

Gloria Dei Reminder

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Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

From the Pastor WELCOME BACK. Have you been away at camp? Visiting relatives? Taking a break from church for one reason or another? Welcome Back to Church at 10:15 a.m. in English and 1:30 a.m. in Spanish. Surprises are in store for everyone. And - a special gift for you at worship, Do you want your children learn how to love God with all their heart and soul and mind and strength? And to love their neighbor as themselves? Check out Sunday School's new beginnings this past September 21th in partnership with Sanctuary Church. You will find children from 0 to 12 years old, in separate classes Sunday morning in English, Sunday afternoon in Spanish. You will find faithful teachers waiting for your children. Our Confirmation classes are every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Is time for growing into Christian community, learning about the "means of grace" (Word and Sacrament), reflecting and asking questions about faith. Don't miss this. See Dick Johnson for more information. We are committed to the formation of our leaders among the Latino community. For that reason we have created the Academic of Theology for Lay. We teach every Wednesdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 11am right here at Gloria Dei. If you are interested in this program in English it is available at the Synod. Don't miss this opportunity, talk to the pastor! Women (some men too) at Gloria Dei regularly come together to practice hospitality and to share a time of listening and prayer. Every Thursday at 7 pm. And what about our Youth Ministry and our ministry with our community through the Step Up Center. So welcome back and get involved!. The church is like the human body, with each part playing a critical role in the functioning of the body. You have been given gifts and a key role to play in this church. Every member of this body, working together in unity, in the local area, is called to build the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men and women. Our gifts used together will build up the body of Christ. We will grow spiritually and numerically when we use our gifts together as part of the team! You are needed in this church! Allow the Holy Spirit to blow into your life and lead you into some exciting serving opportunities!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Santiago

Getting to Know You **Jean Johnson** has been a lifelong member of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. She is of Swedish ancestry like the founders of Gloria Dei. She has not only participated in church groups since childhood but also as an adult has been a member of the Adult Choir and in numerous other leadership positions. She was the first president of our Endowment Fund and directed the writing of its constitution, which helped secure the growth of the fund to over a million dollars. Within the years of the Endowment's existence, she served a number of times as its president and member. Jeanie also served on the Church Council and orchestrated the weekly coffee-hour schedule, which she still does! When members hadn't volunteered, Jeanie provided the coffee and brunch items. On Sunday mornings, she has always set-up the Eucharist and kept the Communion cabinet well-stocked. She has chaired the International Night Celebration, bought supplies for the Easter breakfast, and ordered the Easter lilies each year. Also, she volunteered her services for years as a nurse for the Glory Days Summer Camp Program. To those members of Gloria Dei, past and present, who were or are in nursing homes or to those who have been hospitalized, she has been and continues to be a visitor one can count on. While Jeanie is a devoted mother and grandmother, wife of Richard Johnson, and former pediatric nurse, she has committed herself unselfishly to Gloria Dei in endless ways. Her loving kindness and warmth radiates to all members young or old, and especially to new members and visitors. Jeanie Johnson is a hero of faith in action. *Written by Gloria Shafae-Moghadam*

Sisters of Gloria Dei. **On Saturday October 25th, 2014** we will be having a special night, a Vigil Prayer Night from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. It will take place at Gloria Dei, community area or where we hold worship hour on Sundays. at 6 a.m. we will have continental breakfast before we go back home.

You are welcome to bring a pillow and a soft small mattress in the event that you want to sit, meditate or a short rest. We understand this is going to be something new for some of us and a short rest is fine. At the moment twelve women have signed up, and we are excited to come together as Holy women to pray for one another, and for the community of God.

The power of women prayer:

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:6-7)

We are blessed to be together and be unified in the Spirit of the Lord!

Written by *Rafaela Radcke*



The *11th Annual International Night* on September 20th was a resounding success. Celebrating the diversity of this congregation, there was food from all the corners of the world, stories from our members about their countries of origin, a bounteous raffle that netted over \$200, and spectacular dancing by our own Cassandra Chavez and her partner, Orlando Rivera. It was done with the efforts of many people, coordinated beautifully by Jean Johnson. Looking forward to the 12th....

Birthdays ✕ 2nd Adelina Sicaju ✕ 6th Tony Marte ✕ 7th Catrina Almonte ✕ 9th Diony Faria ✕ 19th Anlelly Reyes ✕ 20th Adriana Rocha ✕ 25th Bruce Lougheed ✕ 26th Joshua Small ✕ 28th Eufradis Rodriguez ✕ 30th Darlene Pluiose ✕ Diyanira Vigay ✕

Coming up

October 4th and 11th Bilingual Language Café 12 PM Main Street Café East Greenwich

October 9th Church Council 7PM – 9PM

October 15th Interfaith Power and Light with Senator Whitehouse 8AM – 11:30 AM

October 18th and 25th Bilingual Language Café 12 PM Panera Bread in Providence Place Mall

October 25th Women's prayer Vigil 8PM – 6 AM

October 30th Heroes of Faith Breakfast Rhodes on Pawtucket 7:30 AM

