



GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE GLORION

JUNE 2023

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



June, 2023

As I've mentioned several times in the past few months, we've had a number of emphases for 2023 so far. First was our Consecration Sunday program, which was a great success. What came next was the formation of a Prayer Team during the season of Lent. This group just came to the conclusion of their first phase. Now it's time to enter the next.

This summer, we're going to try to introduce the practice of prayer services held during the week. Sadly, the church often seems limited to only Sundays for worship. That shouldn't be! In fact, our Lutheran Confessional Tradition indicates that worship isn't to be limited to Sundays only! (Read Luther's explanation to the Sabbath Commandment in the Small Catechism)

The Prayer Team and I are going to try to find a good time during the week to meet in the church proper in order to pray. We will do this using one of the forms of prayer appropriate for the time of day (i.e. Matins/Morning Prayer in the morning, Vespers/Evening Prayer in the evening, Noonday/Suffrages at mid-day).

Starting on June 14th, we're going to try a few Wednesdays at noon. We will gather in the church and pray Responsive Prayer/Suffrages on page 328 of our hymnal. We will then listen to a scripture reading. Then we will intercede for the needs of Gloria Dei.

As I've often observed, many in the church assume that people are praying for them. I don't know whether others are or not. I certainly do – every day. However, this will be an opportunity when we can come together and pray for our life together, our individual needs, and spiritual revival. It will be very easy and informal and shouldn't last more than 30 minutes. Please consider joining us in this new venture in prayer!

Pr Ed Barnett

Lutheran Saint(s) of the month

The Cappadocian Fathers: St Basil, St Gregory of Nazianzus, St Gregory of Nyssa
14 June

Who were the Cappadocian Fathers? Cappadocia is in Turkey, and the three Cappadocians were early Greek church fathers. Two of them were brothers, and all three of them were friends.

The first was Basil of Caesarea. He was born in 330 and he lived to 379. And then we have his brother, Gregory of Nyssa. He was born two years after his older brother, Basil, so he was born in 332 and he lived until 395. And then there is the third Cappadocian, and this is another Gregory, Gregory of Nazianzus. He was the oldest of the three; he was born in 329 and he died in 389. So, the three Cappadocians are Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus. Basil and Gregory of Nazianzus—and sometimes they just called him Gregory the Theologian—were friends. They knew each other through their studies. They had met numerous times in Caesarea and then spent six years together studying in Athens. After his studies, Basil thought he would have a career in rhetoric and as a philosopher, but he was challenged and encouraged by a bishop to pursue ministry, so he became a presbyter. Then, when Eusebius, the bishop of Caesarea, died, Basil became the bishop of Caesarea. His brother Gregory later became bishop of Nyssa.

The reason we talk about these three Cappadocians is they made significant contributions to the development of the doctrine of the Trinity and also contributed to the development of the doctrine of Christology. This was a crucial time in the life of the church. In 325, there was the council at Nicea, where it was firmly established that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man. But after Nicea, there were many bishops who drifted away from the Nicene Creed. There arose in the church significant numbers of bishops who rejected the teachings of Nicea and rejected the teaching that Jesus Christ is truly God. Soon, another council was called, this time at Constantinople in 381. By then, Basil the Great was dead, but both Gregorys were still alive, and the works of all three contributed to the thought at the Council of Constantinople. At that council, the Nicene Creed was reaffirmed and reestablished in the church. In fact, when we recite the Nicene Creed, we're technically reciting the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, but that, of course, is a mouthful, so we just call it the Nicene Creed.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Russell Smith died Sunday, **May 14, 2023**. Our prayers and condolences to the Smith family. Funeral arrangements are not known at this time.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Members or friends hospitalized or had surgery in May: Dick Healy, Debbie Cassem.

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

In honor of:

June Rieb's birthday.
Our Gloria Dei family.

Martha Yance/Flowers-5/28
June Rieb/June wine

PRAYERS

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

6/4 Madalon Ritter, Lillian Russo, Elizabeth Sanguedolce,
Alberta Siepiela, Lillian Skilbred

6/11 Maureen Skurecki, Donna Smith, Mary Lou Smith,
Linda Steege, Hank Stennes

6/18 Mike Stewart, Jeanne Talts, Jon & Marva Tetting,
Ed Thompson, Loraine Van Haecke

6/25 Nancy Vogel, Marilyn Wahl, Darby Walbon & Karen Schaefer,
Joel & Sharon Weinhardt, Celia Wollner

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/07 Brian & Karen Mundy 43 years

06/28 Mike & cj Clarke 43 years

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01 June Rieb

06/07 Jean Heitz

06/08 Barb Lias

06/09 Marva Tetting

06/25 Nancy Vogel

06/28 Martha Holleran

06/03 Marilyn Wahl

06/08 Don Ames

06/08 Julian Menchaca

06/23 Michael Stewart

06/28 Leone Goding

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

The board is presently working on a new WELCA of Gloria Dei Directory. We are also working on revising the Constitution and By-Laws for our Gloria Dei Unit. Hoping to have both completed by our September meeting.

Mark your calendars for our Annual WELCA Christmas Party on December 7 at 11:30 am at the Chesapeake Grill in Arlington Ridge. Ruth Circle will be the host this year and I am sure we will have a wonderful time. Invite your family and friends to join us.

The Board and Circles will resume their regular meetings in September. This is the time for vacations or to move back to your other home. Be safe in your travels and stay healthy! Have a great summer and remember to Let your Light Shine.

Everyone have a Blessed Summer!!

Lorraine Van Haecke, WELCA President

Ruth Circle - The next meeting will be held on September 7th @ 1:30 p.m. **SAVE THE DATE**-Thursday, October 5th at 11:30 a.m. there will be an event held to fund raise for LovExtension an organization who works with Seniors improving their lives by providing needed items such as nutritional needs, companionship, and incontinence supplies. Salad Pot Luck luncheon, guest speaker and entertainment.

Mary-Martha Circle – will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00 am. We will advise when the quilting room is available for quilting. At our May meeting we voted to give Lake/Sumter Children's Advocacy Center \$50.00 of our offerings in \$5.00 gift cards for McDonalds.

Carol Marshall, Leader Phone 352-787-0435

QUILTING

The Quilters are asking for volunteers to sew quilt tops, so that when they resume quilting, there will be tops to start the process. If you have any questions, please see Leone or Jacki Goding.

KIDS NEED SHOES- In support of Leesburg Elementary school and it's students, women of Gloria Dei will be collecting NEW shoes from June to August. The children of 73 homeless families in Leesburg attend the Elementary school. Often shoes have to be purchased in emergent situation. Last week 7 pairs of shoes were purchased for children in need. Ages of children are 4 to 12. Sizes needed range from 11 toddler size up to women's size 7 and men's size 9. Also requested are gift cards to Walmart for emergency purchases. A box to collect shoes will be placed in narthex. Any questions please see any member of WELCA.

"BIG KIDS NEED SHOES TOO"

A second box will be placed in Narthex to collect shoes for Oak Park elementary students. These children mainly wear adult size shoes. Women's sizes 5 to 11 and Men's sizes 3 to 11 1/2. Also Walmart or Visa gift cards for school to purchase shoes in emergent need are appreciated. Collection boxes will be in narthex from June to August. In addition to shoes, students at Oak Park middle school are in need of Backpacks, pencils and markers. Any donation of these items is greatly appreciated.

We are blessed to be a blessing!

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Ms. Goding and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your \$600 donation to Forward Paths. We are grateful to be the recipients of proceeds from your Fashion Show Fundraiser. Your gift helps us provide at-risk youth with basic necessities so they can focus on their future.

Sincerely, Louise, MacCallen, Volunteer for Forward Paths

Dear Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

Please accept our sincere thank you for your most recent donation of McDonald's gift cards totaling \$50. The Center, a private not for profit corporation, advocates for the right of every child to access the services they need to begin the healing process following abuse. All services are provided free of charge to the child victim and family members.

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

Sincerely, Brenda S. Crellen, LMHC, NCC Executive Director

JHIFM (JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY)

Thank you to the 38 volunteers who turned out this beautiful morning May 12 to distribute 7,070 pounds of nutritious food to 501 individuals from 142 families in need. Great job hunger heroes! I posted photos of this morning's food distribution at [Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/](https://www.facebook.com/feedinghopenow/).

Richard. Cassem

Joining Hands in Food Ministry Chief Operating Officer

JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY

Joining Hands is collecting **boxes of cereal**, any kind will be a big help! Please put your donations in the Narthex on the shelf. Thank you for your support.

PLEASE NOTE

Dear Fellow Gloria Dei Members,

It was decided at the latest council meeting that the minutes of the meetings will no longer be published monthly in the Glorion.

If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact me at nlbdmom@yahoo.com, and I will email the minutes to you.

The meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend.

Sincerely,

Arlene J. Kelly, Secretary

EDUCATION-DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

You are cordially invited to join our Bible study. We meet on Wednesdays from 2:00 -3:30 pm at church. 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

Patriotic Concert

On Sunday, July 9th at 4:00 pm, the Choirs of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and the First Presbyterian Church, Leesburg, will join together to offer a concert of patriotic music. Carole Makus, Director of Music at First Presbyterian will conduct the choirs and Cathy Mocklebus will accompany the groups. The concert will also feature the First Presbyterian Bell Choir. If any member of Gloria Dei would like to be a part of the choir, please see Cantor Charlene Cranmer for information on the pre-concert rehearsal times. This will be the first time that we hold a joint concert with our "next-door" neighbors and we hope to have more in the future.

JUNE CALENDAR

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| Sun. | 6/4 | 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship |
| Mon. | 6/5 | 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Romans 8) on Zoom |
| Wed. | 6/7 | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (book of Matthew) @ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room |
| | | 12:00 noon 1st Impressions Task Force Mtg. |
| Thurs. | 6/8-6/10 | 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study Synod Assembly in Orlando |
| Fri. | 6/9 | 8:30-10:30 a.m. Joining Hands in Food Min. |
| Sun. | 6/11 | 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship |
| Mon. | 6/12 | 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Romans 8) on Zoom |
| Wed. | 6/14 | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (book of Matthew) @ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room |
| | | 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study |
| Sun. | 6/18 | 9:00 a.m. Hymn Sing prior to worship |
| | | 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Offering |
| Mon. | 6/19 | 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Romans 8) on Zoom |
| Wed. | 6/21 | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (book of Matthew) @ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room |
| | | 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study |
| Sun. | 6/25 | 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship |
| Mon. | 6/26 | 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Romans 8) on Zoom |
| Wed. | 6/28 | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (book of Matthew) @ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room |
| | | 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study |

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

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

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| 6/4 | 9:30 a.m. R=Steve Cranmer +=James Menchaca C= A=Patricia Bressler | 6/11 | R=Vaikke O'Grady +=Leone Goding C= A=Patricia Bressler |
| 6/18 | R=Linda Hide +=James Menchaca C= A=Patricia Bressler | 6/25 | R=Jim Gable +=Leone Goding C= A=Patricia Bressler |

Ushers

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

| <u>9:30 a.m.</u> | | | |
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| 6/4 | Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson | 6/11 | Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson |
| 6/18 | Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson | 6/25 | Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick John Kelly Craig Carlson |

Altar Guild for June: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for June: Marlene Farris

Greeter for June: Madalon Ritter

Fellowship

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| 6/4 | |
| 6/11 | |
| 6/18 | Dianne Marcotte & Madalon Ritter |
| 6/25 | Jim & June Rieb |

Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

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| 6/4 | Jeanne Talts |
| 6/11 | John & Janet Braun |
| 6/18 | |
| 6/25 | Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly |

June Stewardship Article

Don't let your offerings take a holiday.

Ahhh, summer! A time to relax and grab much-needed R & R. Vacations and weekend getaways may keep you away from church, but our congregation is still bustling with activity. The bills never take a summer holiday.

It's enormously helpful to the congregation's balance sheet if your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to come in regularly, even if you are away. Here are some ideas for staying current:

Pay in advance: Plan ahead by offering more in the weeks in advance of your time away from church.

Make it up: When you return, give a little more in the weeks that follow.

Use your envelopes: Here's a tip that's good not only for summer, but year-round: If you use giving envelopes and checks, simply prepare them weeks in advance and bring them to church when convenient.

Use banking bill pay: Most online banking services will write and send checks for you. Just plug in the church address, the amount of the gift and how often you want it sent. Viola! You're done!

Enroll in electronic giving: Use the congregation's online giving portal to regularize your gift, tithe or offering.

Give monthly or quarterly: Sometimes it's hard to anticipate how many Sundays you'll be away from church. Planning your gift, tithe or offering for monthly or quarterly can keep you current.

Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year through. Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives of faith are enriched and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity.

--Rob Blezard

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Council Corner for June

By Craig Carlson

For the last 4 plus years since I became a member of this Gloria Dei family, one of the ways I have served is as a council member. We are people who the congregation voted into office to meet on a regular basis, usually once a month, to make decisions on how to best govern this congregation.

My role as council member has been to assist with various projects. Currently, we are completing an office across from the kitchen and adjacent to our gathering hall. By donating our time and talents, we have been able to save the congregation much of the cost of this construction. We look forward to seeing Mary Beth Morris move upstairs soon.

Council members help at our car shows that usually take place two times a year. These shows not only raise money but also help to raise community awareness of our church. We had volunteers to make pancakes, bar-be-que hot dogs for lunch, collect prizes for gifts to raffle, and sell tickets and raffle tickets. I volunteered by running bingo inside.

For the first time, my wife Christine and I have agreed to represent the congregation as voting members, in June, at the Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly 2023. We have heard that worshipping with so many Lutherans is wonderful, and we are interested in seeing what is happening in the larger church in this region of the country.

The council continues to stress that we need volunteers. These are some of the areas that I help. Other ways to help the congregation are to sign up for coffee hour, ushering, greeting, readers, worship assistants, singing in the choir, and run audio visual for streaming the service. Prayerfully consider what you can do. Remember, many hands make light work.

**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 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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