



## Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Newsletter April 28, 2025 to May 27, 2025



Gloria Dei Folk:

On the Monday after what would be his last Easter, Pope Francis joined the Church Triumphant after a long struggle with health issues.

Pope Francis had lived his life in service of Christ. He was one of a kind, a reformer from

Argentina who rattled the traditionalist workings of the Church. He reached out and challenged outdated beliefs. He believed in the advancement of interfaith dialogue and understanding. He promoted the inclusion of immigrants and the poor. He lived his life raising up humanitarian causes, the environment, and justice and urged people to do the same.

Pope Francis believed in the unity of people and having a peaceful society. In his honor and out of appreciation for the gift of his ministry, I dedicate my article to him this month by sharing several of his quotes over the years:

"Let us not forget that real love is about loving and letting ourselves be loved."

"Love is the measure of faith."

"Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night."

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works."

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy."

"The world tells us to seek success, power, and money; God tells us to seek humility, service, and love."

"A Christian who does not protect creation, who does not let it grow, is a Christian who does not care about the work of God."

"Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."



**"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases."**

**Lamentations 3:22**

Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself in darkness."

"We all have the duty to do good."

"Forgiveness is the essence of love."

"No one can be excluded from the mercy of God."

"For all the obstacles we see before us, gratitude and appreciation should prevail over concerns and complaints."

"Wherever there are dreams, there is joy, Jesus is always present."

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Ted D. Kerr



### **A Special Coffee hour with AED Training**

AED training with a special coffee hour is scheduled following

worship on May 18th. We will have a special seated coffee hour in Luther Hall while a presentation is given on how to use the AED Defibrillator in case of an emergency.

### **Sunday School & Ice Cream Social**

The last day of Sunday school is May 25th. The Sunday school kids and youth group will meet at church to walk to Frosty Boy on Sunday, June 1st from 1:00-2:00 pm. Bring an outdoor game to play after the ice cream.



### Prayers

Ken Knorp, Lois Hall, David, Becky, JoAnn Randall, Margaret Hern, Dakota Courington, Randy Tripp, Sherrill, Billy Newman, Fred O'Quinn, Jim Hook, Rodd Roesch, Pat Sturk, Pam Brakke, Duane Borsvold, Karole Schaufele, Rev. Rick Barger, Robin, Good Shepherd, Monroe – LLM Cathy Maxwell, the people of Ukraine, and the Mideast, and those impacted by wildfires, earthquakes and tornadoes.

### Yoga

***Mondays at 6pm \$4 per person and Thursdays through the end of May at 4:30pm \$3 per person.***

**Lutheran Ladies' Luncheon** meets each Thursday at noon at Big Boy. All are welcome.

**Men's breakfast** meets Thursday mornings at 7 AM at the Big Boy.

### Tanzania Sewing Day

Tuesday, May 20th from 9am-3pm will be a Tanzania sewing day. There will be jobs for sewers and non-sewers. Come help for whatever time you are able to give. All help is appreciated.

### Thank you

Dear Gloria Dei Friends,  
Thank you so much for all the beautiful birthday cards. I received 85 and most of them were from my church friends. I received a pretty wicker tea basket and the cards just fit into it. I will keep the cards in there and will be able to look at them often. They are really beautiful. Thank you to all the "Lunch Bunch."  
Love you all, May Butler

### Help Wanted

Gloria Dei needs your help keeping everybody informed. We are looking for someone to do the monthly newsletter. Also, the Gloria Dei online web site needs to be updated. Please contact Kim at church for more information.



**Norma Binns 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Cindy Hook 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**John Kogelman 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Jeff Drefke 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Susan Reinink 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sharon Kroll 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Kim Janeczek 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Sally Broderick 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Bob Salsberry 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Hagrid Hern 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Julie Parks 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Ann Borsvold 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Megan LaFollette 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Eric Borsvold 31<sup>st</sup>**

Birthday coffee  
hour May 4



### Graduation Sunday

Congratulations to our high school graduates, Aubrey Baur, and Michael Longabaugh. They will be honored on June 1 on Graduation Sunday.

\*\*\*\*\* Parents please send Kim a picture to include in the June newsletter

### Graduation Time

We would like to congratulate other graduates. Perhaps you have someone in your family who is receiving a masters degree or graduate degree. You also may have someone who has finished their trade school training. Do you have a grandchild who is in the military and earning promotions? Your grandchild may be graduating from a different school. Please send this information to Kim so it can be included in the June newsletter also.

### Keys

If you use a key to the church, please double check to make sure the door is locked when you leave.