

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

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Office Hours: Varies in the summer

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CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee wanted to let the congregation know that we met with Pastor Rebecca Shjerven from Synod on August 24th via zoom.

Pr. Rebecca went over some options for Gloria Dei regarding full time, part-time or sharing a pastor, we are looking at all possibilities. We are working on updating our church profile that is on Synod's website for pastors whom are looking for possible openings.

Serving on the Call Committee is Chuck Davison, chairperson, Liz Cruz, Sue Akins-Fields, Cathy Halverson & Jackie Erickson. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 2nd. If you have any questions or concern's please feel free to contact any of the people serving on this committee.

If you would like to send in photos for the newsletter and the website please send them to gloriadeikelso@gmail.com



I've been working at the iNVENT summer camp through Oregon State Universities precollege programs! iNVENT is an engineering based camp focused on giving middle schoolers in rural or underprivileged areas a positive experience with science, technology, and math. I work with 5 other college students and we have travelled to Albany, Philomath,



Sweet Home, Harrisburg, Lebanon, McMinnville, and will be finishing our summer in Yachats. The kids do all sorts of activities including building solar cars, spinners, designing with constraints, and a week long project focused on Human Centered Design. We have been having lots of fun traveling and have learned a bunch!

Nyssa Engebo

FISH is back

Our next days for FISH September 2nd & 3rd. Most needed items are mac & cheese, top ramen, pork & beans, chili, tuna & soup.

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers that helped in August, (Carl & Peggy Winston, Greg Price, Candace Kolberg, Terri Reichert & MaryLou Wellman.

Mary Carter- FISH Chair

Here are a few pictures that Carl took in July at FISH



Carolyn will be in the Church Monday mornings to clean.

A big thanks to her for keeping our building so nice and tidy.



September Birthdays

8th Carla Smith
12th Asher Dixon
13th Ted Kjose
24th Tavear Grauer

September ANNIVERSARIES

5th Chuck & Cheryl Davison
10th Joel & Cathy Halverson
14th Dan & Mary Carter



Readers for September

5th
12th-Deborah
19th - Allan
26th - Dana

Coffee Hour - No coffee hour at this time.

Flowers for September

5th
12th
19th- Jackie Erickson
26th

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.





Nov. 14th - Nov. 20th

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!

Pacific Islanders will be using the Church Sept. 3rd 3-7 and Sept 4th - 11-4 and Sept 5th -1-5.

Dear People of Gloria Dei

We Thank you for the lovely reception that you provided on August 8th to mark our 50th Wedding Anniversary. So many of you helped to create a beautiful array of delicious food, or decorated the tables, or provided lovely flower arrangements, or supplied a cake in honor of our special anniversary or provided clean up in the kitchen. There were heartfelt cards, well wishes and even special music from Seth and Charlie. Everything was so nicely done and provided us a memorable day to celebrate our Golden Anniversary. We appreciate every contribution and feel honored by your love and support.

With sincere thanks,
Paula and Elten Zerby

Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to submit anything to the newsletter please email Wendy at gloriadeikelso@gmail.com by September 21st

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

2021 monthly requirement:

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

YTD 2021: \$56,069



1. When does a joke become a 'dad' joke?

When it becomes apparent.

2. Why should you never trust stairs?

They're always up to something.

Matthew 11:28

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

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COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 13TH, 2021

Present: Chuck Davison, Joel Halverson, Candace Kolberg, Greg Price, Boyd Burns, Candi Engebo, Terri Reichert, Jocelyn Price, Seth Burns, and Dana Libby

Guest: Deborah Burns

Devotions: Seth presented about Christ being light.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported receipts for May of \$10,737.50, and expenses of \$7,564.89. Terri moved and Joel seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Christian Education: Working on decorations with Longview Community Church for Rocky Railway vacation bible school, which is scheduled to take place the week of July 26-29 from 5:30 to 7:30/8:00 at Gloria Dei.

Property Team: Joel installed more signage. The roof sustained no damage when the skateboarders utilized it as a ramp. Joel will check out further.

Worship & Music: Seth will get Dan and Greg trained on the system for future utilization. Jan would like one Sunday off a month. Sue has committed to doing the music the Sunday's Jan wants off.

Family Promise Outreach: Only able to host two families at the Day Center. Looking at returning to going back to church housing soon. Night without a bed fundraiser is June 26, and there are three area churches that have volunteered their parking lots. Emmanuel, Longview Presbyterian, and New Song Worship Center, if you want more information, please see the Family Promise website. Our next host week is August 15th-21st. There was discussion in regards to Gloria Dei donating monthly to Love Inc or FISH with designation to help locals with utility bills. Dana will check out and report back next month and share so that the Council can determine if this is a path we would like to take.

Old Business:

Oil Tank: We have approved ~\$52,000 out of the \$60,000. There is \$19,000 left of our insurance money that has not been spent. AEC wants to put in monitoring wells. Terri contacted PLIA and they are going to submit an opinion letter on what they feel needs to be done. The change letter that AEC submitted would cost an additional \$21,000 of church funds. PLIA reminded Terri that this is all voluntary. When we get the opinion letter from PLIA the Council will need to determine the next steps.

Items to replace in Church: Flooring in Sanctuary and Narthex, cushions in pews, possibly carpet in Fellowship Hall, and kitchen.

Re-Opening: Will continue with the deep cleaning until Greg is told otherwise.

Pastoral Search: Jackie is setting up date to meet in July.

PO Box: PO Box 1020 has been set up for Gloria Dei.

New Business:

Elten Vacation: June 20th through August 2nd and all Sundays have been covered.

Small Group: There has been one outreach gathering so far.

Use of Church: Pacific Islanders will be utilizing the church and fellowship hall use will start after the State re-opening in July. Do we want Topps to still use the building on Wednesday mornings for \$75 a quarter? After discussion, Jocelyn moved that we allow Topps to continue the use of the church after the State is re-opened at \$75 a quarter. Seth seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

Community House: Chuck mentioned that he would like someone to apprentice to take over Community House when Cheryl and he are ready to be done.

August Meeting: Barbecue at Erickson's

Invest Committee Report: Allan, Joel, George, Boyd and Deborah met to discuss the churches investments. The investment committee would like to move the \$61,000 that is invested at Continental Investments for Scholarships to Thrivent. The Investment Committee is responsible for watching and reviewing all of these funds and keeping Council informed of its decisions.

Scholarship: Jocelyn will contact Nyssa. Jocelyn and Deborah will work on updating the Scholarship process.

2021 CAMP OUT

The 2021 camp out for August 13-15th at Skamokawa Vista Park was attended by four families. Food, fun and fellowship was the main event for the weekend. The 2022 camp out is scheduled for July 22nd-24th. Let Dana know if you are interested in a Yurt or an RV spot by March 1st.

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.

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

