

GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

THE GLORION

June 2022

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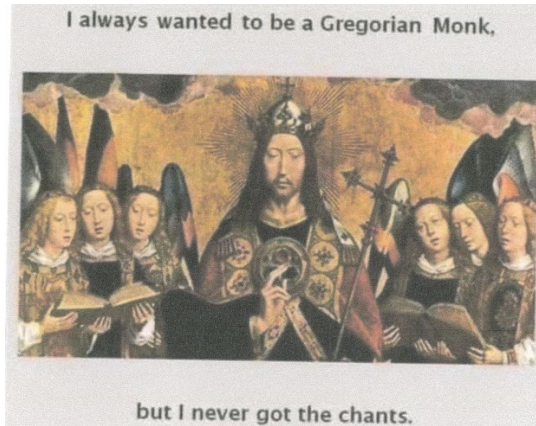
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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



June, 2022



It used to be said that the Lutheran Church is the singing church. I hope that that's still the case. St Augustine said, "those who sing, pray twice." If that's the case, then the Lutheran Church can also be said to be a praying church for sure.

[Colossians 3.16](#) says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

Some pastors chant; some pastors do (and shouldn't), some pastors don't. That's all fine. Probably due to my musical background, I probably chant more than many others, but I don't as much as some. In the Slovakian Lutheran Church, pastors must chant both the Epistle and Gospel readings! Dr. Carl Schalk who wrote a number of hymns in our hymnals, stated, "if you can't preach and you can't chant don't be a pastor." I've sort of taken that to heart. I've worked hard on my chanting. I don't do it as show, but as sung prayer.

For much of the church's history, there were no microphones or sound systems and chanting helped people hear better. Chanting adds to the mystery and mystic quality of worship. In certain seasons, like Eastertide right now, I chant more than others. On most "non-green" Sundays, there are particular parts I like to sing. One is the Prayer of the Day; the other is the Words of Institution.

“Collect” prayers, like the Prayer of the Day, were chanted historically. There’s a particular tone formula that I used that’s related to this prayer. At the Consecration, if you don’t like the tone, blame Martin Luther. The tone I use was composed and used by Luther himself. It is there to elevate the words and to show their importance. When I was a vicar at Trinity, North Side of Pittsburgh, Pr Cochran would use this chant and all of the kids in the pew sang along! (I know they weren’t supposed to do that, but they knew the words because of the tune!)

Chanting is a sign that something is going on that’s different from the world. Chanting is a sign of Pentecost. The tongues on that great day were of a musical nature. In our worship of God, heaven comes down to earth ahead of time and we have the joy of joining a song that comes from eternity and goes to eternity.

Pr Ed Barnett

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of:

To the Glory of God.

Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers

To the Glory of God.

Linda Steege/Flowers

In honor of:

Our 37th wedding anniversary.

Arlene & John Kelly/Flowers

To celebrate our grandson,

Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers

Ryan’s confirmation.

PRAYERS

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

June:

6/5 Larry Goerke, Barbara Goins, Dottsie Grins,
Mary Grissom, Rose Gulbrandsen

6/12 Ralph & Sylvia Hallberg, Gerry Haller, Debbye Halligan,
Northilt Handwerck, Kay Hawtin

6/19 Dick & Bev Healy, Rollie & Pat Heimbach, Bernice Heiser,
Jean Heitz, Linda Hide

6/26 Martin & Martha Holleran, Betty Ann Huebner, Lorraine Hughes,
Mary Humphreys, Irvin & Susan Johnson

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

June 2022

On Friday, May 6, the women of the church hosted Church Women United and other local churches for the celebration of May Friendship Day/Least Coin. By joining together we are praying that we may strengthen our growing sense of unity, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the power of Christianity in these days of need.

The Quilters will continue to meet at 9:00 am on the second Tuesday and the fourth Friday of each month at the church.

Registration forms will be available soon for The Fall Gathering at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg. Please save the date November 11 - 13, 2022 and register soon. We have an exciting weekend planned. Our theme is "STEP BY STEP" based on Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. "If you cannot stay for the weekend, come for the day. The guest pastor is Pastor Lois Sorensen, of Reformation Church in Lakeland and a recipient of our scholarship. Our music will be led by Charlene Cranmer Cantor for Gloria Dei and the Youth Shepherd is Tabitha Richter; she has been a participant of the youth program for several years. We are looking forward to a weekend of worship, workshops, Bible Study, fellowship and good food.

For those of you traveling this summer, we wish you safe travels, good health and safe travels back to us. You will be missed.

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

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE –will meet on the 2nd Tuesday, June 14th, Starting at 9am, we will be quilting all morning. We will also be quilting on Friday, June 24th, 9am. 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 THHHAAAAANNNNNK YOOOOUUUUUUUU! To the 42 volunteers from First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and from around the local community who joined hands to distribute 12,786 pounds of nutritious food to 681 individuals from 197 local families in need. This was a new all time record for the number of families served, and a near all time record for the number of individuals served.

I posted photos of today's food distribution at [Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/](https://www.facebook.com/feedinghopenow/).

God bless you everyone!

Ritch

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/02	Darby Walbon & Karen Schaefer	10 years
06/07	Brian & Karen Mundy	42 years
06/28	Mike & cj Clarke	42 years

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01	June Rieb	06/03	Marilyn Wahl
06/07	Jean Heitz	06/08	Don Ames
06/08	Barb Lias	06/08	Julian Menchaca
06/09	Marva Tetting	06/23	Michael Stewart
06/25	Nancy Vogel	06/28	Leone Goding
06/28	Martha Holleran	06/30	Diane Wasser

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 May 18th at the church.

Oak Park Middle School will need school supplies for the next school year. Gloria Dei will be collecting single subject spiral notebooks, pencils, index cards and ear buds for the school in July.

Joe La Hood has resigned from the Social Ministries Committee. Joe has been a faithful companion to Leesburg Elementary over the years and has been exceptionally devoted to their needs. We will miss Joe's smiling face and caring contribution to the Social Ministries work at Gloria Dei. We give a Big Thank You to Joe for all he has done. Please pray for someone to step up and help to fill Joe's shoes!

Pat Bressler took food that was donated by the congregation in April and May to the Salvation Army. They are thankful for every morsel!

The Social Ministries Committee is learning more about the mission and work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. We are exploring ways to assist this organization's work as they sponsor and place refugees.

The next meeting of the Social Ministries Committee is July 13 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Sanguedolce, Social Ministries Secretary

Thank you from Lutheran World Relief

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donations of \$365.00, \$270.00, and \$500.00 emergency gifts to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Your gifts are being put to use immediately to deliver emergency food, shelter, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, medicines and other critically needed items for children and their families who are trying to survive horrifying fighting...or are being forced to flee their homeland with a few meager belongings.

Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you again, and God bless you!
Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard, President & CEO

FINANCIAL CORNER

GENERAL FUND

	April, 2022	Year to date 2022
Contributions	\$16,254.18	\$71,206.34
Expenditures	\$26,214.36	\$93,903.25

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	4/01/2022	Donations	Expenditures	Ending 4/30/22
Elementary School	268.95	0	72.48	268.95
Oak Park Middle	958.22	0	0	958.22
Thrivent Choice \$	4,325.26	381.00	0	4,706.26
Basket Social	282.51	0	0	282.51
Eternal Light	580.00	0	0	580.00
Fellowship	19.91	61.00	29.94	50.97
JHIF	0	191.50	191.50	0
World Hunger	0	248.50	248.50	0
ELCA	0	80.00	80.00	0
Flowers	500.00	153.00	0	653.00
Altar wine/bread	63.30	0	51.32	11.98
AV Equipment	5,962.74	0	0	5,962.74
Evangelism	215.00	0	0	215.00
Choir/Music	500.00	0	0	500.00
Ukraine Disaster Relief	205.00	660.00	865.00	0
TOTALS	\$13,610.89	1,775.00	1,538.74	\$13,847.15

Council Corner for June 2022

By William Birdsall, Council president

The Gloria Dei Executive Committee and the Council met in April and the Executive Committee also has met in May. We are continuing to discuss the issues that need to be addressed and are trying to find answers and take positive action whenever we can. Our Council Retreat in April was a great success. It was a spiritual experience and answered many questions we had and presented us with positive feedback as well as challenging us with ideas both old and new.

One of the challenges the Council currently faces is the lack of communication. As Council members, we are hearing many comments and concerns third hand and not from the horse's mouth. We get general concerns, but no detail of what the real problems are. The council is asking you to communicate with us about your concerns and not the congregation. Please put it in writing or better yet come to a Council meeting and voice your concerns and get it on the record. We do not bite; we want to help. We cannot fix what we do not know is wrong. Secrets only lead to trouble in the future.

The Space allocation study is still in the fact-finding stage, but we now have feedback from both the JHIFM and the Quilters. With this feedback we are moving forward to incorporate their concerns into our planning. We will now be looking at storage options throughout the building.

Our meeting with Law Enforcement for April 27th regarding shooter awareness was cancelled and not yet rescheduled. We are concerned that this happens sooner than later due to the current problems with shootings in this country. We will keep you posted.

We met with another roofing contractor, ACR1 from Orlando, who also pointed out obvious deficiencies with the roof which should be addressed soon. However, they declined to present an estimate for the work as they are not metal roof contractors. We are contacting another local roofer for an opinion.

The yard sale that was rescheduled for April 30th was a success and netted \$155.00 for the Evangelism Committee. The weather was great with seven vendors and many lookers and buyers. Another yard sale will be scheduled in the future as there was a lot of enthusiasm generated from the last events. We will also schedule another car show for mid-summer with which we hope to include Bingo at the same time to provide a cooler place for the participants to cool off and have a refreshment and a game.

Bill

JUNE CALENDAR

Fri.	6/3	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Sun.	6/5	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	6/6	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	6/7	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study
Thurs.	6/9	11:00 a.m. Zoom Executive Committee
Fri.	6/10	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill 9:30-11:30 a.m. JHIFM
Sun.	6/12	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	6/13	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	6/14	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 1:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Mtg.
Fri.	6/17	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sun.	6/19	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Offering FATHER'S DAY
Mon.	6/20	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	6/21	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples
Thurs.	6/23	10:00 a.m. Eucharist/Council Meeting
Fri.	6/24	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting
Sun.	6/26	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	6/27	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word
Tues.	6/28	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

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

9:30 a.m.

6/05	R=Steve Cranmer +=Leone Goding C= A=Patricia Bressler	6/12	R=cj Clarke +=Leone Goding C= A=Arlene Kelly
6/19	R=Jim Gable += C=Jayne Gable A=Arlene Kelly	6/26	R=Linda Hide += C= A=Patricia Bressler

Ushers

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

9:30 a.m.

6/05	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick	6/12	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick
6/19	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick	6/26	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick

Altar Guild for June: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for June: cj Clarke

Greeters

6/5

6/12 Sandy Kolb

6/19 Sandy Kolb

6/26

Fellowship

6/5 Dianne & Dennis Marcotte

6/12

6/19

6/26 Kathleen & Bill Birdsall

Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

6/5 Jeanne Talts & Linda Riikonen

6/12 John & Janet Braun

6/19 Diane Wasser & Pat Heimbach

6/26 Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly

Minutes of the Gloria Dei Congregation Council

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

We opened with a Eucharistic service by Pastor Barnett and the Sacrament of Unity.

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by President Bill Birdsall.
- II. **Roll Call:** - Present: - Pastor Edward Barnett, Bill Birdsall, Craig Carlson, Linda Hide (excused), Arlene Kelly, Crystal Kirkpatrick, Linda Riikonen, Linda Steege, Loraine VanHaecke, Diane Wasser
- III. **Promise** - The Covenant Promise was recited by the Council.
- IV. **Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda was reviewed. Motion to accept the agenda by Arlene, second by Loraine. **Motion carried.**
- V. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Minutes of the 10 March 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Linda Steege, second by Craig. **Motion carried.**
- VI. **Correspondence** – Arlene read a letter from “The Blessing of the Lord” trash removal company stating that they are available to remove junk, trash, metals, appliances, etc.
- VII. **Pastor’s Report** – Pastor Barnett commented he is still looking for two (2) voting members for the Synod meeting in Orlando on 3-5 June 2022. He stated that the communion cards have been eliminated, but visitors are no longer being tracked. Bill suggested creating a “guest card”. Pastor will handle this. There were 127 in attendance for the Easter service. We ran out of programs. Pastor is hoping that the prayer vigil will become more important to our members next year. Pastor commented that anxiety among members is higher than usual. He said that our ministry has to be about the whole church, that we all need to work together. The council needs to be open and communicate with the congregation. Pastor commented that Dianne Marcotte offered to redo the church Disaster Response. Pastor also submitted his written report prior to the meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion on the “silos” email and the dysfunction of small groups within the church. The council has been elected by the congregation to make the best choices and doesn’t vote on every decision. The council works to come up with the best solution for the benefit of the whole congregation. If a member has a strong opinion about something the council has decided, they can either join the council or attend any council meeting to make their opinion heard.

VIII. **Unfinished Business** –

- A. Council Retreat Update – Everyone should plan to arrive at the San Pedro Retreat in Winter Park by 10:00 am on Wednesday, 27 April. There will be a Eucharistic service, followed by lunch and an afternoon session. Pastor Eberhardt will lead the retreat. The plan is to finish by noon on Thursday, 28 April.
- B. Space Allocation Study – Bill reported that he is waiting for the quilters’ written response. Bill is working on other areas in the church as indicated in his report.
- C. Evangelism Committee – Bill reported that the committee is working very hard and Nancy Vogel has agreed to be the leader. Crystal reported that ads are in local papers,
- D. Roof Repair – Bill reported that he has contacted several companies, but they don’t want to inspect the roof unless it is leaking. He will continue to work on this.
- E. Building Use Fees – Craig and Loraine commented that some churches request a donation to use their facilities.
- F. Financial Advisor – Pastor reported there was nothing to report.
- G. Media Production and IT Specialist – Pastor reported there was nothing to report.

- H. Shooter Awareness and Response Update – Craig reported that he is meeting with other churches along with Leesburg Police and Lake County Sheriff. Pastor will contact a Rabbi in Mt. Dora to learn what they are doing.
- I. Leaking Downspout – Craig has contacted USA Seamless Gutters. They will be inspecting the downspout on Friday.

IX. **New Business** –

- A. New Microphone for Pastor – Pastor has tried several different mics with no luck. The cost of a good quality mic is approximately \$400. Crystal will have Sue and Irv order a new mic for Pastor.
- B. Scheduling Conflicts – Bill commented that we can hold more than one event on the same day. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue. Arlene stated that the Fellowship Committee canceled their bingo. Arlene said the yard sale will be moved to another day. There is a lack of communication within the congregation and council. Some members feel that they are under-appreciated by the council. They feel that “the council spends our money without our approval”. The council wants to do what’s right for Gloria Dei and wants to lead by consensus of what God wants done for Gloria Dei.
- C. Because of the quality of her work, Pastor Barnett feels Charlene should be promoted to cantor. Motion by Pastor to name Charlene a cantor, second by Arlene. **Motion carried.** He has had a plaque made for Charlene. Motion by Craig to increase Charlene’s salary by \$1,000, second by Loraine. **Motion carried.**

X. **Reports** –

- A. Pastor – Pastor Barnett reported on numerous items throughout the meeting as noted in the minutes.
- B. President – Bill reported on numerous items throughout the meeting as noted in the minutes, as well as emailed his report prior to the meeting. Bill reported that the new windows have been installed in the fellowship hall. Bill also reported that the flowers in front of the church that died due to frost have been replaced.

- C. Vice President – Arlene emailed her report prior to the meeting.
- D. Treasurer – Linda Hide emailed the financials prior to the meeting. The building insurance premium increased by \$2,000. Linda is looking into changing the deductible to lower the premium.

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 –
11. Strategic Planning Task Force – Arlene Kelly

Who Does What?

- Pastor will arrange to have guest cards in the pews.
- Pastor will contact the Rabbi in Mt. Dora regarding disaster response.
- Crystal will have Sue & Irv order a good quality microphone for Pastor.
- Bill will continue to work on estimates for the roof repair.

Next Meetings – Executive - Thursday, 12 May 2022, 11:00 am via zoom;
Council – Thursday, 26 May 2021, 11:00 am at church.

Linda Steege moved to adjourn, second by Bill. **Motion carried.**

We closed at 1:00 pm with a prayer by Pastor Barnett.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wasser, Secretary

2022 First Impressions Task Force Report Meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 1 PM

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

1. Arlene delivered a word of prayer for team guidance
2. Much discussion was about what needed to be tackled first in and the fellowship hall. The fact is that the components in this area have all been neglected for well over 17 years. We decided ask council for the following items:
 - Replacement and installation of more efficient and improved lighting and fans
 - Painting ceiling and walls in main room, hall, vestry, and restrooms
 - Carpet replacement

That request will be sent to council May 12th.

3. We are still looking for someone to repurpose the extra pews that sit in this space, but so far no luck finding carpenters to do the job. It was suggested that we look into upholsterers that would work on furniture. Will check into that option.
4. We are on hold with the minor budget items until the major work is approved and completed.
5. We were told that the reallocation of space study will not be completed until sometime later in the year.
6. Our thoughts and concerns were about the few people in the congregation that want things to stay the same and are not concerned about the future life of this church.
7. Next meeting June 8, 2022, at 1 PM
8. We closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Birdsall, Chair

We Still Do

CELEBRATING 31 YEAR OF MARRIAGE

Kathleen & Bill Birdsall

Please join us as we renew our vows in a short ceremony

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Immediately following the regular service
Light refreshments served afterwards

A Thank You from the Cantor

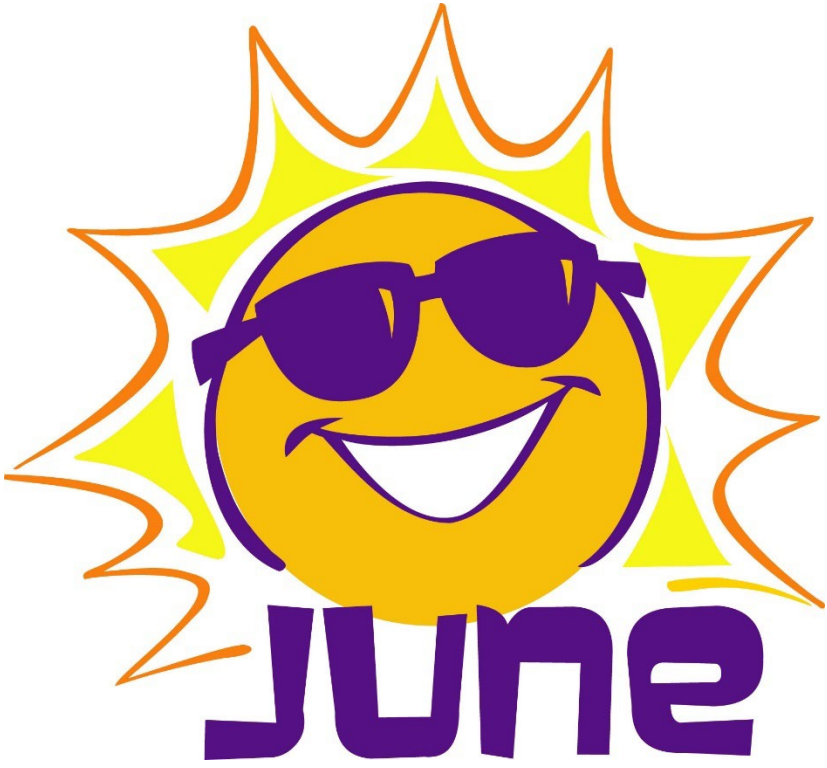
Just about a year ago, on May 23, 2021, I attended a Pentacost Day concert where my husband Steve was singing a solo. After the concert, I spoke with a friend, Carol Guglielm, who told me of a church in Leesburg that was looking for a choir director/organist. She knew that I had recently lost my organist position in Ocala, due to Covid-related budgetary problems in the church and that I was searching for a new position. I called Gloria Dei and left a message for Pastor Barnett. He called me back and we spoke for a while, exchanging stories of our experiences in church music. Following our conversation, Pastor asked me to substitute on Sunday June 21 for the 9:30 am service at Gloria Dei. In August, when Steve and I returned to Florida from our vacation in New Jersey, I substituted at Gloria Dei again and also completed an interview/audition for the Gloria Dei music committee. The audition was a success and I was officially hired on September 1, 2021.

My first year with Gloria Dei has passed so quickly: from Pastor Barnett's installation service in October, through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter, including a pre-service Christmas Eve concert, and guest instrumental soloists for the Installation Service, Transfiguration Sunday and Easter. We are now fast approaching Pentacost, after which the Gloria Dei Choir will take a much-deserved break until September. I would like to take this time to thank each member of the Choir for all their dedication, hard-work and faithfulness. The choir members are, Soprano: Linda Hide, Arlene Kelly, Helga La Cava and Marva Tetting. Alto: Christine Carlson, Deb Cassem, Lorraine Hughes, MaryJean Kancel. Tenor: cj Clarke, Jon Tetting, Bass: Steve Cranmer, Art Zerbel. I cannot thank each member of the Choir enough for how they have joined together to help me in my first year at Gloria Dei. Chris Carlson and cj Clarke deserve extra thanks for all their work as soloists for the Psalms. All the members have made my job very enjoyable, so that I really look forward to Wednesday rehearsals and Sunday services!

In addition to thanking the choir members, I would like to thank all the members at Gloria Dei for making me feel welcomed and loved. It is my privilege to lead the congregation in musical praise to the Lord each Sunday! Also, I would like to thank our Church Administrator Mary Beth Morris who has been so helpful in every aspect of my job; from answering questions on the order of service to the best way of contacting church members. Finally, and most of all, I must thank Pastor Edward G. Barnett for his faith in me to do the important job of leading the congregation in song. His vast experience in church music, particularly in the Lutheran tradition, has been a great inspiration and guide to me, as I have navigated my first year at Gloria Dei. Being elevated from "Parish Musician" to "Cantor" has truly been the high-point of this year! When the Lord closed the door on the organist position in Ocala, He opened a much better door for me in Leesburg. The Bible verse that says **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path."** (Proverbs 3:5, 6) has certainly been true for me!

GLORIA DEI CHOIR MEMBERS





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Mission Endowment	Linda Hide	253-740-3063
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	Loraine Van Haecke	407-252-4692
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Fellowship	Pat Heimbach	610-737-0333
Stewardship		
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