



FROM THE TOWER

March/April 2022

Worship with Us!

In person in the Nave, "Gloria Dei Live" on Facebook, or Zoom.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



Building Faith + Building Community + Building Lives

A Word from Our Pastor



**Pastor Dave Fox,
Senior Pastor/
Head of Staff**

The Fox's Trot

"Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God..."
Genesis 45:8a, NASB

Joseph, not the one engaged to Mary, the one that was sold into slavery by his brothers, is the one saying these words above. He has been through the ringer but has found himself in a place of power for the sake of helping those who need it the most, the Egyptians who are undergoing a seven-year famine. He says these words to his brothers who sold him into slavery. And instead of repaying evil with evil, he commits to feeding them and their families.

The "sent me here" part includes more than just where Joseph is when he says these words. It also includes the struggle of the years that he was a slave, where he was bound to be mistreated, overworked, and famished. Through his struggles, Joseph saw that God was present and had a plan for his life. And through his blessings, Joseph saw that God was present and had a plan for his life.

You may have found yourself in a new chapter of your life as of recent. It could be graduation, the start of a new career, the beginning of a new family or an addition to your family, the loss of someone you deeply loved, being diagnosed with cancer, undergoing surgery and recovery, retirement, entering into a retirement community or even assisted living. Whatever chapter you find yourself in, I hope you see that God is present and has a plan for your life.

We all have a chapter in our lives called "COVID." This has no doubt been a struggle for all of us. But even throughout a two-year pandemic, God is present and has a plan for our lives.

Many of us have found ourselves saying, "I don't know God's plan for my life." To tell you that God has it all mapped out for you and that you are just a puppet on a string, would be wrong thinking and bad theology. When I say that God has a plan for you, I think it is a broad plan where you have the opportunity to sharpen its focus.

Maybe you have found that your ability to do, has come to a close, but rest assured that God still has a plan for you. We are in need of prayer warriors. I am in need of prayer warriors - folks that will lift up their church, community, friends, family, and their pastor in prayer. No matter your chapter, you can be a prayer warrior.

Maybe you have found that you have a little extra time on your hands and could offer an hour a week to volunteer at the church, for hospice, with driving folks to the doctor, with delivering meals, with helping with the local food pantry or homeless shelter.

Maybe you are swamped but still know that you need a group of brothers and sisters in the faith to fellowship with and to hear God's Word. It might be time for you to start that small group, one that rotates facilitators so you aren't overwhelmed but fulfilled.

No matter if you find yourself on top of the world or barely breathing – God is present and God has a plan for your life. That plan is to share in the work of extending God's grace and love throughout the world. Extending God's grace and love throughout the world is a huge task, but it is accomplished through small actions. What small action might God be calling you to do today? How will you sharpen the focus of God's plan for your life? What will you commit to doing to extend God's grace and love throughout the world?

I will be excited to hear your responses. Remember, God is present in your life, and God has a plan for your life.

Peace be the journey,
Pastor Dave

Annual Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday

**Pancake Supper
Wednesday, March 2
5:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**

You are invited for pancakes, sausage, fruit cocktail, juice, and hot drinks. A free-will offering will be taken, and proceeds will be going toward the Women of the ELCA's ministry effort in making personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Every kit made will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need.

**Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 2
WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday is the doorway to the season of Lent. The spirit of this service is solemn but not sad, dealing with our need for reconciliation with God. This will be a service of Holy Communion, and the optional order for the Imposition of Ashes will be offered.

Wednesdays in Lent

**March 9 – April 6
Soup Supper from 5:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.
WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.**

This year our Lenten series will focus on getting our hearts ready for the great love God has to give us by looking at the 23rd Psalm. Our Lenten series titled, "Shepherd Me O God," begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for five weeks until Palm Sunday. We begin with a simple soup supper served in our Atrium beginning at 5:30 p.m., serving continuously until 6:40 p.m.

Worship will include Evening Vespers, and the sermons will have the following topics:

Ash Wednesday.....	God is a Shepherd Who Provides
Lent 1, March 9.....	God Leads Us
Lent 2, March 16.....	God is with Us
Lent 3, March 23.....	God Gives Us a Place of Honor
Lent 4, March 30.....	God Pursues Us with Grace
Lent 5, April 6.....	We Respond in Faith

We are still in need of people to make soup for our Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers. We also need people to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. If you are interested, please contact Aaron Sutherland, 478-9756, or Eric Olsen, 510-0839.

Worship Schedule for Palm Sunday through Easter

**Palm Sunday, April 10
WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 14
WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Tenebrae, April 15
WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord, April 17
WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m.**

Altar Guild

HELP WANTED!!!

We are in need of volunteers more than ever, so if you have ever wondered what it is that we do to prepare the church for weekly services and special events, I would be happy to answer any questions. Training is provided. Please call or text Renee Wells at 757-749-4425 and SAY YES...I WOULD LOVE TO HELP!

Nursery Workers Needed

Our Nursery is available on an RSVP basis for our Wonderful Wednesday program and Sunday morning. If you are interested in working with children four years and younger, please contact Laura Lopez, 757-768-3621 or laura.venable13@gmail.com.

Coffee Creators Needed

If you enjoy drinking a cup of coffee on Sunday mornings, please consider helping serve on Sunday mornings as a Coffee Creator. Please contact Vicki Venable if you are interested, 757-281-9468 or vlvenable@gmail.com.



**Lisa Dadez,
Head of School**

From the Head of School

Soon we will begin registration for our 50th school year. What a wonderful milestone to celebrate! By the end of the first week of March, you should have received your registration packet for next year. If you have not received registration information, please call our School office at 851-6292, and we will be happy to mail you a packet. Registration for current School students and our congregation members begins on Monday, March 14. Registration opens to the public on Monday, March 21. If your child currently attends and you plan for your child to return next year, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the advance registration during the week of March 14 -18 to reserve placement for your child. Students who are returning to Gloria Dei for the 2022- 2023 school year need to re-register, as this is a yearly process.

Each year's program builds a foundation to enable students to grow with sequential skill development to the next grade level. As a child moves from one grade level to another, the programs expand to offer a broader base of activities and enriching experiences.

Children in our Toddler/2-year-old classes are able to enroll for a full-day program beginning with the summer program. Children have a positive, first-school experience while enjoying activities, art projects, games, music, library, and chapel. Students must be at least 16 months old on their entrance date to attend.

At the preschool level, we offer a half-day school program with the option of hourly or full-time childcare before and/or after school if needed. Preschoolers enjoy weekly themed units, introduction to the alphabet and phonics, counting and numbers, art, children's literature, learning games, music, chapel, physical education, and library. Preschool gives children the opportunity to develop friendships, to learn to resolve conflicts, and to grow socially as well as academically. Preschoolers need to be potty-trained to attend and three years old by December 31, 2022.

Students moving from preschool to prekindergarten experience pre-reading activities with *Handwriting Without Tears, Word* - a language development program, *Scholastic News, Mortimer Moose* - an alphabet and phonics program, and *Handwriting Without Tears, Math*. Along with many classroom activities and games, children enjoy weekly P.E., music, chapel, library, and participate in a hands-on science experience in their science class. Every other week, prekindergarten students learn about

nutrition with Chef Combo and visit the computer lab to work with educational software.

Kick Start Kindergarten is geared for students who are age appropriate for kindergarten but who are not quite ready, for children who are repeating prekindergarten, or for advanced children entering prekindergarten. In order for preschool students to be eligible for this program, they need to pass a screening and have a teacher recommendation.

All kindergarten classes learn reading with a phonetic program, *Beginning to Read, Write and Listen* by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill. What an exciting time when your kindergartener reads to you for the first time! In the fall of 2020, the kindergarten program relocated to the Willow Oaks campus. The addition of kindergarten to our elementary facility set the tone for a more academic focus to the kindergarten program.

The Willow Oaks campus has all the essentials needed for elementary-age students - computer lab, library, art/music room, science room, P.E. athletic field, playground, infirmary, and offices. The grades' program builds strong academic skills in phonetics and reading comprehension, spelling, math, and writing while offering an enriching resource schedule - weekly art classes, extended computer time, P.E., Spanish, along with chapel, library, music, chorus, and S.T.E.M. science lab.

Our middle school is also located at our Willow Oaks Campus. We continue with our strong tradition of academic excellence in a Christian environment with an emphasis on the mental, spiritual, physical, emotional, and social needs of students. Students change classes for the core subjects of literature, grammar, composition, math, science, and social studies. In addition, a well-rounded program of resources will provide enrichment. Resources, depending on grade level, include health, study skills, conflict resolution, physical education, art, project design, CSI, geography, computers, photography, Lego Robotics, Stop Motion Animation, woodworking, sewing, chapel, library, music, and MORE. Algebra I, Geometry, and Spanish I are offered for transfer as high school credits.

It is amazing what our students can accomplish with a strong academic curriculum, enriching resource classes, a spiritual foundation which reinforces values and morals, a nurturing, caring environment, and a partnership between home and school. Today, more than ever before, it is vital for students to not only have a solid, firm, educational foundation, but also a foundation for moral and ethical standards. Children learn and practice values and standards by example and guidance. The experiences and environment you are providing for your child now will influence your child for a lifetime. We welcome the opportunity to be a part of your child's life journey.

Yours in Christ's service,
Lisa S. Dadez, Head of School

I am pleased to announce 114 Gloria Dei students in our first – eighth grades, earned Honor Roll recognition for the second grading period of our 2021 - 2022 school year. In order to achieve Honor Roll recognition, middle school students must earn A and/or B averages in **all** classes. Elementary students must obtain A and/or B averages in all content subject areas, satisfactory or above in their resource classes, and satisfactory or above on **all** work/study habits. Not an easy accomplishment!! The following students have worked and put forth a tremendous amount of effort. Congratulations to you and keep up the good work. We are proud of you and your efforts. I look forward to listing your names again on the recognition for the third quarter. There were several students who came so very close and missed the Honor Roll by one grade. I hope to be able to list your names on our next recognition. Give third quarter your best!!

Second Quarter 2021 Honor Roll

First Grade

Nolte

James Archambault

Mario Brown

Jacob Church

Breiner

Olivia Abel

Koi Abney

Oakley Coys

Cayden Cummings

Morgan Dawkins

Gavin Fatkin

Ella Gray

Braxton Foster

Nolan Frazier

Ronald Hayford

Nora Hicks

Serafina Howland

Lincoln McClinton

Asha McKenna

Nixon Howell

Cleo Link

John Wilhelm

Sainaii Williams-Lucky

King Oliver

Khai Wildy

Richard Wilhelm

John Henry Yohn

Second Grade

Maguire

McKenna Behan

Christiana Grandberry

Evelyn Graybeal

Perry

Evelyn Dewey

Abigail Farmer

Nate Howell

Mia Kearney

Thomas Kipper

Ben Ferrante

Addyson Houde

Karly Moore

Meghan Willey

Thomas Williford

Jozef Zywina

Third Grade

Watterton

Kylee Brewer

Gracie Finnegan

Oliver Fox

Merit Gradel

Avery Gray

Skylar Harris

Jack Howland

Letty Jackson

Sofia Kearney

Christopher Mason

Tristan Mugler

Steven Mustard

Nicholas Perry

Taylor Smith

St. John Villar

William Waldrop

Fourth Grade

Cotrupi

Braylon Adams

Jordan Keefer

McKenna King

Peyton LaRoche

Eliana Mbaiornonde

Bryson Nichols

Marissa Pender

Leah Smith

Elijah Woodard

Fifth Grade

Wallace

Lola Atkins

Jada Corbett

Zachary Dibble

Abigail Fisher

Alena Fortuna

Nicoli Hammonds

Easton Harman

Layla Lands

Isabella Little

Brooklyn Phipps

Bryson Rader

Riley Smith

Matthew Wu

Zoe Zou

Sixth Grade

Walter

Randolph Atkins

Landon Beckford

Aaron Gaita

Gabriella Hale

Jewel O'Conner

Caroline Shoemaker

Dominick Stilgebour

Peyton Walter

Zachary Zou

Seventh Grade

Earhart

Madysen Collins

Hannah DeFalco

Felicity Gil

Lillian Green

Jude Kuligowski

Donovan Mares

Haylee Meredith

David Peters

Cameron Silver

Shane Weaver

Dayja Weeks

Eighth Grade

Vogt

Junior Ceribasi

Owen Erickson

Jillian Griffin

Joe Kerrick

Vinh Le

Ryleigh Munce

Wai-Yun Quach

Austin Rader

Dylan Taylor

Zac Uribe III

Landon Verser

Kylie Williams

Congregation Members,

The voting for the Best of Reader's Choice Awards has begun for 2022. For the past seven years, Gloria Dei Lutheran School has been nominated and won the GOLD award for Best in Private Schools, Child Care Centers, and Summer Camp. This year, we strive to maintain our GOLD status. You can help by voting for Gloria Dei School, Child Care, and Summer Camp.

Specific details are listed below. Select the education tab, and vote under Child Development Center. Then scroll down to Private School – click and find Gloria Dei School where you can vote again. VOTE under Child Care, Private Schools, and Summer Camp. Only one vote allowed per email address.

www.coastalvirginiamag.com – if the main page posted is not Best of Readers' Choice Awards, click on the Best of 2022 tab at the top of the page to start the voting process.

Since we are listed in three categories, you may vote once in each category.

Category – Child Development – **Gloria Dei** is listed, click and vote.

Category – Private School – **Gloria Dei** is listed, click and vote.

Category – Summer Camp – **Gloria Dei** is listed, click and vote.

Show your support for Gloria Dei by going to the noted website and voting for Gloria Dei Lutheran School now through March 4, 2022. This year it is one vote per category, per email address.

Please invite family and friends within our 757 area to show their support by voting in each category.

Thank you so much for your support and votes!!! Lisa S. Dadez, Head of School

Best of Voting Ballot 2022

Welcome to our 2022 Readers' Choice Best Of Voting Ballot!

Website: www.CoVABestOf.com

The voting period is open now until March 4, 2022. During this window, everyone can vote for their favorite businesses, individuals, and organizations in the 757 area.



- One ballot per person (e-mail address).
- Nominees **MUST** be in the **CORRECT** Category in order to be counted.
- Vote for as many or as few categories as you would like, but note that each voter is allowed one vote per category for the duration of the contest.

☺ **Private Schools – Gloria Dei Lutheran**

☺ **Child Care – Gloria Dei Lutheran**

☺ **Summer Camp – Gloria Dei Lutheran**

- You **MUST** submit your name and e-mail address with entry to validate your ballot.
- The contest winners will be those receiving the most votes overall.

(Contestants are eligible to win in three categories maximum.)

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- **Aides for School and Child Care**
- **Bus Drivers**

If you are interested in any of these positions, you can find an application online at the following address: <http://www.gdlshamptonva.com/school-forms>. Once it's completed, you may turn it in to the School Office at 250 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA 23669, attention: Lisa Dadez.

#PrayFor400

Our goal for student enrollment at Gloria Dei in the 2022-2023 school year is 400 students. We would like for you to use **#PrayFor400** anytime you are on a social media platform and talking about our Church or School. We also want you to take time daily to pray for our School and to specifically pray for 400 students for our next school year. We also want you to pray for the staff and volunteer positions to support our 400 students. Anytime you see we are looking for positions, pray specifically for that position to be filled. **#PrayFor400** is our prayer for the next few months. Will you join us in prayer?

Gloria Dei School Fundraisers

Face Masks—Protect yourself and others while showing your Gloria Dei spirit. Masks are available in adult and youth sizes for \$8.00 each. Please call the School Office, 851-6292, for more information.

Harris Teeter—You can help Gloria Dei Lutheran School raise funds by shopping at Harris Teeter. Once you ask for and receive your VIC card, you can go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>, click on “Link your school today,” log in or register, then go to “My Account,” and scroll down to “Together in Education,” and click to link a school. You will then enter our School code, 6528, and click on Gloria Dei Lutheran School. Thank you!

School Clothing Needs

Gloria Dei Lutheran School is in need of pants, slacks, shorts, and leggings for boys and girls, 2T – 9 years old. We have enough tops/shirts. Please call the School office, 851-6292, if you have clothing donations. They are much appreciated!

Council Corner

Thank you to Garth and his team for a wonderful series of Temple Talks and information about what we do at Gloria Dei and the impact we have. If you are submitting a response, you should have done so by now, but if not, please return your commitment card to the church office or in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you again to Garth and his committee for a wonderful campaign!

Due to the inclement weather in January, the council retreat had to be rescheduled. We are now scheduled to go April 1-3. The re-scheduling actually allowed for a better attendance, so the Lord really does work in mysterious ways!

At the time of this writing, the websites for both School and Church are getting ready to go “Live” and be up and running! Yay! Hopefully you have all had a chance to check them out. While there may be need for minor tweaks here and there, I thank everyone involved in getting this accomplished.

Tithe.ly is an exciting new feature on the new website, and it is rapidly making its mark. If you would like to join the digital age in offerings, please check out the “GIVE” portion of the site. There are detailed instructions to walk you through the process. One crucial note, you do have the ability to cover the transaction fees of this service. Just like every other credit card/ACH transaction, Gloria Dei is charged a fee of each processed amount for the service. There is an easy check box that allows you to cover these fees if you so desire.

Lastly, in what has become a bi-monthly statement, please know we continue to offer our appreciation to those of you who have stepped up to assume leadership and assistance positions as well as those who continue to make our Sunday services and weekly activities possible. Without you, Gloria Dei would not be able to function. I would ask all who are able, to find how you may serve in the functioning of our church and activities. Whether as a council member, an usher, a lay assistant, a reader, a greeter, a coffee creator, a musician, a singer, a bell ringer, a camera operator, a Wonderful Wednesday assistant, or in any area you may feel a call to be more active. If you are unsure of whom to contact for any role you may want to pursue, or if you have an idea for a new ministry or new group you would like to begin, please feel free to reach out to Peggy Sipes, Pastor Dave, myself, or any of our council members, and one of us will be able to point you in the direction!

Keep the faith,

Jason, Vivian, Kent, Garth, Eric, Ashley, Rachel, John, and Aaron

Community Fellowship

Fellow parishioners,

We thank you for helping make the Hanging and Unhanging of the Greens a HUGE success! We had ample volunteers to cook, sing, and get everything up in time for all to enjoy. Another BIG thanks to those who participated in the annual Father/Child Breakfast and for the proceeds that went to the Men's Breakfast Bible Study Scholarship Fund.

What's coming up?

- Habitat for Humanity! We'll be working with Mimi Mitchell and sponsoring another house this year. Thank you in advance for your support of what is undoubtedly a worthy cause. Ages 16 and older are welcomed to work on the house.
 - To support this house, we will have a Glorioso fundraiser. Mike is rallying the troops to bring back this Gloria Dei classic.

We need your input! Obviously, nothing we do under the umbrella of Community Fellowship would be possible without the collective of our church and community. Thank you for helping when and where you can!

Your voice is important. What else would you like to see us do? Please contact Eric (510-0839) or Aaron (478-9756) directly with your thoughts.

Many thanks,
Aaron and Eric

Girl Scout Cookies are Here!

Gloria Dei Girl Scouts Cookie sales have started, and the Scouts are ready to satisfy your cookie cravings! You can secure your cookies ahead of time online or through a Girl Scout directly. When they arrive, we can deliver to your home like last year.

Cookie booths will be here at Gloria Dei on:

March 5, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

March 6, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact troop leader, Vicki O'Neill, at vicki.oneill@ymail.com or by phone at 757-876-7066.

Memorial Service for Linda Robinson

A Memorial Service will be held for Linda Robinson on Sunday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m. at Gloria Dei. This service will be held in person as well as on Zoom. If you are interested in receiving the Zoom link, please call the Church Office, 757-851-2838. Memorial contributions may be made to: *Gloria Dei Lutheran School Scholarship Fund*, Attn: Lisa Dadez, 250 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA 23669.

Nursery Reservations

Our Nursery staff has had their First Aid/CPR certifications updated and are ready to take care of your little ones while you are attending worship on Sunday mornings or attending any of the Wonderful Wednesday activities. We ask that you please notify the Church Office (tbialk@gloriadei.net or psipes@gloriadei.net) each week if you will be needing this service. For Sunday worship each week, the deadline for RSVP's is the Wednesday prior; for Wonderful Wednesdays, the deadline will be the Monday prior. Please know that the Nursery staff has also been fully vaccinated and will be wearing their masks while in the Nursery. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Church Office, 757-851-2838.

H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

The H.E.L.P food wagon is accepting food donations as you come to Sunday services. When the pandemic occurred, our food donations dropped tremendously. We are happy to report that the program has started back up. Food donations collected will be delivered to the H.E.L.P Food Pantry at least once a month or more if our red donation wagon fills to the brim. Our youth will be blacking out the UPC codes during our Wonderful Wednesday program. So bring us your rice, peanut butter, and other food donations - we are ready.

The H.E.L.P. Food Pantry has some amazing volunteers that have their shelves looking great but could use our HELP in keeping it stocked! Beans, rice, juice, and pasta are a few items most in need.

If you wish to contribute monetarily to the H.E.L.P. Food Pantry, you may continue to do so with a check payable to *Gloria Dei Lutheran Church* with *H.E.L.P. Food Pantry* in the memo line of your check. If you are using online bill pay or *Tithe.ly*, please add H.E.L.P. Food Pantry in the memo section.

Youth Happenings

Easter Candy Needed!!!

Please drop off Easter candy donations using the tub located in the Atrium near the member picture board. Candies need to be small enough for filling of plastic Easter eggs. No peanut butter or nut candies please. These are needed no later than **Friday, April 15, 2022**. Thank you!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

All Youth Help Requested!!! The Easter Egg Hunt is at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Gloria Dei. All children 6 and below are invited to join us that Saturday morning for an exciting Easter Egg Hunt and springtime games. This event is free.

The 2022 Flower Calendar

The 2022 flower calendar is posted in the Atrium for those wishing to give the flowers for our Sunday worship services. These flowers cost approximately \$50.00. You may designate your flowers in celebration of something, in memory of someone, in honor of someone, to the glory of God, etc. You will be billed directly by *Jeff's Flowers, Of Course*. Thank you!

Newsletter Opportunities!

The deadline for the May/June issue is

Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Please email articles to tbialk@gloriadei.net.

Boy Scouts

Troop 84 and the church completed our annual recharter for 2022, with some specific conditions. With that, it is important that I share some facts about our situation with the congregation.

In its current form, BSA Troop 84 will operate only for two more years.

Throughout the history of Troop 84's partnership with Gloria Dei, congregation members have been exceedingly generous with their time, encouragement, and financial support for service projects, trips, Eagle Scout applications, and mentoring. Unfortunately, the Scouting BSA national organization and local membership challenges resulting from COVID-19, have placed us in an unsustainable situation.

The proposed bankruptcy settlement between BSA, claimants, and insurance creditors puts chartered organizations like Gloria Dei in positions of increased financial risk from future lawsuits. The ELCA advised individual congregations to assess their risk and adequately insure themselves should they choose to continue supporting Scouting. After carefully researching church's options with its insurer, it was concluded that the best way forward to protect the School and Church would be to charter **ONLY existing scouts and adult leaders**. Since the onset of difficulties from COVID-19, the troop's membership has declined to four active youth (Jake, Oliver, Josh, and Gabe), only one of whom is a congregation member. Three of these scouts will turn 18 ("age out") by the end of 2023. Further, the Cub Scout pack (184) went dormant in Spring 2020, effectively shutting our pipeline of new scouts. A successful troop functions under the "Patrol Method" which needs 8-10 scouts to truly be effective; we're obviously below that. The new conditions, do not allow us to recruit new members. However, the current members are of sufficient rank that our small size is less critical to their progression. There is sizeable benefit for them to complete their scouting experience with Troop 84 versus transitioning their advancement records to another troop and establishing new relationships with scouts and leadership.

Despite the low numbers, our scouts have actively participated in a strong program. We returned to active camping as soon as state COVID restrictions allowed, hiking and camping at places like Crabtree Falls and Sherando Lake. Scouts attended summer camp, earning lots of merit badges. And they continue to organize service projects such as Grandview Beach cleanup, Gosnold's Hope Park conservation, and building/placing an Osprey Nest platform in Elizabeth Lake. Under the conditions of this charter arrangement, the church pledges to support the existing members until they achieve Eagle Scout rank, age out, or choose to transition to another troop. The legacy of past participants means we have ample equipment and resources to support activities.

Scouting presents youth fun and enriching opportunities to build faith, community, and lives. I am thankful to the council and congregation for finding a way to continue supporting these young men.

Barry Hutchison, Scoutmaster, bdeployed@gmail.com, (757) 848-7713

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

FOR ALL AGES (NURSERY, CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS)

Wonderful Wednesday's Schedule

TIME	MINUTES	GROUP
5:45 - 6:15 p.m.	30	Growing with Jesus (<i>Children in grades K-4</i>) Jr. & Sr. High Youth Music
6:15 - 6:55 p.m.	40	Dinner
6:55 - 7:45 p.m.	50	5th & 6th Grade Bible Study
	50	Confirmation (<i>Youth in grades 7-8</i>)
	50	Sr. High Discipleship (<i>Youth in grades 9-12</i>)
	30	Music (6:55-7:25)
	20	Crafts (7:25-7:45)

**Nursery is available
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
for children
ages 4 and younger
by reservation only.**

Semesters

3rd Six Weeks

- *No Wonderful Wednesdays*
March 2 through April 20
- *Ash Wednesday Worship,*
March 2, at 7:00 p.m.
- *Wednesday Lenten Services at 7:00 p.m.*
March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6
- *Palm Sunday Worship, April 10, at 9:30 a.m.*
- *Maundy Thursday Worship, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Good Friday Worship, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Easter Sunday Worship, April 17, at 9:30 a.m.*

4th Six Weeks

- April 27
- May 4
- May 11
- May 18
- May 25
- June 1
- *Pentecost Sunday Worship, June 5, at 9:30 a.m.*

Wonderful Wednesdays Volunteers

Would you like to be a part of something new and exciting? We are looking for volunteers for our Wonderful Wednesdays.

When? Wednesdays from 5:45-7:45 p.m.

What? Wonderful Wednesdays is an opportunity for everyone from nursery age through adults to come together on Wednesday evenings and enjoy a night a food, fellowship, and Bible study.

Who? We are looking for volunteers to commit to a three or six-week period of time. During these Wednesday nights, these volunteers will help lead our K-4th grade Bible lesson as well as crafts.

How? Please contact Ashley Zamora, 757-373-3265, or Ashley.a.ruhl@gmail.com, if you would like more information or are thinking this might be something in which you are interested.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

The women of Gloria Dei are excited that our Lenten Journey this year will include the compilation of the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are supplied to people all over the world who have experienced catastrophe, including the U.S. Often, LWR is among the first relief organizations to arrive at a disaster scene and the last to leave. The kits contain the barest of human necessities—toothbrush, combs, soap. This is a vital and blessed ministry that has felt the strain of multiple serious world disasters the past few years at a time when it was a serious challenge for groups to assemble the kits. We are focused on this as a Gloria Dei, WELCA mission during Lent. As in the past, the Gloria Dei Girl Scouts, Troop 1041, will help assemble the kits.

Each kit contains five very specific items. When you shop, please buy these and only these. For example, each kit has a toothbrush; but, please, no toothpaste. The toothbrushes should be wrapped individually. Towels should be a medium size (approximately 20 x 40), a medium to dark color, and light weight—enough to wring out by hand; please NO white or very light colors; also, no hand towels or washcloths.

This list is for a complete kit. If you buy only a towel (for example), we will combine it with the offerings of others to make a complete kit. This is a great Lenten mission for everyone—focused on giving as Christ gave to us. Take this list with you to shop, and thank you for being God's hands and a willing worker in His kingdom.

Collections will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and continue through Lent. Leave items in the box in the Atrium. Drive-through drop-off events will be on Saturdays, March 26 and April 16.

Please contact Rita Foringer, at rforinger@verizon.net with questions.

What we need for LWR Personal Care kits:

1. Nail clippers (these can do multiple jobs if they are the study heavy-duty ones)
2. Comb (no thin or “rat-tail” combs; buy a sturdy comb)
3. 2 full-sized bath soap bars (no hotel or travel sizes)
4. Medium weight bath towel, about 20x40” to 52x28” in a medium to dark color
5. Full-sized adult toothbrush (no travel sizes; leave in packaging)

Fellowship Bible Study

WHEN: Every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: The Simeon Center and on Zoom

WHAT: Small group Bible Study for men and women

DETAILS: Lessons from the Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series

Our current study is by Augsbug's Phil Ruge-Jones on “Justice, Law, History.”

Please join us for interesting study, fun fellowship, and great discussions. Call Jill Ruhl at 757-570-4511 or Jennifer Williams at 757-851-8093.

Daybreakers' Bible Study

The Daybreakers Bible Study meets at 8:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month via Zoom (internet or phone access) to study the pericopes (readings) for the upcoming Sunday. All women are invited.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Simeon Center. All men are welcome to join.

JOY Fellowship

Just Older Youth meets on the third Wednesday of each month (September – May), 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., in the Simeon Center. All seniors are invited to attend. We enjoy a lunch provided by Gloria Dei, as well as a program or activity to make our time together even more enjoyable.

Of course, the most important thing is getting out and seeing everyone in our beautiful church environment—the Fellowship! We've sung songs, created some easy seasonable crafts, and shared many stories. After all these months of zooming, coming together for fellowship has become even more of a blessing.

We are looking forward to a simple exercise video and learning about services available for seniors in our area. If you have any suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Watch the *Weekly* for details on our upcoming plans.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND GAMES

APRIL 16, 2022

9:30 A.M.

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*For children ages
two through six years.*

*Sponsored by the
Gloria Dei
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Veterans Health Administration
VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement

November 29, 2021

In Reply Refer To: 590/135

Gloria Day Lutheran Church
250 Fox Hill Road
HAMPTON, Virginia 23669

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Hampton (590) patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of Christmas cards and calendars.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. K. Simmons".

TAQUISA K. SIMMONS, PhD, LCSW
Executive Director

Pastoral Record

March Birthdays

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|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 2 Aaliyah Urban | 16 Marti Grenier, Hayley O'Neill | 25 MacKenzie Grimm |
| 3 Craig Whitney | 17 Anita Hamilton | 26 Reed Dugger, Deacon Liz Fox |
| 4 Marna Mayo, Julia Engelund | 18 Rachel Lomax, Christopher Via,
Amanda Wells | 27 Conner Smith, Maribel Fox |
| 5 Jack Robinson | 19 Eric Olsen, Ollie Fox | 28 J. P. Venable, III |
| 6 Buzz Hamilton | 20 Matthew Werner, Robert Miller | 29 Dean Epps |
| 7 Bob Sipes | 22 Chelsea Souder | 30 Rhodes Lomax, Susan Bowman,
Gabby Newsome |
| 8 Maddi Etheridge, Vangie Miller | 23 Billy Harper | |
| 10 Renee Wells, Andrew Moore | 24 Shannon Mace | |
| 14 Kristy Fyfe | | |

March Anniversaries

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| 24 Herb and Becky Barnhart, Jr. | 28 Bill and Nancy Monroe | 31 Jay and Jackie Hart |
| 25 Danny and Vickie Roark | | |

April Birthdays

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| 1 Roger Lowman, Madison Dadez | 11 Amy Fuentes, Carolyn Swanson,
Ed Gretka, Nancy Haberman | 21 Logan Robnett |
| 2 Mary Beth Mace | 14 Sharon Linnin, John Henry Yohn | 22 Garth Wallis |
| 3 Diane Washburn, Rhonda Dugger | 15 Al Scherrer, III, William Waldrop, III | 25 Ayden Booth |
| 4 Don Padula | 16 Donna Lanning, Kris Todd | 27 Patty Jenkins, Bonnie Hess |
| 6 Cathy Curtis, Elizabeth Linnin-Hester | 17 Tamara Behan | 29 Russ Morrison, Mya Newsome |
| 7 Debbie Moore | 18 Donna Scherrer | |
| 9 Jackie Hart, Cheryl Hooks, Mike Riley | 19 Dawn Lomax, Craig Ruhl | |
| 10 Jenny Robinson | | |

April Anniversaries

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| 3 Larry and Debbie Dunn | 20 Bill and Carolyn Swanson | 24 Tom and Claire Clasen |
| 4 Leonard and Marna Mayo | 21 Jim & Keri Stewart | Gerry and Joan Ehlers |
| 6 Amanda and Scott Jackson | 23 Al and Donna Scherrer, III
Jimmie and Charlene Smith | 26 Aaron and Jenny Sutherland |
| 11 Brian and Chelsea Souder | | 29 Bruce and Kristin Wallis-Thomas |
| 13 Kris and Peggy Todd | | 30 Clinton and Renee Wells |
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Deaths

Alfred (Big Al) E. Scherrer, Jr.
January 13, 2022

Births

Mia Elanna Sage Scherrer
January 21, 2022

James Grady Williams
January 25, 2022

Address Changes

Mike and Patrice Blair
335 Harold Parham Road
Blairsville, GA 30512

Nicholas and Sarah Griese
1 Harris Landing Road
Hampton, VA 23669

Julia Dickseski
6811 East Main Street, Apt 2016
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Marshall and Jen Kjelvik
102 Ravenwood Lane
Yorktown, VA 23692

Pam Lawyer
224 Agusta Drive
Newport News, VA 23601

Pete and Nikki Newcomb
12201 Dover Street
Houston, TX 77031

March 2022

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
		1 8 AM-Daybreakers Bible Study Zoom 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study Zoom and Simeon Center 2:30 PM Master's Singers 7 PM Boy Scouts, Simeon Center	2 5:30 PM Pancake Supper 7 PM Ash Wednesday WORSHIP	3 6:30 PM Adult Handbells	4	5 9 AM-4 PM Girl Scout Cookie Booth
6 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 11 AM-4PM Girl Scout Cookie Booth	7 7 PM Girl Scouts Simeon Center	8 8 AM-Men's Bible Study Simeon Center 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study Zoom and Simeon Center 2:30 PM Master's Singers 7 PM Boy Scouts, Simeon Center	9 5:30 Soup Supper 7 PM WORSHIP	10 6:30 PM Adult Handbells	11	12 9 AM Spring Clean Up Day
13 9:30 AM-WORSHIP	14 7 PM WELCA Book Group	15 8 AM-Daybreakers Bible Study Zoom 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study Zoom and Simeon Center 1 PM ExAdCom 2:30 PM Master's Singers 7 PM Boy Scouts, Simeon Center	16 12:30 PM J.O.Y. Group, Simeon Center 5:30 Soup Supper 7 PM WORSHIP	17 6:30 PM Adult Handbells	18	19
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27 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 2 PM Linda Robinson Memorial	28 7 PM WELCA, Simeon Center	29 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study, Zoom and Simeon Center 2:30 PM Master's Singers 6 PM Girl Scout Council, Coffee Bar 7 PM Boy Scouts, Simeon Center	30 5:30 Soup Supper 7 PM WORSHIP	31 6:30 PM Adult Handbells		

April 2022

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Easter Egg Hunt

This event is for children of Gloria Dei and the community ages 2-6.

Saturday, April 16 - 9:30 a.m., Fox Hill Campus

Event is sponsored by Gloria Dei's Youth Groups.



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Annual Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday

**Pancake Supper
Wednesday, March 2
5:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**

You are invited for pancakes, sausage, fruit cocktail, juice, and hot drinks. A free-will offering will be taken, and proceeds will be going toward the Women of the ELCA's ministry effort in making personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Every kit made will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need.

**Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 2
WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday is the doorway to the season of Lent. The spirit of this service is solemn but not sad, dealing with our need for reconciliation with God. This will be a service of Holy Communion, and the optional order for the Imposition of Ashes will be offered.

****Full Lenten Schedule inside on page 2.****