



## 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.

Dear followers of Jesus Christ:

**Most Christians never learn about Generosity. For them, Stewardship = \$.**

Basically, there are **3 areas to consider** when one is deciding when or how to donate anything, whether time, talent, or treasure.

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**First of all: What does your HEAD tell you? How can you best be generous?**

**Second of all: What does your HEART tell you? How do you feel about it?**

**Third of all: What does your FAITH tell you? What does God say about it?**

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*Basically, there are **5 Major Expressions of Generosity:***

**HOSPITALITY:** Openness, welcome, unqualified acceptance; lack of judgement; kindness toward another.

**GIFTS:** Nonfinancial presents; Example: giving someone a book or buying a meal for someone.

**EMOTIONAL-RELATIONAL SUPPORT:** "Being there" for someone; compassionate listening' verbal encouragement and support.

**SERVICE/VOLUNTEERING:** The act of helping another through volunteerism; unpaid labor.

**MONETARY GIVING:** Donating or giving my financial resources to people or causes I want to see impacted.

**Your total participation is needed. Fill out the 'Opportunities of Service' at the church. Fill out the Financial Intent Cards at the church. Step forward, and lead!!**

**See you in worship!**

**Bill Timm, Pastor**



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Treasurer's report indicated that general offerings for the year were under budget. Seasonal offerings were less than previous years, but there was increased attendance at Christmas Eve services. Expenses were just a little under budget. You will have heard more at the Annual meeting held on January 27.
- The Pastor's report shared the good news that 14 people are meeting in the New Members Class and will be received into membership on February 2 and 3. Also, our Grand Canyon Synod Bishop, Debra Hutterer, will bring the message that weekend.
- Fellowship Committee reports a good attendance and participation, but more 'hands' and 'goodie' donations are always welcome. Check out the new 'Bring Your Own – Use Your Own' Coffee mug procedure. There are also some proposals you will hear about soon to update and maintain the kitchen.
- Education Committee reported on the many classes and Bible Studies scheduled. More information is available in the bulletin, Pew racks, and the church office.
- Mission and Social Concerns Committee reported that donations of school supplies for Toma Mi Mano are being received and delivery is planned for February.
- Property Committee continues to maintain all the buildings and grounds. Volunteers are welcome and will be scheduled for their 'activity' as needed. More information is available through the church office.
- The Council meetings are open to members of the congregation who wish to attend. You do not need to bring any concerns or requests, but if you do, these may be added to the agenda.

**"We Are Church Together"**



## ***CELEBRATION OF ARTS***

February is firmly locked into the season of Epiphany. However the last two Sundays of the month are already beginning to herald in the arrival of Lent. In the church's not too distant past we denoted the last three weeks before Lent as Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima (Transfiguration Sunday). These days simply mean, in Latin, that they are the Seventieth, sixtieth and fiftieth days approximately before Easter. The Epistles and Gospels appointed these three Sundays to encourage us to reflect upon the virtues that are necessary for holiness of life. Such reflection is necessary because a renewal of holiness is the object of our Lenten fast which is soon to come.

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The outhouse is out back. But don't get too  
Comfortable; the vipers are likely to bite ya!  
The stream runs fine, 'course, the snakes  
Are likely to get you there, too.

Excerpt from "Who Dun Stole the Bride" by K.R. Mendoza

The Hillbilly Dinner Theater will be presented February 21,22,23 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Be sure and get your tickets. On sale after each Saturday and Sunday Worship. Limited seating to 50 places per night. See you at the Theater!

*Making Christ known through the arts ~Jerry*



ChristCare is continuing this month with Wednesday and Friday sessions. Please join us as we continue to discuss God's word; as well as fellowship.

If you would like to join a Beginning or Continuing Group, please call the Church Secretary, Char at (928) 342-6002; leave your name and phone number. You will be contacted as soon as possible.

**Join us for 1.5 hours of Christ Centered companionship.**

*Roy Cavanaugh, ChristCare Equipper*

**FRIDAY MORNING CHRISTCARE...** 9:00 am, Fellowship Classroom

In Genesis 25-30, we are studying the stories of God's people. From Abraham to Joseph. We get an inside look at how faithfulness and disobedience which can remind us that God is always in control. Their story can assist us in our Faith Walk.

*Jo Larsen & Sally Komor, Co-leaders*

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:**

As promised last month, the following are the products that have the Box Tops for Education label. General Mills cereals, Nature Valley bars, Green Giant frozen foods, Totino Pizza, Hamburger Helper, Old El Paso foods, Pillsbury mixes, Yoplait, Land O'lakes, Fiber One bars, Annie's baking food and snacks, Reynolds foil, Ziploc bags, Lysol cleaning products, Kleenex and Scott, Paper Mate writing items, Boise School supplies and Hefty tableware and trash bags.

Simply cut them off the packages and leave in the bin in the Fellowship Hall. Each one is worth 10 cents toward books, puzzles, etc which we give to Yuma Lutheran School. Each time you use one of these products, the kids benefit. Thanks for your help.

**TROOPONS:**

If you get the newspaper be sure to clip the MANUFACTURER coupons for our troops overseas. DO NOT CLIP STORE COUPONS but only product coupons such as cleaning products, personal grooming, infant items, groceries and pet supplies to name a few.

As you clip them, please separate into '2' groups: Food Group and All Other Group. Bring them to the fellowship hall and place in the basket in the collection corner marked 'Troopons'. The coupons are usable at the overseas bases for 6 months after their expiration date and very much appreciated.

## EDUCATION



The three Sunday School classes continue for our students from pre-school age through beginning high school. The oldest students are being instructed with more in depth lessons from the **Augsburg Fortress** series called **Echo 36**. Students in grades first through six are using a curriculum from **Children's Ministry**, and Pre-School students ages 2.5 through 5 are using materials for their age level. Students are excused from the 9:30 church service immediately following the communion prayer at approximately 10:20 and class finishes around 11:00. We are fortunate to have talented and creative volunteer teachers. A big appreciation goes to Mickie Arneson, Robin Marlatt, Barb Cavanaugh, Charleen Feulner, Carolyn Thorene, and parents Harwoods, Johnsons, and Pacewics. We also appreciate our eager students who regularly come each week to learn more lessons from the bible.

The **WELCA** (*Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America*) **Gather Magazine Bible Study** continues to meet at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall classroom every month on the second Tuesday of the month. The lessons come from the **WELCA Gather Magazine** which can be purchased through subscription. However, we have copies for those who do not get the magazine in the mail. More details about the lessons will be found in the **WELCA** report in this issue of the **Evangel** and also in upcoming church bulletins. All are welcome to attend. (Men, too!) Please join us on February 12 as we continue to enjoy lively discussions about the bible material provided.

Michelle Cegon is leading a bible study on **Jeremiah** and **Lamentations** on Mondays at 3:15, 4:30 or 7:00. Materials are provided by the church. A BIG thanks to Michelle for keeping us interested, informed, and entertained!

Pastor Timm also continues to offer adult bible studies, as well as **Grief Share** classes and **New Member** classes. Currently he is leading a bible study class called **Family Matters** Thursday mornings at 10:30. Rev. Maralyn Benay is leading a class called **Worship Matters** beginning Thursday, February 7 at 1:00 PM. Please check future bulletins or call the office for more info.

I will be ending my six-year council term at the end of January. Eliza Johnson will be the new Education Chair beginning in February. **I want to thank my loyal teachers who have been so creative and willing to spend extra time organizing, planning, and making materials for our students. You are so very appreciated!**

***Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6***

Jeanie Volpe, Education Chair  
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[jeaniev@roadrunner.com](mailto:jeaniev@roadrunner.com)

## FELLOWSHIP



Good morning!

We have a busy month coming up:

**February 3** Potluck after 9:30.

**February 2** Tickets for Queen Tea go on sale after all services and from Char during office hours.

**February 11** Fellowship committee meeting at 1:00.

**February 16** POTLUCK FOLLOWING 5:00 SERVICE

**March 2** Queen Tea at 2:00. Fashion show, food, and of course Tea. More tables this year for more ladies and more fun. Wear your Tea hat or a fascinator, will have a contest to seek out the best. Bring your tea cup, please.

**Wednesdays** 1-4 pm. We will have open crafts. Bring your own project or we will be making these to go to the Bazaar.

As always we need people to sign up for Fellowship coffee time and we need goodies -- cookies, brownies, cakes, and sweet breads.

Hope to see you at some or all of these fun times we have planned for you. God Bless!

Lynette, chairman of Fellowship



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Statement of Income & Expenses for Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church

### December

	CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2018
REVENUE	\$48,520	\$47,593	\$305,662	\$306,036	\$317,051
EXPENSE	\$41,466	\$26,508	\$310,849	\$311,327	\$331,264
NET INCREASE	\$ 7,054	\$21,085	(\$ 5,187)	(\$ 5,291)	(\$ 14,213)



## QUEEN'S TEA

Ladies.... Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 2 from 2-4 pm** and join us for an afternoon of tea and crumpets. It's an afternoon to get 'gussied up', and enjoy a style show, food, and fellowship. This year we will have a bit of competition for the best 'fascinator' /headpiece plus other prizes and good food. **Remember to bring your own tea cup.** Tickets are on sale NOW for \$12.00/person in the church office during the week or in fellowship hall on Sunday mornings. A limit of 70 tickets will be sold. COME AND ENJOY!!

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## MISSION & SOCIAL CONCERNS

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*How we, as the Body of Christ, can address the concerns of human need and social problems within our congregation, com-*

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We met this month on the second Tuesday. Janice Fischer brought with her a colleague from the Board of Directors of The Friends of Toma Mi Mano, Barbara Ott; Ginger Van Winkel's daughter Cheryl also attended. It's always nice to have "new" faces and fresh ideas!

The first part of the meeting was devoted to Janice describing to Julie the function and running of Toma Mi Mano in Los Algodones, and how she hoped the congregation would again step up and provide much-needed school supplies to the Kindergarten students in February, during our Committee's second God's Work - Our Hands endeavor. We'll meet at 10 :00 am on February 5th in the FH class-room to assemble the bags, which we will take down to Los Algodones on February 13th.

Ann and Natalie reported on another successful year for the Prison Ministry "Angel Tree" and the ELCA "Good Gifts Tree.

*Ann Bird, Chair*

## WELCOME...NEW MEMBERS

**Tina Jarmer**  
**13646 E. 53rd Lane, Yuma**

**503-803-1511**  
**Member**

My name is Tina Jarmer. In May my husband and I will be married for 38 years. I was raised Lutheran. We have our home beautiful Gladstone, Or. We also have a lot here in the Foothills. Last year was our first Winter in Yuma. My sister and I were invited to church. We really enjoyed the service plus couldn't believe how friendly everyone was.

**Larry Janssen**  
**5707 E. 32nd street #1046**

**715-559-1486**  
**Associate**

Was born on a dairy farm near a small town of 1200 people, Cadott, WI. I have lived in that area my entire life. I was raised Catholic and remained Catholic until I was in my mid forties. I then joined an ELCA Lutheran church that my grandfather was one of the five families that started the church. That is now my church home. I have four children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. I have been in agriculture my entire life. First as a dairy and hog farmer and after twenty years sold out and bought a farm supply business. I have been wintering in Yuma for twelve years. I have attended several of the churches in the area but have been called to join this church and call it my church away from home.

**David & Carolyn Lester**  
**13769 Fortuna Palms Loop, Yuma**

**218-640-2072**  
**Associate**

David and Carolyn Lester married 27 years ago and live in Staples Mn, when not in Yuma Az, David brings to this marriage two daughters and Carolyn brings a daughter and a son, now deceased. These children have produced 8 grandchildren and two great granddaughters. Dave and Carolyn owned a hardware store as Coast to Coast, then TrueValue, finally Ace until retiring in 2016. Both are active in their home church and now at Gloria de Cristo.

**Tammy Martin**  
**13646 E. 53rd Lane**

**503-803-1511**  
**Member**

I was born and raised in Oregon. I was raised Lutheran and was very involved in the church as a youth. I got married in 1985 and we retired and started traveling in 2005. In 2007 we started working as workcampers in the summer and are still doing that.

**Brent & Jan Pfundheller**  
**3900 S. Avenue 8 1/2 E, Yuma**

**509-492-0165**  
**Associate**

Jan and I currently live in Olympia, WA when we aren't in Yuma. We are both retired police from Washington State and spent our last years working International for the State Department and the U.N. We have six kids and nine wonderful grandkids.

**Carolyn (Carol) M. Smith**  
**11324 E. 39th Place**

**928-750-8087**  
**Associate**

I was born June 24, 1943 in Bottineau, N.D. Baptized and confirmed at the First Lutheran Church there. Graduated from Minot State University. I have three children, J.D., Holly and Joe along with nine grandchildren and ten greatgrandchildren. Moved to Regina, Saskatchewan and met the love of my life, Jack, who passed away March 16, 2015. I live in Yuma during the winter month.

**Dianne Staudenmier**  
**30111 E. Palo Verde, Wellton**

**208-697-4140**  
**Member**

I was born in Portland, Or. On April 13, 1968. At the age of six we moved to Gresham, Or and lived there until the age of 17. We then moved to Boise, Id in 1980. I have continually lived in and around the Boise area ever since. I currently live in Marsing, Id. I was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Ascension Lutheran Church in Portland, Or. I have two children and four grandchildren.



## PROPERTY



Progress on many projects. Now that our cover is on the playground, we need to add more sand and level it out, Dave Lester has volunteered to head this we will have a work party you will be notified. Another continuing project is to complete is the removal of the sand on all the front areas of the church.

We will be addressing the Columbarium area regarding landscaping and maintenance. Please let me know if you would like to help or have ideas. My phone number is 928-446-1668 E mail: doreenc521@gmail.com

*Doreen Caldwell*

I have two bids on custom gutters on the west side of the Fellowship hall and the Columbarium area by Jerry's office this will solve the problem regarding the sidewalks on the left and flooding of Jerry's office.



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## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Gloria de Cristo is the only faith-based congregation in Yuma area to sponsor a Stephen Ministry program. This year we have 9 members who are taking the 50 hours of training that they can provide that one-on-one Christ-centered care to hurting people in the community. In every congregation and the community there are always many more people in need of care than a pastor can care for so these trained people can step in and provide that listening ear in his absence. If you know of someone that is experiencing a crisis in their life and would like a Stephen Minister, contact the church office.

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## STEWARDSHIP

During the month of January we heard from several of our members as to why they give to the church. I believe personal testimony is a valuable tool to impress upon us the value of giving to the church. Many thanks to Dave Graham and Bob Villones for sharing.

Stewardship is much more than money. It includes caring for each other, giving of ourselves and supporting in non-monetary forms our service positions.

If you haven't turned in your 'Opportunities for Service' form and pledge card, please pick up a copy in the Narthex, fill it out and leave it in the labeled containers on the counter. These are valuable pieces of information in recognizing hidden talents that we all have.

Thank you to those that have taken time from their daily schedules to be counters for the church offerings. Your service is very much appreciated.

Within the next week or so, those that have offering envelopes will be receiving their year's statement of offering for tax purposes.

*Jim Bryant, Stewardship Chair*

## WELCA HAPPENINGS



A highlight of February is the Cactus Conference, scheduled February 16th. Already, several Gloria De Cristo women have signed up to attend the day-long conference in Sun City. Sharing friendships, making new friendships, listening to others' experiences and hopes, and re-affirming our faith with prayer and communion will be some of the main goals of the day. And those are among our daily goals here at Gloria De Cristo where we have so many opportunities to give.

The WELCA Board members at Gloria De Cristo will meet early February to renew and perhaps expand our goals and to plan, once again, a Gather potluck in March. With the Yard Sale, the Dinner Theater and Lenten season occupying all of us, it will be a challenge to set aside the time needed to witness our faith, but to quote David Roper's devotion, "Life should be less hurrying and more noticing." Here's to less hurrying and more noticing for all of us.

*Donna Brown, GDC WELCA Convener/President*

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### **GATHER MAGAZINE BIBLE STUDY.**

February's Bible Study is Tuesday, February 12 at 9:30 a.m. This month's study continues with "Meetings with Jesus". John uses conversations between Jesus and various characters as vehicles to draw us to deeper faith. This study's twin strategies of "connecting the dots" and "coloring within the lines" will help us explore the Gospel's unique perspective.

Everyone is invited (men too) and you do not need a subscription to the magazine to attend.

*JoAnn Conrath*

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## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 3
- 10
- 17 Char in celebration of twins birthday
- 24 Dennis & Jan Klipfel in memory of Loved Ones



## WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

As we proceed into the month of February I want to express my appreciation for all the Ushers, Greeters/Communion assistants and Readers that have so graciously accepted the assignment I have put to them. They are the 'welcoming' entrance to our church for both our members and guests and a very important element to our services. Then of course there are my committee people who have a direct part in preparing the communion for each service, clearing up after services, and taking care of the offering. Thank You so much to each of you.

I would also like to thank those that sign up to pay for the altar flowers each week. The calendar is posted on the wall in the Narthex for anyone who would like to purchase a bouquet. Cost is \$20 for one vase or \$40 for both and you are most welcome to take the flowers home following the last service or come for them on Monday and enjoy them in your home. If they are not picked up, we generally take them to one of the local nursing facilities so that those residents may share in the beauty of them.

Anyone wishing to be a part of the Worship, Music/Arts Committee is welcome to come to our monthly meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the Choir Room.

*Char Schomisch, Chair*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2	Jim Neely	14	Sunnee Rodgers	22	Sherry Brown
2	Donna Staudenmier	15	Myna Damm	22	Rosalie Jensen
2	Sandra Weidling	16	Dan Murphy	23	Megan Marlatt
3	Camille Oliver	18	Susan Anderson	23	Ruth Schwab
5	Noah Timm	18	Linda Bryant	24	Logan Johnson
11	Clairce Dean	18	Jean Erwin	25	Dave Hubenthal
12	Natalie Ferguson	18	Glenn Roberts	25	George Reisnaur
13	Shirley Ehler	20	Roald Fosse	28	Byron Oliver
				28	Verne Wertman

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3	Gary & Sandy Raasch
4	John & Jean Gerfen
29	Jim & Clarice Dean



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters/Comm.	Reader
2/2	5:00	m. Severson/J. Munson	Roland/Linda Anderson	JoAnn Conrath
2/3	7:45	S. Bellcour/C. Wrostad	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Char
	9:30	Paul Gross/L. Kennedy	Glenn/Virginia Van Winkle	Doreen Caldwell
	11:00	Jim/Jackie Neely	Ron Jackson/Char	Jim Neely
2/9	5:00	Gil/Nancy Richter	Curt/Rosalie Jensen	Sandra Weidling
2/10	7:45	Dave Marceau/Char	Dave/Marge Graham	Mike Gustafson
	9:30	Jackie Feaver/P. Kuiper	Sue Martin/Carolyn Wade	Kay Lee Grunst
	11:00	John/Jan Achen	Jim/Jackie Neely	Jim Neely
	2/16	Bruce Burton/T. Volpe	Dyanne Radke/Char	Jeanie Volpe
2/17	7:45	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Larry Unger/Sharon Powell	Dave Graham
	9:30	Ian/Eliza Johnson	Doug/Kate Harwood	Gary Onnen
	11:00	Ron Jackson/Char	Darrell/Josie Dahlberg	Robin Marlatt
2/23	5:00	Joyce Hoeft/A. Mangel	Curt/Rosalie Jensen	Linda Anderson
2/24	7:45	S. Bellcour/C. Wrostad	M. Marsh/Wayne Schuette	Cheryl Preul
	9:30	Sandra Weidling/Char	Jim/Linda Bryant	Pauline Kuiper
	11:00	Earl/Robin Marlatt	Jim/Jackie Neely	Joey Christensen

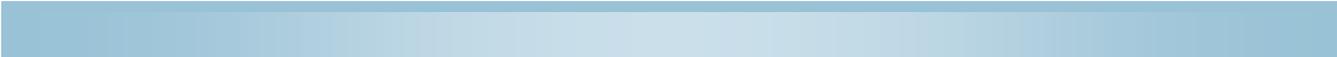
**NEEDED:** I am in need of volunteers for the 3:00 Saturday service for the month of February. Anyone willing to help out, please call the church office. Thank You!!



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ORGANIST: Shirley Ehler  
PIANISTS: Marge Graham, Marie Ritten & Jean Abel  
WORSHIP COORDINATOR & PROGRAM FACILITATOR: Jerry Grill  
YOUTH & FAMILY COORDINATOR: Julie Villones  
CHOIR: Jerry Grill  
BELLS OF GLORY: Kay Lee Grunst

Chiristcare Equippers: Roy Cavanaugh, Carolyn Thorene, Jo Larsen  
& Pastor Timm

STEPHEN MINISTERS: Russ DeVriendt, Mike Rosenberg, Joyce Hoefft  
& Pastor Timm

Church Secretary: Char Schomisch  
Nursery Attendant: Lynette Layton

#### CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Roy Cavanaugh  
VICE PRESIDENT: Michelle Cegon  
SECRETARY: Kay Lee Grunst  
TREASURER: Gil Richter

#### COMMITTEE CHAIR:

OUTREACH: Julie Villones  
EDUCATION: Eliza Johnson  
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MISSION & SOCIAL CONCERNS: Ann Bird  
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