



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S NOTE

First, I would like to say a big thank you for the surprise celebration in honor of my 35th year of ordination. It has been a true honor to serve you. I have been asked by many the how, why, and where questions regarding the past 35 years.

Here it goes, I knew that I wanted to be a pastor since about the age of 12. The church has always been a safe place for me. It felt like home in many ways. I was influenced by many folks, but I think the most important people were my confirmation pastor, Jeff Thompson, and my paternal grandmother, Augusta Wunderlich. I think had women been allowed to be pastors in the Lutheran Church before the 1970's my grandmother would have been one.

Congregations served:

Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Kingwood, Texas, 1990-1993

Zion Lutheran Church, Perry, Ok, 1993 -2000

First Lutheran Church, Longview, Texas 2000-2005

St. John's Lutheran Church, Waller, Texas 2006---June 2016

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo. July 2016---?????

The music for the service on Sunday, October 12, included several of my favorite hymns. Each one has a special meaning.

"Lead, On O King Eternal." This was a hymn that I sang during my college years at Texas Lutheran University. I sang in the choir, and we always closed our concerts with this song.

"When in Our Music God is Glorified," I think the title says it all. Music has always been an important part of who I am and who the church is.

"Blest Be the Ties that Bind," it's an oldie but a good one. This one brings back special memories because it was my grandmother's favorite hymn. It was sung at my grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary, my grandmother's funeral, and at my ordination.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" is a hymn I chose because of verse three. These words speak volumes to me.

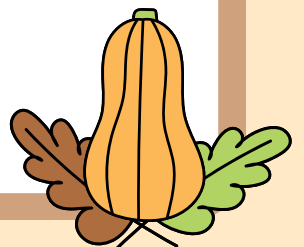
"See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Of thorns compose so rich a crown?"

Every time I sing or read those words, the chill bumps appear.

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory." I love this hymn because it reminds me of my elementary years. We sang this every Friday morning during the opening assembly.

So here are a few unknown facts for you. I hope that you enjoy reading.

Together With Christ,
P. Edd W.





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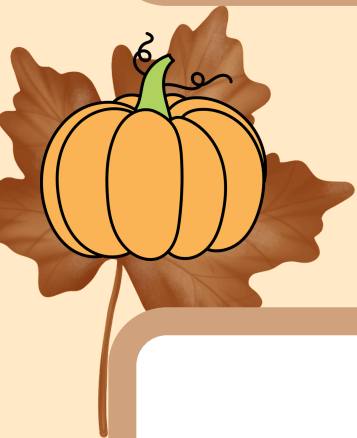
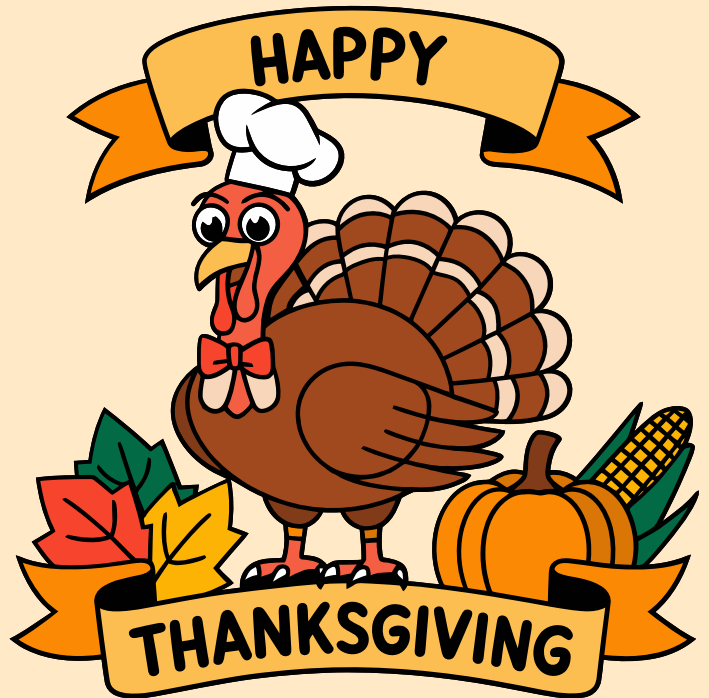
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ANDREAS RECITAL

All are welcome!

A piano recital at the church, free for all involved, on November 1st at 6:15 pm with a before and after reception food. I have some music I would like to share, and as I'm preparing to have a degree recital at UMKC + make some recordings at the end of the semester, it would be great for me to have some performance practice with a friendly crowd.



TEACHERS NEEDED!!!!

Fall Sunday school for PreK-5 starts in September.

The dates are:

September 14th and September 28th

October 12th and 26th.

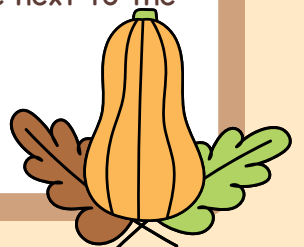
November 9th and 23rd.

December 7th and 21st

If you would like to teach one of the classes, the sign-up sheet is on the table next to the sanctuary entrance, or you can contact me directly at

toniswenson01@gmail.com or 912-320-9345.

Thank you! Toni Swenson





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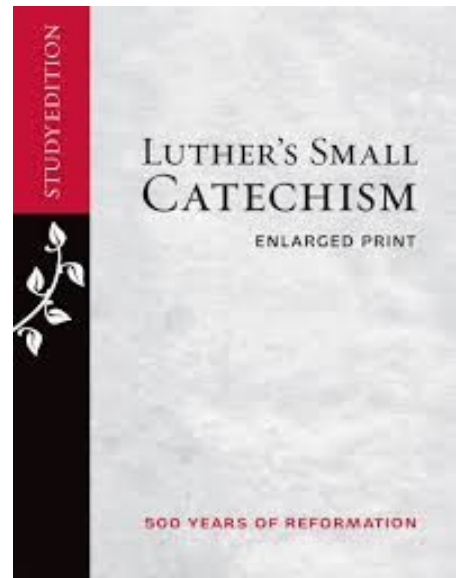
NEW MEMBER

Raslph Jacob



CONFIRMATION CLASS

7th & 8th grade Confirmation Class: Nov.
2nd at 10:15 am in the conference room

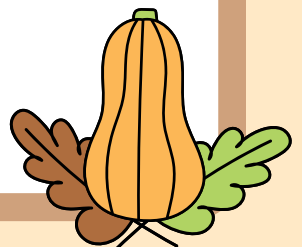


SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for youth and adults:

Youth Sunday school: Nov. 9th and 23rd

Adult Sunday school: Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.





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PAVING THE WAY - PARKING LOT RESURFACING

Property upkeep. Most of us know that over time there are repair projects that you can only put off for so long.

The parking of Gloria Dei is one of those projects. We have been patching, painting new lines and it has come to the point that we need to resurface the lot.

We have a large surface area, and I am sure you all have noticed that there are certain spots that continue to deteriorate (areas shown in yellow).

Several members of the council have taken on the project to collect bids from 3 asphalt companies from the area that we have worked with and know personally. The final bid that has been accepted will be \$50-\$52,000 to resurface the front and side lots with a minor patch to the rear lot.

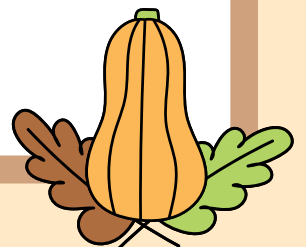
This is where all of you come in. We are looking to raise approximately 50% or \$25,000, with the remaining cost to come from our reserve funds.

So far, we have raised \$16,843.64. We ask that each of you commit to praying and considering how you can give to this project.

There will be special offering envelopes as well as electronic giving options.

We will provide regular updates on our fundraising efforts in the weekly bulletins as well as within next month's newsletter.

God's Blessings.





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Christmas Boomwhackers



Kindergarten - 4th Grade

We will rehearse during the sermon on Nov 30
and perform at Christmas Program on Dec 7

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/gdlcxmas25>
Questions? Email worshipmusic@gloriadeikc.org

GLORIA DEI FOOD PANTRY

OCTOBER:

234 Families
504 adults
347 children
84 seniors

935 total

THANK YOU!

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GD is moving our monthly distribution to
the 3rd Saturday of each month,
effective October 18, 2025. Our prep
day will typically be Thursday, before
Saturday distribution.

Chinn distribution will remain 1st and 3rd
Saturdays & Weston will remain on the
3rd Friday.

Youth Handchimes

5th Grade and Up

Rehearsals after church November 16-30

We will play during the Youth Christmas
Program on December 7

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/chimesxmas25>
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Sweete Accordes Holiday Concert **To Welcome Merrie Christmas**

Sunday, November 30, 2025 3:00 p.m.

*Please join us for an historically informed performance
of traditional carols as well as a few holiday favorites.*

Presented by

Anne Biswell, soprano & George Moss, Renaissance lute

*Love and Joy Come
to You, ...*



*...and to You Glad
Christmas, too!*

*Donations: never expected, but gratefully accepted.
Light refreshments will be served after the concert.*

RSVP appreciated: anne.biswell@gmail.com

"The music is charming, the performances superb." - Canon John Schaefer

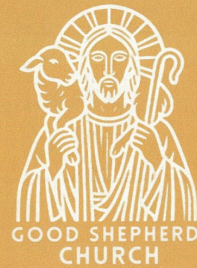


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
5409 NW 72nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64151

YOU ARE INVITED!

Good Shepherd Church is inviting us to
their Friendsgiving Potluck on November 16
from 12:15 to 1:15 pm.

Sign up on the tables across from the
office. All are welcome!



FRIENDSGIVING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
12:15 - 1:15

SIGN UP TO BRING A DISH HERE!

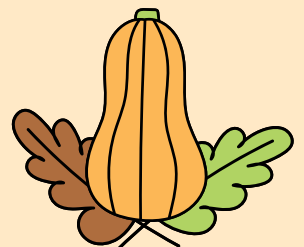
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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INVITATIONAL MINISTRY

Just say that we wish a Happy and
Blessed Thanksgiving to all. Remember
those who are less fortunate and share
the bounty! 🦃





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**A BLEST
MESSIAH
BORN**

December 13, 5 pm
December 14, 9 am



VENDOR FAIR

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 8, 2025
GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN
5409 NW 72ND ST, KANSAS CITY, MO 64151

DOORS WILL BE OPEN 10 AM TO 4 PM
HOSTED BY TROOP 7495

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND HELP OUR SCOUTS RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT THEIR SCOUTING EXPERIENCE.

SOME VENDORS WILL ACCEPT ALL FORMS OF PAYMENT. OTHERS WILL TAKE VENMO AND/OR CASH. PLEASE BE PREPARED FOR BOTH OPTIONS.

We are still looking for vendors. If you are a crafter or have a product to sell please reach out to our Scoutmaster at (816) 590-0428 or stephanie@beenzapped.com who is coordinating this fundraiser. A table is \$25, we will provide the table. Please book your spot by October 20th.



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN
IS HOSTING A
MLM CHRISTMAS STORE

TOY DRIVE

CHILDREN:
DOLLS, BARBIES, BOOKS, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, SPIDERMAN OR MONSTER HIGH ACTION FIGURES, LEGOS, ART SUPPLIES, BOARD GAMES, TOYS, P.J.'S, CLOTHING, COATS, GLOVES, ETC.

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TEENS:
SPORTS EQUIPMENT, ART SUPPLIES, WATCHES, HANDHELD VIDEO GAMES, BOARD GAMES, ETC.
CLOTHING, P.J.'S, COATS, GLOVES, ETC.

UNDERGARMENTS:
MEN'S, WOMEN'S, AND CHILDREN'S. BIGGER SIZERS ARE NEEDED.

Questions? Please contact
Name at 816-741-3150
or info@gloriadeikc.org





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GOOD SHEPHERD UPDATE FOR GLORIA DEI FAMILY

by Father Taylor

Dear Gloria Dei,

It is good to see you all again! So much has happened since I was in your beautiful church. I completed an internship and residency at KU Med, where I specialized in spiritual care in the oncology and trauma/ER departments, and served as one of two Catholic priests for over 1,000 patients and 14,000 staff members. My clericals became my scrubs, and I was blessed to encounter so many moments of God's comfort and peace, even in the midst of some of the most difficult situations in people's lives. I have grown used to being "Father" and see it as a sacred bond of trust and the greatest calling of my life, and I learned to grow into my role as a priest, pastor, and chaplain through years in the "trenches" and journeying with people through the joys and sorrows of life, and everything in between. I now have several hundred hospice patients and work with them and their family members as both a priest and a clinical counselor.

During this time, by the grace of God, my parish grew! We increased from 10 to 12 in 2020 and have been averaging 90 to 110 this year. By all accounts, we were doing everything a healthy parish should do, until our rental agreement almost doubled from \$6,000.00 almost overnight. Our community discerned that this financial increase was not sustainable and that resources would be better allocated elsewhere. Of course, finding a church building is a massive undertaking that takes time, prayer, and inventory. Following a period of evaluation, I reached out to Pastor Edd to explore a potential partnership with Gloria Dei, and he, along with the Church Council, graciously welcomed us.

My prayer is that the Good Shepherd Community will be more than just tenants for a time, but collaborators in Christ, and that we will be able to join alongside you in support of all that we have in common (a great deal) as co-laborers in the Vineyard. In a time when churches are struggling to stay open and remain viable, and the world seems content to build walls of division, I believe this presents an incredible opportunity for us to serve together, build bridges, and experience the Kingdom of God through Christ's love.

On behalf of my parish and staff, thank you for the warm welcome.

In Christ,
Father Taylor
Pastor of Good Shepherd Community



THE RIGHT REVEREND
TAYLOR W. TRACY

PASTOR GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY

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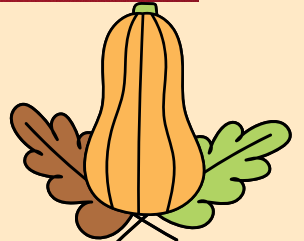


CONFIRMATION

Grace Fogt, Lily Tolnai, Rylie Sander



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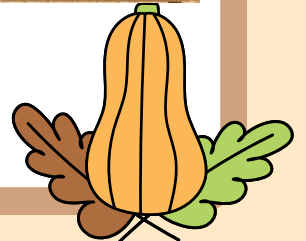
BABY BAPTISM



Charlotte Lou Seidler-Morris

ORDINATION

Congratulations to Pastor Edd for 35 years of service to God. We celebrated his ordination on October 12th. We are thankful he is with us at Gloria Dei.



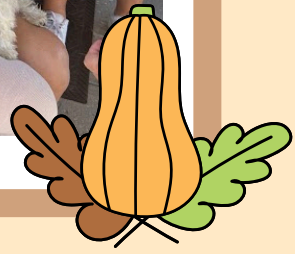
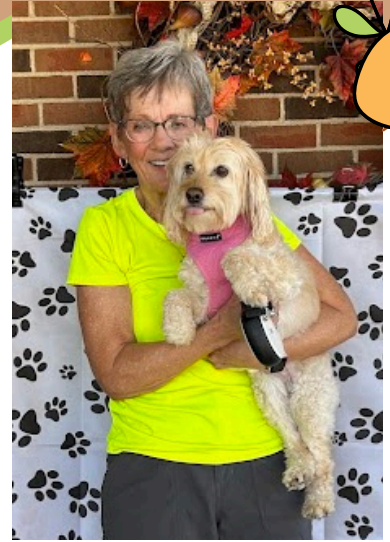


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BLESSING OF THE PETS





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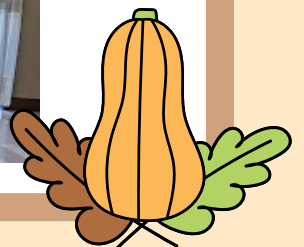


FALL FESTIVAL



We had a fun fall festival to start off October with 45+ attending.

Thank you to everyone who participated and brought delicious chili and desserts.





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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Thank you for your efforts in making the blood drive a success. Because of partners like yourself, the American Red Cross can continue providing lifesaving blood. I appreciate your commitment to the mission by hosting this blood drive!

Tuesday, October 7th, 2025

Date of Drive

18	19
UNITS COLLECTED	TOTAL DONORS
6	2
POWER RED UNITS	FIRST-TIME DONORS

CALLING ALL UNUSED

GLASSES

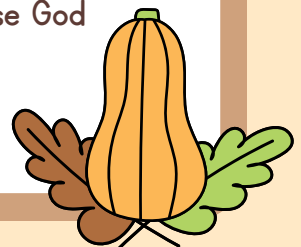
Please bring your old glasses to recycle. The box is located above the coat rack in the Welcome Center.



THANK YOU!

In this month of thanks, we'd like to express our love and gratitude to you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, for all your prayers and support. Dan has been on the prayer list for concern, healing, and now again for concern for the past two years for stage IV cancer of the esophagus. We have exhausted treatment options in chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and radiation, and now transition care to hospice. Your continued prayers are appreciated. Your prayers have strengthened our faith through this journey. Each day has been and continues to be a blessing. None of us knows when our final hour on earth will come. Praise God for your loved ones and remember that each day is, indeed, a blessing.

Lorrie & Dan Wolf





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THANK YOU!

Look at these items of love!
Thanks to all who have been crafting our
blankets and shawls!

Remember, it takes the entire
congregation to share love with others in
our community. Pick one out and write a
line in the notebook.
Many blessings to all!



THANK YOU!

Shawl Ministry Blessing! We want to send
Thanks to all who have been crafting our
blankets and shawls! We have quite a
collection and we will bring them for
blessings this next weekend.
There are more labels in the church
office. ~ Sandy Fogt



THANK YOU!

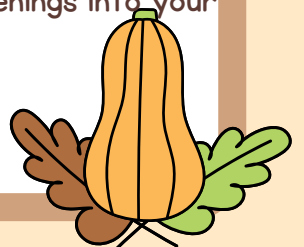
Thank you, Gloria Dei! The Fill a Sack and
Bring it Back campaign was a huge
success. Over 140 bags were returned
and will have a significant impact on the
November and December Food Pantry
Distributions.
Thank you, Outreach Team



THANK YOU!

Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your area. It is
because of your generosity that Life Line Screening can bring these health screenings into your
community, and for that, we are very appreciative.

We look forward to working together again! ~ Life Line Screening



November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 7:00 - 9:00 am Harvesters Pantry 5:00 pm Worship 6:15 pm Andreas Concert
2 MLM Christmas Store Drive begin 7:45 am Bells 8:30 am Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am 7th & 8 Confirmation 10:15 am Adult	3 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	4 6:45 am Norquest 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	5 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal	6 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	7 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	8 MLM Christmas Store Drive 5:00 pm Worship 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Scout Vendor Fair
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16 MLM Christmas 7:45 Bells 8:30 Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School 12:15 pm Friendsgiving	17 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:00 pm Council Meeting	18 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	19 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal	20 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	21 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	22 MLM Christmas Store Drive 5:00 pm Worship
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30 MLM Christmas Store ends 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am practice Boomwhackers 3:00 pm Sweete Accordes Concert	1	Notes *Color text is Building use or church room rentals of the Gloria Dei rooms.				

COMMUNION SERVERS

Nov 2 The Fox family
Nov 9 Jerry & Jennifer Shireman
Nov 16 Jim & Jackie Finnegan
Nov 23 Dean & Joan Dark
Nov 30 **Volunteers Needed**

ASSISTING MINISTER

Nov 2 Steve Fogt (Lector: Jodi Fox)
Nov 9 Brian Ericksen (Lector: Jennifer Shireman)
Nov 16 Jennifer Williams (Lector: Kurt Sortland)
Nov 23 Corey Reil (Lector: Treva DeLeon)
Nov 30 Steve Fogt (Lector: Bob Happel)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov 2 Becky Dovel Lovingly Remembered ~ Greg Dovel
Nov 9 In remembrance of loved ones ~ Norma Jean Rogers & LaDonna Bray
Nov 16 To the glory of God ~ Mary Engebretson
Nov 23 In honor of National Adoption Day! ~ Keith, Julia, & Anya Kuhn
Nov 30 Thankful for my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren ~ Darlus Wolff