

# The *Gloria Dei* Grapevine

The *Gloria Dei Grapevine* is the monthly newsletter of Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact us.

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## *Please Join Us*

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Worship** at 9:00am
- ◆ **Communion** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month
- ◆ **Adult, Teen, & Children's Sunday School** at 10:00am, September thru May
- ◆ **Adult Bible Study** - every Thursday at 9:00am
- ◆ **Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) First Saturday of the month, 6-9pm. Contact Laura or Allen Mortimer for more information.
- ◆ **Lutheran Pioneers** (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Meets twice monthly September thru May.

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## *From the Pastor...*

**J**ulius Caesar should have heeded the warning of the Ides of March. He didn't and he was killed. Jesus Christ should have avoided Jerusalem during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Both Julius Caesar and Jesus Christ fell victims to plots that ended their lives. However, there is a major difference between the two. Jesus knew exactly what would happen and still willingly, lovingly went to Jerusalem to offer his perfect life as a ransom for all. Let us never forget that Jesus died, not because of a sinister plot, but because of His Father's plan. Yes, there were human players in God's plan, but it was first and foremost a divine plan. It was God's love for us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. To Jesus be the glory and praise!

## *I Need More...Good News*

Indeed, we live in frazzled and frustrated times. Just turn on the nightly news. So frequently we are given reports of events that have devastated property and lives; are told about individuals that have deviated from law and order; and hear of other stories that dampen our spirits. On a regular basis, most of the news is not good news, and a depressed sigh first finds solace in the silence of a turned-off television.

Turns out, though, that we don't have to turn on a TV to know that. We don't even

need to be near it. As our consciences rerun the past, we see where our own deviations have had a devastating impact. As a direct result, our spirits are dampened and depressed. Even life-long Christians feel the sting of past sins as their consciences cry a guilty testimony. That's the "news" we know by nature. That's God's Law on sinful hearts, and that's why stricken hearts crave more good news.

The calm to the craving is not attained by turning off; we get it by tuning in. The answer is

# Serving in March

## March 3

**Ushers:** Jim Luisier, Joe King, Kent Kerwin

**Communion Set Up:** Richmond

**Communion Assistant:** Wayne Pennell

**Power Point Assistant:** Josh Thomason

**Livestream Assistant:** Jeff Edgett

**Counters:** Mortimer & Metz

**Cleaners:** Major

## March 6

**7:00pm Lenten Service**

**Ushers:** Mark Moore & Harold Fox

**Power Point Assistant:** Luke Mortimer

**Livestream Assistant:** Allen Mortimer

**Counters:** Neuwirth & Moore

## March 10

**Ushers:** Tom Furnner, Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer

**Power Point Assistant:** Marshall Bessolo

**Livestream Assistant:** Paul Allar

**Counters:** Mortimer & Major

**Cleaners:** Allar

## March 13

**7:00pm Lenten Service**

**Ushers:** Rocky Bessolo & Eric Bessolo

**Power Point Assistant:** Calvin Bessolo

**Livestream Assistant:** Jeff Edgett

**Counters:** Callahan & Furnner

## March 17

**Ushers:** Eric Metz, Paul Allar, Jim Sharich

**Communion Set Up:** Richmond

**Communion Assistant:** Jim Luisier

**Power Point Assistant:** Owen Straub

**Livestream Assistant:** Allen Mortimer

**Counters:** Straub & Luisier

**Cleaners:** Moore

## March 20

**7:00pm Lenten Service**

**Ushers:** Jim Luisier & Joe King

**Power Point Assistant:** Mitchell Bessolo

**Livestream Assistant:** Paul Allar

**Counters:** Mortimer & Metz

## March 24

**Ushers:** Kent Kerwin, Mark Moore, Harold Fox

**Power Point Assistant:** Noah Straub

**Livestream Assistant:** Jeff Edgett

**Counters:** Neuwirth & Moore

**Cleaners:** Bessolo

## March 28

**7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service**

**Ushers:** Tom Furnner & Scott Mortimer

**Communion Set Up:** Richmond

**Communion Assistant:** Gary Richmond

**Power Point Assistant:** Josh Thomason

**Livestream Assistant:** Allen Mortimer

**Counters:** Mortimer & Major

## March 28

**7:00pm Good Friday Service**

**Ushers:** Allen Mortimer & Rocky Bessolo

**Power Point Assistant:** Luke Mortimer

**Livestream Assistant:** Paul Allar

**Counters:** Callahan & Furnner

## March 31

**Ushers:** Eric Bessolo, Eric Metz, Paul Allar

**Power Point Assistant:** Marshall Bessolo

**Livestream Assistant:** Jeff Edgett

**Counters:** Straub & Luisier

**Cleaners:** Mortimer

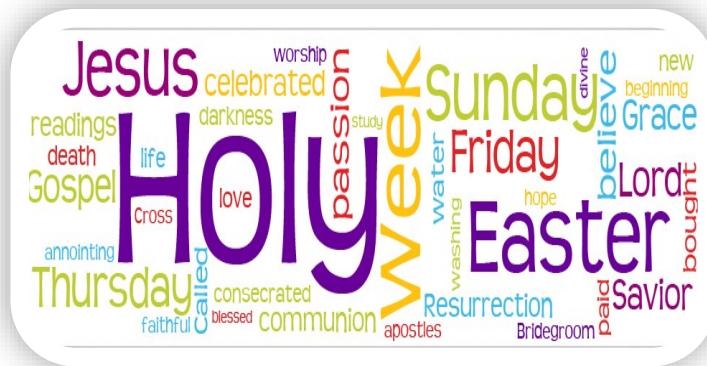


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not in blocking out God's Word or dulling or consciences by making poor excuses. The solution is still found in what God's good news says to every individual—even to you. The calm, promise, and solution remains the message of the gospel! Hearts are calmed at the message of Christ for us! And it's in that message the apostle Paul, a very real sinner, would have sinners still take comfort and confidence. As he lifted Timothy's eyes and heart to the grace of the cross, so he lifts ours: **"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst"** (1 Timothy 1:15).

Craving more good news? Forgiven sinner, tune in to the Savior who carried your every sin! See him in his Word! Redeemed believer, tune in to the gospel—God's good news that quiets sin's accusations! Hear that saving message! Beloved child of God, tune in to the trustworthy message of the Bible and let your heart sigh with thanksgiving. Jesus came to save sinners. Jesus came to save you! That's the good news!

Read if for yourself in your Bible. Hear, learn, and celebrate it at Gloria Dei. Gather in worship each Sunday morning and on Wednesday nights during Lent. Crave it. Enjoy it. And stay tuned in!



### Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

The March Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, at 8:00am. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



### Saturday, April 20, after breakfast. Inside and out clean up!



Everyone is welcome to come for breakfast before the Word Day. Please sign up so the cooks know how much food to prepare.

# Easter for Kids

Join us as we learn about forgiveness, how often should we forgive? Who should we forgive? What should we do when it is hard to forgive? Our Forgive & Forgive S'More event includes singing, gym activities, crafts, accounts from the Bible, and lunch.

Date: **Saturday, March 23, 2024**

Time: **10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Location: **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

Cost is \$10 per child, with a \$30 family cap.

Registration is available at the door, but register online or at Gloria Dei by March 10th for a free t-shirt.

Register at our website: [GloriaDeiGB.com](http://GloriaDeiGB.com) under events.

Forgive & Forgive  
**S'MORE**

## Gloria Dei Pinecar Derby



**Let's get ready to race!**




**On March 10, we will be holding our  
Annual Gloria Dei Pinecar Derby & Potluck**

You can make your own car, bring an old one from home, or rent one of the Pioneer's cars from the past. Car kits are available from most craft stores, or you can purchase. If you have any questions please speak with Pete Straub.







Join us on Sunday, March 31, for our  
Easter Celebration Breakfast.

Breakfast will be at 8:00am.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

We are looking forward to celebrating  
the glorious resurrection of our Lord  
with you!

# *Bible Study for March*

DATE	OLD TESTEMENT	PSALMS	PROVERBS	NEW TESTEMENT
1-Mar	Lev. 25	54	1	Luke 22
2-Mar	Lev. 26	55	2	Luke 23
3-Mar	Lev. 27	56	3	Luke 24
4-Mar	Num. 1,2	57	4	John 1
5-Mar	Num. 3	58	5	John 2
6-Mar	Num. 4	59	6	John 3
7-Mar	Num. 5,6	60	7	John 4
8-Mar	Num. 7	61	8	John 5
9-Mar	Num. 8,9	62	9	John 6
10-Mar	Num. 10,11	63	10	John 7
11-Mar	Num. 12,13	64	11	John 8
12-Mar	Num. 14	65	12	John 9
13-Mar	Num. 15,16	66	13	John 10
14-Mar	Num. 17,18	67	14	John 11
15-Mar	Num. 19,20	68: 1-18	15	John 12
16-Mar	Num. 21,22	68: 19-35	16	John 13
17-Mar	Num. 23,24	69: 1-15	17	John 14,15
18-Mar	Num. 25-26	69: 16-36	18	John 16,17
19-Mar	Num. 27,28	70	19	John 18
20-Mar	Num. 29,30	71: 1-16	20	John 19
21-Mar	Num. 31,32	71: 17-24	21	John 20,21
22-Mar	Num. 33,34	72	22	Acts 1
23-Mar	Num. 35,36	73: 1-14	23	Acts 2
24-Mar	Deut. 1	73: 15-28	24	Acts 3
25-Mar	Deut. 2,3	74: 1-11	25	Acts 4
26-Mar	Deut. 4	74: 12-23	26	Acts 5
27-Mar	Deut. 5,6	75	27	Acts 6
28-Mar	Deut. 7,8	76	28	Acts 7
29-Mar	Deut. 9,10	77	29	Acts 8
30-Mar	Deut. 11,12	78: 1-20	30	Acts 9
31-Mar	Deut. 13,14	78: 21-33	31	Acts 10



# Serving in April

## April 7

**Ushers:** Jim Sharich, Jim Luisier & Joe King

**Communion Set Up:** Mortimer

**Communion Assistant:** Mark Moore

**Power Point Assistant:** Calvin Bessolo

**Livestream Assistant:** Allen Mortimer

**Counters:** Mortimer & Metz

**Cleaners:** Reinke

## April 14

**Ushers:** Kent Kerwin, Mark Moore, Harold Fox

**Power Point Assistant:** Owen Straub

**Livestream Assistant:** Paul Allar

**Counters:** Neuwirth & Moore

**Cleaners:** Gresock

## April 21

**Ushers:** Tom Furnner, Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer

**Communion Set Up:** Mortimer

**Communion Assistant:** Rod Davies

**Power Point Assistant:** Mitchell Bessolo

**Livestream Assistant:** Jeff Edgett

**Counters:** Mortimer & Major

**Cleaners:** Major

## April 28

**Ushers:** Rocky Bessolo, Eric Bessolo, & Eric Metz

**Power Point Assistant:** Noah Straub

**Livestream Assistant:** Allen Mortimer

**Counters:** Callahan & Furnner

**Cleaners:** Allar



# Birthdays in March


3/01	Leah Kwon
3/03	Val Hoppe
3/03	Deb Mortimer
3/04	Ralph Dudley
3/05	Laura Leplow
3/05	Joan Willmann
3/07	Elizabeth Peterson
3/11	Jean Eldred
3/13	Brittany Lawrence
3/16	Tricia Guffey
3/19	Tammy Dudley
3/21	Barb Lambert
3/21	Ciara Cheney
3/22	Karren Richmond
3/24	Karen Edwards
3/25	Mark Leplow
3/26	Kane Kerwin
3/26	Frank Portelli
3/30	Helen Harrington
3/30	Madelyn Callahan
3/31	Matthew Bessolo

# Anniversaries in March

3/25 Ray & Karen Palmer



# MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship</p> <p>10:30 am - Adult, Teen, &amp; Children's Bible Class</p> <p><i>Lent 2</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cleaners for March 3: Major</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00pm—Lenten Meal</p> <p>7:00pm—Lenten Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p><b>*Donation Sunday*</b></p> <p>9:00 am - Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:30 am - Adult, Teen, &amp; Children's Bible Class</p> <p><i>Lent 3</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Cleaners for March 10: Allar</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00pm—Lenten Meal</p> <p>7:00pm—Lenten Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am—WELS Congregational Breakfast at Good Shepherd, Burton</p> 
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship</p> <p>10:30 am - Adult, Teen, &amp; Children's Bible Class</p> <p>11:30 am - Pot Luck &amp; Pinecar Derby</p> <p><i>Lent 4</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Cleaners March 17: Moore</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00pm—Lenten Meal</p> <p>7:00pm—Lenten Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am—Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:30 am - Adult, Teen, &amp; Children's Bible Class</p> <p><i>Lent 5</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cleaners for March 24: Bessolo</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00pm—Lenten Meal</p> <p>7:00pm—Lenten Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Easter for Kids</b></p> <p>10am-2pm</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship</p> <p>10:30 am - Adult, Teen, &amp; Children's Bible Class</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Cleaners for March 31: Mortimer</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00pm—Maundy Thursday Pizza Dinner</p> <p>7:00pm—Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00pm—Good Friday Service</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>8:00 am - Easter Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am - Easter Service</p> <p><i>Easter</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Cleaners for April 7: Reinke</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>