

# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

Pastor: Rev. Elten Zerby

Office Hours: Tuesday's 8am-2pm  
& Wednesday's 8am-10am

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### Letter from Council President

We will soon welcome Pastor Denise Arnold to lead our congregation. On October 24th the congregation voted to affirm the call committee recommendation to bring Pastor Denise to serve Gloria Dei. Call Chair, Chuck Davison shared the excitement felt by the group and also by your church council as Pastor Denise was vetted for ministry. Pastor Denise resides near Castle Rock with her husband Norm who is Pastor at St. Paul in Castle Rock. They enjoy the rural life style with both pets and farm animals. Pastor Denise will be working at  $\frac{3}{4}$  time including preaching 4 Sundays per month. She will initially continue to serve on the faculty of Pierce College remotely at least through the end of this year. She holds a PhD degree and is a licensed counselor for those dealing with grief and depression issues. She will continue this service at Gloria Dei as part of her mission to our community.

Pastor Denise is excited for her call to Kelso and is anxious to get started. She brings new ideas and passion to Gloria Dei, but also is committed to respecting our traditions. She will officially begin on November 15, leading worship on November 21 for the first Sunday service.

We also offer a huge thank you to Pastor Zerby who has served us for nearly a full year (this time!). Elten has done so much for us offering Sunday services as well as dealing with emergent situations. He and Paula will now join us in the pews. Paula says she will keep "her spot" in the front as she always has done!

Please welcome Pastor Arnold warmly as she begins her ministry at Gloria Dei.

Optimism is in the air!!!!

Blessings

Allan Erickson

Hello all! And THANK YOU ALL so much for the vote of confidence. I absolutely loved the people I met at Gloria Dei. So natural, real, and eager to serve the Lord. I suppose over time you will learn more about me, but I will give you a quick run down ... without the lessons learned!

I grew up on a few acres in Kent WA when it was still dairy land. I had a couple Guernsey's I showed in 4-H. Kent Lutheran was our family church ... I think I learned to read there following my mom's fingers on the words of the hymns in the old red hymnal. I served as the young person's representative on council and years later became the Youth Group leader before leaving to Europe. My brother still lives in Kent and my sister in Auburn.

Somewhere between then and now I was Miss Kent Cornucopia, the alternate Dairy Princess for King County, a Seafair Princess, and a Rotary scholarship award winner. I graduated from UW with a Bachelor of Communications. I planned to be a veterinarian, but it was expensive...ended up as a manager for a fashion accessory store in San Diego. I just wasn't satisfied. Off I flew to Europe to search the world over.

While backpacking around Europe, I met my future husband Norm (30 years this year in December). He was in the Airforce stationed in Holland for five years. I was a bartender and there we met. I earned a Master's in Human Relations through the University of Oklahoma while living in England. The Air Force landed us in Spokane for five years where I finished a PhD in Organizational Leadership at Gonzaga University. When Norm retired, Montana State University hired me as the Youth Development Extension Agent for two years. My mother was ill so we returned to Olympia where I was hired as the Department Chair for Social Service Mental Health at Pierce college.

There is a whole call story here... and we will have to hear that later. So for now, the long and the short of it is that my husband Pastor Norm was called to St Paul Lutheran two years ago which forced us to move from Olympia to Castle Rock. There has been a lot of change. I have left my call at Faith Lutheran in Elma. I am about to leave Pierce after 20 years. Change is hard but I see God's hand in it all, even when it has been difficult. Now I feel amazingly blessed and put exactly where I need to be; with you all at Gloria Dei Lutheran.

I guess when you live a long time, you have a lot to share, I can't wait to hear your stories too! I hope to join you in the middle of November. My first Sunday will be November 21st, Christ the King Sunday, the end of the church year and a step into new beginnings. I can't wait to get to know you all!!! Blessings and Prayers!!!

Pastor Denise

## KIDS KLUB

We had a porch drop in October after taking a few months off. As you can see in the pictures, they enjoyed everything they received. When you go down for coffee hour this month, enjoy their creative artwork painted easels on each table.

We are starting up “Kids Klub Sunday School” on November 7th for the kids. “Simply Loved” is a great program we have invested in for this quarter. After our service, I will meet with the kids that are available downstairs by the TV in the far room during coffee hour. “Simply Loved” uses the characters that we had in VBS this year, so the kids should relate to this material. It is a very easy curriculum to teach, so if anyone is interested in helping, please contact Jackie –360- 430-7778, I could use some adults when I am out of town. At this time, we will meet all Sundays after church except the 21st of November.



## Hymn Sing

I'd like to invite you all to what I think will be a fun, educational, and worship filled event at the **Longview Community Church**. Pastor Dave Hendrickson and I planned this event as a first step to maybe doing more with their congregation. The Community Church is hosting a "hymn sing" on **November 14th at 4pm**. We will sing the hymns following a short history of the hymn and composer. The hymns will mostly be played on the organ, but not all the music is planned yet so that may change as it evolves. It should be powerful and filled with spirit.

They do ask their congregation to wear masks, and there are rows near the back of their church that are blocked off every other pew to allow for spacing.

In Christ,  
Seth Burns

## Looking for a show stopping recipe to bring to your Thanksgiving dinner! Try these easy Dinner Rolls

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, or more if needed
- 1 envelope Rapid Rise Yeast
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup milk
- ¼ cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter OR margarine



- Combine ¾ cup flour, undissolved yeast, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Heat milk, water and butter until very warm (120 degrees to 130 degrees F). Add to flour mixture. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add ¼ cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.
- Divide dough into 12 equal pieces; shape into balls. Place in greased 8-inch round pan. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 30 minutes.
- Bake in preheated 375 degrees F oven for 20 minutes or until done. Remove from pan; brush with additional melted butter, if desired. Serve warm.

## November Birthdays

6th Koen Hodny  
14th Chad Little  
22nd Paula Moore  
25th Ralph Mottett  
28th Pattie Kuhns  
29th Ruby Walther

### Readers for November

7th - Candace  
14th- Dana  
21st- Amanda  
28th – Allan



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

### Flowers for Nov.

7th -  
14th-  
21st-  
28th –

### Coffee Hour

7th -  
14th-  
21st-  
28th – Erickson

### Greeter

7th -  
14th-  
21st-  
28th –

## Sign up on the clipboard

## Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to submit anything to the newsletter please email Wendy at [gloriadeikelso@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadeikelso@gmail.com) by November 22nd



Nov. 14th - Nov. 20th

Our next host week 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!

## FISH

Our next days for FISH are December 6th & 7th. A big thank you to everyone that helped in October!

Mary Carter- FISH Chair

### Sarah Hansen Memorial Service

A memorial service for Sarah Hansen will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran church on **Saturday November 6th at 1 pm**. Sarah is Jordy and Charlotte's mom, fiancé of Bruce Brock II. **Masks Required**. Pastor Elten Zerby is officiating.

### COFFEE HOUR

Gloria Dei is having coffee hours after service starting in October. If you would like to host a Sunday, please email Wendy at gloriadeikelso@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message she will get back to you or call on her office hours – Tuesday 8-2 and Wednesday 8-10. We need volunteers for all Sundays in November at this time. We are still asking everyone to wear masks during the service; when you collect your refreshments and sit at your tables, you can remove your masks. We are trying to keep it simple and easy & safe to keep contact down as much as possible.



**1. How do you measure a snake?**  
In inches—they don't have feet.

**2. Where should you go in the room if you're feeling cold?**

The corner—they're usually 90 degrees.

### Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

### 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

Sept: \$7,865.00

2021 monthly requirement:

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

YTD 2021: \$72,579.00

**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**

**Present:** Peggy Winston, Greg Price, Candace Kolberg, Chuck Davison, Jaws Price, Jackie Erickson, Alan Erickson, Seth Burns, Joel Halverson, Boyd Burns.

Devotions by Jaws – Carry the Light

**Committee Reports**

Christian Ed – Jackie is looking to start porch bags again since we cannot hold Sunday School yet. Contribution given to Longview Community Church for the VBS as discussed previously.

Property – Parking lot is recoated, dishwasher is fixed, hedges have been trimmed. Greg would like a discussion with Joel in regards to the outdoor faucet – plan to meet soon.

Worship/Music – Upstairs piano has been tuned, seeking pianists, and working on some special music with Angie Montes. Discussion about necessary work on the piano within next two to four years, due to age of our piano. Seth will work with the tuner to come up with an estimate.

Family Promise/Outreach – Next hosting is November 14-20, 2021, and at this time families are still staying at the day center.

**Old Business**

Carpet/Flooring – Committee met last Sunday and are discussing options to present.

Pastoral Search – Committee had meeting with a candidate, Denise Arnold. Committee meets again this week to determine next steps.

Small Group Gatherings – there aren't anymore currently scheduled, but let Jackie know if you do schedule one.

Scholarship – Committee met during the campout to discuss changes for next year to make this opportunity more available to others in the area. Changes will be presented to council by next spring.

Investment Committee – Met and discussed options now that funds have been moved to new firm. Committee will now be meeting twice yearly now, and more if necessary.

Music/Worship Position – Jackie clarified what was discussed at the last meeting in regards to budget for this position.

**New business**

Directory Update – Peggy is going to take on the task of updating the directory, working with Wendy.