MESSENGER

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"Caring, Growing, Serving"

From The Pastor…

Dynamic, dynamo, dynamite. It's one of my favorite Greek root words – it comes from the word *dunamis*, which is most often translated "power." (Sometimes I feel a little bit like the Greek father in *"My Big, Fat, Greek Wedding,"* who was always taking every interesting word back to its Greek root word. *(Now where's my Windex?)* Power means that there is potential to get some sort of work done, some strength to move forward.

I sense that potential here at Gloria Dei, particularly as we are continuing in the *"Forward in Faith"* campaign. I'm preparing for the switch in the next few days from preaching on Stewardship in February to preaching on Vision in March, and at the same time, we're entering Lent, with its focus on being *"transformed by the renewal of your mind."* And those themes are just what Lent is all about, a time for giving attention to what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ, followers who move from ashes to cross to resurrection, knowing more and more fully in that journey how much God loves us, and how much God wants us to be united with Him.

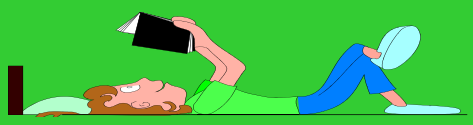
It's no secret that the roots of this "Forward in Faith" process are wrapped up in wondering how we can restore Luther Hall to some semblance of present-ability. A simple walk through with eyes wide open reveals its present state of disrepair. The "Gatherings of the Minds" gave clarity to the need, and decisions have been made about just what must be done, what might be done, and how that all might come about.

But, it would be oversimplifying the process to say that "Forward in Faith" is just about raising funds for a building project. As a matter of fact, it would miss the point entirely. The journey we have undertaken in Forward in Faith and in Lent are one and the same – bringing each and every one of us to a deeper awareness and appreciation of who God is and what God has done for us, in order that we might each individually and all together live out God's call for us here. 60 years ago a group of people envisioned a thriving ministry in this place, on White Road before there even was a cross street named Rose Ave. A chicken farm looked a lot like a worship site to a group of people, and they gave their all to growing in the Lord so that this ministry might not just begin, but grow and thrive into the future as well.

Walter Sundberg gives a basic definition of worship in his book *Worship as Repentance*: *"To call Christians to repentance; to warn them to be under no illusion as to who they are and how far they fall short when they stand before God in humility; to feed them the Bread of Life; to make them ready to give testimony to Christ in word and deed."* Hear the progression in that text as Sundberg describes what the church does. It makes us aware of our need for God; it shows us God's willingness, readiness, and fulfillment of that need even before we ask or realize it; it nourishes us with spiritual food; and it prepares us for the one and only work of the church – that is, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and action with a world, unaware as it is, yet in a desperate search for that fulfillment.

What's your vision? Is Jesus in the line of sight of whatever it is you're looking at? Is what could happen here at Gloria Dei on your radar? Because, placing Jesus right dead center on your screen is what we're all about. Everything else will flow out of that, with POWER. (You just knew I was going to come back to that, didn't you? At Pentecost, Jesus poured the Holy Spirit out on his disciples so that they would *"receive POWER"* to be his witnesses in the world. In this Lenten/Forward in Faith season may you both experience and express that power, for the sake of God's Kingdom. And, by the way…

Power to you! Pastor Pat



YOUTH ACTIVITY

Youth Director: Burt Bün

We are at a point where we are beginning to think of a destination for our camping trip for this summer! It is crazy to think that it's time for this already! We are considering various options based on cost, accommodations, activity and overall value. As far as funding goes we seem to be doing A-Okay! Suggestions are always welcome and encouraged! So if you have a place in mind or you have been to a place that you love let me know! We might love it too!

In our curriculum we are focusing on motives, relationships, and use of time! I'm not a big fan of when people speak for God, but I do agree that God dislikes wrong motives. Why do we do the things we do? Do we have pure and right motives?! Do our relationships help us or hinder us in our pursuit of God's mission or plan for our lives? And are we making time for God? Are we using our time wisely, or not so much? I think these are questions that we each need to ask ourselves whether we are young or old, or wherever we are in our own personal walk/relationship with Christ. Being able to see the truth in regards to motives, relationships and use of time is not always such an easy task. So opening ourselves up and being willing to let someone else in to help us find our truths to these questions is very important, and almost necessary if we really want to find out the truth behind our behavior and the choices we make. I don't know about you, but I'm pretty good at fooling myself sometimes!

I am also making an effort to get more people involved in Youth Group during the week, as well as our nature walk once a month! Numbers seem to be dwindling so hopefully we can make changes that will encourage people to want to simply show-up! Again if you have any ideas, thoughts or feedback about getting more people to attend, approach me anytime!

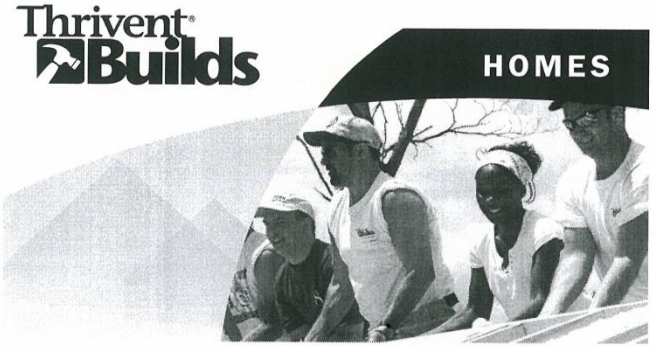
-†Blessings in Christ! Burt

Winter Action !

LENTEN SCHEDULE

3/04, 11, 18, 25 - Soup Supper/LH	6:00 p.m.
3/04. 11, 18, 25 - Lenten Service/S	7:00 p.m.
3/29 - Palm Sunday Worship	9:30 a.m.
4/02 – Seder	6:00 p.m.
4/03 - Stations of the Cross/Alum Rock	11:30 a.m.
4/03 - Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.
4/05 - Easter Service	9:30 a.m.
4/05 - Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 a.m.
4/05 - Easter Brunch	11:00 a.m.

Thrivent Builds



PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

" ... serve the Lord with all your heart."
—1 Samuel 12:19-21

Volunteer with Thrivent Builds Homes and build up your community by helping a family achieve the dream of home ownership. Learn a skill. No experience needed. Join us!

Build dates: Saturday, February 7, 14, 21, 28, & March 7 & 14.

If you want to help improve your community, visit **ThriventBuilds.com/homes** for details and talk with **Sara at (408)984-8777 x301 or sara.ponce@thrivent.com.**

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LORD'S PANTRY FUNDRAISER

Foothill Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
5301 McKee Road
San Jose, CA 95127

Sat., March 14, 2015

Dinner 6 p.m.

St. Patty's
Corn Beef & Cabbage
by
Gloria Dei's own St. Pat

Concert at 7 p.m.
With
Singers Around the Bay
And other Musical Talent

Auction to be held
Raffle for Beautiful Quilt
$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20

Dinner Tickets
Adults: $10.00
Children under 12: $5.00

RSVP to Gloria Dei Lord's Pantry@ 408-258-7563

SAVE THE DATE

San Jose Giants Join us Saturday May 9, 2015 at 5:00 to watch our SJ Giants play against the Stockton Ports. Tickets are available by making a donation of $10 or more to "Habitat for Humanity - EBSV" for admission, a hot dog and soda. If you would like to party with others on the Martinelli Deck, the donation is $45 which includes BBQ and 2 beverages. For more information contact Brenda Patterson at Brenda.patterson@thrivent.com or (408) 984-8777x312

Soup/Supper Sign Ups

Please sign up on the Kiosk to bring Soup, Bread or Dessert for dinner at 6:00 pm before our Wednesday evening Prayer Walk & Lenten Worship

Farewell & God Bless†

After having served 20 years as the Church Secretary and having made many friends and attended several fun events, I will be retiring as of the end of February.

Jean Rinerson will be helping out in the interim and I ask that you bear with her as she becomes familiar with all of the workings of her new administrative duties.

I thank those who have helped me and made my job easier at times, and I pray to God to bless each of you and lead you all to a wonderful future hear at Gloria Dei.

In God's Service,
Jane E. Arevalo

FORWARD IN FAITH

What's happening this month?

Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20)

SUNDAY WORSHIP - Focus on Vision

For the first three weeks of March, our sermon focus shifts from Stewardship to Vision. We will be seeking to know God's will and direction for our ministry here at Gloria Dei.

If you missed any of the Stewardship sermons in February, you can catch up by going to the church website. Click on Media, then Launch Media Player and select a sermon.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

March 7 and March 14 - ***Forward in Faith Informational Coffees - 10:00am***

Choose to attend one of these Saturday morning events. You will be able to take a tour of Luther Hall, have some coffee and dessert, and receive more information about the Forward in Faith campaign and renovation plans. There will also be time to answer any questions you may have.

March 21 - ***Forward in Faith Prayer Vigil - 8:00am to 8:00pm***

This is a 12 hour prayer event that will be held in the Sanctuary the day before our "Forward in Faith Sunday" worship service. There will be prayer guides and specific suggestions about what can be prayed for. Look for more information and sign-up sheet coming soon.

March 22 - ***Forward in Faith Sunday - 9:30am***

This is the day we will all be invited to extend our own personal commitment to the Lord's work here. During the morning worship service, we will be able to fill out and turn in our Faith Commitment cards for the 3 year Forward in Faith campaign.

April 19 - ***First Fruits Sunday - 9:30am***

This is the start day we have chosen for giving to the Forward in Faith campaign.
If you have any questions about the "Forward in Faith" campaign, please contact Pastor Pat, or any of the following Steering Team members:
Dan Rinerson - Chairman
Ann Fitzgerald - Prayer
Libby Nelson & Jane Hendricks – Publicity
Joyce Boddie - Vision/Connection
Jean Rinerson – Telephone
Jon Kromrey & Wendy Kromrey - Follow-Up

FORWARD IN FAITH

THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

Special Designation for March is

Help One Child

"Help One Child" is a local Christian ministry which goes to churches in Santa Clara County seeking families or single adults who can nurture a foster child until the courts determine whether he or she can return to the biological family or be freed for adoption.
For further information, call toll free
1-800-Kid-Hope.

Thank you for your participation!

LORD'S PANTRY - FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

SUPPORT THE LORD'S PANTRY WHEN YOU MAKE PURCHASES AT AMAZON. SIGN IN THROUGH **AMAZON**SMILE.COM AND SELECT GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH, SAN JOSE, CA AS THE ORGANIZATION YOU WISH TO SUPPORT....AND/OR

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http://www.lordspantrygdlcsj.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!

HEALTH MINISTRY CORNER by Donna Zimmerman, RN, Parish Nurse

Titus 1:15 † *"To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure."*

People who suffer brain injuries may feel corrupted. We have all heard of people who have had brain injuries from one thing or another and what they have to do to overcome it. Some are blessed with almost complete healing while others have residual problems the rest of their lives. It depends a lot on the part of the brain affected and how severe the damage is. Thinking about this brought to mind David Furtello, who was a young man traveling home from a Christian college in So. CA to his home in WA for spring break. He had a motor vehicle accident on 680. His mom came down to be at the hospital with him. I was contacted by one of the professors from the college who looked for a church that might be able to help the family sparsely furnish a home in east San Jose that was a rental home of a relative.

Several people from Gloria Dei were instrumental in helping them. It gave us the opportunity to follow his progress. With much prayer and care he was fortunate to be able to leave the hospital and gradually get most of his former abilities back.

The following is from the website:

Brain Injury Awareness Month - March 2015

The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) leads the nation in observing Brain Injury Awareness Month by conducting an awareness campaign in March each year. The theme for the 2015 to 2017 campaign is: **Not Alone**.

The Not Alone campaign provides a platform for educating the general public about the incidence of brain injury and the needs of people with brain injuries and their families. The campaign also lends itself to outreach within the brain injury community to destigmatize the injury, empower those who have survived, and promote the many types of support that are available.

The *Congressional Brain Injury Task Force* (CBITF), co-chaired by Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-N.J.) and Rep. Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) has set the date for Brain Injury Awareness Day for 2015. Awareness Day activities will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, 2015**. The Brain Injury Association of America participates in the annual event by assisting with planning, exhibiting, and sponsoring the reception along with other stakeholders, the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators and the National Disability Rights Network. Plan to attend to network with other national and federal agencies and to visit with your Members of Congress regarding key issues affecting brain injury.

This year the month of March offers these health topic observances:

- ♣ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Month
- ♣ Hemophilia Awareness Month
- ♣ Juvenile Arthritis Month
- ♣ Multiple Sclerosis Education & Awareness Month
- ♣ National Brain Injury Awareness Month
- ♣ National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- ♣ National Kidney Month
- ♣ National Endometriosis Awareness Month
- ♣ National Nutrition Month
- ♣ Save Your Vision Month

Health Sunday is March 1 in Luther Hall, after the service. Come in for blood pressure screening. Catch problems early in order to get treatment before they become a major problem.

Ministry Services For March

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

ACOLYTES
03-01 Michael Fragala
03-08 Elizabeth Kromrey
03-15 Nick Martinez
03-22 Gabi Garcia
03-29 Lessa Hawks

ASSISTING MINISTERS
03-01 Elizabeth Fraasch
03-08 Jane Hendricks
03-15 Donna Zimmerman
03-22 Joyce Boddie
03-29 Sheri DeHart

BEARER
03-29 Elizabeth Kromrey & JT DeHart

COFFEE HOSTS
03-01 Eva Duffy
03-08 Robert Borregard
03-15 Sylvia Smith & Ernie & Naomi Moore
03-22
03-29 Youth

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
03-01 Daniel Schwartz
03-08 John Rainville
03-15 Ernie Moore
03-22 Jane Hendricks
03-29 Susan Fragala

GREETER
For the Month of March:
Dick Nelson

POWER POINT
03-01 Gabi Garcia
03-08 Michael Fragala
03-15 Alex Kromrey
03-22 Elizabeth Kromrey
03-29 Michael Fragala

READERS
03-01 Ann Fitzgerald
03-08 Karen Hokanson
03-15 Ann Fitzgerald
03-22 John Rainville
03-29 Robert Borregard

SOUND & LIGHTS
03-01 Andrew Fragala
03-08 Jean Rinerson
03-15 Pete Castonguay
03-22 John Mlnarik
03-29 Andrew Fragala

TELLERS
For the Month of March:
Dan & Jean Rinerson

USHERS
For the Month of March:
Bob Martinez, David Livesay,
Alex Kromrey, John Mlnarik

WORSHIP PREPARATION
For the Month of March:
The DeHarts

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

03-01
03-08
03-15 by Cristina Tobias
03-22 by Dick & Libby Nelson in celebration of Dick's birthday.
03-29 by The DeHarts in celebration of Abigail's 2nd birthday.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 - Elizabeth Fraasch
3 - Curtis Batt
Carol Fasching
5 - Alexander Kromrey

5 - Nora Larson
Milton Larson
7 - Karena Mlnarik
11 - Bonnie Nuessle
12 - Xandria Tellez

21 - Amanda Lee
22 - Secretary Jane Arevalo
23 - Daniel Schwartz
25 - Dick Nelson
30 - Ray Heckman

March 2015

FACILITY KEY: Church Coordinator's Office = CCO; Ed Building; = ELC Grass Area = On the Green; Luther Hall = LH; Lord's Pantry = PH; Work Room = WR; Youth Room = YR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Worship Prep/S 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Christian Ed. ***11:00 AM Health Ministry/LH*** 1:30 PM Iglesia/S./LH 2:00 PM LifeHouse Worship Don Phillips	**2** 3:30 PM Confirmation Class/LH 6:30 PM FF Steering Committee 7:00 PM G-12 IMDC Norma Phillips	**3** **2:00 PM BULLETIN DEADLINE** Joe Pereira	**4** 9:00 AM Brown Bag/LH 11:00 AM Worship/Fshp/S **1:00 PM STAFF MTG/O** **6:00 PM Soup Supr/LH** **6:45 PM FF Prayer Wlk** **7:00 PM Worship** 7:00 PM z CODA/PH John Rainville	**5** 10:00 AM Worship @ Mt. Pleasant Conv. Hsp. **4:00 PM Small Group @Joann's** 6:30 PM Iglesia Music Rehearsal/S Marvin Rainville	**6** 6:00 PM Iglesia/PH/LH/S Karen Rainville	**7** ***8:00 AM Mens' Breakfast/ Bible Study/LH*** **10:00 AM Coffee/ Dessert & Tour/LH** 7:00 PM z CODA/PH John Ramirez
8 **Daylight Savings** 8:30 AM Worship Prep/S 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship ***11:00 AM Cancer Survivors*** 11:00 AM Christian Ed. 1:30 PM Iglesia/S./LH 2:00 PM LifeHouse Worship Andeline Reed	**9** 3:30 PM Confirmation Class/LH 6:30 PM FF Steering Committee 7:00 PM G-12 IMDC Randy Rex	**10** **2:00 PM BULLETIN DEADLINE** 6:30 PM Lord's Pantry Board Meeting/PH Kyung Rex	**11** 9:00 AM Brown Bag/LH **1:00 PM STAFF MTG/O** **6:00 PM Soup Supr/LH** **6:45 PM FF Prayer Wlk** **7:00 PM Worship** 7:00 PM z CODA/PH Claudette Rezos	**12** **4:00 PM Small Group @Joann's** 6:30 PM Iglesia Music Rehearsal/S Dan Rinerson	**13** 6:00 PM Iglesia/PH/LH/S Jean Rinerson	**14** **10:00 AM Coffee/ Dessert & Tour/LH** **6:00 PM St. Pat's Dinner-Concert/ Foothill Pres. Hall** 7:00 PM z CODA/PH Don Rinerson
15 8:30 AM Worship Prep/S 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Christian Ed. 1:30 PM Iglesia/S./LH 2:00 PM LifeHouse Worship Greta Rinerson	**16** 3:30 PM Confirmation Class/LH 6:30 PM Leadership Team Mtg./LH 7:00 PM G-12 IMDC Virginia Romer	**17** *St. Patrick's Day* **2:00 PM BULLETIN DEADLINE** Sal Rositano	**18** Joan Rositano 9:00 AM Brown Bag/LH 11:00 AM Worship/Fshp/S **1:00 PM STAFF MTG/O** **6:00 PM Soup Supr/LH** **6:45 PM FF Prayer Wlk** 7:00 PM Lenten Service/S **7:00 PM Worship** 7:00 PM z CODA/PH Daniel Schwartz	**19** 10:00 AM Worship @ Mt. Pleasant Conv. Hsp. **4:00 PM Small Group @Joann's** 6:30 PM Iglesia Music Rehearsal/S Aase Serra	**20** 6:00 PM Iglesia/PH/LH/S Jessica Smay	**21** **8 am - 8 p.m. Forward in Faith Prayer Vigil** 2:00 PM Private Party/LH 7:00 PM z CODA/PH Greg Smay
22 ***Forward in Faith Sunday*** 8:30 AM Worship Prep/S 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Christian Ed. 1:30 PM Iglesia/S./LH 2:00 PM LifeHouse Worship Douglas Smay	**23** 3:30 PM Confirmation Class/LH 6:30 PM FF Steering Committee 7:00 PM G-12 IMDC Peter Smay	**24** **2:00 PM BULLETIN DEADLINE** Nicole Smay	**25** 9:00 AM Brown Bag/LH **1:00 PM STAFF MTG/O** **6:00 PM Soup Supr/LH** **6:45 PM FF Prayer Wlk** **7:00 PM Worship** 7:00 PM z CODA/PH Gary Smith	**26** **4:00 PM Small Group @Joann's** 6:30 PM Iglesia Music Rehearsal/S Sylvia Smith	**27** 6:00 PM Iglesia/PH/LH/S Joshua Smith	**28** 7:00 PM z CODA/PH Bill Strand
29 **PALM SUNDAY** 8:30 AM Worship Prep/S 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Christian Ed. 1:30 PM Iglesia/S./LH 2:00 PM LifeHouse Worship Ken Swanson	**30** 3:30 PM Confirmation Class/LH 7:00 PM G-12 IMDC Marlene Swanson	**31** **2:00 PM BULLETIN DEADLINE** Lois Swanson				

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DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATION!

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