



FROM THE TOWER

April/May 2025

Worship with Us!

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:1-3

(I would encourage you to read the rest of the chapter.)

A book we were assigned in seminary was “*Stages of Faith: The Psychology of Human Development and the Quest for Meaning*,” by The Rev. Dr. James W. Fowler. Dr. Fowler, a professor of Theology and Human Development at Emory University until his retirement in 2005, was deeply interested in both faith and human development. In his book, he outlined six stages of faith (seven if you include Stage Zero). Fowler believed that age played a significant role in advancing through the stages, though it wasn't the only factor. In fact, most people never progress beyond the early stages, and it's even rarer for individuals to experience faith through the lenses of Stage Five (Conjunctive Faith) or Stage Six (Universalizing Faith). According to his study, the reason so few reach these later stages is that they require profound personal growth.

Fowler identified six key factors that could help individuals progress through the stages of faith: life experiences, cognitive and psychological development, reflective and critical thinking, spiritual practices and disciplines, encountering and embracing diversity, and community and relationships.

It's important to note that Fowler emphasized faith development is not a linear or absolute process. Instead, it is a deeply personal and contextual journey. He believed that people at different stages of faith offer valuable insights and contributions, shaped by their unique experiences and perspectives. The goal, he argued, is not to judge others based on their stage of faith, but to understand and appreciate the rich diversity of spiritual experiences people have at different points in their lives.

Church growth is often defined by the number of people filling the pews during worship, but this is a limited measure. True church growth goes beyond numbers. You can't expect the church to grow if you aren't willing to grow as a Christian yourself. Let me emphasize that: You cannot expect church growth if you are not willing to grow as a Christian.

Worship is undeniably a fundamental practice of the Christian faith, but it is not the only way to grow in faith. There is so much more we can do beyond the seventy-five minutes of weekly worship. Daily Scripture reading and prayer are essential for deepening our faith, but in my experience, small groups focused on Scripture and prayer, along with spiritual retreats, are some of the most effective ways to grow spiritually. When Christians commit to growing in their faith, they inspire others to do the same.

A helpful resource for those wanting to explore new spiritual disciplines is Marjorie J. Thompson's “*Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*.” This book is a guide, not only for those experienced in spiritual practices, but also for those just starting their journey. Thompson invites readers to explore various spiritual disciplines that nurture and sustain one's faith. These practices can deepen our relationship with God and foster spiritual growth. Some of the practices she encourages include fasting, self-examination, and hospitality, as well as other more common disciplines.

If you want to see the church grow, remember the words of Michael Jackson: “Take a look at yourself and then make a change.” It starts with you. A community of individuals committed to their own spiritual growth will become contagious, inspiring others and fostering the growth of the congregation. So, let's put on our Comfo-Caps and begin to explore our faith more deeply than ever before.

Peace be the journey,
Pastor Dave

Works cited:

Fowler, J. W. (1981). *Stages of Faith: The Psychology of Human Development and the Quest for Meaning*. San Francisco, CA: Harper Collins.

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Worship Schedule for Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

April 17, at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP

April 18, at 7:00 p.m.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD WORSHIP

Sunday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Nursery available.

A flower cross will be created on Easter Sunday using the Lenten Cross. Children and adults are invited to bring fresh flowers to church on Easter to help decorate the Easter Cross.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

Our next *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday* is on **Sunday, June 1, 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 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!

Life Groups at Gloria Dei

Joining or creating a small group in your church offers a unique opportunity to grow deeper in your faith and build meaningful connections. In a small group, you can share your struggles, celebrate victories, and pray with others who understand your journey. It's a space where you can learn, ask questions, and support one another in ways that go beyond Sunday services. The relationships formed in small groups often become a source of encouragement and accountability, helping you live out your faith daily. As the early church gathered together in Acts, small groups are still a powerful way to experience fellowship, discipleship, and service. By connecting with others, you not only strengthen your own faith, but also contribute to the growth and health of the church body. Together, we can grow in love, truth, and purpose—empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as Christ's hands and feet. If you feel the call to host a small group and/or to join a small group, please email Pastor at pastordave@gloriadei.net.

Suppers at Capri

Please join Pastor Dave and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd, on **Tuesdays, April 15 and May 20, at 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 the Tuesday prior, April 8 and May 13;*** 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.

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>

Minister of Music



Brandon Spence, DMA
Minister of Music

Building Faith, Building Community, Building Lives. The parish faith statement provides a solid foundation for how I focus my role (Minister of Music) and provides guidance on how I live my life. Indeed, it is about service to others in the name of Christ. Hospitality, is the singular noun that best describes, sums up, what ministry and service are all about. Neither faith, nor community, nor lives can be successfully built without hospitality. *Hospitality is the act of welcoming and treating guests, visitors, or strangers with kindness and generosity. It's about making people feel comfortable, valued and welcome, and creating a sense of belonging. (Gemini AI)*

The question has been put to me as to why I tend to play the melody of congregational hymns completely through one time before anyone sings anything. The response may be expressed through a single word. Hospitality. There are always guests and other visitors among the Gloria Dei faith community at worship. We invite them to pray with and for us. We publish a worship aid weekly to facilitate prayerful participation. Playing the melody through before congregational singing is a powerful tool that familiarizes those who may be unfamiliar with the tune. In sum, it provides familiarity for the unknown, unfamiliar and less familiar.

Harold Gleason, in the 8th edition of his text Method of Organ Playing, gives the first rule for playing hymn introductions:

1. Processional hymns should preferably be played all the way through before singing...A simple (and good) question. A simple (and also good) response. I conclude this article with these items for continued reflection:
 - A. *Building Faith, Building Community, Building Lives*
 - B. Ministry
 - C. Hospitality

In this cycle year of the lectionary, the year of Luke, I close with the words of scripture.

"But I am among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27

Thank you for the privilege of being Minister of Music to this wonderful faith community.

Brandon D. Spence, DMA

Minister of Music

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is 60 years old this year!

Yes, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is 60 years old this year!

As part of a year-long celebration, we are inviting our church and school individuals and families to participate in several "60 Day Challenges," throughout the year. We wrapped up our first challenge, "60 Days of Prayer," at the end of March. We will be revealing how many prayers have been lifted up to bless and support our church and school, during this challenge, how exciting! Thank you to everyone for your prayers, and even though this challenge is ending, please make it a habit to continue praying for our church and school.

A new "60 Day Challenge" will soon be posted in the Tower of the Triumphant. If you don't regularly come in through the tower entrance, please stop by to check out what is happening with the new challenge!

You have been challenged!

Your Church Council

Council Corner

God always has a plan.

God uses all of us in surprising ways. Most of the time, we don't realize how God has directed our actions to work for His good.

Moses was called by God to lead his people out of Egypt. He had a lot of excuses why he was not equipped to be a leader. "I am not good enough." "I don't have all the answers." "People won't believe me." "I am a terrible public speaker." "I am not qualified." (Boosntra). When Moses accepted the call, he was given all he needed to fulfill God's plan. Of course, there were lots of challenges during the course of his leadership. In the end, Moses led up to 600,000 men out of Egypt! (*Note, this number is Biblical, but scholars doubt it is accurate for several reasons. The number is estimated to be closer to 30,000 men, not including families. Still a huge number*). As you read through the story of the exodus and the time after, look at all the people impacted through this one man. God always has a plan.

I recently viewed Muscarelle Museum of Art's reopening exhibition, "Michelangelo. The Genesis of the Sistine." This current exhibit showcases preliminary drawings by Michelangelo in preparation for painting the Sistine Chapel's ceiling. I was struck by how small these drawings were and none were "complete." All seemed to be snippets of images and poses Michelangelo was trying to work out on paper. I realized that just like these many snippets, our life is filled with opportunities for God to slowly equip us for a grander purpose. We may never see the final product, but are still called to faithfully act. Like Moses, Michelangelo had a lot of excuses for not initially accepting the commission to paint this logistically challenging space. He often complained that he was a sculptor not a painter. Working through others to push Michelangelo to accept this commission, God used his talent to interpret and represent the story of our creation, fall and ultimate salvation through the grace of Christ. Michelangelo never could have imagined that his work would be seen by over 5 million people a year, yet God did. God always has a plan.

God is continually preparing us through little "snippets" of opportunities. How will you respond? With excuses? Imagine how many people will be impacted, if you say yes.

Remember, God always has a plan!

Vivian Griese

Boosntra, Jean. April 18, 2024.

<https://www.voiceofprophecy.com/articles/blog/moses-five-excuses#:~:text=He%20gave%20him%20two%20miraculous,Final%20excuse%20abated.>)

What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives.

Through The Walk to Emmaus, as they seek to become healthy and vital congregations, local churches have both a means of growing disciples and a tool for developing leaders for their disciple-making systems.

The program begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity that is wrapped in prayer and signs of sacrificial service. It continues for the rest of participants' lives with follow-up groups that, along with the local church's robust offerings, contribute to participants' ongoing growth in grace.

Ultimately, The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

*****Upcoming Men's and Women's Weekends*****

Men's Walk: May 1 – May 4

Women's Walk: May 15 – May 18

Pastor is looking at serving on the Women's weekend, so it would be great to have as many Gloria Dei women as possible to do this walk. Please, let Pastor Dave know of your interest ASAP. You can call the church office, 757-851-2838, or email Pastor at pastordave@gloriadei.net.

Wonderful Wednesdays

You are invited to

W O N D E R F U L W E D N E S D A Y S

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY • FOOD • MUSIC • CRAFTS

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.

Newsletter Deadline

June/July Newsletter deadline

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Please email articles to tbialk@gloriadei.net.

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:

- * Mac & Cheese
- * Juice (individual size)
- * Canned veggies—corn, beans, green beans
- * Toilet Paper
- * Soap
- * Crackers
- * Peanut Butter
- * Shelf-stable milk
- * Canned or Boxed Potatoes

Calendar Request

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

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

WELCA Book Group

The WELCA Book Group continues to meet on the second Monday of each month. We get together to discuss a book which we have all read prior to the evening. However, that being said, we've decided to skip meeting on our regular April evening since it falls in Holy Week. Instead, we will get together on **May 5** at the home of Sharon Padula. The book selected is "*The Queens of Crime*" by Marie Benedict. Here's a brief synopsis of the book.

London, 1930. The five greatest women crime writers have banded together to form a secret society with a single goal: to show they are no longer willing to be treated as second-class citizens by their male counterparts in the legendary Detection Club. Led by the formidable Dorothy L. Sayers, the group includes Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, Margery Allingham and Baroness Emma Orczy. They call themselves the Queens of Crime. Their plan? Solve an actual murder, that of a young woman found strangled in a park in France who may have connections leading to the highest levels of the British establishment.

May Daniels, a young English nurse on an excursion to France with her friend, seemed to vanish into thin air as they prepared to board a ferry home. Months later, her body is found in the nearby woods. The murder has all the hallmarks of a locked room mystery for which these authors are famous: how did her killer manage to sneak her body out of a crowded train station without anyone noticing? If, as the police believe, the cause of death is manual strangulation, why is there is an extraordinary amount of blood at the crime scene? What is the meaning of a heartbreaking secret letter seeming to implicate an unnamed paramour? Determined to solve the highly publicized murder, the Queens of Crime embark on their own investigation, discovering they're stronger together. But soon the killer targets Dorothy Sayers herself, threatening to expose a dark secret in her past that she would do anything to keep hidden.

Women of Gloria Dei WELCA

The Women of Gloria Dei meet periodically throughout the year for fellowship and to support various mission projects. Once again we will sponsor the creation of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) as our Lenten Journey. These kits are distributed throughout the world during times of national disasters. The items needed include:

1. Nail clippers (sturdy heavy-duty ones)
2. Comb (a large sturdy comb—no rattails)
3. 2 full-sized bath soap bars (no hotel sizes or travel sizes)
4. **Light weight** bath towel, about 20x40" to 52x28" in a medium to dark color
5. Full-sized adult toothbrush (no travel sizes; leave in packaging)

Soap and towels are our greatest need. An area for donations has been set up in the Rotunda and will remain through Palm Sunday. You can donate monetarily by placing a check or cash (in a designated envelope) in the offering plate, mailing it to the church office, or on Tithe.ly. Please add "LWR Kits" in the memo section. You may purchase complete kits or any portion. On Monday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m., we will be assembling the Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief along with the Girl Scouts. This is an "All Hands on Deck" effort, so please mark your calendars now. Because of this, A Glass with the Girls will not happen in April. If you have any questions or want more information, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

Community Bible Study

We will not have this Bible Study on Wednesday, April 23. Our weekly Community Bible Study, which is 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.

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.




Easter Egg Hunt

Open to children ages 2 to 10

**SATURDAY
APR 19**

**START
9:00 AM**



This event is rain or shine.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Back To
School

**NOW REGISTERING FOR THE
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Accepting student applications for
Toddlers - 8th Grade**

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**Lisa Dadez,
Principal**

From the Principal

Registration is well underway for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have not yet had an opportunity to register, forms are available on our website, gdlschamptonva.com, or at either school campus.

In January, all school and church staff participated in ALICE Active Threat Response Training. This training was conducted by Senior Corporal Scott Anderson with the Hampton Police Department. The acronym ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. This training is the standard in Hampton City Schools and aligns Gloria Dei's response with other area schools. ALICE training helps us better "prepare, prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from a critical incident."

We are pleased to welcome Dyer Vest to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and School. Dyer serves as our Manager of Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation. Dyer started in February and works closely with Gloria Dei's Senior Staff, maintenance department and bus drivers.

In March, Vicki O'Neill joined our staff as School Secretary. Vicki brings years of experience and a true love for Gloria Dei to this essential role with the school.

In May, students in kindergarten through 8th grade will be administered the Stanford Achievement Test. As testing is new for our youngest students, kindergarten classes will spread out their testing between May 1 – May 9. Students in first – eighth grades will test each morning during the week of May 5-9. Testing results will be sent home on Thursday, May 22.

The end of the school year is just around the corner, and that includes spring programs and graduation. Please mark your calendars with the following important dates.

<u>Wednesday, May 28</u>	9:00 a.m.	Transition and Preschool Class (Waldmiller, Cole, Smith, & Watts)
	10:30 a.m.	Prekindergarten Classes (Bennett, Dermanis, & Howard)
<u>Thursday, May 29</u>	9:00 a.m.	Toddler and Two-Year Old Classes (Coleman, Elberfeld, Nolder, & King)
	10:30 a.m.	Kindergarten Classes (Kittle & Yarrington)
<u>Monday, June 2</u>	9:00 a.m.	1 st Grade Classes (Menendez & Nolte)
	10:30 a.m.	2 nd Grade Class (Maguire & Wiggins)
<u>Tuesday, June 3</u>	9:00 a.m.	6 th & 7 th Grade Classes (Mahan & Earhart)
	10:30 a.m.	3 rd & 4 th Grade Classes (Watterton & Zamora)
<u>Wednesday, June 4</u>	7:00 p.m.	5 th & 8 th Grade Graduation Ceremony (Wallace & Vogt)

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:

Toddler & Preschool Teachers
Elementary-level Teachers
Instructional Aides
Bus Drivers
Kitchen Staff
Afternoon Child Care Aides

I am pleased to announce 104 Gloria Dei students in our first – eighth grade classes earned Honor Roll recognition for the second grading period of our 2024 - 2025 school year. For a few of these students, this is their first time on the Honor Roll. Keep up the hard work!

1st Grade - Nolte

Omnia Abney	Caleb Bacallao	Jaylen Henry
Abigail Martin	Rorik Martin	Kai Montgomery
Brody Robertson	Adelynn Tice	Reagan Watkins
Joanna Yohn	Annabelle Zember	

1st Grade - Menendez

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

2nd Grade - Maguire

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

2nd Grade - Wiggins

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

3rd Grade - Watterton

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	Mario Brown
Jacob Church	Nolan Frazier	Kayla Grace Grant
Ronald Hayford	Nixon Howell	Asha McKenna
King Oliver	Shella Schrum	John Wilhelm
Richard Wilhelm	Sanaii Lucky-Williams	John Henry Yohn

5th Grade - Wallace

Gunnar Gibson
Jaxon Kerrick
Meghan Willey

Christiana Grandberry
Tyler Kline
Jozef Zywnina

Nathanael Howell
Naomi Menendez

6th Grade

Kylee Brewer
Steven Mustard
St. John Villar

Elijah Cooper
Orlando Peters

Oliver Fox
Taylor Smith

7th Grade

Tucker Cook

Peyton LaRoche

Bryson Nichols

8th Grade

Lola Atkins
Isabella Little
Matthew Wu

Abigail Fisher
Bryson Rader
Zoe Zou

Alena Fortuna
Scott Willett

Grace and blessings,
Lisa S. Dadez

Physical Education

In the Physical Education department here at Gloria Dei, we have just wrapped up this year's Kids Heart and American Heart Challenges! We raised an amazing \$2,081.46! Many of our students took their fundraising a step further by completing Finn's Mission, and learning the useful tool of hands only CPR. We celebrated this awesome accomplishment with a day of play, games, and showing off our incredible jump rope skills.

This year, our top fundraiser was Kennedy Saloka! Students who fundraised for these wonderful children with heart differences will be receiving rewards from the American Heart Association Rewards include keychains, t-shirts, kick balls, and more!

Thank you so much to all those friends and family members who helped out and contributed to this great cause! I am so proud of all of our students!

Mrs. Breanna Burris
Physical Education Teacher

Lessons of the Bible

Last year, Lessons of the Bible was implemented into the children's curriculum for grades one through five. We read stories from both the Old and New Testaments, concluding with Jesus's accession into Heaven. This year, we began back in the Old Testament picking up stories not taught last year.

The children have learned about many important people from the Bible including Thomas, Joseph and his brothers. Other notable stories include Moses, Deborah, Samuel and David. In the next few weeks, we will again return to the New Testament and learn more about Jesus and His good works.

Along with the stories, the children are given leaflets with activities that go along with the lessons. I hope that your student is enjoying this class and has enlightened you to what he or she has learned.

Blessings,
Debbie Cotrupi

Attention Upcoming Graduates!

If you are graduating from college or high school this year, please notify the church office with your name, school, address, phone number, and your future plans. We will list you in our August/September newsletter and one of our *Weekly* bulletins.

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.

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- Toddler & Preschool Teachers
- Elementary-level Teachers
- Instructional Aides
- Bus Drivers
- Kitchen Staff
- Afternoon Child Care Aides

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.

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.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

February 26, 2025

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
250 Fox Hill Rd
Hampton, VA 23669-1757

Thank You

Dear Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,885.57 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people — around the world and around the corner — with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Rachel Wind
Executive for Development

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.

Pastoral Record

April Birthdays

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|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 Roger Lowman, Madison Dadez | 10 Jenny Robinson | 21 Logan Robnett |
| 2 Mary Beth Mace | 11 Amy Fuentes, Carolyn Swanson,
Ed Gretka, Nancy Haberman | 22 Garth Wallis |
| 3 Diane Washburn | 14 Sharon Linnin, John Henry Yohn | 25 Ayden Booth |
| 4 Don Padula, Royce Lomax | 15 William Waldrop, III | 27 Patty Jenkins, Bonnie Hess |
| 6 Cathy Curtis, Elizabeth Linnin-Hester | 16 Donna Lanning, Kris Todd | 29 Mya Newsome |
| 7 Debbie Moore | 17 Tamara Behan | |
| 9 Jackie Hart, Cheryl Hooks,
Mike Riley | 19 Dawn Lomax, Craig Ruhl | |

April Anniversaries

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| 3 Larry and Debbie Dunn | 20 Bill and Carolyn Swanson | 29 Frank and Rebecca Grossman |
| 4 Leonard and Marna Mayo | 23 Jimmie and Charlene Smith | Bruce Thomas and Kristin Wallis-Thomas |
| 6 Scott and Amanda Jackson | 24 Tom and Claire Clasen | 30 Clinton and Renee Wells |
| 11 Brian and Chelsea Souder | 26 Aaron and Jenny Sutherland | |
| 13 Kris and Peggy Todd | | |

May Birthdays

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| 1 Ramona Rice | 13 Tom Clasen | 24 Todd Pfahl, Luke Glaab |
| 2 Joan Hudgins | 14 Nicole Booth, Steff Payne | 27 Sarah Olsen |
| 4 Mary Capone, Dot Kelly,
Wivi Pelt-Detlie | 15 Ron Aheimer | 27 Conner Smith, Maribel Fox |
| 6 Laura Lopez | 16 Dakota Jenkins | 29 Cheryl Smith, David Perry,
Ryan Wells |
| 7 Richard Williams, Sr. | 17 Joan Ehlers | 30 Nick Shannon |
| 8 Heather Mendez | 18 Emily Urban | 31 Martha Bauer |
| 9 Diego Fuentes | 19 Tad Foringer | |
| 11 Janet Cole, Laura Fox,
Cassy Todd | 21 Marcus Miller | |
| | 22 Sheree Harper | |
| | 23 Barry Hutchison | |

May Anniversaries

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| 3 Scott and Gwyn Gridley | 11 Fred and Amy Bound, Jr. | 22 Ed and Susan Krebs |
| 5 Mike and Ann Riley | 12 Frank and Jerri Dickeski, Jr. | |

Deaths

Russell "Russ" C. Morrison
February 20, 2025

Max L. Vanpelt
March 25, 2025

New Members

Michael Behan
Linda Moss
Calvin and Kelly Redman

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	3	4	5
6 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM Choir Rehearsal; ExAdCom	7 6:30 PM Pack 27 Mtg 7PM Troop 10	8 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study <i>Deadline for Reservation - Suppers at Capri</i>	9 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	10	11 12 PM-5 PM Easter Egg Order Pick-up	12
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13 9:30 AM-Palm Sunday WORSHIP 9 AM Easter Egg Order Pick-up 11 AM Choir Rehearsal; Prayer Shawl; Council Meeting	14 6:30 PM Pack 27 Mtg; Girl Scout Mtg 7PM Troop 10; WELCA Book Club	15 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study 6 PM Suppers at Capri – Reservation Required	16 12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.	17 6:30 PM Rehearsal for Cross and Crown & Altar Guild 7 PM Maunder Thursday WORSHIP	18 6:30 PM Rehearsal for Cross and Crown & Altar Guild 7 PM Good Friday Tenebrae WORSHIP <i>Church Office, School, and Child Care Closed</i>	19 9 AM-Easter Egg Hunt 
20  Easter Sunday 9:30 AM- WORSHIP	21 6:30 PM Pack 27 Meeting 7PM Troop 10 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	22 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	23 2:30 PM The Master's Singers 5:45 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Beach Clean-Up	24	25	26
27 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM Choir Rehearsal	28 6:30 PM Pack 27 Mtg; Girl Scout Mtg 7PM Troop 10; ELCA – LWR Kit Assembly	29 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	30 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 PM 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> Calendar Requests—please email CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net for all facility usage requests. </div>		

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<i>Men's Walk to Emmaus Thursday-Sunday</i>						
4 9:30 AM- WORSHIP	5 11 AM Russ Morrison Funeral 12 PM Funeral Reception 6:30 PM Pack 27 Mtg; Girl Scout Mtg 7PM Troop 10; WELCA Book Club	6 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	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 PM 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	8 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	9 6 PM Staff Banquet	10
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<i>Women's Walk to Emmaus Thursday-Sunday</i>						
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25 9:30 AM- WORSHIP 11 AM Choir Rehearsal; Council Meeting	26 <i>Memorial Day – Church, School, and Child Care Closed</i>	27 10 AM Fellowship Bible Study	28 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 PM 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study, Confirmation, Sr. High Discipleship, Music, Crafts	29	30	31
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Worship Schedule for Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

April 17, at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP

April 18, at 7:00 p.m.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD WORSHIP

Sunday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Nursery available.

✿ *A FLOWER CROSS will be created on Easter Sunday using the Lenten Cross.* ✿
Children and adults are invited to bring fresh flowers to church on Easter to help decorate the Easter Cross.

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