

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE GLORION

January 2022

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



January, 2022 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I want to thank all of you who gave me so many wonderful things for Christmas: cards, food, drink, cash, plants, etc. etc. You continue to make me feel warmly welcome!

My hopes and prayers are that we've all made it through the first days of Christmas unscathed by the Omicron crisis. I further hope and pray that we'll all be able to conclude our Yuletide celebrations on Thursday, January 6th at 10am for our Epiphany liturgy with social hour following.

Besides that, the first large piece of business we have together as a Congregation in 2022 is our Annual Meeting. As you might well have seen in your Bulletin from Church, the Council passed a Continuing Resolution to delay our Annual Meeting for a month in order that we can amend our Constitution.

Most small to medium size ELCA Congregations allow their Officers to serve throughout their time on the Council. Currently, our Constitution allows Officers only two consecutive one-year terms. This is untenable in our current situation. It is the consensus of our Council, that we should strike the one sentence from the current Constitution that limits Officers to two consecutive terms. This would mean that someone elected to Council would be eligible to serve all their years on Council as an Officer (given that they were elected each new year). Persons would automatically be limited then to their two consecutive terms on Council (maximum of six years).

Although this two-year proviso is part of the Model Constitution for Congregations, it is NOT required. In other words, we are free to adopt a structure that works best for our context. Ironically, even though the ELCA Model Constitutions have this term limit for officers in Congregations, the ELCA has terms of officers for 6 years at the Synodical and national levels! Furthermore, Executive Officers in civil government are elected to terms longer than two years. Anyone that has tried to start a new leadership job knows that it takes at minimum one year to "get the swing" of it in order to be effective.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me or any current Council Member for clarification.

Pr. Ed Barnett

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Members or friends hospitalized or had surgery in December:

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 honor of:

Family and Noa's 1st birthday. Our children's birthdays, Chris, Maria, and Rich.

Ed & Peg Chandler/January wine Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers

PRAYERS

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

- 1/2 Ray & Gerry Haller, Debbye Halligan, Northilt Handwerck, Kay Hawtin, Dick & Bev Healy
- 1/9 Rollie & Pat Heimbach, Bernice Heiser, Jean Heitz, Linda Hide, Martin & Martha Holleran
- 1/16 Ethel Holmes, Betty Ann Huebner, Lorraine Hughes, Mary Humphreys, Irv & Sue Johnson
- 1/23 MaryJean Kancel, Nancy Kancel, John & Arlene Kelly, Mary Kelpe, Bess King
- **1/30** Byron & Crystal Kirkpatrick, Bernadine & Kirk Kirkpatrick, Ray & Roseanne Knudsen, Sandy Kolb, Jane Kunde

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

As we say goodbye to 2021, we are looking forward to 2022 being a very happy, healthy and safe new year. Plans have been made for some of our projects and activities for this coming year. Of course, we know that with the new Omicron variant visiting us plans can change. We will be abiding by the guidelines of our church to keep everyone safe to the best of our ability.

The quilts made by our ladies will be displayed and blessed along with personal care kits on January 30 to be delivered to Good Shepherd Church in Clermont to be picked up and delivered to the LWR distribution Center. Many hands have been busy doing God's work to help others. Thanks to all of you.

All women of the church are invited to join any of our groups and remember you can bring a friend. We would love to have you join us.

Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and Safe New Year!!!!

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

RUTH CIRCLE-will meet on Thursday, January 13th at the church at 1:30. We cannot meet on the first Thursday because that is Epiphany and there will be a service. Following months we will go back to meeting on the first Thursday of the month at the church at 1:30. Gayle Bloom has agreed to lead the Bible Study for January. We need someone to bring refreshments. We will also set a date to assemble and pack the Personal Care Kits. We still need someone to be our recorder to take notes from the meeting. Janet Braun, Leader

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE - will meet on the 2nd Tuesday, January 11th, Starting at 9am, we will quilt until 10:30, break & coffee and then have our Bible Study from the January/February *Gather* magazine. If you do not have one we will share. We will be putting the quilts on the pews on Friday, January 28th 9am. Please come and join us. Carol Marshall 352 787 0435

Thank you letter from Evelyn Matthes

To the WELCA Ladies, Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas basket. It meant so much to me and the goodies were delicious. Sincerely, Evelyn

Thank you letter from Barbara Goins

Dear Circle Friends,

You have a knack for doing things that have the nicest touch! So thank you for the wonderful gift-it meant so very much. I had hoped to be back in church by now, but medical issues keep coming up. Anway, once again thank you for the delicious treats. Sincere thanks. God bless you.

Thank you note from Hanna & Ernie Mann

To the ladies of Gloria Dei Circles,

Thank you for the Fruit Basket and the beautiful blankets. We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Social Ministries received thank-you notes from:

Forward Paths Leesburg Elementary School The Salvation Army Habitat for Humanity Children's Advocacy Center Salvation Army Angel Tree Project

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)

Congratulations to the 37 hard-working and dedicated volunteers from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg, and from around the local community who joined hands on Friday, December 10th to feed 644 individuals from 183 local families in need a whopping total of 11,775 pounds of nutritious food in time for the Christmas season. Great job hunger heroes!

Ritch 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

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01/12	Arlene & Ray McGuire	*65 years

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

01/02	Kay Hawtin	01/04	Margi Geiger
01/05	Charlotte Christensen	01/09	Bess King
01/10	Jeanne Talts	01/10	Dennis Marcotte
01/11	Ray Knudsen	01/11	Dennis Zimmerman
01/12	James Menchaca	01/15	Nancy Kancel
01/20	Ray McGuire	01/27	Bev Healy
01/30	Irv Johnson	01/31	Ronald Galloway

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

EDUCATION-DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

November 16, we started a study about Women in the Bible. Together, a few of us are getting reacquainted with their stories, learning about why they are included in scripture, and how their relationships, especially with God, may teach us something that will help us in our own faith journeys. 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 11:00 AM 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



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The cost of altar flowers has increased to **<u>\$35.00 per bouquet</u>**. Please make a note of that when you sign up for flowers. Thank you!

FINANCIAL CORNER

GENERAL FUND

	November, 2021	Year to date 2021
Contributions	\$14,714.35	\$181,649.90
Expenditures	\$23,848.66	\$219,939.59

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	11/01/2021	Donations	Expenditures	Ending
		0	0	11/30/21
Elementary	0	0	0	0
School				
Oak Park Middle	958.22	0	0	958.22
Thrivent Choice	3,837.26	44.00	0	3,881.26
\$				
Basket Social	282.51	0	0	282.51
Eternal Light	580.00	0	0	580.00
Fellowship	176.57	53.50	6.99	223.08
JHIFM	0	209.05	209.05	0
World Hunger	0	187.50	187.50	0
ELCA	0	90.00	90.00	0
Flowers	0	25.00	0	25.00
Altar	180.81	75.00	135.59	120.22
wine/bread				
Be Prepared	0	0	0	0
AV Equipment	5,972.73	0	0	5,972.73
TOTALS	\$11,988.10	684.05	629.13	\$12,043.02

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sun.	1/2	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Tues.	1/4	10:00 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting
		11:00 Developing Disciples Study
		4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	1/5	4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	1/6	10:00 a.m. Epiphany Service
Fri.	1/7	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Sun.	1/9	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Tues.	1/11	9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting/Mary Martha
		10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Mtg.
		11:00 a.m. Developing Disciples Study
		4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	1/12	4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	1/13	1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle @ Gloria Dei
Fri.	1/14	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
		9:30-11:30 a.m. JHIFM
Sun.	1/16	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Off.
Tues.	1/18	11:00 a.m. Developing Disciples Study
		4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	1/19	10:00 a.m. Social Ministries Meeting
		4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	1/21	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Sun.	1/23	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	1/24	2:00 p.m. Monday Movie Matinee
Tues.	1/25	10:00 a.m. Eucharist/Council Mtg to follow
		11:00 a.m. Developing Disciples Study
		4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	1/26	4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	1/28	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
		9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting
	_	3:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Mtg.
Sun.	1/30	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Quilt Blessing
		followed by Special Congregational Mtg.

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

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

1/02	<u>9:30 a.m.</u> R=MaryJean Kancel +=Leone Goding C= A=Arlene Kelly	1/9	R= +=James Menchaca C= A=Patricia Bressler
1/16	R= +=James Menchaca C= A=Patricia Bressler	1/23	R= +=James Menchaca C= A=Patricia Bressler
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1/30 R= +=James Menchaca C= A=Arlene Kelly

<u>Ushers</u>

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

1/02	9:30 a.m. Byron Kirkpatrick Crystal Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly	1/9	 Byron Kirkpatrick Crystal Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly 	
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1/30	Byron Kirkpatrick Crystal Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly	<u>.</u>		

Altar Guild for January: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for January: Gayle Bloom

Greeters

- 1/2 1/9
- 1/16
- 1/23
- 1/30

Fellowship----

- **Bresslers & Mincers** 1/2
- 1/9 Jim & June Rieb
- 1/9 1/16 Joe & Sharon LaHood
- 1/23 Jon & Marva Tetting
- Dick & Madalon Ritter 1/30

<u>Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.</u>

- Jeanne Talts & Linda Riikonen 1/2
- 1/9 John & Janet Braun
- 1/16 Diane Wasser & Pat Heimbach
- 1/23 Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly
- 1/30

Council Corner for January, 2022 By William Birdsall, Council president

First, I apologize for not reporting to you in last month's Glorian but I had too much on my plate and could not find the time to draft my article. Let us get caught up on what is going on around Gloria Dei.

The yard sale held on Friday December 3rd was a success. Although we only had seven participants from our congregation, we did have a steady stream of lookers and buyers. In all we raised \$215.00 for the Evangelism committee and most of us sold a lot of things we no longer needed. We are planning another Yard sale in the spring.

The car show planned for Saturday February 5th is moving along with advertising in place and door prizes being collected. We are looking for volunteers to staff the coffee bar, register attendees, park cars, cook the hot dogs with Joining Hands and just mingle with the people. A signup sheet will be placed in the fellowship hall.

Monday Movie Matinee, an event of the Evangelism committee, which will be held monthly, was approved by Council with the first movie to be presented on Monday January 24th at 2:00pm. For the first movie, they will be showing "A Time for Burning." Please bring your own beverage, they will supply the popcorn.

The council has been considering amending the constitution and bylaws to increase the terms of officers from two consecutive one-year terms to three consecutive one-year terms. We feel this is necessary as it has not only hard to find members who are willing to serve on Council but then serve as an officer. Also, with the challenges brought about by the covid pandemic the Council feels that longer terms will allow more continuity within the Council Government. This issue will be put before the congregation for a vote at the annual congregational meeting next month.

Regarding Covid, we are monitoring the number of cases and the recommendations of the medical experts before taking any actions regarding suspension of service, masking and so forth. Thank God so far, we have been vigilant and able to avoid any serious Covid related illness amongst our congregation.

As we move into this new year the Council will continue to serve the congregation to the best of our abilities and look forward to a better year. Peace

Bill

Minutes of the Gloria Dei Congregation Council

Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

Roll Call - Present were: Pastor Barnett, Bill Birdsall, John Braun, Craig Carlson, Linda Hide, Arlene Kelly, Crystal Kirkpatrick, Linda Riikonen, and Linda Steege. Diane Wasser was excused. Pastor Kate Jeffrey was also in attendance as a guest.

I. **Devotions -** A Eucharist Service was led by Pastor Barnett starting at 10:00 am.

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

III. **Adoption of Agenda -** The agenda was reviewed and revised to add item C to New Business for Advertising. Motion to accept the agenda made by Craig and seconded by Linda Steege. **Motion carried**

IV. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting -** Minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion made by Linda Steege and seconded by Linda Riikonen. **Motion carried**

V. Correspondence - none received

VI. Unfinished Business -

A. Status of New Building for JHIFM – Bill reported that this is a muchneeded item, as the food is taking too much space. He has not seen a building inspector for the cost of the permits for what is needed. An estimate is needed also for the total cost of the building.

B. Replacement Windows in Fellowship Hall - Bill is waiting for an appointment to be set up to get the work started.

C. Communication Task Force Update - The November meeting was postponed till December.

D. Choir Robes – Crystal stated that they are gone, having been donated after finding no takers for them.

E. Stewardship Committee Update - Linda Steege stated that the committee met once and had a productive meeting. There will be a few temple talks regarding Stewardship, Bill Birdsall and Arlene Kelly will address the topic of Stewardship, and Pastor will also have a sermon with that topic.

F. Evangelism Committee Update – There is a community yard sale this Friday, Dec. 3, 10a-2p, to raise money for JHIFM by charging \$5/space. There is a car show scheduled for Feb. 2022. There are no other events planned, and Pastor said to start organizing in January. G. Search for Additional Council Members – Arlene stated that she has a couple of candidates in mind. The term limits and expirations of members on council was discussed at length. We have a goal of 2 members to fill both empty seats.

H. Organ Repairs and Service – Charlene has this scheduled.

I. Status of Yard Sale – Crystal will serve coffee and donuts for purchase, Craig and Christine Carlson as well as John Braun will be there to help.

J. Planning Task Force Update – There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Dec. 1st. The members of this task force are Mary Beth Morris, Charlene Cranmer, Bill Birdsall, Diane Wasser, Leone Goding, and Pastor Barnett.

VII. New Business –

A. Columbarium Relocation/Buy-Back of Niches – Mary Beth was brought into the meeting to discuss this, as there is a family looking to relocate ashes interred and to sell 2 niches back to Gloria Dei. John Braun stated that we need an okay from the church and the children to move him according to legal documents. He will also look into how much to charge for a niche and devising a policy regarding matters like this in the future. Gloria Dei will refund the original cost of \$900 for the unused niche, with no refund being given for the used one. Motion by Pastor, second by Linda S. **Motion carried**

B. Church Media Production and IT Specialist – Pastor stated that this position could be combined with the Web Master, but it will still cost more money. There is no idea how much this position pays. Linda R. stated to look on Indeed for approximate pay rate. Linda also said there is a man in her park that she'll contact regarding this job. Mary Beth said that she'll check with First Presbyterian regarding what they pay their person and whether he is a 1099 or W-2 employee.

C. Advertising – Crystal brought in a community newsletter from the Plantation given to her by Jim Reib which was full of advertising. The cost for a business card size ad is \$200 for 3 months. A motion was made by Linda R. and second by Crystal. **Motion carried** Arlene suggested updating the business card before putting it into the newsletter to remove the phrasing regarding having a new pastor.

VIII. Reports –

A. Pastor – Pastor stated that he is busy getting ready for his first Christmas with Gloria Dei and in Florida. On Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, which is Epiphany, we will have a Pledge Card Day. They will be put into a "Treasure Chest", which Bill has offered to purchase. There will be an Epiphany Open House party after service at Pastor's house.

B. President- Bill's term ends next year, and he will continue to be on council. The term as President is for a maximum of 2 consecutive years (1yr term x 2). His Council term is 3 years. There was a discussion about the possibility of his presidency being extended due to COVID and the church being closed. Pastor and Bill are looking into this.

C. Vice President – Arlene is giving a temple talk on Dec. $12^{\rm th}$ regarding generosity.

D. Treasurer – Linda Hide sent out the financials and brought extra copies to the meeting. Linda stated that the giving has not reached the level we were expecting for the year. Pastor's compensation package was discussed. The Professional Expense Allowance on Line 7 is being raised to \$3000 (combine with Continuing Education Line 6). The total compensation package is \$115,045.81. A motion to accept was made by Bill second by Crystal. **Motion carried** The portion to be allotted for housing is \$37,293.20. Linda R. made a motion to accept and second by Bill. **Motion carried** Linda reminded us that we will approve the budget next month.

Who Does What?

- Bill is looking into building permits and cost for Joining Hands building
- Arlene is continuing to look for council members
- Crystal, John, and Carlsons are helping with the yard sale

Who Does What? (con't)

- John is looking into the cost of a niche for the columbarium and a policy regarding placement going forward
- Linda R. is checking Indeed for the price of a videographer and talking to her neighbor regarding our Web Master position
- Craig is looking for new signs from ELCA
- First Impressions Task Force is having their first meeting next month

Next Meetings – Executive : Thursday, Dec. 16 at 10:00 am at church; Council: Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 10 am at church. Arlene made a motion which was seconded by Craig to change the Hunger Offering from the 4th Sunday to the 3rd Sunday each month. **Motion** carried

Linda R. motioned to adjourn, second by John. Meeting closed at 12:43pm with a prayer by Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kelly, Acting Secretary

Continuing Resolution C10.01.21

In recognition of the continued extraordinary Covid-19 Pandemic, the timing of the adoption of the Constitutional revision of August 2020, the arrival of a new Pastor, and the continued needs of Gloria Dei Church, the Annual Meeting of January 2022 is delayed for a month. This is in order to facilitate the proposal, consideration and vote on a new term structure for Executive Officers of the Congregation. A **Special Congregational Meeting** for the proposed amendment to be discussed and the first vote for approval will be on **Sunday, January 30th, 2022** (the date of our usual Annual Meeting). The Annual Meeting of the Congregation for 2022 will then occur on Sunday, 27 February at which the 2nd and Final vote on the amendment will occur along with the usual business of an Annual Meeting (Approval of the 2022 Budget, election of Council, etc.)

The proposed amendment is as follows. To strike the second sentence of C.11.03: *No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.*

This will allow Council members to be elected yearly as Executive Officers of the Congregation as long as they serve on the Council (two consecutive three-year terms allowed).

Annual Reports

Please note: due to the change in the Annual Meeting date, 2021 Annual Reports are due to me by Tuesday February 1st. Please email them to me at <u>gloriadeilutheranleesburg@gmail.com</u>. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you. Mary Beth Morris

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