



FROM THE TOWER

June/July 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



**Pastor Dave Fox,
Senior Pastor/
Head of Staff**

A Word from Our Pastor

The Fox's Trot

"What do we do now?" This seems to me to be the unofficial question of Jesus' disciples. No, it's not in the Scripture. It's only in my mind's eye that the disciples ask such a question.

When they tell Jesus they have to send the thousands of people home, so they can eat and Jesus tells them "no." They question him how they will afford such a meal for this many people. They question how two fish and five small loaves of bread will come close to stopping the hunger for the thirteen of them, much less the thousands of others gathered around. How will he do it? Jesus turns to them and says, "You feed them." This is where I picture them saying "What do we do now?"

When Jesus sends out the small group of seventy to go and tell that God's Kingdom has come near, he tells them they are to go house to house and town to town. He tosses them a wrench when he says, you will carry no purse for money, you will carry no bag for clothes and other possessions, and you will wear no sandals for your feet. This is another instance where I picture the disciples saying "What do we do now?"

After Jesus has shared the meal with his friends on the day of Unleavened Bread, he went outside to pray. A crowd, led by Judas, comes for Jesus. The temple police arrested Jesus and took him away to the high priest's house. Here, I can imagine the disciples saying "What do we do now?"

When he breathes his last on the cross – "What do we do now?" When he ascends into heaven – "What do we do now?" After the day of Pentecost – "What do we do now?"

We are in a time of post-Christendom. Thirty years ago we started to feel the decline in church worship attendance and didn't think much of it. Now, most churches have their jaw on the floor asking where everyone went. Our homeland was fertile with Christians in the twentieth century. Now in the twenty-first century it seems that the majority is either atheist

or agnostic. I think we, the Church, are asking the same question that the disciples might have been asking – "What do we do now?"

It's easy to jump to conclusions or even to jump in with whatever is popular. We could say to ourselves that because very few are coming to church we should join them by staying home. We could say, well the First Self-Righteous Church of Pascagoula has a big stage, with a rocking band, purple lights, big screens, and fog machines and they are filling up their padded seats with cup-holders - let's try to be more like them. What do we accomplish by quitting or by becoming something that we are not? I believe that the answer is "Nothing."

This past Easter we celebrated Christ's resurrection with two-hundred sixty-nine in attendance. The next Sunday we worshipped the risen Jesus with 95 in attendance. "What do we do now?"

What we do is keep pressing forward in faith. What we do is keep worshipping. What we do is keep singing. What we do is keep praying. What we do is keep reading Scripture. What we do is keep serving others. What we do is keep on listening to where the Spirit is leading us. What we do is keep on keeping on. Don't get distracted by numbers or flashy fads. Rather, keep your eyes on Jesus. The Church will always remain. It's our job, as those who still believe, to share the love of Jesus and tell of all of the wonderful things that he continues to do in our lives every day.

You are loved, People of Gloria Dei. Loved by God the Father, the one who is creating you. Loved by Jesus, the one who is saving you. Loved by the Holy Spirit, the one who is empowering you.

~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, Facebook, or Zoom (online or telephone). To connect via Zoom, please find the appropriate link information below for June and July. 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, gloriadelutheranchurch.net. For further questions or more information, please call the Church office.

June Zoom Information:

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

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of June

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87276321220?pwd=RXByYjZvYzhYUEp6TIU0K2V6c2Z2QT09>

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 (872 7632 1220) and Passcode (755364)
- 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 (872 7632 1220) 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 (755364). 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: 872 7632 1220

Passcode: 755364

July Zoom Information:

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

Topic: Gloria Dei Worship for the Month of July

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82435588591?pwd=TnBneTVqOVRKSDJoMGNPslhJdJN5dz09>

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 (824 3558 8591) and Passcode (611097)
- 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 (824 3558 8591) 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 (611097). 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: 824 3558 8591

Passcode: 611097

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 23, 2024, following worship in the Nave

Elections, approval of budget and reports are highlights of the agenda. See you there! Annual reports will be ready for your pick up at the services on Sunday, June 16, so you may review them ahead of time.

Museum Outing

All are welcome! On Thursday, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. we will be meeting at St. Luke's Historic Church and Museum, in Smithfield. The event is free, but please plan on leaving a donation to support the museum. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at a restaurant (TBD depending on number of people attending). The cost of lunch will be on your own. Please RSVP on whether you are going to the museum and/or lunch to psipes@gloriadei.net on or before Wednesday, July 17. For more information on the museum, you can visit their website <https://stlukesmuseum.org>.



**Lisa Dadez,
Principal**

From the Principal

Registration is well underway for our next school year. If you have not yet had an opportunity to register, forms are available on our website, gdlshamptonva.com, or at both the Fox Hill and Willow Oaks campuses.

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While this school year comes to a close, we are busy planning for the fall. At this time, we are hiring for the following positions:

Classroom Teachers  
Instructional Aides for both Fox Hill and Willow Oaks Campuses  
Transportation Coordinator, as well as Bus Drivers  
Afternoon Childcare Aides  
Substitutes  
Director of Buildings and Grounds

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Our fifth grade students participated in a Science Fair this quarter. All students worked hard and presented some awesome ideas and findings. Congratulations to the following students who placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention. Job well done!

1st Place: **St. John Villar** “Who Are You Going to Call? Germ Busters!” Category: Microbiology

2nd Place: **Avery Grey** “Sugar Rush” Category: Chemistry

3rd Place: **Ollie Fox** “This is Lit!” Category: Physics (Electricity)

3rd Place: **Jackson Grant** “Energy Launch” Category: Physics (Force and Motion)

Honorable Mention:

Malachi Spinner “Game On! Video Gaming Impact on Society” Category: Technology/Behavioral Science

Orlando Peters “High Flyer” Category: Aerodynamics

Skylar Harris “Fry Frenzy” Category: Health and Nutrition

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Summer is rapidly approaching and plans are coming together for our summer program. Mrs. Nolte, Child Care Director; Mrs. Cole, Child Care Program Director; and Ms. Nolte, Child Care Program Coordinator, have been planning and scheduling events, programs, and activities for our *Summer Adventures* program. Children who participate are sure to have a fun, action-packed summer.

Our program is open to children ages sixteen months to twelve years of age. Toddlers do not need to be potty trained. Children in the preschool program do need to be potty trained. We open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. Your child may participate on a full-time basis, 20 hours per week, or on an hourly basis. (Our toddler program is a full-day program.) You may pick for the month the program that best meets your child’s needs. Children may also enter the program at any time during the summer. So as the summer progresses and boredom sets in, let your child join us for activities with friends.

For more details or information, you may call us at 757-851-6292.

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I am pleased to announce that 102 Gloria Dei students in our first – eighth grades earned Honor Roll recognition for the third grading period of our 2023 - 2024 school year. For a few of these students, this is their first time on Honor Roll. Keep up the hard work- just nine more weeks!

Ms. Nolte – 1st Grade

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Chandler Abbott | Colton Hagwood | Abigail Hella | Sloane Howell | Londyn James |
| Titus Kipper | Zoey Morris | Elijah Paden | Giovanni Rocha | Aaliyah Simmons |
| Steven Sterne | Payton Teal | | | |

Mrs. Menendez– 1st Grade

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Grace Garfoyle | Ezra Geisler | Ava Kline | Rhodes Lomax | Patrick Malmgren |
| Ella Miller | Callan Murray | Atticus Paden | Ileana Pearson | Devin Rose |
| Kennedy Saloka | Theo Stallard | James Sterne | Jackson Swicegood | Declan Willey |

Mrs. Maguire- 2nd Grade

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|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Scarlett Anthony | Jackson Higgins | Keller Korahaes | Addison McKain | Vy Nguyen |
| Damon Reynolds | Lennox Schweich | Adalynn Tuttle | Zachary Vander Stouwe | Carlos Wassef |
| Rebecca Wu | | | | |

Mrs. Wiggins- 2nd Grade

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|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Phil Bailey | Tori Ford-Tinker | June Cote | Sayuri Hackel | Evan Martin |
| Elizabeth Rene | Madalyn Rew | Skyler Reynolds | Mila Robertson | Giana Rocha |
| Isla Samuelson-Cullen | Jolene Watkins | | | |

Mrs. Watterton- 3rd Grade

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Olivia Abel | Koi Abney | James Archambault | Mario Brown | Cayden Cummings |
| Braxton Foster | Nolan Frazier | Kayla Grace Grant | Ella Gray | Ronald Hayford |
| Ashton Horton | Nixon Howell | King Oliver | Shella Schrum | John Wilhelm |
| Richard Wilhelm | Sanaii Williams-Lucky | John Henry Yohn | | |

Mrs. Zamora- 4th Grade

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|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Gunnar Gibson | Christiana Grandberry | Addyson Houde | Nathanael Howell | Mia Kearney |
| Jaxon Kerrick | Tyler Kline | Naomi Menendez | Ryan Miller | Savannah Paden |
| Eva Prieto | Ava Richards | Meghan Willey | Jozef Zywina | |

Mrs. Wallace- 5th Grade

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|--------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Kylee Brewer | Oliver Fox | Jackson Grant | Steven Mustard | Orlando Peters |
| Taylor Smith | St. John Villar | | | |

6th Grade

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| Peyton LaRoche | Bryson Nichols |
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7th Grade

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| Abigail Fisher | Alena Fortuna | Bryson Rader | Matthew Wu | Zoe Zou |
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8th Grade

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| Aaron Gaita | Gabriella Hale | Andrew Schulenberg | Dominick Stilgebouer |
| Peyton Walter | Zachary Zou | | |

Yours in Christ's service,

Lisa S. Dadez

Principal

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| Child Care |
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Gloria Dei Lutheran School offers child care for children ages 16 months to 12 years. This year, we have 159 students enrolled in our child care program.

- Hours are 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Before and after-school care for students enrolled in Gloria Dei, parent/teacher conferences and staff work days, Christmas and Easter holidays, and snow days (unless conditions are severe).
- Breakfast served from 6:15 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.; lunch, morning and afternoon snacks.
- Variety of activities for children – crafts, movies, organized games, free play, and outdoor play.
- Afternoon study hall is available for students in grades 3rd through 7th, from 3:15 until 4:15 p.m.
- Additional after-school activities – gymnastics, Little Ninjas, Tumblebugz, art academy, Lego club, and The Master's Singers.
- *Summer Adventures*, our summer program for children 16 months to 12 years old, will begin on June 10.

Jeanene Nolte, Child Care Director

Janet Cole, Child Care Program Director

Jessica Nolte, Child Care Program Coordinator

LEGO Club



LEGO Club had a great 2024 school year!! After a long, long hibernation, the Gloria Dei afterschool LEGO Club was restarted in February 2024. Starting with a small group of students in grades 3rd – 5th, these LEGO enthusiasts have built and learned about different aspects of brick construction. Did you know that some Legos can float? But when they are put together to form a boat – sinking will most likely occur. Another activity - Racing student-designed LEGO cars down a pine-wood derby track was fun to watch. If the car was not designed correctly, then racing to the finish line usually ended with a spectacular crash with pieces flying everywhere. Our latest project had the students design and build flower vases. To challenge them, a tea light had to be incorporated into the design. Once completed, students had to choose

and put flowers and the tea light inside their built vases. These flowering vases were then placed for display on the Staff Appreciation dinner tables to show our support to the staff.

The LEGO Club gives a huge Thank You to Carolyn and John Campbell who provided enough LEGO kits so that sharing was not needed during LEGO build exercises. A second Thank You to Mr. Zachary Struhs for his help during Lego sessions.

Also - As your children outgrow LEGOs, please think of donating them to the Gloria Dei LEGO Club instead of throwing them out. We can always use LEGOs, and you never know what can be created.

Your Big LEGO Kids,

Mr. Yohn and Mr. “Granddaddy” Riley

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

***Bus Drivers**

***Director of Buildings and Grounds**

***Substitutes**

***Afternoon Childcare Aides**

***2024-25 Classroom Teacher**

***Instructional Aide**

***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.

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.

Little Library

Our Little Library, located at the middle set of doors, gets a lot of action from parents as they are dropping off or picking up their children. We are asking that you please consider donating any children’s books by placing them on the back counter at the Information Desk. These books will be used to refill when the Little Library gets low on books. Thank you for your generosity.

Minister of Music



Brandon Spence, DMA
Minister of Music

Goldilocks and the Three Hymns

No. Absolutely not. Though the title may suggest it, this article does not begin with “Once upon a time...,” but it does happen occasionally that some of us called to the service of Christ and His church, find newer and deeper understandings in our vocational calling in the strangest of places. Christ the Lord Lutheran WELS agrees:

<https://christthelordbrookfield.org/sermons/the-goldilocks-principle-and-the-christian-faith/>

Fairy tales have a way of teaching basic truths more deeply than other literary forms. Accepting for the moment that fairy tales stem from oral tradition (scholars disagree-that’s why they are scholars), I proceed. At one time, the story of Goldilocks was universally taught in the western world. Many were taught the story as children. I dare to suggest that many of us remember it well to this day. There are many dimensions of the Goldilocks story, but the Goldilocks principle focuses on the experience of the “not too this” and the “not too that” but the “just right.”

My inaugural year at Gloria Dei has presented several very appropriate questions as regards “this hymn too slow,” “this hymn too fast” and all in the elusive search for the “just right.”

How does one go about finding the tempo “just right” for hymn singing?

Is this porridge too hot? Too cold? Just right!

Is this bed too hard? Too soft? Just right!

And what about the chairs? The story is incomplete without the dynamics of the chairs! Too tall, maybe? Perhaps too short...?

The next series of newsletter articles will deal with fascinating topic. You ready? Once upon a time...

Brandon D. Spence, DMA
Minister of Music

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:

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

Newsletter Deadline

August/September Newsletter deadline

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Please email articles to tbiak@gloriadei.net.

Council Corner

Discipleship and a Pipe Organ

When Jesus was calling His disciples, He looked for three characteristics, and He looks for those same characteristics in us today. We don't have to be the most popular, brave, smartest or {insert any adjective here} individual to do discipleship work. Christ looked **for obedience to God's Word**: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciple" (John 8:31); **Loving**: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35); and **Fruitful**: "By this my Father is glorified that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciple" (John 15:8).

The wisdom in how Jesus called His disciples makes our excuses mute. Every disciple had flaws and did not think they could do the job. They were scared and at times disbelieving. Jesus does not leave us to our own devices, He provides us with just the right skill or wisdom at the right moment to get his work done. All of us working together.

Next time you worship, take particular notice of the beautiful pipes both behind our altar area and in the back of the sanctuary. Notice all the different heights, thicknesses, shapes and materials. Each pipe has been designed and crafted for a particular sound and depth. How disappointing if there were only a few pipes trying to play a piece that required many more. The postlude one recent Sunday was "*The Heavens Declare*" by *Benedetto Marcello* (Italian composer, 1686-1739). The music was written to make the most of the pipe organ, with each selected pipe contributing to a piece that praises God so wonderfully. There are 1,697 pipes in our organ waiting to do their part in worshiping God. Not every pipe is needed every time a piece is played, but they all contribute.

These pipes are a weekly reminder that we each are needed to make Gloria Dei a welcoming place with ministries that are vibrant through the work of us all, not just the few regulars. How much more wonderful we can praise God and be His disciples, if each one of us contributed to our mission in any way, big or small. Think what we can accomplish! But it cannot happen without you.

If you do not know what to do, where a need exists, don't know who to call for a particular interest, or just have questions, please feel free to email me at vgriese@gmail.com.

Be the instrument for which God has designed you. Big or small, your contribution for a successful church matters.

You are wonderfully made!

Vivian Griese

Church Council President

Fun Fact: Benedetto Marcello was an Italian composer and writer (b. 1686, d. 1739). Marcello composed a variety of music, including considerable church music, oratorios, hundreds of solo cantatas, duets, sonatas, concertos, and sinfonias.

You are wonderfully made!

Vivian Griese

Church Council President

Want to be a STEWARD?

Lurking thru the halls when School, Childcare, and Church Office 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 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

Here are just a few upcoming projects this 2024 Summer

- Tent Raising for VBS
- Repair & Painting Willow Oaks Campus
- Power Washing
- Ramp replacement on storage trailer

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)

After a VERY successful Care Kit project, the women are taking a break until Fall. However, we will continue to get together for "A Glass with the Girls" on the fourth Monday of the month. Those dates are June 24, July 22, and August 26. Watch to see what will happen in September. Meanwhile, enjoy the summer.

WELCA Book Group

On Monday, May 13, the book group got together to discuss "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. After a discussion that focused on the need for community and connections and the way that books brought the people of Troublesome Creek together, we all realized the importance of books. It affirmed exactly why we get together monthly to read and discuss books. It's also a way to form friendships.

That being said, please consider joining us on September 9 when we will once again meet on the second Monday of the month to read and discuss a book. Of course, snacks and a glass of wine are always part of the evening.

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

A Huge Thank You!



Because of your generosity, **178** Personal Care Kits are now available to Lutheran World Relief to be used as needed. With the assistance of Girl Scout Troop 1041, the kits were assembled and boxed up ready to head to the distribution center in Maryland. This important project could not be completed without the help of the congregation and your contributions, both with the specific items needed as well as monetarily. In addition to the kits, a check for \$1,629.37 was sent to LWR. So, thank you.

Here is a link to see a quilt and kit distribution video in Tanzania:

<https://photos.lwr.org/pages/view.php?ref=40539&k=f2ac912d4a>.

Each woman is given a quilt as well as a kit. It's good to see our service project at work.

Again, thank you for your generosity. As a warning, be prepared for next year. We just may reach 200 kits!

Rita Foringer





VBS 2024 CAMP FIRELIGHT

VBS Dates:

Sunday, June 23 — Thursday, June 27

5:15 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

Ages 4 – Rising 6th Graders

Volunteer Positions Needed:

We are still in need of VBS volunteer positions including:

- Group Leaders
(Needed times 5:00-8:00 p.m.)
- Food Set Up & Preparation
(Needed times run 4:30 – 6 p.m.)
- Food Clean Up & Dishwashing
(Needed times run 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

Volunteers include rising 7th Graders to adults. Feel free to contact Jenny Sutherland (cell 757-513-4943 email at ajasutherland@msn.com) or register online at: <https://gloriadeilutheranchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com>



If linking from a cell phone, please select “MENU” at the top, and it will drop down to register.

VBS Decoration Dates:

Volunteers are needed to help transform our church into an amazing campground! Helping hands welcome for as long as you are able on:

- Saturday, June 15—Anytime between 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22—Anytime between 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Other Ways You Can Help:

Even if you are unavailable to attend VBS, there are ways you can still help!

- We need forest critters such as foxes, owls, rabbits, squirrels, bears, snakes, etc. to borrow for decorating. They can be stuffed or made of non-breakable material. We will make sure the items are returned. Please contact Jenny Sutherland (cell#757-513-4943) to coordinate the items.
- Help us cut out paper stars. Sets of stars will be located as you exit today’s service. Please cut them out and return them by Sunday, June 2.

The VBS Collection Box will be in the Atrium area.

Red Cross Blood Drive



Blood Drive **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall
250 Fox Hill Rd
Hampton, VA 23669

Sunday, June 9, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Scan me with
your
smartphone!

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**.

Indoor Yard Sale

Fox Hill Campus
July 20, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine

Happy Summer, Everyone!

Are you cleaning out your home or garage? Do you have *gently used* items that are no longer needed by you? Please feel free to drop off these items to benefit the youth of our church!

Our volunteers will collect your donations at the Bell Tower during the following dates and times:

Saturday, July 13 - 12 :00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 14 - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Monday, July 15 - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16 - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

If you'd like to donate furniture or other large items, you can do so at the Bell Tower on Friday, July 19, starting at 5:00 p.m.

The Yard Sale will be held indoors at the Fox Hill Campus on Saturday, July 20, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Want to volunteer? We have a job for you! Please contact Rachel Lomax, [757-871-9898](tel:757-871-9898), for more information.

Become a Member

If you want to join Gloria Dei in its mission and ministry in Hampton and beyond, please contact Peggy Sipes in the church office at 757-851-2838 or psipes@gloriadei.net, to sign up for a member class. In this class, 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.

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 will continue to meet through the summer on second Sunday of the month following worship service. That includes, Sunday, June 10 and July 8. After working our needles for an hour or so, we will adjourn to Capri Restaurant to continue our fellowship. If you have knitting or crocheting interest, please stop past and visit. We well newcomers to the group and love showing off our projects. If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.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!

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.

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, June 18

Bull Island Brewing Company
758 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton

Wednesday, July 17

The White Oak Lodge
3533 Kecoughtan Road, Hampton

Quench Their Thirst

Gloria Dei Lutheran School and its staff are such an important part of our Church. These individuals work tirelessly to educate our children and bring to life God's love in their lives. As a Congregation, we would like to supply the following items as a way to say thank you. We are collecting canned soda (all kinds), individual bottles of water and juices. These ongoing donations can be placed on the cart labeled "Quench Their Thirst" located in the Atrium area by the member board. Help us show the School Staff how much they mean to us; and as always, keep them and the School community in your prayers.

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.



Trex Bench



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

Pastoral Record

June Birthdays

| | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 Lauren Fyfe | 10 Jake Davis, Page Kremp | 21 Kiara Cornwell |
| 2 Jenna Cooper | 11 Mia Fuentes, Amelia Venable | 22 Jeane Fullen, Leonard Mayo |
| 3 Jimmie Smith, Mike Mendez | 12 Vivian Reynolds | 23 Mary Jane Leckrone |
| 4 Makayla Cornwell | 13 Sandy Taylor, Calvin Dugger, Joanna Bayles, Isabella Mendez | 24 Jeff Kremp |
| 5 Max Vanpelt, Stephen Via, Blake Sexton, Lesa Shannon | 14 Keri Stewart | 25 Luke Trimnal |
| 6 Sylvie Shannon, Rowena Cornwell | 16 Pam Robnett | 26 Rosella Peebles |
| 7 Lynn Graves, Jay Hart | 18 Shannon Sexton | 28 Pat Roscopf, Wade Brown |
| 9 Miranda Souder | 19 Isabella Waldrop, Bailey Sexton | 30 Harper Griesse, Luke Griesse |

June Anniversaries

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 Don and Sharon Padula | 5 Melvin and Donna Lanning | 18 Dean and Jennifer Epps |
| Max and Fran Vanpelt | 12 Oscar and Carol Godley | 29 Ron and Sharon Rose |
| 4 Garth and Andrea Wallis | | |

July Birthdays

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|--|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 Josie Feld | 12 Lauren-Grey Igel | 25 Melvin Lanning, Megan Hart, Vicki Roark |
| 3 Kelly Morrison | 13 Rita Foringer, Jason Green | 26 Melanie Harris, Jarrett Montgomery |
| 5 Carolyn Campbell, Logan Robinson | 14 Addison Rice | 27 Jason Cooper, Logan Hudgins |
| 6 Virginia Saloka | 17 Dana Smith, Karen Zorumski | 28 Delaney St. Laurent |
| 8 Rick Graves, Jordan Montgomery | 18 Michael Zamora, Sara Yohn | 29 Cameron Fyfe |
| 9 Susan Feld | 21 Tim Olson | |
| 10 Jay Dugger, Lochlan Urban, Dylan Kremp | 22 Lynn Curtis, Debbi Ortiz | |

July Anniversaries

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 Jeff and Page Kremp | 13 Joe and Gabby Hella | 25 Lou and Trish Glaab |
| 3 Thomas and Lisa Dadez | 16 Todd and Lisa Pfahl | 26 Mike and Tamara Behan |
| Tim and Dawn Olson | 17 Stephen and Amber Via | 27 Michael and Susan Feld |
| 4 Francisco and Debbi Ortiz | 20 Fred and Alison Phillips | 30 Rick and Lynn Graves |
| 7 Bill and Juanita Cawley | 21 Bill and Karen Igel | |
| 8 T.C. and Emily Dadez, II | 22 Mike and Susan Canny | |
| 9 John and Andrea Cerone | Ed and Sherri Gretka | |

Baptisms


Lucas Lopez
December 24, 2023

John Baker Gregg
January 21, 2024

James Grady Williams
March 31, 2024

Robert "Royce" Else Lomax V
April 21, 2024

June 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 11 AM Choir Rehearsal 12 PM VBS Decorating 7 PM Baccalaureate Service | 3 6:30 PM Pack 27 Pack Meeting 7PM Troop 10 | 4 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study | 5 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 7 PM 5 th & 8 th Grade Graduation | 6 Last Day of School | 7 | 8 |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> School Spring Programs </div> | | | | | | |
| 9 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 9 AM Blood Drive  11 AM Choir Rehearsal & VBS Teen Training PT 2 | 10 | 11 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 9 AM VBS Decorating |
| 16 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 11 AM Choir Rehearsal & ExAdCom | 17 | 18 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 7 PM A Pint With Pastor - <i>Bull Island</i> | 19 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. | 20 | 21 5 PM VBS Decorating | 22 9 AM VBS Decorating |
| 23 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 10:30 AM Annual Meeting 11 AM Choir Rehearsal & Council Meeting | 24 7PM WELCA – Glass w/Girls – <i>Pour Girls</i> | 25 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study | 26 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. | 27 | 28 5 PM VBS Clean Up | 29 9 AM VBS Clean Up |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Vacation Bible School – 5:15 p.m.-7:55 p.m. </div> | | | | | | |
| 30 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 11 AM Choir Rehearsal | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Calendar Requests—please email <u>CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net</u> for all facility usage requests. </div> | | | | | |

July 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 |
| | | | | Church, School, and Childcare Closed | | |
| 7 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 11 AM Choir Rehearsal | 8 | 9 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study <i>Deadline for August/September Newsletter Articles</i> | 10 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | | | | Power in the Spirit | | |
| 14 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 10:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 11 AM Choir Rehearsal | 15 | 16 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study | 17 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 7 PM Pint w/Pastor – The White Oak Lodge | 18 | 19 8 AM Yard Sale Set Up | 20 8 AM Yard Sale  |
| 21 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 10:45 AM Sunday's Sundaes 11 AM Choir Rehearsal & ExAdCom | 22 7 PM WELCA Glass w/Girls – <i>Pour Girls</i> | 23 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study | 24 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Dated Material



Worship with us!
*In-person in the Nave,
"Gloria Dei Live" on Facebook, or Zoom
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

VBS 2024 Camp Firelight



VBS Dates:

Sunday, June 23 — Thursday, June 27

5:15 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

Ages 4 – Rising 6th Graders

If linking from a cell phone,
please select "MENU" at the top,
and it will drop down to register.



Indoor Yard Sale



Fox Hill Campus

July 20, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Rain or Shine

Proceeds go to youth retreats.