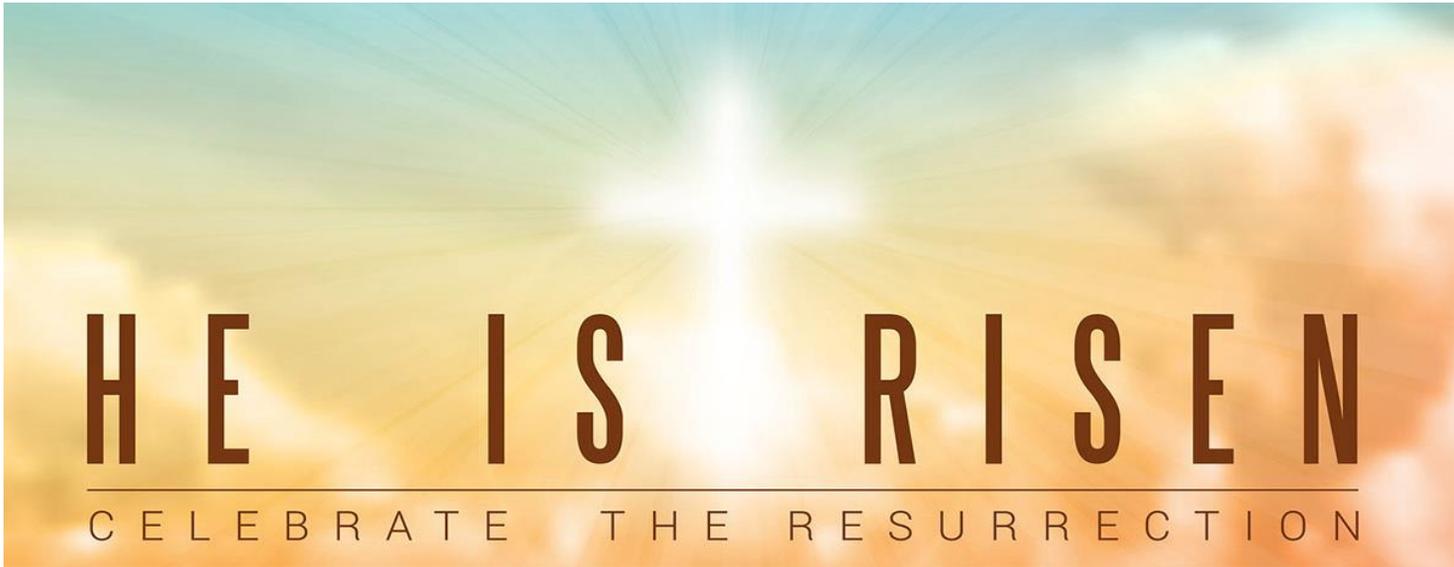
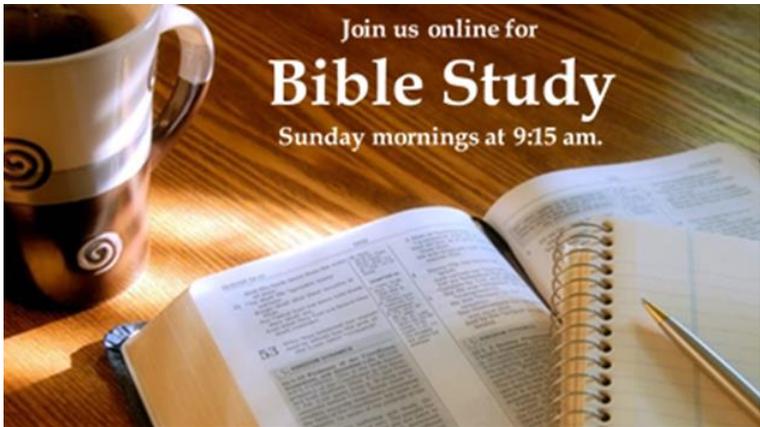
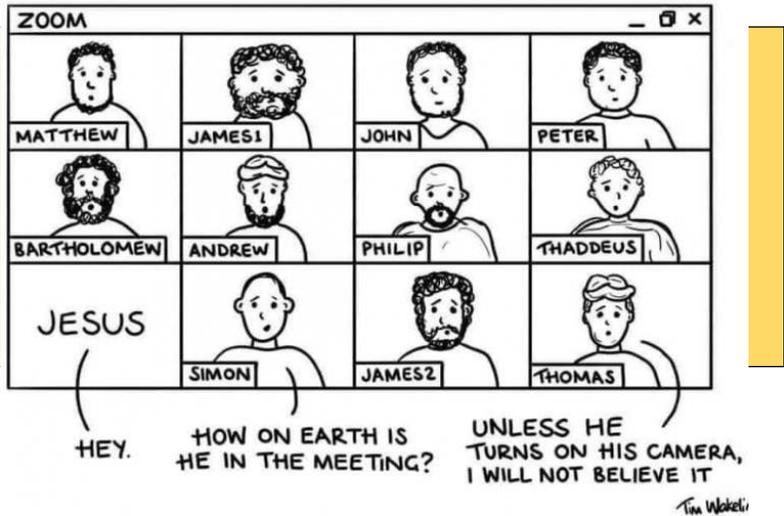




Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Weekly E-Newsletter April 17, 2020



**Join us Online
for worship**
Sunday, April 19, at 10 a.m.
 You will be sent worship materials
 and a link to log in.
 We'll resend the link Saturday, as well.



Dear Friends,
 We are restarting the adult bible class using Zoom this Sunday, where we will finish up First Corinthians.
 You can bring up the meeting by just clicking on the link you have been sent. The class will end five minutes before our 10 am church service, also on Zoom.
 Topic: 1 Corinthians
 Time: Sundays, from 9:15 to 9:55 am
 Jim Gilbert

Staying in touch.

Would you *like* to be called? Would you *like* to call others?

Your pastor and council currently are making calls to members in this unique time of forced separation. Let Pastor know if you can call others, or if you're craving connection and would like someone to call you. Call her at (802) 579-1948.

Meetings and Bible studies can still happen, they just need to be done remotely, that is, online.

Need help picking up things locally?

These generous people have offered to help!

Barbara Stevenson is in North Bend

Jenny Forbes is in Coquille (541) 297-5481

Violet Ahlstrom also is in Coquille (808) 281-2247



Could you volunteer to do a tiny bit of yard work?

Wanita Russell could use someone to cut a bit of grass in her patio. She reports it is such a small plot, that it can be easily cut with a line trimmer. She is unable to do it herself.

Call Pastor for information, or call Wanita directly at **(541) 888-6028**.

Just let her know you're from Gloria Dei. *Thank you!*

Want to Help Others Fight the Coronavirus?

Get the tutorial on JoAnn-Fabrics' website or click this link:

<https://www.insider.com/face-mask-kit-joann-fabrics-protective-gear-coronavirus-2020-3>

We have received a call from Avamere in Coos Bay. They are looking for people to sew face masks for their employees. They need two layers of cotton fabric to be used for all of the face masks.



Finances at Gloria Dei amid the COVID-19 pandemic

In March, your church council voted to retain all staff and pay them through April, because it felt it was the right thing to do. The church is eligible for, and has applied for the Federal grants to small business and churches. Our congregation has been very generous during this crisis, and while giving has dropped off at other churches, it has not at Gloria Dei. In fact, the offerings received during the first quarter of 2020 exceeded every 1st quarter in the history of the church. That's great news! But please, don't stop giving, this crisis isn't over.

Women's Text Study

Every Friday at 8:30 am
via Zoom



This group has regularly met at Café 101 at 6:30am. If that time hasn't worked out for you, now you can join them to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings online. Call Pastor Peggy for details (802) 579-1948.

Remember in Prayer

The congregations of Augustana and Central Lutheran in Portland.

Each lost congregational members to COVID 19.

Ray Nelson - home and doing well

Bob Dehart - recovering at home from surgery

Don Bunyard - who has recently received medical treatments

Mike Huffman - home from hospital and doing well

Wanita Russell - recovering from a series of illnesses.

Maxine Wood - recent loss of her husband. End of life issues.

Kay Hamilton - Recent falls.

Karen Johnston and the Johnston family on the death of her brother-in-law, Bob.

Larry Wood - home from the hospital and recovering

Angela McAllister - on the death of her Aunt Verna, in Arizona, and the separation she feels from her family at this time.

Joan Clifton's daughter, Tiffini Mooney, diagnosed with COVID 19

Sandi Carter's brother, Michael, who will undergo surgery for thyroid cancer today



This year marks the

50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the ELCA, the

40th anniversary of the ordination of a woman of color, and the

10th anniversary of the ordination of our LGBTQ+ siblings.

It's an incredibly important marker for the ELCA, though it is only the beginning for the Church, as women are still denied ordination across the denominations and hold less than 15% of the leadership positions in the worldwide church!

Please consider whether or not your trip to church is essential.

We're trying our best to keep things safe for us and for you. Pastor will be working from home in compliance with the governor's "stay at home" order. It is not essential that she work from the church office. Please don't hesitate to call, text, or email me.

pastorpeggy@hotmail.com

or 802-579-1948.

**On Friday and Saturday,
April 18 & 19,
the church building will be**

CLOSED

to everyone

**so that the narthex floor
can be properly sealed**

Transition Team News

Dear Members of Gloria Dei,

We know there have been concerns about how our call process is coming along. We imagine those concerns are even more heightened now that everything in our lives seems to be on hold. Some good news – at the last Church Council meeting, a Transition Team was selected from members who indicated an interest in working together.

Your Transition Team would like to move ahead during this time, and you can be of great help in this process. The first thing the team needs to do is to look at “who we are” as a congregation. There are ten questions we had hoped to ask you in small group settings. However, since this isn’t possible right now and since most of us have some time on our hands, we are sending you a list of these questions and would appreciate you giving them some thought, and then responding to them. We would love to get as many responses as possible. You can email, send your responses to the church office or call one of the Team members to list and discuss your answers. Please have your responses to us by April 20. Once we get the responses, we can start gathering the information together and start moving forward with the church profile process.

If you have any questions, please call the church office, Pastor, or one of the members on the Transition Team. They are: Don Blum (290-5317), Lynn Danner (217-4655), Marilyn Halvor (756-5791), Kathie Hodgkin (266-0816), Connie Monahan (217-1866), and Annette Reher (266-0730).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Questions that help define *Who We Are* at Gloria Dei

1. Three words that you would use to describe Gloria Dei:
2. An important or enduring characteristic about Gloria Dei is:
3. An important event in the life of Gloria Dei is:
4. A time when we were most tested was:
5. The thing I most appreciate about Gloria Dei is:
6. The things I most appreciate about being a Lutheran is:
7. Something that has never made sense to me about Gloria Dei is:
8. One thing I have always wondered about us is:
9. Three things we must continue to do:
- 10: Three things we could stop doing are:

Name: (optional) _____

Please return the completed form to the church. Additional copies may be made so each member of the household has a chance to respond.



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Churchwide News



Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

The ELCA responds to the COVID 19 Crisis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-o5ohOoai4&t=5s>

Brené Brown



We will not go back to normal. **Normal never was.** Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than **we normalized greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate and lack.** We should not long to return, my friends. We are being given the opportunity to **stitch a new garment.** One that fits all of humanity and nature.



24-hour crisis hotline
541-266-6800 or 888-543-5763

COVID-19 Situation Status Report April 15, 2020

County Testing Data

Positive	1
Negative	367
Pending	17
Total tested	385

- In addition to our first positive case, Coos County Public Health knows of 385 COVID-18 tests that have been administered to county residents. 17 of these tests are pending results and 367 are negative.
- [Oregon Health Authority](#) has reported 1,663 positive cases of COVID-19 (30 new cases) in Oregon, as well as 58 deaths (3 new deaths) to date.

