



## MISSION STATEMENT

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

**TO ALL WHO ARE CALLED BY ALMIGHTY GOD TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN!**

Ever wonder if God could ever use someone like you...of if you are done? I want to give you a review of the Bible and the kind of people that God has used. The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember:

*Noah was a drunk...Abraham was too old...Isaac was a daydreamer.*

Jacob was a liar...Leah was ugly...Joseph was abused.

*Moses had a stuttering problem...Gideon was afraid.*

Samson had long hair and was a womanizer...Rahab was a prostitute.

*Jeremiah and Timothy were too young.*

David had an affair and was a murderer...Elijah was suicidal.

*Isaiah preached naked...Jonah ran from God.*

Naomi was a widow...Job went bankrupt.

*John the Baptist ate bugs...Peter denied Christ.*

The disciples fell asleep while praying.

*Martha worried about everything.*

The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once.

*Zaccheus was too small...Paul was too religious.*

Timothy had an ulcer...Lazarus was dead!

*No more excuses now! God can use you to your full potential!*

Besides, you aren't the message...you are just the messenger!

*Although all of the people listed above had their faults, the Lord still used them because in spite of their feelings, they were still willing to be obedient.*

May we all follow in their faithfulness!

See you in worship!

Pastor Bill Timm

## FROM YOUR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT



“Walking With Jesus To Bring New Life And Hope To Every Person” is the mission statement for Gloria de Cristo. That is quite an excellent statement. Have you ever thought of what it encompasses? Every person is not only those we see every Sunday at church but the new neighbor, someone having a bad day, people having a trying time with life and dealing with an illness. Often times we struggle reaching out to persons who might be strangers or someone we haven’t really spoken to about our faith in the past out of fear of being shunned or having the person turn down our offer of help or friendship in their time of need. We need to remember that Jesus’ followers were most certainly shunned and given a difficult time for their beliefs but that didn’t stop them from reaching out to “Every Person” to help people find salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We need to remember our Mission Statement and make an effort to fulfill our ‘mission’.

2024 Synod Assembly



## *From the desk of Dr. Shirley....*

From the desk of Dr. Shirley . . . A **doxology** (Ancient Greek: doxa 'glory' and 'saying') is a short hymn of praises to God in various forms of Christian worship--typically an expression of praise sung to the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A **doxology** in widespread use in English begins "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." Sung to the tune "Old 100th" the words are:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.<sup>1</sup>*

The tune "Old 100th" is attributed to Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561) and was used in the *Anglo-Genevan Psalter* of 1560 for William Kethe's metrical version of Psalm 100. It is the only metrical psalm tune preserved intact throughout the history of metrical psalmody.<sup>2</sup> It is certainly one of the best-known psalm tunes in the English-speaking church. Different people at different times have subjected the rhythm to various adjustments, nearly all of which cause "train wrecks" in congregational singing.

My childhood churches all sang this as the "Offering Response," so it was something of a shock to me when I encountered changed offering responses in churches I attended here in Yuma. My son's church sings the words, but to an entirely different tune. We do learn to grow as we learn to fellowship in a wider circle of experiences.

Here at Gloria de Cristo, our expressions of liturgy change with the church seasons. At the season of Pentecost, we sing "As the Grains of Wheat" for our offering response. It is a short hymn of praise to God; therefore, it is a doxology. May our lives be a doxology of praise to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost as we walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person.

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<sup>1</sup> Doxology. (2024, June 19). In Wikipedia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doxology>

<sup>2</sup> Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2010), 771.



## GLORIOUS QUILTERS

It's June, and July is creeping up on us faster than we can imagine.

In May the ladies took a break from quilting and made 54 bags for the Foster Children. I took the bags along with 50 various sizes of quilts to the Emilia who works with the foster program both here in Yuma and Lake Havasu.

In the month June, I think the Ladies were happy to get back to their quilting although the break was nice. We are always down in numbers in our Quilting Family due to the winter visitors leaving to go home to a COOLER place. And yet these Ladies that stay are always busy as bees.

July like I said is just around the corner and the Ladies will be quilting only till the 15th of the month and won't return till the 9th of September. I've already heard, "What will I do on Mondays now". Take a much needed breather Ladies, you deserve it. Cause when I get back we'll be hitting the road running!!

September till the end of the year there is so much to get done, I'm sure they tell themselves it can't happen, BUT these Ladies never give up till the job is complete. I so admire them!

Don't forget, if you knit or crochet there are always stocking hats to be made. Last year many of them went to the homeless which helped them stay a little warmer.

We're always looking for new people to help us, and you don't always have to sew. Trust me we'll find something for you to do

Text me with any questions

Carol Schock 503-338-9358



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

**The next date is July 6, 2024**



## FELLOWSHIP

### GREETINGS FROM THE KITCHEN

Cheryl is recovering and has resigned from the kitchen. She will be missed as she has been such an inspiration to us many. We will look forward to seeing her smiling face around, just because she is resigned that does not mean she will not be around to lend a very capable hand.

My name is Merrilee Kaiser and I will be finishing up her term. I have helped Cheryl in the past so you may have seen me around. I look forward to working with all of you and appreciate your input and ideas for making fellowship hour a good experience for our guests.

The last potluck was a great success with some wonderful dishes to choose from. Everyone enjoyed themselves. We had about 40 people there.

Thank You to those who helped tidy up the hall afterwards. You are much appreciated!!



*First Saturday of every month, 8:00 am  
JimmyK's on Foothills Blvd.*

*All are invited.*

**The next date is: July 6, 2024**



## PROPERTY



The following tasks have been taken care of by the 'summer crew' of David Donaldson, Jim Hollandsworth & Chuck Zinky.

- Changed batteries in several smoke detectors
- Flushed water line on east side of driveway
- Cleaned yard of falling tree limbs
- Trimmed mesquite tree in parking lot
- Repaired bubbler on island in parking lot
- Hung new banners at drive entrance
- Pulled weeds in columbarium

## CARE MINISTRY

**What is Stephen Ministry?** Stephen Ministry is a Christian organization founded in 1975 that produces training and resources known for their excellence, psychological integrity and the theological depth. Stephen Ministers provide care for care receivers — people in the congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in life such as grief, job loss, divorce, major illness, spiritual struggles, and other matters.

This is offered at no cost to the receiver. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for an hour to listen, encourage, pray and provide emotional and spiritual support.

Stephen Ministers are not counselors, they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care, not to give advice or counsel. They are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's needs exceed what they can provide. Stephen Ministry is confidential. Caregivers do not reveal what their care receivers have told them so the care receiver can feel safe in that what is being said during the session will remain there.

Who are the leaders of Stephen Ministry? They are pastors, church staff, lay people who share a common passion bringing Christ's love and care to hurting people. They use their common gifts of teaching, leadership, organization and care to hurting people. If you are experiencing difficulties in your life, please contact the church office at 928-342-6002 for further information.

May God bless everyone, especially those who are hurting.  
Mary Marsh, Care Ministry Chair

## Are You Getting Enough Sleep?

Despite how important sleep is to physical and mental well-being, you may find it challenging to get enough quality sleep each night. ***The impact of poor sleep can be felt in all areas of your life. The sleep habits you follow each day – known as sleep hygiene – can have a positive effect on how well you sleep.***

**Tips for How to Sleep Better** (How to make it easier to fall asleep, stay asleep, and wake up feeling well rested.)

- 1. Invest in Comfortable bedding and mattress.**
- 2. Block out light.**
- 3. Minimize noise.**
- 4. Set thermostat at a coolish temperature if possible.**
- 5. Set an alarm to rise at the same time each morning.**
- 6. Keep naps around 20 minutes**
- 7. Relax for 30 minutes before bedtime.**
- 8. Disconnect devices in the hour before bed.**
- 9. Get 30 minutes of natural sunlight exposure.**
- 10. Exercise for at least 30 minutes each day.**
- 11. Limit caffeine after 2 P.M.**
- 12. Be mindful of alcohol in the hour before bedtime.**
- 13. Eat dinner a few hours before bed.**
- 14. Limit nicotine use and smoke exposure.**
- 15. Reserve your bed for sleep only.**
- 16. Get out of bed after 20 minutes if you can't sleep.**

For most people seven hours of sleep each night is recommended. Talk to your doctor if you are having difficulties getting enough sleep. There are natural supplements that he/she may suggest. There could be an underlying problem that needs to be considered and your doctor can advise.

Resource: <https://www.sleepfoundation.org/sleep-hygiene/healthy-sleep-tips>



## WELCA HAPPENINGS

What is WELCA. It stands for Women of the evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Every lady that worships at Gloria de Cristo is automatically a member of WELCA and encouraged to participate in their activities. Listed below are just two of those activities. The Gloria de Cristo group also holds a Spring and Fall gathering (potluck & speaker). They have a slate of officers as does GDC. If you have further questions contact the church office.

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Lots is happening in our Grand Canyon Synod WELCA and at Gloria de Cristo WELCA. Please mark your calendars for two events held in 2024-25.

The first is a WELCA Retreat on October 4-5 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Tucson. The theme is "Holy Spirit Set My Heart on Fire." Registration is available on line at [www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events](http://www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events). Cost is \$100/person. (hotel cost is additional)

True to Gloria de Cristo, enthusiasm is usually high for these retreats and we are well-represented. Consider signing up as soon as possible and reserving a hotel room, as well. Carpools and room sharing are typical and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the church's narthex if you choose to share. Registration to attend the Retreat closes August 15, 2024 so don't wait...DO IT NOW!

The second is: Gloria de Cristo is hosting the WELCA Spring, 2025, Cactus Conference. The date is Saturday, March 22, 2025, a one-day event, 8 am-2 pm, in Fellowship Hall. The theme is Peace and Unity.

A Kick-Off Planning Meeting was held June 8th at which time several members volunteered their knowledge, experience and time to chair and assist several committees. Committees include: Menu, Speaker Selection, Decorations, Audio/Visual, Registration, Finance, Welcome, Communion set-up, Music and Bible Study. As the planning develops, there will be additional help needed. Please let us know via email what committee you could help with.

Past conferences have counted up to 100 women attending. Most of the Cactus Conference churches (7 in all) will come from the Phoenix area.

Donna Brown  
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## OUTREACH

In the Bible, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights.

Day 41 came and the rain stopped.

Moses committed murder & hid in the desert for 40 years.

Year 41 came, and God called him to help rescue Israel.

Moses went up on the mountain for 40 days.

On day 41, he received the Ten Commandments.

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years.

Year 41, they walked into the Promised Land.

Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days.

Day 41 came, and David slew him.

Jonah preached a message of repentance to Ninevah for 40 days.

On day 41, God stopped His plan to destroy them.

Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days.

Day 41, and the devil fled.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days.

On day 41, He ascended into Heaven.

All this to say...don't quit. The rain will stop, the giant will fall, and you will enter your "promised land." Don't give up at 40.

41 is coming.

*Joe Johnson, Committee Chair*

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

Social Concerns committee is winding down for the summer but while we are not meeting in July and August we continue with monthly food offerings for the Yuma Community Food Bank, items for the collection center, and birthdays at Rose Garden.

Since "Gods Gifts Our Hands" is in September we decided on a project for this year. In September you will be asked to bring new flip flops to be donated to crossroads mission. Since they have men and women children any size will be appreciated. This idea originated from one of our members, Carol Schock, who was delivering quilts and pill bottles to the mission and a resident asked her if there were any flip flops in the bag so he could shower.

Our next Rose Garden Care Home birthday in in August so anyone who would like to join the celebration is welcome just contact me or Barb Blank.

Food bank Deliveries this year have been:

Jan.	178 lbs.	April	253 lbs.
Feb.	138 lbs.	May	217 lbs.
March	245 lbs.	June	84 lbs.

Blessings.

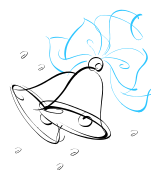
Evelyn Trone, Chairperson

928-210-8015

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

As each received a gift, use it to serve one another, as stewards of God's varied gifts.

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES



1	Ted & Niki Duffy	20	Al & Linda Sprauer
4	Jeff & Amber Pacewic	30	Dennis & Bonnie Munson
5	Jerry & Shar Stapleton	31	Bill & Sandy Timm



July is the half way point of the year and it's hard to believe we're almost there. I will soon be putting together the next six months of worship assistants based on what was listed on the 'Opportunities for Service' forms filled out earlier in the year. Thank you to those who are willing to help make our worship services flow each week.

**Did You Know...** Gloria de Cristo has a Columbarium? It's located in a small courtyard on the west side of the Sanctuary. A peaceful setting as your final resting place.....open to members and associate members of Gloria de Cristo. The office has forms and information if anyone is interested in purchasing a spot. Cost is \$400 per space plus engraving.

Chara Schomisch, Co-Leader

Joanne Ausing, Co-Leader



## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY

- 7 Carol Schock in memory of husband Donald
- 14 David Donaldson in memory of wife Lee
- 21
- 28 Jan Klipfel in memory of loved ones



## JULY BIRTHDAYS



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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Brenda Taylor   | 12 Lauren Erickson | 26 Don Hormann     |
| 3 Dave Jarmer     | 14 Claudia Knight  | 28 Jeanne Donley   |
| 4 Jerry Fink      | 17 Duane Reinhardt | 28 Patricia Nelson |
| 7 Gwen Hubenthal  | 18 Betty Cilk      | 29 Janice Erickson |
| 7 Alan Werner     | 22 Bill Haney      | 31 Lorie Rapp      |
| 10 Shar Stapleton | 22 Becky Schelller | 31 Lou Strahm      |



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May 21, 2024

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Hello Gloria De Cristo Lutheran Church,

You may not realize it, but your generosity is helping Veterans, children, families and seniors in Yuma and La Paz counties. These families come to the Yuma Community Food Bank and it's partner agencies looking for food. Your kind gift is bringing them hope.

Your donation is an investment in our communities because it's an investment in the lives of the people who make Southwest Arizona great! Thank you for your compassion and your generosity - for every \$1 you donate; the Yuma Community Food Bank can distribute food for at least 10 meals. Pantry items, fresh produce, meat, eggs, dairy, bread, and more are all possible for those who are food insecure because of the support from wonderful people like you!

Thank you for caring and your continued support,

Shara Whitehead  
President & CEO  
swhitehead@yumafoodbank.org

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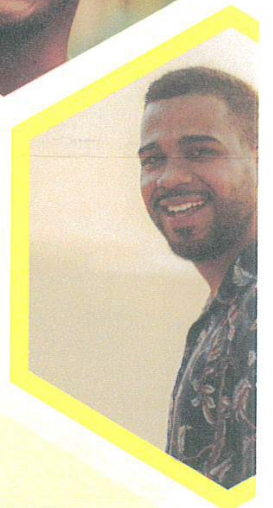
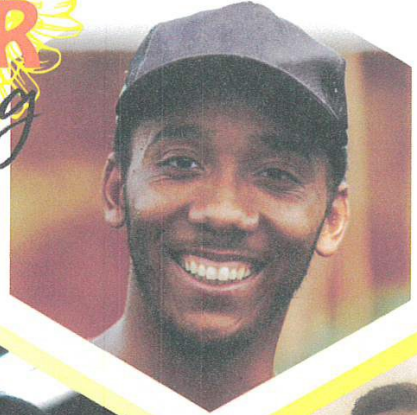
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# SUMMER of giving



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Reverend Bill Timm  
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Dear Friends,

I pray you are doing well and enjoying your summer. You are always in our prayers as we thank God for how He is using your gifts and prayers to change lives at the Mission.

### I also want to give you an update on the Summer of Giving.

As you know, the summer months can be difficult. The needs can be just as great as in the fall and winter. This is why I am so thankful for your faithful support during our **Summer of Giving**.

I'm excited to share a little of what your faithful prayers and loving support have already done from January to April of this year:

- Over **69,194** meals served
- **22,681** nights of shelter for those experiencing homelessness
- **201** individuals received treatment for their addiction
- **21** people accepted Jesus as their Savior and the the Good News of the Gospel continues to be shared daily with lonely and hurting people at a time when they desperately need God's love.

### You give, and God's love changes lives.

That's a praise! Thank you for all you do!

Please continue to remember us during our **Summer of Giving**.

God bless you,



Myra E. Garlit, M.Ed., LISAC, BHP  
Chief Executive Officer

And the **King** will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to **Me**.'

-Matthew 25:40 NKJV



P.S. It's so exciting to see your response, along with other generous and caring supporters, to our **Summer of Giving**. Together, we are making a difference. Thank you!

**JULY 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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