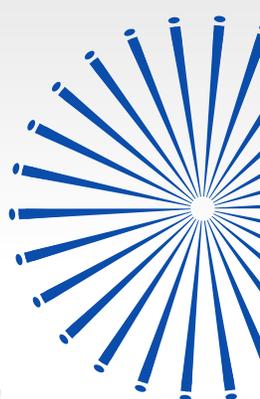




Gloria Dei Lutheran
Church Presents



**4TH
OF JULY**

2025 JULY NEWSLETTER



**Church Council
Meetings**



No July Meeting
August 25
September 22
October 20
November 17
December TBD

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Celebrating Independence Day – Relish Our Freedoms

By Council President Bob Brunker



As we gather with family and friends to celebrate July 4, Independence Day, we can salute those who have defended our freedoms that so many take for granted, including freedom of speech, religion and assembly. I read a newsletter from Rev. Robert Blezard, ELCA Pastor in Aberdeen, MD and he highlighted ways all of us can celebrate our freedom of expression in the context of Jesus' commands: As Christians we remember not only Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves, but also to do unto others as we would have them do to us.

We are Stewards of our relationships with our neighbors. As followers of Jesus, we can be stewards of civility and lead our country to calmer, more amicable times.

Now that Summer has officially arrived, please enjoy the longer days and we look forward to seeing everyone walk in the doors at Gloria Die.

God's Blessings
Bob Brunker



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Pastor's Notes

By Pastor Edd Wunderlich

If you were to ask the average pastor, "How is your church doing?" the answer would probably focus on the ABCs of church growth:

Attendance, Buildings and Cash. Attendance is important. It's hard to carry on a ministry if no one is there or if the numbers dwindle so low that no one wants to be there. Buildings are important. Many a church visitor has been turned off by an old, run-down building or by one that is dirty and in need of routine maintenance. Cash is important. As Zig Ziglar said, "I've had money, and I've not had it. It's a lot more fun with it than without it." The same thing is true of churches. But attendance alone has nothing to do with the health of a church. There can be thousands present who are a mile wide and an inch deep in their relationship to God. A building can be packed week after week, but that alone does not mean the church is spiritual. In fact, some of the largest churches in this country are made up of congregations who are spiritual pygmies. Paul sent Timothy to check up on the Thessalonian church. He had been able to spend only three weeks with this new assembly before he was run out of town. Do you know what questions Paul gave Timothy to ask the leaders of that congregation? He didn't ask about attendance, buildings or cash. Instead, he wanted to take a temperature reading of their spiritual health. To do that, he mentions their faith five times in 1 Thessalonians chapter 3:

- We sent Timothy ... to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith (v. 2).
- ...when I could bear it no longer, I sent [Timothy] to find out about your faith (v. 5).
 - But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought good news about your faith and love (v. 6).
 - For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith (v. 7).
 - Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith (v. 10). Throughout this chapter, Paul is concerned about one thing: FAITH. That's why he sent Timothy in the first place, i.e., to "strengthen and encourage" the people in their faith. Why does Paul give faith such a great emphasis to the exclusion of other worthy topics? Because Paul knew what we seem to have forgotten, that when people break down in their behavior, grow cold in the Lord, no longer desire to serve the Lord, are not consistent in their attendance, find other activities to occupy their time during the week and on the weekends, and reduce their giving or stop giving to the Lord's work, it is because their faith has broken down. The writer of Hebrews said, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

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Summer Sermon Series

Summer Sermon Series Continues....

July 5 & 6 Ruth and Naomi Ruth 1: 1-22 Kurt S.

July 12 & 13 Esther 4: 1-17 Kurt S.

July 19 & 20 Zerubbabel Ezra 3: 8-10 Pastor Edd

July 26 & 27 Gideon Judges 6: 11-24 Pastor Edd



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Sunday, June 29, 3:00 p.m. - Gloria Dei Lutheran

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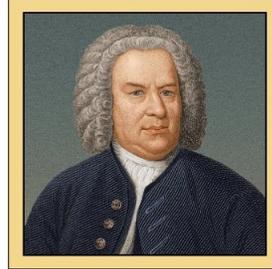
Friday, July 18, 7:30 p.m. - Village Presbyterian
Sunday, July 20, 3:00 p.m. - Gloria Dei Lutheran

CONCERT III: ***Bach at the Café Zimmerman***

Coffee, Pipe, & Drink: Vice, Virtue & Redemption

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Friday, August 15, 7:30 p.m. - Visitation Catholic
Sunday, August 17, 3:00 p.m. - Gloria Dei Lutheran



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THANK
you.



Thank You By

KAY LEHR

On behalf of Roger Lehr and his family, I would like to thank Gloria Dei's people for their support, prayers, meals, and just for being there. We have been truly blessed by all you did for us during this time!! I pray blessings for all of you...

Thank You By

Dear Gloria Dei Church,
Thank you so much for welcoming us to your space this year! We greatly appreciate you being so gracious & accommodating. We are very grateful & appreciative to have found a new home for our quarterly meetings. Thanks for being so kind & generous!

Sincerely,
The Ladies of Delta Kappa Gamma



Thank You By

GLORIA DEI FOOD PANTRY
Feeding the People
277 families...1,175 people



July 2025

SUMMER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 6:45 am Norquest 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	2 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	3 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	4 Holiday Closed 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	5 7:00 - 9:00 am Harvesters Food Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
6 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School	7 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	8 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	9 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Andreas Landstedt recital	10 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	11 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	12 5:00 pm Worship
13 9:00 am Worship Youth Sunday School	14 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	15 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 10:30 am Chosen	16 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	17 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	18 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	19 7:00 - 9:00 am Harvesters Food Pantry 1:00 - 3:00 pm Welcome Center 5:00 pm Worship
20 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School 3:00 pm Concert Summer Series II	21 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	22 6:45 am Men Bible 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 12-4 pm Blood Drive	23 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	24 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	25 8 - 3 pm Strings Camp 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 12:30 pm Strings Camp Recital	26 5:00 pm Worship 12:00 pm Carray Recital 2:00 pm Carray Recital
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COMMUNION ASSISTANCE

July 6 The Fox family
July 13 Jerry & Jennifer Shireman
July 20 Jim & Jackie Finnegan
July 27 Dean & Joan Dark

ASSISTING MINISTER

July 6 Corey Reil (Lector: Kurt Sortland)
July 13 Steve Fogt (Lector: Treva DeLeon)
July 20 Jennifer Williams (Lector: Jo Ellen Witt)
July 27 Corey Reil (Lector: VirJean Scheuerman)

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 6 In celebration of Ruth Poitevin's birthday! ~ Julia & Keith Kuhn
July 13 None ~
July 20 None ~

July 27 In honor of Denni & VirJean Scheuerman's 53rd Wedding Anniversary ~ Ricardo & Treva DeLeon