

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ APRIL 1, 2022



GLORIA DEI'S NEW INTERN!



Emily Ronsberg (she/her) is fabulously excited to be Gloria Dei's 11th pastoral intern! Originally from Oakdale, MN, she graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. Before starting seminary, she spent a year in Matimba, Rwanda with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. Emily has never been to Oregon before and is looking forward to learning about and living in the area of Coos Bay alongside the Gloria Dei community. She loves that church is a place people can be reminded of God's unconditional love for them and live in response to that love in service to the world. In her free time Emily can be found hiking, zooming with her partner, Hannah (also a Wartburg seminary student), reading memoirs and poetry, and playing D&D.

**Welcome
Intern
Emily!**



Council Decision Regarding In-Person Services

1. After reviewing the latest numbers of Covid 19 cases, the Council reached a consensus to return to in-person services beginning in April. This will be reviewed at future Council meetings.
2. Masks will be required, and provided if necessary. This decision will also be reviewed at future Council meetings.
3. Social distancing will be continued.
4. The Choir will be returning to sing on the risers with masks.
5. The Congregation can return to singing with masks.
6. There will be an Ecumenical Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, and there will be a regular 10:00 a.m. service.
7. We will have an Easter Egg hunt for the children on Easter morning.
8. Our first Coffee Hour will be after regular services on Easter Sunday. The plan is to have coffee and cookies available in the entry (weather permitting) so people can visit outside. Returning to regular coffee hours will be considered at monthly Council meetings.

Our biggest concern is that everyone feel safe. Council members will be soliciting the congregation for opinions on these decisions. I welcome emails at ldstrine@charter.net for input.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CUSTODIAN!

Gloria Dei has hired Sable Stallings as our new custodian. We are excited to have Sable as part of our staff. Please extend a warm welcome to Sable when you see her!

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you goes out to all those who came and helped weed, prune, clean, and mow on the church grounds this past Saturday, March 26! The church property looks very nice after all the hard work put in by Cathy and Ken Denton, Lynn Danner, Bill Davis, Don Blom, Linda Strine, Vern and Judy Simpson, John Meynink, and Boyd Bjorkquist. Extra thanks to Boyd for providing snacks for the work crew!

ATTENTION KNITTERS!

We are able to meet and knit in person again starting this coming Wednesday, April 6, 2022, we want to let you know that the meeting time has changed. The knitters will now meet on Wednesdays at 1 pm. Please contact Karen Johnston or Stephanie Greim with questions. Masks and social distancing will still be required.

PARTNERS IN PREPARING!

Sunday, April 3rd Partners in Preparing (PIP) have a gift for each Gloria Dei family unit!

Thanks to the generosity of the Endowment Fund and Thrivent Action Grant, we have put together a "Go Bag" containing important information and a couple items to help you get ready for emergency situations.

Please plan to pick up the backpack reserved for you after worship service that day. We plan to distribute to neighboring households that afternoon, as well. We welcome helpers to join us in reaching out to our neighbors.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service returns this year! 6:30 am at Sunset Bay State Park beach. Look for the bonfire!



CARDS AND NOTES

We received many Christmas cards and notes that are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please take a look to catch up with those who have moved away!

SOUTH COAST HOSPICE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Their patients need some company! Volunteers must be 18 or older. Training will be offered later in the year. Please call Amy Basil, Volunteer Manager, at 541-297-0035 to learn more.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH!

Gloria Dei is happy to join the community in raising awareness and helping prevent child abuse by placing a garden of pinwheel flowers on our property. The pinwheels support the Kid's Hope Center, which is located just down the road.

**March 22, 2022 Church Council
Treasurer's Report of February, 2022**

Number of Givers increased in February. Jan 22 Revenue came from 46 gifts that include 2 building use fees and 2 annual gifts. Feb 22 Revenue came from 52 gifts.

February Ordinary Expenses exceeded February Ordinary Income by \$2,921. Year to-date Ordinary Expenses were \$1,399 less than Ordinary Income YTD. Almost all February Other Income was 2022 Endowment Allocations of \$25,500

Balance Sheet Current to Prior Month as of Feb 28,2022

	Feb 28, 2022	Jan 31,2022	\$ Change
Umpqua Bank - General Fund	\$16,313	\$19,490	(\$3,177)
Umpqua Bank - New Designated Fund	\$102,666	\$76,821	\$25,845
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Bank	\$22,163	\$21,363	\$800
Mission Investment Fund	\$41,214	\$41,181	\$33
Mission Investment Fund - Youth	\$297	\$296	\$1
Total Bank Assets	\$182,653	\$159,151	\$23,502

Revenue & Expense Budget Comparison February 2022

	February	Budget	Over/ Under	YTD 2022	Budget	Over/ Under
Ordinary Revenue	\$15,532	\$22,490	(\$6,958)	\$38,271	\$44,980	(\$6,709)
Ordinary Expense	\$18,453	\$18,909	(\$456)	\$36,871	\$37,819	(\$948)
Net Ordinary Rev	(\$2,921)	\$3,580	(\$6,501)	\$1,400	\$7,160	(\$5,760)
Other Income	\$25,700			\$26,050		
Other Expense	\$848			\$3,364		
Net Other Income	\$24,852			\$22,686		
Total Net Income	\$21,931	\$3,580	\$18,351	\$24,086	\$7,160	\$16,926

CAMP LUTHERWOOD NEWS

Camp Lutherwood is having Work Days on May 7 and June 4 from 10am to 3pm.
Lunch is provided.

Contact the camp office at 541-998-6444 or office@lutherwoodoregon.org to RSVP!

Registration is also open for Summer Camp! [Find your camp and register today!](#)

SYNOD NEWS

The Synod provides a great deal of news and information about a variety of topics, events, educational opportunities, etc. Opportunities like a Lunch & Learn series about refugees here in the Pacific Northwest, Ecumenical Advocacy Days, and links to learn more about the Lutheran response to the crisis in Ukraine, for example. Today we got an entire email around Earth Day topics! To receive the Synod mailings, please go to:

<http://oregonsynod.org/index.php/oregon-synod-email-subscription/>

Meanwhile, if you'd like the Earth Day (or regular Synod) email that came today, please let me know and I'll forward them to you.



STEWARDSHIP IS...taking care of our earth.

Gloria Dei is a renewable energy partner through Pacific Power, and supported 9,270 kWh in 2021. Our carbon footprint was reduced by 12,931 pounds of CO₂e. That's the equivalent of 14,737 miles NOT driven in a car!