



FROM THE TOWER

August/September 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

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:28, NRSV

It is easy for us to come up with reasons on why not to get up and go to worship on Sunday morning. We see it best on a rainy day. On a rainy day, people do not want to bother with getting wet in order to come to worship. However, on sunny days, peoples' minds are on other things...like hunting, fishing, boating, and sun bathing. Their mind is not on Christ; rather, it is on themselves.

People seem to think worship is something that we do to check it off of our list. I went to church this week, this month, the quarter, this year – check! With the mentality of saying that we need to go to worship in order to check it off of our “to do list,” we are more apt to whittle away at the service in order to make it less “painful.” With this mentality, our focus is only on ourselves. We have lost sight of Jesus, who is at the center of the throne.

It is our Triune God who deserves our worship. God deserves our unending worship; worship that involves hymns of praise, times of silence, prayer, God's Word, and Holy Communion. We should be asking ourselves, how can I be more faithful in worshiping God throughout my entire life?

We tend to make worship about fulfilling our needs. We wrongly believe that it is about what we get out of the sermon, us receiving forgiveness for our sins, and us receiving a benediction. Focusing on ourselves and focusing on our desires is sinful. When we focus on these things in our life, we are distracted from worshipping our Triune God. This distraction causes us to worship other things in our lives that are not our Triune God.

The lake, golf course, video game, and bed do not need worship because they do not deserve worship. The only thing these things provide is a bit of leisure or rest. These things, though nice, are only fulfilling for a short while. However, Jesus Christ, the slaughtered Lamb, is who deserves unending worship. It is because of his blood on the cross that we are freed from sin. It is Jesus who is victorious over death. It is Christ who is the faithful witness. It is Jesus who is alive and present with his Church. It is Jesus who will come again.

We, as human beings, were created to worship God. It is vital for us to continually worship God in all that we are and in all that we do. Worship is about our faithful participation in proclaiming all honor, praise, and glory to our amazing King of Kings, our Lord of Lords, our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Colossians 3:16, NRSV

~Peace be the journey,
Pastor Dave



SAVE THE DATE



Virginia Synod's Bishop Installation

Bishop-elect Phyllis Milton

Saturday, October 21

at 1:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro

Please let the Church Office know if you plan on attending. We would like to take a bus.

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 August and September. 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.

AUGUST ZOOM INFORMATION:

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of August

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86765222200?pwd=TXY0UEMvdXYxd2grc3dHbXhLanZDUT09>

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 (867 6522 2200) and Passcode (236093).
- 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 (867 6522 2200) 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 (236093). 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: 867 6522 2200

Passcode: 236093

SEPTEMBER ZOOM INFORMATION:

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of September

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85811505704?pwd=Z0R6dTVmSW1CY2FMVkwY1Z0UzZHUT09>

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 (858 1150 5704) and Passcode (692946).
- 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 (858 1150 5704) 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 (692946). 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: 692946



**Lisa Dadez,
Principal**

From the Principal

This June, twenty-five students graduated from our fifth and eighth grade programs. Teachers, staff members, and parents worked together to mentor, nurture, and guide these graduates over the years, so they can make a positive difference. We are appreciative and thankful for the opportunity to be a part of their educational journey. Congratulations, Graduates!

I am pleased to announce that five of our graduates earned the President’s Award for Academic Excellence. This is a national achievement awarded at three points in a student’s academic career – at the end of elementary, middle, and high school. The criteria for this award are quite strenuous; and to qualify, students must maintain an “A” average and at least an 85% or above in math or reading on a national achievement test.

Our Presidential Scholars for this year are:

Peyton LaRoche Eliana Mbaiornonde Madysen Collins David Peters Shane Weaver

In addition, ninety-two students achieved Honor Roll recognition for the year. The elementary students maintained an “A/B” average for each quarter, satisfactory or above in every resource class, and satisfactory or above in all work-study habits. The students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, who earned Honor Roll recognition, maintained an “A/B” average in all classes during the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations to our Honor Roll Students. Job well done!

First Grade

Nolte:

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

Menendez:

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

Second Grade

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

Third Grade

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

Fourth Grade

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

Fifth Grade

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

Sixth Grade

Abigail Fisher	Zachary Michalski	Zoe Zou
Alena Fortuna	Bryson Rader	

Seventh Grade

Aaron Gaita	Dominick Stilgebouer	Zachary Zou
Jewel O'Conner	Peyton Walter	

Eighth Grade

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

August will be here soon, and we are already preparing for our 51st school year. If you are registered for the 2023-2024 school year, you should be receiving a packet of information by the first week of August. If you have not yet had the chance to register, please call the school office at 757-851-6292, and we will initiate the process.

The first day of school will be Monday, August 28. There will be an Open House for each grade level the week before school begins. Please check the schedule below for the date and time for your child's open house.

Open House Schedule

Tuesday, August 22	Preschool Classes	6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	4 th & 5 th Grade Classes	7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 23	Toddler and Twos	6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	1 st Grade Classes	6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	2 nd & 3 rd Grade Classes	7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 24	Prekindergarten Classes	6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	Kindergarten Classes	6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	Middle School Classes	7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Open House provides the opportunity for you and your child to meet the teacher/instructional aide and to hopefully alleviate some of those first-day jitters. The school supply lists and calendar for the 2023-2024 school year can be found on our school website- www.gdlshamptonva.com.

There are still several weeks of summer left before we head back into the classrooms. Please enjoy this time with family and friends. Remember to be kind to yourself and to others, and set aside time each day to pray, read, and practice math facts.

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

*Two-Year-Old Lead Teacher	*Bus Drivers	*Director of Buildings and Grounds
*Afternoon Childcare Aides	*Elementary Teacher	*Computer Teacher
*Steward of Buildings and Grounds	*Instructional Aides for Elementary Level Classes	

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 turn it in to the School Office at 250 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA 23669, attention: Lisa 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?

Gloria Dei Lutheran School

50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

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2023

Come help us celebrate 50 Years of Excellence in our Gloria Dei School during our weekend celebration.

Times for events are still being finalized so stay tuned as more information and event times are posted on our webpage.

<https://gdlshamptonva.com/50th-Anniversary>

A **Program Book** is being developed for the weekend. For more information on submitting information or advertising in this book, please contact mfriley@gloriadei.net (757) 810-9953.

Volunteers are needed to make the weekend great. If you have time and are interested, please send an e-mail to 50th-Anniversary@gloriadei.net or call the school (757) 851-6292.

GLORIA DEI SHIRT SALE

-----YOUTH SIZES-----

The following items are available in youth sizes and are suitable for children through elementary grades:
Youth Small (YS=6-8), Youth Medium (YM=10-12), and Youth Large (YL=14-16):

- Short sleeve polo shirt – black only - \$24.00
- T-shirts – red, black, white, or ash - \$15.00
- Crewneck sweatshirt – black, red, white, or medium grey - \$23.00

-----ADULT SIZES-----

The following items are available in adult sizes:

(Adult Small=AS, Adult Medium=AM, Adult Large=AL, Adult X-Large=AXL, Adult XX-large=AXXL*):

- Short sleeve polo shirt, jersey knit – red, black, white, or light grey - \$30.00 (small to 4XL)
- Crewneck sweatshirt – red, black, white or medium grey - \$28.00 (small to 2XL)
- Solid T-shirt – red, black, white, or ash - \$17.00 (small to 3XL)
- Coach's Jacket – red, black, or white - \$40.00 (small to 2XL)

-----CREST Choices - Please pick ONE -----

The Crest will be embroidered on the left pocket area of shirt / jacket.

**50th Anniversary
Shirt Crest**



Gloria Dei Shield



GLORIA DEI SHIRT SALE ORDER FORM

Return Order Form to Church or School Office

Name: _____ Teacher Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

* Add \$2.00 for adult XXL, \$3.50 for adult XXXL, and \$4.50 for adult XXXXL

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Gloria Dei Lutheran School**

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>COLOR</i>	<i>SIZE</i>	<i>CREST</i>	<i>COST</i>

ORDER TOTAL: _____

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!

School Playground Fundraiser



During this 50th Anniversary year of Gloria Dei Lutheran School, one of our fundraisers for new playground equipment - "Pennies for Playground" - was completed on the last day of school. With collection spots on both campuses, the students collected 80 paper bills and 6,040 coins for a total of \$400. With the generous donations of several school parents, our "Pennies for Playground" fundraiser has reached \$1000.

Thank you students for your generosity in giving towards this fundraiser. Also, a special thanks goes to our second graders in Mrs. Maguire's class who learned about money by sorting and counting the 80 paper bills and 6,040 coins.

Harris Teeter 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!

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Blood Drive **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall

250 Fox Hill Rd
Hampton, VA 23669

Sunday, October 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 Drive"

Use the sponsor code **GloriaDei**.



Introducing Our New Minister of Music



Brandon Spence, DMA
Minister of Music

NOTE: We will welcome Dr. Brandon Spence on August 6 with a reception in the Coffee Bar immediately following worship.

I am a person of faith. Hello and greetings to all! My name is Brandon Spence, and I am so honored, indeed privileged, to now serve the Gloria Dei faith community as Minister of Music. Please be assured of my dedicated service to all.

Though describing myself as a Grand Rapids, Michigan, resident, I am in fact a Virginia native, hailing from Norfolk. My undergraduate credential was taken at Old Dominion University (Go Monarchs!) in organ performance. My generation referred to this area as Tidewater; but you know, Hampton Roads does kinda catch on after a while...

There's lots more I'd like to share, but I equally wish to learn more about each of you. Please feel free to speak to me at any time. I look forward to meeting, greeting, praying with, and getting to know you all as we grow together in faith. What should you know about me? My name is Brandon Spence. I am a person of faith.

See you soon!

Dr. Brandon Spence
Minister of Music
bspence@gloriadei.net

Blessing of the Backpacks

During worship on August 27, we will bless backpacks for this coming school year. Please have your children bring their backpack to church or have it with them if joining via Zoom to receive their blessing.

Cross and Crown Training & Confirmation Meeting

On Wednesday, August 31, at 5:45 p.m., during our pizza dinner, Pastor Dave will have a brief meeting with the Confirmation students and their parents in the Coffee Bar. After dinner, all Cross and Crown youth will have a refresher course for all youth in grades 7-12 in the Nave. Our new Cross and Crown servers will be fitted for their robes and have their pictures taken.

Become a Member

If you are wanting to join Gloria Dei in its mission and ministry, please join us following worship on **September 10, 2023**. You will learn about what it means to be a Lutheran, the history of Gloria Dei, the ministry opportunities of Gloria Dei, and your role as a member. **We ask that you please register for this class by Friday, September 8, 2023, 757-851-2838 or psipes@gloriadei.net.** We will receive you as new members on Sunday, September 17, 2023, during worship.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

Our next *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday* is on **Sunday, September 17**. Please, make it a priority to invite at least three people to church on this Sunday. Why should you invite folks to church? The number one reason is because it is our call as Christians. Second, 85% of people come to worship because a friend or family member asked them to come to church with them.

We are asking you to invite people you already have a relationship with and not complete strangers to join you on this Sunday. During 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 the following Sunday.

Please, ensure your friends that they will not be asked to stand up or be introduced in front of the congregation.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends and family at worship!

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:

Wednesday, August 16
Bull Island Brewing Company
758 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton

Tuesday, September 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, September 4.**

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, for which donations are accepted. We offer a variety of activities for your enjoyment and fellowship.

We don't meet in August but have been making plans for the coming program year. In September, we'll start with some games and sharing. See you there!

Anita: 757-851-8398 hamiltonanita731@gmail.com

Ann: 757-851-7315 amyers21@cox.net

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups

End-of-Summer Pool Party on August 20, 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., at the home of Lynn and Rick Graves, 106 Woodburn Drive, Hampton, Virginia 23664.

Council Corner

I spent the last couple of days driving from Las Vegas to Montgomery, Alabama. The changing landscapes along the way ranged from desert plains with a dome of cloudless blue to the hills of Alabama full of green vegetation and trees. Even during the stressful bouts of severe weather, it was amazing to see the lightning and beautiful storm clouds.

I was continually reminded of the way God created our wonderful planet, giving each area its own unique characteristics and beauty. It was a reminder that we are all unique and wonderfully made. Each of us has been given talents and strengths from God to do His work here in the midst of His creation. I hope wherever you are, that you will spend a little time focusing on the beauty that surrounds us. Don't forget to look inward to identify the talents and gifts God has given you, as well. As we move through our Annual Roadmap for 2023-2024, I hope you will prayerfully listen to where God wants you to use those talents.

A few quick updates as we transition into our new year:

- Our new Constitution document has been approved by the Synod.
- Welcome Dr. Brandon Spence, Minister of Music. We are happy you are with us and are excited to support you and our music ministry.
- The Church Council also welcomes new Council Member Kevin Morse and new Trustee Bo Lomax.
- Thank you cannot adequately express how important Jason Green has been in leading our congregation during his service time on the Church Council. Thank you again, Jason!

Our council is excited to continue working with you, the congregation, as we use the Annual roadmap to guide us in making a difference in the lives of our church and community.

Don't forget, you are wonderfully made!

Vivian Griese

Our 2023 Graduates



Kaileigh Alisabeth Archer-Wright
Maury High School and
Governor's School for the Arts
Virginia Commonwealth University

Shyan Marie Cullipher
Kecoughtan High School
Tidewater Community College
Forensic Science

Emily Patrice Elliott
Kecoughtan High School
Furthering her education

Mia Isabella Fuentes
Jamestown High School
James Madison University
Elementary Education

Olivia Grace Gifford
Jamestown High School
Furthering her education in England

Joshua Alan Green
Poquoson High School
Shipyard Apprentice School
Pipe Fitter

Abigail Rose Jenkins
Bethel High School
Furthering education to be a
Veterinary Technician

Alexander Page Murphy
Bethel High School
Furthering education to work in
Cyber Security

Thomas David Smith
Kecoughtan High School
Whitetail Construction Company

Charles Nicholas Venable
Woodside High School
Acoustical Sheetmetal Company

Ryan Allan Wells
Kecoughtan High School
Embry-Riddle
Aeronautical University

Alisha Elizabeth Welton
Kecoughtan High School
Randolph Macon
Political Science

Katelyn A. Wiltz
Tabb High School
Princeton University

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)

Ladies of Gloria Dei. Here’s the plan for the next couple of months. We meet on the fourth Monday of each month. On August 28, we will once again have a “Glass with the Girls,” also known as “Wine with the Women” at Pour Girls in downtown Hampton. We gather at 7:00 p.m. for a glass of wine and fellowship.

Then on September 25, we will kick the year off with **B*I*N*G*O!** Once again, our own **B*I*N*G*O** Queen, Ann Myers will preside. We’ll meet in the Simeon Center at 7:00 p.m.

Please come join us for an evening of fun and prizes.

WELCA Book Club

After taking the summer off, the book group will once again be getting together. On **Monday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m.**, we’ll gather at the home of Rita Foringer. The book selected is *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*, by J. Ryan Stradal. This warm hug of a book about a family restaurant — and how various generations' hopes, dreams, and lives are connected to it — is a love letter to the Midwest.

Here’s a synopsis: Mariel Prager needs a break. Her husband Ned is having an identity crisis; her spunky, beloved restaurant is bleeding money by the day; and her mother Florence is stubbornly refusing to leave the church where she’s been holed up for more than a week. The Lakeside Supper Club has been in her family for decades; and while Mariel’s grandmother embraced the business, seeing it as a saving grace, Florence never took to it. When Mariel inherited the restaurant, skipping Florence, it created a rift between mother and daughter that never quite healed.

Ned is also an heir—to a chain of home-style diners—and while he doesn't have a head for business, he knows his family's chain could provide a better future than his wife's fading restaurant. In the aftermath of a devastating tragedy, Ned and Mariel lose almost everything they hold dear, and the hard-won victories of each family hang in the balance. With their dreams dashed, can one fractured family find a way to rebuild despite their losses, and will the Lakeside Supper Club be their salvation?

In this colorful, vanishing world of relish trays and brandy, Old Fashioned J. Ryan Stradal has once again given us a story full of his signature honest, lovable yet fallible Midwestern characters as they grapple with love, loss, and marriage; what we hold onto and what we leave behind; and what our legacy will be when we are gone.

Estate Planning

You’re not going to need your money when you’re gone. However, you are responsible for what happens to it after you are gone. Making out a will is very important for everyone to do, both young and old. It is also important to update your will as things change and at least every ten years. If you are creating a will or updating your will consider one of two options to help in the mission of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:

1. In your will you can state, “After all my bills are paid, I want 10 percent of my estate (a tithe) to go to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.”
2. You can make Gloria Dei Lutheran Church one of your children. By making the Church a beneficiary, meaning if you have two biological children, your estate would be split equally to your now three children – one third to Harvely, one third to Marvely, and one third to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Thank you for thinking and planning long term for our church’s future. Ensuring this is in your will, ensures that a plan is in place to help spread the gospel of Jesus to those that come after you.

Fellowship Bible Study

You are invited to join us in Bible study every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. 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. For information, email Sharon L. Padula at slpadula1@gmail.com.

Calendar Request

Please email CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net for all facility usage requests.

Newsletter Deadline

October/November Newsletter deadline

Thursday, September 7, 2023.

Please email articles to 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

Mike Riley - email: m.f.riley@cox.net

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 or 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.

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, 757-846-1814, or 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!

H.E.L.P. Donations

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

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



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

TIME	LOCATION	GROUP
5:45 - 6:15 p.m.	Simeon Center Nave	Growing with Jesus (<i>Children in grades K-4</i>) Junior & Senior High Youth Music
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.	Coffee Bar/Simeon Center	Dinner
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.	Conference Room, 103	Adult Class
6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Rotunda (Nave entrance) Simeon Center	5th & 6th Grade Bible Study Confirmation (<i>Youth in grades 7-8</i>)
	Luther Library	Sr. High Discipleship (<i>Youth in grades 9-12</i>)
6:45 - 7:10 p.m.	Nave	K-4th Grades - Music
7:10 - 7:30 p.m.	Coffee Bar	K-4th Grades - Crafts

Semesters

1st Six Weeks

- September 13
- September 20
- September 27
- October 4
- October 11
- October 18

2nd Six Weeks

- November 1
- November 8
- November 15
- November 29
- December 6
- December 13

****November 22 – Thanksgiving Break****

****December 20 and 27 – Christmas and New Year Break****

3rd Six Weeks

- January 3
- January 10
- January 17
- January 24
- January 31-1st Communion Class #1
- February 7-1st Communion Class #2

****February 14 (Ash Wednesday) – April 3 – Lent thru Easter Break****

4th Six Weeks

- April 10
- April 17
- April 24
- May 1
- May 8
- May 15

****May 19—Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday****

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE ORDER FORM



He is not here; for he has risen, just as I said.
Matthew 28:6

The Ladies of Eggcellence are accepting orders for care packages for college students. Cost of each package is \$35 in-state and \$40 out-of-state. All packages will contain snacks, homemade goodies, and novelties. Packages will be mailed October 17. Order forms will be accepted between September 1 and October 8. Please place completed order forms, along with payment and personal note to the recipient, in the box on the information desk labeled *College Care Packages*.

All orders must be pre-paid. If you have questions, contact Mary Mace, 757-826-5435 or Pam Hess, 757-897-5669.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Student's Name: _____

College Attending: _____

Student's Mailing Address: _____

Allergies: _____

Please make Check payable to: **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church** with memo: **college care pkg**

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Number: _____

Order taken by: _____ 2023 _____

(This is a Ladies of Eggcellence Ministry; not a fund raiser. 100% of monies collected will be used toward the packages.)

Gloria Dei FISH FRY RETURNS

**Saturday, October 7, 2023
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Church Parking Lot

Ticket Sales begin in September.

Mark Your Calendars!

(and yes - Hot Dogs will also return for the landlubbers!)

*Catch the fun at the
Fish Fry!*



Want more information or volunteer- Contact:

Mike Riley – m.f.riley@cox.net – 757-810-9953

Dan Singer – dan.singer62@gmail.com

Pastoral Record

August Birthdays

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|---|--|--|
| 1 Tricia Moody, Cassie Murrary,
Grant Cunningham | 10 Michael Sexton, Kevin Morse,
Anne Perry | 19 Terry Burks |
| 2 Robert Peebles | 11 Jacob Hutchison | 20 Margie Bond |
| 3 Jessica Zorumski, Thomas Smith | 12 Natalie Pfahl, Richard Peebles, Sr. | 21 Joe Martin |
| 4 Keeta Leckrone | 14 Noah Robnett, Howie Lewis,
Jose Gonzalez | 22 Gordon Robertson |
| 5 Andrea Cooper, Keith Leckrone | 15 Chloe Newsome | 23 Joanie Washburn, Brian Souder,
Alex Murphy |
| 6 Wayne Van Kauwenbergh | 17 Ernie Atkins, Mary Mace,
Carol Godley | 24 Chad Hart |
| 7 Derry Mace, Jr. | 18 Brandon Lawver, Cameron Phillips | 25 Amanda Gonzalez |
| 8 Chris Robinson, Wyatt Gretka | | 26 T.C. Dadez, II |
| 9 Alison Phillips | | 27 Lara Bayles |

August Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 Dan and Nan Jordan | 14 Roy and Margie Bond | 19 Nick and Lesa Shannon |
| 7 Joe and Kelly Martin | Barry and Julie Hutchison | 23 Randy and Debbie Moore |
| 8 Lynn and Cathy Curtis | Pastor Dave and Deacon Liz Fox | 27 Derry and Mary Mace, Jr. |
| 9 Walt and Laura Engelund | 17 Tom and Cheryl Hooks | 28 Jim and Jeane Fullen |
| Javier and Amy Fuentes | 18 Dean and Susan Grimm | 29 Merlin and Sheree Harper |
| 13 Nicholas and Sarah Griese | | |

September Birthdays

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|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Ron Rose, Peggy Todd | 12 Frank Grossman, Fred Bound, Sr. | 24 John Campbell, Derek Singer |
| 6 Maddy Cunningham | 13 Griffin Cole | 26 Linda Sutherland, Bodie Sexton |
| 7 Emma Olsen | 14 Pam Lawver, Patrick O'Neill | 27 Keith Miller, William Waldrop, IV |
| 9 Javier Fuentes | 16 Gary Hess | 28 Lisa Pfahl |
| 10 Bill Cawley, Juanita Cawley,
Bill Roscof, Danny Roark | 19 Steve Robnett, Lou Glaab | 30 Kent Morgan |
| 11 Kelly Martin, Andrew Sutherland | 21 Peggy Sipes, Wayne Sutherland,
Sharon Bennett | |

September Anniversaries

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|------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 Joe and Lara Bayles | 22 Chip and Dawn Lomax, III
Mike and Crystal Via | 29 Roger and Melanie Lowman
Frank and Virginia Saloka, Jr. |
| 3 Barry and Karen Zorumski | 26 Jose and Amanda Gonzalez Sr. | 30 Eric and Sarah Olsen |
| 5 Richard and Rosella Peebles, Sr. | 27 Michael and Vicki O'Neill
Gary and Bonnie Hess | |
| 12 Jeremy and Steff Payne | | |
| 16 Jason and Andrea Cooper | | |

Baptisms

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| Aceson Clarke Wright
June 18, 2023 | Lyla Nuray Wright
June 18, 2023 | David Sirish Mulpur
July 2, 2023 | Abigail Rose Jenkins
July 16, 2023 |
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Birth

John Baker Gregg
June 11, 2023

Wedding

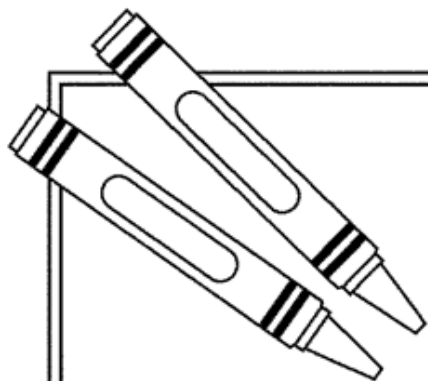
T.C. and Emily Dadez
July 8, 2023

Change of Address

Kris and Peggy Todd
11 Knodishall Way
Hampton, Virginia 23664

Cassie Todd
11 Knodishall Way
Hampton, Virginia 23664

Danny and Vickie Roark
11 Knodishall Way
Hampton, Virginia 23664



Just for **KIDS**

It's time to think about your summer vacation. Imagine going to visit some Bible-time places!

Read the description of each place. Choose a name from the list below. Check your answers in the Bible verses.

1. City where Jesus was born.
Matthew 2:1

2. Made of cedar, olivewood, cypress.
Covered inside with gold.
Took seven years to build.
1 Kings 6:1-37

3. Where Jesus prayed with His disciples.
Mark 14:32

4. Place where Moses received the Ten Commandments.
Exodus 19:20

5. Place where God placed Adam and Eve. Very beautiful.
Genesis 2:15

6. A place where Jesus did much teaching and many events happened.
Mark 7:31



**Word
list**

Sea of Galilee
Mount Sinai
Garden of Eden

Garden of Gethsemane
Solomon's Temple
Bethlehem

August 2023

<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	3 3 PM 50 th Anniversary Committee	4	5
6 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM Welcome Reception for our new Minister of Music	7 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.	8 10 AM- Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	9	10 3 PM 50 th Anniversary Committee	11	12
13 9:30 AM- WORSHIP	14 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.	15 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	16 7 PM A Pint with Pastor at Bull Island Brewing	17 3 PM 50 th Anniversary Committee	18	19
20 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM ExAdCom Meeting 4 PM Junior and Senior High Pool Party-Graves Home	21 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.	22 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	23	24 3 PM 50 th Anniversary Committee	25	26
27 9:30 AM- WORSHIP Blessing of the Backpacks 11 AM Church Council Meeting	28 First day of School 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 7 PM WELCA at Pour Girls	29 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	30	31 3 PM 50 th Anniversary Committee		

September 2023

<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>
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3 9:30 AM- WORSHIP	4 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Church office closed</i>	5 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	6 5:45 PM Cross and Crown Pizza, Pictures, and Training	7 3 PM 50 th Anniversary Committee <i>Deadline for October/November Newsletter Articles</i>	8	9
10 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM New Member Class	11 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 7 PM WELCA Book Club	12 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	13 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:45 5 th & 6 th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	14 3 PM 50 th Anniversary Committee	15 4 PM – 9 PM 50 th Anniversary Celebration Marriott	16
17 9:30 AM- WORSHIP Bring a Friend to Church Receive New Members Installations 11 AM ExAdCom Meeting	18 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.	19 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM A Pint with Pastor at St. George Brewing Company 7 PM Boy Scouts	20 12:30 PM JOY Luncheon 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4 th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:45 5 th & 6 th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	21	22	23
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Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN SCHOOL 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

September 15-17, 2023

Dinner Event, September 15

SAVE the DATE

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