

Newsletter May 2026

Gloria Dei

May

May arrives on gentle breeze,
With blossoms drifting through the trees.
The days grow long, the sunlight stays,
A golden thread through warming days.
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For mothers' hands, both strong and kind,
Whose quiet love shapes heart and mind,
We pause to thank, to hold them near,
In whispered words we hope they hear.
For graduates in caps held high,
With hopeful dreams that touch the sky,
The road ahead both wide and new,
Awaits their steps, their courage true.
And then we bow our heads once more,
For those who served in days of war—
Memorial Day, a solemn light,
To honor sacrifice and right.
So May unfolds in joy and grace,
In love, remembrance, hope's embrace—
A month that holds both tear and cheer,
The heart of all we cherish dear.

Summer Concert Series

Anyone who would like to share their gift of music is welcome to perform their special music during the Wednesday Summer Concert Series from June to August.
Please contact the Music Director to make arrangements.

Important Dates

May 1st - 31st
Food Drive

May 17th
2026 High School Grads

May 17th
Training Session

May 28th
Blood Drive

May 30th & 31st
Festival of Hymns

May 31st
Inquiry Class

Upcoming Dates

June 7th
Games and Pizza

June 17th
Summer Concert Series I

July 27th, 28th, and 29th
VBS 2026

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Pastor's Note:

"Likewise, all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil — this is the gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 5:19). Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that he also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from his hand, but Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully his, and then he allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what he has entrusted to us, no doubt he takes great pleasure in our enjoyment if our actions are in conformity to his Word and his will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in a way that our enjoyment brings glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and his work here at Gloria Dei.

During the past few months, have you kept God's glory ... especially giving to him ... as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?

2026 High School Grads

Help us celebrate our 2026 High School Grads. We will honor them on Sunday, May 17th, after our worship service. Our graduates this year are:

Elianna Bargman

Savannah Clark

Ashleigh Cruce

Thomas Fogt

Bryna Fox

Elijah Kerns

Matthew King

Joanna Reil

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Children's Sunday School

Sunday School, May 3 at 9:15 am

Assisting Minister

Have you thought about serving as an assisting minister and asked yourself whether you can do that? Well, the answer is YES YOU CAN!. There will be a training session on May 17th at 10:30 in the sanctuary. Please let Pastor Edd know if you are interested.

Inquiry Class

An Inquiry Class will be held on May 31st at 10:15 am. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of the Gloria Dei Family, you are invited to join us. Breakfast provided. Please let Pastor Edd or the church office know if you can attend.

VBS 2026

Save the date for VBS 2026 addition. VBS will be held this summer on July 27th, 28th, and 29th. The date will be from 6 to 8 pm. If you are interested in helping this summer. Please contact the church office for more information. A planning meeting will be held in early June. This year's theme is SHINE!. I hope that you will join us.

Food Drive

Gloria Dei is hosting a food drive to supplement our pantry. We will collect canned soups and canned whole meals (stew, chili-Mac, et al) from May 1 - 31. For each item donated, the Thrivent Network will donate \$1 up to a total of \$150 for additional food. There will be special containers marked for this effort.

Thanks in advance to our generous congregation and Thrivent for recognizing this need.
FEED THE PEOPLE!

Your Outreach Team

Fellowship Sunday

Join us for Fellowship Sunday on June 7. Join us for a variety of games and pizza lunch 10:30-12:00. You are welcome to bring your favorite game or play one of the games we have out: card games, trivia, board games and more. Sign up to help us order enough pizza. Hope to see you there.

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Blood Drive Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Fellowship/Social Hall
5409 NW 72nd St.
Kansas City, MO 64151

Thursday, May 28, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: GloriaDeiKC to schedule an appointment.



Get summer ready! Come to give blood May 18-31 for an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, ltd. qty!



Scan to schedule an appointment.

Give Blood.

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You're invited to Summer Office Hours

Monday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday, Closed
Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Laugh Fundraiser

Thank you so much!!!!
The Laugh fundraiser was very successful! \$1,787.00 was donated to building foundations for healthy lifestyles through: Wellness education and chronic disease management, growing, preparing, and teaching about healthy foods, promoting physical activity, and local and international collaboration to increase sustainability and community impact.

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Food Donation

MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY donated canned goods that they have been gathering to our Gloria Dei Food Pantry. They wanted to FEED the PEOPLE!



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Life Line Screening

Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your area. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening can bring these health screenings into your community and for that, we are very appreciative.

We look forward to working together again!

American Red Cross

We want to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary commitment you bring to your role as an American Red Cross Blood Program Leader.

Hosting a blood drive is a remarkable act of service. It takes vision, coordination, and a deep commitment to your community. Through your dedication, you do far more than organize an event—you create a vital connection between generous donors and the patients whose lives depend on them.

Every pint collected; every donor encouraged; and every challenge overcome reflects the impact of your leadership. Your time is one of your most valuable resources, and we are sincerely grateful that you chose to invest it in our lifesaving mission.

We are honored to partner with you and look forward to continuing this important work together.

Upcoming Dates

June 1st - 5th
Baroque Workshop

June 5th
Baroque Workshop Recital

June 21
1st Kansas City Baroque
Consortium Recital

July 20th - 24th
20th Annual Strings Camp

July 24th
20th Annual Strings Camp Recital

July 26
2nd Kansas City Baroque
Consortium Recital

August 23
3rd Kansas City Baroque
Consortium Recital

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Happy Mother's Day to all the Mother at Gloria Dei!	28	29	30	1 Food Drive starts 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:00 - 9:00 pm Front Parking Lot	2 Food Drive 7:00 - 8:30 am Harvesters Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
3 Food Drive 9:00 am Worship Child Sun sch 11 am GS Mass 10:15 am Class Confirmation	4 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	5 6:45 am NorQuest 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	6 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:30 pm GS Mass 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	8 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	9 Food Drive 5:00 pm Worship
10 Mother's Day Food Drive 9:00 am Worship 11 am GS Mass	11 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	12 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 10:00 am Chosen	13 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:30 pm GS Mass 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 Harvesters Deliver 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	15 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 12:00 - 2:00 pm Food Pantry (Weston City Hall)	16 Food Drive 7:00 - 8:30 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
17 Food Drive 9:00 am Worship HS Grads Recognition 10:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Training Session 11 am GS Mass	18 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:00 pm Council Meeting	19 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	20 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:30 pm GS Mass	21 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	22 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	23 Food Drive 5:00 pm Worship
24 Food Drive 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School 11 am GS Mass	25 Office Closed 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	26 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	27 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:30 pm GS Mass	28 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 12-4p Blood Drive	29 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	30 Food Drive 5:00 pm Worship Festival of Hymns
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COMMUNION SERVERS			ASSISTING MINISTER			
May 3 Volunteers Needed May 10 Jennifer Shireman & Carol Kuhr May 17 Jim & Jackie Finnegan May 24 Dean & Joan Dark May 31 Volunteers Needed			May 3 Corey Reil (Lector: Treva DeLeon) May 10 Payten Davis (Lector: VirJean Scheuerman) May 17 Steve Fogt (Lector: Bob Happel) May 24 Brian Ericksen (Lector: Carol Kuhr) May 31 Jennifer Williams (Lector: Jennifer Shireman)			
ALTAR FLOWERS						
May 3 In memory of Roger Lehr ~ Kay Lehr May 10 In honor of Anya's 23rd Birthday! ~ Julia & Keith Kuhn May 17 In honor of Bella Grau's 28th Birthday ~ Kelley & Brad Grau May 24 In honor of Granddaughter Isabella Puckett's graduation from high school this year ~ Darlus Wolff May 31 In honor of our Anniversary ~ David & Carolyn Sick						