

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church's Weekly E-News

The Gloria Gazette

for October 2, 2020

Worship Notes

Zoom is a handy program that helps us to be together (virtually, that is), in real time. The program allows us to see each other and to chat before worship begins and afterward, as well

Just click on the link I will send via email each week, or copy and paste this link into your browser (the address line on your internet page): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82393074728>. The link includes the Meeting ID. However, if you don't have access to a computer, you can always call in just before worship begins. You won't be able to see us, and we won't be able to see you, but we'll see your phone number and know you're connected. You can interact with everyone else who is logged into the worship service, and you can hear the worship service in real time.

All you need to do is to call **1 301-715-8592**, wait for the prompt, and enter this ID: **823 9307 4728** These numbers and links will work every single week for as long as we continue to worship this way.

If you happen to miss church at 10:00, Kallie Mill records the services each week and posts them on Gloria Dei's Facebook page, so you can always watch the service at your convenience, here: <https://www.facebook.com/gloria.dei.940/videos/965980630484659/>

We're also on YouTube at: **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Coos Bay** or follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-reAJS2qjBVzIBw5qNO2iA>

Our resident guests

As most of you know, I have 3 large windows on one side of my office. There is an azalea hedge lining the windows outside. Just above the hedge, centered in each window is a huge garden spider and a beautiful web. It is fascinating to watch them catch things and prepare to eat them, hang on tight in the breeze, and work to fix their webs, etc. They don't harm anything and they are out of the way...But yesterday, as I walked outside to get to the sacristy door from my office, I unknowingly went through a another huge web that I did not see. No matter, right? Well, once I was inside the sanctuary, put down my computer and hooked up the mics, I noticed an equally large spider crawling down my left arm. I carefully let it walk onto the small communion table next to my computer. Then, I used the lid that covered the elements and walked spidey back outside to where he belonged. No problem! Spiders' lives matter! (Angela would want me to remind you that she cleaned and sanitized the lid after the spider was escorted outside).



Around the Church – News and Notes



All worship services and meetings held via Zoom

Children's Sunday School 9 am

Sunday, October 4, 9 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82393074728>

same log-in as the church service!

Adult Education Bible Study

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"Faithful Conversations"

What's So Amazing About Grace

Pastor on vacation – no class

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Meeting ID: 821 8649 9965

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Two Job Opportunities

Great Benefits, No Pay!

Internet Guru/IT Specialist

The office at Gloria Dei has a wifi connection that is very unstable. If you have experience in solving connection/router issues, please contact Violet at the church office – 541-267-2347

Grant Writer

In years past, Gloria Dei has been awarded a grant from the Coquille Indian Tribe. The \$5000 was seed money to help our church provide meals and a social gathering each month for seniors in our community. Since the person behind grants in the past has moved on, we need someone new to step in to apply for future grants. Any takers should call the church office.



Remember in Prayer

For Firefighters

For Medical personnel, mail carriers, delivery drivers, first responders, police, food processors and restaurant and grocery workers, that they stay safe during this crisis.

For the healing of this

nation. For those protesting

unhealthy systems that perpetuate inequality and racism. For those whose lives and businesses that have been harmed by counter-protesters.

Those who have lost their lives and homes due to the massive wildfires in Oregon and California.

Kay Hamilton – general health issues

Carol Foster – recovering from successful surgery –

Earl "Butch" Jeffries – now home and recovering from successful triple bypass heart surgery

Dick Carter – is home from the hospital and doing much better

Don Bunyard – is recuperating nicely at his new home at Ocean Ridge

Christine Huffman – recovering from a series of small strokes

Becky Bell-Greenstreet – chronic back pain

Around the Church – Educational Opportunities

Now online, every Sunday at 9 am



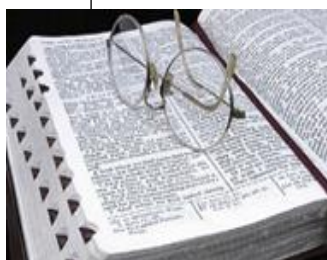
Lessons and Storytime with
Lynn Danner

Crafts

Singing with Kallie Mill

Women's Text Study

Every Friday at 8:30 am
via Zoom



Join us online to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings.

Call Pastor Peggy for details
(802) 579-1948.

Join us online for
Bible Study
Every Sunday morning at 9:00 am



Each week, you can log into the class by pasting this link into your browser. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8997130571>

or call from any phone: **1 301-715-8592**

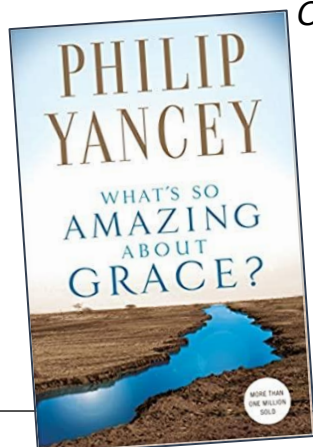
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What's So Amazing about Grace by Philip Yancey

Book Study Discussion Wednesdays at 7pm via Zoom

Open to Everyone – Please join us for a lively discussion!



Grace is the church's great distinctive. It's the one thing the world cannot duplicate, and the one thing it craves above all else--for only grace can bring hope and transformation to a jaded world.

In *What's So Amazing About Grace?* award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy? Amazon rating

Around the Church - Financial Matters



The next time you log onto amazon.com to order something, log onto smile.amazon.com instead. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase price to your selected charity. When you click on that link, you'll receive a pop-up dialog box that asks which charity you'd like to support. If you enter, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Coos Bay, Oregon, your church will receive this dividend.

We thank you for your support and thoughtfulness.

Your consistent donations are important now more than ever.

Simply Giving®

A simple choice, a generous response

Through Simply Giving®, your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift—weekly, semi-monthly or monthly—the option is yours. You don't need to worry about making your contribution while we're away or when you're on vacation. To sign up, contact Violet in the church office.

541-267-2347

Around the Church - Pictorial Directory

Please send in new pictures of yourself or you and your family.

Unless you've sent a picture recently, chances are, we don't have one that we can use. The pictures that were used for the past directories have not been saved in forms that are usable. Those that work best are good photos you have saved electronically – just email those to pastor. (pastorpeggy@hotmail.com) You could also send us a printed photo but putting it in an envelope with your name on it and dropping it in our locked mailbox. If you don't have a good photo saved electronically and need to have a new picture taken, make an appointment with Violet and we'll take one for you. (541) 267-2347.



Around the Church - Financial Matters

Gloria Dei Church Council

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269-2181

Ex-Officio Members
JIM GILBERT Treasurer
808-3642

JEN SHAFER, Bookkeeper
297-3440

Who should be on the Call Committee?

In the next few weeks, the congregation will be asked to approve the Ministry Site Profile, (MSP), that the Transition Team has worked on for the last several months. You will want to review the document carefully, so see that it accurately reflects life in Coos County and at Gloria Dei. The reason this document is so important is that, after being approved by Oregon Synod Bishop Laurie Caesar, it will go to the ELCA where it will be posted so that potential candidates will see it and respond. (To the Synod, not directly to us!)

After the congregation has approved and sent off the MSP, we will need to consider who we will want to represent us on the Call Committee. The call committee does the hard work of reading through the RMPs (Rostered Minister's Profiles), deciding which candidates to interview, and then scheduling and interviewing potential candidates. Confidences are kept all throughout the process.

What is the criteria to serve on the Call Committee?

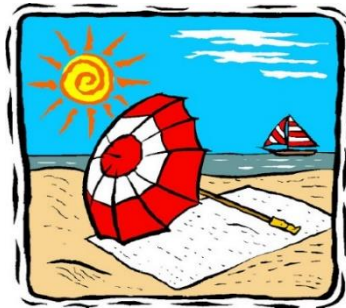
- **Someone who is a great listener**
- **Someone who is spiritually wise**
- **Someone you trust and who is connected with the Gloria Dei community.**

Begin thinking about who you would nominate...we'll soon begin to ask everyone for their input soon.

Pastor Peggy will be on vacation

October 5 - 11.

Pastor Israel Jurich will be available for any pastoral emergency. Call Violet for contact information. Pastor John Maas will preach on Oct. 11. Pastor will be attending the Bishop's Convocation via Zoom Oct. 12, 13 & 14, and will be back in the office Oct. 15.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 12:00 noon at Mingus Park

Bring your animals to have them blessed!

Sponsored by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,
Faith Lutheran Church, and Emmanuel Episcopal Church



Transition Team News

Transition Time Progress Chart

- ✓ Say "Farewell" to Pastor Jon Strasman
- ✓ Contract with Oregon Synod and Interim Pastor
- ✓ Welcome Interim Pastor Peggy Yingst
- ✓ Breathe, pray, and celebrate the holidays
- ✓ Time for prayer and healing
- ✓ Select and commission Transition Team
- ✓ Transition Team begins work – organization and orientation
- ✓ Transition Team plans ways to collect information, ideas, visions
- ✓ Transition Team analyzes information
- ✓ If necessary, Transition Team gathers more information
- ✓ Transition Team may make recommendations to Council
- ✓ Transition Team uses the information and assessment to draft the first version of the Ministry Site Profile
- ✓ The Council reviews and begins to complete the Ministry Site Profile
- The Ministry Site Profile is presented to the congregation for review
- The Ministry Site Profile is submitted to the Synod office
- Call Committee is formed
- Call Committee meets with Pastor Peggy for orientation
- Call Committee meets with member(s) of the Transition Team to review the Ministry Site Profile in detail
- Call Committee prepares information packet about the congregation and the community; plans the interview process
- Call Committee receives candidates' names and profiles
- Call Committee reviews information, interviews candidates, checks references
- If necessary, Call Committee receives more names and profiles; repeats the process
- Call Committee recommends a candidate to the Council
- Candidate visits the congregation
- Terms of call are negotiated
- The Council calls a Congregational Meeting to vote on the candidate
- A call is extended and accepted
- Say "Farewell" to Pastor Peggy Yingst

Transition Team Members:

Members of the Transition Team currently are editing and rewriting the answers to the Mission Site Profile questions about our church and our community based on your responses. They finalized the profile and sent it to the Church Council for review on Sept. 24.

Don Blom: (541) 290-5317
Lynn Danner: (541) 217-4655
Marilyn Halvor: (541) 756-5791
Kathie Hodgins: (541) 266-0816
Annette Reher: (541) 266-0730
Pr. Peggy Yingst: (802) 579-1948

Around the Oregon Synod

Introducing the Oregon Synod Wildfire Relief Fund



Please donate [HERE](#) or at the link below to support Oregon Synod congregations and congregation-related organizations providing relief and aid related to the fires. To our knowledge, all ELCA church buildings have made it through the fires so far. We've already heard from many congregations who are using the financial, physical, and people resources of their church to provide space for camping or trailers in parking lots, portable showers and

toilets, shelter, and meals for those in need. Thank you! Information on how you can help, and how congregations and ministries can receive monies from this fund is coming soon. <https://oregonsynodelca.givingfuel.com/oregon-wildfires>

Oregon Synod

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OREGON SYNOD
2020 ASSEMBLY

Synod Assembly:
a two-day Zoom event!

Friday, November 6:
3:00 pm-8:30 pm

Saturday, November 7:
8:30 am-4:00 pm

Assembly Voting Members are:
Pastor Peggy Yingst, Ken and
Cathy Denton, Barbara and Ian
Stevenson, Angela McAlister,
Keith Selanoff and Sarah Reher.

Around the ELCA



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
ELCA World Hunger



Dear partners and friends of ELCA World Hunger,

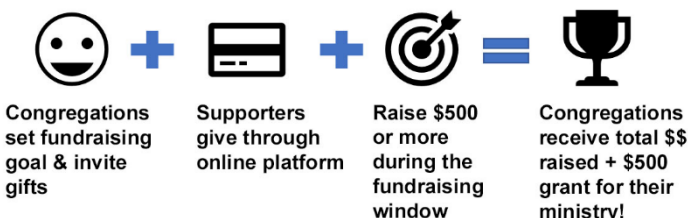
As you have experienced firsthand, the past several months have been extremely taxing on church ministries as we navigate the pandemic and its impact on communities. In response to COVID-19 and the increasing need for direct support of communities facing hunger, ELCA World Hunger officially launched Daily Bread Matching Grants this past spring. Two hundred congregational feeding ministries from around the country received access to tools for online fundraising and an accompanying grant. Altogether, participating congregations raised more than double the total amount awarded in grants!

With gratitude for the strong positive response by participants and donors to the ELCA's COVID-19 Response Fund, **ELCA World Hunger is happy to announce another round of Daily Bread Matching Grants taking place this fall!** Applications will be accepted beginning October 1, with the fundraising event scheduled for November.

More than 300 Daily Bread Matching Grants will be available for ELCA congregations on a first-come, first-served basis. However, priority will be given to congregations that were unable to participate in the last cycle.

[Visit ELCA.org/dailybread to learn more and to apply.](https://www.elca.org/dailybread)

Here's how it works:



ELCA World Hunger is continuing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in a variety of ways.

- ELCA Advocacy is monitoring developments in legislation related to COVID-19 at the federal level and providing ways for people to connect with their elected officials. Visit [ELCA.org/advocacy](https://www.elca.org/advocacy) to learn more and to sign up for e-alerts about the public policies important to you and your community.
- We have provided, and will continue to provide, information to help you and your communities stay informed. The ELCA World Hunger blog's "Tips for Responding to Hunger in a Pandemic" offers best practices and suggestions for leaders, volunteers and supporters of feeding ministries. In addition, the ELCA provides regular updates on our church's COVID-19 response at [elca.org/publichealth](https://www.elca.org/publichealth)
- A feedback form is available at bit.ly/ELCAWorldHungerFeedback for you to share your stories of hope with the wider church and to let the churchwide staff of ELCA World Hunger know how we can best support you. You can also share your creative and courageous practices, ask questions or offer feedback by emailing Hunger@ELCA.org

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue walking with congregations as they respond to the needs of their communities. Although these are difficult times, ministries like yours continue to inspire hope through your creativity and commitment to spreading God's love and abundance.

Until all are fed,
The ELCA World Hunger Team