

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 1020  
402 Crawford St.  
Kelso, WA 98626  
360-577-1536



Pastor Denise Arnold

Pastor's hours: Tue. 10:30am-4pm  
& Thurs. 9:30am-2pm

Office Hours: Tue. 8am-2pm &  
Thur. 8am-10am



Check us out on Facebook,  
[www.gloriadeilutherankelso.com](http://www.gloriadeilutherankelso.com)

or email us at  
[gloriadeikelso@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadeikelso@gmail.com)

November Newsletter  
2022

# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor: Pastor Denise Arnold**

Pastor's hours: Tue. 10:30am-4pm &  
Thurs. 9:30am-2pm

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

Check us out on Facebook,  
[www.gloriadeilutherankelso.com](http://www.gloriadeilutherankelso.com)  
or email us at  
[gloriadeikelso@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadeikelso@gmail.com)



**NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2022**

P.O Box 1020  
402 Crawford St.  
Kelso, WA 98626  
360-577-1536

*Remember in*

*Prayer:*

Rex Carter

George Bixby

The Cruz family

Thank You

Thank you to everyone that sent me flowers, gifts, cards ect... last month. You made me feel so special and very much appreciated.

In Christ, Pastor Denise

**We Remember those who came before us on this  
all Saints Sunday Nov. 6th**

Dan Carter

Jerry Fittro

Norman Raymen

Judith Tepe (Mother of Liz Cruz)

Dee & Geneva Ellis (Jackie's parents)

Barbara Brudvik (Jackie's Sister)

Charly Warren (Friend of Allan & Jackie)

Marion and Suzanne Harlan (Deborah Burns' parents)

Mary Frances Harlan (Member of Gloria Dei and  
Deborah's Sister)

John Burns (Joyce Burns husband)

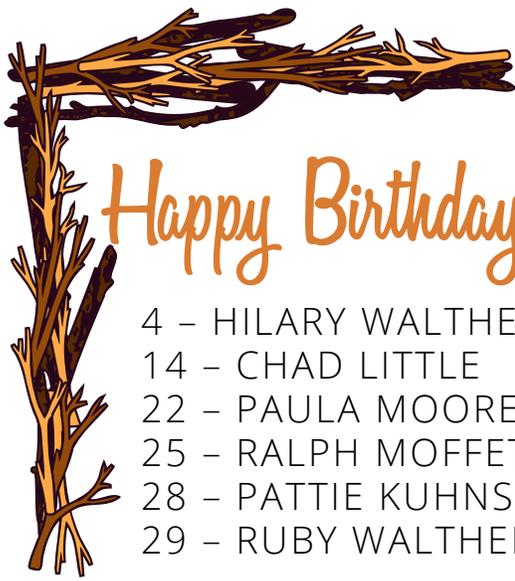
Tracy Burns (son of John and Joyce Burns)

Bruce Sparks Kamp

***New Address***

**Kris Almstrum**

605 Broadway St. Apt. 363  
Longview, WA 98632



# Happy Birthday

- 4 – HILARY WALTHER
- 14 – CHAD LITTLE
- 22 – PAULA MOORE
- 25 – RALPH MOFFETT
- 28 – PATTIE KUHN
- 29 – RUBY WALTHER



# November



**Next FISH Dates**  
 Oct. 31 & Nov. 1,  
 Dec. 15 & 16



We are doing the Family Promise on November 13th. If you would like to help, please contact Dana.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Oct. 31 	1 	2	3	4	5  Set your clocks back
6 Good Bye Ruth All Saints Sunday Sunday School	7	8	9	10 Education planning at 11am	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 	12
13 Council Meeting  Family Promise-----	14	15	16 "Friendsgiving" 5:30 pm	17 Care & Cookies Crew 9am 	18	19
20 RJ's Confirmation Celebration! Christ the King Sunday Community House Newsletter Deadline Sunday School	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27 First Sunday in Advent Nora's Baptism!	28	29	30 5:30 Advent Dinner and Christmas door swaths			

# Upcoming Events

Nov 6– All Saints Sunday– light a candle in memory of the saints who went before us.

Nov. 6– Good bye to Ruth (Coffee Hour)

Nov. 6- Council meeting after coffee hour

Nov 16– “Friendsgiving” 5:30 pm potluck and bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange

Nov 20– RJ’s Confirmation Celebration! Christ the King Sunday

Nov. 20– Adult Sunday School

Nov. 27- Nora’s Baptism!

Nov 27 - First Sunday in Advent

Nov 30- 5:30 Advent Dinner and Christmas Swaths (bring an ornament or ribbon)

Dec. 4- GLORIA DEI HOLIDAY AUCTION-We will be holding a holiday auction after church on December 4th in the fellowship hall. We are asking members to provide baked goods, craft items, other saleable items or ????

Let's be creative and come up with some fun and unique contributions.

Please have donations to the church by Dec. 3rd. Any questions? Please call

Paula Zerby or Carl Winston. Dec 7-5:30 Advent Dinner and Craft or Activity (looking for volunteers or ideas)

Dec. 7th Christmas Dinner- Snowflakes

Dec 14- 5:30 Advent Dinner and Craft; Christmas Card Creations (Dana)

Dec 18- 9:30 am HOME COMING Service.... Home for the holidays. Let’s see the whole church family together.

Dec 18- 5:30 Christmas dinner and short program

Dec 21- 5:30 Advent Dinner and Craft ( Paula)

Dec 24- Christmas Eve Service (time to be decided)

NOVEMBER 2022- a month of Thanksgiving and Bountiful Harvest

Philippians 1:3-5 NRSVEU 3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy 5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Paul began his letters with “Thanks and Praise” to God for those to whom he was writing. So let me begin in the same way because I truly thank God for you every time I think of you...when I enter the church, receive an email, a phone call, a card, or a text. What a blessing you all are to me and the community.

AND, It is hard to believe that I have been here a year...and boy oh boy has time passed quickly. You have all done so much. From the excitement of gathering in person again, a year of fellowship, joy, and a year scattered with loss as we remember those who have gone to be with our Lord.

We have not slowed down. We have much to be grateful for and many to thank. Council has had to make difficult budgeting decisions, discerning our spending and up-keep. Committee members have had to get bids, open doors, meet with vendors, sweep and clean up messes.

You all have pulled up your sleeves and moved heavy pews and moved them back again. Others have wiped tables, folded chairs, painted walls, mowed the grass, created slides for worship, sang your heart out, played beautiful music, trimmed the roses, closed the windows, and even wiped toilet seats! I am exhausted just thinking of all the hard work you have put in to keeping our church warm (or cool) and welcoming.

Some are embarrassed by the mentioning of names, and I don't want to miss a single person. Each and everyone of you has contributed to the hard work with either muscle, prayers, or both. Thank you and may God Bless you tenfold.

I think I can speak on behalf of all the members, “THANK YOU” for a year of hard work; new flooring, clean windows, painted walls, manicured lawns, photo's of flat Jesus traveling the world, food for the hungry, clothing for back to school, donuts and baked goods for cleaning.... You get the picture!!!

During this month let us lift one another up in prayer, thanking God for the many, many, blessings we receive daily. God's mercies are new every morning.

I also want to remind you of Thankful Thursday Prayer @ 9:30 am at church or by zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86362811801> Meeting ID: 863 6281 1801

And Men's zoom Bible Study 7 am on Wednesdays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82099027477?pwd=NXBENkJKcHFRYldLL0lzQmNRVUU2QT09>

Blessings, Pastor Denise

## The Advent Wreath

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of ever-lasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.



# HOPE

### **HOPE First Sunday of Advent Nov. 27th**

Use this blessing when lighting the first candle.  
Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.  
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.  
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.  
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.  
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.  
Amen.

# PEACE

### **Peace Third Sunday of Advent Dec. 11th**

Use this blessing when lighting three candles.  
Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow.  
You bring water to parched ground and life out of death.  
Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away.  
Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises.  
Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand.  
Amen.

# JOY

### **Joy Second Sunday of Advent Dec. 4th**

Use this blessing when lighting two candles.  
Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.  
You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.  
Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.  
We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.  
Amen.

# love

### **Love Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec. 18th**

Use this blessing when lighting all four candles.  
Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones.  
As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we wait and dream for you.  
Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek.  
Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good,  
and banish all our fears.  
We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior.  
Amen.

**Mark your calendars: On Dec 18th**

***We are celebrating "Home for the Holidays" or  
"Home Coming"***

Let's see if we can all gather together  
for church service at 9:30 am with  
the whole church family.  
What a joy to see all of us  
in one service!



**Care and Cookie Crew** will meet next on  
Nov. 17th at 9am. Come prepared to eat  
cookies, drink coffee and do a little  
cleaning. Hope to see you there.  
Blessings, Paula



"Candace and Jane, members  
of the CCC, cleaning up our  
kitchen last Thursday!"

### **To the men of Gloria Dei**

Please join pastors Norm Arnold, Craig Hafterson, and  
others, on Wednesday mornings at 7am for bible study  
on ZOOM. We have been  
studying Philippians and doing just one chapter per  
session. The Study is short and very low key. Gloria Dei,  
Trinity, Castle Rock, Bethany and other congregations  
have been invited, but participation so far has been  
limited to 4 or 5 men per session. Let's see if Gloria Dei  
can at least double that attendance. Feel free to attend  
as your schedule allows and stay as long as you can.  
Boyd Burns

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82099027477?  
pwd=NXBENkJKcHFRYldLL0lzQmNRVUU2QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82099027477?pwd=NXBENkJKcHFRYldLL0lzQmNRVUU2QT09)

---

### **THANKFUL THURSDAY Prayer meeting**

Topic: Prayer- Listening to God

Time: Thursdays from Oct 27- Nov. 24th @ 9:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86362811801>

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

**Present:** Boyd, George, Peggy, Jocelyn, Candi, Terri, Greg, Pastor Denise, Jackie, Chuck, and Dana Libby

**Devotions:** Jocelyn shared how she has been a part of this church since she was 3, but a life changing time was going to the beach with Cathy Halverson and a group of women from the church. The time was spent getting to know each other via shared experiences and stories, and this time together was a key element to giving Jocelyn deeper connection to the church.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer reported receipts for July 2022 in the amount \$8,881.00, and expenses in the amount \$22,220.55. Receipts for August 2022 in the amount of \$15,112.00 and expenses in the amount of \$8,973.44. Jocelyn moved and Peggy seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Jackie distributed scholarship funds of \$3,000 to Nyssa Engebo, and Riley Walch (Granddaughter to Sue and Art Walch former parishioners who have passed on) \$1,000. Jocelyn noted that as a counter she has noticed quite a few that tithe using automatic bill pay. Thrivent monies will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund.

**Christian Education:** Jackie passed out a keychain and cross that will be used during the blessing of the backpacks on September 25th. Jackie is asking for volunteers to be buddies to the congregational children for three months. She would like to change volunteers/children every three months. Pastor Denise found a new curriculum that Jackie is using this year. Pastor Denise noted that we will review a curriculum that Elten wrote for his family in regards to manners and possibly use for VBS.

**Property Team:** It was noted that a breaker keeps tripping due to the load from the fridge and freezers in the FISH room and running air conditioners in the upstairs offices. Greg noted that he would like to review and identify what breaker as well as identify what the other breakers are tied to so that we can have an electrician review and see what we need to do to fix. Pastor noted the difficulties with the sound system going in or out. Greg pointed out that the new tall candles on the altar contain an oil. Greg will order the balance of the candles. Some walls and doors were painted.

**Stewardship:** Time and Talent survey will be issued this month.

**Worship & Music:** Seth took another job so he will not be here as much. Pastor Denise will take over leading the Worship and Music Committee, but Seth will still participate. Council will review and discuss further options next month as well. November 20th, RJ will be confirmed.

**Pastor's Report:**

**Back to school** - Summer comes to an end. Flat Jesus has made his rounds and we have put him up for pre-church. It has been great seeing everyone's summer- keeping us connected while we are traveling and enjoying the sunshine.

This month... Undies Sunday on the 11 th of September to be given to Community House. The other churches in the conferences were invited to gather underwear also.

This month... Undies Sunday on the 11 th of September to be given to Community House. The other churches in the conferences were invited to gather underwear also.

**Worship:** We are back in the Blue book setting 5.

Thankful Thursdays Prayer 9:30-10 am: zoom or join us around the conference room....we sit in silence for 10 minutes and share praises and prayers.

**FALL DINNERS FOR 8:** I have a sign up for murder mystery dinners this fall.

Calendar was created: I am still feeling out the capacity and desires of our community. Once the time and talent survey is back, I may be able to judge more.

**Last month in review:**

-August 14 th Church at Arnolds

-August 20 th Game night at the Arnolds 21 people and burritos from GAP

-2 nd Wed of the month meet with Conference churches for planning

**Moving forward:**

-Sept 14 5:30 potluck and Painting Prayer Rocks (BBQ)

-Sept 25 Blessing the Back Packs

-Sept 28 Men's zoom/in person Conference wide Bible study begins

-October 2 Blessing of the animals

-October 15 OKTOBERFEST St. Paul (all conf) we are doing children's games

-October 26 th 5:30 potluck Dress in 1517 costume for Escape rooms

-October 30 Reformation Sunday at Trinity

**Old Business:**

**Oregon/Piano:** Peggy noted that she went to an estate sale and left a message that if they have one for sale, the church may be interested. Chuck mentioned after almost dropping the piano on his foot when moving during the carpet replacement that we should consider getting a keyboard that would be more portable. Seth reported that pain shopping with Linda and Jan still needs to happen not sure when schedules will mesh.

**Pew Cushions:** Waiting for a full die lot on the material for pew cushions to be made to avoid any color variables.

**Time and Talents:** Surveys will be going out soon.

**Welcome Bags:** Candi will take on putting together Welcome Bags for visitors/New Members.

**Ukraine Support:** George has been trying to to work with Lutheran Communities, which did not work well. George then went through Homeland Security and was directed to a site to review people to sponsor, but he was not comfortable with the format is in a holding a pattern right now. There is a luncheon in Tacoma by Community Services Northwest that will provide information for helping those in the Ukraine, and other countries. Candi mentioned seeing if George could zoom in since it was just prior to his surgery and Pastor has other commitments that would prevent her from attending.

**Security Cameras:** Seth reported that for less than \$2,000, we can get five wireless solar-powered cameras, two doorbell cameras that are battery powered. All seven cameras can be used as a loud speaker to speak to whomever is within ear shot. The five solar powered cameras all have spotlights you can turn on, and alarm sounds that you can turn on. All seven of the cameras only when a person comes into view. They all have on-board storage that will hold two months worth of footage. We can add more of the solar-power cameras for better coverage as we see fit. This system would require that we improve the WIFI signal across the whole church. This proposal will be discussed at next month's meeting.

**New Business:**

**Building Use/Agreements:** Pastor Denise gathered fee information from area churches in regards to building use. Jocelyn will review and put together a suggested fee schedule for the Council to review in the near future.

**Cleaning Supplies/Equipment:** New janitor and she needs supplies. It was noted that she should feel free to buy what is needed and be reimbursed. Summer Coffee Hours: After Father's Day Jackie suggested we go to simpler coffee hours. Dana reminded everyone that when started it was only meant to be coffee and cookies.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** November 13-19 will be our last host week of 2022. As soon as I have the 2023 dates, I will publish. Our two support churches, Renewal City and Rose Valley Friends, are diligently working to get their congregations excited about Family Promise again. If you are interested in participating, please let Dana Dana know at 360-430-7950. If you have any questions or concerns, regarding this wonderful program, please do not hesitate to contact, Dana, Deborah, or Boyd.

**CHRISTMAS ADOPTION:** I (Dana) received approval from Council to proceed with adopting children from Kelso's Janus Youth Program, which serves homeless youth up to the age of 20. I have requested 15 kids of various ages and genders. I will have a sign up sheet created for passing around as soon as I receive the names and gift ideas from Janus House. I will be doing this from afar as I will not be back into town until the 13th of December, but will be able to answer any questions or concerns at 360.430.7950. Please leave any purchased gifts in the church office by December 11th as I will deliver shortly after I get back into town. If you want to provide a cash donation, please let me know directly and I will do shopping either here in Arizona or when I get home. I so appreciate your help with making these kids' Christmas a bit more special for them.