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# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**THE GLORION**

**September 2022**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M**



September, 2022

I hope your summer has been refreshing and that you've been able to have some time away from the Florida heat. This has been a good summer for the most part for myself. I'm a little bit tired actually. We've actually been doing a lot of behind the scenes work in preparation for a very busy Fall.

Just to bring you up to date on all that we'll be looking forward to...

October will be a very intense time at Gloria Dei. Our Stewardship Committee, lead by Pr Gail Madson, has been working diligently on a program which we will hear about and participate in on Sundays and other days during that month. In its middle, on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>, we are offering an all day "in-house" retreat for the entire congregation. The Congregation Council had such a fantastic experience at their April overnight retreat that they wanted the entire congregation to enjoy something similar. We're bringing back Pr Rodney Eberhardt (and his wife Mitzi) who facilitated the one with the Council. Please plan on attending. It will invigorate you spiritually and make more meaningful your life as a member of Gloria Dei.

After October, we'll be entering a special season of prayer. Pr Nancy Vogel has been coordinating the formation of a Prayer Team which will lead us in this endeavor. The idea is that we will pray in particular for God to reveal the divine Will and purpose for us here at Gloria Dei in very particular ways – sort of an elaboration of what we pray for every day in "thy will be done." God has placed us here with very unique sets of gifts. We want the Holy Spirit to help us best discern how to use them.

All of this in addition to our usual Fall activities, worship and fellowship. I look forward to an exciting few months!

*Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth!*

*Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you.*

Psalm 86:11 (New Living Translation)

Pr Ed Barnett

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Anne Rusk** died Sunday, **June 26, 2022**. Our hearts and prayers go to the Rusk and Dunaway family at this difficult time. Rest in peace, Anne.

**Marv Oechler** died Wednesday, **August 17, 2022** in Wisconsin. Marv was an interim pastor at Gloria Dei Church in the spring of 2014 and Marva's Tetting's father. Our prayers and condolences to the Oechler and Tetting families. Marva's Tetting's Wisconsin address: 2933 Crosswinds Drive, Mt. Pleasant, WI 53403.

**Carol Berg** died Tuesday, **August 23, 2022**. Our prayers and condolences to Forrest and his family. Visitation will be at Beyers funeral home in Leesburg, Friday, September 9th 4:00-7:00 p.m. and the funeral service at Gloria Dei Church on Saturday, September 10th at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to: **Joining Hands in Food Ministry**.

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Members or friends hospitalized or had surgery in July/August: Dianne Marcotte

## GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

### In loving memory of:

Anne Rusk	Northilt Handwerck/Memorials
Anne Rusk	Taeko & Andy Mincer/Fellowship
Anne Rusk, Love Never Ends	Pat & Doug Bressler/Fellowship
Carol Berg, Love Never Ends	Pat & Doug Bressler/1 <sup>st</sup> Impressions

### In honor of:

Alberta Siepiela's 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	Andy & Taeko Mincer/1 <sup>st</sup> Impressions
Northi Handwerck's 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	Andy & Taeko Mincer/1 <sup>st</sup> Impressions
Alberta Siepiela's 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday, love you.	Doug & Pat Bressler/1 <sup>st</sup> Impressions
Northi Handwerck's 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday, love you.	Doug & Pat Bressler/1 <sup>st</sup> Impressions

## PRAYERS

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

- 9/4** MaryJean Kancel, Nancy Kancel, John & Arlene Kelly,  
Mary Kelp, Bess King
- 9/11** Byron & Crystal Kirkpatrick, Bernadine & Kirk Kirkpatrick,  
Ray & Roseanne Knudsen, Sandy Kolb, Helga La Cava
- 9/18** Joe & Sharon LaHood, Barb & Dock Lias, Jan Liljestrang,  
Judy Lorenz, Sylvia Mackey
- 9/25** Gail Madson, Ernest & Hanna Mann, Dianne & Dennis Marcotte,  
Carol Marshall, Evelyn Matthes

## Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

September 2022

September is here and our times to get together are almost here! Ruth Circle has their meeting on September 1 at 1:30 at the church with our new leader Dianne Marcotte. Mary/Martha Circle meets at 9:00 am at the church on the 2nd Tuesday and Mary-Martha's Project (The Quilters) meet at the church twice a month on the 2nd Tuesday and on the 4th Friday of each month at 9:00 am. All women of the church are invited to join either/both of our groups. We would love to have you join us.

WELCA Board has their first meeting on September 6 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing upcoming events and discuss new plans for ways to serve using our time and talents. We welcome Patricia Bressler as our new Vice President, Leone Goding as our new Treasurer and Dianne Marcotte as the Leader of Ruth Circle.

FL/BA SWO Fall Gathering is coming soon; November 11 – 13, 2022 at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, 39034 County Rd 452, Leesburg, FL 34788. Registration deadline is September 15. The forms are available on line at [flwelca.com](http://flwelca.com). If you need forms let me know. I will have the forms available at the Board meeting and at all services between now and the 15th. The theme is "Step by Step". Hope to see you there.

Peace and Blessings,

Loraine Van Haecke  
WELCA President  
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**RUTH CIRCLE**- Next meeting date Thursday Sept. 1 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dianne will provide reading and bring snacks for this meeting. **FALL GATHERING**- Lake Yale Baptist conference center in Leesburg. Please save date Nov 11-13. Dianne Marcotte, Leader

**MARY MARTHA CIRCLE** –will meet on the 2nd Tuesday, September 13, starting at 9:00 am, we will be quilting until 10:30 am, have snacks & coffee. At 11:00 am we will have Bible Study from September/October *Gather* magazine. If you don't have one, we will share. We will also be quilting on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (4th Friday), 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)**

#### **July**

Just wanted to take a moment to thank the 45 dedicated volunteers who turned out early on July 8 to help distribute 9,252 pounds of nutritious food to 506 individuals from 146 needy families. Great job hunger heroes! And in case you haven't noticed how inflation and logistical disruptions have impacted our local economy let me point out that the number of individuals that we served today increased nearly 62% over July 2021. Check out the JHIFM's Food Distribution History in the graph below. Enjoy the rest of your day and remember that beginning with our August 12th food distribution we will close one hour earlier, serving clients from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM

I posted photos of this food distribution at [Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/](https://www.facebook.com/feedinghopenow/). Please feel free to share these photos with your friends who are not on my volunteer email contact list yet. Thank you!

#### **August**

Thank you to the nearly 50 dedicated volunteers from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg, and from around our local community who joined hands this morning (August 12) to distribute 13,662 pounds of nutritious food to 673 individuals from 189 local families. This is more than a 58% increase in the number of individuals served over August 2021. I posted photos of this morning's food distribution at [Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/](https://www.facebook.com/feedinghopenow/).

Ritch Cassem

## **MEDIA TEAM**

**CHECK OUT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE AT: [www.gloriadeielca.com](http://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 Tithely, a funds collection application.

These are just a few of the many reasons to visit the website.

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

9/03	Mike & Donna Tarnok	50 years*
9/07	Marti & Kenn Yance	53 years*
9/08	Bill & Diane Wasser	25 years
9/14	Rollie & Pat Heimbach	53 years*
9/19	Ernest & Hanna Mann	68 years*
9/27	John & Janet Braun	60 years*
9/28	Ray & Roseanne Knudsen	64 years*

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

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

9/02	Kathleen Birdsall	9/04	Lorraine Hughes
9/05	Michael Clark	9/05	Martha Ellis
9/09	Donna Tarnok	9/10	Sandy Retz
9/11	Richard Cassem	9/13	Martin Holleran
9/16	Debbie Cassem	9/18	Bernice Heiser
9/19	Celia Wollner	9/23	Dottsie Grins
9/25	Quiana Menchaca	9/26	Crystal Kirkpatrick
9/28	Judy Eads	9/28	Mary Grissom

## **EDUCATION-DEVELOPING DISCIPLES**

You are cordially invited to join our Bible study,  
Women of the Bible, at our new day and time.  
Starting in September, we will meet on  
Wednesdays from 2:00 -3:30 pm at church.

In September, we will be finishing up some women of the Old Testament, but in October, we will be starting with the Women of the New Testament.

September 7 Abigail,  
September 14 Hannah  
September 21 Bathsheba  
September 28 NO CLASS  
October 5 Elizabeth  
October 12 The Virgin Mary  
October 19 Anna  
October 26 The Samaritan Woman at the Well

We hope that this new day and time is a better time for more of you. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Christine Carlson at [skauvold.carlson@gmail.com](mailto:skauvold.carlson@gmail.com) or by phone at (516) 458-7355

## **SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

### **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!**

The Social Ministries Committee thanks every one of you for your support and donation of school supplies for Lakewood Elementary and Oak Park Middle School during July. In addition, thank you so much for the clothing items for the homeless kids. (See picture showing delivery of items to Lakewood Elementary.) Your generosity makes a huge difference to the children and the schools. Pastor blessed the donations at the July 31<sup>st</sup> church service.

Pat Bressler, Linda Steege and Leone Goding met Florence Katzenberger at Leesburg Elementary on August 17 to bring the supplies that this wonderful Church gave. Florence was very grateful and was going to put it in their newsletter. The Oak Park Middle School supplies remain to be given to Oak Park when Gayle and Elizabeth return. Attached are photos taken on that day.

Leone Goding, Chair Social Ministry Committee  
Elizabeth Sanguedolce, Social Ministries Secretary





The Social Ministries Committee met July 13 and approved a \$500 donation from the 2022 budget to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. The remaining Social Ministries Budget for 2022 is \$4410. Pat Bressler collected the donations for Haven House from the Narthex and has delivered them. The next meeting will be September 7 at 10:00 am.

Elizabeth Sanguedolce, Social Ministries Secretary

*Thank you note from Florence Katzenberger, Leesburg Elementary  
Gloria Dei Church,*

Thank you so much for continuing to support our school. The shoes and supplies will help so many of our needy students. We appreciate all your help.

*Thank you note from Children's Advocacy Center of Lake Sumter  
Dear Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,*

Please accept our sincere thank you for the time, resources and love in donating the wide arrangement of quilts. Many kids this year are struggling and mental health related issues have increased. Bringing joy to the children in our community instills hope and compassion. You have touched the lives of many kids and the quilts will bring a smile to their faces!

On behalf of the children you are helping us serve, thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely, Brenda S. Crellen, Executive Director

## FINANCIAL CORNER

### GENERAL FUND

	June/July, 2022	Year to date 2022
Contributions	\$29,707.27	\$120,274.24
Expenditures	\$47,771.99	\$163,227.57

### RESTRICTED FUNDS

	6/01/2022	Donations	Expenditures	Ending 7/31/22
Elementary School	196.47	0	0	196.47
Oak Park Middle	958.22	0	0	958.22
Thrivent Choice \$	4,107.26	0	0	4,107.26
Basket Social	282.51	0	0	282.51
Eternal Light	580.00	0	0	580.00
Fellowship	69.98	207.00	30.97	246.01
JHIFM	0	336.50	326.50	10.00
World Hunger	3.00	570.50	573.50	0
ELCA	0	155.00	155.00	0
Flowers	822.10	104.00	141.12	784.98
Altar wine/bread	11.98	0	0	11.98
AV Equipment	5,544.22	0	650.00	4,894.22
Evangelism	370.00	0	0	370.00
Choir/Music	500.00	0	0	500.00
First Impressions fund	0	125.00	100.00	25.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$13,445.74</b>	<b>1,498.00</b>	<b>1,977.09</b>	<b>\$12,966.65</b>

## **Council Corner for September 2022**

### **By William Birdsall, Council president**

The Gloria Dei Church Council has continued to meet monthly during the summer as has the Executive Committee, however the Executive Committee did not meet in August because of various vacation conflicts. The Council's work has continued during the summer and certain things we implemented, have and are taking place around the Church.

As you may have noticed, the first of three new stained-glass windows has been installed in the Fellowship Hall. The second window is now 60 percent complete with completion and installation slated for the end of September. Electrical upgrades including new lighting and fans have been installed in the fellowship hall as well, which now provide much better lighting and air circulation. Also, the old and unused windows which looked into the storage closet have been filled in and are ready for painting. Our painting contractor is scheduled to start the painting on August 29th with completion in 10 days. Then the new carpet will be installed soon after that.

The church roof has been a concern over the last three years, not because of its age but the need for minor repairs and required maintenance. After more than two years searching for a qualified contractor and a reasonable price, the Council finally awarded a contract this week to have that work done.

I'm sure you have noticed the police presence over the last month at our Sunday services. The Council gave this issue a lot of thought and discussion and felt that with all the shootings going on it was best to provide our congregation the protection of a police officer on Sunday mornings.

There are many things in the works at Gloria Dei which will help keep your calendars full. One I can share with you will be the fall Car show on November 5th which this year will include Bingo, a Bake sale and a food drive all on the same day. JHIFM will be participating and benefiting from the proceeds as well as cooking those great hot dogs again. More information will be forthcoming on other activities and events so stay tuned.

*Bill*

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9/1</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9/2</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9/4</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>9/5</b>	<b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>9/6</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting</b>
		<b>11:30 a.m. Scheduling Meeting</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>9/7</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Social Ministries Meeting</b>
		<b>1:00 p.m. First Impressions Task Force</b>
		<b>2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples</b>
		<b>5:30 p.m. Choir Kickoff Dinner @ Cranmers</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9/8</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill</b>
		<b>8:30-10:30 a.m. JHIFM</b>
		<b>4:00-7:00 p.m. Berg Visitation at Beyer's Funeral Home in Leesburg</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. Berg Funeral-lunch to follow</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Mary Martha Circle/Quilting</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>9/14</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples</b>
		<b>4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Offering</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>9/21</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples</b>
		<b>4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9/23</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill</b>
		<b>9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9/25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>9/28</b>	<b>NO DEVELOPING DISCIPLES</b>
		<b>4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9/29</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Eucharist Svc. St. Michael's Day followed by Council meeting</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9/30</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill</b>

<p><b>NO Evangelism Meeting in September.</b>  <b>The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.</b></p>
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# SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

## Assistant Ministers

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

### 9:30 a.m.

**9/04** R=MaryJean Kancel  
+=James Menchaca  
C=  
A=Pat Bressler

**9/11** R=cj Clarke  
+=Leone Goding  
C=  
A=Pat Bressler

**9/18** R=Jim Gable  
+=James Menchaca  
C=Jayne Gable  
A=Arlene Kelly

**9/25** R=Byron Kirkpatrick  
+=Leone Goding  
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.

**9/04** Crystal Kirkpatrick  
Byron Kirkpatrick

**9/11** Crystal Kirkpatrick  
Byron Kirkpatrick

**9/18** Crystal Kirkpatrick  
Byron Kirkpatrick

**9/25** Crystal Kirkpatrick  
Byron Kirkpatrick

**Altar Guild for September: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick**

**Post Worship Secretary for September: Jeanne Talts**

## Greeters

**9/4**  
**9/11**  
**9/18**  
**9/25**

## **Fellowship**

**9/4** Ritch & Debbie Cassem

**9/11**

**9/18** Dianne & Dennis Marcotte

**9/25**

## **Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.**

**9/4** Jeanne Talts & Linda Riikonen

**9/11** John & Janet Braun

**9/18** Diane Wasser & Pat Heimbach

**9/25** Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly

## **Thank You**

To Everyone at Gloria Dei,  
Thank you very much for remembering me on my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! It really meant a lot! Love, Northilt Handwerck

To Our Gloria Dei Friends,  
Thank you very much for all the thoughts, prayers and cards given in loving memory of Pastor Oechler. It really meant a lot to us.

Kenn & Marti Yance

## **DISASTER PLAN**

As a way of protecting members of Gloria Dei congregation, stewarding our property and as requested by our Bishop Pedro Suarez, members of Gloria Dei are gathering information to put together a Disaster plan specific to our church.

Topics will include Hurricane Preparedness, Fire Safety and Active shooter safety. Handouts on various topics will be available over the next few months as part of overall plan.

If you have an interest in this topic or a suggestion of what you would like to see included in a disaster plan, please speak with Dianne Marcotte 508-723-2073. Your input is welcomed and important.

**2022 First Impressions Task Force Report**  
**Meeting Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 1 PM**

In Attendance: Kathleen Birdsall, Pat Bressler, Arlene Kelly, Crystal Kirkpatrick and Linda Steege. Pastor Barnett at conference, and Elizabeth Sanguedolce out of town till the fall

1. Arlene delivered a word of prayer
2. Work completed and in progress:
  - The electrical: Hughes Electric started installation of all new fixtures (lights & fans) for the gathering space August 1<sup>st</sup> and completed all work August on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Painting: Productive Painting LLC, is starting work August 29 and the ceiling and walls of the gathering space, hall, bathrooms, vestry and choir room will take 2 weeks to complete. We have asked for help with moving table & chairs out of the space so the painters can put scaffolding up to work on the ceiling.
  - Carpet tiles/hard service tiles: The original hard service tile to be used in the serving area and down the hall are on back order. Team will look at alternatives that would less of a lead tome so the carpet can be installed in September.
3. Dean Grimes , furniture is working on drawings to give us a visual of the pew conversions to conversation areas.
4. A Cross Wall as a focal point of the gathering space was discussed, Arlene put together the guidelines for this project. When the time comes an announcement will be made and the guidelines will be in the bulletin inviting members of the congregation to participate in this project for the gathering space.
5. We will do research on trash receptacles that will fit in to the new décor of the area.
6. Next meeting September 7, 2022, at 1 PM
7. We closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted  
Kathleen Birdsall, Chair

# Minutes of the Gloria Dei Congregation Council

Tuesday, 19 July 2022, 10:00 am

We opened with a Eucharistic service by Pastor Barnett.

I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am by President Bill Birdsall.

II. **Roll Call:** - Present: - Pastor Edward Barnett, Bill Birdsall, Craig Carlson, Linda Hide, Arlene Kelly, Crystal Kirkpatrick (excused), Linda Riikonen, Linda Steege, Loraine VanHaecke (excused), Diane Wasser

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

IV. **Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda was reviewed and revised to add Item D under New Business – Dates. Motion to accept the revised agenda by Arlene, second by Craig. **Motion carried.**

V. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Minutes of the 26 May 2022 meeting were reviewed and item VIII-O was revised to correct the date for the Congregation Retreat to 15 October. Motion to accept the minutes by Arlene, second by Craig. **Motion carried.**

VI. **Correspondence** – Nothing to report.

VII. **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Barnett distributed his report prior to the meeting.

- Pastor will continue the one-on-one meetings.
- Pastor will continue the town hall meetings in fall.
- Pastor is looking for volunteers to lead the bible studies.
- Mutual ministry review – will work on staff reviews.
- Pastor will contact Pastor Eberhardt to facilitate the congregation retreat in October.
- How do we discern the will of God? A lengthy discussion was held on this subject. Some comments follow: People won't speak up because they think it's a waste of time; People don't like change; council does what they believe is best for Gloria Dei; There will always be a level of conflict; We need to have healthy conflict.



## VIII. **Unfinished Business** –

- A. Space Allocation Study – Bill reported that people have given positive responses on work completed.
- B. Roof Repair – Bill reported that he is still waiting on a quote from McHale Roofing. Linda Steege will contact the roofer.
- C. Covid Update – Since some members have voiced concern regarding Pastor drinking from same chalice as congregation, Pastor has begun drinking from the consecrated chalice and congregation will dip their wafer in the communal chalice.
- D. Financial Advisor – Pastor will participate in zoom meetings to discuss options and will assemble a team.
- E. Web Master and Tech Support – Bill has contact in Ocala he will interview. Linda Hide said the team that has been trained by Irv & Sue is ready to fill in when necessary.
- F. Evangelism – Pastor reported that Pastor Vogel is reviewing job descriptions, continuing resolutions, and use of technology.
- G. Disaster Preparedness - Pastor reported that he spoken to Rabbi Solomon from Mt. Dora. It's been reported that the homeless are using the benches in front of the church, and drug deals have also been witnessed. The police officer suggested the benches be removed. Crystal will have the benches removed.
- H. First Impressions Task Force – Kathleen Birdsall emailed a report prior to our meeting. Linda Steege reported that there will be additional expenditures for the work to be completed.
- I. Stewardship – Linda Riikonen will have a temple on Sunday, 24 July.
- J. Member Recognition – Pastor recognized MaryBeth, Sue & Irv, and Crystal & Byron in his sermon on Sunday, 17 July.

- K. Congregation Retreat – The retreat will be held on Saturday, 15 October at Gloria Dei. We will begin advertising when MaryBeth returns.
- L. Welcome Screens – Arlene is working on this. She suggested the phrase “All are welcome in this place.”, with a picture of the church, stainless glass windows, or quilt Sunday in the background.
- M. Chamber of Commerce – Gloria Dei has become a member of the Chamber.

#### IX. **New Business** –

- A. Approval of Hiring Police Security for Sunday Services (resolution for the record) – Motion to approve hiring of police security for 3 hours on Sunday mornings at \$40/hour by Bill, second by Linda Riikonen. **Motion carried.**
- B. Monthly Food Functions – Bill suggested starting monthly food functions for the congregation beginning in November. Ideas include potlucks, spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts. These functions will be set up with the scheduling task force.
- C. Pastor’s Office – Bill will begin this process to include floor, painting, telephone, internet, and lighting).
- D. Dates – Discussed throughout the meeting.

#### X. **Reports** –

- A. Pastor – Pastor Barnett reported on numerous items throughout the meeting as noted in the minutes, as well as distributing his report prior to the meeting.
- 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.
- C. Vice President – Arlene emailed her report prior to the meeting.

D. Treasurer – Linda Hide emailed the financials prior to the meeting. She reported that we are under budget for expenses for 2022. The giving is not meeting expectations. She reported that we do not have a crisis in giving, but we do have a crisis in membership. We need new members. The cash flow is not doing well. At the rate we are going, the mission funds will run dry within five (5) years.

Craig reported that he has purchased a first aid kit.

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?**

- Linda Steege will contact McHale roofer for estimate.
- Bill will interview his contact in Ocala for Webmaster position.
- Crystal will have benches in front of church removed.
- Bill will set up scheduling task force meeting.
- Bill will begin work on Pastor's office.

Next Meetings – Executive – No executive meeting in August.

Council – Thursday, 25 August 2022, 10:00 am at church

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

We closed at 12:40 pm with a prayer by Pastor Barnett.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Wasser, Secretary

**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONTINUING RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_  
GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH RULE OF LIFE**



**RULE OF LIFE**

**Living in Community at Gloria Dei  
Gathering In Christ ~ Sharing His Love**

A Rule of Life does for our spiritual journey what a trellis system does for a grapevine - it creates a framework for growing in a consistent direction through our faithful response to God.

"Those who [have no intentional Rule] are like wild, untamed grape vines. They will produce some fruit, but they probably won't be as abundant as they could be. Instead, they become

more vulnerable to things that threaten their spiritual vitality. However, those who are intentionally reflective, prayerful, and attentively responsive are like cultivated vines... Our lives will produce an abundance of fruit for the glory of God." - from "Crafting a Rule of Life" by Stephen Macchia.

**LIVE FOR THE LORD** - Follow

**Love one another** - Set example – show others how to live

As a developing disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the Gloria Dei Faith Community, we continually, actively, and intentionally live our lives for the Lord by loving one another and by setting the example for others in the world of how to live in that love through the following commitments.

**PRAY**

We pray intentionally, daily setting aside a time and space.

We pray continually, aware of our deep need for the promise of God's continuing presence with us.

We offer prayers of:

**ADORATION, CONFESSION, THANKSGIVING, SUPPLICATION**

**WORSHIP**

We worship God regularly in love.

We worship God individually and communally, joyfully participating with others in singing, praying, touching, listening, sharing, and communing at the Lord's Table.

**BUILD RELATIONSHIPS**

We intentionally welcome others and continually build relationships by: spending time together, listening without judgment, understanding without agreement; and always forgiving one another.

**STUDY**

We intentionally and continually read Scripture for faithful understanding through sharing with others by thinking, discussing, believing, and applying Jesus' teachings to our daily lives.

**CONTRIBUTE /SERVE**

We serve our Lord continually, intentionally, regularly, actively – seeking the passion God instills in each of us towards the least by contributing our time (volunteering, helping, serving), our talents (gifts and skills), and our treasure (our financial possessions.)

## **Healthy responses to disagreements and conflicts**

As disciples of Jesus, we embrace the following:

Five keys to healthy response to disagreements are: (based on Matthew 18:15-17)

1. We speak to each other, not about each other behind their backs.
2. If someone complains to you about another person, we ask them to speak to the person first and tell them it is so important that you will follow up in a week to see how the conversation went.
3. We don't respond to anonymous comments or letters.
4. We don't carry other people's mail. Ask, "What would you like me to do with your comment? You can come to council/meeting yourself or I can bring your comment with your name attached."
5. We explain each other's actions in the best possible light. We check with the person quoted or referred to for accuracy before we repeat the comment. (Luther's explanation to 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment)

Disagreements happen in any organization, including churches. Using healthy responses can stop the disagreement from spreading and engulfing the whole organization.

Thank you for practicing healthy responses and encouraging others to do the same.

**Approved by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council June 21, 2018.**



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