

Gloria Dei Reminder



Mission Statement
Trusting God, we
love as God loves,
acting justly and
helping one another
carry the word of
God.

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From the Pastor Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue our Lent journey through Holy Week and Easter. Yes, praise the Lord Easter is coming soon! Get ready for Gloria Dei's celebration this April 20th. This is a wonderful occasion for baptism; so, if you are planning your baptism or your baby's baptism, please let me know than soon is possible.

Our Midweek services as part of our Lent season have been very inspirational. With an attendance in between 30 to 50 people full of enthusiasm, sharing their stories of how God has been present in those inevitable changes in their lives. We want to highlight the powerful testimonies of Jeanne and Akish. Also at the moment I am writing this note, Lydia and the Sister Dede are getting ready to share their spiritual journey with the people of God. Take your part in this important moment of the year and join us every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. when a delicious soup is waiting for you.

Let us strive to live a holy life as we journey throughout this Season of Lent. As we do, may it lead us to be mindful of the reality around us, our identity and our mission. I pray for a holy, prayerful and fruitful Lenten journey. May we reach Easter with hearts and minds renewed in the Lord! Amen.

Yours in Christ, Pr. Santiago

From the Council President As we turn the last page of winter, we look towards spring with renewed hope. Lent has been a period of reflection and a time to examine the theme of change. As we all look to make positive changes in our lives, the council looks to make positive changes as well. We hope to utilize the newsletter as a way to communicate information from decisions or plans that have been made council meetings. Council meetings are held at the church the second Thursday of the month at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Here are some updates from our last council meeting: Sanctuary Church continues to rent the Sanctuary and has been renting the vestry hall on Thursday evenings in March. We hope to continue this relationship with a long term lease.

Many of you may have noticed the growing brown-black stains on the ceiling in the upstairs hallway. The Eagle Cornice Company, a commercial roofing company in Cranston that started in 1901, came to evaluate our roof and the cause of the leak. They found and patched a hole in the roof where the water was leaking. They also put flashing up around the stained glass window where the flat roof meets the sanctuary where there was also a small leak. Finally, they evaluated the rest of the roof and found it to be in very good condition. Most impressively, Eagle Cornice donated their repair supplies and services to the church free of charge. We give thanks to God for this incredibly generous contribution. We also thank our members, Gerson Lazo and Victor Justo, for their volunteer work replacing all the soiled ceiling tiles. We are blessed!

George Von Keeler has been working with the council on a memorial plaque for Marshall Nordquist. A great deal of thought and energy has gone into the plaque and it will be a beautiful way to remember our friend Marshall.

We have starting making plans for this year's Glory Days Camp in July. Stay tuned for more information to come! *Lenten Blessings, Erin Abrahamsen Gloria Dei Council President*

Getting to know you **Gloria Shafae- Moghadam** When Dede asked me to write a "Getting to Know You" entry about my mom for the newsletter, I was overwhelmed because there is A LOT "to know" in that 5'1" little woman of almost seventy. For almost nineteen years Dr. Gloria Shafae-Moghadam has been a teacher of Marines and Sailors, as well as a second mother to some at the Newport Navy Base. Her passion for education and expanding her students' minds has left footprints across the globe, from the USA to Iran and Algeria for fifty years. In her spare time she is an avid runner, enjoys travel, appreciates the fine arts, animals, music, fashion, politics, and is a culinary artist too! My mom's greatest loves in life though are her family, God, and Gloria Dei Lutheran. Every morning as a child, she would read out loud a passage from the Bible before my sisters (Sara & Roxane) and I would go off to school, and to this day she still does even though we are not there. Mom has been a member of Gloria Dei since 1981, the year I was born and baptized. She has served on many levels, from Sunday school teacher to Church Council President and currently as the Council's Secretary. She has a HUGE heart and is always willing to listen and help.

Every day, I thank God for her unconditional nurturing, guidance and sharing her amazing life with my sisters and me. Sure, Mom and I have our disagreements, but at the end of the day, she is my best friend and along with my dad my #1 supporters. Mom inspires me daily with her energy and drive. She is half of my heart, and I feel humbly blessed to have her as my mother.

Written by Dorna Shafae- Moghadam

April Birthdays ✂ 3rd Vum Tual ✂ 11th Mireya Jimenez ✂ 15th Grace Small
 ✂ 19th Michael Tourinho ✂ 24th Molly Tual ✂ 26th Gloria Shafae-Moghadam
 ✂ 29th Joel Martinez ✂

Coming up

March 5 Ash Wednesday. Service at 7 PM

April 10 Church Council Meeting 7 PM

April 17: Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM (we practice washing the feet)

April 18: Good Friday at 7:00

April 20: Breakfast at 9:00 - **EASTER SERVICE at 11:00**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 17th. Gloria Dei has reserved the chapel and waterside pavilion at Colt State park for our annual outdoor worship and field day.

<i>Worship Support for April- if you are unable to perform this responsibility, please rearrange with another.</i>				
Role/Date	6th	13th	20th	27th
Worship Assistant	Joyce Collard	Richard Johnson	Jeanne Johnson	Gloria Shafae-Moghadam
Spanish Lector		Vilma Ponce	Rafaela Radcke	Rafaelina
English Lector	Erin Abrahamsen	Erin Abrahamsen	Dorna Shafae-Moghadam	Richard Johnson