to feeling fully normal again. It did feel really good to start singing again, have full communion and coffee hour reinstated. Just hang in there a little longer regarding the masks as all the signs are pointing in the right direction.

We hope to see everyone in church real soon so until then, Peace and let the Force be with you.

Bill

Minutes of the Gloria Dei Congregation Council

Tuesday, 21 September 2021, 10:00 am

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by President Bill Birdsall, after the Eucharistic service.

Roll Call: - Present: - Pastor Edward Barnett, Bill Birdsall, John Braun, Craig Carlson, Linda Hide, Arlene Kelly, Crystal Kirkpatrick, Linda Steege, Diane Wasser

Disciple Guests: Kathleen Birdsall, Linda Riikonen

I. **Devotions** - The meeting was opened by Pastor Barnett with a Eucharistic service.

II. Promise

The draft version of the revised Covenant Promises was recited by the Council.

Bill welcomed Linda Riikonen to the meeting and moved for Linda to replace Jan Rudolph on the council for the remainder of the year. The motion was seconded by Craig. **Motion carried.**

III. **Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda was reviewed and revised to add using the revised promise for future meetings; adding face shields as an option to masks; and plan for Pastor's substitutions during his absence. Motion by Crystal to adopt the revised agenda, second by John. **Motion carried.**

IV. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Minutes of the 17 August 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by John, second by Craig. **Motion carried.**

V. **Correspondence and Communications** – Nothing to report.

VI. Special Presentation by Kathleen Birdsall-Stained Glass Windows.

Update on Installation Dinner – Kathleen reported that the First Impression Task Force will continue. The team consists of Kathleen, Crystal, Arlene, Pat Bressler. The team is looking for another person to join the team. Work will continue with the replacement of two (2) stained-glass windows in the social hall and one (1) window in the vestry. The stained-glass windows will be donated by Bill & Kathleen Birdsall. Kathleen expects this project to be completed in approximately one (1) year. Arlene moved to proceed with this project, second by Crystal. **Motion carried.**

Kathleen reported on the status of the Installation Dinner for Pastor Barnett. The caterer has been changed to John Michael Catering and will include a buffet of beef, chicken, pasta, salad, vegetables and cake.

VII. **Unfinished Business –**

- A. Status of New Building for JHIFM – Bill reported that Paul Caruso is checking with the city of Leesburg regarding any necessary codes for the building.
- B. Replacement of Windows in Fellowship Hall – Bill reported that RoMac gave an estimate of \$2,422.95 for the replacement of three (3) windows. Arlene moved to award the contract to RoMac, second by Craig. **Motion carried.**
- C. Update on Roof Repairs, Steeple Repairs, and Total Roof Replacement – Bill reported that Eustis Roofing has completed the steeple repairs. Craig is obtaining estimates to have the steeple cleaned. Bill reported that the current roof was improperly installed, as it was installed on top of the old asphalt roof approximately 17 years ago. Bill will obtain estimates to have the total roof replaced.
- D. Painting of Pastor Barnett's Office – Pastor will be away for ten (10) days next week. Bill, Crystal, Arlene & Linda Steege will paint his office during his absence.
- E. Communication Task Force – Pastor Barnett reported that the task force had a productive meeting and the next meeting will be on 5 October 2021. Pastor Barnett's mic will also be repaired.
- F. Classic Car Show – Bill reported that there are many volunteers. Currently, there are 47 door prizes; approximately 300 flyers have been distributed; 50-60 cars are expected.
- G. Installation Service – Pastor Barnett reported that he is finalizing plans, which will include trumpet players, a vocalist, and our choir. Pastor reported that he would like to obtain a new chalice and paten set, which would cost \$1,800. There has been a donation of \$1,000 for the set, and we would need an additional \$800 to cover the cost. Linda Hide reported that we can use the memorial funds for the additional cost. A motion to use \$800 from memorial funds to purchase the chalice and paten set by Crystal, second by John. **Motion carried.**

- H. Choir Robes – Crystal reported that there has been no interest in the robes. Bill suggested advertising the robes on Facebook marketplace. Crystal will handle this.
- I. Stewardship Committee Progress – Pastor Barnett previously emailed a video by Pastor Ward to council members and encouraged everyone to view the video. Pastor also reported that there will be a pledge card/every member response during November/December.
- J. Evangelism Committee Progress – Pastor Barnett reported that a meeting will be scheduled and that Nancy Vogel, who has extensive experience in evangelism, will work with this committee

VIII. **New Business –**

- A. Organ Repairs and Service – It has been determined that the organ needs repairs and service. Charlene will schedule the needed repairs.
- B. Covenant Promise – Craig suggested adopting the revised version of the promise. Motion to adopt the revised Covenant Promise by Craig, second by Linda Steege. **Motion carried.**
- C. Face Shields – John suggested allowing face shields as well as masks at church. Motion to allow face shields by Linda Riikonen, second by John. **Motion carried.**
- D. Substitute During Pastor Barnett’s Absence – Pastor Barnett will handle this.
- E. Zoom Meetings for Council Members Who are Unable to Attend in Person – Pastor Barnett reported that this will be discussed at the Communication Task Force Meeting.

IX. **Reports –**

- A. Pastor – Pastor Barnett reported that the choir is scheduling rehearsals. There will be an adult forum/periodic town hall to discuss “Why does Pastor do that?”. Catechism for kids (and adults) will begin on Tuesdays at 5:00 in October. Chris Carlson will begin bible study. A pet blessing will be held on 4 October, coinciding with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Periodic healing services will begin on 18 October, coinciding with the Feast of St. Luke the Physician.

- B. President – Bill reported on numerous items throughout the meeting as noted in the minutes.
- C. Vice President – Nothing to report.
- D. Treasurer – Linda Hide sent out the financials prior to the meeting. Linda reported that the window replacement costs and steeple repairs will be taken from account 2180, capital improvements.

IX. **Committees/Task Forces –**

- 1. Evangelism/Technology and Communications/Webmaster – Bill Birdsall
- 2. Fellowship –
- 3. Finance – Linda Hide
- 4. Property – Bill Birdsall
- 5. Social Ministry – Linda Steege
- 6. Stewardship – Arlene Kelly
- 7. Worship and Music – Crystal Kirkpatrick
- 8. Christian Education/Faith Formation – Linda Steege
- 9. Mission Endowment – Linda Hide
- 10. Liaison to JHIFM and GD Office Staff – Diane Wasser
- 11. Strategic Planning Task Force – Arlene Kelly

Who Does What?

- Craig will obtain estimates for steeple cleaning
- Bill will obtain estimates for new roof.
- Pastor Barnett will order new chalice and paten.
- Crystal will advertise robes on Facebook marketplace.
- All Council Members will watch Pastor Ward's video on stewardship.
- Pastor Barnett will schedule evangelism committee meeting.
- Charlene will schedule organ repairs and service.
- Pastor Barnett will discuss zoom meetings with the Communication Task Force.
- Bill, Arlene, Crystal, Linda Steege will paint Pastor Barnett's office during his absence.

Next Meetings – Executive: Tuesday, 5 October 2021, 10:00 am at church; Council – Thursday, 28 October 2021, 2:00 pm at church.

Linda Steege moved to adjourn, second by John. **Motion carried.** We closed at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Wasser, Secretary

Letter from The Rev. Richard Michael

Dear Pastor Barnett and the Congregation of Gloria Dei:

We celebrate with you upon the installation of your new pastor, The Rev. Edward Grant Barnett, my friend, and colleague. We pray that you will share many years together caring for the Word and the Sacraments. It has been a very long time since we shared in these gifts with Gloria Dei, but on our visits with you, there was ever a sense of hospitality that reflected the heart of a people of one mind with our risen Lord, Jesus the Christ. Our thanks for your care of us as we spent a bit of our retirement in Florida. May God bless and keep you and Pastor Barnett in this work of faithfulness and your care of the Gospel.

From The Book of Common Prayer*:

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for their Pastor, Edward.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Edward, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

With our prayers of thanksgiving,
Richard and Bonnie Michael

*The Book of Common Prayer, New York: Seabury Press, 1979. Heaney, Seamus, trans. Beowulf: A New Verse Translation.

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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President	Bill Birdsall	732-773-2680
Vice President	Arlene Kelly	605-999-4555
Secretary	Diane Wasser	610-762-8895
Treasurer/Financial Secy	Linda Hide	253-740-3063
Fellowship		
Stewardship	Arlene Kelly	605-999-4555
Property	Bill Birdsall	732-773-2680
	Craig Carlson	352-504-3138
Worship & Music	Crystal Kirkpatrick	352-552-3983
Social Ministry	Diane Wasser	610-762-8895
Evangelism/Technology	Bill Birdsall	732-773-2680
& Communications/Webmaster		
Christian Education	Linda Steege	815-222-6195
Mission Endowment	Linda Hide	253-740-3063
Strategic Planning	Arlene Kelly	605-999-4555
Task Force		
	John Braun	412-926-3381
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