



# FROM THE TOWER

## April/May 2023

### 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

*A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired.*

Proverbs 17:22, The Message

What are you focused on right now? Friday is my day to catch up on laundry around the house. I could focus on the fact that I have so much laundry to do, or I could focus on the fact that I get to binge whatever show I'm into while washing, drying, and folding clothes. The way that I focus on a matter matters. All challenges can be opportunities. Every obstacle can be a stage to learn. Every setback can be a time to grow. If I focus on the positive, every situation is an opportunity, a stage to learn, and a time to grow.

If you drive a silver car, you will notice how many silver cars are on the road. If you drive a Subaru, you'll start seeing every Subaru on the road. Why? Because that is what you are focused on seeing.

Every time I clean my house, I can choose to focus on what I've accomplished or what I have left to do. Every time I mow my yard, I can focus on the nice finish or the one little strip that I missed. We could exhaust this list. What we learn from this is that I can focus on the good, or I can focus on the bad; and whatever I focus on is what I get.

Think about your favorite restaurant. What makes it your favorite? Chances are it comes down to two matters – good food and good service. And odds are, if one of those things is good you will probably continue to be a patron. However, if you went into your favorite restaurant and started looking closely at things that bother you, it would soon become your former favorite restaurant.

Did you see how the paper towel dispenser was crooked? Just look at all of the stains in this old carpet. There has been a rip in this booth for a few years now. I wonder if they are ever going to dust the tops of these lights that hang above the tables. And just like that, I've ruined your favorite restaurant. I've ruined it, because I began talking about all of the negative and not lifting up the positive.

The truth is that you can do the same thing, without even thinking, to your church. Complaints are cancerous, especially to the outside community. If we come with a cheerful disposition rather than doom and gloom, we can have a positive impact not only on our church but also our life. What you focus on matters.

Our choir is very talented. I love the feel that I get when I walk into our beautiful worship space. I really enjoy seeing the kids take part in the service. I am stoked about our new Children's Church ministry. I can't wait to reconnect over coffee with my church friends each week. I have adored getting to know the new members and having the opportunity to bond with them. I am blown away at how many folks step up to send cards, make meals, and volunteer to help out here. And just like that, I've painted the picture of what Gloria Dei truly is.

Do we mess up? Sure. Are there times that the sermon doesn't speak to us? Absolutely. Does Pastor Dave hit a wrong note or not stick to the script? Yes. But, why would we focus on those things?

You don't sell your house for top dollar by pointing out all of the flaws. That would be foolish. No, you focus on your assets. The pool of water from the rain becomes a house with a water view. In Hampton, all of us have water views; it isn't a flood plain [*sarcasm here*]. Focus on your assets, not your liabilities.

Which story will you focus on? What you focus on matters. May we all see the positive impact of focusing on matters with a cheerful disposition. I challenge all of us to begin to think about our disposition before opening our mouths.

Peace be the journey,  
Pastor Dave

## Adult Spiritual Retreats

Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual retreat in Virginia Beach. The Retreats begin at 6:30 p.m. on a Thursday evening and conclude around 6:30 p.m. on a Sunday evening (three full days). These weekends are all about experiencing God's grace. If you are interested in participating in one of the upcoming weekends, please let Pastor Dave know. There is a cost to the event, but do not let this be a hindrance to you registering. These retreats are life-altering events. The upcoming retreats are:

Men's weekend: April 27-30, 2023

Women's weekend: May 4-7, 2023

## Paschal Candle

Paschal is a word connected to the Jewish Passover. As Christians, we celebrate Jesus as our Paschal Lamb, who takes away the sin of the world. The Paschal Candle stays close to the altar and is lit all 50 days of Easter. It is also used for all baptisms and funerals. A new candle is started each Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday or Easter Vigil. Our new Paschal Candle is given to the glory of God and in memory of Alfred E. Scherrer, Jr., by his family.



## 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 April and May. 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](http://gloriadeilutheranchurch.net). For further questions or more information, please call the Church office.

### **April Zoom Information:**

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of April

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87364177507?pwd=TDV1WUJmYWZM2b2VnVlBMdUtmL0xxUT09>

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

- Visit [zoom.us](http://zoom.us) on the web, click on "Join a Meeting," and enter the Meeting ID (873 6417 7507) and Passcode (338405).
- 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 (873 6417 7507) 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 (338405). 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: 873 6417 7507

Passcode: 338405

### **May Zoom Information:**

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of May

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84238248294?pwd=SFhMekdjRDg3aGkvQzZsd0ZlRWQwdz09>

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

- Visit [zoom.us](http://zoom.us) on the web, click on "Join a Meeting," and enter the Meeting ID (842 3824 8294) and Passcode (971557).
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- Join via phone by calling 1-301-715-8592 and entering the Meeting ID (842 3824 8294) 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 (971557). 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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**Lisa Dadez,  
Head of School**

**From the Head of School**

Registration is well underway for our next school year. If you have not yet had an opportunity to register, forms are available on our website, [gdlshamptonva.com](http://gdlshamptonva.com), or at either school campus.

Please continue to pray for our enrollment, as well as the staffing to support #PrayFor400.

Our eighth grade students participated in the Science Fair during second quarter. All students worked hard and presented some awesome ideas and findings. A special thanks to our judges. Congratulations to the following students who placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention. Job well done!

**First Place:** Shane Weaver ~ “I Feel the Need for Distance”

**Second Place:** Kyro Veltman ~ “Lux, Camera, Action”

**Third Place:** Dayja Weeks ~ “Keepin’ it Fresh”

**Honorable Mentions:**

Most Comprehensive Data Acquisition: Harmony Croker ~ “How Much Glucose is in Your Dose?”

Clarity and Focus of Experimentation: Donovan Mares ~ “Am I Attractive?”

Strongest Foundation for Further Research Potential: David Peters ~ “Does Parachute Size Matter?”

Clean, Creative, and Comprehensive Presentation: Lily Green ~ “Which Dog Toy Will She Choose?”

Exemplary Contribution to Human Factors & Sports Performance: Haylee Meredith ~ “Warming Up Into It”

In May, students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will be administered the Stanford Achievement Test. As testing is new for our youngest students, kindergarten classes will spread out their testing between May 4 – May 13. Students in first – eighth grades will test each morning during the week of May 9. Testing results will be sent home on Thursday, May 18.

The end of the school year is just around the corner, and that includes spring programs and graduation. Please mark your calendars with the following important dates.

**Spring Programs/Graduation**

Tuesday, May 30	9:00 a.m.	Toddler & Two-Year-Old Classes
Wednesday, May 31	9:00 a.m.	Transition and Preschool Class (Waldmiller & Dermanis)
	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Classes (Cole & Smith)
Thursday, June 1	9:00 a.m.	Prekindergarten Classes (Bennett, McCallum, & Earhart)
Monday, June 5	9:00 a.m.	Kindergarten Classes (Kittle & Yarrington)
	10:30 a.m.	1st Grade Classes (Menendez & Nolte)
Tuesday, June 6	9:00 a.m.	2nd Grade Class (Maguire)
	10:30 a.m.	3rd & 4th Grade Classes (Watterton & Cotrupi)
Wednesday, June 7	9:00 a.m.	6th & 7th Grade Classes (Walter & Earhart)
	7:00 p.m.	5th & 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

I am pleased to announce that 110 Gloria Dei students in our first – eighth grades earned Honor Roll recognition for the second grading period of our 2022 - 2023 school year. For a few of these students, this is their first time on Honor Roll. Keep up the hard work!

## **Honor Roll 2022-2023**

### **First Grade**

*Nolte:*

Scarlett Anthony	Abigail Archambault	Ainsley Gibson	Sayuri Hackel
Jackson Higgins	Calvin James	Keller Korahaes	Evan Martin
Addison McKain	Jameson Patnode	Elizabeth Rene	Mila June Robertson
Kaiden Russell	Isla Samuelson Cullen		Adalynn Tuttle
Zachary Vander Stowe	Jolene Watkins		

*Menendez:*

Maxwell Bailey	Phil Bailey	Lillian Bane	June Cote
Tori Ford-Tinker	Malia Isola	Finn Lindner	Vy Nguyen
Caroline Perry	Lennox Schweich	Kaleigh Sinclair	Emma Smith
Carlos Wassef	Rebecca Wu		

### **Second Grade**

Olivia Abel	Koi Abney	MJ Brown	Jacob Church
Gavin Fatkin	Nolan Frazier	Ella Gray	Ronald Hayford
Ashton Horton	Nixon Howell	Serafina Howland	Cleo Link
King Oliver	Shella Schrum	John Wilhelm	Richard Wilhelm
Sanaii Williams-Lucky	John Henry Yohn		

### **Third Grade**

McKenna Behan	Benjamin Ferrante	Gunnar Gibson	Christiana Grandberry
Addyson Houde	Nathanael Howell	Mia Kearney	Jaxon Kerrick
Tyler Kline	Naomi Menendez	Ryan Miller	Karly Moore
Savannah Paden	Eva Prieto	Ava Richards	Brayden Thomas
Meghan Willey	Thomas Williford	Jozef Zywinia	

### **Fourth Grade**

Kylee Brewer	Gracie Finnegan	Oliver Fox	Merit Gradel
Avery Gray	Skylar Harris	Jack Howland	Nicholas Perry
Orlando Peters	Taylor Smith		

### **Fifth Grade**

Rhemar Ibanez	Jorden Keefer	McKenna King	Peyton LaRoche
Eliana Mbaionronde	Bryson Nichols	Marissa Pender	Elijah Woodard

### **Sixth Grade**

Lola Atkins	Abigail Fisher	Alena Fortuna	Isabella Little
Zachary Michalski	Bryson Rader	Scott Willett	Matthew Wu
Zoe Zou			

### **Seventh Grade**

Landon Beckford	Aaron Gaita	Jewel O'Conner	Andrew Schulenberg
Dominick Stilgebouer	Peyton Walter	Zachary Zou	

### **Eighth Grade**

Madyssen Collins	Rachel Klemer	Donovan Mares	Haylee Meredith
David Peters	Cameron Silver	Shane Weaver	Dayja Weeks

## School Employment Opportunities

The administrative staff is busy planning for the fall. At this time, we are actively hiring for the following positions:

Two-Year-Old Lead Teacher  
Elementary Level Teacher  
Instructional Aides for Elementary Level Classes  
Bus Drivers

Art Education Teacher  
Afternoon Childcare Aides  
Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Steward of Buildings and Grounds

If you are interested or you know of someone who may be a perfect fit for our ministry, please contact Lisa Dadez, ldadez@gloriadei.net. An application for employment is available on our school website.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Lisa S. Dadez

### Child Care

Gloria Dei Lutheran School offers child care for children ages 16 months to 12 years. There were 175 students in afternoon child care on an average day.

- Hours are 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Before and after-school care, parent/teacher conferences and staff work days, Christmas and Easter holidays, and snow days (unless conditions are severe).
- Breakfast served from 6:15 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.; lunch, morning and afternoon snacks.
- Variety of activities for children – crafts, movies, organized games, free play, and outdoor play.
- Homework/study time for students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Additional after-school activities – gymnastics, Little Ninjas, Tumblebugz, art academy, and Master Singers.
- *Summer Adventures*, our summer program for children 16 months to 12 years old, will begin Monday, June 12.

Jeanene Nolte, Child Care Director  
Janet Cole, Child Care Program Coordinator

### Gloria Dei School 50th Anniversary Ornament and Coin Sale

We are selling 50th Anniversary coins and ornaments for \$10 apiece. If you would like to purchase one, please do so at the Information Desk during the week. We take cash (exact change please) or checks. We are working to fundraise for new playground equipment to celebrate our 50th school year. We appreciate your support!

### Gloria Dei School Fundraiser

**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!

### #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?

## **Art Class**

The young artists of Gloria Dei are big dreamers and enthusiastic creators. The arts program engages students with a balance of art history, a variety of art techniques, individual exploration, and creative problem solving. Each quarter we study one artist. Elementary students begin class discussing their observations on a single piece of art. Fine art demands the mind be engaged and invites you to read the stories these pictures tell. Art has the power to illuminate the ordinary into something of importance. This year, grades K – 5th will learn from artists Frida Kahlo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Michelangelo. Kindergarten will learn from Claude Monet, while grades 1st – 5th will learn from Renoir. Middle School artists are studying Frida Kahlo, the Limbourg Brothers, and Claude Monet. These artists have illuminated the importance of their identity, their ingenuity, and their communities. I hope these artists of the past can help encourage the young artists of today to use their talents and let their lights shine bright.

I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas art show. Please look forward to their spring show as we have a small, but special exhibit planned to illuminate our school for the 50th anniversary. We hope our art will bring a smile to your face!

## **Science Lab**

We are keeping busy and having fun in Science Lab!

The first graders enjoyed investigating animal camouflage, and explored predator/prey relationships. Just before Christmas, they had a lot of fun learning all about reindeer, and even made their own antlers to wear home! We are currently exploring marine life. The students have especially enjoyed learning all about sea stars and sharks. They were very excited to learn some fun facts that they could share with their families at home. They'll be studying a variety of other marine organisms over the next several months.

The second graders studied buoyancy, and the students really enjoyed an engineering design challenge that consisted of designing a boat out of aluminum foil that could float AND hold weight (pennies). They may be asking for some aluminum foil and pennies so that they can try it out at home! The students also had fun learning about snow and snowflake formations. They were fascinated with the huge variety in snowflake configurations and really enjoyed making their own paper snowflakes. They are still hoping to see a little snow this winter! We also studied electricity, electrical safety, and took the Electrical Safety Pledge.

The third graders learned about America Recycles Day (November 15), and explored the three R's – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We studied the meaning of each term, and the students brainstormed ways they could help our Earth in each of these three ways. We also studied plants. The students enjoyed learning about seeds and especially had fun dissecting a seed in order to locate the seed coat, the "baby" root and leaf, and the stored food inside. They also greatly enjoyed learning how to read a tree's "life story" through its tree rings and made their own tree disc necklaces to take home.

The fourth graders studied germs (viruses and bacteria). They learned how to spot germ hazards in a classroom or at home, along with ways they can effectively prevent or stop the spread of germs. After Christmas, the students were very excited to start our microscope unit. They've learned the parts of the microscope and their functions. They've studied and done well on their microscope quiz. Now, they are having fun with a variety of prepared slides. They'll be viewing and sketching a number of interesting specimens over several lab periods.

The fifth graders started the quarter with a "Brain Builder" Lab during which they tried out some new logical thinking games and puzzles. In addition, we reviewed and reinforced independent, dependent, and controlled variables before the students begin to plan their Science Fair projects. We've started our Chesapeake Bay Studies unit – a traditional fifth grade focus in Science Lab. We begin with the basics – focusing on terminology and an overall understanding of the size, formation, and composition of the Bay. The students were excited to learn that they are lucky enough to live right along the largest estuary in the United States!

As always, I hope to instill/strengthen a love of science in every student, and I thank you for your support throughout the year!

Anna Mary Vogt  
Grades Science Lab Teacher





# PASTA DINNER & PUPPET SHOW



Let's celebrate our School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

April 21, 2023  
Dinner at 5:00 p.m.  
Puppet Show at 6:00 p.m.  
at Gloria Dei

\*Dine on a tasty pasta dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

\*Then enjoy the music, stories,  
and creativity of the Rainbow Puppets.

\*Bring the whole family!

Cost: \$16/adults, \$12/children for dinner & the puppet show  
\$8/person for just the puppet show (without dinner)

## MENU

-Penne Pasta with choice of Marinara or Alfredo Sauce

-Salad (Italian or Ranch Dressing)

-Bread

-Cookies for dessert!



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Puppet Show & Dinner: Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16 = \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Puppet Show Only: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make a check out to "Gloria Dei" or send cash for the exact amount.

\*Please return payment and this form to the student's home base teacher by April 18.

## 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:

**Tuesday, April 18**

Bull Island Brewing Company  
758 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton

**Wednesday, June 21**

Bull Island Brewing Company  
758 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton

**Tuesday, May 16**

St. George Brewing Company  
204 Challenger Way, Hampton

**Wednesday, July 19**

St. George Brewing Company  
204 Challenger Way, Hampton

## Community Bible Study

Pastor Dave leads a weekly Bible study at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue. All are invited to attend most Mondays at noon. This is a great opportunity for us to learn the needs of our community and help us to become more outreach-oriented. **Please know that we will not be meeting on days when a holiday is being celebrated, such as Monday, April 10.**

## Girl Scout Cookie Booths

Girl Scout Cookie Booths are coming!

Cookie booths will be held in the Gloria Dei parking lot on the following dates/times:

Saturday, April 1	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 2	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 15	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 16	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Council Corner

Greetings all! I hope this finds you well and warm coming into spring and warmer weather! Your Congregation Council had a great time at our annual council retreat where we brainstormed through our Annual Roadmap for activities and missions to help our congregation continue to expand its reach and mission. We are excited about finding ways to continue to bring our congregational family together. We stayed at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat in Toano again and thankfully it did not snow on us as it did last year!

As we move towards our annual meeting in June, know that we will be reaching out to the congregation with some question-and-answer sessions on the annual financial plan and the revisions/updates to our constitution. Many of the updates are to keep us in line with the ELCA model constitution, which are required to be in our Gloria Dei constitution. Stayed tuned for the dates!

Please know that we continue to offer our appreciation to all 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. As a regular reminder, when you feel a calling to be more involved in the church's daily life, whether helping with Wonderful Wednesdays, or 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 direction!

Yours in faith,

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





**Blood Drive**  
**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**



Fellowship Hall  
250 Fox Hill Rd  
Hampton, VA 23669

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



Please register to donate by visiting the following link: [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org).  
Schedule Your Blood Donation with the Red Cross  
Hover over DONATE BLOOD, and then click “Find a Blood Drive”  
Use the sponsor code **GloriaDei**.

**Glorioso’s Dinner 2023 a Success!**



Our first Glorioso’s Dinner event since 2019 was a great success. This 2023 fundraising dinner event held on March 4, 2023, raised \$2,100.00 to support our local Habitat for Humanity’s mission to build affordable homes for low-income families.

Thank you, Gloria Dei, for stepping back into this annual fundraiser with such generosity in giving to this cause. From watching our Fellowship Hall transition into a fancy Italian restaurant, to watching a well-oiled team of servers and cooks treat our guests with a smile of love and a devotion to make their meal the best. It was AMAZING!!

One of the key moments during the night – was the celebration of our own Marna Mayo’s birthday. Our servers and cooks gathered around this individual and sang “Happy Birthday” in Italian. It was done so well that it might be a new tradition for the Glorioso event.

Once again, we tip our hats to the pasta chefs for making their delicious sauces, and especially the pastry chefs, Joy Hough and Mary Mace, for their special gifts in making such sweet desserts.

A BIG thank you goes out to our servers and cooks for making this event spectacular. Pictured here, these individuals created a special dinner night.

Gloria Dei – “Thank You” again or as they say in Italy - “Grazie!”



## 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. This gathering includes a school lunch. You *must RSVP* for these events by the preceding Sunday, to:

Anita: 757-851-8398 [hamiltonanita731@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonanita731@gmail.com) or  
Ann: 757-851-7315 [amyers21@cox.net](mailto:amyers21@cox.net).

The program for **April 19** will be saxophone music by Gloria Dei's own Tom Clasen! We hope to see you there!

At our last meeting of this season on **May 17**, we'll have Bingo! Please bring two inexpensive gifts, wrapped or unwrapped, that we may use as prizes.

Watch the *Weekly* and your email for reminders.

## 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 focus in April is to wrap up our Lenten Journey of Personal Care Kits for the work of Lutheran World Relief. The final day for donations was on Saturday, March 26.

On Monday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m., we will assemble the kits, pack them in boxes and send them on their way. This will be done along with the assistance of Girl Scout Troop 1041. Once again, we used our hands to support God's work.



This will be our emphasis for April, so on our usual day of getting together on the fourth Monday of the month, relax and have a pleasant evening with your family.

In May, we are going to wrap up the year with "A Glass with the Girls." On Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m., we'll meet at Pour Girls Restaurant in Downtown Hampton for a glass of wine and conversation. This will be our last gathering until next fall, so please come join us.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, contact Rita Foringer at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net). I'm always open to suggestions for programs!

## WELCA Book Club

On April 17 at 7:00 p.m., the book group will meet at the home of Mary Mace to discuss "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd.

*"The novel itself is about a girl named Hetty (nicknamed 'Handful') and her troubled life as a slave in the early nineteenth century in Charleston, where Hetty is desperately wanting and waiting for a better life than the one she lives now.*

*Kidd's novel begins on the eleventh birthday of Sarah Grimke. She received her gift, and as her gift, she got Hetty, a ten-year-old girl, who was intended to be her handmaid.*

*We follow the life of Hetty through the course of thirty-five years, as she struggled for freedom and destiny, which was very often filled with estrangement, guilt and sorrow.*

*Perhaps the best thing about this novel is that the author referred to a real, historical person of Sarah Grimke, and did a fine job in combining events of Sarah's real life and fictional events, which were written in order to make everything even more interesting."*

Then on May 8 at 7:00 p.m., we get together at the home of Martha Bauer to discuss "100 Years of Lennie and Margo" by Marianne Cronin.

*"Life is short. No-one knows that better than seventeen-year-old Lenni living on the terminal ward. But as she is about to learn, it's not only what you make of life that matters, but who you share it with.*

*Dodging doctor's orders, she joins an art class where she bumps into fellow patient, Margot, a rebel-hearted eighty-three-year-old from the next ward. Their bond is instant as they realize that together they have lived an astonishing one hundred years.*

*To celebrate their shared century, they decide to paint their life stories: of growing old and staying young, of giving joy, of receiving kindness, of losing love, of finding the person who is everything.*

*As their extraordinary friendship deepens, it becomes vividly clear that life is not done with Lenni and Margot yet."*

Both of these books will lead to interesting discussions, so please consider joining us. For more information or questions, please contact Rita Foringer at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net).

## Fellowship Bible Study

You are invited to join us in Bible study every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am. We are meeting in the Simeon Center and using the Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series. This is a small group study, where you will find fellowship and a relaxed atmosphere. During January and February, we are using the study guide, "From Darkness to Light" by Jeanette Bialas Strandjord. We will discuss the good news found in Paul, James, and 1 Peter. For information, email Sharon L. Padula at [slpadula1@gmail.com](mailto:slpadula1@gmail.com).

## Calendar Request

If you have any rooms you would like to reserve for the facilities calendar, please email [CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net](mailto:CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net).

## Newsletter Opportunities!

The deadline for the June/July issue is

**Thursday, May 11, 2023.**

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

## Want to be a STEWARD?

Lurking thru the halls when School, Childcare, and Church Offices are closed, are your Gloria Dei Stewards. To help keep maintenance costs down; this group of individuals repair; paint; move items; change lights; rip-up carpet; plumbing; throw playground stone; etc., etc., etc. They accept no money for their talents; instead they graciously accept sore muscles, splinters, and blisters all for the love of supporting their Church and School. They are a society called together by an email and show up to work with fellowship from other Stewards that have answered the email call. So if you enjoy manual labor sore muscles and an occasional blister, then the Stewards of Gloria Dei is the place for you. For more information or to sign up please contact:

John Campbell - email:

[johnbigfootcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:johnbigfootcampbell@gmail.com)

Mike Riley - email: [m.f.riley@cox.net](mailto:m.f.riley@cox.net)

## H.E.L.P. Donations

Please, join us in filling up the red wagon to feed the hungry in our community. They are in immediate need of paper grocery bags. The following are items on their most needed list:

- Dry cereal in boxes
- Tomato sauce
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Shelf-stable milk in single-serve packages
- Jell-O
- Canned meat—Spam, corned beef, etc.
- Pork and beans
- Rice-a-Roni flavored rice packets
- Toilet paper
- Individually wrapped bars of soap

## Nursery Reservations

Our Nursery Staff are ready to take care of your little ones while you are attending worship on Sunday mornings. 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. The deadline for RSVP's is the Wednesday 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 Sunday worship services. 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).

## 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](mailto: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? If you are interested in being a part of the Altar Guild or if you would like to be the Lead Sacristan, please contact Renee Wells, 757-749-4425. Training will be provided.

## The 2023 Flower Calendar

The 2023 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 plus a delivery fee. 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!



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

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

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

### Wonderful Wednesday's Schedule

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GROUP</u>
5:45 - 6:15 p.m.	Simeon Center	Growing with Jesus ( <i>Children in grades K-4</i> )
6:15 - 6:55 p.m.	Coffee Bar/Simeon Center	Dinner
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.	Conference Room, 103	Adult Class
6:55 - 7:45 p.m.	Coffee Bar	Crafts ( <i>Children in grades K-4</i> )
	Rotunda (Nave entrance)	5th & 6th Grade Bible Study
	Simeon Center	Confirmation ( <i>Youth in grades 7-8</i> )
	Luther Library	Sr. High Discipleship ( <i>Youth in grades 9-12</i> )

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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\*\***

### Easter Egg Hunt and Games

**Saturday, April 8**

**9:00 a.m., Fox Hill Campus**

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.

### 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 7, 2023. Thank you!

## Pastoral Record

### April Birthdays

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

### April Anniversaries

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

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### May Birthdays

- |   |                              |  |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| 1 Ramona Rice                                 | 13 Tom Clasen, Ruth Douglas  | 23 Barry Hutchison                       |
| 2 Joan Hudgins                                | 14 Nicole Booth, Steff Payne | 24 Todd Pfahl, Luke Glaab                |
| 4 Mary Capone, Dot Kelly,<br>Wivi Pelt-Detlie | 15 Ron Aheimer               | 27 Sarah Olsen                           |
| 6 Jason Davis, Laura Lopez                    | 17 Joan Ehlers               | 28 Jean Liesman                          |
| 7 Richard Williams, Jr.                       | 18 Emily Urban               | 29 Cheryl Smith, David Perry, Ryan Wells |
| 8 Heather Mendez                              | 19 Tad Foringer              | 30 Nick Shannon                          |
| 9 Diego Fuentes                               | 21 Marcus Miller             | 31 Martha Bauer                          |
| 11 Janet Cole, Laura Fox, Cassy Todd          | 22 Sheree Harper             |  |

### May Anniversaries

- |                          |                                  |                       |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Scott and Gwyn Gridley | 11 Fred and Amy Bound, Jr.       | 22 Ed and Susan Krebs |
| 5 Mike and Ann Riley     | 12 Frank and Jerri Dickeski, Jr. |                       |

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### Births

Kodi Londyn Jones  
March 6, 2023

### Death



Derek Atkins  
March 17, 2023

### Changes of Address

Jim and Keri Stewart  
23 Moseley Drive  
Ebony, VA 23845



# April 2023

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
						1 9 AM Nave Spring Clean-up 9 AM-5 PM Girl Scout Cookie Booth
<b>2</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Palm Sunday <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:30 AM C&C Rehearsal 9AM – 12 PM Easter Egg Pick Up 9 AM-5 PM Girl Scout Cookie Booth 9 AM-2:00 PM Blood Drive <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">+</span>	<b>3</b> 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 10 AM- Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 PM Maundy Thursday <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>7</b> 7 PM Good Friday Tenebrae <b>WORSHIP</b>  <i>Church                      office closed</i>	<b>8</b> 9 AM-5 PM Girl Scout Cookie Booth  9 AM-Easter Egg Hunt  
<i>Easter Break- No School, Child Care Only</i>						
<b>9</b>  <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM-</b> <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Church office                      closed</i> 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 7:00 PM WELCA/Girl Scouts - Kit Assembly	<b>11</b> 10 AM- Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2:30 PM Chorister Choir  6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><i>Junior Youth                      Lock-In</i></div>	<b>15</b> 9 AM-5 PM Girl Scout Cookie Booth
<i>Church Easter Break- Minimally Staffed</i>						
<b>16</b> <b>9:30 AM-</b> <b>WORSHIP</b> 11 AM-4 PM Girl Scout Cookie Booth	<b>17</b> 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 6:30 PM Girl Scouts  7 PM WELCA Book Club	<b>18</b> 10 AM- Fellowship Bible Study 1 PM ExAdCom 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM A Pint with Pastor at Bull Island Brewing	<b>19</b> 12:30 PM J.O.Y. Group 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) 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	<b>20</b> 2:30 PM Chorister Choir  6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> School 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM-</b> <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>24</b> 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.  2:30 PM The Master's Singers	<b>25</b> 10 AM- Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>26</b> 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) 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	<b>27</b> 2:30 PM Chorister Choir  6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM-</b> <b>WORSHIP</b>						

# May 2023

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<b>7</b> <b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b>  5 PM Senior Youth Dinner	<b>8</b> 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.  2:30 PM The Master’s Singers  7 PM WELCA Book Group	<b>9</b> 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study  7 PM Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) 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	<b>11</b> 2:30 PM Chorister Choir  6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal  <i>Deadline for June/July Newsletter Articles</i>	<b>12</b> 6 PM Staff Banquet	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b>	<b>15</b> 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.  2:30 PM The Master’s Singers  6:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>16</b> 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study 1 PM ExAdCom  7 PM Boy Scouts  7 PM A Pint with Pastor at St. George Brewing Co	<b>17</b> 12:30 PM J.O.Y. Group  5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) 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	<b>18</b> 2:30 PM Chorister Choir  6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> <b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b> Pentecost/ Confirmation Sunday	<b>29</b> <i>Memorial Day School and Church Offices Closed</i>	<b>30</b> 10 AM-Fellowship Bible Study  7 PM Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.) 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			

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

## Worship Schedule for Palm Sunday through Easter

### **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**April 2, 9:30 a.m.**

*Gather outside. If raining, we meet in the Atrium.*

### **Maundy Thursday WORSHIP**

**April 6, 7:00 p.m.**

### **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP**

**April 7, 7:00 p.m.**

### **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD WORSHIP**

**Sunday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m.**