



# FROM THE TOWER

## January/February 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

My paternal grandmother, I called her Mamaw Fox (saying that name still brings a smile to my face) and others knew her as Betty, was a woman who had very little. She never moved from the property on which she was born. My grandfather worked for the local prison as a guard. Mamaw stayed at home as a homemaker. She would make cakes and pies advertising them on the radio (B86 a local AM station) during the Swap Shop hour. They had been foster parents for many children. Adopted my uncle. And about a year after adopting, they had my dad. A one-income family with multiple children was not easy. And what made it more difficult was the fact that my grandfather was an alcoholic. I never saw him that way, because he was sober by the time I came into the world. With Papaw being an alcoholic, Mamaw had to oversee the finances to make sure the family could survive. She made sure all of the children under her roof had plenty to eat. And let me say that even as a grandma, she had all of her cupboards packed with food. After my grandfather died, Mamaw lived on her monthly Social Security check and nothing more. Every month, she cut a check to her church. It wasn't much, but it was the best she could do. She was also quick to help out those in need, giving generously to the cause. Anytime Mamaw could give, she did it joyfully and generously.

Many folks do not give away their money, because there is always some excuse or the feeling of scarcity. I've heard from many people in my ministry, "We're on a budget." I don't know if you know this, but we are all on a budget – from my Mamaw to Jeff Bezos. You say you had house repairs and needed to purchase a newer car, so after you pay for those things you will give. You just had a child and we all know how much a child costs, so after their expenses we can give. You had some medical thing

happen, and you are set back another year or two from giving. You are saving for retirement; otherwise, you would think about giving. You are retired and don't draw the same income you once did, so giving is now out of the picture. If you live in a mindset of scarcity, you will never have enough. If you understand that you are enough and that you have enough, you have received the blessing of joy through being generous.

A friend and colleague of mine had a parishioner who always complained about money. He didn't have enough money. The church needed to stick with the same budget from when he was a kid, because he thought they didn't have enough money. Money was just an ill subject for him. Thinking the way he did about money made him a miserable person. My friend confronted him and told him about his unhealthy relationship with money. He told him he needed to start giving away his money. The parishioner balked at this idea, saying he didn't have enough money to give away. My colleague assured him that if he started giving away his money, he would truly see how much he does have. For the first time in his life, the man began to give to support the mission and ministry of his church. At first, it was equivalent to what my grandmother on Social Security would give; but as time went on, he became more generous. After one year of giving to his church, he called up the pastor and thanked him for opening his eyes and heart to living out of abundance. He had been stuck in scarcity but was freed to the joyous life of giving generously.

We will do our stewardship appeal, *Cultivating Generosity*, this January and February. You will hear impact stories from within and outside of our congregation. You will be reminded of the powerful ministry that takes place through the people of Gloria Dei. And you will be encouraged to increase your current giving or be asked to give for the very first time. For many it will be uncomfortable to think about money; but for those who have been generous givers, it will be a great opportunity to share out of the abundance with that which Christ has blessed you. Let's cultivate generosity at Gloria Dei; planting the seeds that we are enough and that we have enough; weeding out the notion that we live in scarcity; watering generously with our lives of abundance.

There is joy in giving generously. I saw it with Mamaw. I heard it through the point of view of my friend and colleague. I am witnessing it with you.

Peace be the journey,  
Pastor Dave

### Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, a new year is under way. Many of us may have found ourselves making one or more New Year resolution. One of the frequent resolutions that people have is to start going to church or start going back to church. Statistics have shown that on the third Sunday in January there is an uptick in church attendance across America. Let's take hold of this opportunity by making January 16th Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.

Evangelism can seem like a daunting task; however, we are asking you to invite people you already have a relationship with and not complete strangers to join you on this Sunday. After worship invite them over or out for coffee or a meal. There in your time together ask them what they enjoyed about the worship service and what questions they might have. At the end of your time together invite them to come back next Sunday. Bring a Friend to Church Sunday is one of the easiest ways to do evangelism.

Please, tell your friends that they will not be asked to stand-up or be introduced to the congregation.

Let's make this a Sunday to remember!

### Girl Scout Cookies are Coming!

Gloria Dei Girl Scouts will be ready to satisfy your cookie cravings! Cookie sales start January 8, 2022. 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 begin **February 20**. For more information, please contact troop leader, Vicki O'Neill, at [vicki.oneill@ymail.com](mailto:vicki.oneill@ymail.com) or by phone at 757-876-7066.

### First Communion

First Communion classes will be offered on Wednesdays, February 16 and 23, during our Wonderful Wednesdays' Program. This class is open to all ages. You should plan on your child attending both classes. Please note, your child should have this class before they begin Confirmation. We will celebrate their First Communion on February 27 during Sunday morning worship.

### 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](mailto:tbialk@gloriadei.net) or [psipes@gloriadei.net](mailto: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.

### Newsletter Opportunities!

#### Save Postage and Paper! Go Green!

You are invited to receive your newsletter by email by notifying the church office. If your household is receiving multiple copies, you may also request some of the copies not be mailed to you.

**The deadline for the March/April issue is Thursday,  
February 10, 2022.**

**Please email articles to [tbialk@gloriadei.net](mailto:tbialk@gloriadei.net).**

### H.E.L.P. Food Pantry

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. Any donations can be put in to the wagon in the Atrium on Sunday mornings.

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.



**Lisa Dadez,  
Head of School**

### **From the Head of School**

I am pleased to announce that 106 Gloria Dei students in our first – eighth grades earned Honor Roll recognition for the first 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, and 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!! These 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 will look forward to listing your names again on the recognition for the second 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 second quarter your best!!

I am excited to share Gloria Dei Preschool Program received the Innovative School Award for Environmental Excellence. This prestigious award, given by the Hampton Clean City Commission, was in recognition for the preschool teachers' outstanding efforts to increase awareness in environmental issues. The teachers planned and executed a unit of study and celebration in honor of Earth Day 2021. Kudos to our preschool team!

In the fall, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fun Run. Under the direction of Lindsey LaRoche and Donna Scherrer, students collected donations, ran laps, and participated in a day of fun activities. Thanks to our Fun Run directors, as well as the staff and volunteers required to pull off this exciting day. The proceeds from the Fun Run will go towards the purchase of technology, enrichment activities, and cleaning/disinfecting supplies.

A HUGE thanks to our 2021 Fun Run Sponsors

Gymnastics, Inc.  
Mares Exterminating  
Reliance Pest and Termite, Inc.  
Total Hardware  
Yard Love Hampton  
Yard Love Peninsula

It is with a grateful heart I extend my thanks to all involved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Drive Thru BBQ Fundraiser. This event is a great way to connect with our school families, congregants, and our community. We raised just over \$4,000! These funds are earmarked to assist with technology upgrades in our worship space.

As we transition from Christmas into the New Year, I want to take the time to thank all the students and teachers for the wonderful gift of music during the Christmas season. Each and every program was magnificent, and each shared the Christmas message in a very special way. This is Ms. Schubert's first year teaching at Gloria Dei, and she orchestrated NINE different programs. Job well done!

As we head into 2022 and reflect on the past year, I am thankful we can continue to work together to serve the students and families of Gloria Dei. God is good!

Yours in Christ's service,  
Lisa S. Dadez

### **Prekindergarten News**

Greetings from the prekindergarten classes. We are busy little ones, full of energy and full of life!

We are enjoying working in our Handwriting Without Tears workbooks like the BIG kids. We also bring in objects from home that start with the letter we are studying. What fun we have! The teachers ask for a "password" each morning and that helps us remember the letter of the week as well as reinforce the words that begin with the letter.

This year we also have a new program called "MATH." It is fun learning shapes, colors, and terms like "in" and "out." Math lessons have included, Which Is Different?, Relative Positions, Sizes, and Patterns.

The prekindergarten classes have literature (that's a fancy word for reading) every week. We heard the story about a pigeon who wanted to drive a bus, then we made an art project with the pigeon and the bus. It was so funny.

Once a week we go to P.E. and do games and exercise. When the weather is good, we have our class outside.

Music is always fun. We are learning new chapel songs.

We go to the library every week, and we hear wonderful stories. We had a special story about "Pete the Cat and His Colored Shoes." We even learned a song to go along with the story.

We have Chef Combo who teaches us about nutrition every other Wednesday and get to take "taster bites" of healthy foods. On the other Wednesdays, we have Computer Class where we get to play educational games.

When science class comes to us, we learn about things that float and things that sink. That was lots of fun!

I love school 'cause we are learning and growing! At the end of our busy day, I'm tired; but the next morning, I want to come back. We have so much fun!

## **First Quarter 2021 Honor Roll**

### **First Grade**

#### **Nolte**

James Archambault  
Mario Brown  
Jacob Church  
Morgan Dawkins

Gavin Fatkin  
Ella Gray  
Serafina Howland  
Lincoln McClinton

Asha McKenna  
King Oliver  
Khai Wildy  
Richard Wilhelm

Jonah Wright

#### **Breiner**

Olivia Abel  
Koi Abney  
Oakley Coysh  
Cayden Cummings

Braxton Foster  
Nolan Frazier  
Ronald Hayford  
Nora Hicks

Addison Holland  
Nixon Howell  
Cleo Link  
John Wilhelm

Sainaii Williams-Lucky  
John Henry Yohn

### **Second Grade**

#### **Maguire**

McKenna Behan  
Christiana Grandberry  
Evelyn Graybeal

Nate Howell  
Mia Kearney  
Thomas Kipper

Karly Moore  
Alex Wilkerson  
Meghan Willey

Thomas Williford  
Jozef Zywna

#### **Perry**

Abigail Farmer  
Jayce Gil-Mash

Addyson Houde  
Jaxon Kerrick

Ryan Miller  
Savannah Paden

Brayden Thomas

### **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  
William Waldrop

### **Fourth Grade**

#### **Cotrupi**

Braylon Adams  
McKenna King

Peyton LaRoche

Eliana  
Mbaiornonde

Marissa Pender  
Leah Smith

### **Fifth Grade**

#### **Wallace**

Lola Atkins  
Zachary Dibble

Abigail Fisher  
Alena Fortuna

Isabella Little  
Brooklyn Phipps

Bryson Rader  
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  
Harmony Croker  
Hannah DeFalco

Conner Dignan  
Felicity Gil  
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 Uribes  
Kylie Williams

## School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- **Aides for School and Child Care**
- **Steward of Buildings and Grounds** (full time)

If you are interested in any of these positions, you can find an application online at:

<http://www.gdlshamptonva.com/school-forms>. Once completed, you may return it to the School Office, 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 13 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

As we transition into a new year of 2022, I still wonder why we do not yet have flying cars! By this time, when I was a kid, we thought we would be hailing air taxis and taking weekend trips into the stars! Instead, we got drone-delivered packages and food and a pandemic. Not a really good trade, in my opinion! But hey, it is a NEW YEAR; and, with that, comes endless possibilities as we navigate our spiritual lives here at Gloria Dei!

To keep in the spirit of garnering the endless possibilities and how we as a community of faith can wrangle those opportunities into solid, spiritually-nurturing, and community-nurturing works, we as a Council are taking a retreat in January to the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center for development of ourselves and future guidance. This is intended to help guide us to being the people God intends us to be for both ourselves and our greater community. With prayerful consideration, we will look for the direction God wants us to move and be able to share that sense of spiritual direction with our congregation and our greater community.

Please know, we continue to offer our appreciation to those 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. In the New Year, I would ask all to find how you may be able to serve in the functioning of our church and activities. Whether as an usher, a lay assistant, a reader, a greeter, a coffee creator, a musician, a singer, a bell ringer, a camera operator, 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 right direction!

Keep the faith,

Jason, Vivian, Pastor Dave, Aaron, Ashley, Eric, Garth, John, Kent, and Rachel.

## 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!





**Ginny Chilton,  
Church Music Program Director**

### Musical Musings

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6

I’m writing this newsletter article right before Christmas; and I’m acutely aware that, in addition to this word processing document, I have several browser windows open for different online retailers with various Christmas presents tagged for consideration. Every year I declare I’m going to do Christmas more simply; and somehow I get caught up in the frenzy of wanting to make sure it is grand enough to meet some unwritten, but deeply ingrained expectations.

Jesus tells us time and again that what really matters is not investment in material wealth—some supposed “wow” factor to impress our friends or family—but the wealth of the kingdom of God. The gifts Jesus praises the most are often the smallest: the widow who brought just two copper coins to the Temple for her offering (Mark 12), for instance. In the grand scheme of things, her offering was small; but to the widow, those coins made up most of her earthly wealth.

Christian poetry and prose also emphasize that the gifts most noticed by God seem to be the smallest. From the third stanza of “In the Bleak Midwinter” by Christina Rossetti:

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give him—give my heart.*

And we all know the story of The Little Drummer Boy, who sees the fine gifts laid beside the baby Jesus and is overcome with a desire to give all he can. In this case, a song on his drum:

*Come, they told me, a new born king to see.  
Our finest gifts we bring to lay before the king.  
I have no gift to bring...Shall I play for you?  
Mary nodded, I played my drum.  
Then he smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum.  
Me and my drum.*

The smallest gifts attract the most attention from Jesus, but it is not just that they are small but that they represent such overflowing generosity on the part of the giver. To be clear, for those who have much, Jesus expects much. To the rich young ruler asking for eternal life (Matthew 19), Jesus says, “Go, sell everything you have, and come follow me.” Even when he was just a small child, Jesus accepted lavish gifts from the three wise men: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. “Those to whom much is given, much will be expected,” Jesus later said. (Luke 12).

To those of us who give all, Jesus does not leave us empty-handed. By handing over our greatest treasures to God, we receive the gift of knowing that we have invested in something greater than ourselves. Unlike the rich young ruler in Matthew 19 who goes home and, presumably, lives out his life alone with his fine things, we who invest in building a community of welcome and love—in other words, God’s kingdom—will be blessed in kind. The riches God has in store for us, both here on earth and in eternity, are far greater than anything in my online shopping basket this Christmas.

### **Thank You from the Staff**

*Ginny*

*Laura*

The Church Staff wishes to thank the  
Congregation for their very generous gifts to us this Christmas.  
We really appreciate the thoughtfulness.  
Happy New Year!!

*Rick*

*Sammy*

*Peggy*

*[Signature]*

## 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
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	90	Adult Wednesday Night Bible Study
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)
	50	Adult Small Groups
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	60	Adult Worship Band Rehearsal

COVID PROTOCOLS: We highly encourage all people (excluding infants and toddlers) to wear masks at our Wonderful Wednesday events while around our children. Those who are not vaccinated are still required to wear masks while in the building. Nursery staff will wear masks while watching children that are age 4 and under.

### Semesters

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks

- No Wonderful Wednesday on January 5 nor January 12
- January 19
- January 26
- February 2
- February 9
- February 16
- February 23
- 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, March 16, March 23, March 30, 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.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup> grade Bible lesson as well as crafts.

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

## Women of the Church, WELCA

The holidays are over, and we are entering into what can sometimes be the “Winter Doldrums.” To keep that from happening, the Women of Gloria Dei has two special programs planned.

On **Monday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will be led in the art of Thai Chi by Robbie Kohl. Tai Chi is a series of gentle physical exercises and stretches. Each posture flows into the next without pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion. Tai Chi is sometimes described as meditation in motion, because it promotes serenity through gentle movements. This is a repeat program, brought back by popular demand. Please come join us in the Simeon Center for a night of relaxation and fellowship.

Then on **Monday, February 28**, we have a special invitation from the Girl Scouts!

*“Girl Scout Troop 1041 would like to invite all the women of WELCA to come join in World Thinking Day.*

*Girl Scouts will be researching a country and have a display table with information and food from each country. Bring your appetite, and come explore the world with us at this fantastic event!*

**February 28, 2022, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Atrium**

With these two very special events, the winter doldrums will be blown away with the winds of March.

Finally in the spring, we will once again be putting together care packages for Lutheran World Relief. The Girl Scouts will be joining us, and we will be asking the congregation for donations to complete the kits. More to follow.

So, ladies, mark your calendars and join us. As women you are automatically included, so this is a free membership. All that’s required is your attendance. Contact Rita Foringer at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net) or by phone, 757-850-3472, with any questions.

## Fellowship Bible Study

Fellowship Bible Study is taking a break; they will resume on January 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Simeon Center. For information, contact Sharon Padula, 851-3052.

## 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 7:00 a.m. in the Simeon Center. All men are welcome to join.

## WELCA Book Club

So many books, so little time! You can begin 2022 by taking a step into month-by-month read a new book. Simply join the Gloria Dei book club to start. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month to discuss a recently read book. Our selections of books are varied and discussions are always interesting.



Our selection for the month of January is “Still Life” by Louise Penny. It is the first in a series of mysteries that take place in Canada. They follow the career of Inspector Gamache as he solves the cases presented to him. They are as much a study in psychology and human nature as mysteries. Sharon Padula will be hosting. If you have any questions or want more information, contact her at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net). Please come join us.

## 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. Mark your calendars now! If you are fully vaccinated, we would love for you to join us!

## 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!

## 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 if you are interested, 757-281-9468 or [vlvenable@gmail.com](mailto:vlvenable@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:laura.venable13@gmail.com).



## Pastoral Record

### January Birthdays

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|---|---|---|
| 2 Vicki O'Neill   | 14 Kim Miller   | 26 Michael Via                                      |
| 3 Karen Igel  | 15 Kim Hansen, James Roberts                                | 27 Stephanie Williams, Amber Via,<br>Miles Campbell |
| 4 Nan Jordan, Ashley Zamora                               | 18 Justin Hart, Kyle Leckrone,<br>Roger Ward, Kerri Masters | 28 Rob Rowlett                                      |
| 6 Paula Jones   | 19 Shannon Schubert, Pastor Dave                            | 29 Maddie Tatum-Harper,<br>Dawn Montgomery          |
| 7 Kevin Fyfe, Charlie Venable,<br>Lily Hess, Alexis Pfahl | 20 Sharon Rose  | 30 Bonnie Morelen, Michael Murphy                   |
| 8 Will Hess, Josh Glaab,<br>Debbie Dunn                   | 21 Fran Vanpelt, Jessi Lowman                               | 31 Susan Canny, Jeremiah Green,<br>Matthew Cole     |
| 9 Dorie Scherer, Allison Hudgins                          | 22 Frank Saloka, Rich Fox                                   |   |
| 12 Marlene Saloka   | 24 Patrice Blair  |   |
| 13 Will Hackworth   | 25 Micaela Ruhl, Kelly Werner,<br>Megan Jacobs, Daniel Wood |   |

### January Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jack and Jenny Robinson | 2 Dana and Cheryl Smith | 31 Bob and Pam Hess |
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### February Birthdays

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|---|--|---|
| 1 Luke Phillips, Todd Scherrer                | 15 Emory Hart  | 23 Bill Swanson                                       |
| 3 Ann Riley                                   | 17 Michelle Robertson, Ruth Hutchison                      | 24 Bruce Thomas, Kristina Robinson                    |
| 4 Virginia Lyeth, Sally Miller,<br>Doran Cole | 18 Aaron Sutherland,<br>Judy Wagner St. Pierre             | 27 Frank Dickseski                                    |
| 6 David Hudgins                               | 20 Isabella Zamora, Sandra Dunn                            | 28 Jerri Dickseski, Audrey Engelund,<br>Sherri Gretka |
| 11 Joshua Green                               | 21 Joe Capone, Gerry Ehlers                                |   |
| 12 Jennifer Robinson                          | 22 Don Dair, Jill Ruhl, Austin Honyoust,<br>Brown Cornwell |   |
| 14 Sharon Padula                              |  |   |

### February Anniversaries

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| 8 Tad and Rita Foringer<br>Chris and Jennifer Robinson | 12 Russ and Joann Morrison   | 19 Jason and Jessica Green<br>Tom and Donna Vanorsdale |
| 10 Ron and Joanne Aheimer                              | 14 John and Carolyn Campbell | 23 Bill and Pat Roscopf                                |
| 11 Jay and Rhonda Dugger                               | 17 Ernie and Tami Atkins     |  |

### Deaths

Charles Lascola  
November 9, 2021

Debby Harrison  
November 26, 2021

### Births

Matteo Alexander Duran  
September 27, 2021

Casey James Payne  
October 18, 2021

Lincoln Robert Urban  
November 5, 2021

### Address Changes

Brian and Chelsea Souder  
P.O. Box 1125  
West Point, VA 23181

Jack Adams  
120 Peachtree Lane  
Hampton, VA 23669

Rick and Reverie Rowlett  
5 Cranes Bluff Ct.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Paula Jones  
12681 Fowlkes Bridge Rd.  
Amelia, VA 23002

Jean Liesman  
504 N. River Rd.  
Naperville, IL 60563

# January 2022

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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2 9:30 AM- WORSHIP	3 7 PM Girl Scouts Simeon Center	4 8 AM-Daybreakers Bible Study Zoom 7 PM Boy Scouts Simeon Center	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 9 AM Blood Drive	10 7 PM WELCA Book Group	11 7 AM-Men's Bible Study Simeon Center 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study Zoom and Simeon Center 7 PM Boy Scouts, Nave	12	13	14	15 11AM Lascola Memorial Service
16 9:30 AM- WORSHIP  <i>Bring A Friend to Church</i>	17 7 PM Girl Scouts Simeon Center  <i>MLK Day Church Office Closed</i>	18 8 AM-Daybreakers Bible Study Zoom 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study, Zoom and Simeon Center 1 PM ExAdCom 7 PM Boy Scouts Nave	19 12:30 PM J.O.Y. Group, Simeon Center 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:15 Dinner 6:55 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts, Adult Small Groups 7:30 PM-Worship Band Rehearsal	20	21 Winter Cel  Council Retreat	22 Winter Cel  Council Retreat
23 9:30 AM- WORSHIP  Winter Cel  Council Retreat	24 7 PM WELCA, Simeon Center	25 7 AM-Men's Bible Study Simeon Center 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study, Zoom and Simeon Center 7 PM Boy Scouts, Nave  7 PM Church Council Meeting, Zoom & SC	26 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:15 Dinner 6:55 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts, Adult Small Groups 7:30 PM-Worship Band Rehearsal	27	28	29
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<b>6</b> <b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b>	<b>7</b> 7 PM Girl Scouts Simeon Center	<b>8</b> 7 AM-Men's Bible Study Simeon Center 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study Zoom and Simeon Center 7 PM Boy Scouts Simeon Center	<b>9</b> 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:15 Dinner 6:55 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts, Adult Small Groups 7:30 PM-Worship Band Rehearsal	<b>10</b> <i>Deadline for March/April Newsletter</i>  6PM Adult Handbells  7PM Adult Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b>	<b>14</b> 7 PM WELCA Book Group	<b>15</b> 8 AM-Daybreakers Bible Study Zoom 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study Zoom and Simeon Center  1 PM ExAdCom  7 PM Boy Scouts Simeon Center	<b>16</b> 12:30 PM J.O.Y. Group, Simeon Center 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:55 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts, Adult Small Groups; First Communion Class 7:30 PM-Worship Band Rehearsal	<b>17</b>  6PM Adult Handbells  7PM Adult Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b> Celebration Sunday  Girl Scout Cookie Booth	<b>21</b> 7 PM Girl Scouts Simeon Center  <i>President's Day Church, Office Closed</i>	<b>22</b> 7 AM-Men's Bible Study Simeon Center 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study, Zoom and Simeon Center 7 PM Boy Scouts, Nave  7 PM Church Council Meeting, Zoom	<b>23</b> 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:55 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts, Adult Small Groups; First Communion Class  7:30 PM-Worship Band Rehearsal	<b>24</b>  6PM Adult Handbells  7PM Adult Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b> First Communion	<b>28</b> 7 PM WELCA, Simeon Center					

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