



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Flea Market
- ELC New School Year
- Answered Prayers
- Tomato Soup

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## From the Pastor . . .



It's been nearly 5 years since Gloria Dei began to consider moving "Forward in Faith." A vision for refurbishing Luther Hall was the spark ignited in November of 2014. At that time we sought the help of consultant Dr. Curt Dodd of Shepherds Group for our capital campaign, and we soon discovered that the process was not primarily about fundraising, but instead about **faith-raising**. We weren't just talking about money – as I said in my letter to you kicking off "Forward in Faith," – but "primarily the *stewardship of our discipleship*, learning how each of us can become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus."

In the last year we have focused on ideas and materials from "Church Doctor Ministries." Dr. Kent Hunter, its founder, is the author of the book "Who Broke My Church: 7 Proven Strategies for Renewal and Revival," which we studied in our small groups and focused on its themes in worship from January through April. They then recommended our study of the ALPHA series in our small groups, which we undertook May through July. During this time we also submitted the "Readiness for Renewal" surveys, which we filled out in church one Sunday morning, to them for their analysis. Their study reported that we had a good number of members, nearly 50% of those surveyed,

identified with "Holy Discontent," a term we learned about in "Who Broke My Church," which indicated discipleship and spiritual growth potential. In September, we began our study of the Spiritual Gifts from Dr. Hunter, which continues 'til we get through it!

This past Sunday at our congregational meeting we elected to participate with Church Doctors Ministries in the "Healthy Churches Thrive!" (HTC) church consultation. Thank you for your willingness to make the commitment of prayer, time, talents and resources this will require of us! This is yet another step "Forward in Faith. And let me reiterate why we are doing this. From Church Doctors material:

### Why do "Healthy Churches Thrive!" in your Church?

80% of churches today are plateaued, declining, or growing at a pace slower than their communities. 52% of self-proclaimed Christians cannot identify the purpose of the Church. 50% of Americans self-identify as having no religious affiliation at all, and the United States has become the third largest mission field in the world [behind only China and India].

But it doesn't have to be that way. With 40 years of experience, working with over 1700 churches, across 78 different denominations, networks, and associations, we know how to help churches. God wants your church to reach lost people, transform your community, and effectively multiply disciples.

Through ongoing coaching, teaching, and resourcing Healthy Churches Thrive! (HTC) will transform your church to be all God is calling it to be. We ask that you prayerfully consider this mission movement not from a financial cost worldview, and not only as an investment in the future church, but an investment in the Kingdom to bring the hope of the Gospel to a country that desperately needs it.

My message to you over the past year has been simple, but not easy. Like the early Church, we (and frankly not just us, but Jesus' Church wherever it is) must become a place where disciples are multiplied, where disciples are equipped to make disciples who can make disciples. We must change our minds about being "Church members," and learn to be Kingdom workers.

Our verse for Forward in Faith is Ephesians 3:20 – "Now all glory to God, who is able through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." The passage is preceded by Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, one I think that is certainly appropriate and relevant for us today:

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ

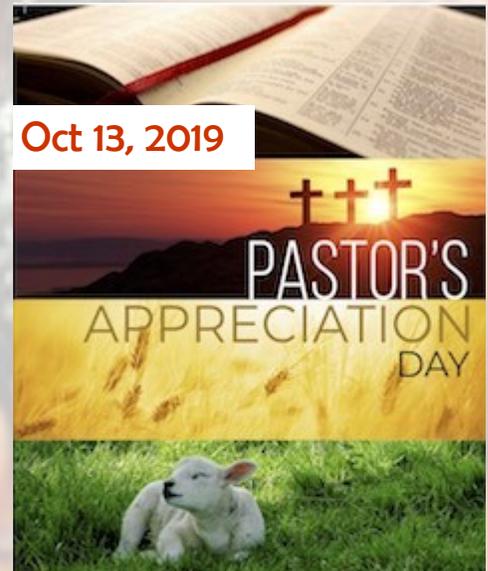
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## **We pray for:**

- ◆ Healing for: Erin (MS), Joyce Cosce (cancer), Kandra's mother, Rosemary Livesay, Kim Markie, Gordon, Muriel (cancer), Elsy Hayne's nephew (colon cancer), Stephen Serafin (pancreatic cancer), Wayne Beecher (rheumatoid arthritis), Rose Bakken, Sheri DeHart, Carol Fasching - we pray strength, healing & peace for all.
- ◆ Our shut-ins: Joann Bakken, Virginia Fife, Ron & Bonnie Nuessle, Joan Rositano, Claudette Rezos, Lois Swanson.
- ◆ Strength & rest to the caregivers who assist in the care of others.
- ◆ The ministries of GDLC: The Lord's Pantry, the Early Learning Center, and the Convalescent Hospital Ministry.
- ◆ The ministries that we support with our benevolence dollars.
- ◆ Jill Korin, for God's presence, peace & direction.
- ◆ Provision and safety for the homeless.
- ◆ Gloria Dei as we move into our "Healthy Churches Thrive" consultation.
- ◆ Wisdom for leaders, provision for refugees from Central & South America.

Lord in your mercy! Hear our prayers!

*Please contact either Joyce Boddie, Gail Castle, Pastor Pat, or email the church office to add persons to our prayer list. We pray for many people whose names are not published. You are invited to join the intercessory prayer meeting on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church office.*



**Oct 13, 2019**

**THANK YOU, PASTOR PAT,  
FOR ALL YOU DO!!**

Messenger article submissions are due in the church office by the 20th of each month. Email to:

**[gdlcsj.office@gmail.com](mailto:gdlcsj.office@gmail.com)**

or drop it by the office.

We are always looking for your short original poem, favorite recipe, or a pic of the great fish you caught! We're community and we like to share who you are.

*Gloria Dei*





by Donna Zimmerman, RN

Parish Nurse

## Health Ministry Corner

**Psalm 33:6** By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; their starry hosts by the breath of God.

God breathed life into us. October is **Healthy Lung Month**. We need to be aware of what we breathe in our lungs and take care of them. The following information is from the website:

Breathing for most of us is something we do without being aware of it. Our lungs are responsible for this essential natural function that gets oxygen into the bloodstream so that it can be delivered to our cells.



During a normal day, we breathe nearly 25,000 times. The more than 10,000 liters of air we inhale is mostly oxygen and nitrogen. In addition, there are small amounts of other gases, floating bacteria, and viruses. It also contains the

products of tobacco smoke, automobile exhaust, and other pollutants from the atmosphere in



varying amounts.

Air pollutants can affect our lungs in many ways. The lungs have a series of built-in mechanical and biological barriers that keep harmful materials from entering the body. In addition, specific defense mechanisms can inactivate some disease-causing materials.

A little lung history . . . Nearly 2,000 years ago, Claudius Galen, a Greek physician, wrote that the lung was an instrument of voice and respiration. He thought that the purpose of

respiration was to cool the heart by “the substance of the air.” His concept was that breathing in (inspiration) supplied a cooling substance to the heart while breathing out (expiration) removed hot material from it. At the end of the 16th century, a Dutch scientist, Fabricius, expressed the view that the function of the lungs was to prepare air for the heart.

Until the middle of the 17th century, the lungs were thought to be a solid, compact, fleshy mass. At that time, Marcello Malpighi, an Italian anatomist, and Thomas Willis, and English clinician, noted independently that the lungs were a system of canals made up of membranes, air passages, and blood vessels!

Since I'm in PA visiting my sisters & family, I'll not be monitoring blood pressures this month. SEE YOU NOVEMBER 3rd! . . . Donna



### The month of October health designations:

Eye Injury Prevention Mo., Halloween Safety Mo., Healthy Lung Mo., Nat'l Breast Cancer Awareness Mo., Nat'l Celiac Awareness Mo., National Chiropractic Mo., Nat'l Dental Hygiene Mo., National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Nat'l Domestic Violence Awareness Mo., Nat'l Down's Syndrome Mo., Nat'l Spina Bifida Awareness Mo., and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Mo., Talk About Prescriptions Mo.



Tomato Soup



*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."*  
 Jim Elliot, missionary

# The Recipe Box Tomato Soup

SHARED BY . . . Joyce Boddie!

- 6 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 2 medium yellow onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 24 oz can whole plum tomatoes
- 3 cps homemade or store bought chicken stock
- 2 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper

Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion & garlic; cook, stirring till onions have softened, about 15 mins.

Add tomatoes, chicken stock, salt & pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and cook until tomatoes, onions, and garlic are soft, 10 to 20 mins.

Working in batches, transfer soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Return to saucepan and place over medium heat. Cook until soup is heated through. If soup seems too thick, stir in some extra stock to thin. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 cups

\* Note - you can also add basil. I like to add one cube of the frozen basil from Trader Joe's.



*Special Designation for October is the Lord's Pantry!*

## Lord's Pantry Flea Market



The Lord's Pantry is holding another Flea Market fundraiser!

**October 12th, 9am - 2pm**

It will be in the church parking lot with food vendors included. Come browse through it or reserve a space to sell your stuff!! Spaces are \$10 each. Call: 408-258-7563 if interested in a space.



**Thank you, Lord, for answered prayer:**

- ◆ Gordon's healing is progressing and feeling is returning.
- ◆ Rose has had some restoration of movement in her left hand!

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may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:14-19)

I encourage you to continue in prayer, perhaps putting this prayer up where you can see it, study it, and repeat it for us here at Gloria Dei regularly. We pray, "Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven." Right here, right now... In Jesus' name.

Power to You!

Pastor Pat

## Lord's Pantry Holiday Giveaways



The Lord's Pantry is gearing up for our two big Holiday Giveaway events of the year — **THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS!**



This year we'll be handing out food on November 21st & 22nd for Thanksgiving, and December 16th, 17th & 18th for Christmas. The Christmas **GIFT** giveaway date will be announced.

We'll take all the help we can get!

### More Details Coming Soon!



Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful summer! The Gloria Dei Early Learning Center is back in session and the children are having a wonderful time getting to know the new staff, returning staff, and friends. We have 16 students and a few on our waiting list. We're hoping that you would be able to help contribute to the pre-school again this year. We're looking for a few supplies and possibly monetary donations to be able to purchase sleeping cots for the extended day session.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation for the cots, please make your check payable to Gloria Dei Early Learning Center. This would be greatly appreciated. The cots are around \$24-\$30 a piece.

If you'd like to help with supplies, we're in need of white copier paper (8 1/2 x 11), white card stock paper (8 1/2 x 11), Elmer's Glue, and laminating pouches (size 8.9 x 11.4).

Thank you so much in advance for your help! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Maria Nugent, Preschool Director

# FORWARD IN FAITH



*Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”  
(Ephesians 3:20)*

## **UPDATE – October 2019 !!**

by Dan Rinerson, Campaign Chairman

Our capital campaign was **officially completed in April of 2018**. We have **continued to accept designated Forward in Faith contributions** to help pay down the remaining loan principal balance faster and reduce interest charges. **Over the first year** of making regular loan payments, we have received a total of **\$56,900** for extra principal payments!!

**Thank you to all who have continued giving faithfully over and above their original commitments!!**

Here is a report on the progress of loan payments as of September 30, 2019:

### **NEW THRIVENT LOAN DETAILS:**

LOAN TYPE: 5-year fixed rate/10-year term/25-year amortization  
 LOAN AMOUNT: \$300,000 - Effective date = 9/16/18  
 INTEREST RATE: 5.25%  
 MONTHLY PAYMENT: \$1810.56 (Principal & Interest) – First payment = 10/6/18

### **LOAN PROGRESS:**

**1 YEAR OF PAYMENTS COMPLETED!**

DATE	REGULAR PAYMENT	EXTRA PAYMENT	LOAN BALANCE
Sept-2018	1810.56/Month	Start	<b>\$300,000</b>
Oct-2018	YES	0	\$299,546
Nov-2018	YES	\$11,000	\$288,089
Dec-2018	YES	\$7,600	\$279,929
Jan-2019	YES	\$6,400	\$273,018
Feb-2019	YES	\$4,500	\$267,958
Mar-2019	YES	\$3,900	\$263,450
Apr-2019	YES	\$3,500	\$259,238
May-2019	YES	\$3,300	\$255,271
June-2019	YES	\$5,700	\$248,221
July-2019	YES	\$2,200	\$246,021
Aug-2019	YES	\$2,300	\$243,034
Sept-2019	YES	\$6,500	<b>\$235,832</b>



### ***Forward in Faith - Stewardship!***

**Matthew 6:33-34:** Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things (food, clothing, drink) will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**2 Corinthians 8:7:** Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

## MINISTRY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

### October

#### ACO LYTES

10-06 Katherine DeHart  
10-13 Lessa Hawkes  
10-20 Ushers  
10-27 Katherine DeHart

#### ASSISTING MINISTERS

10-06 Joyce Boddie  
10-13 Jon Kromrey  
10-20 Donna Zimmerman  
10-27 Jane Hendricks

#### COFFEE HOSTS

10-06 Eva Duffy  
10-13 Leadership Team  
10-20  
10-27 Sylvia Smith

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

10-06 Barbara McCalment  
10-13 Sylvia Smith  
10-20 Rosanna Myers  
10-27 Sylvia Smith

#### POWER POINT

10-06 Wendy Kromrey  
10-13 Wendy Kromrey  
10-20 Wendy Kromrey  
10-27 Wendy Kromrey

#### READERS

10-06 Ann Fitzgerald  
10-13 Jon Kromrey  
10-20 Ann Fitzgerald  
10-27 Jon Kromrey

#### SOUND & LIGHTS

10-06 John Mlnarik  
10-13 Rikky Bakken  
10-20 John Mlnarik  
10-27 Rikky Bakken

#### USHERS

Ben & Kandra Tobin, Ernie Moore, Gail Castle

#### WORSHIP PREPARATION

The DeHarts

#### TELLERS

Joyce Boddie, Barbara McCalment

***NOTE: If you can help fill in some of the holes on the Coffee & Flower Charts, please sign up on the kiosk or call the church office . . . Thank you!!***

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

10-06  
10-13 Don & Rosanna Myers  
10-20  
10-27 DeHarts in celebration of Katherine's Bday



### October Birthdays

10-13 Eloise Martindale  
10-13 Reuben Myers  
10-17 Eva Duffy  
10-17 Ken Swanson  
10-18 Pastor Pat  
10-28 Katherine DeHart



# October 2019 Calendar

## Meetings

- 10/14 - Lord's Pantry Board meeting 3pm
- 10/15 - Leadership Team meeting 6:30pm
- 10/23 - ELC Board meeting
- Mondays 9am - Prayer meeting in church office**



## Small Groups

- Sundays 11am:** Sanctuary
- Mondays 10am:** Luther Hall
- Wednesdays 7pm:** Luther Hall  
(with shared supper 6:15pm) 
- 1st & 3rd Weds 11am:** Worship & Fellowship (bring sack lunch)

## Special Happenings

- 10/05 - Men's Breakfast 8am 
- 10/12 - Lord's Pantry Flea Market 9am
- 10/27 - Reformation Sunday



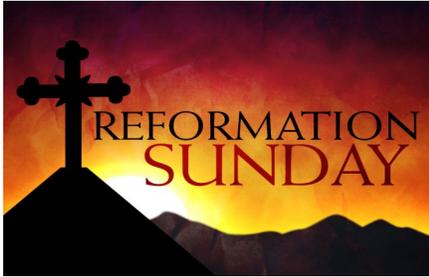
**Newsletter submission deadline is the 20th of each month!**

# October 2019

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TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION~FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY



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Sunday School Director: Wendy Kromrey

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### **DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATION**

**Sunday Bulletin:** Each Wednesday by noon

**Monthly Newsletter:** Due the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.