



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE GLORION

April 2022

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



April, 2022

I hope that your Lent has been meaningful and that you're looking forward to Easter. I sure am. It's also my first Holy Week and Easter with you. I'm aware that you've experienced a variety of approaches to Holy Week at Gloria Dei through the years, as well as in your previous congregations. It's my hope and prayer that you will find great meaning in our celebration this and every year. Let me sketch some things out for you about what to expect this year.

We will kick off Holy Week as we always do, with a full celebration of Palm/Passion Sunday: festive procession and the dramatic reading of the Passion according to Luke. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week there will be a simple celebration of the Eucharist each day at noon. The Great Three Days (known as "The Triduum" from the Latin for three days) consists of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. In a spiritual sense these three days really equal one day. The Triduum is the center of who we are as Church together because in it the Holy Spirit makes present the fulcrum of all of history: the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ's institution of the Church in the Last Supper, his betrayal and trial, his bloody agony and death and his victorious resurrection.

On Maundy Thursday we celebrate the Last Supper as well as Christ's "Mandatum" (Jesus "mandate:" "a new commandment I give to you"; John 13:34) with Foot Washing. I encourage you to consider coming forward to be touched in this powerful way. This is totally open, and no one should feel bad if they choose to remain in their pew and not have their feet washed. At the end of Communion, before the altar is stripped, the Sacrament will be transferred to the Fellowship Hall to a special "Altar of Repose." This symbolizes Christ in the "Garden of Gethsemane." The church will remain open for awhile afterwards for private prayer there after the liturgy. The church will be open most of the next day for anyone that wishes to stop by for a time of prayer in the Garden with our Lord. The Stations of the Cross will also be arranged in the Social Hall for those that wish to do a self-guided meditation on the Passion.

Our Good Friday liturgy will be the historic service that was traditionally done the hours Christ was on the Cross noon through 3pm, although, of course, ours will last around an hour. It consists primarily of three elements: the reading of the Passion according to St John, the Adoration of the Crucified where people are free to come forward and touch the rough-hewn cross as sign of personal devotion and connection, and the Communion of the Pre-Sanctified where the remaining Sacrament from the previous evening is consumed.

Of the Three Days, interestingly the one that the Worship Team is still working on is Easter itself. The full elements of Easter can be seen in the “Easter Vigil” which some congregations celebrate. Gloria Dei hasn’t done this to my knowledge. There are many meaningful elements in that service which I would like to incorporate into Easter Sunday like the blessing of the Paschal Candle of 2022, the Proclamation of Easter and the blessing of the font and reaffirmation of Baptism. I’m still working on that with our Worship Team. Regardless of how we incorporate or offer a sunrise or pre-service, we will certainly celebrate a Festival Eucharist at 9:30am on Easter Sunday. We’ll keep you posted.

No matter what liturgies you choose to attend during Holy Week, it is my prayer that you’ll fully experience the extent of our Lord’s love, passion and resurrection power!

Dialogue at the Cross

In his book on the Lord’s Prayer, We Dare to Say Our Father, Louis Evelyn quotes this dialogue from Fr. Victor Poucel.

--Yes, Lord, I know, your eyes saw me. But what am I in the crowd of this world? And have you looked at so many besides me.

Jesus –I saw you alone.

--Then, no doubt, you saw me with a distant look, like a vision that vanishes amongst thousands of others. Tell me the moment when you had that thought for me.

Jesus –I have always had it.

--Lord, tell me this too, during those hours, from what have you suffered most?

Jesus –From you.

--Alas, Jesus. You bore the sins of all, their weight was increasing but, tell me with what thorn did I pierce your forehead?

Jesus –With all of them.

--What, Lord, and it is I too who scourged you, and I too who nailed you, and I who killed you. Then, Lord, what did the others do?

Jesus –You are my Passion.

--Then, my Saviour, your soul was distressed and afraid. Tell me, what did you fear most?

Jesus –to lose you.

--Yes, Lord, I know that the lost should make your PASSION USELESS. But tell me, are they many who get lost. Is it true that their number is greater than that of the elect?

Jesus –If I lose you I lose all.

--But again Lord, what did you want, what did you desire most at that moment?

Jesus –To save you.

--You were dying for all men and you thirsted to save them all. When you wanted all men so ardently, could one alone quench your thirst?

Jesus –I thirst for you.

--Lord, how mysterious this is. How is it that I alone, if I am lost, make your Passion useless? And if I am saved, I take from you all regret for having suffered? And what share will the others bring to your victory?

Jesus –Be my victory.

Pr Ed Barnett

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of:

Sam Smith, Love Never Ends

Ray Haller, Love Never Ends

Emma, Allen & Helen Weber

To the Glory of God

Pat & Doug Bressler/Memorials

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Nancy & MaryJean Kancel/Wine

Jeanne Talts/flowers

In honor of:

PRAYERS

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

April:

4/3 Loraine Van Haecke, Nancy Vogel, Marilyn Wahl,
Bill & Diane Wasser, Joel & Sharon Weinhardt

4/10 Celia Wollner, Kenn & Marti Yance, Chuck & Joy Yonko,
Art Zerbel, Dennis & Jane Zimmerman

4/17 Nancy Almquist, Don & Helen Ames, Sue Anderson,
Ted & Dorothy Baehmann, Pr Ed Barnett

4/24 Forrest & Carol Berg, Bill & Kathleen Birdsall, Gayle Bloom,
Joyce Brandt, John & Janet Braun

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

April 2022

The Pinelands Conference was enjoyed by everyone. There were 81 attendees 24 of those were first time attendees. Gloria Dei was represented by 7 attendees and 2 of those were first time attendees.

Pastor David Houck, CEO of SOZO spoke about the lives of the children in the forest. Pastor Joannie Holden of St. Timothy in Crystal River led the worship service. Hope Lutheran in The Villages hosted.

Mary/Martha and Ruth Circles met in March. Both use The Gather Magazine for their Bible Study. The Quilters have completed 19 quilts in the last two months. Ruth Circle has placed a box in the entry way for personal care items during Lent for the kits that will be put together for Lutheran World Relief.

On May 1, we will focus on Rachael's Day, the women will wear a blue ribbon and a special offering will be taken for Haven House in Leesburg. The original focus of Rachael's Day was and still is shining light on gun violence and abuse against children.

Gloria Dei will host Church Women United on Friday, May 6, 9:30am, May Friendship Day along with the Fellowship of the least coin (please bring your least coin). The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace, and reconciliation led by Christian women for women and girls all over the world.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.

For any questions or further information, please call me.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will be celebrating May Friendship Day on Friday, May 6, 9:30 am at Gloria Del. There will be snacks and coffee at 9:30 with the celebration at 10:00am. All the churches in the Lake County are invited. Please come and welcome them. Thank you.

Leone Goding.

RUTH CIRCLE- will meet on Thursday, April 7th at 1:30 at the church (upstairs). Donna will lead the Bible Study from the *GATHER* magazine and Gayle will serve refreshments. All women in the congregation are invited to attend.

Our Lenten Project continues until the end of Lent. We are collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items for kits are light weight bath towel, nail clipper, heavy comb, toothbrush and 2 bars of bath soap. For those that have put items in the box in the Narthax, thank you.

Janet Braun, Leader

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE –will meet on the 2nd Tuesday, April 12th, starting at 9:00 am. We will quilt until 10:30, break & coffee and then have our Bible Study from the March/April *Gather* magazine. If you do not have one, we will share. We will be quilting on Friday, April 22nd, at 9:00 am. Please come and join us.

Carol Marshall 352 787 0435

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.

JHIFM (JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY)

Here's a big Thaaaaannnnnk Yoooouuuuuuu to the 45 volunteers who turned out on a cloudy morning March 11 to feed 486 individuals from 146 needy families a total of 9,257 pounds of nutritious food. Great job hunger heroes! I posted photos and a video of this morning's food distribution that you can see at Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/. Enjoy the photos and "LIKE" our Facebook page.
Ritch Cassem

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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/21	Jerry & Julie Eld	61 years*
04/23	Craig & Christine Carlson	45 years
04/26	Richard & Debbie Cassem	53 years*

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/06	Sharon Weinhardt	04/10	Sylvia Mackey
04/14	Ted Baehmann	04/16	Barbara Goins
04/22	Kenn Yance	04/24	Joy Yonko
04/25	Sandy Kolb	04/27	Jim Gable



**GLORIA DEI CELEBRATED PASTOR BARNETT'S BIRTHDAY
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH!**

EDUCATION-DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

The study about Women in the Bible. If this is a study that will interest you, please contact me at skauvold.carlson@gmail.com or call me at (516) 458-7355. If I do not pick up, please leave a message so I can get back to you.

We generally meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM in the vestry. However, please check the weekly schedules in our worship folders for any changes due to scheduling conflicts.

We pray that you will consider joining us in this study.
Chris Carlson

SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

The Social Ministries Committee met March 16th and discussed contributions to community groups for March. After discussion that Lutheran World Relief sends 100% of the donation to the world site, the committee voted to send \$1000 to Lutheran World Relief for relief in Ukraine. Oak Park Middle School provided a receipt for the \$100 donation from WELCA to the homeless children's school needs. They are helping eight homeless families with children at Oak Park. Approximately \$400 has been spent for clothing and shoes for children at Leesburg Elementary. They have no additional needs this time.

Leone and Gayle attended the March 9th Salvation Army Luncheon thanking us for the support over the last year.

The next meeting will be April 20th at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leone Goding, Social Ministries Chair

Thank You from Leesburg Elementary School
Gloria Dei Church,

Thank you so very much for continuing to help our school provide clothing and shoes to our needy students.

The clothing and shoes were greatly needed! Thank you.
Florence Katzenberger, Leesburg Elementary

FINANCIAL CORNER

	February, 2022	Year to date 2022
Contributions	\$16,019.92	\$37,429.28
Expenditures	\$22,444.38	\$44,058.68

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2/01/2022	Donations	Expenditures	Ending 2/28/22
Elementary School	707.48	0	438.53	268.95
Oak Park Middle	958.22	0	0	958.22
Thrivent Choice \$	4,010.26	0	0	4,010.26
Basket Social	282.51	0	0	282.51
Eternal Light	580.00	0	0	580.00
Fellowship	128.03	80.50	158.90	49.63
JHIF	0	235.50	235.50	0
World Hunger	0	337.50	337.50	0
ELCA	0	120.00	120.00	0
Flowers	500.00	85.00	210.00	375.00
Altar wine/bread	60.95	0	22.65	38.30
AV Equipment	5,992.73	0	0	5,992.73
Evangelism	215.00	0	0	215.00
Choir/Music	500.00	0	0	500.00
TOTALS	\$13,935.18	858.50	1,523.08	\$13,270.60

Council Corner for April, 2022

By William Birdsall, Council president

The Gloria Dei Executive Committee and the Church Council met this month and continued to address the issues that need to be discussed and dealt with. First, I want to welcome Loraine Van Haecke to the Council. We feel blessed to have her join with us in furthering God's work.

Regarding the roof repairs, Eustis Roofing is now hesitant to make the repairs they originally recommended citing that the overall condition of the roof is poor and that it should be replaced. This stems from their original report stating that the roof was improperly installed and has inherent deficiencies that will continue to pose problems. We will be contacting another company to assess the roof and give us another opinion.

The space allocation study is still in the fact-finding stage and input from the quilters and JHIFM is being considered so that their needs are fully addressed so that both missions can continue with the least disruption to their work. Are also researching and documenting the costs associated with any plan that is considered which will be eventually presented to the congregation for approval.

The Council has been successful in arranging a meeting with local law enforcement regarding shooter awareness training. Once we have a date for congregation participation, we will put out a notice.

The Church yard sale is April 1st from 8am to 2pm, in the church parking lot. Please bring your stuff to sell and be part of the fun and fellowship. Also consider donating all or part of your proceeds to the Church Evangelism committee so we may continue to spread the word of God.

The Council Retreat is scheduled for April 27th and 28th and several church leaders will be attending in addition to Council Members. We are all looking forward to this retreat as we look together into the future of Gloria Dei.

Now that we have a full Council again, we are fully prepared to address the issues that come before us and endeavor to find the right solutions. This is already a busy year and we the Council will work hard to do what is best for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Bill

APRIL CALENDAR

Fri.	4/1	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Sat.	4/2	8:00-12:00 Church Yard Sale 10:00-2:00 pm Food Drive
Sun.	4/3	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Lent 5 7:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Mon.	4/4	2:00 p.m. Monday Matinee "The Passion"
Tues.	4/5	10:00 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting 1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 1:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Mtg.
Wed.	4/6	4:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	4/7	10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Mtg. 1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle
Fri.	4/8	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill 9:30-11:30 a.m. JHIFM
Sun.	4/10	9:30 a.m. Passion/Palm Sunday Worship
Mon.	4/11	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	4/12	9:00 a.m. Quilting/Mary Martha Circle 1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	4/13	4:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
Thurs.	4/14	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Fri.	4/15	4:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship
Sun.	4/17	9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship
Mon.	4/18	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	4/19	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	4/20	10:00 a.m. Social Ministries Meeting 11:00 a.m. Eucharist/Council Meeting 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	4/22	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting

Sun.	4/24	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	4/25	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	4/26	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples
		4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	4/27	5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	4/29	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

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

<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	
4/03	R=Byron Kirkpatrick
	+=
	C=
	A=Patricia Bressler
4/10	R=Steve Cranmer
	+=
	C=
	A=Arlene Kelly
4/14	Good Friday-4:00 pm
	R=MaryJean Kancel
	+=
	C=
	A=
4/15	Maundy Thursday-4:00 pm
	R=
	+=
	C=
	A=
4/17	R=MaryJean Kancel
	+=
	C=
	A=Patricia Bressler
4/24	R=Byron Kirkpatrick
	+=
	C=
	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.

4/03

Crystal Kirkpatrick
Byron Kirkpatrick

4/10

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Byron Kirkpatrick

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Crystal Kirkpatrick
Byron Kirkpatrick

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Crystal Kirkpatrick
Byron Kirkpatrick

Altar Guild for April: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for April: Judy Eads

Greeters

4/3

4/10

4/17

4/24

Fellowship

4/3

4/10

4/17

4/24

Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

4/3

Jeanne Talts & Linda Riikonen

4/10

John & Janet Braun

4/17

Diane Wasser & Pat Heimbach

4/24

Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly

Minutes of the Gloria Dei Congregation Council

Thursday, February 10, 2022 6:00pm

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:27pm.

Roll Call - Present were : Pastor Barnett, Bill Birdsall, Craig Carlson, Linda Hide, Arlene Kelly. Crystal Kirkpatrick was absent. Diane Wasser, Linda Steege, and Linda Riikonen were excused.

I. **Devotions** - A Eucharist Service was led by Pastor Barnett starting at 6:03pm.

II. **Promise** - The Covenant Promise was recited by the Council.

III. **Adoption of Agenda** - The agenda was reviewed and a motion to accept the agenda made by Craig and seconded by Arlene. **Motion carried**

IV. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Minutes of the January 30, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A correction had to be made, and a motion to accept with changes made by Bill and seconded by Craig. Minutes of the January 26th meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion made by Linda Hide and seconded by Craig. **Both motions carried**

V. **Correspondence** - none received

VI. **Unfinished Business** -

A. Status of New Building for JHIFM – Bill reported that he met with a building official and got the paperwork for the building permit to be filled out before starting. We still need an estimate for the electrical. Bill stated that he would like to attend the Joining Hands meeting on Monday.

B. Replacement Windows in Fellowship Hall - Bill said that the replacement is still on track. The stained glass windows are continuing in their progress.

C. Stewardship Committee Update – After discussion about the response to the pledge drive, Arlene said that she would contact Gail Madson regarding follow-up to the pledges.

D. Evangelism Committee Update – Pastor reported that he is going to be leading the meetings for the foreseeable future to establish the basis for Evangelism and our church. He said their meeting was productive, and they spoke on what it is to be a “fisher of man”.

E. Annual Meeting Update – The annual reports are out on the table in the gathering space. New wording of the resolution is going to be written by Pastor and Bill.

F. Columbarium Update – The issue has been resolved.

G. Roof Repair Update – Bill spoke with an engineering firm, and they are not going to come and give an evaluation. They did recommend repairs rather than a replacement of the roof. This is at a cost of \$13,250. Arlene made a motion to get the repairs done, seconded by Craig. **Motion carried**

H. COVID 19 Discussion – The number of new infections is continuing to decrease, but there is another variant overseas. The signage on the doors will stay in place.

I. Bars for Pastor's Window – The order has been placed with Belew's Welding Services in Tavares, FL in the amount of \$695.10.

J. Car Show Results and Future Shows – Although the overcast weather was a bit of a deterrent, there were still 25 cars in attendance, which is an increase from the last show. A total of \$556 and 250# of food was collected for Joining Hands. The next shows will be in November 2022 and March 2023.

K. Review Space Allocation Study – This was presented by Bill. It outlines what amount of space is being used and the possibility of moving things around to maximize space utilization. Bill is going to present a preliminary proposal to the quilters to start a dialogue regarding relocation of their work space.

L. Council Retreat – The council retreat is scheduled for April 27-28, 2022 at San Pedro Spiritual Renewal Center in Orlando. This is still a work in progress. Pastor is looking to ask additional church leaders to see if there is interest beyond the council for this.

VII. New Business –

A. Building Use Fees – The use of the building by outside groups for various functions was discussed. Arlene is going to call and get fee schedules from various venues for various events.

B. Need for Financial Advisor – Bill believes that Gloria Dei is in need of a financial manager to advise us on how to invest our money more wisely rather than keep it as is. This person will give options and recommendations and must be certified for advising. There will be an additional expense for this, and Pastor stated that he may be able to find a benefactor to pay for the advisor.

C. Time off for Johnsons – Irv and Sue are looking for a replacement so that they can go on a 3 week vacation in March. Byron Kirkpatrick and Jeanne Talts are willing to fill in while they are gone, as they are the only other church members trained to do the videography. A suggestion was made by Linda H. regarding advertising and possibly going to area colleges to look for a replacement for them.

D. Charlene's Vacation – Charlene submitted her vacation schedule for review. Her contract gives her four paid Sundays off, and she would pay the substitute organist for any additional Sundays requested. A motion was made by Craig and seconded by Linda H. stating that Gloria Dei would pay for the substitute organist for all six Sundays requested, as she'd doing professional developing education at her own expense. **Motion carried**

E. New Chairs/ Old Chairs – The consensus is that the new chairs in the gathering space are great! The old chairs are going to be sorted through and approximately 25 of them will be saved. The other chairs are going to be offered to the congregation and then donated.

F. Yard Sale – The next yard sale is to be held on Friday, April 1, 2022.

G. Quilt of the Month – Bill proposed having one of the quilts made by our ladies be spotlighted every month by dubbing it Quilt of the Month. A motion was made by Craig and seconded by Bill to have this happen. **Motion carried**

VIII. Reports –

A. Pastor – Pastor turned in a written report. He also stated that we need to send two voting members to Synod Assembly in Orlando June 3-5, 2022. The subject of church safety was spoken on, and it was decided to have someone from the Sheriff's Department or Leesburg Police Department come speak and possibly have active shooter training with us in the near future. Craig is going to look into this.

B. President- Bill turned in a written report. He stated that movie day went well, with the next one showing "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" on February 14 at 2pm.

C. Vice President – Arlene turned in a written report.

D. Treasurer – Linda stated that the financials were on a positive move. We had a good January, and the year is going in the right direction.

Who Does What?

- Bill is calling Eustis Roofing to get the roofing job scheduled
- Bill and Pastor are writing up the resolution wording for the annual meeting
- Arlene is going to talk to Gail Madson regarding having a follow-up to the pledge drive
- Arlene is getting a schedule of fees from other venues regarding rental space for events
- Pastor is working on getting other congregational members for the council retreat
- Craig is looking into active shooter training

Next Meetings – Executive: Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 2pm; Council: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 10am.

Arlene motioned to adjourn, second by Craig. Meeting closed at 7:58pm with a prayer by Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kelly, Acting Secretary

2022 First Impressions Task Force Report

Meeting Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 1:00 PM

In Attendance: Pastor Barnett, Kathleen Birdsall, Pat Bressler, Elizabeth Sanguedolce, Arlene Kelly, and Linda Steege, Crystal Kirkpatrick was out of town.

1. Pastor delivered a word of prayer for guidance.
2. Pastor Barnett gave a recap on a meeting he and Bill Birdsall had with the women of the WELCA with regards to the reallocation of spaces within the building. The women were asked for input regarding their needs to accommodate the work that they do. Bill put forth a scaled drawing of what the new the space on the lower level would look like and that it would give them more room, better lighting, plenty of storage and tables could be left up. This all met with negative resistance at first. But as Bill explained this is just the planning stage and their input would be helpful to accommodate all their needs. We can no longer say “It’s been this way for twenty years and no one wants change”; this is not growth it is stifling the churches potential. The First Impressions Team is very concerned about this reaction to change, that is being researched and geared to meet everyone’s needs, share our space responsibly, and to update our space to present day standards. The updates will include more storage (which we are lacking), electrical efficient fixtures that are up to new codes and an aesthetic makeover. We have to look to the future if we don’t want to continue to exist.
3. We have started to get our venders and budget numbers together; three of the five big ticket items are in place at this time. Waiting on electrician installation pricing and exploring the possibility kiosks to be an information and sign-up center to replace the dozen or so clip boards hanging on the wall.
4. We discussed the minor budget items that will round out the décor of the space and we will be look at different functional scenarios over the next two months. We are also discussing ways to display our 65 plus years of history. When we get to this point we will go into presentation phase.
5. Next meeting May 11, 2022, at 1:00 PM
6. Elizabeth led us in a closing prayer reminding that God has led us to this time and place and The Holy Spirit will guide us all through this process and what is best for the people of Gloria Dei.

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Birdsall, Chair

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