



# The Trumpeter

## Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Anna Maria Island, Florida  
“To God be the Glory”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



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Ash Wednesday, February 17 marked the beginning of our Lenten journey to Holy Week. This yearly journey is a road we take individually with our spiritual disciplines and as a community as we gather and worship God together.

We often talk about life as a journey. From its beginning, life moves through time and space. We make choices of direction—good and bad—sometimes wondering if we have chose the wrong path—other times assured we have chosen the right path. There are times when we aren't sure where the road is headed or where it will end. Sensing a time of adventure or possibility can be exciting for some and fearful for others. But we press on accompanied by our friends and family with the hope and confidence of God walking this road with us.

The Holy Spirit will point us where we need to be in life and the road that we need to take to get there. Jesus Christ has already walked this road for us. He paved the way with His own sweat and blood. It is a road that not only runs into Jerusalem, the Holy City, but into the loving heart of God as well. Lent means taking the road of repentance, fasting and prayer. It means taking the road into the lives of the hurting and hopeless among us, and offering them the Good News of the Gospel. It means taking the road of suffering and sacrifice in gracious response to a loving God who sent His only son to walk the way of the cross for you, for me and for the world.

We go through Lent and Holy Week for the journey brings us the cross and once again our celebration of Easter. I invite you to make this journey and join us with us as this community of Christ as we walk in faith.

*Pastor Rosemary Backer*

# God's Work... Our Hands



*Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at work in the  
Community and the World*

**All Island Denominations (A.I.D.)** is an ecumenical network of Anna Maria Island Churches that works together to provide assistance to people in emergency need.

## **Our Daily Bread**

Our next day to serve is **Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>**. Mark your calendars now. With over 400 to be fed please plan to stay until noon.

**World Day of Prayer** March 5th, will be celebrated in our area at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3011 - 19th Avenue West in Bradenton. Fellowship and coffee will begin at 9:30; the worship service at 10:00a.m."

## **Quilters**

We had an immensely productive year from February 2009 to February 2010. 160 quilts have been sent to LWR and then sent

to areas where needed. Our quilts are also donated to Manatee County Wimauma Migrant School, Gloria Dei Church children, Southeast High School girls and paralyzed veterans. A total of 270 quilts were donated last year. Thanks to all of our sewing friends and the generous people who donated supplies. Without them it would have been an impossible task. We all enjoy our sewing day and have a gratifying feeling for helping those less fortunate. Our goal is to continue creating and aiding this year and years to follow. **The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Quilters**

## **Family Promise at Roser Community Church**

Will be the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for a sign up sheet to prepare food and serve.

## **Memorial Garden Paver Fund Report**

The Memorial Garden Paver Fund (MGPF) was opened in May of 2008 following the "buy a brick" initiative approved as noted in the Church Council minutes in March 2008. At that time guidelines for spending from the fund were discussed by the Paver Fund Committee, but were not submitted in writing. In April of 2008, the Council set the price of each brick at \$100, netting \$75 to the fund after the cost of engraving was deducted. An account was opened with at Edward Jones May 17, 2008 with a balance of \$2100.00. Subsequently, in February 2009, \$579.92 was dispersed to pay for sound system improvements. The balance of October 9, 2009 is \$2564.90.

Since its inception, there has been little use of money collected. Donors were solicited on the basis of providing support for useful, small, out-of-budget purchases and low cost projects that would facilitate activities of the Gloria Dei church community. (See attached documentation)

It seems imperative therefore, that such purchases and projects be supported using money from the MGPF.

Attached you will find a draft of administrative guidelines for oversight of the funds and a request form.

In keeping with the original intent of the fund-raising effort, the following recommendations are submitted to the church council for approval:

1. The purchase of small items and projects (under \$1000) not part of the operating budget are eligible for money from the MGPF. These items will enhance the mission of the church and church life of the members at Gloria Dei Lutheran.
2. The Fund shall have an Administrator, authorized to write checks. Olga Ippedico has served in that capacity since May 2008.
3. Two additional committee members shall be appointed to serve on the Paver Fund Administrative Committee.
4. The PFA Committee will be responsible to continue to offer the "buy a brick" program, be responsible to place new pavers in the garden, and to approve expenditures from the Fund.
5. The Committee will have authority to approve all expenses under \$500.
6. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Church Council for approval for all expenses over \$500.
7. The MGPF monthly statement from Edward Jones will be on file in the church office.
8. An annual report shall be submitted by the PFA Committee to the Church Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Olga Ippedico

Susan Bonser

# FELLOWSHIP



**Men's Breakfast** is March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> at Gloria Dei. Please call ahead or fill out your tear-off in worship to give us your intention so that we may prepare enough food for everyone.

## **The Over 39er's Club.....**

Do you like Bridge, Board Games, Wii or other



games??? Would you like to be in on the ground floor of our new ministry? Mark your

calendars now and come and bring your ideas for recreation and fellowship to our kick off meeting Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**Craft and Clutter Sale.....**start gathering things from around your house to donate for the annual sale. It is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> but we would like all donations to be brought in by the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you

would like to help at the sale or pricing please let the office know.

**The Gloria Dei Cookbook is coming along nicely.....**If you have submitted a recipe for the Gloria Dei Cookbook it is much appreciated. The deadline to get the recipes in is fast approaching so don't be shut out!

**Birthday Cake Sunday** is the first Sunday of each month. Please put your birthday on your tear-off sheet to be added to the monthly birthday list. Then join in Fellowship the first Sunday of your month and enjoy a song and some cake in your honor.

**Can You Help in Fellowship?** Helping hands are always needed because of the many things that are hopping and happening at Gloria Dei. If you are willing to pitch in either sign up or see Lolly, Norma (778-9356) or Ellen.

# Lent - Easter Worship at Gloria Dei

## Creation Series

During this Lenten journey to the cross we gather each week reassured of God's promises. Centered on the Creation texts from 1 Genesis we will walk through each day of the week. In Genesis we hear of God's action in creating the world out of chaos. The culmination of our Lenten journey is Easter Sunday—the Lord's Day. God acted...

And God said...

And it was so...

And God saw that it was good...

And there was evening and there was morning, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> day etc...

### Lent 1 - February 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>

The heavens, the earth, light and darkness. God creates light ("Let there be light!") - the first divine command. The light is divided from the darkness, and "day" and "night" are named.

### Lent 2 - February 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

Heaven. God creates a firmament ("Let a firmament be...!") - the second command - to divide the waters above from the waters below. The firmament is named "heavens".

### Lent 3 - March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>

Dry land, the seas, and vegetation. God commands the waters below to be gathered together in one place, and dry land to appear (the third command). "Earth" and "sea" are named. God commands the earth to bring forth grass, plants, and fruit-bearing trees (the fourth command).

### Lent 4 - March 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>

The sun, the moon and the stars. God creates lights in the firmament (the fifth command) to separate light from darkness and to mark days, seasons and years. Two great lights are made (most likely the Sun and Moon, and the stars).

### Lent 5 - March 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>

Living creatures in the water, birds in the air. God commands the sea to "teem with living creatures", and birds to fly across the heavens (sixth command). He creates birds and sea creatures, and commands them to be fruitful and multiply.

### Lent 6 - Palm Passion Weekend

#### March 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

Land animals and people. God commands the land to bring forth living creatures (seventh command). He makes wild beasts, livestock and reptiles. He then creates Man and Woman in His "image" and "likeness" (eighth command). They are told to "be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it." Humans and animals are given plants to eat. The totality of creation is described by God as "very good".



## GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm

Service of Holy Communion  
and Foot Washing

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>

12 Noon & 7:00pm

Tenebrae  
(Service of Darkness)

### **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

SATURDAY APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00 pm

Contemporary Festival  
Worship

### **SUNDAY** APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am

8:30 am

9:30 am

10:30 am

Sunrise Svc. Manatee Bch  
Traditional Festival  
Worship  
Fellowship Breakfast  
Traditional Festival  
Worship

# Southeast High School Girl's Basketball Cheering the Noles to victory



## New to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



Chris Anderson has joined Gloria Dei as our Youth Director. He will be the Sunday School teacher and coordinate all youth activities. Here is a little information on Chris. "I grew up in Colorado Springs, Co. I lived in Hawaii for 7 years. In Hawaii I graduated from the University of Hawaii at Hilo with a BA in Psychology and Philosophy. After graduation I took classes in

Elementary Education. I also found my beautiful wife, Robin, in Hawaii. We were married on January 7, 2006. It is funny that Robin and I got married because when we first met I liked her roommate and she liked my best friend. So, I guess you never know what God has planned for us in life! Just remember: God is love. Love is God. Love is a choice. Choose to love!"

## Music Ministry at Gloria Dei

To our seasonal guests – you are welcome to join the choir during your visit if you are here for 2 weeks or several months, you are welcome.

Rehearsals during Lent are 7:30pm and 7pm regularly. You are most welcome to join us. Stay tuned – Church Music Sunday is coming fast – on April 18<sup>th</sup>! Plan to attend and thank our musicians.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4 PM – Bradenton Musica Sacra** – Dr. Robert Parrish, Director. This is the choir that I sing with on Monday evenings, and we perform only Sacred Music from all periods. The choir is comprised of about 24 singers from Sarasota and Bradenton. Come and experience our ethereal sounds! Refreshments and time to Meet & Greet will follow each concert! All concerts are Free and Open to the Public – so spread the word and bring your friends! Help us make a great success of our concert series! The Music Ministry is on the move, the Spirit is Alive!

Shhhhhh....An Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for David Stasney to celebrate his one year anniversary. This will take place after worship on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The choir is hosting this wonderful event. Please join in the festivities in the Fellowship Hall and show your appreciation for our wonderful Organist/Choir Director.



## March

4 <sup>th</sup> Paul Doeden	23 <sup>rd</sup> Rein Mueller
4 <sup>th</sup> Gunther Hartlieb	23 <sup>rd</sup> Greg Mundell
6 <sup>th</sup> Roger Kinsman	24 <sup>th</sup> Bud Edgren
8 <sup>th</sup> Karin John	24 <sup>th</sup> Louie Strickland
11 <sup>th</sup> James Finn	24 <sup>th</sup> Chris Phillips
16 <sup>th</sup> Vera Kersell	25 <sup>th</sup> Sandy DeLaet
17 <sup>th</sup> Gretchen Edgren	25 <sup>th</sup> Fred Dever
17 <sup>th</sup> Ron Reetz	30 <sup>th</sup> Donnis Casey

## Anniversaries

Shirley & Greg Mundell	3/12/1982
Bobbie & Fred Dever	3/26/76

## April

3 <sup>rd</sup> Judith Neale	20 <sup>th</sup> Ruth Nelson
4 <sup>th</sup> Shirley Mundell	22 <sup>nd</sup> Lolly Paysour
6 <sup>th</sup> Barbara Littell	22 <sup>nd</sup> John Quam
11 <sup>th</sup> David Littell	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mandy Baker
16 <sup>th</sup> Carol Councilman	23 <sup>rd</sup> Shirley Kutz



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