



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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Stories of welcome:

Two families visited the very same church, as they were new to the Yuma community.

One family was comprised of two senior citizens.

One family was comprised of mom, dad, and 3 children.

The same congregation gave a very warm welcome to the mom, dad, and 3 children.....and the senior citizen couple left feeling that no one noticed that they were in attendance.

Both families were moved by God's Spirit to worship in that congregation. Only one was recognized and received as a gift sent by God, yet both were gifts sent by God to that congregation.

Both families are now very involved at Gloria de Cristo. (feel free to ask the Johnson's and the Richter's for more insight about the importance of welcoming every person sent by God!)

On Maundy Thursday, a young Hispanic couple and daughter came to worship and sat next to an 89-year-old widow who has been a member of Gloria de Cristo for years.

In her own way, she communicated her happiness that they were in attendance and she coached them through the whole service. She made sure they were on the right page in the bulletin and hymnal. She gave them a communion slip to fill out and encouraged them to take off their shoes and take part in the foot washing. (Feel free to ask Shirley from Minnesota for the details!)

We will continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ during the Easter season and beyond.

Jesus died and rose again for ALL people.

Since God's Holy Spirit is the "moving force" for people coming to worship, it is OUR privilege to welcome ALL people sent as gifts of God to Gloria de Cristo!

See you in worship!
Bill Timm, pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Thanks be to God for the wonderful attendance at the Lenten and Holy Week services. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend, plan to do so next year.

I give Thanks to God regularly for all the talented people on council and in the congregation that move the mission of Gloria de Cristo forward.

Roy Cavanaugh

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



- * The discussions were varied at the April council meeting, as you will read below.
- * Vacation Bible School planning is in full swing. Helpers are needed – for a little time or longer – for one activity or several
 - * – to plan now or to act later - to give assistance and spread joy. Mark your calendar for June 24 thru June 28. Contact Eliza Johnson – ph: 928-699-2238 / email: elizajohnsonesq@yahoo.com OR Julie Villones – ph: 702-272-7974 / email: gdcyouth01@gmail.com and be a part of the VBS experience.
- * The Adopt-a-Highway project was successful with everyone getting their exercise and also enjoying breakfast and fellowship.
- * It is spring and the seasonal visitors are leaving. We wish you 'God's Speed' and safe travels.
- * The new sign on 40th Street will show dates and times of worship and other events.
- * The new ovens in the Fellowship Hall kitchen are expected to ease preparation for the Easter Breakfast and other events.
- * Did you hear the invitation to Easter worship that Pastor Timm recorded for the radio? Did you see the printed invitation in the newspaper? Have you invited someone to join you in worship? Check out 'Gloriadecristo.com' for lots of pictures and information for many activities.
- * We have had good attendance through this spring. Let's keep it going.
- * Care of the church facility and property continues all year. Our volunteers are working in many areas. Check in the church office if you can help, even for a little while.

“We Are Church Together”



CELEBRATION OF ARTS

People certainly go into churches to worship for many reasons including joy, duty, habit, and hope. Why do you go to church?

People listen and comprehend what they hear differently. What may be a word of hope and joy within the scriptures, others hear as the word of the "law". This happens often when applied to worship. "Rejoice in the Lord always", can be interpreted as an expression of joy or an admonition from God. The point being, why you go to Church may shape your understanding of what you hear.

The next few months I will try to explore the various facets of worship and ask does worship matter. Hopefully I will be able to address some of your questions about our worship here at Gloria de Cristo.

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Thanks to the many folks who helped to make the Easter season a memorable one:

*First and foremost, Pastor Timm, who enlightens us with his wit, and with God's Word.

*Our Choir, who sang for all the Wednesday Lenten services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and two services on Easter.

*Our musicians who accompanied all our services.

*The Bells of Glory who provided much worship music during the season.

*The folks who assisted at the Mid-week services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

*The Altar Guild, who made sure all was in ready for our Eucharist each service.

*All the many ushers, greeters, communion assistants, acolytes and counters.

*All the folks responsible for our "coffee hour" fellowship.

As you can see, it takes many willing hands to make our services a worshipful experience, thank you.

Making Christ known through the arts, ~Jerry

EDUCATION



The three Sunday School classes continue for our students from pre-school age through high school. The 7th through 12th grade students are being instructed with more in depth lessons from the **Augsburg Fortress** series called **Echo 36**. Students in grades 1st through 6th are using a curriculum from **Children's Ministry**, and Pre-school students age 2.5 through Kindergarten are using materials at 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 Feullner, Carolyn Thorene, Bob Villones, and parents Harwoods, Johnsons, and Pacewics. If anyone else has an interest in teaching please reach out. We also appreciate our eager students who regularly come each week to learn more lessons from the bible. Classes for this year will wrap up on May 19th and will resume in August.

The **WELCA** (**W**omen of the **E**vangelical **L**utheran **C**hurch of **A**merica) **Gather Magazine Bible Study** continues to meet at 9:30 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!).

Vacation Bible School is coming to Gloria De Cristo this summer 2019! We will be using curriculum from Concordia called, "Roar". The dates for Vacation Bible School will be June 24th through June 28th. We need helpers of all ages and abilities. We need everything from donations of supplies to teaching and interacting with the children in attendance during the week. If you are interested in helping please reach out to me or Julie Villones and we will find a spot for you! Be sure to share with friends or family you know that may have children who would like to attend this program.

TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

Just before we left for the summer, Tom and I delivered \$32.00 worth of Box Tops for Education to Yuma Lutheran School for their book program. As always, they were so happy to have them so add to their library. Whenever you are shopping, remember how beneficial this little box coupon is and save them to bring back to Yuma when you return. Each one is worth ten cents, so they add up rather quickly.

Dyanne Radke

BANNER COMMITTEE

Next time you enter Church, look at the seasonal banners over the door to the Sanctuary . These were made by a committee consisting of Marilyn Davis, Nancy Richter, Becky Werner and Delores Vrooman. As each liturgical season changes, so will the banners. Each one denotes the color of the season, which season we're in, and a symbol for that time. We start with Advent which is blue with candles; Christmas, white, creche; Epiphany, green, star; Lent, purple, lamb; Easter, white, flower; finally Pentacost, bright green, living tree. This committee really did a lovely job, so thank them when you see them, I appreciate all the help they have given me during the year.

Dyanne Radke

FELLOWSHIP



As we go into the Summer we will be having:

- Potluck on the first Sunday of each month.
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- Movie night second Tuesday of each month.
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- Fellowship after Sunday service will be every Sunday. I still need help with this each Sunday.
- Next month I will have the "to remember dates" for you. So stay tune.
- Remember wherever you are the Lord is with you and wants you to be with others.

*God Bless,
Lynette, chairman of Fellowship*

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Statement of Income & Expenses for Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church

March

	CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2019
REVENUE	\$33,666	\$46,987	\$104,587	\$119,991	\$108,916
EXPENSE	\$28,359	\$33,879	\$ 79,587	\$ 88,693	\$ 82,287
NET INCREASE	\$ 5,307	\$13,108	\$25,000	\$31,298	\$ 26,629
ATTENDANCE	2,024	2,555	5,883	6,499	

Attendance for the period exceeded last year by 616 persons, even though 2018 included 310 attendees during Lenten services in February. This accounts for the large increase in contributions for the month.

In addition, several ministry activities generated funds for church use: Yard Sale generated \$4,630 for the General Fund, and purchased folding chairs for \$512; Queen's Tea and Bazaar purchased new ovens for the kitchen for \$2,538; and Bake Sale donated \$300 to Tomo Mi Mano and \$100 to Saddles of Joy.

Dedicated Funds were used to make the down payment for the new sign of \$21,000 — now installed; and the new fund for the Youth Program has a balance of \$1,600.

YOU NOW HAVE THE OPTION OF "GIVING BY TEXTING 928-756-0091. REQUEST QUICK GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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

Many churches, including Gloria de Cristo, are blessed by members who have conscientiously included the church in their estate planning because these planned gifts enable some very important and powerful ministry to occur.

Please consider including Gloria de Cristo Lutheran Church, which has served you these many 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 MAY

- 5 Dale & Mary Ann Olafson in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary AND David & Lee Donaldson in memory of daughter Amy
- 12 Helen Loftis in memory of Family
- 19 John & Sharon Merz in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.
- 26 Darus & Sally White in memory of Brandon & Geri



What a great season!

The guys of Full Contact Fellowship have been both active and engaged!

The men put their backs into helping clean up the church building, and grounds in preparation for Christmas. The guys also hosted a youth fishing trip to West Wetlands Park called "Fishing With Friends". This teamed some of our more experienced anglers with kids looking to learn how to catch some fish. We had more than double the amount of anticipated participants. We had a great time learning about working together, casting, patience, and enjoying time with each other in the outdoors.

FCF then teamed up with WELCA to put on a spaghetti dinner to benefit the youth as they plan their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. The guys made sure the garlic bread was perfectly toasted as well as helped to clean up afterwards. This great collaboration raised over \$800 for the trip!

Finally the guys teamed up with the Outreach Committee for the Highway Clean Up. It's amazing how much work can get done in an hour when people work together. The ladies that helped out joined us for breakfast and we had a great fellowship afterwards.

Our next meeting is May 4th at 8am. The location will be announced as soon as it's set. At this meeting we'll be discussing an all **men's prayer breakfast** hosted by the men of FCF, as well as our normal Bible Study.

Special thanks to all the guys that took part over the busy season.

Please remember to pray for us as we continue to grow as men of God and leaders in the church.

Bob Villones

OUTREACH / YOUTH & FAMILY



2 Timothy 4:2 tells us to " Preach the word, be ready in season and out of season..."

This Spring and Summer, let's set some goals, hold each other accountable, and pray for courage and creativity when it comes to opening our church family to others. Church activities are slowing but there is a growing community here in Yuma Foothills and we have enormous opportunity for growth and evangelism! Let's make some signs, wear those t-shirts, give out some quilts, take a hike in the wetlands, go fishing, volunteer to clean a church, mow some yards, drive someone to church or to the doctor, or paint a shed. Let's be purposeful and deliberate when looking for opportunities to invite new friends to join us in our Christian walk.

The Outreach Committee is just getting started this Spring/Summer with new plans and goals to deliberately reach others. Please search your heart and join us:

Email me at Gdcyouth01@gmail.com or call Julie (702)272-7974 or simply check the GDC calendar or check with the office to find out more about how you can help us get the Word of God to our community.

Vacation Bible School met again on Sunday, April 28 during Fellowship in the FH classroom. We need young and young at heart and even people to sit at the registration table or at a craft table so you do not have to be able to run! WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you haven't signed up as yet, please contact the church office. Vacation Bible School is June 24-28 from 9am-Noon. Thanks to those who have stepped up to help so far.

*Blessings to You,
Julie Villones*

MISSION AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

April 1 was our last meeting until August. We had a wide-range and meaningful discussion on Yuma's current border crisis. More information on the Community Organization for Action Disaster (COAD) can be requested in the office for those interested.

The rest of the meeting involved review of our section of the Ministry Teams Handbook that is being revised as specific concerns are always changing and we need to keep the congregation apprised of these through articles in the bulletin and Evangel. What does remain a constant is our described mission statement: 'How we, as the body of Christ, can address the concerns of human need and social problems within our congregation, community and beyond.'

Ann has officially handed off responsibility of Angel Tree to Barbara Blank and Ginger Van Winkle although she intends to remain active in the Christmastime endeavor.

Mission & Social (con't.

A trip was made by a couple of members to Toma Mi Mano in Algodones . We also talked about the upcoming Vacation Bible School and hope it will prove to be a great outreach to the youth in our community.

Our next meeting will be August 6th @ 10 am at which time we will organize the 'God's Work-Our Hands' project for September 8th which will again consist of coffee and doughnuts plus signed cards from the congregants to our fantastic 'First Responders'.

Have a fabulous summer and a safe return to Yuma in the Fall. We look forward to see you all back here.

Ann Bird, Chair



PROPERTY



Stay positive and happy. Work hard Be open to criticism and keep learning. Surround yourself with happy, warm and genuine people. This we do here at Gloria de Cristo. We have so many wonderful workers who help with our many projects inside and out. My Thanks to all who work so hard to keep everything working. To all our Winter visitors Thanks for being with us have a nice summer and we look forward to your return In the fall.

This has been an exciting month with the completion of our new sign, new ovens much more sand sifted and the rocks in place. When you all come back in the fall we will have our new gutters to control the water problems and the new landscaping in the Columbarium area.

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

My phone number is 928-446-1668

E mail: doreenc521@gmail.com

Doreen Caldwell

QUILTING SUMMER SCHEDULE



During the summer a group from the Glorious Quilters, that are still here, will be meeting to sew blocks together. We will meet on Monday's from 9-11 am April 29th, May 6th, 13 & 20th. Will not meet on May 27th or the month of June but will begin again in July. Watch the bulletin for the July & August dates. If you have questions, contact Nancy Richter @ 520-906-8196

STEWARDSHIP



By the time you read this, Chris & I will be back in South Dakota to begin a miserable summer of mosquitos, humidity, & severe thunderstorms. You should also be receiving your 1st quarter statements of giving along with a message from Pastor Bill.

Again, I strongly urge you to be good stewards of God's creation wherever you are. I am looking at a couple different programs for the fall stewardship drive. More on that in November. I am always open to any ideas you may have regarding stewardship.

One new concept we have explored is giving by "texting". It gives you the freedom to make a gift to Gloria de Cristo simply by sending a text . Contact the church office for details.

Have a wonderful summer and remember; be good stewards!

Jerry Randby

WELCA HAPPENINGS



Gloria de Cristo WELCA activities reached its crescendo for this spring with the Easter breakfast. Many members helped put together the food, the tables and all the decorations, and to serve the breakfast on Sunday morning as well as clean up afterwards. Thank you to all of you. You are so very much appreciated. Although its activities will diminish for the next few months, WELCA is already looking to plan more events for fall, winter and spring next season. Perhaps combining efforts with other churches to provide a meal to those hungry in our neighborhoods; perhaps hosting a health fair or another fund-raiser for our Youth Triennial attendees. There are many projects to contemplate and please consider offering your own suggestions as well.

Engaging our community, encouraging our Youth, and partnering with GDC's Men's Group are primary goals as we strive to do God's work. It's not too soon to start thinking about attending the WELCA Triennial in July of 2020. Phoenix is the host city this time so let's get the biggest Gloria de Cristo group ever to converge on this Triennial.

Yours in Christ,
Donna Brown
WELCA Convener/President

The '**Gather**' Bible Study will continue throughout the summer on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Classroom. This month's lesson is on "Two Way Blessings" a study of intergenerational relationships in Scripture. All our welcome. — Both men & women.



WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

As the busy season of Gloria de Cristo draws to a close and many of our people have headed out of Yuma for their summer retreat, I would like to express my appreciation for all the willing people that helped make the worship experience here a meaningful time.

The greeting at the door has had such an impact on those who come to hear God's word, whether it be a member or a visitor that we hear feedback that is nothing but positive.

Also thanks to those who have helped with the beautification of our Sanctuary during the various church seasons. It makes those tasks so much easier and fulfilling.

As we move into the summer season, if you have the gift of music, contact Shirley Ehler to schedule a solo during service.

Several of the altar members are away during the summer, so if you have an interest in being part of that committee, please contact the church office.

Char Schomisch, Chair

A Thank You card received at Gloria de Cristo during April 2019.

From the first time I met the people and decided to give Gloria de Cristo a chance – I was welcomed with open arms. It was like directory assistance – a clear link directly to our Lord. I had not been in a church for decades because of the judging eyes. I felt the difference. If I was in trouble and needed help – there was my Gloria de Cristo family picking me up.

The people have done so much for me and my daughter. We are in their prayers and you all are in ours.

My life has not been what I expected and my daughter has heart attack and surgeries – and a 4 1/2 year old grandson.

I want to say thank you to my Gloria de Cristo family.

Hoping you all have one blessed day after another.

Love, Katrina Warren

Share the Love – Katrina Warren, #306, 3130 E. Broadway Rd., Mesa, AZ 85204

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY, 9:30 WORSHIP

Date	Ushers	Greeters/Comm.	Reader
5/5	Ian & Eliza Johnson	Doug & Kate Harwood	Jeanie Volpe
5/12	Gil/Nancy Richter	John/Sharon Merz	Kaylee Grunst
5/19	S. Weidling/L. Unger	M. Cegon/J. Hoeft	Gil Richter
5/26	L. Layton/Jim Dean	John/Verna Arnold	Pauline Kuiper

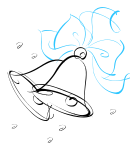


MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Tom Grunst	12	Shirley Conser	22	Fay Weeks
2	Kathy Noteboom	12	Bernie House	22	Richard Nelson
2	Chris Randby	15	Dave Griffiths	23	Curt Arneson
3	Joe Strahm	15	Jeanie Volpe	23	Lana Odegard
6	Kay Engle	16	MaryAnn Anderson	27	Luke Johnson
6	Catharine Harwood	16	Maynard Teppo	27	Dyanne Radke
7	Duane Weeks	19	Neoma Coffi	30	Mickie Arneson
9	Phyllis Nickelson	21	Doreen Caldwell	31	Dale Olafson
10	Mary Marsh	22	Jolene Spaude	31	Alma White

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

7	Palmer & Lois Hundtoft			16	Andrew & Mike Rosenberg
9	Dale & Mary Ann Olafson			18	John & Shirley Schey
16	John & Sharon Merz			20	Jerry & Chris Randby



THANK YOU... Gloria de Cristo members and friends. Your support of the Thrivent Action Team project, **'Food for Friends at Crossroads Mission.'** On March 13th 203 items of personal care and underwear items plus 23 food items were delivered to Crossroads. On March 21st I met Barbara Rochester at Food City and we used the \$250 card from Thrivent and \$22.00 cash buying spices and meat. Barbara said the cook was thrilled that she could have special items for cooking.

Your generosity was great appreciated.....

Shirley Rydberg, Coordinator

MAY 2019


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:00 am TOPS 5:00 pm TOPS	3 7:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Friday Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	4 Full Contact Fellowship
5 Worship 9:30 am 9:30 am Nursery 10:20 am Sunday School Food Collection Sunday Potluck following service	6 9:00 am Summer Quilters 1:00 pm OA	7 12:00 pm Foothills Social	8 10:30 am ChristCare	9 8:00 am TOPS 5:00 pm TOPS	10 7:00 am TOPS 1:00 pm Friday Social 6:00 pm Women's AA	11
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