

For additional information about our Christian Education opportunities contact the **Church Office, 851-2838.**

***For information about our [Sunday Church School click here.](#)***

### **Inquirer's Class**

Thinking about the possibility of, perhaps, becoming a member of Gloria Dei but, you're just not sure yet? Or have you decided this is the place for you and "let's get on with it?" Either way, you're invited to attend the Pastor's "Inquirer's" Membership Class at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, May 1 and May 15, in the Simeon Center (off Atrium/Rotunda). New members will be received at both services on Sunday, May 22. If you are new to Lutheranism or to Hampton Roads, or if you are a long-time 'cradle' Lutheran—either way, I invite you to join us for these informal sessions as we get to know one another and seek to discern God's will for your involvement in the life of Gloria Dei. If you would like to join us, please call the Church Office to register, 851-2838.

### **First Communion Classes**

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to the Lord's Table at Gloria Dei. But, special instruction designed for fifth graders and their parents will be offered in a two-session class to help them more fully appreciate the Sacrament of the Altar, and, if they have not communed before, prepare them for their First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 17. We will meet at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, March 27 and April 3, in the Simeon Center (off Atrium/Rotunda). Parents are asked to attend with their children. To enroll your child (and yourself) in this class, call the Church Office, 851-2838.

### **Confirmation Classes**

For youth in grades seven and eight, these classes are geared to spur faith and explain the church's belief and position. They also engage the minds of the youth so they begin to take responsibility for their own faith. The two-year curriculum is held on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. On Wednesdays during Lent, the Confirmands will attend, and sit as a group, the Lenten Evening Prayer worship service. At the class's conclusion, they become full voting members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

### **Bethel Bible Series**

This course is a 2-year study of the entire Bible with the first year devoted to the Old Testament and the second year centered on the New Testament. Classes will be on Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Simeon Center. The Bethel Series aims to lead students to greater knowledge of the Bible and to equip them with understandings of what God says in His Word. These classes, taught by Reverie Rowlett, are open to those who have completed the Old Testament series. For more information contact Reverie Rowlett.

### **Daybreakers**

This women's Bible Study meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at the Oasis Restaurant on Kecoughtan Road from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Led by the pastor, this discussion-based study works through topics chosen by the group members. A great way to begin the day! Contact Ann Myers or Rita Foringer for more information.

### **Men's Breakfast Bible Study**

Fellowship, Bible reflection, and a delicious breakfast are component parts to this group of mighty men who gather each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at the Oasis Restaurant on Kecoughtan Road. Each week these men press further through another book of the Bible, discuss current events, and enjoy a rich community of faith to begin their day. Contact Fred Bradley for more information.

### **Fellowship Bible Study**

Led by Paula Jones, this Bible Study is open to women and men who gather each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Harris Creek Library on the Gloria Dei campus. Visitors are welcome at any time! Come and see! Contact Paula Jones for more information.

### **Midweek Bible Study**

Derry and Mary Mace gather this group each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for Bible Study in room 104. This is an open and inquiring group whose aim is to become more familiar with the Bible and its application for daily living. Contact Derry Mace for more information.

### **School Chapel**

The grade school chapel program is a training ground for the worship of God for children from 3-12 years old. Four chapel services are held per week; one on Wednesday and three on Thursday mornings beginning at 9:00am. Throughout the year, the chapel program covers major aspects of Christian faith. Topics included: Orientation to Worship, The Ten Commandments, Advent and the Christmas Story, Epiphany and the Wise Men, the Lenten Story, The Easter Message: "He died but He didn't stay dead!", stories about Jesus from the Gospels, and the Pentecost Story. All-School Chapel gathers the entire school community for celebrations of major Christian festivals and days of national importance.