


# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021

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## CALL COMMITTEE

The call committee would like to invite the congregation to make a special effort to attend the September 26, 2021, service at Gloria Dei, either in person or remotely. Pastor Denise Arnold will be giving the sermon that morning.

The committee has interviewed Pastor Arnold and would like the congregation to have the opportunity to meet her and hear her share a message.

Weather permitting, Pastor Arnold will be available to meet with the congregation informally, outside the church.

Please make plans to attend, if possible. The committee would also appreciate your prayerful support as we work through the call process.

## FISH is back

Our next days for FISH October 21st & 22nd. Most needed items are mac & cheese, pork & beans, chili, & soup. Thank you to MaryLou Wellman & Caroline Fittro for stepping up for October as Dana and Terri are out of town. And always thank you for your support of this program.

Mary Carter- FISH Chair

### **Greetings to all friends and supporters of FISH of Cowlitz County.**

Since 1971, our local non-profit has been meeting the needs of thousands of our neighbors when they face emergency situations. People who are low on food call FISH to receive enough groceries to feed each family member for three days. When a shutoff of water or electricity service looms, FISH is there to help. Those who need propane to heat and cook can get it that day. People needing emergency dental care or who can't pay for needed medication turn to FISH for immediate assistance.

Services are available every weekday and made possible by more than 300 FISH volunteers. They are essential because FISH has never had a paid employee.

This year we have signed up to partner with the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington in its "Give More 24" fundraising event. During the 24 hour-period starting at midnight on Thursday, September 23rd, please visit the website- [givemore24.org](http://givemore24.org). It's easily to donate, the steps are: go to [givemore24.org](http://givemore24.org), click on the red donate button, enter FISH of Cowlitz County in the search bar and follow the prompts.

Two wonderfully generous donors will match donations to FISH, dollar to dollar, up to \$27,000; which will multiply your giving.

Please save the date September 23rd, and consider helping FISH continue our mission.

Of course, we always gratefully accept tax-deductible donations anytime on our website, [fishofcowlitzcounty.org](http://fishofcowlitzcounty.org), or at P.O. Box 135, Longview, WA 98632. More than 96 cents of every dollar FISH spends buys good and services for our neighbors in need.

God bless you and thank you for your past and future generosity.

Sincerely,

Bob Theriault  
Board President, FISH of Cowlitz County

## October Birthdays

6th Paula Zerby  
9th Adler Masiarek  
11th Crystal Gramling  
12th Emmett Libby  
22nd Olivia Inlow  
23rd Shirley Cooley  
27th Tabor Demyan  
30th Kayla DeSanti

## October Anniversaries

3rd Ken & Kim Clark  
13th Bob & MaryLou Wellman  
23rd Paula Moore

## Readers for October

3rd - Allan  
10th - Allan  
17th - Deborah  
24th- Candace  
31st - Amanda



## Flowers for October

3rd-Jackie  
10th- Jackie  
17th  
24th  
31st

If you would like to bring Altar flowers sign up in the Narthex or contact Jackie.


Also if you would like to be a reader contact Jackie at 360-430-7778 with the date you are interested in.

Thank you to the volunteers for providing dinners this past week. We fed two families; Emily, Max, and Jaxson and Karrie, Danny, Maelah and Braden for the week. Our next host week for 2021 is November 14-20th. It has been determined that the families will reside at the Day Center for the foreseeable future. We deliver dinner Monday through Saturday nights, and breakfast on Saturday morning.

To supply a meal, we use Sign Up Genius. If you are interested, please contact me (Dana) on my cell at 360.430.7950, and I will add you to the next sign up that will be sent out two weeks prior to our week to host.


If you want to provide a meal, dinner is served at 5:30, please take already prepared food (and I found it easier to have split in non-returnable containers for each family). Food can also be ordered and delivered, but please let me know so I can communicate with Family Promise so that they know. I appreciate everyone helping us out!

We are looking for a Sunday school curriculum to start in October for our kiddos. Jackie will keep you posted. Porch drop coming soon.

Dear Church family, 

Thank you so much for renewing my scholarship! I am so grateful for all of the support I have received from all of you. This scholarship is going to help a ton as I go into my second year of bioengineering classes.

Thanks again!  
Nyssa



### Prayer Chain-

If anyone would like to help us pray for our church & others please contact Dana Libby as she is updating the list.

She has 2 lists one that is a text and another that is a phone list for those that don't text.

Please remember for those of us on the prayer chain to please let Dana (360-430-7950) start the text/call list as she also starts both of them and contacts Pastor if needed.

## Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to submit anything to the newsletter please email Wendy at [gloriadeikelso@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadeikelso@gmail.com) by October 25th

### Financial report

Jan.: \$2,995.00

February: \$6,235 .00

March: \$7,817 .00

April: \$8,664.00

May: \$10,738.00

June: \$8,963.00

July: \$12,006 .00

Aug: \$7296.00

2021 monthly requirement:

\$9,428.00/mo to meet our 2021 budget is needed

YTD 2021: \$63,365.00

### 2 Riddles to make you smile

1. When was the longest day in the Bible? (When there was no Eve in it.)

2. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam? (No, it was an apple.)

### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2021

**Present:** Boyd Burns, Seth Burns, Terri Reichert, Chuck Davison, Greg Price, Allan Er-ickson, Jackie Erickson, Candi Engebo, and Dana Libby

**Guests:** Elten Zerby, Paula Zerby, Wes Libby, Deborah Burns, Katie Reichert, Cheryl Davison

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer reported receipts for June of \$8,963.00, and ex-penses of \$3,538.06. For July, the treasurer reported receipts of \$12,006.00, and ex-penses of \$5,070.58. Candi moved and Terri seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

**Christian Education:** VBS was held in July and we had eight children and just as many adults every night. Longview Community graciously provided us with their decorations and the leftover items. We utilized the decorations and items and then Kelso Calvary Chapel utilized in August. Seth motioned that we give \$400 to Longview Community as a thank you for their generosity. Chuck seconded and the motioned passed without dissent. Jackie also noted that she gave \$10 Sweet Spot gift card to each volunteer.

**Property Team:** Trimmed the bushes outside the stained glass windows. Dishwasher is working. Greg noted that the water valve outside the church needs to be replaced. Greg will discuss with Joel for replacement.

**Worship & Music:** Seth would like to be "fired" from the audio system technician. Seth has trained Greg and Daniel Libby to replace himself. Seth noted he would like to pay the position \$50 per Sunday. Jackie motioned that we pay the audio visual volunteers \$50 per week, Candi seconded and the motion passed without dissent. Mary Roundy has volunteered to help with prayers, etc. on the screen again.

**Family Promise Outreach:** We are currently hosting and providing groceries and dinners to two families housed at the Day Center. Housing at the Day Center to continue indefinitely.

**Old Business:**

**Oil Tank:** The last step was that AEC wanted to drill monitoring wells. Allan, Boyd and Terri had a conference call with PLIA, to discuss options. It was determined to cut loose AEC as they were going to hire HydroConn. Terri emailed AEC that we were canceling our contract. PLIA suggested that we use the balance of the money left to us. PLIA assured Terri that everything we are doing is voluntary. It was determined to do no further action. Boyd motioned that we do not proceed any further with the oil abatement, and Seth seconded the motion. No further discussion, and all council members voted in approval.

**Items to Replace at Church:** Carpets are scruffy, and we should discuss replacing. The wood floor by the altar, Boyd has called the guy who installed the Pastor's office flooring and he is not returning his call. Terri will call someone that she knows to see if they have the skillset to install. Katie, Seth, Greg, Boyd, and Paula will research flooring options for the rest of the church.

**Nelson Estate:** Received an additional \$21,000 from the Nelson Estate, for a total of \$101,000. Discussion ensued as to using the funds towards a kitchen remodel. It needs to be something tangible that the Nelson names can be tied to.

**Scholarships:** Cathy, Jocelyn, and Deborah discussed re-writing the application to make it more inviting. \$3,000 will be awarded to Nyssa.

**Investment Committee:** The investment committee has determined to move our funds from Thrivent to Ameriprise. Allan motioned to have \$200,000 moved from savings, which will include the \$101,000 received from the Nelson Estate. Boyd seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent. \$61,000 located at Continental Investors will also be moved to Ameriprise, so that all funds will be in one location.

## **New Business:**

**Parking Lot:** Boyd noted that it has been 5 years since we last sealed the parking lot. Boyd received two bids; D. Nye Trucking for \$2,131; Cascade Paving was for \$3,500, Boyd has used Cascade in the past. Boyd's research has shown that there is considerable difference in the products used between the two companies. Terri motioned to have Cascade Paving provide services for up to \$4,000. Jackie seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent. Chuck mentioned that if we wanted to deter the skate boarders maybe we should investigate chip sealing the parking lot. Boyd connected with Cascade Paving regarding the chip seal, and they did not feel that there would be anybody willing to do such a small project.

**Confirmation:** RJ Cruz coming to age to attend confirmation. George mentioned he may be interested in doing the instruction. Jackie mentioned to George that we should contact Trinity and Bethany to see if they have any that would like to join.

**Worship Proposal:** Seth handed out a job description for a paid Music Director position that would combine music and AV. The position will work under the direction of the Pastor and work with the music selection committee to not only help select the music choices for each week, but also to schedule and arrange payment for the musicians that will serve each Sunday, and for extra gatherings like Holden Evening, celebrations of life/memorial services, etc.

Terri motioned that we accept an amendment to the budget in the amount of \$2,500 for the hiring of Seth Burns as Music and A/V Director to work under the direction of Pastor for the balance of the calendar year 2021. Candi seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent.

## **2022 CAMP OUT**

The 2022 camp out is scheduled for July 22nd-24th. Let Dana know if you are interest-ed in a Yurt or an RV spot by March 1st.

## **FAMILY PROMISE**

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## **Reopening—In-person worship services**

1. Service will be in person and online.
2. We are requesting people entering the church to wear masks.
3. You are welcome to sit with members from other households if you feel comfortable doing so. There are a few seats in the back of the sanctuary on the organ side for people who are not vaccinated.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness & support. We are hopeful that we are on the home stretch of this pandemic.

## **Mission Statement**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is a family of baptized believers, created and chosen by God, united in the body of Christ and called to serve by the Spirit. We believe our mission calls us to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ through the word and sacrament, prayer, offering of gifts, welcoming the stranger and serving others.

## **Standing Committees and Groups**

2nd Sundays: Community House

2nd Sunday: Council 11am

**2021 Church Council Officers are:** President: Allan Erickson, Vice President: Terri Reichert, Treasurer: Jackie Erickson, Secretary: Dana Libby, Other members are: Jocelyn Price, Candace Kolberg, Joel Halverson, Greg Price, Peggy Winston, Candi Engebo, Chuck Davison, Seth Burns (Jackie is also a voting member on council).

**Gloria Dei Outreach Programs:** Community House, FISH, Pull-tabs for Hospice & Box Tops (Education) for Jocelyn, Family Promise