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MISSION STATEMENT

Walking with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person

TO YOU, CALLED BY GOD INTO MISSION, GRACE & PEACE

CHANGE. One small word with such a BIG IMPACT! Do you LOVE CHANGE? Do you fear CHANGE?

What happens is someone or something never changes?

Has the Christian Church changed over time? Well, we no longer worship in Latin, German, Norwegian, or Swedish...because the church was in a land that used the English language.

Over 30 years ago, Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church was planted as a mission church by winter visitors with the intention of becoming a church of the community that would welcome visitors in all seasons.

Perhaps you have heard that "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result."

Over the years, this church has changed worship locations and worship styles and adapted to different styles of preaching...even with humor!!!

Churches that do not adapt their approach to mission DIE.

No one who has loved GdC ever wants that to happen. Many people wish that churches in our country would have changed somethings to keep children and young people engaged in worship.

Our vision team looked at every aspect of GdC and knows that we want to reach young families with children.

We know that our community is changing. 226 new homes are being prepared for directly south of the church property.

I believe that it is time that we embrace the vision for the future! That vision will include investments in a staff person to work with youth and a building that can serve the needs of young people in the Foothills.

Will you boldly embrace God's vision for GdC? Will you be walking with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person?

Pastor Bill Timm

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Those of you that attended our annual meeting were able to participate in an event that acknowledges what we did during 2022 and what our visions are for 2023. Not only did we do the “business” of the church but we celebrated both existing and new ministries. There is a copy of our annual report for you to read on our web site, www.gloriadecristo.com

Our vision is to live our new Mission Statement. “WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON” We proclaim the reality that each person at Gloria de Cristo has been called into ministry in this place at this time. It is important to know you do not have to serve on a standing committee to “do” ministry at Gloria de Cristo. You can fold bulletins, bake cookies, and call someone you have missed in church, sweep the sand off the front walk, go to fellowship after church and meet a new friend. You can pray for those on the prayer list, sing in the choir, and ring bells. You can invite a friend to our Organ Dedication and Recital, February 12, at 2pm. Each of us is called to serve. The gifts have been given. The door has been opened. The mission field is ready for you and me. Let us-“WALK WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON”.



DRAMA DINNER THEATER IS BACK!

Drama dinner theater

3 showtimes!

Thursday, February 16th at 5:30 pm

Friday, February 17 at 5:30 pm

Saturday, February 18 at 5:30 pm

Tickets on sale now!

From Dr. Shirley...

Recently, I re-read a little book, *The Neighboring Church: Getting Better at what Jesus Said Matters Most*. It is based on Matthew 22:37-40, “Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Some of the interesting tips and texts highlighting attitudes and actions we should have are:

- **Love** one another: John 13:34-35
- **Serve** one another: Galatians 5:13, 22
- **Accept** one another, Romans 15:7, 14
- **Strengthen** one another: Romans 14:19
- **Help** one another: Hebrews 3:13
- **Care** for one another: Galatians 6:2
- **Forgive** one another: Ephesians 4:32
- **Commit** to one another: 1 John 3:16
- **Build trust** with one another: 1 John 1:7
- **Be devoted** to one another: Romans 12:10
- **Be patient** with one another: Ephesians 4:2
- **Be interested** in one another: Philippians 2:4

This looks like the basis for a Bible study to start after Lent. What do you think? Are you interested in going with me on this neighboring adventure as we “Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person” while following the second greatest commandment?

Rick Rusaw and Brian Mavis, *The Neighboring Church: Getting Better at what Jesus Said Matters Most*, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2016), 169.



FELLOWSHIP

Attendance at our Fellowship hour continues to be fairly high. And the cookies keep on coming. Thank you to those of you who continue to bring the cookies for the freezer. Your contributions are truly appreciated, and the supply has been kept pretty constant.

At our monthly meeting, we were able to finalize our plans for the Ladies luncheon which will be held on March 18 at 11 o'clock. I hope you will plan to attend, I think you will really enjoy it. Not only a time of visiting with your friends, but also a delicious lunch and a good speaker.

I never cease to be amazed at the number of those of you who constantly offer your assistance with events. All I have to do is say that we have an event, such as a funeral, and I have a goodly number of offers for bringing bars and helping with the set up, serving and cleaning.

I also appreciate those of you who have signed up to assist with the Sunday morning Fellowship hour. It definitely makes life easier for me.

At the upcoming Fellowship meeting, I would like to discuss this year's bazaar and bake sale. It's never too early to start planning, and I would appreciate inputs from as many as possible. The meeting is at 1:30 pm the second Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall.

I hope all of you stay healthy and continue to be in Fellowship with each other.

God's Blessings to all.

Cheryl Preul, Fellowship Chairman

Learn to look for joy everywhere you go. When your many troubles are giving you a giant headache remember that the iron crown of suffering precedes the golden crown of glory — that's what we'll wear on that glorious day when we'll be in heaven jumping for joy with our heavenly Father!

Barbara Johnson

GLORIOUS QUILTERS



I feel like January just flew by!

The rest of our winter visitors are on their way back, if they're not here already. That's good news right!

The Glorious Quilters have been very busy with more and more quilts getting done. We've gotten a few more sewers join us. Remember YOU DON'T have to SEW to join in on the fun. We ALWAYS welcome you to come check us out, and then join in.

I've been picking some brains to help find us a larger space to move to. As you've read before we NEVER turn down fabric. That being said we need more space to spread out a bit and be able to see what we've got to work with. Bless all of you that have donated fabric and or monies to purchase the batting we use.

I want to offer a really SPECIAL THANK YOU to Stan Goter for always making sure our sewing machines are cleaned and in good working order. He also sharpens or scissors! Thank you too Ila for being such a good sport while he's busy working for us. Remember every Monday 9-12, come check the Ladies and see their talents.

God bless
Carol Schock
503-338-9358 (please text)



2 options:

Sunday afternoons, From 1:30 pm-3:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall Classroom



Monday mornings, from 10am-12 pm
in the Fellowship Hall Classroom

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

The Risk of Falling

One out of four older adults will fall each year in the United States, making falls a public health concern, particularly among the aging population. About 36 million falls are reported among older adults each year—resulting in more than 32,000 deaths.

When it comes to seniors and fall-related injuries, the numbers are sobering...

Falls are **the number one cause of death in older adults**. Within the **first year of a fall** resulting in a hip fracture, one in five people die and less than one-third return to their pre-fall level of health. More than 90% of hip fractures are tied to a fall-related injury, with the majority of those fractures **occurring in people over the age of 70**.

The best way to avoid taking a tumble is to be proactive. Moving with caution, securing tripping hazards, and maintaining strong muscles through exercise are just a few of the ways you can help yourself stay on your feet. **Feeling safer avoids anxiety and stress.**

The Top Five Causes of Falls:

- **Impaired Vision**

Poor vision can impair balance and lead to an increase risk of falls and fractures in older people.

- **Medications**

Many medications are associated with side effects like dizziness, reduced mental alertness, and drowsiness, which can lead to increased fall risk.

- **Balance and Gait**

Regular exercise can improve balance and gait to reduce fall risk.

- **Household Hazards**

Environmental hazards like carpets and rugs can lead to fall-related injuries.

- **Chronic Conditions**

Certain conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, and Parkinson's can increase fall risk.

Steps to Prevent Falling

Clean up clutter.

Repair or remove tripping hazards.

Install grab bars and handrails.

Avoid loose or baggy clothing that drag on the floor/ground.

Adequate lighting, brighter light bulbs where needed

Wear shoes, not just socks, around the house to avoid slipping.

Keep bath areas free from wet floors.

Live on one level if possible...stairs can add to falling risk.

Use railings when using stairways.

Join a preventive exercise program that aims at strengthening muscles and that teaches balance techniques.

Use assistive devices such as canes or walkers if needed for stability.

Resources: "EveryDayHealth" <https://www.everydayhealth.com>
A"IgaeCal" <https://blog.igaeal.com/ultimate-fall-prevention-checklist-seniors>

OUTREACH

Our highway cleanup event in January had a good turnout. Always good to see the new people get involved.

We are still getting geared up for the annual yard sale this month. Lots of participants at the last meeting. The next planning meeting will be Thursday, February the 9th at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any donations or questions contact me or Curtis Roark.

I am still suffering from the shingles so if I seem quiet don't think I'm being rude it's just how I deal with pain.

If you need anything feel free to contact me.

Joe Johnson



SOUP SUPPERS FOR LENT

SOUPS ON....DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

As in past years, during the Lenten season various groups will prepare and serve soup from 4:30-6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings before worship.

This year's schedule is:

March 1 – Altar Committee (Broccoli Cheese)

March 8 – Church Choir

March 15 – WELCA

March 22 – Glorious Quilters (Taco)

March 29 – OPEN

Anyone not in the above groups that would like to share their favorite soup recipe? If that's you, please give Char Schomisch a call at 414-520-1857 to fill the Open spot on March 29th. Invite other church family members to join you for preparation and serving.



STEWARDSHIP

Initially, I want to thank those who have donated countless hours of time as: ushers, greeters, property workers, readers, Stephens Ministers, fellowship assistants and many others that I may have overlooked. Thanks to those with special talents: choir members, bell and chime ringers, girls' days volunteers, yard sale assistants and of course the Glorious Quilters. I apologize for anyone I have forgotten; I especially want to thank those of you who have volunteered to assist with the counting and banking of our weekly contributions. Even more importantly, THANK YOU for your generous contributions that make that counting and banking necessary.

In line with what Pastor Timm has been highlighting in his last several teaching, I believe that we, of Gloria de Cristo, are blessed with "Compassionate Generosity". That generosity can be measured by our time, talent and treasures. I urge you to regularly ask yourself: "am I generous with my time, talent and treasure in support of God's work at Gloria de Cristo".

Please give some thought to provide help with counting the weekly offering. It usually only takes approximately an hour of your time, generally on Monday or Tuesday mornings...even that can be adjusted. Call Gary, please leave a message if I don't answer.

Have a Happy, Healthy and Generous February.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

We are off to a good start. The birthday/anniversary card project began in January. It has been several months in the making and now you can look forward to receiving a card from your GDC family. If someone was missed, please let us know.

We lost one member but have gained several new members. There is still a seat at the table for you! We look forward to the new energy and ideas our new members will provide. We plan to continue our usual projects: God's Gifts Our Hands, Good Gifts, Angel Tree, Card Project but always looking for opportunities to serve.

Thank you for your support.

Blessings,

Evelyn Trone

Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.



WELCA AT GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH

February, the Gloria de Cristo Women of the ELCA will focus on events planned for March, especially since the Church's calendar for February is full with the play and the annual yard sale. The WELCA Planning Committee typically meets the first Wednesday, but for February, the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th, 3:45 pm in the Church's Sunday school room. The potential events suggested for March are a Gather Potluck and a Lenten Soup Supper.

The Gather Potluck is planned for Tuesday, March 7th, at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The WELCA-sponsored Lenten Soup Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th. Although the dates are selected, the theme, decorations, menu and various other details will need input and suggestions. Another planning meeting is scheduled March 1st, a Wednesday at 3:45 pm. With each event, the people attending worship our Lord, meet new friends, enjoy a varied menu, and often hear a speaker from our community sharing news of how we may help our community.

I encourage you to place both the planning committee meetings (2/8 and 3/1) on your calendars and the Gather Dinner (3/7) and the Lenten Soup Supper (3/15). Most assuredly, your attendance is welcome and vital.

With appreciation,
Donna Brown



Mens' Breakfast will meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8am at Daybreakers. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship!!

This month– February 4th

WORSHIP & MUSIC



Soon we will be into the month of February and looking toward the season of Lent and Holy Week.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd with worship services at 6:00 p.m. and disposition of Ashes.

Pastor has again elected to have lay people do the dialogues for these Lenten services. This year's topic will be 'Jesus' last words from the cross'. You won't want to miss these services. I am in need of worship assistants for these services also. If you can help, please let me know. (

We will also be asking for purchases of lilies to adorn the altar area later in the month.

Set your schedule for the journey to the cross beginning with Ash Wednesday.

Char Schomisch, Committee Chair

PERSONAL VISITATION BY PASTOR ..

To support people at the time of illness or injury, Pastor and other members do make personal visits in the hospital, homes, and Care Centers. Hospitals and Care Centers do not notify us that you are there. Please call if you want us to know. Do not hesitate to call the church office at 342-6002, if you have not seen Pastor and would like a visit. After hours, please leave a message on the church answering machine. We ask your permission before we include your name on our printed prayer list.

(Fellow members are also encouraged to let the church office know if someone is in the hospital!)

Youth and Education



Adult Vacation Bible School was the last week of January. Hopefully, it was as successful as in years past. Many thanks to Cyndy Warnier, our guest speaker.

The Youth Book Sale is scheduled for March 10th and 11th 2023. The funds generated will go to send eligible youth members to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Book donations will be accepted any time from now until the day of setup on March 9th. Please drop them off at the church office during office hours.

All Committees can use additional members as we focus on the tasks to be done and the decisions to be made that benefit the entire Gloria de Cristo family and our community. Please consider volunteering your time and talents.

Diane Lee, Chairperson



ANNUAL YARD SALE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH 8AM-2PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 8AM-12PM

SET UP BEGINS ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH AT 1PM

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH
BEGINNING ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY



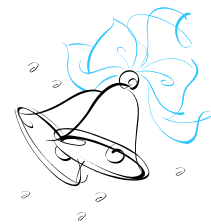
2/5
 2/12 Shirley Ehler
 2/12 Chris Rowland
 2/19 Donna Ford in memory of son David
 2/26 Jan Klipfel



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Jackie Neely	12 Natalie Ferguson	18 Bob Hall
2 Sandy Weidling	13 Shirley Ehler	21 Donna Staudenmeir
3 John MacPherson	13 Dan Thorene	22 Sherry Brown
3 Camille Oliver	14 Sunnee Rodgers	22 Dennis Peterson
5 Carol Martinelli	16 Dan Murphy	24 Logan Johnson
9 JoAnn Warnke	16 Sherrie Wehrer	25 Dave Hubenthal
11 Sandra Arceneaux	18 Linda Bryant	25 George Reisnaur
11 Clarice Dean	18 Jean Erwin	28 Byron Oliver

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



2/4 John & Jean Gerfen	2/14 Tony & Kathy Hoffman
2/14 Joe & Carol Martinelli	2/29 Jim & Clarice Dean

Thank you.....

We received thank you letters from California Lutheran University/Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Crossroads mission and from the Yuma Community food bank for our monthly donations.

We received a letter of thank you for the MANY gifts and money that were donated to the Arizona Children's Association this past December in support of the over 4000 foster children in Yuma County. Your donations helped provide many children with Christmas gifts, they would not have received, so Thank you for your GENEROSITY!

UPDATES AND CHANGES

New Office hours: Monday-Wednesday– 7am-3pm
Thursday– 1:30pm-4pm
Friday– 8am –4pm

With approval from Council and Personnel committee, I have gone down to part time in the office, to pursue schooling at the Arizona Skincare Institute. I am studying to be an Esthetician. My new hours will be Monday-Wednesday 7am to 3pm.

Char will be in the office on Thursday afternoons and Fridays.

I am so thankful and blessed to have the support to pursue this dream and new career.

-Kate Harwood

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast at Daybreakers 9AM- 1PM DAYS FOR GIRLS 4pm Worship	3 8:00am-10:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	2 7:00am-9:00am TOPS 1:00 pm Worship Mat-ners 5:00pm-7:00 pm TOPS	1 8:30 am-11:00 am Stephen Ministry Training 4:45 pm Bells of Glory 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Drama Rehearsal	9 7:00am-9:00am TOPS 1:00 pm Worship Mat-ners 1:00 pm Yard Sale Meeting 5:00pm-7:00 pm TOPS	10 8:00am-10:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	11 11:00 am Organ work-shop 4pm Worship
5 Worship 7:45 & 9:30 POTLUCK & FOOD COLLECTION 1:00 pm Foothills Social 1:30 pm GriefShare	6 9:00 am Glorious Quilters 10:00 am GriefShare 12:00 pm Worship Meeting 12:30 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Fellowship Meeting	7 7:00am-9:00am TOPS 10:00 am Meditation Group 1:00 pm Foothills Social 4:00 pm Mental Health Ministry	8 8:30 am-11:00 am Stephen Ministry Training 3:45 WELCA Meeting 4:45 pm Bells of Glory 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Drama Rehearsal	16 7:00am-9:00am TOPS 1:00 pm Worship Mat-ners 5:30 pm Drama Dinner Theater	17 8:00am-10:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 5:30 pm Drama Dinner Theater	18 9AM- 1PM DAYS FOR GIRLS 4pm Worship 5:30 pm Drama Dinner Theater
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