



# FROM THE TOWER

## June/July 2025

**Worship with Us!**

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**Building Faith ✚ Building Community ✚ Building Lives**



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

### **The Fox's Trot**

In the middle of May, I had the honor of serving as a spiritual director on a Women's Emmaus weekend. Though Emmaus comes through a Methodist movement, it is truly an ecumenical endeavor—bringing together people from a variety of Christian backgrounds to learn more deeply about God's grace. A church that professes faith in the "one holy and apostolic church" must spend time engaging with other expressions of Christianity.

As spiritual directors, we each give talks focused on a particular aspect of God's grace. My talk was titled *Obstacles to a Grace-Filled Life*. The greatest obstacle to grace, I shared, is often ourselves—we tend to get in the way of God's work in our lives.

Thirty-one women participated in this Emmaus weekend, supported by more than fifty volunteers, myself included. It was an incredibly powerful time. The participants ranged in age from twenty-five to eighty-five, and from my vantage point, I witnessed a transformation in each of them. God's grace was palpable.

I've been involved in this movement since I was a teenager. In the Catholic and Episcopal churches, it's known as *Cursillo*; and in the Lutheran church, it's *Via de Cristo*. While the names and terminology may differ, the heart of the movement is the same. The Emmaus movement also has a teen version called *Chrysalis*. The Lutheran counterpart is *Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)*. I attended my TEC weekend during my sophomore year of high school and later walked on my *Via de Cristo* weekend in the fall of 2015. Since then, I've served on countless weekends for TEC, *Via de Cristo*, and now Emmaus. It's a movement I deeply believe in and will continue to support.

As I've said many times before, growing churches have two common threads: their members attend spiritual weekends, and they are actively engaged in small groups—groups that pray together and read Scripture together.

Here are the upcoming Emmaus weekends:

- Men's Weekend: October 23–26
- Women's Weekend: November 6–9
- Chrysalis (High School Students): January 17–19

I've been asked to give a drop-in talk for the Men's weekend, so men—you'll have a chance to hear from me. I'll also be serving on the girls' side of the Chrysalis weekend in January (the boys and girls attend the same weekend but remain separated).

If you, your spouse, or your high school teen is interested, please reach out to me as soon as possible. I can help with the application and connect you with a sponsor (someone who has previously attended). Please note that each weekend has a maximum number of participants and a firm cut-off date for applications.

What I saw happen in the lives of those women this May—I want that for all of you. Several of us would be happy to answer your questions or share about our experience. The weekend isn't secretive, though there are a few surprises we like to keep. I hope many of you will consider attending one of these upcoming weekends.

Peace be the journey,  
Pastor Dave

## Bring a Friend to Church

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 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!

## 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>



## Annual Meeting

**Sunday, June 22, 2025, following worship in the Nave**

Elections, approval of budget and reports are highlights of the agenda. See you there! A copy of the Annual Report will be ready for you to pick up after the service on Sunday, June 15, so you may review it ahead of time.

## Supper(s) at Capri

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd, Tuesday, June 17 and July 22, 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, June 10 and July 15;*** 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.

## 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](mailto:pastordave@gloriadei.net).

## Outdoor Summer Music Series

Our summer music series is back for another season of good music and good times! The event is free, with food and drinks available for purchase. Stay tuned for event dates and details!

## Newsletter Deadline

August/September Newsletter deadline

**Thursday, July 10, 2025**

Please email articles to [tbiak@gloriadei.net](mailto:tbiak@gloriadei.net).

## Minister of Music



**Brandon Spence, DMA**  
**Minister of Music**

Ah! It's time for another article for the parish Newsletter. Seems like that was just a couple weeks ago.

A question that has frequently come to me in my time here revolves around the way I present hymns for congregational singing. This is quite a fine question. In the Lutheran tradition, the congregation is very accustomed to singing. Musical literacy is very much a part of heritage of Luther and the Reformation. However, one must admit that there are various levels of musical literacy. Many have come into the tradition with little to no musical literacy. Liturgy by its very name requires participation by all gathered. The rhetorical issue then becomes or revolves a matter of hospitality. If a given hymn is either unknown or unfamiliar, simple playing through of the hymn before the congregation sings is very often all it takes to introduce the hymn to those who cannot read music, and those who need a little refamiliarization to participate. If I were writing in terms of the ministry of the usher, the word I would use is hospitality. Pedagogical literature on service playing supports this. Famed performer and teacher, Harold Gleason (Method of Organ Playing, p. 282) states as the first guideline to successful hymn playing "Processional hymns should preferably be played all the way through before singing..."

Brandon D. Spence, DMA  
Minister of Music

## Council Corner

### "Big L" and "Little l"

My doctoral dissertation was on the concept of creativity and how it impacts successful leaders. Through my research, I learned about "big C" and "little c" creativity. "Little c" is when we creatively come up with a new recipe, organize in a new manner, or create a beautiful poem. "Little c" moments make our lives sparkle and fill us with joy. "Big C" creativity is someone who creates new knowledge within a field of study, which is then added to historical keeping. We can all be creative in some manner. Is one type of creativity better or more important than the other? The short answer is no. They both have purpose and a place in our lives.

Regarding leadership, think about it in terms of "big L" and "little l" leaders. There is the mistaken belief that only the "big L" matters. "Big L" leaders have big titles and important positions that radiate impacts well beyond their sphere of influence. "Little l" leaders are those who quietly lead by example, not title, and use their influence and skills in a less formal manner to affect those directly around them. They step up when needed, if only temporarily. They are peer leaders, mentors, volunteers, someone who leads an event or even serves on a council. They make a huge difference where they are. "Big L" leaders are important, but we cannot live or function without a lot of "little l" leaders willing to make life better. No special skills required, just a desire and willingness to help others, not afraid to seek advice when needed and to always put God at the forefront of your decision making. Gloria Dei needs "little l's" of all kinds! Remember, "little l's" can be temporary, allowing you to grow and slowly gain confidence to more readily accept the next call for a leadership position.

Listen...God is calling!  
Vivian Griese  
Council President

## Calendar Request

Please email [CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net](mailto:CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net) for all facility usage requests.

## Youth Group

We want to wish Dallam Brown a big CONGRATULATIONS on his graduation from Kecoughtan High School! We are so proud and wish him all the best as he embarks on this new journey. Your friends in youth group will miss you!

## Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is 60 years old this year!

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

Our current 60-Day Challenge is 60 Days of Gratitude, which will end on June 18. An outgrowth of our prayers should be an attitude of thankfulness and gratitude. Too often, we complain only to God and to each other. We don't pay attention to the many positive things we encounter each day. We challenge you to turn your thinking around.

We challenge and encourage everyone to recognize at least one to three things each day during these 60 days for which to be grateful, or to let someone know that you are grateful for them. A gratitude tree will begin growing in the Tower of the Triumphant. There will be leaves available for you to write what you are grateful for, and then attach these leaves to the tree. It will be a beautiful tree! You have been challenged!

Your Church Council

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

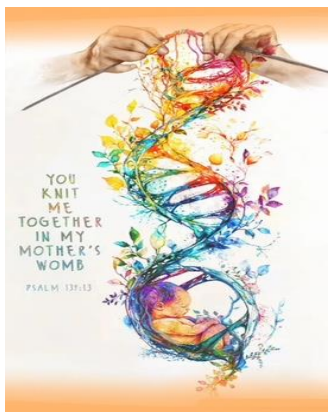
## Community Bible Study

Our weekly Community Bible Study, held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, **is held on Wednesdays at noon. We will not meet on June 11, July 2, or July 16.** 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](mailto:slpadula1@gmail.com).

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Gloria Dei began approximately 20 years ago. Since that time, well over 100 shawls, lap robes, baptismal blankets, and confirmation stoles have been presented. The presentation is a gift to the recipient to illustrate the love that the congregation holds for them. We also took on the task of completing the kneelers behind the altar for the servers to use.

When we first started, there were 12 regular needle workers. Sadly, since that time, our numbers have dwindled, and now we have only five ladies creating the necessary items. I am now asking for your assistance. If you can knit or crochet and are willing, please consider making a shawl, a lap robe, or a baptismal blanket. It isn't necessary to join the group, although we would love to have you. You can work your creation on your own time.

If this would work for you, please let Rita Foringer know at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net). She can provide you with information of what is needed. Please prayerfully consider helping out. Thank you.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Sunday of the month following the worship service. We 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](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net).

## Women of Gloria Dei WELCA

A "Glass with the Girls" continues to get together at Pour Girls in downtown Hampton on the fourth Monday of the month. Please join us at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 23. It's always an evening of fun and fellowship.

Ideas for activities are always welcome. If you have any suggestions, please let me know; I'm always open to something new or different. Contact Rita Foringer at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net) with your suggestions.

## WELCA Book Group

The Gloria Dei Book Group continues to meet on the second Monday of each month. Our next get-together is scheduled for June 9 at the home of Rita Foringer. We're reading "The Secret Book of Flora Lea," by Patti Callahan Henry. A brief synopsis is below. Book group is open to everyone, so please consider joining us. Our plans for the rest of the summer are undecided, however we will reconvene in September for another good read and discussion! Enjoy your summer! This area has lots of fun stuff to do!

*The Secret Book of Flora Lea*, by Patti Callahan Henry. *This book captivated me. Featuring a British family torn apart by WWII. Hazel and Flora's mother is following government recommendations when she sends her two daughters to the countryside to escape the likely bombing of London.*

*Hazel and Flora find a space with a wonderful mother and her teenage son in Oxfordshire. They all enjoy time in the local woods. Hazel has created a magical and secret world for her younger sister called Whisperwood where they can escape the troubling realities of the world and its tragic events. That tragedy hits home one day when Flora disappears one day during a picnic near the River Thames. It's presumed that she drowned although a body is never found. Hazel's guilt and grief are overwhelming, and she never loses hope that Flora will turn up one day.*

*As an adult, Hazel lives in London and works in a rare bookstore. She's been offered a job at Sotheby's and she's hoping her boyfriend will propose on an upcoming trip to Paris. On her last day at the bookstore, Hazel unwraps a book and discovers her world of Whisperwood illustrated and described in a book. Could Flora be the author? Hazel embarks on a mission, revisiting the past and looking for clues.*

*This one really kept me spellbound and I loved the style of writing. With dual storylines, the pacing was great and kept my interest. For me, this was a perfect mix of mystery, history, first love, and a compelling setting. I wasn't sure if Hazel would find her happy ever after ending, but it was a wonderful journey.*

## 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](mailto:johnbigfootcampbell@gmail.com)

Mike Riley -email: [m.f.riley@cox.net](mailto:m.f.riley@cox.net)

## Estate Planning

You're not going to need your money when you're gone. However, you are responsible for what happens to it after you are gone. Making out a will is very important for everyone to do, both young and old. It is also important to update your will as things change and at least every ten years. If you are creating a will or updating your will consider one of two options to help in the mission of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:

1. In your will you can state, "After all my bills are paid, I want 10 percent of my estate (a tithe) to go to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church."
2. You can make Gloria Dei Lutheran Church one of your children. By making the Church a beneficiary, meaning if you have two biological children, your estate would be split equally to your now three children – one-third to Harvely, one-third to Marvely, and one-third to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Thank you for thinking and planning long-term for our church's future. Ensuring this is in your will, ensures that a plan is in place to help spread the gospel of Jesus to those that come after you.

## Lost in the Woods Run

Peninsula Catholic High School has invited us to participate in the "Lost in the Woods" 5k at 8 a.m. on June 28. This is a unique walk/run/race experience, not only because 100% of the profits go to support charities around the area, but because our team, the LuthRUNs, has a chance to "win" 50% of these profits for the charity of our choice, the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center. The other 50% of the money goes to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There will also be a bounce house and a kids fun run (all the children who register by June 1 will get a medal!), medals for the top three male and female finishes in various age groups, and there's even a rumor that a Sweet Frog truck might stop by.

But the price goes up after May 31, so we're encouraged to visit <https://sites.google.com/view/lostinthe5k/home> and register sooner rather than later.

If you have any questions about the race, feel free to contact the event organizer, Mike Pilola, at [mpilola@peninsulacatholic.org](mailto:mpilola@peninsulacatholic.org).





## VBS 2025 ROAD TRIP

**Sun. June 22 – Thurs. June 26**

**5:15 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Ages 4 years – rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade

(must be potty trained)

**HELLO ROAD TRIP FRIENDS!**

Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking us on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. We will embark on a trip of discovering

God is with us wherever we go!

Songs - Bible lessons - Crafts - Science - Games

Dinner is provided too! **Spaces are limited.** Register online today!

**Register today by scanning this QR CODE**

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



OR [www.myvbs.org/GloriaDeiVBS2025](http://www.myvbs.org/GloriaDeiVBS2025)

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

PLEASE CHECK WEEKLY FOR WAYS TO VOLUNTEER LEADING UP TO OR DURING VBS!

Questions? Contact Jenny Sutherland at (757)513-4943.

# Lutheran World Relief -Keep Girls in School Fund Drive

If you would like to contribute monetarily to this fund, you may do so by adding “keep girls in school” in the memo line of your preferred payment method.



## Sierra Leone:



### BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH EDUCATION

#### THE SITUATION

Education is the best path out of poverty. For every year a girl can stay in school, her earning potential as an adult soars by 20%. Yet poverty is the number one reason hundreds of millions of children globally do not attend school. In Sierra Leone, **nearly 70% of women have no education at all** — greatly limiting their earning potential and their ability to make informed decisions.



**57%**  
of people live in **poverty**



**1 in 3 girls** drops out of school by age 12



Half of 12- to 14-year-olds work  
**28+ hours** a week

Both of 13-year-old Salamatu Conteh's parents are ill and can no longer care for her. This has put Salamatu at a higher risk of dropping out of school.

Luckily, her aunt and uncle were able to take her in and have made her education a priority, despite having four of their own children and limited resources.



#### YOUR IMPACT:

With your incredible support, this year we launched a new pilot program to keep children — and especially girls — in school. We use **an innovative technology** to monitor school attendance, identify out-of-school girls, and provide monthly cash transfers so children can afford an education. Then we address non-financial barriers by connecting girls and their families with **health care, disability services, counseling and other support** so they can better care for themselves.



**Preliminary result:**  
school attendance is already increasing

**882 girls** identified and enrolled



Each icon represents 10 girls.

#### TOP 3 USES OF CASH:



Food



School expenses



Menstrual products





# KEEP GIRLS IN SCHOOL

*Advancing education and  
opportunity for girls  
in Sierra Leone*

## **Needed Supplies for Backpacks**

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper.
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Pencil sharpener
- Pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well.)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band.
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser





**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](http://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 for the Fox Hill and Willow Oaks Campuses  
Instructional Aides for both Fox Hill and Willow Oaks Campuses  
Kitchen Staff  
Bus Drivers  
Afternoon Childcare Aides  
P.E. Teacher

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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 earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Job well done!

1st Place: **Tyler Kline** "The Paper Straw Breakdown"  
2nd Place: **Jaxon Kerrick** "A Sticky Situation"  
3rd Place: **Naomi Menendez** "What Are Plants Thirsty For?"

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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.

I am pleased to announce that 99 Gloria Dei students in our first – eighth grades earned Honor Roll recognition for the third grading period of our 2024 - 2025 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!

### **Honor Roll 2024 – 2025 Third Quarter**

#### **1st Grade - Nolte**

Omnia Abney  
Rorik Martin  
Reagan Watkins

Caleb Bacallao  
Kai Montgomery  
Joanna Yohn

Abigail Martin  
Adelynn Tice  
Annabelle Zember

#### **1st Grade - Menendez**

Case Abney  
Riley Clark  
Elena Leigh

Journi Banks  
Quinn Garrett  
Evelyn McDonald

Elijah Charles  
Aria Hines  
Piper Olwig

**2nd Grade - Maguire**

Chandler Abbott  
Sloane Howell  
Ileana Pearson  
Declan Willey

Ezra Geisler  
Patrick Malmgren  
Devin Rose

Abigail Hella  
Kywin Muehling  
Aaliyah Simmons

**2nd Grade - Wiggins**

Grace Garfoyle  
Titus Kipper  
Zoey Morris  
Kennedy Saloka  
Payton Teal

Ronin Haas  
Rhodes Lomax  
Callan Murray  
Steven Sterne

Londyn James  
Ella Miller  
William Olwig  
Jackson Swicegood

**3rd Grade - Watterton**

Maxwell Bailey  
Tori Ford-Tinker  
Jonathan Murray  
Mila June Robertson  
Adalynn Tuttle  
Jolene Watkins

Phil Bailey  
Ainsley Gibson  
Vy Nguyen  
Isla Samuelson Cullen  
Zachary Vander Stouwe  
Tarrin Wills

June Cote  
Keller Korahaes  
Elizabeth Rene  
Lennox Schweich  
Carlos Wassef  
Rebecca Wu

**4th Grade - Zamora**

Olivia Abel  
Braxton Foster  
Ronald Hayford  
King Oliver  
Sanaii Lucky-Williams

Koi Abney  
Nolan Frazier  
Nixon Howell  
John Wilhelm

Mario Brown  
Kayla Grace Grant  
Asha McKenna  
Richard Wilhelm

**5th Grade - Wallace**

Tylor Ford-Tinker  
Nathanael Howell  
Naomi Menendez

Gunnar Gibson  
Jaxon Kerrick  
Meghan Willey

Christiana Grandberry  
Tyler Kline  
Jozef Zywna

**6th Grade**

Kylee Brewer  
Orlando Peters  
St. John Villar

Elijah Cooper  
Taylor Smith  
Carter Wilson

Steven Mustard  
Malachi Spinner

**7th Grade**

Peyton LaRoche

Bryson Nichols

**8th Grade**

Lola Atkins  
Isabella Little  
Matthew Wu

Abigail Fisher  
Bryson Rader  
Zoe Zou

Alena Fortuna  
Scott Willett

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

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| <b>School Employment Opportunities</b> |
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Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

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| * <b>Toddler &amp; Preschool Teachers</b> | * <b>Bus Drivers</b>                | * <b>Kitchen Staff</b> |
| * <b>Elementary-level Teachers</b>        | * <b>Afternoon Child Care Aides</b> |                        |
| * <b>Instructional Aides</b>              | * <b>P.E. Teacher</b>               |                        |

Part-time and full-time hours available. 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.

## LEGO CLUB



**LEGO CLUB** had another Great Year this 2025 School Year!!

The Gloria Dei after-school LEGO Club again had a great year. These LEGO enthusiastic students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, have built and learned about different aspects of brick construction. Our LED lighted Christmas tree display (see photo) at the winter programs showed their talents with LEGO ornaments. We, once again, built LEGO boats and challenged their design with hurricane waves. Lots of fun watching them bobbing up and down.

We were again asked by Senior Staff to create centerpieces for their Annual Banquet. This project had the students design and build flower vases. To challenge them, a tea light and a LEGO mini-figure had to be incorporated in 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.

It truly was a great year. Just want to remind you - 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

## 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!

## 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.

## NexTrex Recycling Challenge--Round Four!

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 **fourth** 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.





*Be the change.*

Help change a life. Give blood.



American  
Red Cross

**Blood Drive**  
**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall  
250 Fox Hill Road  
Hampton, VA 23669

Sunday, June 29, 2025  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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## Pastoral Record

### June Birthdays

|                             |                                       |                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 Mike Mendez               | 12 Elizabeth Ballman, Vivian Reynolds | 24 Jeff Kremp                 |
| 4 Makayla Cornwell          | 13 Joanna Bayles, Isabella Mendez     | 25 Luke Trimnal               |
| 5 Stephen Via, Lesa Shannon | 16 Pam Robnett                        | 28 Pat Roscopf, Wade Brown    |
| 6 Rowena Cornwell           | 19 Isabella Waldrop                   | 30 Harper Griese, Luke Griese |
| 7 Lynn Graves, Jay Hart     | 21 Kiara Cornwell                     |                               |
| 10 Page Kremp               | 22 Jeane Fullen, Leonard Mayo         |                               |
| 11 Amelia Venable           | 23 Mary Jane Leckrone                 |                               |

### June Anniversaries

|                           |                            |                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Don and Sharon Padula   | 5 Melvin and Donna Lanning | 29 Ron and Sharon Rose |
| 4 Garth and Andrea Wallis | 12 Oscar and Carol Godley  |                        |

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### July Birthdays

|                                    |                               |                                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Josie Feld                       | 10 Dylan Kremp                | 21 Tim Olson                    |
| 3 Kelly Morrison                   | 12 Lauren-Grey Igel           | 22 Lynn Curtis, Debbi Ortiz     |
| 5 Carolyn Campbell, Logan Robinson | 13 Rita Foringer, Jason Green | 25 Melvin Lanning, Vickie Roark |
| 6 Sylvie Shannon, Virginia Saloka  | 14 Addison Rice               | 26 Melanie Harris               |
| 8 Rick Graves                      | 17 Dana Smith, Karen Zorumski |                                 |
| 9 Susan Feld                       | 18 Michael Zamora             |                                 |

### July Anniversaries

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

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### Baptisms

Charles William Gainer, III  
April 6, 2025

Charles William Gainer, IV  
April 6, 2025

Waylon Christopher Schrum  
May 11, 2025

### Death

Roger Ward  
May 13, 2025

# June 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                 | Thursday                              | Friday                                                                             | Saturday                                                                |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP/</b><br>Bring a Friend Sunday<br>11 AM Choir Rehearsal<br><br>1 PM CPR Stop the Bleed Training                                                           | <b>2</b><br>6 PM Pack Meeting<br>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting<br>7:30 PM Troop 10 meeting<br><br><div>School Spring Programs</div> | <b>3</b><br>10 AM Fellowship Bible Study<br><br>                                                    | <b>4</b><br>12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.<br><br>7 PM 5th & 8th Grade Graduation | <b>5</b><br><i>Last Day of School</i> | <b>6</b><br>6 PM CPR Stop the Bleed Training                                       | <b>7</b><br>9 AM VBS Decorating<br><br>6 PM Waldmiller /Harrell Wedding |
| <b>8</b><br><b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP/</b><br>Pentecost;<br>Confirmation Sunday<br>11 AM Reception;<br>Choir Rehearsal;<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>7 PM Baccalaureate Service – RSVP Required | <b>9</b><br>6:30 PM Cub Scout Graduation<br>7:30 PM Troop 10 Meeting                                                             | <b>10</b><br>10 AM Fellowship Bible Study<br><br><i>Deadline for Reservation - Suppers at Capri</i> | <b>11</b><br>6 PM VBS Teen Training                                                       | <b>12</b>                             | <b>13</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><div>Synod Assembly<br/>Friday - Sunday</div> | <b>14</b><br>10 AM CPR Stop the Bleed Training                          |
| <b>15</b><br><b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b><br>Father's Day<br>11 AM Choir Rehearsal; ExAdCom                                                                                                   | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>17</b><br>10 AM Fellowship Bible Study<br><br>6 PM Suppers at Capri – Reservation Required       | <b>18</b><br>12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.                                       | <b>19</b>                             | <b>20</b><br>5 PM VBS Decorating                                                   | <b>21</b><br>9 AM VBS Decorating                                        |
| <b>22</b><br><b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b><br><b>Annual Meeting</b><br>11 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>12 PM VBS Decorating; Council Meeting                                                          | <b>23</b><br>7PM Troop 10; WELCA @ Pour Girls                                                                                    | <b>24</b><br>10 AM Fellowship Bible Study                                                           | <b>25</b><br>12 PM Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.                                       | <b>26</b>                             | <b>27</b><br>VBS Clean-up                                                          | <b>28</b>                                                               |
| <div>VBS 2025 – Road Trip – 5:15 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.</div>                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                     |                                                                                           |                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                         |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 AM – 2:30 PM Blood Drive<br><b>9:30 AM-WORSHIP</b><br>11 AM Choir Rehearsal<br><br>1 PM CPR Stop the Bleed Training                                                   | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                     |                                                                                           |                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                         |
| <div>Calendar Requests—please email <a href="mailto:CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net">CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net</a> for all facility usage requests.</div>                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                     |                                                                                           |                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                         |



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| Sunday                                                                                                       | Monday | Tuesday                                                                                                 | Wednesday                                          | Thursday | Friday                                                                        | Saturday                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                              |        | 1<br>10 AM Fellowship<br>Bible Study                                                                    | 2                                                  | 3        | 4<br><i>Independence Day<br/>Church, School,<br/>and Childcare<br/>Closed</i> | 5                                            |
| 6<br><b>9:30 AM-<br/>WORSHIP</b><br>11 AM Choir<br>Rehearsal                                                 | 7      | 8<br>10 AM Fellowship<br>Bible Study                                                                    | 9<br>12 PM Community<br>Bible Study –<br>H.E.L.P.  | 10       | 11                                                                            | 12                                           |
| 13<br><b>9:30 AM-<br/>WORSHIP</b><br>11 AM Choir<br>Rehearsal;<br>Prayer Shawl<br>Ministry                   | 14     | 15<br>10 AM Fellowship<br>Bible Study<br><br><i>Deadline for<br/>Reservation -<br/>Suppers at Capri</i> | 16                                                 | 17       | 18                                                                            | 19<br>6 PM Outdoor<br>Summer Music<br>Series |
| 20<br><b>9:30 AM-<br/>WORSHIP</b><br>10:30 AM<br>Sunday's<br>Sundaes<br>11 AM Choir<br>Rehearsal;<br>ExAdCom | 21     | 22<br>10 AM Fellowship<br>Bible Study<br><br>6 PM Suppers at<br>Capri –<br>Reservation<br>Required      | 23<br>12 PM Community<br>Bible Study –<br>H.E.L.P. | 24       | 25                                                                            | 26                                           |
| 27<br><b>9:30 AM-<br/>WORSHIP</b><br>11 AM Choir<br>Rehearsal;<br>Council Meeting                            | 28     | 29<br>10 AM Fellowship<br>Bible Study                                                                   | 30<br>12 PM Community<br>Bible Study –<br>H.E.L.P. | 31       |                                                                               |                                              |

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