



MISSION STATEMENT

Walking with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person

Dear Followers of Jesus,

If you are watching TV and you cannot understand what the people on the program are saying because of poor sound quality, do you change channels?

If your cable keeps cutting out, do you call the provider and/or change companies?

Believe it or not, the same thing is true in our churches today. If the sound isn't good or if the programming is not dependable, people change the channel or move on to another church.

Today, people visit the online church/worship long before they attend worship in person, and if the music or singing or the speaking is lacking in quality, they keep on looking for something better.

Gloria de Cristo is a wonderful congregation that is direly lacking in a quality sound system and dependable broadcasting of the service.

Our Vision Process identified this as the number one limiting factor in moving our mission forward.



Our Church Council looked for good recommendations from a company that works with churches. That company has given a bid of \$136,000 to bring our facilities up to the quality that people expect when looking for a church.

As we are in the process of calling a new pastor to lead Gloria de Cristo, this is one infrastructure issue that we can fix while we are waiting.

I am asking you to join me in making your most generous gift, over and above your regular offering, to make this upgrade possible this summer.

If you wish to give thanks to God for any good during my 20 years of service to Gloria de Cristo, I encourage you to use the enclosed envelope and designate your most generous gift to the Audio/Video Upgrade!

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!

Pastor Bill Timm



PRAYERS:

Keep the family of Duane and Faye Weeks in your prayers. Their grandson took his own life on May 13th.

If you care to send a card their address is:
39410 260th Ave. SE, Enumclaw, Wa. 98022

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Have you talked to people who say “good grief” things are always changing; things are in need of repair or upgraded. As a member of your church council, I am in the front row to hear all these things. Sometimes people think why can’t we take a break and just exist? We have a nice property, good programs, and great worship experiences. Thankfully, neither your council nor I have that attitude. Each council chair has the responsibility which they were elected to serve. So much goes on that is not noticed unless it doesn’t get done. Certainly, this time of year it is all the sand we are recycling from the back to our front door. Dave and his team work tirelessly to shovel and clean the entry to the church with every wind. Char and her team make sure we have communion supplies, correct season parliaments, ushers, greeters and many other things. The fellowship team led by Cheryl and her team, keep us in coffee and goodies after church as well as the monthly potluck. These are just three of the services we see every week, many of our council members are not so visible, they are the ones in the background that keep our ministry moving. It is important to recognize the less visible committees, they are the foundation of our church — Diane, youth and education, Joe, outreach/evangelism, Evie, social concerns, Gary, stewardship. It is important to say that one person does not make a committee; I sincerely pray that you are an active part of this congregation in some way.

I hope you see and hear how we continue moving forward to live our vision statement “WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON”. We have installed new information shadow boxes on both the outside patio wall and the side wall of the fellowship center, making our church property more welcoming to visitors and new members. We are in the process of upgrading our audio/video system. The new system will greatly improve both our in-person worship and on-line service.

While some churches go on a summer ministry schedule, we at Gloria de Cristo continue our support ministries, service teams, Sunday morning fellowship, monthly potluck, property maintenance, special music and Pastoral support. We are open all summer for you and your neighbor. Please come we are saving a seat for you.

Summer is almost like a family reunion; we combine members from three services into one. Friends that have not worshipped with us are back, while I remember many by their smile, I don’t remember their names so please(I am not getting old), you could help by wearing your name tag. If you have lost it, no problem, just note it on your communion card and you should have one in the narthex by the next week.

From Dr. Shirley...

Showing love to our neighbor does not require that we agree with him/her on every idea or issue. It does, however, require that we have the ID badge Christ gave us: **“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”** (John 13:35, ESV)

Today’s world is not so different from the one in which Jesus lived. Violence and lawlessness are on every side tempting us to hide in fear. Yet our Savior told us at least 365 times to fear not or to have no fear. The One who hushed the storms and calmed the seas is alive and well today, and we are His children. As the official Easter season is coming to a close with Pentecost on the horizon, we can still rejoice and sing, “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” (LBW#147).

Review the following familiar scriptures while we consider on a scale of 1 (being the least) to 10 (being the most) how serious was Jesus in specifying the two most important commandments. Has my ID badge become tarnished or can my literal neighbor see the love I have for my Christian brothers and sisters?

“34But when the Pharisees heard that he (Jesus) had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. **35**And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. **36**“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” **37**And he said to him, **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38**This is the great and first commandment. **39**And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40**On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 22:34-40, ESV).

From the Call Committee

Before I get to where we are at in the process, I'd like to give you a few highlights directly from the "Congregations in Transition" document that the committee is using as a guideline in the call process.

What is a "Call"? *The Lutheran call process empowers congregations and rostered ministers (pastors and deacons) to discern what **God** wants for the local church and for the whole church, in order that the Gospel may be proclaimed and the sacraments administered in accordance with the Gospel.*

*The call process is not the same as the hiring process in other parts of society. A pastor is called – not hired – to serve a congregation. A call is about discerning the leading of the Holy Spirit in the work of ministry. Calling a pastor or deacon is not a time to say "well, let's hire the best candidate" – in a called position, we discern who **God** thinks is the right candidate. This time of transition is an opportunity for the congregation's leadership to **place trust in God**, to model unity, and to provide encouragement and opportunities for spiritual growth.*

We've had many questions and comments from the congregation, and we want to let you know we are listening! Continue to pray, and trust that God will send us his choice of pastor to lead our congregation. This is a time to listen to what God, through the Holy Spirit, is telling us. We are so fortunate to have many blessings and gifts to offer to pastoral candidates.

The church council reviewed and approved the Ministry Site Profile (MSP - who we are as a congregation), so we will be submitting it to the Synod office for review by the Bishop's office. This should be completed fairly quickly according to our Transition Coach. Once this is done, the MSP will be posted, and pastors can begin reviewing and requesting interviews. The Call Committee will be doing initial interviews as soon as the Synod sends us contact information of candidates. This process is all confidential, to protect the candidates. Any information we give to the congregation will be very high-level, like the number of interviews, and whether or not any of the candidates will be receiving a second interview. Please understand that we are protecting confidentiality, so we are not being secretive, just careful.

Call Committee Continued...

You, the people of Gloria de Cristo are invited to participate in this call process by submitting the name(s) of ELCA pastors you would like to add to the call process. There are some stipulations, however, from our constitution. Your suggestion must be written and presented to the Call Committee directly. Also, you should not contact the person ahead of time, nor ask their permission, nor assume their interest. You may leave your written suggestion in the church office or hand it to one of the committee members for forwarding to the Synod for vetting.

Committee members are Michelle Cegon, Kay Lee Grunst, Char Schomisch, Ted Duffy, Earl Marlatt, Sharon Merz, Gary Raasch and John Gerfen. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and all members of Gloria de Cristo as we search for a new pastor to join us in **'Walking with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person.'**

Michelle Cegon – Call Committee Chairperson

FELLOWSHIP



I guess summer is here already. I hope all of you are enjoying life in Yuma or wherever you are for the summer.

I have been enjoying time with my family in California, but I am ready to come home to Yuma and my church. I enjoy the live stream, but it is not the same as being there with you all.

Merilee said the potluck was successful, and there was plenty of food to go around. We plan to continue the first Sunday potluck during the summer, so plan to be there for food AND fellowship.

We are going to continue the Thursday morning time together to work on various projects for the bazaar this coming year. If you have any ideas of items to have for sale, please come and share them. It is a great time to informally enjoy time and friendship. Enjoy you summer, we look forward to all getting together in the fall.

In Fellowship,
Cheryl Preul



GLORIOUS QUILTERS

Here's hoping all the Ladies had a Great Mother's Day! June is upon us and the little Dresses made from pillow cases is a project we can put behind us. The Ladies had a good time putting ruffles, buttons, rick rack, lace, actually anything and everything they could find to "make pretty" these little dresses. Our label has been sewn into the dresses so they'll know where their dressed came from. Having said that, these little gals probably won't know where Yuma Arizona is!

I'm not going to say "back to the grind" because the Ladies are having fun while they're sewing quilts, but they are going back to quilt making.

We will be quilting all summer long so if you get lonesome for some Fellowship come join us Monday 9am – 12pm in the fellowship room. We stop for coffee and treats at 10am

Any questions give me a text:

Carol Schock 503-338-9358



Mens' Breakfast will meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8am at Daybreakers. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship!!

This month– June 3rd

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Coping Strategies for Living with a Chronic Condition

Mentally adjusting to being in a long-term chronic condition and how that can change your life can feel overwhelming. Many patients have comorbid mental illnesses due to the difficult nature of living with their condition. Our April *Evangel* article focused on strategies to help cope with a chronic illness such as Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, Arthritis pain, Terminal Cancer, etc. We listed several coping strategies and for the next few months we will delve deeper into each of them.

Acceptance

One of the first stages is learning to accept that you have a chronic condition. This can take a little while. When you are first diagnosed it can feel extremely scary. Many people may try to ignore their diagnosis, search for other answers, or even start blaming themselves or other people! To hear that you have a chronic condition which isn't going to go away anytime soon can feel overwhelming. Give yourself some time to come to terms with that idea. Once you have reached a state of acceptance, you can start learning how to live with it.

Being Kind to Yourself

It's so important to be gentle and kind with yourself. It's easy to get annoyed when you're not able to do the things you used to or when you struggle to complete a task. Try to remember that it's not your fault and that you are trying your best. Try to understand that these negative perceptions can actually worsen your condition. Instead, being kind to yourself and to your body, encouraging yourself gently and allowing yourself time to rest, is a far more positive approach. This can take a little time to get the hang of and you don't have to be positive all the time, so don't be too hard on yourself with this either!

Talking About What You are Going Through

It may sound cliché, but talking about any problem can help you to process it and can feel like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders. It's important to speak to somebody about what you are going through emotionally in relation to your pain. Whether it's speaking to someone you trust like a family member or a friend, calling a hotline or even seeking counselling, talking things through can put you in a much more stable place mentally. Speaking to others who already understand your struggles can also be extremely validating. You know that when you talk about how you feel, you are going to be met with mutual understanding and encouragement. Our church has trained Stephen Ministers who will listen.

Practicing Self-Care

Taking good care of yourself is vital to cope well mentally. There are many ways you can practice self-care for example taking time to do something you enjoy, maintaining social connections, and allowing yourself to rest. Three of the main self-care actions which can aid with coping mentally include: exercise, eating well, and sleeping well.

PERSONAL VISITATION BY PASTOR ..

To support people at the time of illness or injury, Pastor and Stephen Ministers 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!)

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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

The social concerns committee continues to meet and continues with our ongoing activities: monthly food bank collection and deliveries, card project, collection center.

The new ideas being explored are: volunteer activities at a local care home and what can be done for children ageing -out of foster care.

As title 42 comes to an end Pastor attended a local meeting to address local needs. This could involve helping prepare food. As we learn more we will keep you informed of volunteer opportunities.

Thanks to all for your continued service to those in need.

Blessings,
Evelyn Trone, Chairperson
928-210-8015
1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

As each received a gift, use it to serve one another, as stewards of God's varied gifts.

Welcome...New Members



CLAUDIA SCHAFFER

**9797 E. 32nd Street #1038
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I was born in Chariton, Iowa on June 25, 1943. My parents raised my two sisters and me in the Presbyterian Church. Married in the same church.

I am blessed with two daughters and five grandchildren. Raised my girls in a Lutheran church in Algona.

June 1, 2022 moved to Yuma to be near my one daughter and her family.

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RUTH NELSON

**10706 S. Fortuna Palms Loop
Yuma, Az. 85367**

I was born in Highland Park, Michigan on June 29, 1948. Fourth oldest of nine children. Mother always made sure we were in church on Sunday. Vacation Bible School and Church Camp were some of summer's highlights.

Moved to Eagle River, Alaska in 1979 with my three children. Met my last husband seven years later. We were married in 1986. After the children had all moved out, we moved to Homer, Alaska in 1993.

I lost my husband in January of 2021. Health reasons and weather took me off the mountain and placed me here in Yuma. I feel very blessed with the help of my friends to have found Gloria de Cristo.



Welcome...New Members

LINDA HAYMOND SPRAUER

**12394 E. 39th Way
Yuma, Az 85367**

I am Linda Haymond Sprauer, born March 18, 1946 near Akron, Ohio and raised in West Virginia until 1968 when I moved to Oregon. I worked as a teacher (HS Librarian) for three years, then worked for the City of Woodburn, Oregon for 32 years in the Public Library, the last 20 years of which I was the Library Director.

In 1977 I married Al Sprauer, who gave me three 'bonus' children (Tina, John and Teri), followed in 1982 with Teresa. They all live in Oregon, along with a grandson, Cody and a granddaughter, Samantha. I was #8 in a family of 9 children, my father had 7 siblings and my mother had 11 siblings, so family is very important in my life. I love doing genealogy and can trace some of my ancestors beyond the American Revolution in the 1600's to mostly England and Scotland.

Al and I purchased our property in the Foothills of Yuma last May, so getting settled in has been our major task, but now we will enjoy our 'home away from home' here. We sold a property in North Central Washington, so in Oregon we are faced with the chore of downsizing and consolidating, especially tools and equipment. We have a busy summer ahead.

I look forward to returning in the fall to our 'new church family' here to get better acquainted and involved with activities at Gloria de Cristo.

AL SPRAUER

**12394 E. 39th Way
Yuma, Az 85367**

Hi, I'm Al Sprauer, born Friday, March 13, 1942, in Wenatchee, Washington, second of 7 children of a wheat ranching family on the Waterville Plateau. In September, 1946 my family moved to Woodburn, Oregon where I grew up, attended schools and in 1959 joined the Navy. After returning from overseas, I was called back in. After discharge I worked in the Woodburn/Portland area.

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Welcome...New Members

AL SPRAUER

My love of truck driving and welding was good to and for me. I owned several businesses, the last one being boats and motors, sales and service. After semi-retirement, I drove truck, seasonally for a large farm and finally took time to really retire when I was 79+ years old.

I love auto racing, fishing and desert jeeping, especially to old Ghost towns and mines.

At our home church, Zoar Lutheran Church (ELCA), in Canby, Oregon, I have been involved in property and management and stewardship committees and ushering.

I look forward to meeting all of you at Gloria de Cristo and becoming involved.

PROPERTY



Well I think we have the drifting sand problem under control. We installed a 300-foot-long silt fence across the back parking lot behind the Oleanders. It seem to be working at holding the sand back. Tony Hoffman built two new bulletin boards information centers for the church. They are installed on the outside wall next to the arch. The second one is installed to the right of the fellowship doors. Tony did such a professional job. They are made of solid oak. Many thanks Tony for a job well done. I was able to grab Brian Suess before he got out of town to help me install them. I will be focusing on the cleaning up of the Oleanders along the drive way next week and maintaining the irrigation system. I have lost a few plants due to clogged irrigation systems. I will replace them this fall when it cools down. The Aluminum cans were taken to the recycle station for redemption. We donated \$51.00 to the sound system fund.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer and return safely to us at GDC this fall.

Dave Donaldson , Property Guy



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Where has the year gone? It's hard to believe we're coming into the month of June and the beginning of Pentecost. As per Pastor Timm, 'Just 32 weeks til Christmas Eve'. Not sure why he's even thinking about that.

This is also the time of year that is a bit sad for those of us that remain in Yuma... many of our church family has skipped off to cooler weather and visiting family. This is the time of year we spend making plans for new adventures come fall when our church family returns. If you have any ideas for new things to try, be sure to share them with the office or council members.

I will be looking at putting together a schedule of worship assistants for fall thru spring-time. If you haven't had the opportunity to be a part of the worship service, pray about it...and join in. Serve the Lord with your gift – be an usher, greeter or reader. There is a handbook that tells you everything you need to know. You can find it in the Welcome Center wall in the Narthex. Pick one up, take it home, read it and give me a call.

Have a blessed summer

Char Schomisch, Worship Chair
414-520-1857

Youth and Education



As is typical from May to October, the Youth and Education Committee takes a break. However, I'm happy to report two new interested newcomers to this committee. I'm excited for next season's happenings with the Youth and Education Committee and its offerings to the congregation.

May all members of our Gloria de Cristo family experience a safe and happy summer.

Diane Lee, Chairperson

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JUNE



- 6/4 John & Sharon Merz in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary and Gary & Kristina Merz in honor of their 11th wedding anniversary
- 6/11 Dave & Nancy Griffiths in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary
- 6/18 Judy Otto in memory of her son Donald
- 6/25 Jeannie Volpe



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Gary Bradshaw | 19 Brigitte Arnio | 27 Jack Greenfield |
| 3 Joe Johnson | 19 Wayne Fisher | 27 Carolyn Wertman |
| 7 Merrilee Kaiser | 21 Jane Todd | 28 Mike Corless |
| 7 Carol Schock | 22 Richard Martin | 28 Jeff Pacewic |
| 12 Jackie Tracey | 24 Nilla Jacobs | 28 Tom Ramus |
| 13 Judy Petrovic | 24 Ian Johnson | 29 Ila Goter |
| 14 Nancy Richter | 24 Carol Smith | 29 Ruth Nelson |
| 15 Jan Klipfel | 26 Larry Unger | |

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



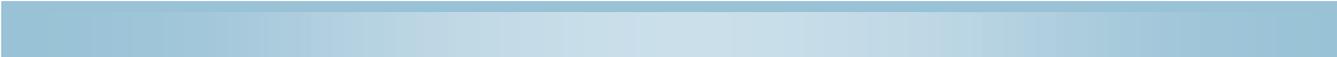
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| 6/5 John & Sue Nasinec | 6/12 Dave & Nancy Griffiths |
| 6/6 George & Virginia Reisnaur | 6/14 Elton & Eileen Brekke |
| 6/7 Curtis & Carol Roark | 6/26 Tom & KayLee Grunst |
| 6/8 Tom & Jeannie Volpe | |



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