



## 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 GOD'S PEOPLE CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION THROUGH GLORIA DE CRISTO,

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Proverbs 29:18

God calls Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus. For us to work towards that goal with focus and determination, we need to follow a God-given vision on how to move forward in mission in the years ahead.

It is key that our lay leaders and congregation have a crystal-clear, compelling vision and plan in place for the future...one that motivates us to be the church God calls us to be in this time and place.

Our church needs to be prepared to face the realities of a changing landscape of ministry in the Foothills and around the world. A new generation of people must be reached and then disciplined toward Christian maturity in fresh ways.

To accomplish that mission, we need to lean on how God has provided in the past and seek God's future direction, and address several questions, such as:

- *How has Yuma changed in recent years, and how will we reach new people with the gospel?*
- *How can we address post-pandemic engagement challenges through the lens of who we are and where God is calling us?*
- *How can we position Gloria de Cristo with a clear, compelling vision and strong strategic plan to guide in the years leading up to and through a transition in pastoral leadership?*
- *How will we define personal indicators of spiritual maturity that define real church health?*
- *How will we design and practice disciple-making and faithfully lead our congregation in our day and time?*

· *Who can bring outside perspective and church visioning expertise to our unique context with proven tools?*

This year our congregation will be working with a consultant who has “been there, done that” in helping Lutheran churches find God’s future vision for mission. I invite you to support this effort with your prayers, your commitment to God’s vision for the future, and with your involvement in the visioning process!

God is sending US!

Pastor Bill Timm

## FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK



“The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruit”

Thanks be to God for the seed planters in 1993! They had a vision, they were called, they responded in faith, so we can enjoy the fruit, the shade, and the beauty that Gloria de Cristo casts in our community. I wish I could say that I was a part of the founders of Gloria de Cristo, I really wish I could say with certainty that I believed they would create a church in the sandy, hot desert of Yuma. Would I say, well it’s okay for four maybe five months, then what will happen to all our hard work? Would I think that we would never get out of an office or a school building? Would I dare to dream beyond myself?

The days of planting seeds are not over at Gloria de Cristo. The vision of your church council is not just to “keep the lights on”. If anything, the last few years have taught us that we don’t know what changes and challenges are coming tomorrow. We don’t know what is around the next corner or how to prepare for it. Your church council has entered into a relationship with a company called Auxano to provide leadership for a visionary planning process. This is a long and systematic process; you will be included as we move forward. This is an exciting time to be the “Church” for you, my friend, are the church and with you we will continue to honor those who laid the ground work in 1993.

As Pastor says, “To God be the Glory”!

Your council president,  
*Sharon Merz*



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Ministry Team Leaders reported:

- Adult Vacation Bible School was enthusiastically proclaimed a success and our speaker has been asked to return in January 2023.
- The Book Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12.
- Ladies Inspirational Lunch is being planned for March.
- The council approved the purchase of a new copier for the church office.
- We are reminded that the “Food Bank” collection is the first weekend of each month.
- There will be an opportunity to order new Gloria de Cristo tee shirts in February.
- The Yard Sale Committee is meeting and will be ready for the sale on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26.

In closing, I’m glad so many of you attended the Annual Congregational Meeting held on January 30 and took the opportunity to review the reports in the Information Packet. Thank you! As I said last month – in one way or another, we all asked to become a member of this congregation, community, family called Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church and therefore we accept the responsibilities of membership – worship attendance, participation in Bible Study, joining a committee, or group of your interest to help further God’s mission here at Gloria de Cristo. You are important.

***We Are Church Together!***

ChristCare is a small group ministry here at Gloria de Cristo that meets on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Fellowship Hall Classroom from 10 am to 11am.

ChristCare is a Bible Study centered and includes some worship and prayer. We have service projects here at the church and now are expanding our service to those here at church that need someone to shop for them or just want and need visits from friends. We will offer support, encouragement, and care for one another.

We cannot transport people in our cars, but are available to come to visit and do shopping, etc. We would like you to call the office or leave a note on your green attendance slip during worship and we will call and schedule our visit or take care of your shopping needs.

Lord, when we think about everything you have done for us, we are overwhelmed by your love. We look forward to responding to those who are in need. We look forward to our visits with those who need us and helping where needed.

Our group leaders are: Doreen Caldwell and Cheryl Preul



## FELLOWSHIP

We continue to have good attendance at our after/between worship services fellowship on Sundays. Members have been very good about volunteering to clean up afterwards. We can always use new people to step forward, as it seems we have some members who are doing the Lion's share.

We have a pretty good supply of goodies in the freezer, and this past week or so a large batch of cookies showed up; thank you so much to the member who made these. I do appreciate all the donations of goodies, and I'm sure the members do too. As needed, I will be calling those who have volunteered to bake.

We did not have a potluck in January because it was too close to all the holiday festivities. BUT, we will have our potluck the first Sunday of February, so plan now for what you want to share with us.

Plans are well underway for the Ladies Inspirational Luncheon on March 19. The speaker has already been contacted, and we are now working on table decorations and the menu. Hopefully, we will have a full house for this event.

I have been working with the WELCA ladies in planning for our Easter breakfast, so put that on your calendar too.

Watch for information on a program called "Days for Girls", which WELCA is planning. . There will be a planning meeting and some work days to accomplish this project. This will be a fairly large amount of hours required to complete all the backpacks needed. Hopefully, some of our members who sew will be helping make the items needed.

May God bless you, and I am looking forward to seeing you all in Fellowship.

Cheryl Preul

Fellowship Chairman



## GLORIOUS QUILTERS

The ladies were very busy making 35 quilts. We have found many staying home due to their own busy schedule. Seems like on any given Monday we are working like busy bees trying to keep up. One Monday we had 4 new ladies join us. What a God send they were! Besides keeping busy with our quilting, we are all having FUN. We as a group got 44 quilts made and were able to gift our Vacation Bible School teacher with a quilt as well as gifting two quilts to Pastor Jack and his wife. She was very excited about getting them. Remember you DON'T need to be a sewer to join the fun. 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



**Gloria de Cristo**– Fellowship Classroom, **Mondays at 10 am-noon**, Mary Marsh  
Leader

**Sunrise Manufactured Home Community**,  
1950 E 24th St, Yuma, AZ 85365, **Mondays at 10 am-noon**  
Mike Rosenberg Leader

**Araby Acres**– 6649 E 32nd St, Main reception room, **Mondays 10:30 –noon**,  
Ted & Niki Duffy, Leaders

**Shangri-la RV Resort**– 10498 N Frontage Rd, **Sundays 3-5 pm**,  
Roger & Jackie Tracey, Leaders

## The Positive Impact of the Grandchild-Grandparent Bond on Mental Health

Everyone knows that grandparents have a special, unique bond with their grandchildren. In certain situations, this bond is sometimes deeper than the parent-child bond. **But did you know that studies show being close with your grandparents – and vice versa – has positive effects on mental health?**

A [study](#) published in *The Journal of Family Psychology* found that adolescent grandchildren who felt close to their grandparents had fewer [negative mental health symptoms](#) than those who did not feel close to their grandparents. Among more than 1500 adolescents ages 11-16, “greater [grandparent involvement](#) was associated with fewer emotional problems.” This was especially the case when the adolescents came from single-parent families or stepfamilies.

**A close grandparent-grandchild bond has a positive impact on the older generation as well.** For example, Reitzes & Mutran found that the more frequently grandparents and young grandchildren had contact, the more satisfied grandparents were. And those who were competent and happy in their role as grandparents had better emotional wellbeing.

Another [recent study](#) published in *The Gerontologist* found that **the more grandparents and grandchildren exchange emotional support between each other, the greater their mental health – for both.** Grandparents who consistently give positive support and material gifts to their grandchildren had better psychological health than those who didn't. Both parties had fewer [symptoms of depression](#) when they felt a strong emotional tie with each other.

All these studies drive home one clear message: **grandparents and grandchildren can be valuable resources to each other, especially when it comes to protecting each other's mental health.**

Therefore, if you're a grandma or grandpa, keep calling your grandchildren and inviting them to visit. Feel free to bring them those thoughtful trinkets and take them on fun trips. Give them hugs and kisses and emotional support. It's good for both of you.

And parents: take your children to see their grandparents. Encourage them to stay in touch and talk as often as possible. **Don't minimize the positive influence your own parents can have on your teens. Data shows the more they communicate, the better off everyone is.**

Source: Yael Klein  
<https://evolvreatment.com>



## WELCA AT GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH

February brings another variety of activities for Gloria De Cristo. By now, the women of our church have learned what can be contributed, both materials and labor, to the international Days for Girls kits. Lord of Life Lutheran WELCA Convener, Shari Jones, hosted a presentation and brown-bag workshop on Saturday, January 29th, in our Fellowship Hall. Wherever this vital project that teaches girls reaching puberty in 3rd-world countries is mentioned, people are interested in helping to put these kits together, and the women of Gloria De Cristo were no exception. From their website, “Days for Girls advances menstrual equity, health, dignity and opportunity for all. We transform periods into pathways. The DfG Pad. Our safe, beautiful and washable solution for managing”

For February WELCA activities, the WELCA Planning committee, will present a Gather potluck with a speaker and program. More details, including the date, the speaker and a sign-up sheet, will appear in the church bulletin. In March, the Cactus Conference of which Gloria De Cristo is a part, will host a Retreat. Details will be posted as they become available. Once again, car pooling will be important, and if enough of us can attend, a van rental may be an option. If you have attended a WELCA Retreat, you already know what an inspiration they are. If you have not attended, please prayerfully consider it

## WORSHIP & MUSIC



February is a month to take a breath before heading into the Lenten season so I will use this time to work with my committee and those helping each weekend to make services a pleasant experience for our members and guests. I am well aware that we have some sick and not attending so if you aren't able to be there, please let me know by texting or calling 414-520-1857 so I can fill the task before service. If you are on the schedule for February as usher or greeter/communion assistant, please try to be there at least 30 minutes prior to service for some additional instructions.

Again, I can't express how much you are valued by volunteering to serve!!

Char Schomisch, Worship Chair



## YARD SALE

Our Annual yard sale will take place during the last weekend of the month. If you are available to help during set-up, or during the sale, please prayerfully consider volunteering. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday **February 8th at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### Set-up days:

**Monday February 21, 1:00 pm, *set up of tables only.***

**Tuesday-Thursday February 22-24, 9am, *set up and pricing of all items.***

### Sale dates:

**Friday February 25th– 8am-2pm**

**Saturday February 26th– 8am-12pm**



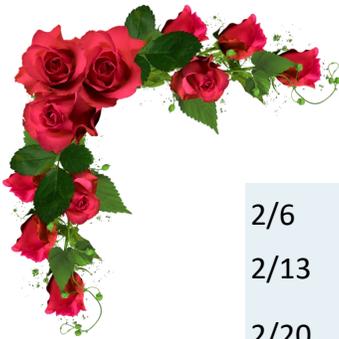
## Youth and Education

The Adult Vacation Bible School was held January 11-13th. This was our third year and was well attended by 20+. Many thanks to Cyndy Warnier for her willingness to provide such interesting and insightful lessons. Also, a special shout out to the kitchen crew (Cheryl, Wanda, and Kris) for preparing and serving three light lunches each day. The entire committee (Kaylee Grunst, Lee Donaldson, and Marge Hollandsworth) is to be congratulated for another successful AVBS Event.

The Book Sale to benefit our youth's attendance to the ELCA Youth Gathering in MN in July 2022 will be on Friday and Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 5 Major Expressions of Generosity





## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

2/6

2/13

Joe & Carol Martinelli in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary

2/20

2/27



## FEBRUARY BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES



2/1 Sue Alexander

2/22 Isaac Timm

2/1 Gil Richter

2/23 Erik Timm

2/13 JoAnn Munson

2/28 Judith Otto

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2	Jackie Neely	12	Natalie Ferguson	21	Donna Staudenmier
2	Sandy Weidling	13	Shirley Ehler	22	Sherry Brown
3	John MacPherson	14	Sunnee Rodgers	22	Dennis Peterson
3	Camille Oliver	16	Dan Murphy	24	Logan Johnson
5	Carol Martinelli	16	Andrew Rosenberg	25	Dave Hubenthal
11	Sandra Arceneaux	18	Linda Bryant	25	George Reisnaur
11	Clarice Dean	18	Jean Erwin	28	Byron Oliver



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## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/3	Gary & Sandy Raasch	2/14	Tony & Kathy Hoffman
2/4	John & Jean Gerfen	2/14	Joe & Carol Martinelli
2/11	Donna & Virgil Ford	2/29	Jim & Clarice Dean



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters/ Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Altar</b>
2/5	4:00 pm	JoAnn Munson/ Joyce Hoeft	Laura Southwick/ Char	Gary Raasch	Laura Southwick
2/6	7:45 am	Cheryl Preul/ Yvonne Wurtele	Larry Unger/ Brenda Taylor	Mary Marsh	Char
2/6	9:30 am	Tammy Martin/ Jim Neely	Chris/Jerry Randby	Louise MacPherson	Doreen
2/6	11:00 am	Char	Doreen Caldwell	Niki Duffy	Char
2/12	4:00 pm	Joyce Hoeft/ Char	Audrey Mangel/ Doreen Caldwell	Doreen Caldwell	Cheryl Preul
2/13	7:45 am	Larry Unger/ Dave Marceau	Sharon Powell/ Char	Nancy Griffiths	Char
2/13	9:30 am	Aiden Harwood/ Randy Zieman	Sharon Noltemeyer/ Marge Jones	KayLee Grunst	Char
2/13	11:00 am	Mike/Sandy Corless	Ted/Niki Duffy	Char	Doreen
2/19	4:00 pm	Kris Brown	JoAnn Munson/ Jack Greenfield	Jerry Randby	Kris Brown
2/20	7:45 am	Jack Greenfield/ Char	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Mary Marsh	Cheryl Preul
2/20	9:30 am	Aiden Harwood/ Tammy Martin	Glenn/Ginger VanWinkle	Joyce Hoeft	Char
2/20	11:00 am	Char	Kathy Edwards	Niki Duffy	Char
2/26	4:00 pm	Donna Ford	Dave/Marge Graham	Dave Graham	Joanne Ausing
2/27	7:45 am	Mary Marsh/ Char	Cheryl Preul/ Larry Unger	Mike Gustafson	Char
2/27	9:30 am	Jerry Taylor/ Diane Lee	Jim/Linda Bryant	Jim Hollandsworth	Laura Southwick

**FEBRUARY 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
		1 7 am TOPS 10:00 am Worship Meeting 1:00 pm Foothills Social 4:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Meeting	2 9:00 am WELCA 10:00 am ChristCare 1:15pm Stephen Ministry 4:45 pm Bells of Glory 6:00 pm Choir	3 7:00 am TOPS 8:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Open Hobby 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 4:00 pm TOPS	4 8:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	5 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast at Daybreakers  <b>Worship 4:00 pm</b>
6 <b>Food Collection Sunday</b> <b>Worship 7:45, 9:30 &amp; 11am</b> <b>10:45 am POTLUCK</b> 1:00 pm Foothills Social	7 9:00 am Glorious Quilters 10:00 am GriefShare 12:30 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm Social Concerns Meeting 2:30 pm Bible Study	8 7:00 am TOPS 10:00 am Yard Sale Meeting 1:00 pm Foothills Social	9 10:00 am ChristCare 1:15pm Stephen Ministry 4:45 pm Bells of Glory 6:00 pm Choir	10 7:00 am TOPS 8:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Open Hobby 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 4:00 pm TOPS	11 8:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Foothills Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	12  <b>Worship 4:00 pm</b>
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