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# GLORIA DEI

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

**THE GLORION**

**JUNE 2024**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M**



June, 2024

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ... Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

Acts 18.1,4

Summer almost always means vacations. Down here, it's a bit different. Many have retired here and if and when they leave during the summer it probably has a lot to do with avoiding the heat and/or hurricanes.

Regardless, when we do travel and we're gone over a Sunday, what is your practice? I will say, I'm always peaking in online to see how things are here at Gloria Dei. However, and I hope this is the case for you, that if you're well enough to be traveling, you're probably able to make it to a local church for Lord's Day worship.

When I'm "on the road" I will almost always try to make it to an ELCA church. I always give the preference for ones with weekly Communion and a good liturgical and musical reputation. Many times, I'll be in an area where I might know pastors serving. Absent that, any Lutheran congregation will do. And if I'm in the unusual situation where that is not available, my go to is Episcopalian. (In my experience, while the preaching can vary widely, they usually don't yuck up for liturgy too badly due to their adherence to the Book of Common Prayer).

Sometimes I'm able to stay and get a cup of coffee afterwards, but mostly I'm an in and out person. I tend to come early and rush out.

What do you notice when you visit other congregations? I guess the number one thing any of us would observe are practices we've never, ever seen before. While Ecclesiastes tells us there's nothing new under the sun, it still happens that we come upon something novel in our own experience. There're also times that we (I) see things that I think might be nice to see implemented here. I would be interested in having some conversations with you about what you see, observe and experience in your church travels.

For much of church history the vast majority of Christians didn't travel and consequently knew nothing but their local parish church. We're blessed nowadays with our getting around! In these journey's we're reminded of the breadth of the Body of Christ which we confess every Sunday.

The most important thing to remember is that we go to church to observe the Lord's Day, to be with God's people, and (hopefully) receive the Blessed Sacrament. The focus is first and foremost on the Lord. I hope and pray that you visit other churches while away.

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10.24-25

Pr Ed Barnett

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Members or friends hospitalized or had surgery in May: Sandy Kolb, Loraine Van Haecke, Jayne Gable, Richard Czuprynski, Bev Healy, Linda Hide.

### GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

#### **In honor of:**

June Rieb's birthday                      Kenn & Martha Yance/Flowers  
To celebrate our grandson RJ's      Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers  
graduation from Northwestern Univ.

### PRAYERS

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

- 6/2**     Larry Goerke, Barbara Goins, Bill Grese,  
           Dottsie Grins, Mary Grissom
  
- 6/9**     Rose Gulbrandsen, Ralph & Sylvia Hallberg, Gerry Haller  
           Northilt Handwerck, Kay Hawtin
  
- 6/16**    Dick & Bev Healy, Linda Hide, Roger Hollands,  
           Martin & Martha Holleran, Lorraine Hughes
  
- 6/23**    Mary Humphries, Irv & Sue Johnson, MaryJean Kancel,  
           Nancy Kancel, Shirley Kelley
  
- 6/30**    John & Arlene Kelly, Mary Kelpe, Bess King,  
           Byron & Crystal Kirkpatrick, Sandy Kolb

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/04	Susan Stack & Bob Pierce	24 years
06/07	Brian & Karen Mundy	44 years
06/21	Jeanne & Leon Ellis	55 years*
06/28	Mike & cj Clarke	44 years

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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01	June Rieb	06/03	Marilyn Wahl
06/07	Jean Heitz	06/08	Don Ames
06/08	Barb Lias	06/08	Julian Menchaca
06/09	Marva Tetting	06/17	Ernest DeBarr
06/23	Michael Stewart	06/25	Nancy Vogel
06/28	Leone Goding		

## Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

The WELCA Board had their last meeting with a luncheon at the Brick and Barrel downtown in Leesburg on Monday the 13th. We discussed some of the happenings in the previous months and in the months in our near future. By request, we are planning a Fall Fashion Show in October this year. Our Annual Christmas Luncheon is to be held at Chesapeake Grill in Arlington Ridge on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Save the date, watch for more details in the Glorion and the weekly bulletins.

There are several projects like The Giving Tree, during the summer months for all of us to continue to participate in sponsored by the Ladies of our Church. "God's Work, Our Hands"

We wish all of you that are going away for the summer months to have safe travels and a Blessed Summer. We also wish for all to have a Safe and Healthy and Blessed Summer.

Our regular meetings will resume in September. If you are interested and would like to know more about what we do, please join us.

Lorraine Van Haecke – Leader  
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**Ruth Circle** – Ruth circle meetings have paused for Summer.

However, God’s Work, Our Hands continues. Ruth Circle members will be collecting much needed items as requested by Florence, the family liaison at Leesburg Elementary School. Have you heard about “clothing poverty”? Clothing poverty describes the situation in which people have little to wear on a day to day basis. Thousands of people are clothing poor. Attention has been given to rising fuel and food prices but clothing poverty has not been a focus. Many students are avoiding school for fear of being bullied or teased about the state of their clothing. Many children attending LEESBURG ELEMENTARY do not have the most basic items of clothing, which are underwear and socks. In month of June and July, Ruth circle is bringing back “Undie Sundays”!

Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to provide these much needed items. A bin will be in the Narthex to collect items which can be brought to church on Sundays. Colored underwear is fine but no super hero or cartoon figures please.

Boys sizes are: xs/4, s/6-8, m/10-12, L 14-16, Husky sizes LH 14H-16H and XLH 18-20H.

Girls sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16  
6/8, 10/12, 14/16.

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OAK PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL-

Amanda Hanke family liaison at Oak Park Middle School requests that the following items be donated: Pencils, Pens, Index cards and 1 Subject spiral notebooks. A box to collect these items will be in Narthex. Usually around 4th of July "Back to School" sales pop up everywhere.

**Mary-Martha Circle** will not be quilting thru the summer, we will begin again in September.

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.

## EDUCATION-DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

You are cordially invited to join our Bible study. We meet on Wednesdays from 2:30 -4:00 pm at church. In early June, we will continue learning about the Psalms, and in mid-June we will start watching “The Chosen” together. 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.

Mary Kelpé hosts a bible study “Hebrews” @ Lake Port Square on Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m. in the card room at 821 Lake Port Blvd. Feel free to join the group!

There is also a bible study on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. by zoom. If you would like to attend, please email Pastor Barnett at [egbarnett@hotmail.com](mailto:egbarnett@hotmail.com) or Mary Beth Morris at [gloriadeilutheranleesburg@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadeilutheranleesburg@gmail.com) and one of us will send you the link.

## JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY

Many thanks to the 50 volunteers from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg, and from around our local community who joined hands on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to distribute 11,686 pounds of nutritious food to 576 individuals from 155 Lake County families in need. God bless you all.

Richard. Cassem  
Joining Hands in Food Ministry Chief Operating Officer

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Joining Hands is collecting **canned fruit, cereal (hot or cold), peanut butter & jelly**, any kind will be a big help! Please put your donations in the Narthex on the shelf. Thank you for your support.

## PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Mark your calendars for a Patriotic Concert to be held at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. The music will be from combined choirs of Gloria Dei and First Presbyterian. Come help us celebrate!

## Stewardship

Mark your calendars: CUPPA WITH THE SHERIFF.

Sheriff Walter Wolf from Lake County Sheriff's office will speak to attendees in Gloria Dei Fellowship Hall on **Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.** Topic of his talk will include Scams targeting the elderly and how to protect yourself and other safety topics. Sheriff Wolf will also provide information regarding all the programs the Sheriff's department offers which benefit the citizens of Lake County.

I will provide more specifics as I get them from Sheriff Wolf.

Beverages only will be served. Tea, iced tea, water, decaf coffee and Lemonade

There will be a sign up list in the Fellowship Hall.

### THE GIVING TREE-

Many of you may have seen giving trees at Christmas time including the one at Gloria Dei which supports Salvation Army Angel Tags in late Nov, early Dec. Being able to give is a blessing and something which God calls us to do. Beginning in June, the tree in Narthex as a visual reminder of our call to give and the needs there are in this community which need to be filled.

In alignment with year-round Stewardship models, tags will be on tree monthly. This will be an easy way to focus your giving and for Gloria Dei to keep outreach, stewardship and generosity in the forefront of the church, literally. Members of Gloria Dei may find this an enjoyable way to keep doing what you have been known to do," being generous".

Organizations which have been supported by Gloria Dei for a number of years will still be included. Sometimes it's hard to remember to bring a jar of peanut butter for JHIFM or a bar of soap or personal care kits and place in box in Narthex, I know I have many times thought "Oh, I forgot to pick up item or forgot to bring item to church. "If I place a tag on the counter in the kitchen with my grocery list, sunglasses etc. I will be more apt to make the donation happen.

Late Nov into Dec will still be dedicated to Angel tree tags, other months tags will change as projects change or need in community changes. If there is a special event at church such as wedding or a funeral, the tree will be removed from Narthex until event is over. Tree is not meant to deter from looks or atmosphere of Narthex, it is an outward sign of how Gloria Dei keeps mission in mind.

If you have any questions, please see me.

Dianne Marcotte



## **JUNE CALENDAR**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Service for Healing</b> <b>11:00 a.m. Book Discussion</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>6/3</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study “Hebrews”</b> <b>@ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room</b> <b>2:30 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Sheriff Wolf-talk on scams</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>6/8</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Mary Beth’s Retirement Party</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6/9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Temple Talk</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>6/10</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>6/11</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study “Hebrews”</b> <b>@ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room</b> <b>2:30 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>6/14</b>	<b>8:30-10:30 a.m. Joining Hands in Food Min.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6/16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Offering</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>6/17</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>6/18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6/19</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study “Hebrews”</b> <b>@ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room</b> <b>2:30 p.m. Developing Disciples Bible Study</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6/23</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>6/24</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>6/25</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6/26</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study “Hebrews”</b> <b>@ 821 Lake Port Blvd. card room</b> <b>NO Developing Disciples Bible Study</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6/30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship</b>

## JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

### Assistant Ministers

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

**9:30 a.m.**

<b>6/2</b>	R=Steve Cranmer +=James Menchaca C= A=Patricia Bressler	<b>6/9</b>	R=Arlene Kelly +=Leone Goding C= A=
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<b>6/16</b>	R=MaryJean Kancel +=Leone Goding C= A=	<b>6/23</b>	R=Linda Steege +=Julian Menchaca C= A=Pat Bressler
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<b>6/30</b>	R=Arlene Kelly +=James Menchaca C= A=Vaikke O'Grady
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### Ushers

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

<b>6/2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly	<b>6/9</b>	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly
<b>6/16</b>	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly	<b>6/23</b>	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly
<b>6/30</b>	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson John Kelly		

**Altar Guild for June:** Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick & Craig Carlson

**Post Worship Secretary for June:** cj Clarke

**Greeters for June:**

**6/2**  
**6/9**  
**6/16**  
**6/23**  
**6/30**

**Fellowship**

**6/2**  
**6/9**  
**6/16**  
**6/23** Dianne Marcotte & Madalon Ritter  
**6/30** Vaike O'Grady & Jeanne Talts

**Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.**

**6/2** Jeanne Talts  
**6/9** John & Janet Braun  
**6/16** Arlene Kelly  
**6/23** Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly  
**6/30**

## FINANCIAL CORNER

### GENERAL FUND

	April, 2024	Year to date 2024
Contributions	\$14,815.18	\$74,959.14
Expenditures	\$20,818.04	\$88,301.29

### RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Beg. Bal. 1/1/2024	Donations	Withdrawals	Ending Bal 4/30/24
Elementary School	14.69	0	0	14.69
Oak Park Middle	0	0	0	0
Thrivent Choice \$\$	2,249.34	392.00	1,085.70	1,555.64
Eternal Light	665.00	75.00	0	740.00
Fellowship	504.98	773.00	129.56	1,148.42
JHIF	0	585.00	585.00	0
World Hunger	0	78.00	78.00	0
Flowers	526.90	531.00	311.91	745.99
ELCA	0	45.00	45.00	0
Altar wine/bread	196.02	60.00	0	256.02
AV Equipment	138.33	0	0	138.33
First Impressions Phase 3	2,430.63	15,630.00	1,050.00	17,010.63
Evangelism	1,123.00	342.00	0	1,465.00
Choir/music	550.00	0	0	550.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,398.89</b>	<b>18,511.00</b>	<b>3,285.17</b>	<b>23,624.72</b>

**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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