



FROM THE TOWER

February/March 2024



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

"It isn't enough to ask, 'What do you believe?' but 'What difference does it make that you believe?'" –Verna Dozier

It is true that pastors do not like to introduce themselves as such to strangers. When we do, we are often met with a change in personality, a judgment that we are judging them, and/or a complete shut down and end of conversation. However when I am wearing my clergy shirt, there is no doubt that I am a pastor. I love learning about folks' faith background. So often times when I learn that someone is a Christian I'll ask, "What flavor of Christian are you?" Most of the time folks say, "I'm Catholic." or "I'm Baptist." To which I reply, "Do you still attend?"

In my first years of ministry, when someone said, "I'm Baptist." I would move on in conversation, but then I got the idea that when someone said they were a part of a certain tradition, it meant that they grew up in that tradition, not that they were necessarily still practicing their faith in that same tradition. So, with the Spirit's wisdom I follow up with "Yes, but do you still attend?" Many folks were telling me their use-to-be-tradition so that I wouldn't ask them to worship with me. Little did they know that I don't care what their flavor of Christianity is as long as they are walking in their faith, growing in their faith, and sacrificing their time to worship God. God, after all, deserves our worship.

What do you truly mean when you say, "I go to Gloria Dei"? Telling folks where you worship is fine, even encouraged. However, telling folks why you worship is even better. Before moving on with what I want to say, I want you to pause (Please, do this.), think about, and answer these three questions:"

- Why am I a Christian?
- Why do I choose to be part of the worshipping community Gloria Dei?
- What do I sacrifice or do differently because of my faith?

You probably have not thought about these questions before. If asked, you may be quick to dismiss them. Maybe you just did dismiss them and didn't want to do the hard work that is required to answer them honestly. I do believe that a major problem with Christianity today is that we do not know how to answer these very questions. So, if you did not answer them, go back to the three questions and answer them.

I'm glad you worship at Gloria Dei, even if it is only when it is convenient. Though, I'm not giving you permission to continue with that type of mindset. Ultimately I want to know: Why do you worship God and what difference has Jesus made in your life? Actions speak louder than words. Are you practicing what you preach? Are you walking the walk and not just talking the talk?

In my last congregation I had a lady that coordinated drivers to pick-up the elderly, drive them to their appointments, and drive them back home. She said, I like coming to the Lutheran churches, because this is where I get most of my volunteers. That same church got cut-off from the local Christian Ministries when they opened up a food pantry that gave away boxes of food in the evening, a time much more suitable than what Christian Ministries offered. When I asked them why they didn't want us to host what they called a "Food Giveaway," the lady said, "Because you are in competition with us." My reply was, "Can you tell me which congregation donates the most money to Christian Ministries?" After much hesitation she said, "Well, your church donates the most money." We held the "Food Giveaway" the next month. That same congregation served meals at the homeless shelter three nights a month. One of those nights a Sunday school class made the meal – and they were determined to make it the best meal they had all month – one time they served the homeless prime rib. For that worshipping community they lived a life that showed what difference Jesus made in their life.

Think about why you do what you do, for the sake of Jesus. If you aren't making any real sacrifices, meaning you aren't feeling the sting from your generosity and actions, then you aren't really doing anything for the sake of Jesus. And if you aren't doing anything, take some time to get your priorities in order, and start doing something for Christ's sake.

Let's become a community that preaches the gospel at all times and only uses words when necessary. Our neighborhoods need to see Jesus as much, if not more than they hear about Jesus.

Peace be the journey,
Pastor Dave

Worship Information

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

February Zoom Information:

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

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of February

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976379415?pwd=M3BiM3UrMUdVRW1aV3AwY2w3UUlZOT09>

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 (869 7637 9415) and Passcode (310437)
- 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 (869 7637 9415) 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 (310437). 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: 869 7637 9415

Passcode: 310437

March Zoom Information:

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

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of March

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88455485250?pwd=NW1NUnExL3JqbVJsbiE1L09mOVZHZz09>

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 (884 5548 5250) and Passcode (260788).
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Passcode: 260788

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, February 6

Capstan Bar Brewing
2036 Exploration Way, Hampton

Tuesday, March 5

Bull Island Brewing Company
758 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton



**Lisa Dadez,
Principal**

From the Principal

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 who took the day off of work to evaluate the projects and speak with students. Congratulations to the following students who placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, as well as recognitions for Honorable Mention. Job well done!

First Place: Andrew Schulenberg – “Project Air Power”

Second Place: Landon Beckford – “Do You Stress?”

Third Place: Peyton Walter – “Go Bananas”

Honorable Mentions:

Most Disciplined Scientific Process Yielding Practical Results: Aaron Gaita – “Keep It Cool!”

Outstanding Project Presentation: Gabriella Hale – “What Do You Fear?”

In December, we held Gloria Dei Lutheran School’s Third Annual Christmas Parade. We had over 15 units participate including Kecoughtan’s Junior ROTC and Marching Band, the middle school SCA officers and room representatives, school families in race cars and decorated golf carts, boats, and trucks, Hampton’s antique fire truck, Gymnastics, Inc., Mission BBQ, and of course, Santa being pulled by a tractor. What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday break! Many thanks to all who participated, and especially the Hampton Police Department for their assistance with traffic.



Soon we will begin registration for the next school year. By the end of the first week of March, you should have received your registration packet for next year. If you have not received registration information, please call our school office at (757) 851-6292, and we will be happy to mail you a packet. Registration for current school students and our congregation members begins on Monday, March 18. Registration opens to the public on Monday, March 25. If your child currently attends and you plan for your child to return next year, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the advance registration during the week of March 18-22 to reserve placement for your child. Students who are returning to Gloria Dei for the 2024-2025 school year need to re-register, as this is a yearly process.

Each year's program builds a foundation to enable students to grow with sequential skill development to the next grade level. As a child moves from one grade level to another, the programs expand to offer a broader base of activities and enriching experiences.

Children in our Toddler/2-year-old classes are able to enroll for a full-day program beginning with the summer program. Children have a positive, first-school experience while enjoying activities, art projects, games, music, library, and chapel. Students must be at least 16 months old on their entrance date to attend.

At the preschool level, we offer a full-day program with the option of hourly or full-time childcare before and/or after school, if needed. Preschoolers enjoy weekly themed units, introduction to the alphabet and phonics, counting and numbers, art, children's literature, learning games, music, chapel, physical education, and library. Preschool gives children the opportunity to develop friendships, to learn to resolve conflicts, and to grow socially as well as academically. Preschoolers need to be potty-trained to attend and three years old by November 30, 2024.

Students moving from preschool to prekindergarten experience pre-reading activities with *Handwriting Without Tears*, *Word* - a language development program, *Scholastic News*, *Mortimer Moose* - an alphabet and phonics program, and *Handwriting Without Tears*, *Math*. Along with many classroom activities and games, children enjoy weekly P.E., music, chapel, library and participate in a hands-on science experience in their science class. Every other week, prekindergarten students learn about nutrition with Chef Combo and visit the computer lab to work with educational software.

Kick Start Kindergarten is geared for students who are age appropriate for kindergarten but who are not quite ready, for children who are repeating prekindergarten, or for advanced children entering prekindergarten. In order for preschool students to be eligible for this program, they need to pass a screening and have a teacher recommendation.

All kindergarten classes learn reading with the phonetic program, Beginning to Read, Write and Listen by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill. What an exciting time when your kindergartener reads to you for the first time! In the fall of 2020, the kindergarten program relocated to the Willow Oaks campus. The addition of kindergarten to our elementary facility set the tone for a more academic focus to the kindergarten program.

The Willow Oaks campus has all the essentials needed for elementary age students - computer lab, library, art/music room, science room, P.E. athletic field, playground, infirmary, and offices. The grades' program builds strong academic skills in phonetics and reading comprehension, spelling, math, and writing while offering an enriching resource schedule - weekly art classes, extended computer time, P.E., Spanish, along with chapel, library, music, chorus, and S.T.E.M. science lab.

Our middle school is also located at our Willow Oaks Campus. We continue with our strong tradition of academic excellence in a Christian environment with an emphasis on the mental, spiritual, physical, emotional, and social needs of students. Students change classes for the core subjects of literature, grammar, composition, math, science, and social studies. In addition, a well-rounded program of resources will provide enrichment. Resources, depending on grade level, include health, study skills, conflict resolution, physical education, art, project design, CSI, geography, computers, photography, Lego Robotics, Stop Motion Animation, woodworking, sewing, chapel, library, music, and MORE. Algebra I, Geometry, and Spanish I are offered for high school credits.

It is amazing what our students can accomplish with a strong academic curriculum, enriching resource classes, a spiritual foundation which reinforces values and morals, a nurturing, caring environment, and a partnership between home and school. Today, more than ever before, it is vital for students to not only have a solid, firm, educational foundation, but also a foundation for moral and ethical standards. Children learn and practice values and standards by example and guidance. The experiences and environment that you are providing for your child now will influence your child for a lifetime. We welcome the opportunity to be a part of your child's life journey.

Yours in Christ's service,
Lisa S. Dadez
Principal

Willow Oaks Library

The Willow Oaks Campus Library has been a busy place this year. In September, all of the students were excited to discover old favorites and new books to check out and read. October brought our Fall Book Fair, with the theme Leap into a Good Book. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped run the fair and to the parents and grandparents who financed all of the kid's purchases, we made a good profit in both money for the school and Scholastic credits to purchase new books and other school materials. In November, we all gave thanks for God's good gifts, including the gift of reading. But I was really looking forward to December when I could bring out the collection of holiday books that we have. We read stories about the many ways people celebrate the cold, dark days of winter and the birth of Jesus.

January is a time of new beginnings, and in the library also a time of new books. I was finally able to catalog the many new books that we bought with Book Fair funds, as well as many donations from friends of Gloria Dei. The students now have over 100 new books to read and enjoy.

Thanks to all for your support of our Library program at Gloria Dei. Please remember that donations of gently used books for ages 2 – 12 are always welcome. Have a blessed New Year.

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Allen

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

***Bus Drivers** ***Director of Building and Grounds** ***Substitutes** ***Transportation Coordinator**

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?

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!

Papa John's School Fundraiser

Papa Johns—You can help Gloria Dei Lutheran School raise funds by shopping at www.papajohns.com or on their mobile app. Simply apply the promo code “GDLS” and 20% of your order will benefit our school. This offer applies to delivery or carryout orders year round. All proceeds will be donated for the new playground equipment.

Minister of Music



Brandon Spence, DMA
Minister of Music

...Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"

Much like Samuel, I responded to the call of God on August 1, 2023, and publicly affirmed this call as Minister of Music, Gloria Dei, ELCA, on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at the 9:30 a.m. liturgy. I thank God, Pastor Dave, the Minister of Music Search Committee, and the faith community of Gloria Dei. There were many high points in this liturgy. I reflect on several at this time.

- A. Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?
- B. Will you teach in accordance with Holy Scriptures?
- C. Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?
- D. Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills and adorn the Gospel of God with a godly life?

My response to all: I WILL, AND I ASK GOD TO HELP ME.

On a personal level, I am a Norfolk native (yes, I remember Ike) who claims Grand Rapids, Michigan, as his adopted home. I am the fifth of seven children born to Thomas and Bertha Spence. I am the educational product of Norfolk parochial schools. I pursued undergraduate studies at Old Dominion University. Graduate studies were taken at The University of Michigan and the University of Notre Dame. Postgraduate studies continued at St John's University (Collegeville) and Catholic Theological Union (Chicago). The musical talent in the family comes from my Mom. She was trained as a pianist.

Aside from these things, I must admit how much I have been and continue to be touched by the authentic welcome and support shown me by the people of Gloria Dei. My heartfelt gratitude to you all.

Just a little more. In the installation liturgy, the pastor posed two questions to the assembly:

1. Will you, people of God, receive this child of God, sent by God to serve God's people with the gift of music?
2. Will you pray for him, help him, and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and Unity of Christ?

Thank you for the loud "WE WILL" response presented on August 6 and the even louder "WE WILL" that you say continuously everyday by your participation and support in the music ministry of Gloria Dei, ELCA.

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening...

Brandon D. Spence, DMA
Minister of Music
Gloria Dei ELCA Church
Hampton, Virginia

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

Council Corner

What is your legacy?

Influencers. I am probably late to the game, but I could not figure out who an influencer was and how they could have so many followers. As I did some research, I found out that influencers are basically endorsing products. It is a form of advertising. With social media, this product advertising has evolved from well-known individuals (like you still see on TV commercials) to everyday people who develop a following based on content. Once the following gets large enough, advertisers then ask these “influencers” to recommend their products. As I researched more (I love a good research dive), the evolution of these influencers is moving towards story-telling. It is not enough to talk about a product, there needs to be a compelling personal story. Advertising research says that personal stories stay longer in a person’s memory and the individual will often integrate these stories into their own experiences.

When you think about Christianity, we are all influencers. We can talk to people about our church or our faith, but it is not always enough. It is the personal stories we tell others that are remembered. It can be as simple as talking about the fun you had interacting with others during a church event like Hanging of the Greens. Maybe you can connect with someone by relating the great conversations you have while knitting, interacting with youth, or helping with the food pantry. You don’t have to be a “story teller” to relate something you feel is meaningful. Just honestly share how something made you feel. The Bible is full of stories, because humans like to make connections. They help us feel connected to others, help us remember, and to learn. As a Christian “influencer” you have been equipped with the Holy Spirit, the Bible, a wonderful church, a beautiful worship space and fellowship events that all provide opportunities to engage others and invite them to church. With such rich content, what personal stories can you tell others? You never know who you will impact, but first you have to tell the story.

You are wonderfully made!

Vivian Griese

Church Council President

Wednesdays in Lent

February 14 – March 20
Altered by the Spirit Series
WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.

Lent is often a time of self-reflection, spiritual discipline, commitment, and community. Congregations gather to sing the minor harmonies of the way of Jesus on the road toward the cross. This Lent, however, we are going to look at a kaleidoscope of stories from the Book of Acts. We’ll see the ways the Spirit alters our perspective, transforms our communities, and consistently blazes a trail ahead of us. We’ll catch up with the work of the Holy Spirit, finding ourselves altered.

Because the Spirit is alive in, with, and under our ordinary lives, always calling us forward into transformation, nudging us into wholeness, and beckoning us forth into an alternative way.

The series begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for five weeks until Palm Sunday. On Ash Wednesday, we will have a special baked ziti dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Each of the following five Wednesdays, we will have a simple soup supper served in our Atrium beginning at 6:00 p.m., serving continuously until 6:45 p.m.

Worship will include Evening Vespers, and the sermons will have the following topics:

Ash Wednesday.*Altered in Witness*

Lent 1, February 21*Altered through God’s Creativity*

Lent 2, February 28.....*Altered on the Edge of Belonging*

Lent 3, March 6*Altered Alongside Our Enemies*

Lent 4, March 13*Altered by Disruption*

Lent 5, March 20 *Altered through Stories We Don’t Trust*

Please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium or contact Aaron Sutherland at 757-478-9756, if you are interested in helping in the following areas: making soup, helping with setup, serving the soup, and cleaning up for our Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers.

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 a reminder that as a confirmed member of Gloria Dei you are automatically a member of the Women of Gloria Dei (WELCA), and are invited to participate in all activities.

Easter is particularly early this year so the emphasis for the months of February and March will be the collection of articles for the Lutheran World Relief Care Kits. Donations will start on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continue through Palm Sunday. Following Easter, we will get together with Girl Scout troop 1041 to assemble the kits.

Since no special events are planned, we will continue with a “Glass with the Girls” on the fourth Monday of the month at Pour Girls in downtown Hampton. We get together at 7:00 p.m. It’s always a fun night to visit with fellow Christian women. Come join us!

And just in general about care kits:

Attention Gloria Dei

Once again, the **Women of Gloria Dei** are sponsoring the collection of items for Personal Care kits for LWR (Lutheran World Relief) during the season of Lent. The kits are examples of God’s Love in Action and are distributed in times of war, natural disasters or other catastrophes. Each kit contains specific items that will be collected beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and continuing throughout Lent to Palm Sunday. Following Easter, the Women of the Church, along with Girl Scout Troop 1041 will assemble the kits for distribution.

Unfortunately, the need for the kits continues. Wars still rage, earthquakes still occur as do floods, fires and cyclones. We live in a world of need. As a member of Gloria Dei congregation you are invited to contribute to this important ministry. A box will be located in the Atrium for collection of the articles.

Below is a list of the specific items required for each kit. The approximate cost of a kit is \$20.00. You may purchase complete kits or any portion. If you have any questions or want more information, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

What we need for LWR Personal Care kits:

1. Nail clippers (study heavy-duty ones)
2. Comb (no small combs or rat-tails)
3. 2 full-sized bath soap bars (no hotel sizes or travel sizes)
4. Medium weight bath towel, about 20x40” to 52x28” in a medium to dark color
5. Full-sized adult toothbrush (no travel sizes; leave in packaging)



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

Community Bible Study

Our weekly Community Bible Study, held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, **is now held on Wednesdays at noon**. All are invited to attend. 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 or when Pastor Dave is out of town

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets to work 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.

Newsletter Deadline

February/March Newsletter deadline

Thursday, March 6, 2024.

Please email articles to tbialk@gloriadei.net.

The 2024 Flower Calendar

The 2024 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!

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 (tbialk@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.

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.

NexTrex Recycling Challenge

Gloria Dei is participating in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge. We will collect a minimum of 1000 lbs. of plastic film which will be exchanged for a Trex bench for our school. A donation bin is located in the atrium for your clean, dry plastic.

The following are examples of items that can be recycled and should be clean, dry, and free of food.



What can I win?



Trex Bench



Blood Drive
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
250 Fox Hill Rd
Hampton, VA 23669



Sunday, April 7, 2024
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**.

Girl Scout Cookies are Here!

Gloria Dei Girl Scouts Cookie Sales have started, and the Scouts are ready to satisfy your cookie cravings! You can secure your cookies ahead of time online or through a Girl Scout directly. When they arrive, we can deliver to your home like last year.

Cookie booths will be here at Gloria Dei on:

Sunday, Feb 25, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. inside, then outside until 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 3, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact troop leader, Vicki O'Neill, at vicki.oneill@ymail.com or by phone at 757-876-7066.

EASTER EGG ORDER FORM

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is selling chocolate covered Easter eggs. The eggs are available in two sizes and seven fabulous flavors. The large eggs weigh approximately 8 oz. and can be personalized. The small eggs can be ordered in an assortment with **one of each flavor or one flavor per box**. The weight of each small egg is approximately 1.5 oz. All eggs will be decorated with flowers. Please return completed order forms to the information desk in the atrium and place in the box labeled **Easter Egg Orders**. **Order taking will begin February 1.**

Order deadline is Monday, March 11. *All orders must be pre-paid.* Make checks payable to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. **Questions: Mary Mace (757) 826-5435**

Orders may be picked up at Gloria Dei. Please circle or highlight your intended pick up date.

- Friday, March 22 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 24 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Purchaser's Name _____ Phone #: _____

Purchaser's email _____

Large Personalized 8 oz. eggs	\$6.00 each egg							
<i>Please print clearly the names for each egg 10 letters maximum or "Happy Easter"</i>	Peanut Butter	Butter Cream	Coconut Cream	Crème de Menthe	Raspberry Cream	Chocolate Cream	Orange Cream	
QUANTITY								TOTAL
\$ SUBTOTAL								\$

Small 1.5 oz. eggs – six per box (no personalization or substitutions) \$7.00 each box									
	Assortment (1 of each flavor except crème de menthe)	Box of 6 Peanut Butter	Box of 6 Butter Cream	Box of 6 Coconut Cream	Box of 6 Crème de Menthe	Box of 6 Raspberry Cream	Box of 6 Chocolate Cream	Box of 6 Orange Cream	TOTAL
QUANTITY									
\$ SUBTOTAL									\$

Subtotal large eggs **\$** _____
 Subtotal small eggs **\$** _____
 Grand Total **\$** _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ Order taken by _____

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.

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



Wonderful Wednesday's Schedule

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GROUP</u>
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)	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>)
6:45 - 7:10 p.m.	Nave	K-4th Grades - Music
7:10 - 7:30 p.m.	Coffee Bar	K-4th Grades - Crafts

Semesters

3rd Six Weeks

- 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 10 – <i>Beach clean-up</i> • April 17 • April 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1 • May 8 • May 15 – <i>Bowling</i> |
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****May 19—Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday****

Pastoral Record

February Birthdays

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Luke Phillips | 15 Emory Hart | 23 Bill Swanson |
| 3 Ann Riley, Annika Hella | 17 Michelle Robertson, Ruth Hutchison | 24 Bruce Thomas, Kristina Robinson |
| 4 Virginia Lyeth, Sally Miller,
Easton Etheridge, Doran Cole | 18 Aaron Sutherland, Gabby Hella
Judy Wagner St. Pierre | 26 Gideon Souder |
| 6 David Hudgins | 20 Isabella Zamora, Sandra Dunn | 27 Frank Dickseski, Jr. |
| 11 Joshua Green | 21 Joe Capone, David Mulpur | 28 Jerri Dickseski, Audrey Engelund,
Sherri Gretka |
| 12 Jennifer Robinson | 22 Don Dair, Jill Ruhl, Austin Honyoust,
Brown Cornwell | |
| 14 Sharon Padula | | |

February Anniversaries

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

March Birthdays

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 2 Aaliyah Urban | 14 Kristy Fyfe | 24 Shannon Mace |
| 3 Craig Whitney | 16 Hayley O'Neill | 25 MacKenzie Grimm, Connor Malone |
| 4 Marna Mayo, Julia Engelund | 17 Anita Hamilton | 26 Reed Dugger, Deacon Liz Fox |
| 5 Jack Robinson | 18 Rachel Lomax, Christopher Via,
Amanda Wells | 27 Conner Smith, Maribel Fox |
| 6 Buzz Hamilton | 19 Eric Olsen, Ollie Fox | 28 J.P. Venable |
| 7 Bob Sipes | 20 Matthew Werner, Robert Miller | 29 Dean Epps |
| 8 Maddi Etheridge, Vangie Miller | 22 Chelsea Souder | 30 Rhodes Lomax, Susan Krebs,
Gabby Newsome |
| 10 Renee Wells, Andrew Moore | 23 Billy Harper | |
| 13 Spencer Urban | | |

March Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 25 Danny and Vickie Roark | 28 Bill and Nancy Monroe | 31 Jay and Jackie Hart |
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Deaths

Jonathon "Johnny" Johnston
December 23, 2023

Russell Lyeth
January 8, 2024

February 2024

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
Calendar Requests—please email <u>CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net</u> for all facility usage requests.				1 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	<i>Winter Celebration Youth Retreat February 2-4</i>	
4 9:30 AM- WORSHIP Scout Sunday	5 6:30 PM Girl Scouts, Pack 27 Pack Meeting 7PM Troop 10	6 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM A Pint with Pastor- Capstan Bar Brewing	7 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 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 6:45 PM 1 st Communion Class	8 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	9	10 Pinewood Derby Congregation Council Retreat
11 9:30 AM- WORSHIP First Communion 10:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry	12 6:30 PM Pack 27 Pack Meeting 7 PM WELCA Book Club 7PM Troop 10	13 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	14 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 6:00 PM Special Ziti Dinner 7 PM Ash Wednesday Worship ♡ <i>valentine's Day</i>	15 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	16	17
18 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM ExAdCom	19 6:30 PM Girl Scouts, Pack 27 Den Meeting 7PM Troop 10 <i>Presidents' Day Church Office Closed</i>	20 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	21 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	22 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	23	24
25 9:30 AM- WORSHIP/ 9 AM Girl Scout Cookie Booth 11 AM Council; 7 th Day Retreat Meeting	26 6:00 PM Pack Committee Meeting	27 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	28 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	29 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 7 PM Choir Rehearsal		

March 2024

<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 11 AM Girl Scout Cookie Booth	4 6:30 PM Girl Scouts, Pack 27 Den Meeting 7 PM Troop 10	5 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM A Pint with Pastor-Bull Island	6 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 2:30 PM The Master’s Singers 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	7 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 7 PM Choir Rehearsal <i>Deadline for April/May Newsletter Articles</i>	8 Girl Scout Lock-In	9 10:30 AM Girl Scout Cookie Booth
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17 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM Church Council Meeting; Girl Scout Cookie Booth	18 6:30 PM Girl Scouts, Pack 27 Den Meeting 7PM Troop 10	19 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	20 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 2:30 PM The Master’s Singers 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	21 2:30 PM Chorister Choir 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 9:30 AM- WORSHIP Palm Sunday 10:30 AM Cross and Crown, Altar Guild Rehearsal	25 6 PM Pack 27 Pack Mtg/ Pack Committee Mtg 7PM Troop 10	26 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	27 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 2:30 PM The Master’s Singers	28 7 PM Maundy Thursday WORSHIP	29 7 PM Good Friday Tenebrae WORSHIP <i>Church office closed</i>	30 9 AM-Easter Egg Hunt 
31  Easter Sunday 9:30 AM- WORSHIP					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Senior Youth Lock-In</div>	

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Dated Material



Worship with us!

In-person in the Nave,

"Gloria Dei Live" on Facebook, or Zoom

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday through Easter

February 14

6:00 p.m.

A Special Ziti Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 21-March 20

6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays Lenten Soup Suppers

7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays Lenten Worship

March 24

9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday Worship

March 28

7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship

March 29

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

March 31

9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship