



GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GATHERING IN CHRIST ✝ SHARING HIS LOVE

THE GLORION

SEPTEMBER 2023

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



September, 2023

As I write this, we've just rounded the "hump" of August and are heading downhill toward September. It's been a good summer and I'm anxiously awaiting the beginning of the Fall and the return of our "Snow Birders." I've been sort of lonely for the vacationing portion of our congregation.

One of the things we're working on for the Fall is a venture in Luther's Small Catechism. There's a really good curriculum which Gloria Dei owned before I arrived. It has videos, as well as a book of modern articles on what this old document means for us Young at Heart Lutherans. I'm working with Pr Nancy Vogel on devising a process that will involve us in fun, informal, small groups in learning something about our spiritual heritage and each other.

We have many other things this Fall. We're going to dedicate the wonderful new administrative offices and have Staff Appreciation as well on October 1st. One thing that we have not experienced in years around these parts are Confirmations. We've watched Quiana and Julian grow up as a part of our family and now they're ready to Affirm their Baptisms. How exciting!

I continue to pray for our post-Covid revival. By that I mean a spiritual revival that will bring us closer to the Lord Jesus and to each other. We think that something is different from the before Covid days. That is so in some sense. However, that's not bad news. We're primed for a renewal in faith and vision; not of things past, but of things new into the future.

Pr Ed Barnett

Lutheran Saint(s) of the month

St. N.F.S Gruntvig, Bishop, Renewer of the Church – 2 September

Nikolaj Frederik Severin Grundtvig (1783-1872) produced a major body of work in the fields of theology, education, literature, politics, and history. His activism involved him in the movement that led to Denmark introducing parliamentary government in 1849. His work in education led to the founding of “Folk Schools,” or high schools for the common people. These spread beyond Denmark and throughout Scandinavia. He was also a poet, a hymn-writer, and a translator. (You probably know his hymn “Built on a Rock the Church shall stand”) Although, at odds with the church hierarchy much of his life, in 1861 he was given the rank of bishop. Grundtvig maintained that Christianity was a historical revelation, handed down by the unbroken chain of a living sacramental tradition at baptism and communion. He is in this sense, the Lutheran equivalent to St John Henry Cardinal Newman of England, a part of the catholic revival within Protestantism. He was at odds with the prevalent “Pietist” sentiments of the time which said no to drinking and dancing. Instead, he was interested with how Christ was present in common culture, like folk festivals and dancing. When Danish Lutherans came to this country for many years they were known as either Dour Danes (the Pietists) or Dancing Danes (the Grundtvigians).

COMMUNITY NOTICES RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Members or friends hospitalized or had surgery in August: Jeanne Talts, Pat Bressler.

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of: Lynn Crane/Flowers
My mom Janet Liljestrand

In honor of:
Our children and grandchildren. Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers
Our 50th Anniversary Charlene & Steve Cranmer/Flowers
Our 58th Anniversary Madalon & Dick Ritter/Flowers

PRAYERS

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

- 9/3** Gerry Haller, Nortie Handwerck, Kay Hawtin,
Dick & Bev Healy, Jean Heitz
- 9/10** Linda Hide, Martin & Martha Holleran, Lorraine Hughes,
Mary Humphreys, Irvin & Sue Johnson
- 9/17** MaryJean Kancel, Nancy Kancel, John & Arlene Kelly,
Mary Kelpe, Bess King
- 9/24** Bernadine Kirkpatrick, Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick,
Ray & Roseanne Knudsen, Sandy Kolb, Jane Kunde

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/07 Marti & Kenn Yance 55 years*
9/27 John & Janet Braun 62 years*
9/28 Ray & Roseanne Knudsen 66 years*

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

Summer is almost gone and our ladies that have gone away will be returning soon. We will begin having our regular meetings in September. The ladies will be working on their projects; making quilts, personal care kits and other projects for Lutheran World Relief and Local Ministries.

Now is the time to register for the FL/BA SWO Fall Gathering. **Holy Ground – God Still Speaks**, November 10–12, 2023. New Location: Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, located at 4991 Picciola Road in Fruitland Park.

Registration is now open. Go to flwelca.com and download, email or mail the writable PDF registration forms to our conference registrar, Diane Cummings. Select the appropriate form and complete all fields, including the payment section. Review the workshop list and submit your choices with your registration form. Did you know that the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women’s Organization has programs available to help defray the cost of attending the Fall Gathering?

Grants are available; **SHARE the SPIRIT** for adults and **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE** for youth grades 6 through 12.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any member of the WELCA Board.

Peace and Blessings,

Lorraine Van Haecke – Leader

Cell: 407-252-4692

Ruth Circle – Next meeting Thurs. Sept 7th at 1:30 pm. Dianne will lead bible study using *Gather* magazine May/June issue. Page 32 title Salvation Now. Pat will provide refreshments.

Benefit Pot Luck salad luncheon- Thursday Oct. 5th at 11:30. Speaker will be present from **LovExtension in Tavares**. LovExtension “**Serving** to improve life for seniors and disabled adults in Lake County and the Villages whose family support is lacking or deficient, by providing support for their emotional, nutritional and social needs.”

The benefit will include information regarding LovExtension, pot luck salad luncheon and entertainment by Charlene Cranmer. Join in for a time of Fellowship, Fun and Caring for our neighbors.

Monetary donations and donations in kind of Incontinence items: adult pull-ups, bed pads, bladder pads, guards, or Protein drinks will be gladly accepted and appreciated.

Sign up sheet will be in Fellowship hall and collection box for items will be in Narthex on Sept 10th.

Mary-Martha Circle – will meet downstairs in Mary Beth’s old office on the 2nd Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00 am. We will be starting our Mission Quilting finally and have a break at 10:30am. Bible Study at 11:00 will be out of the *Gather* Magazine. We will have copy’s of the lesson for anyone who needs one. We have not been quilting since February and would like anyone to help us out even if you do not want to join us for the Bible study. We will also be Mission Quilting on the 4th Friday which is September 22 at 9am. Please feel free to join us for fun & fellowship.

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.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Gloria Dei Family,

Thank you for the lovely birthday cake, coffee and blessed wishes on my 101st birthday. It was wonderful and very appreciated. Love you all, God Bless.

Nortie Handwerck

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. In October we plan to study more women in the old testament.

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

JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY (JULY)

Here's a HUGE THHHHHAAAAANK YOOOOOOUUUUUUU to the 41 volunteers from First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and from around the local community who joined hands this morning (July 14) from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM to distribute 9,861 pounds of nutritious food to 589 individuals from 174 local families. Our amazing volunteers served 140 vehicles (some with more than one family) in just two hours. That's about one vehicle in less than one minute which reflects the many hours of preparation, training, and organization of our dedicated volunteers. Thanks also to the financial support we receive from our own volunteers and congregations, as well as organizations such as the Lake County Florida Department of Human Services, Snap-On Corporation, Sav-A-Lot, Thrivent Financial, Mr. & Mrs, Vernon Kluge, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Tetting, and Diane Treadway to name only a few. Joining Hands in Food Ministry is an equal opportunity food provider, and is an authorized partner agency of Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, and Farm Share. If you would like to make a donation to our 501(c)(3) public charity you may send a check payable to JHIFM in care of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 130 S. Lone Oak Drive, Leesburg, FL 34748. Please "LIKE" us at Joining Hands in Food Ministry for monthly reminders of our free food distributions. Enjoy the photos of this morning's food distribution. Lake County Florida Thrivent, Snap-on Tools, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, Farm Share, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church ELCA, First Presbyterian Church, Save A Lot, State of Florida Lake County Health Department.

Richard. Cassem

Joining Hands in Food Ministry Chief Operating Officer

JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY

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

JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY (AUGUST)

I just wanted to thank everyone absent or present this steamy morning who helped to make our August 11 free food distribution so successful. Our volunteers distributed a whopping 13,268 pounds of nutritious food to 749 individuals from 214 needy families. We served one car every 45 seconds! A new record for Joining Hands in Food Ministry! I posted 36 photos of this morning's food distribution at [Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/](https://www.facebook.com/feedinghopenow/). Well done Hunger Heroes!

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

Save the Date!!!
Administrative Offices Dedication/Staff Appreciation
Sunday, October 1, 2023

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sun.	9/3	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Tues.	9/5	10:00 a.m. WELCA Board meeting 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	9/6	10:00 a.m. Bible Study (book of Matthew) @ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room 10:00 a.m. Zoom Executive Meeting 1:00 p.m. Mid-Day Prayers 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	9/7	1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle
Fri.	9/8	8:30-10:30 a.m. Joining Hands in Food Min.
Sun.	9/10	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	9/11	7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Apostle's Creed) Zoom
Tues.	9/12	9:00 a.m. Mary Martha Circle/Quilting 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	9/13	10:00 a.m. Bible Study (book of Matthew) @ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room 1:00 p.m. Mid-Day Prayers 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	9/17	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Offering
Mon.	9/18	7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Apostle's Creed) Zoom
Tues.	9/19	4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	9/20	10:00 a.m. Bible Study (book of Matthew) @ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room 1:00 p.m. Mid-Day Prayers 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal OCTOBER GLORION DEADLINE
Sun.	9/24	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	9/25	7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Apostle's Creed) Zoom
Tues.	9/26	10:00 a.m. Council Meeting 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	9/27	10:00 a.m. Bible Study (book of Matthew) @ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room 1:00 p.m. Mid-Day Prayers 2:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

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

9:30 a.m.

9/3	R=Steve Cranmer +=James Menchaca C= A=Patricia Bressler	9/10	R=Vaike O'Grady +=Leone Goding C= A=Arlene Kelly
9/17	R=Vaike O'Grady +=Julian Menchaca C= A=Arlene Kelly	9/24	R=Mary Jean Kancel +=Leone Goding C= A=

Ushers

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

9:30 a.m.

9/3	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly	9/10	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly
9/17	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly	9/24	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly

Altar Guild for June: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for September: Judy Eads

Greeter for September:

9/3
9/10
9/17
9/24

Fellowship

9/3 James, Quiana, Julian Menchaca

9/10

9/17

9/24 Dianne & Dennis Marcotte

Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

9/3 Jeanne Talts

9/10 John & Janet Braun

9/17 Arlene Kelly

9/24 Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly

FINANCIAL CORNER

GENERAL FUND

	July, 2023	Year to date 2023
Contributions	\$18,396.11	\$117,860.71
Expenditures	\$21,744.17	\$162,750.81

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Beg. Bal. 1/1/2023	Donations	Withdrawals	Ending Bal 7/31/2023
Elementary School	160.59	50.00	195.90	14.69
Oak Park Middle	0	0	0	0
Thrivent Choice \$\$	3,683.76	555.00	2,097.42	2,141.34
Basket Social	282.51	0	282.51	0
Eternal Light	600.00	45.00	0	645.00
Fellowship	13.51	638.26	372.37	279.40
JHIFM	0	838.00	838.00	0
World Hunger	0	1,132.00	1,132.00	0
Flowers	561.38	726.00	1,130.38	157.00
ELCA	0	115.00	115.00	0
Altar wine/bread	25.02	121.00	0	146.02
AV Equipment	4,733.77	2,000.00	6,595.44	138.33
First Impressions	0	1,447.51	51.88	1,395.63
Disaster Relief	0	125.00	125.00	0
Evangelism	780.00	257.00	60.00	977.00
Choir/music	550.00	0	0	550.00
TOTALS	11,390.54	8,049.77	12,995.90	6,444.41

September Stewardship Article

STEWARDSHIP- It's not about fundraising!

Beginning this fall, Gloria Dei will move into a year round stewardship program.

What this means is that using resources from ELCA and other best practices of stewardship, the focus will be on stewardship in all it's forms. Topics to be explored, what is stewardship? How can I be a good steward? What is Gloria Dei's relationship to good stewardship practices and many other important topics.

The program will include sharing stories of caring for each other, caring for the gifts we have been given and what does the Bible say about being a steward. If you feel called to be part of Stewardship team, please speak with Linda Steege, Arlene Kelly or Dianne Marcotte. There will not be monthly meetings, communication will be via email or in person.

GENEROSITY- Stewardship in action!

The congregation of Gloria Dei has once again rallied to care for others in need. Upon hearing of need in our community to provide shoes and other school supplies to Leesburg Elementary and Oak Park Middle school, the following items were donated by members of Gloria Dei.

LEESBURG ELEMENTARY-

32 pairs of new shoes

16 pairs of sox

Misc. school supplies such crayons, note pads, pencils, erasers.

\$100 in Walmart gift cards

OAK PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL-

12 Backpacks

335 Pencils

13 pairs of new shoes

\$100 in Walmart gift

Council Corner for September

By Pastor Ed Barnett

Why do we have a Congregation Council? Is it just because our Constitution says so? Is it just a “Board of Directors” to rule the Religious Non-Profit Corporation according to the laws of the particular State? Is it just some odd Lutheran tradition? No. No. No. Church Councils – groups of people who collaboratively govern over bodies of the church – are as old as Christianity itself. Although weak and limited, there are even hints of their development in the Bible. When the question of what Gentile believers in Jesus were going to be required to do, the Apostles and others met in Jerusalem. This is considered the first, (ecumenical) Council.

Throughout church history councils have existed. In the Middle Ages, even dioceses were governed at least in part by a type of Council known as a Cathedral Chapter. These were bodies of clergy that aided the bishop in governing the church and in many places even elected the bishop. Even at the “super regional” level Councils exist. The College of Cardinals in Rome is a type of Council.

Today, in our Lutheran Church, every level is governed by a Shepherd (Pastor or Bishop) and a Council. We have Councils at the Congregation, Synod, and the National Church levels. Even the Lutheran World Federation has a Council!

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG, BIG
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED
WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE!

AND

THANK YOU KATHLEEN BIRDSALL!
MY OFFICE IS A SPECIAL PLACE NOW!!!

BEAUTIFUL INSPIRING
STAINED-GLASS ANGEL



MARY BETH MORRIS

**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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