

Gloria Dei Reminder

June 2014



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

Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church

15 Hayes St. Providence, RI 02908

(401) 421-5860 gloriadeichurch@verizon.net

Pastor: Santiago Rodriguez **Council President:** Erin Abrahamsen

Web site: <http://gloriadei-ri.org/> Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/>

News editors Dede Bruns and Vimar Rodriguez

From the Pastor What an exciting trip to New York! As an expression of work in community, First Lutheran from East Greenwich, RI, Grace Lutheran from Hartford, Conn. and Gloria Dei from Providence, RI. traveled to New York for a weekend to be in conversation with “borderlands churches.” We learned a lot what a church in the borderlands in the big city looks like. The idea of borderlands provides a helpful way of understanding where ministry should take place. It is that strange place of engagement where the “holy wild” God is encountered in risky borderland living. During this trip our conversation was focused on the practice of ministry by taking the church into the streets, neighborhoods, and work places. We must move from “come to” to “go to” models of being the church. We came convinced that it is impossible to be effective as the church without crossing boundaries of comfort, culture, and convenience. The group described this experience as one of hope, community, and love. We praise the Lord for this wonderful time together!

Yours in Christ,
Pr. Santiago

Glory Days Summer Service Camp July 14-18th

The Glory Days Summer Service Camp is looking for support to continue its ministry to the urban youth of Providence summer camp program focused around Christian service. This camp will be a one week summer day camp ministry for children ages 6-15. It will also include a Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program for youth ages 16 and 17. The camp will take place

The camp theme and curriculum will focus on service. As campers learn about God’s call to serve others, activity will focus around service in the community. Glory Days will build on existing relationships with non-profits serving the city of Providence. Depending on age, we estimate campers will be able to provide between 3-10 hours of service during the week. Along with staff, we will provide 450-475 service hours to the city during one week! This will be a powerful contribution from a group of young people!

About half of the camp day will be devoted to traditional camp actives such as music, singing, arts and crafts, games and outdoor play. Glory Days is also committed to providing two healthy snacks and one nutritionally balanced lunch to campers. Glory Days campers can look forward to week filled with active service, fun activities, and a strong sense of purpose and community.

June Birthdays ✕ 3rd GiitoSalome Neor ✕ 14th Elianny Marte ✕ 16th David Norquist
✕ 20th Alejandro Miranda ✕ 21st Daniella Navarrete ✕ 27th ✕ Celsa Del Poso ✕ Gabriella
Olivences ✕ 28th ✕ Fernando Colon

Getting to know you Akisch Lenus,:



When you first meet, Akisch Lenus, the first thing you will notice is his friendly smile, sense of humor and the way his faith is reflected in every part of his life. Akisch Lenus has been attending Gloria Dei Church since he was a young boy. He grew up with a many of he other youth on Sears Ave and he has a lot of great memories of Gloria Dei youth hour. Akisch's family attended another church but he loved Gloria Dei so much that he would go to church all day on Sunday so that he could attend both services. Many of Akisch's age group of mostly young boys went through confirmation class together and had some very deep discussions as their teacher, Richard Johnson challenged them to grow in their faith. Other favorite memories were playing foursquare in the vestry and of course the epic summers at Glory Days Day Camp.


Akisch's family later moved back to their home in St. Maarten and he finished high school on the island. Akisch made sure to come back to be a counselor at Day Camp whenever he could make it back to Providence and when it came time to apply for colleges, Akisch chose Johnson & Wales and was awarded a scholarship from St. Maarten. In Akisch's words, "God is good, for real" He is the one that made the way for Akisch to be able to come back to Providence and back to Glorai Dei.

During his time at JWU, Akisch has been busy. He has volunteered almost every single Friday and Wednesday night to be the youth's favorite leader- teaching the gospel and providing a safe and positive environment for the next generation of youth hour attendees. Also, Akisch along with family and friends has created a line of clothing called Love Trust Loyalty, which aims to give young people fashionable clothing that will "inspire each person to maximize their greatest potential". Love trust Loyalty, or LTL has become an international trend with people wearing the clothing in 4 continents around the world. One of their recent campaigns is to inspired people to Be Great and Do Great. His most recent design has Matthew 6:33 on the shirts. As LTL fans all know, LTL "is more than a brand, it's a lifestyle". Akisch graduated from Johnson & Wales on May 24th. We're blessed to have him as a part of our community and church and we wish him the best as he continues to share his faith and inspire people all over the world! *By Cassandra Chavez*

Coming up

July 14-18th Glory Days Summer Service Camp

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.

	<p><i>Worship Support for June - if you are unable to perform this responsibility, please rearrange with another.</i></p>					
	Role/Date	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
	Worship Assistant	Jeanne Johnson	Joyce Collard	Lydia Mwashu	Richard Johnson	Gloria Shafae-Moghadam
	Spanish Lector	Wilma Ponce	Erin Abrahamsen	Wilma Ponce	Dulce Espinal	Rafaela Radke
English Lector		Richard Johnson	Dede Bruns	Jeanne Johnson	Dorna Shafae-Moghadam	