



FROM THE TOWER

October/November 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

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus

(Philippians 3:13-14 NRSVUE)

Below is an edited version of the words I shared at our school’s fiftieth anniversary banquet:

I started here in January of 2021. I have experienced only a small span of these fifty years, and yet I am connected in such a way as a child is birthed into a family. The child does not know the family history but is told the family stories, the family values, and the family goals.

Gloria Dei is more than an educational and religious institution. Gloria Dei is an expression of God’s love for Hampton Roads. In a conversation with a parent of one of our former students, they came up to me and said, “Pastor Dave, you have saved my child’s educational career. And truthfully you have saved much more than that.” Here at Gloria Dei, we no doubt introduce a lot of children to Jesus for the very first time; and beyond that, we get to reintroduce Jesus to them every time they walk into our doors. As I’ve said before to my somewhere around eighty employees, I will say to you all again, “You are all ministers of Gloria Dei and share in our mission of Building Faith – Building Community – Building Lives.

When I walked into Gloria Dei, it was a different time for the entire world. We were introduced with masks and social distancing. There were a lot of anxieties around what the future would hold – or if there would be a future

at all. There was a huge determination to keep Gloria Dei Lutheran School going when things around us were closing. You all know the rest of the story – we survived.

What does that mean going forward? We have to move out of survival mode and into thriving mode. Our student population isn’t what it once was. Our buildings on the Willow Oaks campus that were never meant to be moved – were moved – and have lived passed the guaranteed number of years after the move. We must begin the process of planning for the next phase of the Willow Oaks campus to accommodate those who will be joining our enrollment for 2033 and beyond.

This is a bigger undertaking than one might think. With new codes, there will be things like mandated sprinkler systems and accessibility standards to be met – all at an extra cost. We know we want to have a proper gymnasium and more teacher restrooms. We know we want a larger kitchen to serve out of and a spectacular Information Technology Lab. We know we want a dedicated space for our resource teachers and a Library that rivals the very best that any public school could offer. It’s hard to say what that cost would be today and even harder to estimate what it will be when it’s time to break ground.

It can be quite overwhelming to think about. Yet, we cannot push off the reality of what has to be too far into the future, because the need is increasingly making itself known day by day, and especially school year by school year.

I am reminded of the family that I was born into in January of 2021. It is this family that will continue to provide for the generations to come. It is our church folks, our past and current students, it is parents and grandparents who trusted in Gloria Dei, it is those who show up day after day to provide for their family by working at Gloria Dei who will lay down the foundation of what the future might hold for Gloria Dei Lutheran School.

For all of you in this room – think about how Gloria Dei has impacted you and your family. For some of you – when you have faced very difficult times, Gloria Dei was there for you to provide support, love, and prayer. For others, you and/or your children and/or grandchildren were

given the very best opportunity to grow and learn about math, history, English, science, and so much more. You and/or they were taught the very importance of Jesus at the center of your lives, of how to be contributors to society – not just consumers, of how to be a leader in a world full of followers.

We believe in Gloria Dei. We have all benefited from Gloria Dei. We have been loved by God through Gloria Dei. And because of this, we may ask, “How can I make sure that Gloria Dei is available for the next generations of students?” The first and easiest is to write a positive Google review. Second, tell everyone you know with kids and grandkids that Gloria Dei will benefit their children and share your experience of how it benefited you or your children and/or grandchildren. Third, share your generosity by giving to the Gloria Dei’s Willow Oaks Campus Building Fund. Fourth, is to update your will and name Gloria Dei as one of your beneficiaries of your estate – you can designate a percentage or you can write in

Gloria Dei Lutheran School as if it were one of your children. Gloria Dei is going to educate and share the love of Jesus with children for the next fifty years with the generosity that you share.

I am looking forward to when we have blueprints to show and the picture of a shovel picking up a fresh scoop of earth. But until that time, I’m going to keep on singing about Jesus, I’m going to keep on teaching about Jesus, I’m going to keep on loving like Jesus.

We have spent the better part of a year celebrating our school ministry’s fiftieth year. And now that our anniversary celebration has come to an end, let’s keep our eyes on what lies ahead.

~Peace be the journey,
Pastor Dave

Worship Information

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for worship. Our worship options are in person in the Nave, via Facebook, or via Zoom (online or telephone). To connect via Zoom, please find the appropriate link information below for October and November. 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.

October Zoom Information:

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

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of October

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84716285201?pwd=SkxBdU9CZDBGUWVcDNBelo4ckdRUT09>

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,” enter Meeting ID (847 1628 5201) and Passcode (063561).
- 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 (847 1628 5201) 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 (063561). 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: 847 1628 5201 Passcode: 063561

November Zoom Information:

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

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of November

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689152194?pwd=Y3RabDU1cDI5MVdLUHk3SHJXVDNSdz09>

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,” enter Meeting ID (856 8915 2194) and Passcode (645247).
- Visit “*Gloria Dei Lutheran Church – Hampton*” on Facebook and click on the link attached for this meeting.
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**Lisa Dadez,
Principal**

From the Principal

What an exciting start to our school year! Students and staff, past and present, joined together over the weekend of September 15-17, to celebrate Gloria Dei Lutheran School's 50th anniversary. On Thursday, September 14, we kicked off the celebration with a celebratory All-School Chapel and 50th photo event. The weekend was filled with a dinner reception at the Marriott in City Center, a family picnic at Willow Oaks, and our staff installation at Gloria Dei. These wonderful events were planned and organized under the direction of Mike and Ann Riley. They worked tirelessly with the committees to create a celebration to remember. My heartfelt thanks go out to Mike and Ann, as well as all of those who worked together to plan this event. Gloria Dei Lutheran School would also like to thank the following sponsors who continue to support our school "in the pursuit of excellence."

Jeff's Flowers, of Course, Inc.	Carpet Gallery
Gymnastics, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity
Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant	DeStress Express
Grand Rental Station	Rainbow Puppets
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Rosenbaum Fence Company	Javier Fuentes, State Farm Agent
Sara Riley Yohn, Attorney at Law	Mission BBQ
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Hornsby Tire & Service Center	The Dadez Family
The Fullen Family	The Hart Family
The Martin Family	The Riley Family
The Family of Pastor Stowe	The Yohn Family
The Vaught Family	

As I chat with students, parents, and staff during the last few weeks, I recognize there are a multitude of feelings concerning the beginning of a new school year. Whether it is a new school, new teacher, new classmates, or new routines, change often brings anxiety. Parents, don't be surprised if there is an adjustment period for a couple of weeks as children adapt to new schedules, learn expectations, and acclimate to new classrooms.

The suggestions below may help facilitate a smoother transition to school-year routines.

- Make sure your child knows that school is a major priority. There should be time for homework, sharing about the day, reading notes and memos, looking over assignments and classwork, etc.
- Select the one or two after-school activities that your child enjoys or needs the most. Limit schedules. Don't schedule your child so that every moment is filled with a structured activity.
- Give you and your child time to do something fun and relaxing together – ride bikes, go for a walk, play ball, or play a game. Many families enjoy a weekly game night.
- Try eating family meals together at the table as often as possible. What great family bonding time!
- Establish bedtime rituals and routines, ex. baths, brushing teeth, reading bedtime stories, singing, and bedtime prayers.

- To alleviate morning madness, the night before, have book bags packed and ready at the door, pack lunches, and have children select their clothing for the next school day.
- Make sure your child gets to bed at a reasonable time. Children need at least eight – ten hours of sleep. Bedtimes vary based on the age of the child, whether preschool, elementary, or middle school, but ideally between 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. most children should be in bed.
- Make sure your child eats a nutritious breakfast so he/she will have the energy to give school his/her best efforts.
- Each day, please hold your child, your child’s teacher, classmates, and our staff in prayer as we begin a new journey together.

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

September 26 – Picture Day

September 28 – October 17 – Classic Cookie and Popcorn Sale

October 23 – 27 – Fall Festival and Scholastic Book Fair

November 2 – End of first grading period

November 3 – No School/ Parent Teacher Conferences

November 6 – No School/ Conference/ Teacher Work Day

Yours in Christ’s service,
Lisa S. Dadez



Pre-K and Kindergarten Computers

I am pleased to be teaching our young learners in their Computer Class again this year.

The Pre-kindergarten classes meet with me every other week and are learning to use the mouse to control their laptops as they work on activities that build skills with math and language concepts. Programs such as Bailey's Book House, Memory Fun, and Pre-School Parade are some of their favorites.

The Kindergarten students are excited to be in the Willow Oaks Computer Lab. Kindergarten classes continue to use these same programs, while also building additional computer skills. They will learn to login to their computers and will begin to learn keyboarding skills.

Julie Allen

1st Grade

We are having a fantastic year in First Grade! Students have spent the beginning of the year learning new routines and building their independence. The students have come so far and learned many new things!

We started the year practicing sight words and phonics skills, which will build up to independently reading sentences and stories. We are working very hard on learning to write complete sentences and being creative in our writing skills. The students have learned to sound out words on their own to write the things they want to spell.

First Graders have also been working hard to build their math skills. We have learned how to count money, add and subtract, follow a lot of different directions at one time, and many more skills. We will use these skills to move on to harder things like telling time and double-digit math. We have also started our new timed math drills!

In addition to all of our reading and math, students have even learned some new grammar skills that they will continue to build throughout the year! We are also learning what it's like to actually get a grade for the work that we are completing. First Graders are looking forward to their first field trip at the end of October, and all of the fun things they will learn and do! We plan to make this year our best one yet!

Miss Nolte and Mrs. Menendez

7th Grade

Welcome to the seventh-grade team! We are an active and dynamic group. Students will have more challenging classes and responsibilities this year. Our mornings begin with the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, and devotional time. Middle school Chapel is every Thursday. Seventh grade core classes consist of Language Arts, Civics, Life Science, and a math class. Math classes include Course Two, Pre-Algebra, or Algebra One. As an elective choice, students can pick Spanish 1A or Novel Study. Other electives that our students enjoy include Bible Study, Digital Citizenship, Geography, Personal Finance, Physical Conditioning, Health, Science, and Art enrichment classes. Elective classes rotate each quarter, so our students are always motivated. Resource classes for the seventh grade are Library, Computers, Music, and Art. Study skills and organizational strategies are emphasized as students progress through the academic year. Engaging guest speakers, going on enriching field trips, and participating in various group and individual activities add to the vigorous seventh-grade year. Seventh graders can participate in after-school clubs and student activities, service projects, and leadership roles. This is an exciting and productive year for our students.

Marcie Earhart

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**

ITEM	COLOR	SIZE	CREST	COST

ORDER TOTAL: _____

Christmas Wreath Pre-Sale

It may seem early, but the Christmas season will be here before you know it. Gloria Dei has already started planning for our annual Christmas tree sales, to begin Saturday, November 25, 2023. This year, our supplier will be Bottomley Evergreens and Farm in Wytheville, Virginia.

In addition to Christmas trees, Bottomley Farms offers 22-inch fresh Christmas wreaths for pre-sale only. Below are the two available options.

22" Fraser Fir Wreath

with Red Bow

\$20.00 each



22" Fraser Fir & White Pine

Mixed Wreath

with Red Bow

\$24.00 each



All orders are due no later than Monday, October 9, 2023. Cash or check made payable to *Gloria Dei Lutheran School*. All proceeds will go to the Playground Fund.

Name _____ Phone _____

22" Fraser Fir Wreath # of Wreaths _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

22" Mixed Wreath # of Wreaths _____ X \$24.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL # of Wreaths _____ \$ _____

Blessing of the Animals Service

We will have a special service to bless your animals on **Sunday, October 1, at 4:00 p.m.** This service will be held outside on our front lawn. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the Atrium.



SAVE THE DATE

Virginia Synod's Bishop Installation

Bishop Phyllis Milton

Saturday, October 21

at 1:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro

We will be renting a 15-passenger van and carpooling. Please let the Church Office know if you plan on going with our "Gloria Dei Group." The van passengers are on a first come, first served basis.

All others can carpool or drive separately and follow the van.

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- *Bus Drivers
- *Elementary Instructional Aide
- *Afternoon Childcare Aides
- *Substitutes

If you are interested in applying, 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 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!

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!

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, October 19
Bull Island Brewing Company
758 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton

Tuesday, November 9
Home of John and Carolyn Campbell
536 Elizabeth Lake Drive, 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. **Community Bible Study will not meet on the following Mondays: October 2, 9, 16, and November 20**

JOY Fellowship

We are changing things up just a bit. This group will be for us Just Older Youth to come together and have fun and fellowship. No RSVPs and no donations will be required, as this group will no longer be a "JOY Lunch" group. We will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month (September–May). Please note the TIME CHANGE, 2:00-3:30 p.m., in the Simeon Center.

Anita: 757-851-8398 hamiltonanita731@gmail.com
Ann: 757-851-7315 amyers21@cox.net

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.

BBQ Drive-Thru Fundraiser



Hello Gloria Dei Family! On **Saturday, October 28**, we are having a drive-thru BBQ in the church parking lot! All proceeds will go towards supporting our Church and School, and we'd love to see you there! More details to come.

Council Corner

Council Perspective

Have you been moved to tears, or held your breath when you experienced something new or surprising that filled you with awe and wonderment? I routinely taught about the sculpture *Ecstasy of Saint Teresa* by Gian Lorenzo Bernini as part of my art appreciation class. I knew all the facts and historical significance of the artwork, ho-hum. However, I was totally unprepared for the emotional experience I had when I saw it in person. After putting my Euro in the slot to turn on the overhead light, the descending gold rods exploded with glowing light as they drew my eye to the now illuminated sculpture, bathed in lights and shadows. It was one of the strongest emotional reactions to the utter beauty of a piece of art that I have had. At that moment, I could feel God's intimate presence. Think of that time when you experienced something awe-inspiring. The appreciation of beauty is truly one of the greatest gifts God has given man.

We are lucky to worship in such a beautiful space moving through a liturgy designed to draw us closer to God. Our liturgy offers us beauty using all of our senses. The visual beauty of the space and its art, the sacred music exploiting the resonant sounds of voices and instruments, and the movement of our bodies when we pray, kneel, sit, or stand. We even experience the senses of smell and taste when we go to communion, inhaling the scent and taste of the bread and wine. As we work to grow our church and you invite someone to worship, it can be intimidating to help them understand our style of worship. Explaining how the beauty of our liturgy uses all our senses to help us focus on our relationship to God, is an accessible and easy way to introduce others to our worship. As you worship, think about the ways God uses our senses to make His presence known, and here is hoping you have an awe-inspiring moment along the way.

You are wonderfully made!
Vivian Griese

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To my dear church family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and calls. Thank you for your hugs and tears at Richard's funeral. I love and appreciate you all. I know that the God, our Lord Jesus, who Richard is with today, is the same God who will be with each of us until he brings us home.

Rosella Peebles

Trunk or Treat - Volunteers Needed!

Girl Scout Troop 1041 will once again host a Trunk or Treat for the community on Saturday, October 21, and they need your help.

1. Host a car for the trunk or treat. The goal is 18 to 20 vehicles.
2. Help with game stations (great job for Youth G529175roups!)
3. Donations of candy - a box will go out by the fireplace at the beginning of October

If you can help in any way, please contact Vicki O'Neill at 757-876-7066 or by email at vicki.oneill@ymail.com

Please help us to make this the best Trunk or Treat yet.



Saturday, October 21, 2023
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat, Games, Crafts
Fun for All!



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**.

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)

Once again B*I*N*G*O was great fun. Ann Myers is a great B*I*N*G*O queen. Thanks, Ann, for your help and congratulations to all who won prizes. It was a great way to get the WELCA year started.

With the end of summer and the holidays fast approaching, the Women of Gloria Dei are regrouping and doing things a bit differently. Holidays are always busy and the 4th Monday can be a challenge. Also, there are some who are uncomfortable driving at night, particularly as it gets colder and the nights get longer, so we are trying a new option. We will get together just once during the fall season. Plans for 2024 are being developed. The Wine with the Girls has been well received, so we will continue to get together on the 4th Monday, for a sip. Those dates are October 23 and November 27.

Here's the plan, on **Sunday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m.**, we will meet in the Simeon Center to create Oyster Shell Angels. Everything will be supplied for everyone to make an angel to use as an ornament or gift.



Mary Mace and I learned to make these at Power in the Spirit and thought it would be fun to share.

Now it's time to mark your calendars and note the changes. Getting together with the people we worship with enhances our Christian fellowship. I hope you will join in the fun. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know. rforinger@verizon.net

Peace and prayers to all,
Rita

WELCA Book Club

The Women's Book Group reconvened in September to begin our new year. We met at the home of Rita Foringer and read "Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club." It was an interesting book and led to a good discussion.

We will be gathering at 7:00 p.m. on October 9 at the home of Sharon Padula to discuss "The Paris Library," by Janet Skeslien Charles. Set in Paris in 1939, it's the story of the library's survival as well as the survival of people who worked there. With the occupation of the Nazis, Paris was a difficult place to be and maintain one's humanity. The book touches on what it takes to get through impossible times.

In November, Diane Washburn will be our host. We'll meet on November 13. The book has not been selected, so stay tuned! You'll be kept informed through the *Weekly*.

As always, the book group is open to anyone who enjoys reading and discussing a book. The fellowship with fellow Christian women is an added pleasure. If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is once again working its needles on the Second Sunday of the month following worship services. We will meet in the Koinonia Atrium, near the fireplace. After an hour or so of creating shawls and lap robes, we head off to lunch.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

Calendar Request

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

Newsletter Deadline

December/January Newsletter deadline

Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Please email articles to tbialk@gloriadei.net.

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.

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, at 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, at 757-749-4425. Training will be provided.

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

Want to be a STEWARD?

Lurking through 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; and plumbing; throw playground stones; 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 email and show up to work with fellowship from other Stewards who 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 is 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 (tbiak@gloriadei.net or psipes@gloriadei.net) each week if you will be needing this service. The deadline for RSVPs 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, at 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, at 757-768-3621 or laura.venable13@gmail.com.

Wonderful Wednesday Registration



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>)
6:45 - 7:10 p.m.	Luther Library Nave	Sr. High Discipleship (<i>Youth in grades 9-12</i>) K-4th Grades - Music
7:10 - 7:30 p.m.	Coffee Bar	K-4th Grades - Crafts

Please scan this QR code to register your child for Wonderful Wednesday. Each child must have a completed registration prior to attending Wonderful Wednesday.



Semesters

1st Six Weeks

- October 4
- October 18 – *Beach clean-up*
- October 11

October 25 – Break

2nd Six Weeks

- November 1
- November 29
- November 8
- December 6 – *Tie quilts*
- November 15
- December 13 – *Christmas Lights*

November 22 – Thanksgiving Break

December 20 and 27 – Christmas and New Year Break

3rd Six Weeks

- January 3 – *Coat Drive sorting*
- January 24
- January 10
- January 31-1st Communion Class #1
- January 17
- February 7-1st Communion Class #2

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

4th Six Weeks

- April 10 – *Beach clean-up*
- May 1
- April 17
- May 8
- April 24
- May 15 – *Bowling*

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.)

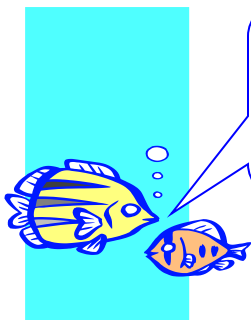
**34th Annual
Gloria Dei Fish Fry
Saturday, October 7, 2023
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Church Parking Lot**

Ticket Prices

**Adults - \$10 Children (6 – 12 years) - \$5
Children under 6 years are FREE**

**Includes: FISH, COLE SLAW, BAKED BEANS,
HOMEMADE HUSHPUPPIES,
& REFRESHMENTS**

(Hot Dogs and Chili Dogs available for the landlubbers!)



You don't want to miss this! Come on out and catch the fun!!

Volunteers are needed!

Please contact:

Mike Riley, (757) 810-9953

Dan Singer, dan.singer62@gmail.com

**Tickets are available at: Willow Oaks Office and
Information Desk in the Atrium**

**Please bring cans of TUNA in support of
H.E.L.P.**

Pastoral Record

October Birthdays

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|---|---|--|
| 3 Skylar St. Laurent | Rowan Etheridge, Bayden Dadez | 19 Nicholas Griese |
| 4 Mike Canny, MacKenna Behan,
Bob Reynolds | 10 Andrea Cerone, Rosie Murray | 21 Jim Fullen, Joann Morrison |
| 5 Joanna Yohn, Mary Dildy,
Amiee Lomax | 11 Jessica Green, Gwyn Gridley | 23 Melanie Lowman, Cassie Smith |
| 7 Lisa Dadez, Dolores Davis,
Carol Moody | 12 Debbie Shaffer | 25 Trish Glaab, Dallam Brown |
| 8 Clinton Wells, Graham Malone | 13 Johnny Johnston, Anderson Rice | 26 Raegan Cole |
| 9 Eli Murphy, Kendall Etheridge, | 14 Sophia Williams | 27 Meghan Smith |
| | 16 Cate Bayles, Susan Grimm,
James Green | 31 Tami Atkins, John Cerone,
Bev Hamrick, Dan Jordan,
Ava Roark, DJ Miller |
| | 18 Casey Payne | |

October Anniversaries

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| 5 Brian and Sara Yohn | 23 Wayne and Linda Sutherland | 29 Michael and Ashley Zamora |
| 10 Bo and Amiee Lomax, IV | | |

November Birthdays

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| 1 Josh Rice | 12 Thomas Dadez, Bob Hess | 23 Vicki Venable, Lane Mitchell,
Jonah Hutchison |
| 5 Fred Phillips, Lincoln Urban | 13 Joanne Aheimer, Bob Hudgins | 25 Walt Engelund |
| 6 Heide Hackworth, Matthew Zorumski | 15 EV Robertson | 28 Megan Watson |
| 7 Dan Singer, Barry Zorumski | 19 Donna Vanorsdale | 29 Julie Hutchison |
| 8 Rebecca Grossman, Isabella Epps,
Bo Lomax, IV | 20 Julia Dickeski, Dawn Olson | |
| 9 Megan Canny, Cindy Brown | 21 Eliza Summerfield | |
| 10 L.J. Murray | 22 Bill Monroe | |

November Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 Steve and Pam Robnett | 6 Richard and Laura Fox, Jr. | 21 Bob and Nancy Haberman |
| Michael and Shannon Sexton | 9 Kyle and Kristen Leckrone | 26 Berto and Laura Lopez |
| 5 Kevin and Kristy Fyfe | 10 Andrew and Cassie Murray | 30 Mike and Heather Mendez |

Death

Richard Peebles, Sr
September 14, 2023

Baptisms

Remington Grace Keough
September 10, 2023

Declan Julian Keough
September 10, 2023

New Members

Joseph and Gabrielle Hella
Abigail and Annika

Jonathan and Lauren Malone
Connor, Graham, Alec

Craig Peterson

Russell Lyeth

Daniel and Nicole Trimnal
Luke

Change of Address

Jonathan and Lauren Malone
310 Willards Way
Yorktown, VA 23693

Finish the Verse 1



Add words from the box to finish each Bible verse. All verses are from the New International Version.

1) "In the _____, God created the heavens and the _____." (Genesis 1:1, NIV)

2) "Your Word is a _____ for my feet, a light on my _____." (Psalm 119:105)

3) "Commit to the Lord whatever you _____, and he will establish your _____." (Proverbs 16:3)

4) "For God so _____ the world that he gave his one and only _____, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal _____." (John 3:16)

5) "For the _____ God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us _____, love and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7)


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October 2023

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
1 9:30 AM WORSHIP 4 PM Blessing of the Animals	2 6:30 PM Girl Scouts, Pack 27 Den Meeting 7PM Troop 10	3 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	4 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:45 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	5	6	7 4:30 PM Fish Fry 
8 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 10:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry	9 Indigenous Peoples Day <i>Church Office Closed.</i> 6:30 PM Pack 27 Pack Meeting 7PM Troop 10 7 PM WELCA Book Club	10 10 AM- Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	11 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:45 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	12 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM ExAdCom	16 5 PM College Care Packages Prep 6:30 PM Girl Scouts, Pack 27 Den Meeting 7PM Troop 10	17 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	18 2PM JOY Fellowship 5:45 PM-Wonderful Wednesday Dinner Beach Cleanup - Buckroe Beach	19 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM A Pint with Pastor at Bull Island Brewing	20	21 1 PM Bishop Phyllis Milton Installation 3 PM Trunk or Treat 
22 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 8 AM Blood Drive 11 AM Church Council Meeting	23 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 6:30 PM Pack 27 Den Meeting 7PM Troop 10 7 PM WELCA at Pour Girls	24 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts	25 No Wonderful Wednesday	26 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	27	28 BBQ Drive-Thru 
29 9:30 AM- WORSHIP/ Reformation Sunday/ Youth Sunday	30 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 6:00 PM Pack 27 Halloween Potluck/Pack Mtg 7PM Troop 10	31 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM Boy Scouts				

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					<i>Lost and Found Retreat November 17-19</i>	

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