

# FROM THE TOWER

# November/December/January 2022/23

## 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







Pastor Dave Fox, Senior Pastor/ Head of Staff

#### The Fox's Trot

"Pastor Fox, you and this school saved my son's educational career; and quite possibly, saved more than that." At Gloria Dei, we are in the business of changing lives. We can clearly see lives changed within the ministry of our School. Some students are introduced to Jesus here, for the very first time. It is a goal of ours to not just educate, but to also love on these children and point them to Jesus while doing it.

Our Wonderful Wednesday program for the first quarter, brought in almost fifty people a night. Fifty people! What I love the most are the kids who come who aren't members of Gloria Dei and aren't even students of our School – they are here because they heard about the program and wanted to be a part of what we have to offer. Sure, they are here to have a good time, to play, to eat. But in their time here, we are transforming their lives for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Wonderful Wednesdays are a time to learn about Jesus, to share Jesus, and to serve like Jesus.

Our Just Older Youth (J.O.Y.) amaze me with how large this small group has grown. Again, there are members, inactive members, and guests at most all of these events. Our kitchen staff puts on a wonderful meal each month. The dynamic duo put together a great program for our seniors to learn and to do at each gathering. I usually join them for the first half of their time together – occasionally I make it for the whole event. While there, they tell me what is going on with their lives and how I can be in prayer for them. For those who join us each month but are not a part of the church, they get to see the gospel preached through this group.

The Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions (H.E.L.P.) wagon gets loaded down in little to no time these days. We are making a difference by stocking the food pantry for our city. Soon, we'll see another angel tree with opportunities to help neighbors in need and to support ELCA Good Gifts – reaching out to folks in need in third world countries. Tie quilts will be made in December for Sentara's Hospice – last year our youth and adult volunteers made close to thirty tie quilts to comfort those

who transition from life to death. The coat drive will be back at it. Last year, we donated coats to H.E.L.P. and to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula. We have gained a lot of traction with this ministry over the past two years.

Worship remains excellent, even while awaiting our next music director. The tech team have graciously committed their time and work to ensure quality worship to those who must worship online, rather than onsite. We are hopeful more will join us with worshipping onsite rather than online as we continue to move beyond our global pandemic. I would say during the fall, we have had an extraordinary number of visitors attending worship with us. Many of them have been coming back. People are coming back, because they sense a change in their own lives from what they have experienced at Gloria Dei. I am pleased we will have some new members joining us in the near future.

The church staff are wonderful to work with. They see their vocation as a calling rather than just a job. They are committed to excellence in their work all for the sake of Jesus Christ and his call to go and make disciples. The office doesn't just put together newsletters and bulletins. They don't just answer phone calls and put information into spread sheets. Our staff is genuinely concerned about our members. Every Wednesday, at our worship planning meetings, we pray for you. And chances are, we pray for you as soon as we learn of your need.

What we have here at Gloria Dei is something wonderful. What we do here at Gloria Dei is change lives in Jesus' name. Many of you are committed to our mission – Building Faith + Building Community + Building Lives. Will all of you commit to our mission at Gloria Dei?

Thank you to those who have supported us with your time, talents, and money. Without your help to volunteer and to give financially, we couldn't be the wonderful community that we are today.

Peace be the journey, Pastor Dave

## **Worship Information**

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for worship. Our worship options are in person in the Nave, Facebook, or Zoom (online or telephone). To connect via Zoom, please find the appropriate link information below for November, December, and January. If you want to watch worship at a different time or need to be at home for worship, you can follow our "Gloria Dei Live" profile on Facebook. To view our "Livestream," we have a button at the top right on the main page of our website, gloriadeilutheranchurch.net. For further questions or more information, please call the Church office.

#### **November Zoom Information:**

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of November

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86329126706?pwd=V2ZTdHBraWFac09xZG1qdEg5aGQvZz09

If you are not able to join by using the link above, the following are a few other options:

- Visit *zoom.us* on the web, click on "Join a Meeting," and enter the Meeting ID (863 2912 6706) and Passcode (484609).
- Visit "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Hampton" on Facebook and click on the link attached for this meeting.
- Join via phone by calling 1-301-715-8592 and entering the Meeting ID (863 2912 6706) followed by the "#" key. You will then need to press the "#" key one more time, and then you will be prompted to enter the Passcode (484609). You will then be connected to the worship service. Please do not hang up if you hear a long silence. Please be patient and hang on the line.
- Please visit "Gloria Dei Live" on Facebook where our worship services are livestreamed.

Meeting ID: 863 2912 6706

Passcode: 484609

#### **December Zoom Information:**

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of December Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85158518581?pwd=V2lpY0tyellnempRSEsvQ2lhNEtOZz09

If you are not able to join by using the link above, the following are a few other options:

- Visit *zoom.us* on the web, click on "Join a Meeting," and enter the Meeting ID (851 5851 8581) and Passcode (643443).
- Visit "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Hampton" on Facebook and click on the link attached for this meeting.
- Join via phone by calling 1-301-715-8592 and entering the Meeting ID (851 5851 8581) followed by the "#" key. You will then need to press the "#" key one more time, and then you will be prompted to enter the Passcode (643443). You will then be connected to the worship service. Please do not hang up if you hear a long silence. Please be patient and hang on the line.
- Please visit "Gloria Dei Live" on Facebook where our worship services are livestreamed.

Meeting ID: 851 5851 8581

Passcode: 643443

#### **January Zoom Information:**

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of January Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81270093826?pwd=TlZoM29RWmFjb0V6aGltUWZ0QldQZz09

If you are not able to join by using the link above, the following are a few other options:

- Visit *zoom.us* on the web, click on "Join a Meeting," and enter the Meeting ID (812 7009 3826) and Passcode (826698).
- Visit "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Hampton" on Facebook and click on the link attached for this meeting.
- Join via phone by calling 1-301-715-8592 and entering the Meeting ID (812 7009 3826) followed by the "#" key. You will then need to press the "#" key one more time, and then you will be prompted to enter the Passcode (826698). You will then be connected to the worship service. Please do not hang up if you hear a long silence. Please be patient and hang on the line.
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Passcode: 826698



Lisa Dadez, Head of School

## From the Head of School

The last several weeks have been filled with activities for our students and families. A special thanks to all our parents who have helped – from chaperoning field trips, helping with our Scholastic Book Fair, participating in various fundraising endeavors, and aiding with class parties; we appreciate your support and partnership.

We just ended our Classic Cookie sale, and we had an awesome response. Thank you for your support and participation. Delivery of items will be on the Fox Hill Campus between November 16 and 18. As the delivery nears, a memo will be sent home with specific directions for pick-up.

I would like to give a very special shout out of thanks to the Stewards of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. These gentlemen have volunteered countless hours to complete many projects over the past five months. Their skill and willingness to help is a true blessing to our School. Some of their completed projects include:

- Painted the Two-year-old classrooms and hallway
- Relocation of furniture in the Willow Oaks Art and Computer Lab to allow annual floor stripping and waxing.
- Replace fluorescent lights with LED fixtures in Fox Hill Preschool and Prekindergarten hallways
- Ripped carpet from two Preschool classrooms to prepare for new tile floor
- Repaired Water Damaged Fox Hill classroom from roof leak
  - o Relocated all furniture during construction
  - o Ripped out and replaced wet sheetrock and insulation
  - Added additional drain piping
  - Painted classroom
  - o Replaced all fluorescent lights with LED fixtures
  - Rebuilt water damaged toy shelves
- Assisted teachers with Fox Hill classroom furniture moves
- Cleaned COVID "Social Distancing" tape from Willow Oaks' hall carpet to avoid replacement.

The Stewards continue to give of their time and talents. Currently, they are assisting with the relocation and repair of the Fox Hill playground pea gravel infrastructure. My sincere thanks goes out to each of the Stewards!

You may have heard that we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year of excellence in teaching. Pastor Stowe's vision for the School and Child Care continues to thrive. Over the course of the next year, we will celebrate Gloria Dei Lutheran School. There are many anniversary activities planned as we move toward our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 2023. Please be on the lookout for updates in the coming weeks.

Our Middle School students have been busy with the S.C.A. election. Officers and room representatives were installed during Chapel on October 13, 2022. Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Student Council.

**President-** Madyssen Collins **Vice-President-** Aaron Gaita **Treasurer-**Peyton Walter

6th Grade Representatives- Isabella Little and Zoe Zou

7th Grade Representatives- Andrew Schulenberg and Zachary Zou

8th Grade Representatives- Lillian Green and David Peters

As we move into the holiday season, the sounds of Christmas are already echoing through our hallways, as students prepare for their Christmas programs. Through songs, carols, and plays/programs, our students are learning the story of Jesus' birth. They are also sharing this message with family and friends. Please note the Christmas program schedule and mark your calendars so you won't miss this special time.

## Gloria Dei Lutheran School's 2022 Christmas Program Schedule

**Tuesday, December 6** ~ 9:00 a.m. Toddler and Two-Year-Old Classes **Wednesday, December 7** ~ 9:00 a.m. Transitions (Waldmiller) and Pre-school (Dermanis)

Wednesday, December 7 ~ 10:30 a.m. Preschool (Cole and Smith)

*Thursday, December 8* ~ 9:00 a.m. Prekindergarten Classes (Bennett, Earhart, & McCallum)

*Tuesday, December 13* ~ 9:00 a.m. *Kindergarten Classes (Kittle and Yarrington)* 

*Tuesday, December 13* ~ 10:30 a.m. *Grades 1 and 2 (Menendez, Nolte, and Maguire)* 

Wednesday, December 14 ~ 9:00 a.m. Middle School Program

Wednesday, December 14 ~ 10:30 a.m. Grades 3, 4, and 5 (Watterton, Cotrupi, and Wallace)

Again this year, the middle school students will be sponsoring a Snowflake Shop. On December 9, students in preschool – fifth grade will have an opportunity to shop for family and friends. Preschool and prekindergarten students will ride the Gloria Dei bus across to the Willow Oaks Campus to visit and shop. Gifts will range from \$1.00 - \$6.00.

Remember you are always welcome to worship with us at Gloria Dei. We have two services on Christmas Eve -5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The 5:00 p.m. service is especially designed for families with young children. Please join us if you are able.

Yours in Christ's service,

Lisa S. Dadez

## **#PrayFor400**

We would like for you to use #PrayFor400 anytime you are on a social media platform and talking about our Church or School. We want you to take time daily to pray for our School and to specifically pray for our students. We also ask you to pray for the staff and volunteer positions to support our students. Anytime you see available positions, pray specifically for that position to be filled. #PrayFor400 is our prayer. Will you join us in prayer?

## **School Employment Opportunities**

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- \* Director of Buildings and Grounds
- \* Steward of Buildings and Grounds
- \* Substitute Teachers

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

## Gloria Dei School Fundraiser

<u>Harris Teeter</u>—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 <a href="https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education">https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education</a>, 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!

## Gloria Dei Shirt Sale



Show your school spirit by ordering a t-shirt, polo, sweatshirt, or coach's jacket. Prices range from \$15 - \$40. Items may be customized with several color options as well as the choice between two different crests, and are available in youth and adult

sizes. Order forms are available at the Information Desk; for Christmas delivery, your forms should be returned by **Tuesday, November 15**. We will continue taking orders after November 15. You may submit your form and money by placing it in the drop box located at the Information Desk.

Proceeds benefit the celebration of Gloria Dei School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

## Gloria Dei Lutheran School's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



November 1 - 22

Donations needed to support the HELP, Inc. food pantry:

- Dry Cereal in boxes
- Tomato Sauce
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Shelf-stable milk in single-serve packages
- Jell-C
- Canned Meat- Spam, corned beef, etc.
- Pork and beans
- Rice-a-Roni/flavored rice packets
- Bottled Water
- Canned Vegetables and Fruits

# **Honor Roll 2022-2023**

#### **First Quarter**

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Nolte:

Scarlett Anthony	
Jackson Higgins	
Addison McKain	
Mila June Robertson	

Zachary Vander Stowe

Abigail Archambault Calvin James Jameson Patnode Kaiden Russell Jolene Watkins Ainsley Gibson Keller Korahaes Samuel Reisbick Isla Samuelson Cullen Tarrin Wills

Sayuri Hackel Evan Martin Elizabeth Rene Adalynn Tuttle

Menendez:

Phil Bailey Lillian Bane
Malia Isola Finn Lindner
Giana Rocha Lennox Schweich
Carlos Wassef Rebecca Wu

June Cote Vy Nguyen Kaleigh Sinclair Tori Ford-Tinker Caroline Perry Emma Smith

**Second Grade** 

Olivia Abel Gavin Fatkin Ronald Hayford Cleo Link Richard Wilhelm Koi Abney Braxton Foster Ashton Horton King Oliver Sanaii Williams-Lucky James Archambault Nolan Frazier Nixon Howell Shella Schrum John Henry Yohn

Ella Gray Serafina Howland John Wilhelm

MJ Brown

**Third Grade** 

McKenna Behan Briella Habecker Jaxon Kerrick Eva Prieto Meghan Willey Benjamin Ferrante Addyson Houde Naomi Menendez Ava Richards Thomas Williford Gunnar Gibson Nathanael Howell Ryan Miller Maddie Ritchie Jozef Zywina

Christiana Grandberry Mia Kearney Karly Moore Brayden Thomas

Fourth Grade

Kylee Brewer Jack Howland Gracie Finnegan Letty Jackson Oliver Fox Nicholas Perry Avery Gray Orlando Peters

Fifth Grade

Rhemar Ibanez Eliana Mbaiornonde Jorden Keefer Bryson Nichols McKenna King Marissa Pender

Peyton LaRoche Elijah Woodard

**Sixth Grade** 

Lola Atkins Zachary Michalski Matthew Wu Abigail Fisher Bryson Rader Zoe Zou

Alena Fortuna Cameron Reese Isabella Little Scott Willett

**Seventh Grade** 

Aaron Gaita Zachary Zou Jewel O'Conner

Dominick Stilgebouer

Peyton Walter

**Eighth Grade** 

Madyssen Collins Donovan Mares Dayja Weeks Lillian Green David Peters Rachel Klemer Cameron Silver Jude Kuligowski Shane Weaver

## **Council Corner**

Greetings all and Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! As we transition into a slightly different schedule for the Newsletter, I figured I better cover all my bases! As you read this, I hope that you have your sights set on a wonderful holiday season in what will hopefully be a more "normal" setting without the looming effects of COVID.

Your Congregation Council will continue to be active through the next few months as we wrap up a successful Stewardship for All Seasons campaign, "Generosity Continues." We thank you immensely for your generosity and support of Gloria Dei's ministries and missions! We are actively planning for the next council retreat, brainstorming for activities and missions to help our congregation continue to expand its reach, and finding ways to continue to bring our congregational family together.

Following our Annual Roadmap, for the months of November and December, our focus is on the homeless and the less fortunate in our community. Through the support of H.E.L.P., Andrew Sutherland's annual coat drive, and school and church food drives, we hope to be able to assist those most in need during this difficult time. In January, we will focus again on school and church interaction and ways in which the two can support each other in mission and ministry.

Thank you to all those who have (will) help with the programs, decorating, shepherding and joyful worship services through these next few months. We hope you and yours have a safe and happy season of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and holiday extravaganzas!

Yours in faith,

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

## **Stewardship for All Seasons**

I grew up in a family where church was central to our values. Mom and Dad first took me to church when I was six weeks old and we were there pretty much every Sunday and many Wednesdays throughout my youth and teen years. I was raised a Baptist, and going to church is what you did in my family. In fact, we always sat right next to my Grandparents at church. I guess you could say, church was a family tradition. However, I did not fully appreciate the life lessons I was learning until much later. I recall watching my Dad volunteer to usher, to work on the finance committee, and to sing in the choir. He had a wonderful bass voice that I miss hearing to this day. Clearly, in my family, church was a central theme in how we lived our lives.

During the years of my youth, my mother suffered many serious and some life-threatening illnesses. There were many hospitalizations. It was scary to say the least, but I was amazed at how my mom and dad dealt with the adversity. First, they did not blame anyone else and certainly not God. I saw my dad working long hours to help pay mounting hospital and doctor bills, but I did not hear him complain. I also saw dad, and mom when able, continue to place a high priority on going to church. And, despite the financial pressures that I did not fully understand, the envelope still went into the offering plate every Sunday.

In retrospect, I could never thank my parents enough for teaching me so much about faith, integrity, hard work, dedication, and a willingness to serve and to be generous with our time, talents, and resources. I wish I could tell you that I lived out those lessons during every phase of my life, but I cannot. Like many, as a young adult caught up in building a family and a career, some of those lessons were put aside at times. However, as I look back, that was never a wise choice.

Those values were planted deep in me and they became essential when weathering some very challenging storms, I often would recall the lessons of my youth and found that when I put those lessons in play, they served me well. Sometimes I think the most difficult times are those in which we learn the most. Here are a few things I learned along the way. Faith is a foundational principle. God will give you the strength you need at the time you need it. God will provide. You cannot out give God. And perhaps, best of all, God will always love you and will bring you peace and joy.

When I came to Gloria Dei, I found the church family I needed. In this place I said goodbye to my first wife, Janice, after she lost her seven-year battle with breast cancer. We had been married 44 years. It was a very difficult time for me and my family, but in this place I found solace, support and friendship; and I knew I would be OK in time. And then, by the grace of God, I met Bonnie and we were married at Gloria Dei. I found a happiness I never thought I would enjoy again. You see, Gloria Dei has been at the center of some of the most important moments of my adult life. And I now understand that those life lessons I learned in my youth are still relevant today. I love our Lord; and I am excited about how Gloria Dei can provide opportunities for growth in faith, discipleship, and to share the Gospel. Please join Bonnie and I in supporting Gloria Dei, and all its ministries, as we move forward with our Stewardship for all Seasons, "Generosity Continues" campaign for the coming year. Together, we can make this an extraordinary year of growth and evangelism at Gloria Dei.

Gary Hess,

Church Council, Stewardship Chair

## Laughter Yoga

Laughter Yoga has come to Gloria Dei and is happening monthly. We will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the following dates:

November 6 December 11 January 8

What is Laughter Yoga? It is not doing any poses. The yoga part is found in our breathing exercises. The laughter is not generated from jokes, comedy, or humor. Instead, we do laughter exercises with childlike play and eye contact. Laughter Yoga is ideal for 5-year-olds to 105-year-olds. For those who have difficulty with standing or movement, you can sit in a chair the whole time and still get the benefits of Laughter Yoga.

What are the benefits? You bring more oxygen to the body and the brain, which makes one feel more energetic and healthier.

Who is leading these sessions? Pastor Dave has been a Certified Laughter Yoga Leader since January 2019. He is excited to offer Laughter Yoga to Gloria Dei and our neighbors. Please, spread the word and invite your friends.

Is there a cost? There is no cost, but donations will be collected to go into Gloria Dei's Pastor Discretionary Fund.

## **A Pint with Pastor**

Please join Pastor Dave on the following evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the locations listed below:

Thursday, November 10 1865 Brewing Co. 9 S. Mallory St., Hampton Thursday, December 15 Oozlefinch Beers & Blending 81 Patch Road, Fort Monroe Thursday, January 12 St. George Brewing Co. 204 Challenger Way, Hampton

## **Nursery Reservations**

Our Nursery staff are ready to take care of your little ones while you are attending worship on Sunday mornings or 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 had their First Aid/CPR certifications updated. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office, 757-851-2838.

## **Nursery Workers Needed**

Our Nursery is available on an RSVP basis for our Wonderful Wednesday program and Sunday morning. This is a paid position. If you are interested in working with children four years and younger, please contact Laura Lopez, <a href="mailto:laura.venable13@gmail.com">laura.venable13@gmail.com</a>.

#### **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. We need someone to take the fifth Sunday of the month. It's only four times a year, and we need a few sub/special event folks. Please contact Vicki Venable if you are interested, vlvenable@gmail.com.

## **Altar Guild**

Have you ever wondered what it is that we do to prepare the church for weekly services and special events? Please contact Renee Wells, 757-749-4425, if you are interested in being a part of the Altar Guild or if you would like to be the Lead Sacristan. Training will be provided.

## **Check Us Out on Facebook**

Find the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Facebook page to see what's going on, by searching "Gloria Dei Lutheran Church – Hampton, VA." You can also find the Zoom link for our online worship services.

In addition to our worship services being held via Zoom, we have the option of watching the worship services via Facebook. Please visit our "Gloria Dei Live" Facebook page and request to be "friends!"

## **Newsletter Opportunities!**

The deadline for the February/March issue is **Thursday, January 12, 2023.**Please email articles to *tbialk@gloriadei.net*.

## **Calendar Request**

If you have any rooms you would like to reserve for the facilities calendar, please email CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net.

## **JOY Fellowship**

 $\underline{\mathbf{J}}$ ust  $\underline{\mathbf{O}}$ lder  $\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$ outh meets on the third Wednesday of each month (September – May), 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., in the Simeon Center. This gathering includes lunch.

Our winter schedule looks like this! We hope you will be able to join us!

November 16 This fall day will include a Baby Boomers Quiz of songs. December 21 Christmas carol singing will highlight this gathering.

January 18 Warm up with an Island Beach Party! Chase away the winter blues with music, food, and hula demo

and instruction.

Watch the *Weekly* for details on how to sign up!

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

During Wonderful Wednesdays beginning on January 11, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., Sharon Bennett will be giving crochet lessons. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon at <a href="mailto:ragdollsb@gmail.com">ragdollsb@gmail.com</a>.

## **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

Please join us for interesting study, fun fellowship, and great discussions.

#### **Coats for the Homeless**

Andrew Sutherland is collecting coats for the homeless again this winter. A collection box will be in the Atrium beginning November 20 and will remain until January 8. We collect coats, sweat shirts, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, belts, socks, and back packs. We also collect hats, gloves, and scarves. We take men's and women's clothing. We will distribute the items will be distributed through H.E.L.P. at A Night's Welcome shelters in Hampton throughout the winter months. Thank you for your support!!

## **Blood Drive**

#### Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



Fellowship Hall 250 Fox Hill Rd Hampton, VA 23669

Sunday, January 22, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Please register to donate by visiting the following link: *redcrossblood.org*.

Schedule Your Blood Donation with the Red Cross

Hover over DONATE BLOOD, and then click "Find a Blood DriveUse the sponsor code **GloriaDei.** 



## **WELCA Book Club**

The Women's Book Group meets regularly on the second Monday of the month. On November 14, Marti Grenier is the host and her book selection is "*Apples Never Fall*" by Liane Moriarty. We'll get together at 7:00 p.m., at Marti's apartment at 955 Harpersville Road, Newport News, VA. Please call Marti to let her know if you can make it, 757-223-1690; or cell 757-751-4148.

## Here's a brief synopsis:

Joy Delaney, beloved wife and mother of four, has disappeared. Her adult children are rightfully aghast; but they're reluctant to report her missing, because they know the prime suspect will be their father, and they're not really sure of his innocence. When the police start asking questions, it quickly becomes clear everyone in the family has stories to tell and secrets to hide. And before it's all over, everything will be revealed and laid bare.

Then on December 12<sup>-</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Mary Mace is our host. Her book selection is "*The Christmas Bookshop*," by Jenny Colgan. It looks like a perfect book for a Christmas read.

The Christmas bookshop is a beautiful, fun, funny and cozy read by Jenny Colgan. This book had not only Christmas vibes but the **magic of Christmas** within a family and community. Carmen has been made redundant from the long-term job she's had and is struggling to find anything else.

On Sunday, January 8, at 3:00 p.m. in the Simeon Center we will have our annual "Christmas Leftover Party." Over the holidays we don't read a book, and take advantage of our January get-together to catch up with each other and share our leftover cheese balls, fruit cake and cookies. This year we're making it an Open House and inviting the ladies of the congregation to come see what a book group is all about. So, mark your calendars and come join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net or give her a call at 757-850-3472.

# WELCA (Women of the ELCA)

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world"

Mission Statement of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA).

The Women of Gloria Dei meet on the fourth Monday of the month. On November 28 at 7:00 p.m. we will create our own Chrimsons in the Simeon Center. Each Christmas, our Nave has a Chrismon tree covered with ornaments symbolizing the life of Christ. This will be an evening to learn the history and the meaning of some of the symbols. Jill Ruhl will lead us as we put together these very special ornaments. Chrismons are never purchased, they are always gifted or created for personal use. All supplies needed will be provided.

Since the fourth Monday in December falls in the middle of the Christmas holidays, we will simply stand down and enjoy the holiday with our family and friends.

We'll once again get together on January 23. A definite program has not yet been decided, so watch the *Weekly* for details.

## Advent through Christmas at Gloria Dei

## **Poinsettia Orders**

It is time to place your order for poinsettias to decorate our Nave for the Christmas season. Each poinsettia is \$15.00 prepaid. **Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 27.** Please use your packet envelope dated November 7, fill in the information on the back, and return it to the Church Office. If you are using online bill pay or Tithe.ly, enter how many flowers you are paying for on the memo line and then call, 757-851-2838, or email, tbialk@gloriadei.net or psipes@gloriadei.net, to let us know who the flowers are in honor of or in memory of, or if they are given to the Glory of God. Thank you!

## **Christmas Tree Sales**

Please look for more details on Christmas tree sales in the Weekly section of the bulletin.

Sponsored by the Youth Groups. All proceeds support the three Synod Youth Retreats.

## **Hanging of the Greens**

Hanging of the greens is a time for the Gloria Dei congregation to decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Dinner is served by the men of the congregation on **Friday**, **December 2**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Decorating and caroling follow with crafts and activities for children.

## Children's Christmas Program

This program will be presented **Sunday**, **December 18**, at our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Come and share in this telling of the Savior's birth. This is a traditional service with Holy Communion.

## **Christmas Caroling**

Christmas Caroling begins at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 18**. Carolers will travel by Gloria Dei bus. All are welcome to join in the singing.

The Christmas season, beginning with Christmas Eve, is the occasion for telling the story of Christ's birth.

This joyful season lasts for 12 days.

**OUR 5:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** is intended for families with young children as well as those who choose not to drive later in the evening. This worship includes familiar Christmas carols and special music. This is a short service and includes a family Christmas blessing.

OUR 7:30 p.m. FESTIVAL CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION includes the festive sounds of carols with brass and other special music.

## Who? What? Why? People of the Bible

This Adult Class is on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Rita Foringer. We will explore the who, what, and why in the Bible.

Who was that? What did they do? Why are they in the Bible?

Bring your Bible, and let's explore together some of the lesser known people in the Bible. Hopefully there will be some surprises.



Wonderful Wednesdays is a program for children in grades Kindergarten-High School.

<u>Children in grades K-4</u> are invited to share in Bible Study, dinner, music, and crafts.

<u>Youth in grades 5-12</u> are invited to share in music, dinner, and Bible Study.

Wonderful Wednesday's Schedule				
<u>TIME</u>	<b>MINUTES</b>	GROUP		
5:45 - 6:15 p.m.	30	Growing with Jesus (Children in grades K-4)		
		Jr. & Sr. High Youth Music		
6:15 - 6:55 p.m.	40	Dinner		
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.	60	Adult Class		
6:55 - 7:45 p.m.	50	5th & 6th Grade Bible Study		
	50	Confirmation (Youth in grades 7-8)		
	50	Sr. High Discipleship (Youth in grades 9-12)		
	30	Music (6:55-7:25)		
	20	Crafts (7:25-7:45)		

#### **Semesters**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks

- November 2
- November 9
- November 16

- December 7-possible hospice blankets
- December 14-travel to see Christmas lights

\*\*November 23 – 30 – Thanksgiving Break\*\*

\*\*December 21 – January 4 – Christmas and New Year Break\*\*

## 3rd Six Weeks

- January 11-Coat Drive
- January 18
- January 25

- February 1
- February 8-1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class #1
- February 15-1st Communion Class #2

\*\*February 22 (Ash Wednesday) – April 12 – Lenten thru Easter Break\*\*

#### 4th Six Weeks

- April 19-possible Century Lanes Bowling
- April 26
- May 3

- May 10
- May 17
- May 24-beach clean up

\*\*May 28—Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday\*\*

#### Pastoral Record

#### **November Birthdays** 1 Josh Rice 10 L.J. Murray 22 Bill Monroe 5 Fred Phillips, Lincoln Urban 12 Thomas Dadez, Bob Hess 23 Vicki Venable, Lane Mitchell, 6 Heide Hackworth, Matthew Zorumski 13 Joanne Aheimer, Bob Hudgins Jonah Hutchison 7 Dan Singer, Barry Zorumski 15 EV Robertson 25 Walt Engelund 8 Rebecca Grossman, Isabella Epps, 19 Donna Vanorsdale 28 Megan Watson 20 Julia Dickseski, Dawn Olson 29 Julie Hutchison Bo Lomax, IV 9 Megan Canny, Cindy Brown 21 Eliza Summerfield **November Anniversaries** 4 Steve and Pam Robnett 6 Richard and Laura Fox, Jr. 21 Bob and Nancy Haberman Kyle and Kristen Leckrone Berto and Laura Lopez Michael and Shannon Sexton 5 Kevin and Kristy Fyfe 10 Andrew and Cassie Murray Mike and Heather Mendez 30 **December Birthdays** 9 Braden Shiamone 1 Jacob Zamora, Joy Hough, 18 Vivian Griese Jenny Sutherland, Amy Etheridge 10 Jack Adams, Bill Karlson 19 Pam Hess, Tom Hooks Keegan St. Laurent, Amanda Jackson 2 Gabe Hutchison Zachary Via Nancy Monroe, Alan Zorumski 4 Dean Grimm Lucas Lopez Venable 5 Crystal Via, Jim Stewart 14 Krista Hester, Fred Bradley, Jr. Leann Waters, Sarah Jackson 6 Ann Myers Fred Bound, Jr. 30 Laura Engelund, Chip Lomax III 7 Becky Barnhart 17 Kristin Wallis-Thomas, 8 Josh Lowman Miranda Venable **December Anniversaries** 4 Gordon and Michelle Robertson 21 Russell and Virginia Lyeth 28 Keith and Mary Jane Leckrone 5 Joe and Mary Capone Don and Marti Grenier 30 Richard and Stephanie Williams 10 CJ and Leann Waters 31 Buzz and Anita Hamilton 23 Brown and Rowena Cornwell 18 Bob and Joan Hudgins David and Anne Perry 27 Glenn and Sandy Taylor Bob and Vivian Reynolds **January Birthdays** 2 Vicki O'Neill 18 Justin Hart, Kyle Leckrone, 26 Mike Via 3 Karen Igel Kerri Masters, Roger Ward, Sr. 27 Stephanie Williams, Amber Via, 4 Nan Jordan, Ashley Zamora 19 Shannon Schubert, Pastor Dave Fox Miles Campbell 6 Paula Jones 20 Sharon Rose 29 Maddie Tatum-Harper, 7 Kevin Fyfe, Lily Hess, Alexis Pfahl, 21 Fran Vanpelt, Jessi Lowman Dawn Montgomery Charlie Venable 22 Rich Fox III. Frank Saloka, Jr. 30 Bonnie Morelen, Michael Murphy 8 Will Hess, Josh Glaab, Debbie Dunn 24 Patrice Blair 31 Susan Canny, Jeremiah Green, 9 Dorie Scherer, Allison Hudgins 25 James Williams, Micaela Ruhl, Matthew Cole Kelly Werner, Megan Jacobs, 12 Marlene Saloka 13 Will Hackworth Daniel Wood **January Anniversaries**

## **Changes of Address**

2 Dana and Cheryl Smith

JP and Jamie Venable, III 135 Sirocco Dr. Apt2 Minot AFB, ND 58704

1 Jack and Jenny Robinson

Richard Harmon 6 Riding Path Hampton, VA 23669

31 Bob and Pam Hess

# November 2022

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
		1 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	2 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:55 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	3 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 9:30 AM- WORSHIP All Saints' Sunday 10:30 AM Christmas Tree Sales Meeting 4 PM Laughter Club/Laughter Yoga	II.	8 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts  - Parent/Teacher ferences	9 1:00 PM ExAdCom 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:55 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	2:30 PM Chorister Choir 6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal 7 PM A Pint with Pastor 1865 Brewing	Junior Yo	uth Lock-In
9:30 AM- WORSHIP Stewardship Commitment Sunday	14 8:30 AM Daybreakers 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 7 PM WELCA Book Group	15 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Church Council Meeting	16 12:30 PM J.O.Y. Group, Simeon Center 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:55 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	2:30 PM Chorister Choir 6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	18 ser Pick Up	19
20 9:30 AM- WORSHIP New Member Sunday	21 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	9 AM All-School Chapel 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study Pre-K Thanksgiving Feast 7 PM Boy Scouts	23	Thanksgiv Church Office d Child Care closed		26 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
9:30 AM- WORSHIP	28 8:30 AM Daybreakers 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 7 PM WELCA	29 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	30			

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				1 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	2 6 PM Hanging of the Greens	3	
9:30 AM- WORSHIP Celebration Sunday with reception following	5 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	6 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	7 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:55 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	8 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	9 Snow Flake Shop		
11 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 4 PM Laughter Club/Laughter Yoga	12 8:30 AM Daybreakers 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 7 PM	13 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 1 PM ExAdCom 7 PM Boy Scouts	14 5:45 PM Youth trip to Christmas Lights	15 All-School Chapel 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal 7 PM A Pint with Pastor	16	17	
	WELCA Book Group		s Programs-see inside for e information.	Place: Oozlefinch			
18 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM Christmas Caroling 1 PM Spaghetti	19	20 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts; Church Council	21 12:30 PM J.O.Y. Group, Simeon Center	6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	School, Child Care, and Church Office	School, Child Care, and Church Christmas	
Lunch	School Christmas Break-School Closed				Closed	Eve Worships	
25 9:30 AM- WORSHIP	26	27	28	29	School, Child Care, and Church	31	
Christmas Day		Child Care, and Office - Closed	Child Care and Ch	urch Office Open	Office Closed		
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1 9:30 AM- WORSHIP Lessons and Carols	2 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Church Office	3 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	4	5 2:30 PM Chorister Choir	6 6 PM Staff Epiphany Party	7
8 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 10:45 AM Unhanging of the Greens w/pizza 10:45 AM Winter Cel Meeting, 3 PM WELCA 4 PM Laughter Club/Laughter	Closed  9 8:30 AM Daybreakers  2:30 PM The Master's Singers	10 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	11 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:55 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts Service Project	12 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 7 PM A Pint with Pastor Place: St George  Deadline for February/March Newsletter	13	14
Yoga 15 9:30 AM- WORSHIP Bring a Friend to Church	MLK Day Church Office, School, and Child Care Closed	17 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 1 PM ExAdCom 7 PM Boy Scouts	18 12:30 PM J.O.Y. Group Simeon Center 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:55 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	19 2:30 PM Chorister Choir	20	21
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29 9:30 AM- WORSHIP	30 School Conference Day-No School	31 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	High Discipleship, Music, Crafts		Retreat	a Tourn

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## **Dated Material**



## Worship with us!

In person in the Nave, "Gloria Dei Live" on Facebook, or Zoom Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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November 27	9:30 a.m.	Advent Lessons & Carols Deadline—Poinsettia orders
December 2	6:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens
December 6-8 and 13-14	See full list inside.	School Christmas Programs
December 18	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Children's Christmas Pageant Christmas Caroling Lunch at Church after Caroling
December 24	5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship for children Christmas Eve Worship
December 25	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship
January 1	9:30 a.m.	Lessons and Carols Worship



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