



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 CALLED BY ALMIGHTY GOD TO FOLLOW AS DISCIPLES!

Did you know that Yuma County has over 211,000 residents?

Did you know that Yuma County has only ONE psychiatrist who has SIX times the recommended number of cases?

Did you know that the Yuma Regional Medical Center had 17,318 patients with a mental health related diagnosis in 2018?

Did you know that people with mental health issues often receive treatment ONLY when they commit a felony level offense?

Did you know that Yuma County Mental Health Court defendants are primarily diagnosed with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder?

Did you know the top four barriers to receiving mental health care are: *funding, *lack of providers and capacity, *navigating the health care system, and *education for patients and the general public?

Did you know that the Center for Disease Control reports that 1 in 5 people suffer from some form of mental illness in any year?

Do you know that there is still a stigma in our society around the issues of mental illness?

THE BIGGEST QUESTION OF ALL:

Do you believe that God wants us to minister to the needs of all people who suffer?



Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church now has a Mental Health Ministry Team that has applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the ELCA Division of Disability Ministries.

Gloria de Cristo is creating a Mental Health Ministry to foster greater awareness and understanding within our congregation, and to facilitate our work in reaching out to those with mental illness and their families.

We intend to empower our members to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with compassionate, supportive companionship to all, building a circle of care with individuals who are facing emotional and mental health challenges.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a color copy of the article "DIGNITY & GRACE in the face of mental illness" from the May 2019 Living Lutheran magazine.

Please take time to read this very informative article.

In the next newsletter, I will give more information on this ministry and will ask for your feedback in the form of a mail-back survey.

See you in worship!

Bill Timm, Pastor



BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE

Roughly 8 years ago, the Church Council sought to be prepared for future large maintenance expenses at the church property, like roofs, 15 air conditioners, etc. Even after the building addition had been paid for, many people continued to contribute to the building fund and some budgeted funds were also set aside, with the goal of capping the fund at \$50,000.

Over the years, that reserve fund has been used to bring in energy efficient lights, thermostats, repairs to air conditioners and air conditioning lines, etc.

If you live in the Foothills, you may be well aware of the difficulties with internet service.

We have used Hughes Net, which had low caps on data.

We currently have BeamSpeed, and have had more outages than I want to think about. When the internet is down, staff work is hampered, the phones don't work, thermostats are affected, uploads of Sunday's service can't be done, and other necessary things are affected.

The harshest effect is that it messes up our church accounting system if someone is working on it. This has created headache after headache.

We have run out of workable internet provider options, outside of installing Spectrum fiber optic cable to the church from a node at the bank. It will be connected to all buildings.

The cost was a little less than \$25,000.

Since it will all be paid out of the building maintenance reserve fund, and not out of budgeted funds, the Church Council authorized the installation.

A member couple of Gloria de Cristo has very generously given an anonymous \$20,000 gift to cover most of the new Spectrum service! Thanks be to God that the spirit of generosity has moved again at Gloria de Cristo!

On behalf of the Church Council,

Bill Timm, pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



There will be no ChristCare meetings during the month of July. We will meet again August 7th.

-Roy Cavanaugh

THE FUNCTION OF BIBLICAL FAITH IS TO TRUST GOD IN HIS LOVE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO GIVE US WHAT IS GOOD FOR US.

THIS IS GRACE IN ACTION!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



It is summer in Yuma. Maybe our schedules have slowed a little, but the schedule of worship services continues every Sunday morning. With only this one worship time at 9:30 am, we have a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet other worshipers that may have been worshipping at a different time during the winter. Now is the time to sit in a different pew and get acquainted with someone who is sitting on the other side of the church. Then after worship, continue your conversation with a cup of coffee in Fellowship Hall. And while you are in Fellowship Hall, sign up to help host one of these wonderful get-togethers. We are so blessed to have this area to share Fellowship and it is such a blessing to be able to give back and serve others in gratitude.

Don't forget to support and participate in the Sunday School Students special summer project. There was a very good response during June with donations of towels and reusable water bottles. Now during July you can shop for hats, sun glasses and Otter Pops ('to-be-frozen' pops). And if you want to shop ahead – pick up some sun screen and protein snack bars for the August collection.

Bible Studies, Movie night and care of the property all continue through the summer. There is also a need for worship helpers – ushers, readers, communion servers, to fill in for someone who cannot be here. Fall planning has started, especially the Education Program. If you have an interest, please consider signing up. Leave your name in the church office and you will be contacted.

“We Are Church Together”

Celebration of Arts



Why do you go to church? God is very clear about our responsibility of worship. He doesn't tell us as a suggestion or even a passing thought but admonishes us to 'worship our God'. He even states within the ten commandments that he is a jealous God and we are to worship him. Part of the instruction in the *Worship Matters Class* lists the top ten reasons we worship:

1. By worshiping we open ourselves to experience God's presence in our every day lives, not just on Sunday or Saturday.
2. It promotes the community. We are able to meet and worship with people we might not otherwise know, joined together in common worship.
3. By using a repetition of worship, week after week, we come to appreciate what God has done for us. We have a hard time learning if only done once. It general takes remembering many times to imprint those parts of the worship that will come to mind when, in times of peril, we need the strength of God's word that we have heard and memorized.
4. Because God feeds us at Jesus' table with his very body and blood. We know that we are welcome and will be nourished in a meal that we share with saints of every time and place.
5. Because God will speak to us. By listening to the scriptures, we are in fact reenacting the events of the past and making them alive to us now, in this time.
6. It is a time to remember how much we need the saving grace of our Lord. We are a forgetful people and we need a chance to remember both the painful reality of our human brokenness and the remarkable forgiveness God pours upon us.
7. Because we are moved by the Holy Spirit to come and worship. Lutheran Christians believe that God acts in our lives – even getting us out of bed on Sunday morning and through the church doors.
8. Because worship is where the church comes into being. The church is not a building, but a community of believers gathered around the word and sacraments.
9. Church is the one place I know I will encounter God. I know this place is where God is calling me to be. We look many places trying to find God: relationships, mountain top experiences, pilgrimages, retreats, etc. But we will experience the mystery and love of God in our worship.
10. Because God created us to love, serve and worship him.

So, again I ask, why do you go to worship?

See you in church, ~Jerry

EDUCATION



Sunday School classes have wrapped up for the summer. Thank you to everyone who helped teach the children this year. We are always welcoming new teachers to join the rotation. If you are interested in teaching any age group this fall please let me know.

The Sunday School students have again chosen to help the homeless at Crossroads Mission. They are asking members to bring in the following items for the Summer months and place in the box in the Narthex. Thanks to everyone who was able to donate in June!

July: Otter pops (or other freezable popsicles), hats, and sunglasses

August: Sunscreen and protein bars

Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School June 24th through June 28th! We will be able to take everything we learned this year to help build on this program for next year. This was a great way to show our own youth as well as youth in the community how learning about Christ can be fun.

-Eliza Johnson

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

As promised, 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.



FELLOWSHIP

We are all doing well here with the starting of the heat. Numbers are up for Fellowship Sunday Coffee and movie night is doing well.

Help is always needed, but I am thankful to the members that are stepping up. If you are baking or shopping we can always use goodies.

Movie this month is: God bless the broken road.

God bless,
Lynette, chairman of Fellowship

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Statement of Income & Expenses for Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church

May

	CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2019
REVENUE	\$15,437	\$27,387	\$162,567	\$173,327	\$168,681
EXPENSE	\$24,240	\$30,735	\$130,257	\$147,004	\$135,233
NET INCREASE	(\$8,803)	(\$3,348)	\$32,310	\$26,323	\$33,448



It's About More Than Killing Spiders

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

In most families, (I say most because the family is ever evolving) it's the man's duty to kill the spider, catch the mouse, and grab the flashlight to check the house at every bump in bump in the night. We are naturally thought of as the brave ones. I believe we are all wired that way straight from God. Men feel they should be the brave protectors and women (for the most part) like the feeling of having a brave, strong man in the house.

But as you know we have fears too. Being the head of household, leaders in the church, living up to "manly expectations" can sometimes get over whelming. Fear of failure, or fear of disappointment can easily creep in and steal the joy from our lives.

Please know this. That does not come from God.

I've quoted 2 Tim 1:7 most of my life. I remember memorizing it as a teenager. I loved its clear and simple message. Fear does not come from God! Most of the time it comes from circumstances we have let come into our lives.

What does come God is this Power, Love and Sound Mind!

My favorite of these is Power! This word in Greek is Dunamis. This is the same root that is used for the word Dynamite! I like to believe that God has given us explosive power to conquer any circumstance or fear that may come our way, because after all guys, it's about more than killing spiders. It's about being powerful leaders in our in our families, our churches, out jobs and our community, and sometimes that can be a little scary!

Next FCF meeting will be July 13th Just in case folks want to take a long weekend over the 4th. We'll be discussing the all men's Prayer Breakfast, as well as maybe meeting more than once per month.

If you've never been out to fellowship with us. Full Contact Fellowship is open to all guys! Come on out have breakfast, and get to know some of the other outstanding men we have in our church. We'd love to see you there

-Bob Villones

OUTREACH / YOUTH & FAMILY



“Whoever serves me must follow me: and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”—John 12:26

We are working on a new Polo shirts with our new logo to have available for purchase. This way those who are doing outreach or other volunteer projects can wear these shirts and share the Gloria de Cristo name!

During our last meeting, we decided that our primary focus needs to be that of getting new visitors as the “in-reach” has been successful. We have future venues like the Welcome Back Bash in the Fall that need our attention.

Recently, the idea of an adult Vacation Bible School was brought up and we would like to work on a special week where those adults who cannot get out much will have a fun week of food, guest speakers and even games and prizes. If this interests you, please contact Julie Villones (702) 272-7974. This could be a fun tradition.

Stay cool and God’s Blessings

-Julie

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY



7/7	
7/14	
7/21	
7/28	Tom/Dyanne Radke



PROPERTY



Thanks to all who work so hard to keep everything working. We really appreciate that with just a call, you come and help.

We would like to thank Jim Neely for completing the installation of plants in the Columbarium area, and making sure the watering system is working properly. He also is working on the fountain, to keep it operational and clean! Chemicals are always needed if you find yourself inclined to help!

John Gerfen has hung the new directional signs and we thank him for that.

Quick refrigeration has completed the semi annual maintenance on the air conditioning, so we will have cool air all summer. Yuma Pest has also been here and taken care of a couple areas that needed treating.

Once again if you see a project that needs attention, please let me know.

We are looking forward a few months to enjoy having our winter visitors return and are sure we will have plenty of projects for you to help with.

I found this and wanted to share:

Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates:

Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?

Just a little reminder that most of us don't need as we follow this concept here at Gloria de Cristo follow all the time!

My phone number is 928-446-1668

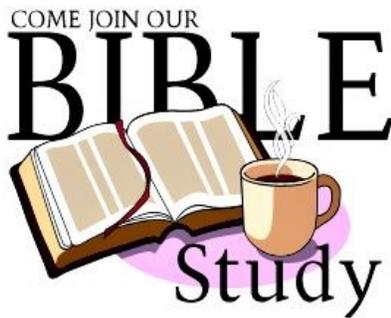
E mail: doreenc521@gmail.com

-Doreen Caldwell

QUILTING SUMMER SCHEDULE



The Summer Monday Quilters will meet every Monday in July from 9:00 to 11:30 am. We will be sewing blocks together to make the quilt tops. We supply everything needed, you just need to be able to sew. Anyone interested in making a t-shirt quilt please text Nancy. Any questions text/call Nancy Richter at (520) 906-8196



"GOD'S WORK--YOUR LIFE!"
BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

MATERIALS COST: \$10

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH AT 6:30 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASSROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME!!



WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

I would like to start out by saying that it is truly an honor to serve as the Worship, Music and Arts Ministry Team Leader. I know that there is a lot to learn but with God's guiding hand and the support of the current worship assistants, Altar Committee members, and the council members I will carry out my responsibilities to the best of my abilities.

Secondly, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone that can assist with greeting, ushering, or working with the Altar Committee. It is a wonderful way to meet fellow members, cuz.....as Pastor always says "It is difficult to be a Christian on your own". Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve, and May God be with all of you.

-Brenda Taylor



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Ann Bird	10	Shar Stapleton	19	Maria Sadegur
1	Brenda Taylor	11	Palmer Hundtoft	22	Diane Gunderson
3	Roy Cavanaugh	14	Elaine Brandt	22	Bill Haney
6	Jack Hodges	14	Claudia Knight	22	Orvis Stockstad
7	Gwen Hubenthal	15	Alice Lake	25	Lorraine Edwards
7	Alan Werner	15	John Mackey	28	Patricia Nelson
8	Philip Fritz	16	Patt Jones	30	Bruce Burton
8	Barb Sheldon	18	Betty Cilk	30	Jeannette Karvoski
8	Betty Woodbury	19	Carl Komor	31	Lou Strahm

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



2	Orv & Anne Engelby	27	Rick & Sandra Harling
5	Jerry & Shar Stapleton	30	Dennis & Bonnie Munson
10	Dave & Elaine Hofslie	31	Brad & Shirley Baeth
12	Roy & Barbara Cavanaugh	31	Tom & Dyanne Radke



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JULY

Date	Ushers	Greeters/Comm.	Reader
7/7	B. Burton/Brenda Taylor	D.Caldwell/Joyce Hoeft	Jeannie Volpe
7/14	J.Hoeft/A.Mangel	S.Weidling/Larry Unger	Gil Richter
7/21	John/Sharon Merz	Joyce Hoeft/Doreen Caldwell	Marilyn Davis
7/28	Ian/Eliza Johnson	Doug/Kate Harwood	Kaylee Grunst

Thank you!!

It's been a month away from my church family and I'd be fooling myself if I said I didn't miss it. I'm spending some time near those special to me in Wisconsin even though the weather isn't to my liking.

I'd like to say 'Thank You' to all who gave me gifts, cards, emails and phone messages upon learning of my departure. It is so much appreciated to know that so many cared. I thank the Lord for all the years I had the privilege to serve at Gloria de Cristo. They have been the best years of my life.

When I joined GDC back in December, 2004, following a visit from Pastor Timm, I was pretty much an emotional wreck having come from a family with an alcoholic and abusive father, then marrying one of the same and dealing with that for 24 years before going on my own with a teenage son. After living alone for 13 years, I got hooked to a man that was emotionally abusive and finally got free from that. Through all the turmoil of life, it was my faith in God that kept me going. I knew that with His help I could see my way clear along with the support of the team at GDC – Pastor Bill, Jerry & Lissi, Ms. Shirley, a Stephen Minister and the many friends I had acquired there. As a secretary my whole life, it was like coming home to serve the Lord the best I knew how, when I was asked to come work at GDC. Over the years I have participated in as many bible studies as possible, became a Stephen Minister myself, served as a committee chair and a council member at the church as well as secretary – dedicating my life to serving others and loving every minute it. So 'Thank You' to all.

-Char Schomisch

Visit from the Holy Spirit!

I am taking the Holy Spirit class. In the first week, we talking about the power of the Holy Spirit and I mentioned that my grandchildren weren't coming up in a Church. Pastor asked if I had tried. No!

Sunday was Mother's Day and my son called I asked if I could send my granddaughter and Church related book. My granddaughter heard, because the phone was on speakerphone. She said Please.

I was able to do it in person because of friends going to Oregon. I took her an adult Psalm coloring book. We colored a page, that night she saw my Bible, I color important passages to me, she asked me if she could see it.

The next day she asked if she could have it. Yes.

You never know unless you ask, Grandparents.
Lynette Layton

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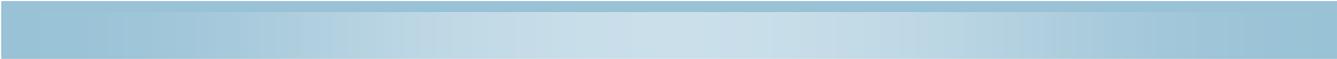
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	1 9-11:30 am Summer Quilters	2 12:00 pm Foothills Social	3 5:00 pm TOPS	4 8:00 am TOPS	5 7:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Friday Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	6
7 Worship 9:30 9:30 am Nursery Food Collection Sunday Potluck	8 9-11:30 am Summer Quilters 11:00 am GriefShare	9 9:30 am 'Gather' Bible Study 12:00 pm Foothills Social 5:00 pm Movie Night "God Bless the Broken Road"	10 6:30 pm Bible Study	11 8:00 am TOPS 5:00 pm TOPS	12 7:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Friday Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	13 Full Contact Fellowship
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