

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021

Pastor: Rev. Elten Zerby

Office Hours: Varies in the summer

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IMPORTANT WORSHIP INFORMATION

Reopening—In-person worship services

1. Service will be in person and online.
2. 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON SUNDAYS FROM 4:30-10PM NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CHURCH.

THERE WILL BE A DEEP CLEANING MACHINE RUNNING TO KILL ALL THE BACTERIA IN THE AIR. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION PLEASE CONTACT GREG PRICE.

Rocky Railway – “Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through”

Thank you all for sharing your kids (8) with us this week at Vacation Bible School. We are in day 3 and we all cannot stop saying how good it feels. To see some adults come that just want to be involved and have dinner with us and watch the excitement is so wonderful.

Dana our conductor kept us on track with her train whistle “toot toot” and organized items as our teachers rotated the kids in two groups. Sue opened up each day with great music and dancing (we will be showing you our moves Sunday – August 1st during the service) and introduced us to different animals and their stories. Seth helped out with the AV system. George & Sue did an outstanding job of telling the different bible stories and using great props. Amanda kept the kids going with the games. Jackie followed up with crafts and great conversation about Jesus. She also had help from Boyd & Allan and thinks they may be the next craft teachers.

We want to try and remember all of you that pitched in and if I forgot someone I apologize ahead of time. Greg Price came in each day and opened the doors and started fans to keep the heat down and also donated food. Deborah made us a fabulous dinner on Wednesday for all of us. Cheryl helped out with keeping kids entertained and also provided food items for us.

When you see us Sunday in our extraordinary T-shirts made by Chad & Amanda Little - you will wish you had one!!! We also want to thank Longview Community Church for letting us use their decorations after we used them, they went to another church, such a great mission of God’s love to share with other churches since we all are in this together for kids.

The kids were just excited to spend time with each other and had so much fun and learned how important it is to have Jesus in their life’s. We hope you all know at Gloria Dei that this is with your help, commitment, offerings that we can do this.

Thank you

Dana & Jackie







Aug. 15th - Aug. 21st
Nov. 14th - Nov. 20th

Dinner delivery will take place at 5:30 at the Day Center, and I found it is easier to have food split up individually for the families when delivered.

I will send out the dinner sign up for the week of the 28th by the end of the week. Please note that I will be out of state that week, and would love a volunteer to do the grocery shopping for the week. May require 1 or 2 trips to store dependent on how much the guests have leftover from the week before. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns 360.430.7950.

Kindest Regards,
Dana

Readers for August
1st - Amanda Little
8th - Dana Libby
15th - Allan Erickson
22nd - Deborah Burns
29th - Candace Kolberg

Coffee Hour for August
Aug. 1st - Jan & Candace
Aug. 8th - Cheryl & Deborah
Aug 15th - Terri
Aug. 22nd -
Aug 29th -

Flowers for August
Aug. 1st - Pattie
Aug. 8th - Paula, Elten, & Deborah
Aug 15th - Jackie
Aug. 22nd -
Aug 29th -

Financial report
Jan.: \$2,995.00
February: \$6,034.00
March: \$7,775.00
April: \$7,855.00
May: \$10,536.00
June: \$8,943.00
July: \$11,931.00

2021 monthly requirement:
\$9,428.00/mo to meet our
2021 budget is needed
YTD 2021: \$56,069



Congregational update July 2021

Current Status



Our newest guest family consists of Karrie and Danny and their two kids, Maelah (8) and Braden (2). They are staying in front guest space in the Day Center living room. Little

Braden will be celebrating his 3rd birthday this month! We hope to welcome more new guest families soon.



Mark your Calendars!



Family Promise is having a party! We will be restarting our community meetings, observing our 2nd anniversary, and celebrating our return to rotation. Please join us **August 8th from 12-4** at the Kelso United Methodist presbyterian Church's parking lot (just over the bridge at 206 Cowlitz Way in Kelso). There will be food, children's activities, a performance by Northwest Groove, Day Center tours, and our first post-pandemic quarterly community meeting.



Night Without A Bed

Our second annual Night Without A Bed event was a success! With your help, we raised just over \$10,000, making us 5th in the U.S. out of 29 participating affiliates.

Prize winners will be announced on our Facebook page and notified by email. Thank you for helping us fundraise and for donating to help keep our affiliate strong. We could not have done it without you!



July Host Churches

The remaining host Churches for July are:

- 7/18-7/24: LV Presbyterian and St. Paul/Castle Rock Ministerial Assoc.
- 7/25-7/31: First Christian and Kalama Ward
- 8/1-8/7: Trinity Lutheran and Evangel

Our guests really enjoy your home cooked meals. Thank you for your continued support with meals during static shelter.

FISH is back

Our next days for FISH August 19th, 20th. Most needed items are mac & cheese, top ramen, pork & beans, & chili. If you don't have a key to the church please call Mary Carter (360) 423-1707.

Mary Carter- FISH Chair



If you would like to sign up for flowers, or coffee hour, please do so on the flower chart 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.

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: Boyd Burns, Treasurer: Jackie Erickson, Secretary: Dana Libby, Other members are: Jocelyn Price, Candace Kolberg, Joel Halverson, Terri Reichert, 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

2 Riddles to make you smile

1. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

He knew there was something fishy about it.

2. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

No, just an apple.

Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways
acknowledge him, and
he will make your paths
straight.

August Birthdays

8th Nyssa Engebo
12th Champ Little
16th Bill Wood
20th Sue Akins-Fields
22nd Katie Reichert

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

23rd Tom & Shirley Cooley
27th Doug & Candi Engebo

Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to submit anything to the newsletter please email Wendy at gloriadeikelso@gmail.com by August 23rd