



FROM THE TOWER

December 2024/January 2025



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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Corinthians 1:4-8

I am thankful for each of you. I am blessed to know you and to walk alongside you through your life's journey. Many of you have shared difficult matters that you have faced or are still facing; how honored I am that you would share those things with me. You have shared your joys with me, too – and I rejoice with you in you and/or your family's accomplishments.

In our Youth Discipleship Ministries, including Confirmation, we do what we call Highs and Lows. It is an opportunity for our youth to share the best part of their week and the worst part of their week. I truly think that for some this is the highlight of their time together; mainly because they feel heard. It is expected that the adults share their highs and lows like everyone else. When it is my turn I have a different high for the week; however, I always state the same low: "There are not enough hours in the day and not enough days in the week." I was questioned by one of our Confirmands on why I always say the same thing. And you all know me well enough that I don't sugarcoat things. My response was: "Because people don't want to hear that their pastor, or any leader for that matter, has anything negative going on in their lives. It's not that we don't. It's just that we know that folks really don't want to hear those things about us."

Though my response is true, my initial low is equally as true. There isn't enough time. Even if I live to see one hundred years, I would feel that I did not have enough

time to accomplish all that I wished to accomplish. This is another reason why I have so much to be thankful for concerning you, people of Gloria Dei. Our Eucharistic Ministers visit our shut-ins faithfully, knowing that I can't do it on my own. Our Stewards Ministry knows that I have ten thumbs and anytime a need arises at the church, they are here to tear down or build up. I have so many great leaders and teachers who I come in contact with through our staff and volunteers and am ever grateful for our shared ministries together. My staff does strong work picking up all of the daily administrative tasks that need to be tended to. Though I have so many folks sharing in the ministry here at Gloria Dei, I still wish there were more hours in the day and more days in the week.

The one thing I wish I could do more of with each of you is sharing a meal together. Jesus spent a lot of his time eating with those around him. So, in order to fulfill this shortfall in my ministry here at Gloria Dei, I am beginning a new ministry called *Suppers at Capri*. In 2025, we will have monthly meals at our friend Joe's restaurant, Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant. The reason for "Suppers" is because not only will we share supper together, but during our time together, we will also share the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion). Our conversations will be centered around Scripture, also knowing that you're going to want to share what's going on in your life. Invite your friends and family. This is very much about the church being the church outside of our campuses. You can read the rest of the newsletter to find out the details of January's Suppers at Capri.

I am thankful for a new opportunity to connect with all of you. Each of you are a gift. Each of you are loved. I can't wait to see you again as we work together in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our neighborhoods and our world.

Peace be the journey,
Pastor Dave

Worship on YouTube

We are excited to make our worship more accessible to those who want to worship with us at Gloria Dei who are not physically able to be with us in the nave. YouTube is available to anyone with the internet to worship with us. To worship with us on YouTube, you will go to the link below or scan the QR code below with your smartphone. You can worship live or at a more convenient time.

**Scan this QR code with your smartphone:

OR

**Use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@gloriadeilutheranchurchhampton>



A Pint with Pastor

Please join Pastor Dave from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, at The White Oak Lodge, 3533 Kecoughtan Rd, Hampton.

Supper(s) at Capri

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Resturant, 227 Fox Hill Rd, **Tuesday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.** We will have a meal together and share in conversations around Scripture. At the end of our time together, we will share Holy Communion. Invite your friends and family. **Please, RSVP by Tuesday, January 21;** we want to make sure the restaurant is prepared for our group being there. You are responsible for the cost of your meal and a generous tip.

Pastor Dave Helping St. Paul's, Hampton

As many of you are aware, our sister congregation, St. Paul's, Hampton, is without a pastor. I have agreed to be their Vice Pastor during their vacancy. As Vice Pastor my role is to attend their council meetings, visit during emergency or crisis situations, and provide pastoral oversight. It will not take away from my time at Gloria Dei. I will not be leading worship at St. Paul's; they have supply preachers for that. If you have any questions, just ask me. I ask that you pray for St. Paul's as they plan for their future.

Worship with Us on Christmas Eve



Christmas Eve Worship Services

5:00 PM

A brief worship service with familiar Christmas carols and special music. Perfect for families with young children.

7:30 PM

A candlelight worship service with Christmas carols and special music. Pre-service music begins at 7:15 p.m.



**Lisa Dadez,
Principal**

From the Principal

We have completed our first quarter of the school year. Fall Festival Week, in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair, was a great success! Students participated in a variety of activities to celebrate the fall season. We had a pumpkin-decorating contest, a counting contest, fall festival classroom parties, and daily dress-up themes. We also supported H.E.L.P. with our Fall Food Pantry Drive. Many thanks to our librarians, Julie Allen and Donna Collins, as well as Kelly Martin and Jeane Fullen. These events would not be possible without your passion and dedication.

This year, we kicked off Fall Festival Week with our annual Drive-Thru BBQ. Under the direction of Aaron and Jenny Sutherland, many church and school volunteers came together to ensure this year’s event was our best one to date. This year we raised over \$4,500.00!!! A heartfelt thanks to all who helped make this community event such a special day! These organizations have made the following special contributions:



- Carpet Gallery - pork butts
- Thrivent - \$250.00
- Ladies of Eggellence/ Mary Mace - adult desserts
- Girl Scout Troop 1041 - Children's goodie bags

Operation Playground is underway! Thanks to several fundraisers and a childcare grant, we are updating our playground structures. Rosenbaum Fence has completed its portion, and our faithful stewards, along with our maintenance team, have started to make big progress. The new equipment is in route and we anticipate installation in January.

I am pleased to announce that 119 Gloria Dei students in our first – eighth grades earned Honor Roll recognition for the first grading period of our 2024 - 2025 school year. In order to achieve Honor Roll recognition, middle school students must earn A and/or B averages in all classes, and elementary students must obtain A and/or B averages in all content subject areas, satisfactory or above in their resource classes, and satisfactory or above on all work/study habits. Not an easy accomplishment!! The following students have worked and put forth a tremendous amount of effort. Congratulations to you, and keep up the good work. We are proud of you and your efforts. I look forward to listing your names again on the recognition for the second quarter. There were several students who came so very close and missed the Honor Roll by one grade. I hope to be able to list your names on our next recognition. Give second quarter your best!!

1st Grade - Nolte

Omnia Abney	Caleb Bacallao	Savannah Cullipher	Jaylen Henry
Abigail Martin	Kai Montgomery	Brody Robertson	Adelynne Tice
Reagan Watkins	Joanna Yohn	Annabelle Zember	

1st Grade - Menendez

Case Abney	Journi Banks	Oliver Carlile	Elijah Charles
Riley Clark	Quinn Garrett	Aria Hines	Elena Leigh
Abel Miller	Evelyn McDonald	Piper Olwig	Elizabeth Riley

2nd Grade - Maguire

Chandler Abbott	Ezra Geisler	Maggie Griffith	Abigail Hella
Sloane Howell	Patrick Malmgren	Zoe McAnuff	Kywin Muehling
Ileana Pearson	Devin Rose	Aaliyah Simmons	James Sterne
Ava Trull	Declan Willey		

2nd Grade - Wiggins

Lilianna Beckford	Sanoe Conley	Grace Garfoyle	Ronin Haas
Colton Hagwood	Londyn James	Titus Kipper	Ava Kline
Rhodes Lomax	Ella Miller	Zoey Morris	Callan Murray
William Olwig	Kennedy Saloka	Jackson Swicegood	Payton Teal

3rd Grade - Watterton

Abigail Archambault	Maxwell Bailey	Phil Bailey	June Cote
Tori Ford-Tinker	Ainsley Gibson	Keller Korahaes	Jonathan Murray
Vy Nguyen	Elizabeth Rene	Mila June Robertson	Isla Samuelson Cullen
Lennox Schweich	Adalynn Tuttle	Zachary Vander Stouwe	Carlos Wassef
Jolene Watkins	Rebecca Wu		

4th Grade - Zamora

Olivia Abel	Koi Abney	James Archambault	MJ Brown
Jacob Church	Cayden Cummings	Braxton Foster	Nolan Frazier
Kayla Grace Grant	Ronald Hayford	Ashton Horton	Nixon Howell
Asha McKenna	King Oliver	Shella Schrum	John Wilhelm
Richard Wilhelm	Sanaii Lucky-Williams	John Henry Yohn	

5th Grade - Wallace

Gunnar Gibson	Christiana Grandberry	Nathanael Howell	Jaxon Kerrick
Tyler Kline	Naomi Menendez	Ava Richards	Meghan Willey
Jozef Zywna			

6th Grade

Kylee Brewer	Elijah Cooper	Gracie Finnegan	Oliver Fox
Steven Mustard	Orlando Peters	Taylor Smith	Malachi Spinner

7th Grade

Peyton LaRoche	Bryson Nichols		
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8th Grade

Lola Atkins	Elizabeth Elliott	Abigail Fisher	Alena Fortuna
Easton Harman	Bryson Rader	Scott Willett	Matthew Wu
Zoe Zou	Cylas Zug		

As we move into the holiday season, the sounds of Christmas are already echoing through our hallways, as students prepare for their Christmas programs. Through songs, carols, and plays/programs, our students are learning the story of Jesus' birth. They are also sharing this message with family and friends. Please note the Christmas program schedule, and mark your calendars so you won't miss this special time.

Gloria Dei Lutheran School's 2024 Christmas Program Schedule

Tuesday, December 10 ~ Toddler and Two-Year-Old Classes (Recording Only)

Wednesday, December 11 ~ 9:00 a.m. Transitions and Preschool Classes (Waldmiller, Cole, Smith, and Watts)

Thursday, December 12 ~ 9:00 a.m. Prekindergarten Classes (Bennett, Dermanis, and Howard)

Thursday, December 12 ~ 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Classes (Kittle and Yarrington)

Tuesday, December 17 ~ 9:00 a.m. Middle School Program

Tuesday, December 17 ~ 10:30 a.m. 1st and 2nd Grades (Menendez, Nolte, Maguire, and Wiggins))

Wednesday, December 18 ~ 9:00 a.m. 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades (Watterton, Zamora, and Wallace)

Our 5th annual Gloria Dei Christmas Parade is planned for Friday, December 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. In previous years, we have had representatives from local businesses, Hampton Fire, Police, and SWAT, as well as decorated golf carts, a float honoring the Nativity, Kecoughtan's marching band, and of course, Santa. If you would like to participate in the parade, please contact Lisa Dadez, Jeanene Nolte, or Janet Cole at 757-851-6292.

Thank you for the trust you place in us to partner with you in educating and nurturing your child. What a winning combination for success – students, parents, teachers, and the administration working together!

Yours in Christ's service,
Lisa S. Dadez

First 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 learning to write a complete sentence 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 beginning of November 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

Third Grade News

We third graders have been a busy bunch. Our cursive handwriting is being put to work consistently. We are always working to strengthen our writing and reading skills. In math, we are deep into long division, multiplication facts 0-5, and will soon be solving equations and converting measures. In Social Studies, we have discussed communities and maps.

In the upcoming months, we will continue to strengthen our academic, physical, and social skills as we seek to discover our special gifts and talents. We hope you all have a happy and blessed holiday season. Stay warm, read some good books, spend quality time with those you adore, and spread Christ's love to all you meet.

Sincerely, Mrs. Watterton

Spanish Class

Why take a foreign language? Beginning a foreign language at an early age contributes to brain development and overall learning. Foreign language study improves cognitive skills and academic performance. Learning a foreign language also opens doors to other cultures and makes an individual a better world citizen.

The students at Gloria Dei Lutheran School are fortunate to be able to take Spanish from an early age, and they learn about Spanish language and Hispanic culture using a variety of activities.

Each quarter, the students learn vocabulary words from the "Let's Learn Spanish" series by Hayes School Publishing Company. The purpose of this series is to encourage children to learn a foreign language while having fun. The study of Hispanic culture and the geography of countries where Spanish is spoken is also an important element in the Spanish curriculum. Each Spanish-speaking country contributes its distinctive culture to the multifaceted Spanish-speaking

world, and the Gloria Dei students learn about the individual countries and the children who live in them. Each elementary class concentrates on a different country each quarter.

During fall festival week, the children learned about the Day of the Dead. They viewed beautiful images of the holiday, listened to music regarding the holiday, and colored drawings inspired by Mexican folklore. Taken from stained glass designs, the images depict animals, religious icons, and other images related to Day of the Dead traditions.

Spanish continues at Gloria Dei in the Middle School. The sixth-grade Spanish class meets during the Spring Semester. This class introduces the students to Spanish with an interactive web-based curriculum. The seventh and eighth grade Spanish classes are elective core courses and they are academically challenging. If the student completes Spanish 1A & 1B with success, he or she can earn high school credit. I am very proud of the students who have chosen to take these rigorous classes.

It is wonderful to see how each student learns and progresses from year to year. I strive to be a better teacher every day and I am thankful to have the opportunity to teach and learn from the children. As Thanksgiving approaches, may we all be thankful for God's many gifts.

The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world, there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like him. Pablo Casals (Spanish Cellist and Conductor)

Vaya con Dios (Go with God)
Maestra Vaught
Spanish Teacher Grades K-8

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

*Bus Drivers

*Kitchen Staff

*Maintenance Director

*Substitutes

*Afternoon Childcare Aides

*Transportation Coordinator

*Instructional Aide FT

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 into 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets 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.

NexTrex Recycling Challenge--Round Two!

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



Trex Bench

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



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

Minister of Music



Brandon Spence, DMA
Minister of Music

"Next to the word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

-Martin Luther, (Symphoniae jucundae, 1538 preface)

C'mon! Surely, you remember from childhood days. Atreyu, Bux, Teeny Weeny, and Cairon? How could anyone forget 1984's family/fantasy film *The Never-ending Story*?

About a year and a half ago, I began my first in a series of articles intended for publication in the Gloria Dei's newsletter several times during the year. As a writer tries to successfully engage a defined group of readers, I used entertaining expressions and analogies. The danger lies in the fact that these entertaining expressions and analogies may appear as goals rather than tools. Enter, my use of the Goldilocks story in explaining worship and sacred music. A year and a half later, I am still speaking of Goldilocks. It seems that my articles for submission have now become (you guessed it) *The Never-ending Story*...

Moving forward, I will try a slightly different approach. Some parishioners have come to me with questions about how and why I play hymns the way I do. Along this line, I will reference several scholars (other than myself) who have not only written on the subject matter but formed myself and many of my teachers on the art of hymn playing and organ music at the highest level.

Next newsletter, please be prepared to meet my spiritual grandparents in the organ performance world, Harold Gleason and his wife, Catherine Crozier Gleason.

Brandon D. Spence, DMA
Minister of Music

Council Corner

The Light of the World

While recently visiting my family in Alaska, they had an early snow storm, which left 16" of snow behind. I was up early one night and the dark house was illuminated by a breathtaking ethereal light. There was no visible moon, but the snow beautifully reflected its light. During our Christmas season, we hear a lot about Christ being the light of the world.

Gerard van Honthorst was a Dutch painter (1592-1656) who became known for the artificial lighting in his works. When looking at images of the nativity, I happened to come across his painting of the birth of Christ, "Adoration of the Christ Child" (1619-1621). What a simple, yet beautiful portrayal of the Christ child. It is all about the light of Christ. As you look at the painting, the only light source emanates from the Christ child. Mary's and the angels' faces are brightly illuminated by the reflection of this light coming from Christ. This is the promise God made to us; you, me, everyone. If you look closely, you can see Joseph looking over Mary's shoulder. When I reflected on this image, I thought what a proud father he is. I think God must have felt the same way, looking down at the son He sent to us in the form of a vulnerable and helpless baby. God's love for us is on full display in this image.

I thought about how I take the imagery of light for granted. How many times do I think I am alone in the "darkness," because I don't remember the "light" that I long for is Christ and His promise to always be with me? The love of God through Christ is reflected in all of us, just like the figures in this painting. During this Christmas season and the calmness (sometimes the letdown) of January, look for examples of light throughout your day, and use them as a reminder of God's love for us. How can you reflect this light of love to others you encounter, and share with them the wonderful news of God's love for us?

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel."

Nunc dimittis, Book of Common Prayer, 1662

You are wonderfully made!

Vivian Griese

Church Council President

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
- * Paper grocery bags
- * Pork and beans
- * Jell-O
- * Rice-a-Roni-flavored rice packets
- * Tomato sauce
- * Toilet paper
- * Individually wrapped bars of soap

Newsletter Deadline

December/January Newsletter deadline

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Please email articles to tbialk@gloriadei.net.

Calendar Request

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

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

Our next *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday* is on **Sunday, January 12, 2025**. Please, make it a priority to invite at least three people to church on this Sunday. Why should you invite folks to church? The number one reason is because it is our call as Christians. Second, 85% of people come to worship because a friend or family member asked them to come to church with them.

We are asking you to invite people you already have a relationship with and not complete strangers to join you on this Sunday. During your time together, ask them what they enjoyed about the worship service and what questions they might have. At the end of your time together, invite them to come back the following Sunday.

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

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

Community Bible Study

We will not meet on December 25 or January 1. Our weekly Community Bible Study, held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, **is 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.

WELCA Book Group

The Women of Gloria Dei book group gets together on the second Monday of each month to discuss the most recent book selection. In December, they will meet on **Monday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Rita Foringer. The book selected for December is *"The Christmas Spirit,"* by Debbie Macomber. This book is just the thing to put us in the mood for the celebration of Christmas.

Then in January, we meet at the home of Linda Sutherland on **Monday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m.** The book *"The Tell Me Everything,"* by Elizabeth Stout is the selection.

All are welcome to join us. If you haven't read the book, feel free to attend and "test the water" to see if this is something you may enjoy. A synopsis of each book follows:

The Christmas Spirit:

Peter Armstrong and Hank Colfax are best friends, but their lives couldn't be more different. Peter, the local pastor who is dedicated to his community, spending time visiting the flock, attending meetings, and, with the holiday season approaching, preparing for the Christmas service and live nativity. As a bartender, Hank serves a much different customer base at his family-owned tavern, including a handful of lonely regulars and the local biker gang.

When Peter scoffs that Hank has it easy compared to him, the two decide to switch jobs until Christmas Eve. To their surprise, the responsibilities of a bartender and a pastor are similar, but taking on the other's work is more difficult than either Peter or Hank expected. As the two begin to see each other in a new light--and each discovers a new love to cherish--their lives are forever changed.

Tell Me Everything:

It's autumn in Maine, and the town lawyer Bob Burgess has become enmeshed in an unfolding murder investigation, defending a lonely, isolated man accused of killing his mother. He has also fallen into a deep and abiding friendship with the acclaimed writer Lucy Barton, who lives down the road in a house by the sea with her ex-husband, William. Together, Lucy and Bob go on walks and talk about their lives, their fears and regrets, and what might have been. Lucy, meanwhile, is finally introduced to the iconic Olive Kitteridge, now living in a retirement community on the edge of town. They spend afternoons together in Olive's apartment, telling each other stories. Stories about people they have known—"unrecorded lives," Olive calls them—reanimating them, and, in the process, imbuing their lives with meaning.



Gloria Dei Annual Coat Drive



November 10-December 29

Andrew Sutherland is kicking off his annual coat drive. He is collecting coats and many other items for the homeless again this winter. There will be a collection box in the atrium. Also, there will be a drive-thru drop-off on Saturday, December 14, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (rain or shine). He collects items for men, women and children. All items are distributed with H.E.L.P. at A Night's Welcome shelters in Hampton and the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula.

WINTER GEAR Items collected (please no spring and summer items):

- *Coats *Hats *Belts *Socks *Sweatshirts
- *Long sleeve shirts *Scarves *Backpacks *Gloves *Sweaters

Please share the news with your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Feel free to call the church office with any questions. Thank you for your support!!

Nave Chrismon Tree Set-up

On **Tuesday, December 3**, we will start at 5:00 p.m. with tree set-up and fluffing. Pizza will be provided. If needed, we will meet again on Thursday, December 5.

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will be on **Friday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m.** Soup and hotdogs with chili will be served for dinner. We invite you to join us for singing, decorating, fellowship, and kids' activities. Nursery will be available. Please lend us your inflatable Christmas decorations for the kids' hay ride.

Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling begins at 11:00 a.m. on **Sunday, December 22**. Carolers will travel by Gloria Dei bus. All are welcome to join in the singing. Following caroling, we will come back to the church to enjoy some more fellowship over a spaghetti lunch. Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet provided on the table in the Narthex or you may call the Church Office, 757-851-2838, or email tbialk@gloriadei.net or psipes@gloriadei.net so we can plan on enough food.

Christmas Tree Sales

Tree sales will begin Saturday, November 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds benefit our youth groups.

6-7 ft for \$65 7-8 ft for \$80

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FRIDAYS	5 PM - 8 PM
SATURDAYS	9 AM - 7 PM
SUNDAYS	12 PM - 6 PM

Storytelling—Everybody's Got a Story

The Real Thing at the Beauty Parlor
Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays

You are invited to

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY • FOOD • MUSIC • CRAFTS

2nd Session

Dec. 4 & 11

3rd Session

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb. 5 & 12

4th Session

Apr. 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21 & 28

We are excited to offer this program to all students in **Grades K-12.**



Please scan this QR Code to register your child.

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

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.

Be the change.

Help change a life. Give blood.



Blood Drive
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
250 Fox Hill Road
Hampton, VA 23669

Sunday, January 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Pastoral Record

December Birthdays

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| 1 Jacob Zamora, Joy Hough,
Jenny Sutherland, Amy Etheridge | 10 Jack Adams, Bill Karlson | 19 Pam Hess, Tom Hooks |
| 2 Gabe Hutchison | 11 Keegan St. Laurent, Amanda Jackson | 21 Zachary Via |
| 4 Dean Grimm | 13 Nancy Monroe, Alan Zorumski | 22 Lucas Lopez Venable |
| 5 Crystal Via | 14 Krista Hester, Fred Bradley, Jr. | 27 Leann Waters, Sarah Jackson |
| 6 Ann Myers | 15 Fred Bound, Jr. | 30 Laura Engelund, Chip Lomax, II |
| 8 Josh Lowman | 17 Kristin Wallis-Thomas,
Miranda Venable | |
| 9 Braden Shiamone | 18 Vivian Griese | |

December Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 Gordon and Michelle Robertson | 22 James and Yvonne Roberts | 31 Buzz and Anita Hamilton |
| 5 Joe and Mary Capone | 23 Brown and Rowena Cornwell | David and Anne Perry |
| 10 CJ and Leann Waters | 28 Keith and Mary Jane Leckrone | |
| 18 Bob and Joan Hudgins | 30 Richard and Stephanie Williams | |
| Bob and Vivian Reynolds | | |

January Birthdays

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|---|---|---|
| 2 Vicki O'Neill | 15 James Roberts | 26 Mike Via |
| 3 Karen Igel | 18 Justin Hart, Kyle Leckrone,
Kerri Masters | 27 Stephanie Williams, Amber Via,
Miles Campbell |
| 4 Nan Jordan, Ashley Zamora | 19 Shannon Schubert, Pastor Dave Fox | 29 Maddie Tatum-Harper,
Dawn Montgomery |
| 7 Kevin Fyfe, Lily Hess, Alexis Pfahl,
Charlie Venable | 20 Sharon Rose | 30 Bonnie Morelen, Michael Murphy |
| 8 Will Hess, Josh Glaab, Debbie Dunn | 21 Fran Vanpelt, Jessi Lowman | 31 Susan Canny, Jeremiah Green |
| 9 Dorie Scherer, Allison Hudgins | 22 Frank Saloka, Jr; Richard Fox, III | |
| 12 Marlene Saloka | 24 Remi Keough | |
| 13 Will Hackworth | 25 James Williams, Micaela Ruhl,
Kelly Werner, Megan Jacobs, | |

January Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jack and Jenny Robinson | 2 Dana and Cheryl Smith | 31 Bob and Pam Hess |
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Baptisms

Clayton David Feld
October 20, 2024

Josie Summers Feld
October 20, 2024

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM-WORSHIP Advent Lessons & Carols 11 AM Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30 PM Pack 27 Meeting; Girl Scout Meeting 7PM Troop 10	3 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 5 PM Chrismon Tree Set-up	4 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 5:45 PM- Dinner 6:15 PM Service Project	5 <i>Deadline for February and March Newsletter Articles</i>	6 5 PM Christmas Tree Sales 6 PM Hanging of the Greens 8 PM Senior High Lock-In	7 9 AM Christmas Tree Sales
8 9:30 AM-WORSHIP/Celebration Sunday; Light Brunch 11 AM Choir Rehearsal; Prayer Shawl Ministry 12 PM Christmas Tree Sales	9 6:30 PM Pack 27 Meeting 7PM Troop 10; WELCA Book Club	10 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	11 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 5:45 PM-Dinner 6:15 PM Travel to see lights, RSVP required	12	13 5 PM Christmas Tree Sales	14 9 AM Christmas Tree Sales
15 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 10:30 AM C&C Training 11 AM Choir Rehearsal; ExAdCom 12 PM Christmas Tree Sales 2 PM Hampton Story Telling	16 6:30 PM Pack 27 Meeting; Girl Scout Meeting 7PM Troop 10	17 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	18 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.	19 7 PM A Pint with Pastor – White Oak Lodge	20 5 PM Christmas Tree Sales	21 9 AM Christmas Tree Sales
22 9:30 AM-WORSHIP 11 AM Choir Rehearsal 12 PM Christmas Tree Sales 11 AM Christmas Caroling, Spaghetti Lunch	23 6:30 PM Pack 27 Meeting 7PM Troop 10; A Glass with the Girls-Pour Girls	24 5 PM Children's Christmas Eve Worship 7:30 PM Candelight Service	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28
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29 9:30 AM-WORSHIP Christmas Lessons & Carols	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><i>New Year's Break Church, School, and Childcare Closed</i></p> </div>					

Calendar Requests—please email
CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net
 for all facility usage requests.

January 2025

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<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM- WORSHIP</p> <p>9AM – 2PM Blood Drive 11 AM Choir Rehearsal; ExAdCom</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>MLK Day Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Pack 27 Meeting 7PM Troop 10</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 5:45 PM-Growing with Jesus (K-4th Gr.), Jr. & Sr. Youth Music 6:15 PM Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study 6:45 PM 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts</p>	23	24	25
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Pre-service music begins at 7:15 p.m.