



GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHERING IN CHRIST ✝ SHARING HIS LOVE

THE GLORION

APRIL 2023

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



April, 2023

One thing that always fascinates me, is how the Passion of our Lord is so central to our Christian faith. That's the story of how our Lord came to Jerusalem, instituted the Lord's Supper, was betrayed, crucified, died and buried. While at the same time, ironically, it really only appears once a year during Holy Week. Otherwise, we don't really hear it in corporate worship. Even its aftermath, the resurrection and the Easter story gets a whole fifty days – seven entire Sundays, even eight if you include the Pentecost conclusion. The rest of the year is essentially the rest of the story that surrounds the Passion. But the Passion IS central. You can't have Easter without the Passion. You can't have anything else without the Passion. One entire Gospel, that of St. Mark, has been described as the Passion with a long introduction.

Why is that? I'm not sure. I've never heard or read anything about people conjecturing about it. It has, however, been a curiosity to me. Perhaps, it's because the Passion is SO horrific. The death of God! Talk about fear, revulsion and shock! Maybe we can only bear to hear it out once a year.

Regardless, it is appointed once a year and we NEED to hear and experience it once a year. No matter how bad we imagine things to be, no matter what we might be going through – illness, grief, tragedy – the Passion puts everything in perspective. The entirety of our lives, the rest of the Gospel story, even Easter itself has no central meaning without the mystery of what God did for us in the Passion.

Holy Week is gory. Holy Week is painful. We need that gore and pain though: to liberate us from the chains that bind us, to open to us the depth of God's love.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Matthew 27.54

A blessed Holy Week and joyful Easter to us all!

Pr Ed Barnett

Saint of the Month
St. Anselm of Canterbury - April 21

Anselm of Canterbury Born in Italy in 1033, Anselm is most closely associated with England, where he served as Archbishop of Canterbury for many years. A brilliant scholar and writer, Anselm used his political skills with the British kings on behalf of the established Christian church, affirming that it is the leadership of the church and not the state which has the responsibility of establishing structure and maintaining order among the clergy. Anselm is especially remembered for his classic book, Why God Became Man, which taught that the reason for the incarnation was that Jesus, the Son of God, would suffer and die in place of sinners.

(from LCMS website)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Members or friends hospitalized or had surgery in March: Bess King, Carol Sue Anderson, Andy Mincer

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of:

Doug & David, Love Never Ends	Pat Bressler/April Candle
Our parents John & Susan Monkovich & Charles & Evelyn Yonko	Chuck & Joy Yonko/Wine

PRAYERS

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

- 4/2** Northilt Handwerck, Kay Hawtin, Dick & Bev Healy,
Rollie & Pat Heimbach, Jean Heitz
- 4/9** Linda Hide, Martin & Martha Holleran, Lorraine Hughes,
Mary Humphreys, Irv & Sue Johnson
- 4/16** MaryJean Kancel, Nancy Kancel, John & Arlene Kelly,
Mary Kelpo, Bess King
- 4/23** Bernadine Kirkpatrick, Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick,
Ray & Roseanne Knudsen, Sandy Kolb
- 4/30** Jane Kunde, Helga La Cava, Barb & Dock Lias,
Jan Liljestrand, Judy Lorenz

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/21	Jerry & Julie Eld	62 years*
04/23	Craig & Christine Carlson	46 years
04/26	Richard & Debbie Cassem	54 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 Women of the ELCA

There were eight ladies of Gloria Dei that attended at the Pinelands Conference Spring Gathering

At St. Matthews in Ocala on Saturday March 18. A continental breakfast was served by Ascension in Ocala and St. Matthews served lunch. We had a lovely Eucharist Service before ending the day. There was 63 women attendance. The theme for the day was "Let Your Light Shine." The new officers; Irene Brissel, President, Judy Martin, Vice President, Loraine Van Haecke, Treasurer, Lisa Corneilson, Secretary, were installed by Laurie Nelson, SWO Board Representative. The day was enjoyed by all.

Please sign up for our Gloria Dei Fashion Show and Salad Luncheon coming up very soon. Fashions are from Fashion Labels. Maxine will be presenting her fashions by some of our ladies, Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 11:30. Each guest is asked to bring a salad to share that serves 6 to 8 ladies. The WELCA Board will provide desserts and beverages. Denise Burry from Forward Paths will explain how they help foster children when they must leave foster care. A free will offering will be taken to help with Forward Paths Ministry after she speaks. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, April 14.

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!!!!

Loraine Van Haecke
WELCA President

Ruth Circle – There will not be a meeting in April since it falls on Maundy Thursday. But, please note, the May meeting is an individually paid luncheon at McCracken's Pub in downtown Leesburg at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4. If you have not yet RSVP'd, please contact Dianne Marcotte to RSVP at 508-723-2073.

Personal care kit project for LWR- Ruth Circle Lenten project will once again be collecting items to benefit Lutheran World relief. These items are to provide a small measure of comfort to folks who have suffered the tragedies of war, poverty and natural disasters. Items to be collected are Thin lightweight towels, Bar soap individually wrapped, toothbrushes individually wrapped, Sturdy combs and nail clippers. Collection boxes will be in Narthex during lent, during the rest of the year, items can be dropped into box in Narthex marked Personal Care items. From Oct 2021 to Sept 2022 Lutheran world relief provided 94,060 personal care kits to 12 countries in the world including places in Africa, the Middle East and Ukraine. Items collected at Gloria Dei during 2022 provided enough to make 63 kits.

WELCA Spring Fashion Show - mark your calendars Tuesday April 18th at 11:30.

Mary-Martha Circle – will meet on the 4th Friday, April 28 at 9:00 am. Bible Study will be out of the *Gather* Magazine. Quilting time will be announced at a later date. Carol Marsh all, Leader Phone 352-787-0435.

Church Women United Celebration

Mark your calendars on Friday, May 5 at 9:30am. May Friendship Day with Fellowship of the Least Coin will be held at St. Stephen AMEC Church at 302 Church Street Leesburg There will be coffee and snacks at 9:30am with the program starting at 10:00. Please see or call Leone Goding with any questions at 352-223-1925.

JHIFM (JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY)

Thank you to the 40 volunteers who turned out on March 10 to distribute a whopping 10,989 pounds of nutritious food to 495 individuals from 157 local families. You can see 48 more photos of this food distribution at [Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/](https://www.facebook.com/feedinghopenow/).

Richard Cassem
Joining Hands in Food Ministry COO

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Partner in Faith,

We are so thankful for your support during 2022. Because of your faithfulness The Salvation Army was able to provide for the needs of thousands of men, women and children who are living on the margin of life or have found themselves in a crisis. There are in need of food, lodging, Thanksgiving meal and Christmas assistance as well as other emergency help.

Children come to us throughout the year for afterschool and summer day camp programs. They are fed, tutored, and have a great time learning how to respect others, growing in knowledge and personal relationships and just have a great time together.

We want to recognize you with your 2022 plate to put on your perpetual plaque. The faithful efforts of your congregation have been a wonderful blessing to so many in our community.

In behalf of all those that benefitted from your Church's generosity, please accept our heartfelt "Thanks"!

We look forward to working together in serving the most vulnerable in our community throughout 2023.

I would be happy to thank your congregation in person and let them know how your Christian love of giving is demonstrated in the lives of people throughout our community. Feel free to contact me at any time. My email is marie.harris@uss.salvationarmy.org and cell is 570-974-9192. Sincerely, Marie Harris, Major, PR/Volunteer Coordinator

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.

EDUCATION-DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

You are cordially invited to join our Bible study, Women of the Bible. We meet on Wednesdays from 2:00 -3:30 pm at church. In April, we are continuing our study in the book of Acts.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Christine Carlson at skauvold.carlson@gmail.com or by phone at (516) 458-7355

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.

APRIL CALENDAR

Sun.	4/2	9:30 a.m. Passion/Palm Sunday
Mon.	4/3	12:00 noon Holy Week Eucharist Service
Tues.	4/4	10:00 a.m. Doug Bressler funeral followed by light refreshments 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	4/5	12:00 noon Holy Week Eucharist Service 12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Fellowship Hall NO Developing Disciples Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	4/6	4:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Fri.	4/7	4:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
Sun.	4/9	9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service
Wed.	4/12	12:00 noon 1 st Impressions Task Force 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	4/14	8:30-10:30 a.m. Joining Hands in Food Min.
Sun.	4/16	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Offering
Mon.	4/17	10:00 a.m. Prayer Team
Tues.	4/18	11:30 a.m. Ladies Spring Fashion Show/Lunch 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	4/19	NO Developing Disciples 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal COUNCIL RETREAT-San Pedro Spiritual Ctr COUNCIL RETREAT-San Pedro Spiritual Ctr
Thurs.	4/20	9:00-12 noon-Pinelands Conf. Annual Mtg. Gethsemane Church, Gainesville
Sat.	4/22	
Sun.	4/23	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Tues.	4/25	4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	4/26	2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	4/28	9:00 a.m. Mary Martha Circle
Sun.	4/30	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

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

9:30 a.m.

4/2	R=Steve Cranmer +=Leone Goding C= A=	4/9	R=Vaikke O'Grady += C= A=Arlene Kelly
4/16	R=Jim Gable += C=Jayne Gable A=Arlene Kelly	4/23	R=Linda Hide += C= A=Arlene Kelly
4/30	R= += C= A=		

Ushers

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

9:30 a.m.

4/2	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick John Kelly Craig Carlson	4/9	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick John Kelly Craig Carlson
4/16	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick John Kelly Craig Carlson	4/23	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick John Kelly Craig Carlson
4/30	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick John Kelly Craig Carlson		

Altar Guild for April:

4/2 Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick
4/9 Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick
4/16 Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick
4/23 Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick
4/30 Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for April: Bev Healy

Greeters

4/2
4/9 Jeanne Talts
4/16
4/23 Sandy Kolb
4/30

Fellowship

4/2 Chuck & Joy Yonko
4/9
4/16 Jim & June Rieb
4/23 Jon & Marva Tetting
4/30

Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

4/2 Jeanne Talts
4/9 John & Janet Braun
4/16 Arlene Kelly
4/23 Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly
4/30 Arlene Kelly

**2023 First Impressions Task Force Report
Meeting Wednesday, March 08, 2023, at 12 PM**

In Attendance: Kathleen Birdsall, Linda Steege, Pat Bressler, Arlene Kelly, Elizabeth Sanguedolce absent Crystal Kirkpatrick

Three hours were spent arranging and hanging all the crosses on the wooden cross exhibit board. Many thanks to John Kelly, Craig Carlson, and Bill Birdsall for getting the wooden structure hanging from the ceiling. Thanks to Bill for constructing the wood display piece.

The First Impressions Task Force is not all brains and no brawn, we work continuously through the week when no one is around. Just by default husbands become working members of the Task Force. With that said we would like to thank Bill, John and Craig for all the muscle work that has gotten us through many project. At present they are working on Mary Beth's office getting it ready for her to move in. Also, Arlene Kelly and Linda Steege have given the office a fresh coat of paint.

Last of all I would like to thank all our members and some non-members for donating their personal crosses to represent their families on the Gloria Dei Cross Wall. I think we have made a statement of our faith for all to see. Next project is the repurposing of the two pews at the end of the gathering hall. They have been cut and revamped and we are waiting for the new fabric to arrive. Keep Checking I think you will like the finished product.

Next meeting April 12, 2023, at 12 PM.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Birdsall, Chair

Council Corner for April

By Linda Steege

Faith Formation/Christian Education learning at Gloria Dei is growing with the new Prayer Team that is currently being established under Chris Carlson's leadership. This team of six has met once to set meeting dates and talk about what each of our goals are in improving our prayer life. This group will be a nice addition to our Pastor's Confirmation Class, Developing Disciples and the on-line Wired Word bible study. WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and our Mary-Martha and Ruth Circles are meeting regularly for bible study and fellowship and all would welcome new members.

Work is progressing with the First Impressions Task Force. The cross wall is up and looking beautiful in our fellowship area (thanks so much to our members who have contributed a special cross to this wall). The task force is now working on transforming two of our 10-foot pews that have been in the fellowship area into usable seating by cutting each pew into two five-foot bench seating with new upholstery. Painting and new flooring is also being done in the upstairs administrative office with ceiling work and storage and upgrading our upstairs internet and security access to the front door to be done.

As a council member, I would encourage more member volunteers to help with the work of our church. If you are able to give a few hours a week, it would be so appreciated. We need additional members to volunteer as ushers, assisting ministers, worship & music helpers, council members, Sunday fellowship coffee/snack helpers, choir members, quilters, property committee, more volunteers to run the video equipment on Sunday and special services, lesson readers for Sunday services, and we also would welcome additional volunteers for our once a month (2nd Friday) Joining Hands in Food Ministry food distribution. Please consider giving some of your time to help with the many tasks needing to be done for our church.

God's blessings to you as we move into this most Holy Week as the people of God.

Linda Steege

Faith Formation/Christian Education

**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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 8th 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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