



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

4TH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY

★★ NEWSLETTER ★★

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★★ STEWARDSHIP ★★

An issue of Sinfonia magazine once carried an interesting advertisement. On a left-hand page in large print were these words:

Myth ... My donation doesn't make a difference.

On the facing right-hand page in large print were these words:

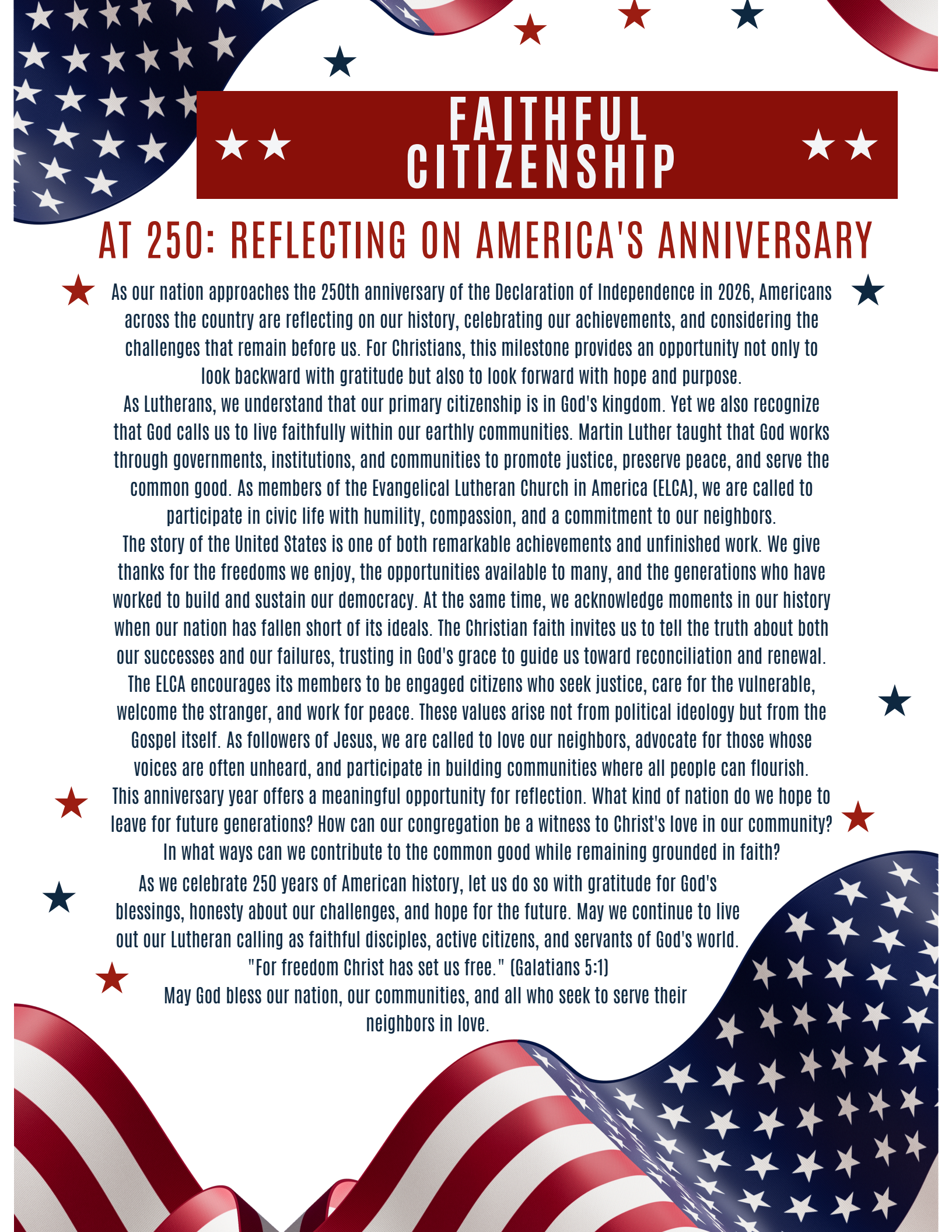
Reality ... It does.

That same thing is true of a church like Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Some people conclude that their support of the Lord's work here doesn't make a difference. After all, many others give to provide the funds needed to carry on the church's ministry. What difference could one person make? But in reality, everyone's part makes a difference. Just as a brick missing from a wall weakens the wall, so each person's part is essential as we build on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone (Eph. 2:19-22).

Thank you for realizing that your financial support of our church is essential. In fact, thank you for going beyond the "reality stage" by giving faithfully during the past six months to the ministry of the Gospel here. And thank you for making a difference through your prayer support, your participation, and your financial support.

Together With Christ, We Care!





FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

AT 250: REFLECTING ON AMERICA'S ANNIVERSARY

★ As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, Americans across the country are reflecting on our history, celebrating our achievements, and considering the challenges that remain before us. For Christians, this milestone provides an opportunity not only to look backward with gratitude but also to look forward with hope and purpose. ★

As Lutherans, we understand that our primary citizenship is in God's kingdom. Yet we also recognize that God calls us to live faithfully within our earthly communities. Martin Luther taught that God works through governments, institutions, and communities to promote justice, preserve peace, and serve the common good. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to participate in civic life with humility, compassion, and a commitment to our neighbors.

The story of the United States is one of both remarkable achievements and unfinished work. We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, the opportunities available to many, and the generations who have worked to build and sustain our democracy. At the same time, we acknowledge moments in our history when our nation has fallen short of its ideals. The Christian faith invites us to tell the truth about both our successes and our failures, trusting in God's grace to guide us toward reconciliation and renewal.

The ELCA encourages its members to be engaged citizens who seek justice, care for the vulnerable, welcome the stranger, and work for peace. These values arise not from political ideology but from the Gospel itself. As followers of Jesus, we are called to love our neighbors, advocate for those whose voices are often unheard, and participate in building communities where all people can flourish. ★

★ This anniversary year offers a meaningful opportunity for reflection. What kind of nation do we hope to leave for future generations? How can our congregation be a witness to Christ's love in our community? ★

In what ways can we contribute to the common good while remaining grounded in faith?

★ As we celebrate 250 years of American history, let us do so with gratitude for God's blessings, honesty about our challenges, and hope for the future. May we continue to live out our Lutheran calling as faithful disciples, active citizens, and servants of God's world.

★ "For freedom Christ has set us free." (Galatians 5:1)

May God bless our nation, our communities, and all who seek to serve their neighbors in love.



JULY SERMONS



NAHUM: COMFORT THROUGH GOD'S JUSTICE (JULY 12TH)

Nahum prophesied against Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. Though Nineveh once repented during Jonah's time, later generations returned to violence and oppression. Nahum announces that God's justice will prevail.

HABAKKUK: FAITH IN TIMES OF CONFUSION (JULY 19TH)

Unlike many prophets, Habakkuk speaks directly to God with questions and struggles. Troubled by injustice and suffering, he asks why God seems silent. God answers that He is still at work, even in ways difficult to understand.

HAGGAI: PUTTING GOD FIRST (JULY 26TH)

After the exile, the people returned to Jerusalem but neglected rebuilding the temple while focusing on their own comfort and security. Haggai challenged them to renew their priorities and complete God's work.



LUTHERAN 101



DISCOVERING OUR LUTHERAN HERITAGE

Have you ever wondered how Martin Luther's call for church reform grew into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)? Whether you have been Lutheran your entire life or are simply curious about our church's history and beliefs, Lutheran 101 offers an opportunity to learn, grow, and deepen your faith.

★ In this new adult education class, we will journey through the story of Lutheranism, beginning with Martin Luther and the Reformation of the 16th century and continuing through the development of Lutheran churches in America to the formation of the ELCA in 1988. ★

Along the way, we will explore:

- Martin Luther's life and faith journey
- The central teachings of the Reformation
- The Lutheran Confessions and what they mean for us today
- The growth of Lutheranism in Europe and America
- The history of Lutheran churches in the United States
- The events that led to the creation of the ELCA
- How our Lutheran heritage continues to shape our congregation and ministry

★ This class is designed for everyone—longtime Lutherans, new members, and anyone interested in learning more about our faith tradition. There is no test, no homework, and no prior knowledge required—just a willingness to learn and engage in conversation. ★

Join us as we explore the story of God's grace at work through the Lutheran tradition and discover how that story continues in our congregation today.

LUTHERAN 101: FROM REFORMATION TO ELCA
THURSDAYS AT 2:00 P.M. BEGINNING JULY 9TH

For additional information, please contact the church office. We hope you will join us for this exciting journey through our Lutheran heritage.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES


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PAYTEN DAVIS
SOPRANO

DR. TRACEY JOHNSON
PIANO

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
7:00 PM

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
5409 NW 72ND ST.
KANSAS CITY, MO 64151

Free admission
Refreshments provided

GDLC Summer Concert Series




NICHOLAS MAY
Saxophone

ALEX SIU LUN LIN
Piano

AUGUST 5, 7 PM

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
5409 NW 72nd St.
Kansas City, MO 64151

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Kansas City Baroque Concert II
Sunday, July 26 at 3:00 pm

*The Carray Music Studio
Violin, Viola & Cello buds
would LOVE for you
to attend our*

***Cantabile
Recital!***

***Saturday, August 1
1:00 p.m.***

***at Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church***

***with pianist
Tracey Johnson***

SIGN UP!

July 27-29

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm every day

VBS will be held this summer on July 27, 28, and 29. The VBS will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

If you are interested in helping this summer, please get in touch with the church office.

This year's theme is SHINE!

I hope that you will join us.

SIGN-UP



**JOIN US
FOR**

VBS



October 24th 2026

- Sale runs from 10am to 3pm
- Vendors include local artisans and crafters, homemade treats from the scouts and more.
- This helps support our troops scouting adventures!
- Great for holiday shopping!



Scout Troop 7495

Contact
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if you have questions

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Celebrate
MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.



Blood Drive
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.

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

Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward
by email to see a movie on us: rcblood.org/July

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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★★★ THANK YOU! ★★★



Dear Gloria Dei Church,
Thank you so much for sharing
your space with DKG Gamma Theta!
We really appreciate you being so kind,
generous & welcoming to our Women's
Educator group! We are grateful
for your charitable partnership. Thanks
for being so lovely! Sincerely The Ladies
from DKG

Visit our website at www.reallygreatsite.com or our
official page @reallygreatsite for more details.

July 2026

SUMMER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Summer Concert Series II	2 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	3 Office Closed 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	4 Happy 4th of July!
5 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School	6 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	7 6:45 am NorQuest 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	8 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	9 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 2:00 pm Class Lutheran 101	10 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	11 5:00 pm Worship
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19 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School	20 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	21 6:45 am Men Bible 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	22 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	23 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 2:00 pm Class Lutheran 101	24 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 12:30 pm Strings Camp Recital	25 5:00 pm Worship
26 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School 3 pm 2nd KC Baroque Concert	27 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6 - 8 pm VBS	28 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 12-4p Blood Drive 6 - 8 pm VBS	29 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6 - 8 pm VBS	30 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 2:00 pm Class Lutheran 101	31 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	1

COMMUNION SERVERS

July 5 The Fox family
 July 12 Jennifer Shireman & Carol Kuhr
 July 19 Jim & Jackie Finnegan
 July 26 Dean & Joan Dark

ASSISTING MINISTER

July 5 Jennifer Williams (Lector: *Treva DeLeon)
 July 12 Brian Ericksen (Lector: Bob Happel)
 July 19 Corey Reil (Lector: Carol Kuhr)
 July 26 Payten Davis (Lector: Jennifer Shireman)

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 5 In honor of America's 250th birthday ~ CC
 July 12 In celebration of Ruth Poitevin's 92nd birthday! ~ Julia & Keith Kuhn
 July 19 In honor of Cooper's 21st Birthday ~ Valorie Stokes
 July 26 In honor of Denis & VirJean Scheuerman's 54th Anniversary ~ Ricardo & Treva DeLeon