



**SPECIAL
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INTEREST:**

- **Benevolence Requests**
- **Global Leadership Summit**
- **Fruit Galette**
- **Forward in Faith**
- **Youth Mission Trip News**

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From the Pastor . . .

Sometimes random thoughts and words rattle around my brain until, finally, I have to bring up the old “Google” site and look it up. We’re in for a stretch of high heat this week, so the words “dog days of summer” lingered. I began to wonder just where the term came from. Here’s what I found out from “farmersalmanac.com”:

We often hear about the “dog days” of summer but few know what the expression means. Some say that it signifies hot sultry days “not fit for a dog,” others suggest it’s the weather in which dogs go mad. The Dog Days of Summer describes the most oppressive period of summer, between July 3rd and August 11th each year. But where did the term come from? And what does it have to do with dogs?

The phrase is actually a reference to the fact that, during this time, the Sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth and part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. This is why Sirius is sometimes called the Dog Star.

In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the Sun. On July 23rd, specifically, it is in conjunction with the Sun, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the Sun’s warmth, accounting for the

long stretch of sultry weather. They referred to this time as *diēs caniculārēs*, or “dog days.”

Thus, the term Dog Days of Summer came to mean the 20 days before and 20 days after this alignment of Sirius with the Sun—July 3 to Aug. 11.

So now you know! When I think of this time of year, when the heat gets a bit too much, I tend to hit the pause button on



a few outdoor activities, unless I can get them in really early in the cool of the day. Mowing the lawn definitely has to be done by 9 in the morning. That hike I try to take every week likewise had better be done before 10:30 or 11. And evenings are spent languishing while trying to cool off the house for a comfortable night’s sleep.

So where am I going with this? We’re at a spot that looks like a temporary hold, pushing the pause button as it were, as far as our small group studies are concerned. Having finished the ALPHA series (though there might be another cycle if interest is high enough), and waiting for our evaluation to be

completed by Church Doctors Ministry following our study of “Who Broke My Church?” well, our “holy discontent” has to be pushed to a back burner awaiting further discussion. That feels kind of ironic to me, since patience and discontent seem to form a partnership whenever I’m looking forward to something.

Anyway, we’ll be taking the month of August off from small groups – a vacation if you will. But I want to encourage all of you to look forward to the return of small groups in September. The spiritual growth we have experienced over the years from these gatherings is substantial, and I look forward to the upcoming discipleship process, where we will look at what it means to become “disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples.” And I pray that your commitment to that process will continue.

In the meantime, go walk the dog!

Power to you!
Pastor Pat

We pray for:

Healing for: Erin (MS), Joyce Cosce (cancer), Kelly & Nick LaRash's son Logan (now at home), Rosemary Livesay, Darlene Eliason, Kim Markie, Gordon, Muriel (cancer), Don Martindale (recovering from knee surgery), Stephen Serafin (pancreatic cancer), Wayne Beecher (rheumatoid arthritis) - 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 seek renewal and revival in our study of The ALPHA Series; for increased participation in groups & for the Holy Spirit's leading as we seek "Kingdom culture" in this place. Guidance in the next steps with ALPHA.
- ◆ 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.



Don't mind Driving?

Want an Easy Ministry?

There are a few folks in the church who are in need of an occasional lift to church, or to a small group, or to the store or an appointment. You would not need to drive regularly, just on occasion if you can. Let Pastor Pat know if you can help.

Thank you

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

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 Staff



by Donna Zimmerman, RN

Parish Nurse

Health Ministry Corner

I Samuel 4:15 Eli was 98 years old and his eyes were set so they could not see.

Possibly, Eli had cataracts in his old age. The following is from the website:

August is **National Cataract Awareness Month**. Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness in individuals 55 or older. Some risk factors with cataracts are age, medical conditions, physical injuries, UV light, steroids, and smoking.

Cataracts are a clouding of the lens in the eye. Some symptoms are blurred vision, glare, and difficulty reading. The lens is the part of the eye which focuses light to give a clear image. Roughly 60% of people 65 or older have some

Each year more than 1.5 million cataract surgeries are performed in the



U.S. You can have cataracts in one eye or both. There are 3 different types of surgery which can be performed. In the most common method, the surgeon makes a small incision in the surface of the eye then a probe with an ultrasonic vibration dissolves the cloudy lens, then an artificial lens is put in place.

Once surgery is complete it doesn't take long for the patient to recover and see much better than pre-surgery. Some of the side effects after surgery would be swelling, redness, and inflammation.

Although it is rare, children can develop cataracts. One out of every 250 children will develop cataracts. In newborns it's extremely important to have cataracts taken care

of. If newborns have distorted vision in the first few days or weeks then the brain will make abnormal visual connections. Without quick treatment children could develop permanent damage to their vision.

If you know anyone who could possibly have cataracts it's important to see a healthcare professional. Although cataracts are not usually dangerous to the overall health of the eye, by removing the problem the individual will be able to enjoy life to the fullest again. Keep up your health!



healthy eyes cataract

degree of cataracts.

Many individuals elect to have surgery to remove them. You must go to an eye care professional for a check-up to see if you have cataracts. If you'd like more info, please visit EyeCare America.



**HEALTH SUNDAY
AUGUST 4TH**

See me in Luther Hall after the service to get your blood pressure taken. Many problems can be treated if caught early.

The month of August health designations:

Cataract Awareness Month; Children's Eye Health & Safety Month; National Immunization Month; Neurosurgical Outreach Month; Psoriasis Awareness Month; Relay for Life Month; & Spinal Muscular Atrophy Month. World Breastfeeding Week is 8/1- 8/7



The Recipe Box Summer Fruit Galette

SHARED BY . . . *Sylvia Smith!*



Summer Fruit Galette

- 1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup confectioners sugar
- 3 Tbs cornstarch, divided
- 1 egg, separated
- 2 Tbs sugar, plus a little more for sprinkling
- 1 tsp vanilla or 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 1 pie crust from a 14.1 oz box
- 2 cups fruit (peaches, cherries or mixed berries)

Oven 400°

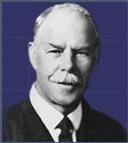
Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar, 2 Tbs cornstarch and the egg yolk in a bowl.

In a separate bowl mix fruit, 2 Tbs sugar, the remaining 1 Tbs cornstarch, and flavoring.

Unfurl pie dough on a lightly floured surface and roll to about 13 inches in diameter. Slide onto a cookie or pizza pan and spread evenly with cream cheese mixture, leaving a 2 inch border.

Scatter fruit evenly over cream cheese mixture. Fold pastry border over. Brush dough perimeter with the egg white and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake until golden brown, about 30 mins.



“I never get out of bed in the morning without having communion with God in the Spirit.”
Smith Wigglesworth



Special Designation for August is Forward in Faith!

BENEVOLENCE REQUESTS

It's time to make submissions for our benevolence dollars!!

The deadline for submission is **August 4th**.

The congregation requests what missions will be supported by our Congregational tithe. The mission must be outside our own mission (not the ELC or Lord's Pantry), be Christ-centered, and provide opportunity for our members to participate.

Benevolence Request slips are available on the table in the church lobby or **fill out the form online:**

<http://gdlcj.com/connect-with-us>

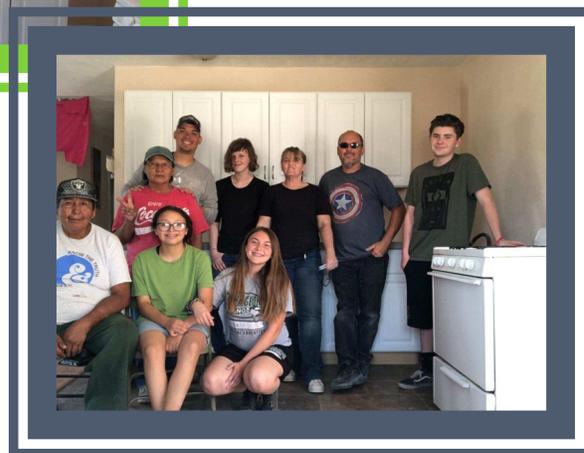
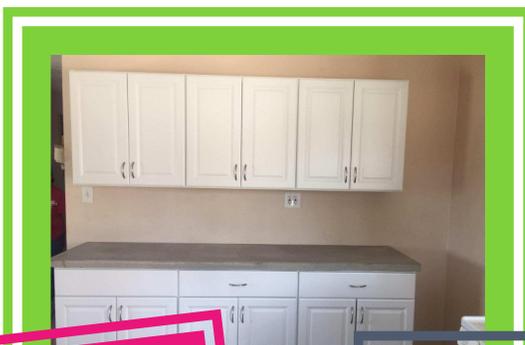


One Step Closer - a past beneficiary



Pastor Pat and Ann, along with Pastor Johan and Sonja Hinderlie, are hosting a 13 day tour of the Holy Land in November. We'd love it if you would join us. Details and registration form can be found on the Gloria Dei website, gdlcsj.com. For further information speak with Ann and Pat! This year, in Jerusalem!

YOUTH



Our journey began in San Jose at 4:30 am. It was still dark! But guess who greeted us—Pastor Pat! After we all arrived, we had prayer and began our adventure. Our flight was scheduled to leave at 6:00 am but it was delayed for 5 hours. Finally, we were on our way. We missed our connecting flight but heard all flights had been cancelled. When we arrived in Texas, we needed to develop a game plan. After much deliberation and phone calls, we stayed in a hotel, without our luggage, and got something to eat. In the morning, we were 14 hours away from our destination. Our only option was to drive. We drove all day, re-

trieved our luggage and received a very warm welcome when we arrived.

After a good night's rest, we had 15 minutes to get ready for breakfast. We cleaned up after breakfast and went for morning devotions. Once we finished, we grabbed our gear and headed to the work site.

We met Elvis and Marie at the work site. They are Native Americans. We grew very close to them as we worked in their kitchen installing cabinets. After we finished for the day, we went back to camp and rested before our showers. Finally, it was time for dinner followed by chores, worship and small groups. We followed the same sched-

ule for the next 2 days. By the end of Thursday, we completed putting cabinets and counter tops in place after many complications.

Friday was our free day. We went to Gallup and explored. Saturday morning it was time to say goodbye to all the amazing people we met. After leaving camp, we had time to catch a movie before catching our flight. Our return flight was uneventful and late. We arrived home at 10:00 pm ready for bed again. God blessed us with an amazing experience and we are very grateful.

By
Katherine DeHart & Fallon Bayer



RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT THE SUMMIT

No matter where your influence is—in your family, school, work or church—you are invited to join 405,000 of your peers to learn how to maximize it.

Register for the 2019 Leadership Summit. **If interested, talk to Dick or Libby Nelson or Pastor Pat by August 1st TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

A few of the guest speakers this year:



Bear Grylls

Adventurer,
Writer, TV Host



DeVon Franklin

Producer, Author,
Speaker, CEO of Frank-
lin Entertainment



Craig Groeschel

Co-Founder and
Senior Pastor of
Life Church



Danielle Strickland

Pastor, Author,
Justice Advocate



Aja Brown

Mayor, City of
Compton

THIS YEAR IT'S AT CHURCH ON THE HILL



EAST SAN JOSE CLINIC OPEN HOUSE

Sunday August 11th, 2019

Drop in between 1 PM - 5 PM

Tours - Testimonials - Light lunch

12 N. White Rd, Parking in Back Lot

Register at FriendsOfRealOptions.net/openhouse

RealOptions
Pregnancy Medical Clinics



MINISTRY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

August

ACO LYTES

08-04 Katherine DeHart
08-11 Lessa Hawkes
08-18 Ushers
08-25 Ushers

ASSISTING MINISTERS

08-04 Jon Kromrey
08-11 Joyce Boddie
08-18 Donna Zimmerman
08-25 Sheri DeHart

COFFEE HOSTS

08-04 Linda Schindler
08-11
08-18 Robert Borregard
08-25

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

08-04 Joyce Boddie
08-11 Cathy Duncan
08-18 Kandra Tobin
08-25 Sylvia Smith

POWER POINT

08-04 Wendy Kromrey
08-11 Wendy Kromrey
08-18 Wendy Kromrey
08-25 Wendy Kromrey

READERS

08-04 Ann Fitzgerald
08-11 Cathy Duncan
08-18 Ann Fitzgerald
08-25 Cathy Duncan

SOUND & LIGHTS

08-04 Rikky Bakken
08-11 John Mlnarik
08-18 Rikky Bakken
08-25 John Mlnarik

USHERS

Dennis Eliason, Robert Borregard, Ernie Moore, Bob Martinez

WORSHIP PREPARATION

Jean Rinerson

TELLERS

Gail Castle, Donna Zimmerman

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:

08-04
08-11
08-18 Donna Zimmerman for Sandra's birthday
08-25 Dick/Libby Nelson for 50th Anniversary



August Birthdays



08-08 David Bakken
08-14 Bob Martinez
08-18 Ron Nuessle
08-20 Sandra Zimmerman
08-24 Joyce Boddie
08-27 Joann Bakken
08-29 Karen Hokanson

August 2019 Calendar

Small Groups

THERE ARE NO SMALL
GROUPS DURING THE MONTH
OF AUGUST!
GROUPS WILL RESUME IN
SEPTEMBER . . .

Meetings

- 08/12 - Lord's Pantry Board meeting 3pm
- 08/20 - Leadership Team meeting 6:30pm
- 08/28 - ELC Board meeting
- Mondays 9am - Prayer meeting in church office

Special Happenings

08/03 - Men's Breakfast 8am



08/03 - Worship Team meeting/LH 10am

08/08 to 08/09 - Global Leadership
Summit, Church on the Hill

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

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 – August 2019 !!

by Dan Rinerson, Campaign Chairman

Our campaign was **officially completed in April of 2018**. We have **continued to accept designated Forward in Faith contributions** to help pay down the loan principal balance faster and reduce interest charges. The new loan monthly payment is being covered by the funds we receive from Sprint each month. Thank you to all who have continued giving faithfully!

Here is a report on the progress of loan payments as of July 31, 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:

DATE	REGULAR PAYMENT	EXTRA PAYMENT	LOAN BALANCE
Sept-2018	1810.56/Month	Start	\$300,000
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



Forward in Faith - Stewardship!

Thank you to those who have continued to give to Forward in Faith over and above your regular giving!! My hope and prayer is that you are continuing to step out in faith with your giving and growing your trust in God's provision for you! He will not fail you, but will bless your giving and provide for all your needs as well as the needs of his church here at Gloria Dei! Prayerfully consider and seek God's will in your giving. Maybe it's time for you to increase your General Fund giving, or to start giving regularly, or give more to Forward in Faith, or start giving to our other ministries on campus – the Lord's Pantry and the Early Learning Center! Pray and listen!

James 4:8 Living Bible (TLB)

And when you draw close to God, God will draw close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and let your hearts be filled with God alone to make them pure and true to him.

August 2019

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Music Director: David Bakken
Office Staff: Stacey Dier
Parish Nurse: Donna Zimmerman
Sunday School Director: Wendy Kromrey

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DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATION

Sunday Bulletin: Each Wednesday by noon

Monthly Newsletter: Due the 20th of each month.