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MISSION STATEMENT

† The Mission of Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church is to proclaim and reflect God's love as revealed through Jesus Christ.

† As a community of the concerned, guided by the Holy Spirit, we will strengthen one another through Word and Sacrament, witness, learning and service.

† We will share our gifts and talents to reach out and provide hope to all people.

TO ALL WHO ARE WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON!!!

"Now Thank We All Our God" Authored by Martin Rinkhart

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;

Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;

And guard us through all ills in this world, till the next!


All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven

The one eternal God, Whom earth and Heav'n adore;

For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

The author of this great hymn, Martin Rinkhart, knew fear and division. He lived much of his adult life during some of the worst years in the history of Europe.



Rinkhart wrote the hymn around 1630, just as the Swedish armies began attacking the German states.

As our world is again/still is in a state of war and disruption, as Christians, we need to realize we are not the first to go through these times of trial. We need to remember that God is with us in the midst of all things!

It's time to Invite a neighbor, friend, or family member to worship:

Maundy Thursday Worship 6 pm

Good Friday Worship 6 pm

Easter Sunrise Worship 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8 am

Easter Festival Worship 9:30 am

See you in worship!

Pastor Bill Timm

On a More Humorous Note...we're back to the shoe controversy!

A very observant member noted on Saturday that she had never seen me with dress shoes before, only white tennis shoes.

I said that I was wearing the same style of tennis shoes, but they are black.

On Monday, I was told that they stand out too much beneath the white robe.

Her close friend thought they looked dressier!

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!





FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Have you ever been given a gift and when you opened it you thought, this is not for me, what did someone see in me to give me something so big? Being a part of the team... Was that for me? I cannot remember being part of something so challenging, so exciting, so important, and so fulfilling. We have a varied team of 12; some of us have been friends for years, some new friends. We are learning what a wonderful program/life, GDC has and we are learning how we cannot only enrich it but position it for the next 20 years and beyond. You have heard the only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth of the hole. Well we have a very nice rut, and we can live in it comfortably for some years to come. At GDC we do not aspire (intend) to live in a comfortable rut. Our goal is a church with a mission heart for all God's people. Some of us will not be here to enjoy the growth of the seeds we are planting now. God's people will be here thanks to your support and prayers. We are very early in the walk we are taking, the unknown is larger than the known, but with your help, support and prayers we will finish strong.

The vision team asks for your continued prayers and support. Thank you for your love.

Sharon Merz, President

Holy Week Services

April 9	Palm Sunday Weekend	Sat., 4:00 p.m.
April 10		Sun., 7:45 & 9:30
April 14	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 15	Good Friday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 17	Easter Sunday Service	7:00 & 9:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

There is no service on Saturday, April 16th.



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Pastor's Bible Study-Gospel of John:

Monday's at 12:30 pm & 2:30pm

in the Fellowship Hall Classroom.

Thursday's Zoom Bible at 10 am

Come to any session!!!

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!)**

FELLOWSHIP



Hello Friends, so good to see many of you in Fellowship gatherings. It is beginning to look and feel like spring. Days are getting longer, and weather is warmer.

It has been a busy month, getting ready for Lent and for our Ladies Inspirational Lunch. Looking forward to seeing all of you at some of our activities.

Our quilting group is such a blessing to our church, we have a dedicated group of woman who meet for three hours on Monday mornings to make the quilts. We have such a great time, working together and getting better acquainted. These quilts go to so many people who need love and sharing.

Some of our activities cross committee lines, like the carpooling trip to Surprise for the WELCA conference, where we had a three hour trip each way for visiting and getting better acquainted with our other members, and the large attendance there where we got to meet women from all over Arizona and enjoy a program by Cyndy Warnier. We are also participating in the Days for Girls program that WELCA has taken on, where we are meeting for three hours on designated Thursday mornings during the open Hobby time to make the supplies needed for the backpacks for women and girls in developing countries. Preparing and serving the Lenten soup suppers is also a great time of working together and getting the yummy soups ready for you to enjoy. These suppers are another great time for fellowship for all of you. The Fellowship Freezer has been kept well stocked by some of our ladies, and everyone has been very helpful in signing up to serve and clean up after church.

The March potluck was well attended, and we had a really good assortment of foods. We will be having our monthly potluck on April 3, and Easter breakfast will be served between the two services on Easter morning, April 17. We are working with WELCA to prepare and serve this.

As some of you prepare to leave for your summer home, our love and prayers go with you for a safe trip and a pleasant summer. God be with you.

In Fellowship
Cheryl Preul, Chairman



GLORIOUS QUILTERS

The Glorious Quilters were able to give 20 baby quilts away to our visiting Pastor Charles Newman from Crossroads Lutheran SanTan Valley. He was telling us about the abused women and how they were ministering to them as well. I told him if he needed more than baby quilts to let us know.

Besides quilts to Pastor Newman we also sent baby quilts to the Marine community director for the "New Parent Program AND 20 more quilts to Kari Tattor, guest speaker at the Ladies Luncheon, for Arizona Children Assoc. These quilts go to Foster children of various ages.

The Glorious Quilters are a very SPECIAL group of ladies who give of their time every Monday morning to make a difference in someone else's lives. I couldn't sing their praises loud enough.

I find some of our visitors, quilters, are heading home early this year, could be the fuel prices. Many are members of their home quilting groups. Be safe, have a great summer, plan on coming back! We'll always need you.

We plan on getting together all summer, same day same time. If you're interested in joining us stop by on Monday morning. We meet from 9 – 12 and even stop for a coffee break with goodies. Feel free to give me a text

Carol Schock We'd love to see you

What is Dementia?

Dementia is not a specific disease but is rather a general term for the impaired ability to remember, think, or make decisions that interferes with doing everyday activities. **Alzheimer's** disease is the most common type of dementia. Though dementia mostly affects older adults, it is not a part of normal aging.

How common is dementia?

Of those at least 65 years of age, there is an estimated 5.0 million adults with dementia and projected to be nearly 14 million by 2060.

Isn't dementia part of normal aging?

No, many older adults live their entire lives without developing dementia. Normal aging may include weakening muscles and bones, stiffening of arteries and vessels, and some age-related memory changes that may show as:

- Occasionally misplacing car keys
- Struggling to find a word but remembering it later
- Forgetting the name of an acquaintance

Forgetting the most recent events

Normally, knowledge and experiences built over years, old memories, and language would stay intact.

What are the signs and symptoms of dementia?

Because dementia is a general term, its symptoms can vary widely from person to person. **People with dementia have problems with:** Memory, Attention, communication, reasoning, judgment, problem solving, visual perception beyond typical age-related changes in vision.

Signs that may point to dementia include: Getting lost in a familiar neighborhood, using unusual words to refer to familiar objects, forgetting the name of a close family member or friends. Forgetting old memories, Not being able to complete tasks independently

What increases the risk for dementia?

Age, Family History, Race/Ethnicity, Poor heart health, traumatic brain injury

How is dementia diagnosed?

A healthcare provider can perform tests on attention, memory, problem solving and other cognitive abilities to see if there is cause for concern. A physical exam, blood tests, and brain scans like a CT or MRI can help determine an underlying cause.

What to do if you think a loved one has dementia? Discuss with them, get medical advice, have a family meeting and discuss Health Care Directive, Power of Attorney, etc.

Resources:

Alzheimer's Association: www.alz.org

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/dementia/index.html>



PROPERTY



It gives me great pleasure to witness the personal contributions of our church members who help with cleaning and repair of our church property. I don't always know who the angels are but notice the evidence that they were there. Now that our yard sale is behind us I want to thank everyone for your patients when dealing with our road construction. I tried to get the east side drive open for the sale as an exit. This was not possible . Our neighbors at the Mortuary came through for us and opened their drive for the exit or we would have had a real traffic problem . We also opened our parking lot for them so a fire department could park their engines during a funeral. They left the drive open for us to use during the sale.

Once again, if you see a need around the property that needs my attention, let me know.

God Bless, David Donaldson

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Promote understanding of the human needs and social problems within our congregation, the community, and beyond

Can you believe another month is here and we celebrate Easter? Where does the time go? As we bid our winter visitors farewell the needs of our community continue. We donated 72 lbs. of food to the Yuma Community Food Bank and continue our monthly collection on the first Sunday each month. Thanks to everyone for keeping this worthy project going. If you are willing to deliver the food for a month of your choosing let me know. You can contact me at etrone1@msn.com.

The collection of travel soaps and shampoos will be donated to WELCA's Day For Girls project. So fellow travelers, remember to put unused hygiene items in the basket in the Fellowship Hall.

The Social Concerns Committee along with Fellowship and Christ Care assisted with the Lenten Supper. A big thankyou to all who helped.

Respectfully Submitted,
Evelyn Trone, Chairperson
"For I was hungry and you gave me food."
Mathew 25

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES:

As you read through your Evangel each month, please take note of the businesses listed near the end. When and if you need the services in any of these areas, please consider contacting the one listed here. By purchasing the ad, they are paying for the printing of the Evangel and it's nice of us to make use of them in return. Thanks for your support!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

We are well into the season of Lent – that forty day journey leading up to Easter. During Lent the altar area is adorned with the color of purple depicting solemnity, penitence and prayer. The color is also attributed to royalty and was worn by Christ as he was mocked prior to his crucifixion. The awesome banners, made by our banner committee, are displayed on each side of the altar and will change as we progress thru Holy Week.

We began with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of ashes, a symbolic rite as a reminder of the sign of the cross that was placed on us during baptism, our mortality and the filth of sin that has been washed clean by the blood of Jesus.

Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday focuses on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey before a large crowd. This is the official beginning of Holy Week. On this weekend we distribute palm crosses to those attending worship.

Then Maundy Thursday when Jesus had the Last Supper with his disciples in the upper room and he washed their feet. An experience you will have if attending our worship service. Then the Tenebrae service – the betrayal and crucifixion – on Good Friday, and finally the celebration of Easter as Christ arose.

What a glorious journey! If you have never attended these services, make it a point to do so this year.

Many will be departing the Yuma area and heading to their summer residence. Be safe and God Bless You and I look forward to your return in the fall. Thank you to all those that volunteered to assist during worship services this season.

Char Schomisch, Worship Chair

Youth and Education



The Book Sale to benefit our youth's activities was held March 11th and 12th. Many, many thanks go out to the 30+ volunteers who made this happen. The proceeds will be used to fund the alternate Youth Trip as the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minnesota was cancelled again this year. The boys will be attending California Lutheran University's Summer Rebound Program. It's styled similarly to the National Gathering, held the same week in July, and includes a day at Disneyland. Reservations have been made and completely paid for. Thank all of you for your work and donations!

This is the last event of the season for the Youth and Education Committee. Please consider serving next year on this committee. With more people to share ideas and responsibilities, it's easier to make these events throughout the season uplifting and fun for all.

Sunday School will take a break until Fall 2022.

Diane Lee, Chairperson

Thank you's

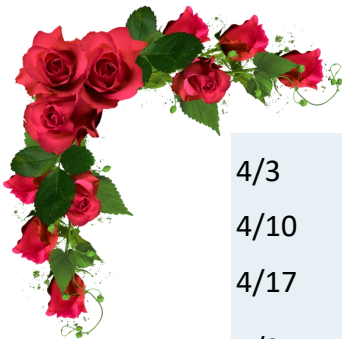
We received thank you's from the Yuma Community Food bank for our monthly donations, from our mission congregations for our support, and from Shepherd's Canyon for our continued support for their ministry. All of these would not be possible without your generous donations to each of these wonderful ministries every month. So Thank you to the members, and friends of Gloria de Cristo for your continued support for not only our ministries here, but those in our community and around the state.

Wills and Estate planning

HAVE YOU INCLUDED GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?

Over the years, those Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church members who have conscientiously included Gloria de Cristo in their estate planning, have enabled some very important and powerful ministry to happen here.

Please consider including Gloria de Cristo Lutheran, which has served you over the years in your estate planning. You will enable this congregation to serve many, many more people in years and generations to come.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR APRIL

4/3	Carol Schock
4/10	Char Schomisch in memory of Deb Werner
4/17	
4/24	Ted & Niki Duffy in memory of son Patrick
4/24	Phyllis Nickleson in memory of husband Clarence

APRIL BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

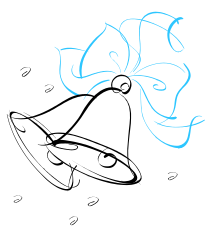


4/1	Rick Bune	4/12	Dyanne Radke
4/10	Natalie Ferguson	4/18	Emma Pacewic
4/11	Elaine Hofslie	4/21	Nancy Griffiths
4/11	Randy Zeiman		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2	Jim Neely	14	Barb Blank	22	Janet Bune
3	Marcia Herberg	14	Roger Friz	22	Morris Kisling
4	Ila Mattingly	14	Carolyn Lester	22	Sue Nasinec
6	Alyce Waverly	14	Emma Pacewic	24	Laura Southwick
8	Joan Ausman	15	Darus White	26	Linda Bradshaw
9	Esther Thurman	16	Marijan Petrovic	29	Charleen Feulner
10	Marge Graham	17	Elaine Hofslie	30	Don Coffi
11	Dennis Munson	18	Gary Raasch	30	Wayne Schuette
13	Dianne Staudenmeir	19	Sue Martin	30	Richard Ludwig



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/4	Morris & Nancy Kisling	4/17	Larry & Bonnie Doll
4/9	John & Louise MacPherson	4/18	John & Laura Southwick



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters/ Communion Assistants	Reader	Altar
4/2	4:00 pm	Brian/Janis Suess	Joyce Hoeft/ Jean Gerfen	Jean Gerfen	Char
4/3	7:45 am	Yvonne Wurtele/ Mary Marsh	Sharon Powell/ Char	Mike Gustafson	Char
4/3	9:30 am	Joanne Ausing/Char	Glenn/Ginger Van Winkle	S.Weidling	Joanne
4/6	6:00 pm	Sandy Weidling/Char	Mary Marsh/ KayLee Grunst	KayLee Grunst	
4/9	4:00 pm	Dyanne Radke/ Joyce Hoeft	Audrey Mangel/ Char	Joyce Hoeft	Cheryl
4/10	7:45 am	Larry Unger/ Char	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Cheryl Preul	Char
4/10	9:30 am	Jim/ Linda Bryant	Ted/Niki Duffy	Roger Tracey	Doreen
4/13	6:00 pm	Laura Southwick/ Joanne Ausing	Brian/Janis Suess	Char	Char
4/14	6:00 pm	Ted/Niki Duffy	Michelle Cegon/ Char	Pastor/Cegon/ Jeannie	
4/17	7:00 am	Larry Unger/ Sharon Powell	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Char	Char
4/17	9:30 am	Jim/Linda Bryant	Sandy Weidling/Char	KayLee Grunst	Char
4/23	4:00 pm	Laura Southwick/		Joyce Hoeft	Laura
4/24	9:30 am				Joanne

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast at Daybreakers Worship 4:00 pm					1 8:00 am TOPS	
3 Food Collection Sunday Worship 7:45 & 9:30 10:30 New Member Class 10:45 am POTLUCK 1:00 pm Foothills Social	4 9:00 am Glorious Quilters 10:00 am GriefShare 12:30 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm Social Concerns Meeting 1:00 pm Worship Mtg. 2:30 pm Bible Study	5 7:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social	6 10:00 am ChristCare 1:15pm Stephen Ministry 4:30 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Worship	7 7:00 am TOPS 8:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Open Hobby 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 4:00 pm TOPS	8 8:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	9 Worship 4:00 pm
10 Worship 7:45 & 9:30 Last 7:45 worship 10:30 New Member Class 1:00 pm Foothills Social	11 9:00 am Glorious Quilters 10:00 am GriefShare 12:30 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting 2:30 pm Bible Study	12 7:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social	13 10:00 am ChristCare 1:15pm Stephen Ministry	14 7:00 am TOPS 8:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Open Hobby 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 4:00 pm TOPS Maundy Thursday Worship 6:00 pm	15 8:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 6:00 pm Women's AA Good Friday Worship	16 NO WORSHIP
17 Easter Sunday Worship 7:00 & 9:30 Easter Breakfast 8:00 9:30 am Reception of New Members 1:00 pm Foothills Social	18 9:00 am Glorious Quilters 10:00 am GriefShare	19 7:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 4:00 pm Executive Council 4:30 pm Council Meeting	20 10:00 am ChristCare 1:15pm Stephen Ministry	21 7:00 am TOPS 8:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Open Hobby 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 4:00 pm TOPS	22 8:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 6:00 pm Women's	23 Vision Framing "Wet Cement" Meeting 9am-11am Worship 4:00 pm Last 4:00 pm worship
24 Worship 9:30 1:00 pm Foothills Social	25 9:00 am Glorious Quilters 10:00 am GriefShare 12:30 pm Bible Study	26 8:30 am Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social	27 10:00 am ChristCare 1:15pm Stephen Ministry	28 7:00 am TOPS 8:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Open Hobby 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 4:00 pm TOPS	29 6:00 pm Women's	30



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