

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN ACADEMY CONTINUES TO WELCOME STUDENTS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR!

For registration information, please contact our Registrar, Jennifer Cabrera, at 954-475-8584 x210

GRIEFSHARE offers a safe, loving, confidential environment for those grieving the death of a loved one. The 13 week seminar/support group(led by peers) provides a place to walk through the grieving process with others. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. New participants are asked to come in at 6:00 pm for registration. A \$15.00 registration fee covers the materials. Share this information with someone who could benefit from this series. For more information, call Marian Fowler at 954-961-4460. To learn more about the national program, visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) or [www.gloria-dei.org](http://www.gloria-dei.org)

#### MISSION EMPHASIS

The first weekend of each month, Gloria Dei's un-designated "mission gifts" are directed to support the mission program of the FL-GA District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the overall support of the Lutheran Church-Missouri synod mission and ministry.

THE NEW 2010 FLOWER CHART is now up and we have many 2010 weekends available, for you to sponsor flowers for the altar. Please check out the flower chart in the hallway.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME POTLUCK DINNER, MARCH 7TH...5:30-7:30pm THIS POTLUCK

IS FOR EVERYONE...Bring a dish to share, either entrée, vegetable, salad

or dessert and come meet and greet out new members. If you are a new member, come and meet our family here at Gloria Dei as well as your own lay minister and deacon. This is an informal evening of fellowship and food and we hope all new members and lots of "old" members will come!

"REACH OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN DAVIE" by volunteering at Davie Elementary School!!Gloria Dei's "Reach Out to Our Neighbors in Davie" coordinator, Virginia French (who works in the office at Davie Elementary School) shared the following at Gloria Dei's Sun. Jan. 24, Congregational Meeting. One of our Gloria Dei Vision Goals established last summer was to..REACH OUR NEIGHBORS IN EAST DAVIE!! Here is an excellent way to do this, by volunteering at Davie Elementary School, just east of us on SW 39th Street. Would you join Pastor Darrell, and become one of the volunteers at the Davie Elementary School, that serves eastern Davie. Here's what you do.

1. Register on line at [www.getinvolvedineducation.com](http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com)
2. Call Virginia French at: 754-323-5400 ex 0 (work), 954-584-2368 (home), 954-309-5527 (cell) to let her know that you have completed the registration or if you have any questions.
3. Once your registration has cleared (about 2 weeks), Virginia will call you and put you in touch with the school's volunteer coordinator.

#### TRIVIA NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 26

A new event for Gloria Dei will be taking place on March 26. Trivia Night should be an enjoyable evening of friendly competition. Start planning to assemble your team. It is best if you have a variety of

people in order to answer the questions. You work as a team. Each round of questions is from a different category. There are eight rounds with 20 questions per round. Who do you want on your team? Spread the word and help get as many teams entered as possible. For more information or to register your team contact Rose Macartney at 954-475-8584 x212.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO GLORIA DEI'S ORANGE BLOSSOM PARTICIPANTS!! Gloria Dei was WELL represented the weekend of Feb. 27 & 28, in Davie's Orange Blossom Festival. In the Parade....Academy Teacher Martha Sweitzer and the Honor Society Students did a wonderful job on the float. Thank you, Casey Gifford and Growers Equipment, for the truck and trailer. Thank you to Academy Teacher Kevin Baetz and the Academy Drum Line, and Academy Teacher Valeria Jozwiak and the Gloria Dei Academy Cheerleaders. Thank you for the many students, staff and parents who marched in the parade. At the Gloria Dei Church and Academy Orange Blossom Booth... thank you to the MANY Church and Academy volunteers who were present, representing Gloria Dei, for both days!! Many people came in contact with Gloria Dei!!  
GLORIA DEI WAS VISIBLE BECAUSE OF ALL OF YOU!!

#### A LENTEN EVENING BENEFIT AND CONCERT

Wednesday, March 10th beginning at 5:30pm

HAITI DISASTER RELIEF BENEFIT DINNER will be served from 5:30-7pm.

Come enjoy Pumpkin Soup, Creole chicken, beans and rice, lettuce, tomato and corn salad and dessert. Freewill offering will benefit

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS. From 7-7:30pm there will be a POWER POINT REPORT AND PRESENTATION with lots of pictures on the February mission trip to the Earthquake devastated area of Leogone.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS SUNDAY....MARCH 14

10:30 am .....Lutheran Schools Week Worship Service

12:00 pm.....Lunch

12:00 - 2:00 .....Academic Fair & Open House

Student projects from all subject areas will be on display in the gym, and campus tours will be available. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to invite a new family to visit our campus and learn about the programs offered at Gloria Dei Lutheran Academy.

GLORIA DEI'S BAND TO PERFORM BEFORE THE WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT!!

Before the 7:30pm Lenten Devotion and Wind Symphony Concert, between 7:00 and 7:30pm on Wed., March 10, the Gloria Dei Academy Band, under the direction of Kevin Baetz, will share several band arrangements.

One of those arrangements will be guest directed by Concordia University, Chicago, Wind Symphony Director, John Fisher.

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE!!

We still need approximately five more homes to house either 2 male or 2 female Concordia University Wind Symphony students on Wed. March 10.

PLEASE LET US KNOW TODAY!!

GLORIA DEI BOOK CLUB...

Gloria Dei's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 9, 6pm, as they review the book, "North River" by Pete Hamill They would love to welcome you!! Please join them in Gloria Dei's Care Room. Do you have any questions: Contact Joann Endorf (cell #) 954-829-5359 (e-mail) jendorf10@bellsouth.net

**FORMER GLORIA DEI VISITATION PASTOR, WILLIAM MILLER, TO BE GUEST PREACHER!!**

On the weekend of March 13 & 14, at the Sat. 5:30pm and Sunday 8:30am worship services, former Gloria Dei Visitation Pastor, William Miller, will serve as Gloria Dei's guest preacher. On that weekend, the Sun. Mar. 14th 10:30am worship service is Gloria Dei's LUTHERAN SCHOOL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE... Pastor Darrell will be leading the Lutheran Schools Sunday worship, and preaching for that service. David Giesecking will be leading the Sun. Mar. 14, 12:30pm "Crack of Noon" worship service.

**\$1,000 TUITION DISCOUNT FOR NEW ENROLLEES- GRADES K-8.** Gloria Dei Lutheran Academy is offering a special tuition discount to all newly enrolled student in grades K thru 8 for the 2009-2010 school year. This program should allow new families to now become familiar with the benefits and advantages of choosing Gloria Dei Lutheran Academy for their children.

**GLORIA DEI'S ANNUAL AUCTION & DINNER DANCE**

Friday, April 23rd...5pm at the Signature Grand.

This year's theme is "GLORIA DEI GOES HOLLYWOOD", so set aside this

date now to walk down the RED CARPET and have your picture taken like a star! Now is the time to begin asking your favorite vendors for donations. You can pick up donation letters in the church and academy office beginning Monday, Jan. 4th. What do we need for donations? Gift cards or items from your favorite places to eat, shop, get your hair or nails done. Day spa? Massages? Gift baskets, sports memorabilia, services, collectibles, home décor, jewelry, use your imagination, but mark your calendar now for this exciting and enjoyable fundraising evening.

#### CAN YOU HELP SPONSOR A HAITIAN STUDENT AT GLORIA DEI ACADEMY?

One of our Academy families is a Haitian immigrant family. After the earthquake they brought an additional child to Florida and would like to enroll them in Gloria Dei Academy with their other children, but the family is stretched to the limit. Tuition is \$588.00 per month for this pre-school child. Could you participate in the sponsorship of this child so that both parents can continue to work? If you have questions about sponsorship or if you would like to contribute, please contact Jennifer Cabrera, Academy Registrar, 954-475-8584, ext 210.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,

11 SW 11th Street (at Andrews Ave.), Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315 (954) 463-2450 Sunday, March 14, 2010, 5:00pm - 8:00pm Doors open at 4:30pm, Admission \$8.00 Students under 12 FREE .Includes: Corn Beef and Cabbage, Hot Dogs. Live music by: "The Black Diamond Band" Beer, Wine, and Soft drinks and Desserts are available for purchase. For more information call Frank Albrecht (954) 629-5801.

BINGO AT GLORIA DEI. . . Saturday, March 13th at 1;00pm. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a great fun time! (18 and over please) \$10.00 gets you 18 games. Cash prizes. Snacks for sale. . . Questions: contact Wendy Turpin (phone #) 954-475-8584 ext. 142 (e-mail) wendy.turpin@gloria-dei.org

FORMER GLORIA DEI MEMBERS: Brian, Andrea, Kieren and Nevan Burns (they moved to north Florida 13 years ago) were back for a visit on Sunday, Feb. 28. It was great seeing them again. They joined Gloria Dei in '93. To keep in touch with them: Brian, Andrea, Kieren and Nevan Burns, 1203 Whipstick Trail Middleburg, FL 32068 - chiroot@comcast.net

#### ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE PRAYER PARTNERS.

I am looking for people who would be willing to pray for the Haiti Mission Teams when they prepare to leave, while in Haiti and following their return. The requirements are a willingness to be used by God and a servants heart plus some time in prayer. This is one of the most important aspects of their mission which needs our attention. If you would like to help, please write prayer partner on the attendance slip along with your telephone number or email address and I will get in contact with you with the first prayer request. Thanking you in advance.

Rose Johnson 954-791-9907 or boband rose@bellsouth.net

## BEANIE BABIES TO HAITI!

While the Mission Team was in Haiti we saw a great need for the children visiting the clinics to have medications and vitamins suited for children. We came up with a plan to raise funds for this purpose. We have purchased Beanie Babies in excellent condition at a flea market to distribute to the children visiting the clinics. We are asking for a donation of \$20 each, which will be used to buy the medications and vitamins. When the child receives the Beanie Babies we will take their picture and give it to the person who has made the donation.

We have already started selling the Beanies at last weekends services and have PRAISE GOD sold so many we are now in short supply. We are praying that we will be able to distribute as many Beanies as children that visit the clinics, which could be in the hundreds. This is where we need your help. If you have any Beanies or know of someone who would be willing to donate them to this just cause, please bring them to the church. If we don't have to buy them this will enable us to purchase more medications and vitamins.

We have an awesome God who supplies all our needs and we pray He will also supply us with people purchasing Beanies and those donating Beanies. Thank you. Helen Roenfeldt, Rosemary Johnson