God shows his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

[Jesus prayed,] “Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth.... May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me because you loved me before the world's foundation.”

John 17:17, 21–24
Dear Mrs. Clifton Jeffers,

418 Nadina Ave.

Hillbrow, California

July 19, 1957

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am writing in response to your request for information about missionary work in the San Francisco Bay area. We are aware of the need for missionaries in this area, and we have been working to establish a mission in the San Francisco Bay area. However, the process has been slowed by the lack of funds and the need for additional training for missionaries.

Unfortunately, the situation is not as urgent as we had hoped. We have been unable to secure funding for the mission, and we are still in the process of training additional missionaries. However, we are optimistic about the future and hope to be able to send a missionary to the San Francisco Bay area soon.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in missionary work. We appreciate your prayers and encouragement.

Yours in Christ,

Walter A. Diehl, Chairman

May 26, 1958

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing to update you on the status of the mission to the San Francisco Bay area. We have been working on establishing a mission, but the process has been slower than we had hoped. We have been unable to secure funding for the mission, and we are still in the process of training additional missionaries.

Today, I had the opportunity to write to you about our plans for the upcoming service on June 8th. We have decided to postpone the service until June 15th. This will give us more time to review the plans and make necessary adjustments. We will keep you updated on the progress of the mission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul Heyn

June 15, 1958

July 19, 1957

First Letter from WELS responding to the Jeffers Family request for WELS churches in Bay Area

October 27, 1957

First WELS Communion Service in Bay Area held in home of Majorie Jeffers, led by Pastor Paul Heyn of Pomona, CA
Faceted Window Installation, 1981

Miss Wood and Children in School

Bulletin from Ronald Zimmer's Installation, August 8, 1982

June 1982
Tea House Torn Down; Cottage Construction Begins

December 5, 1982
Cottage Dedication

April 5, 1981
Faceted Stained Glass Window Dedicated

August 30, 1981
Kristen (Wood) Eich Installed as Teacher

August 8, 1982
Ronald Zimmer Installed as Principal and Teacher

February 10, 1980
School Ministry 10th Anniversary Celebration

October 23, 1983
Church 20th Anniversary Celebration

April 17, 1981
California Lutheran High School Choir Concert

April 21, 1984
California Lutheran High School Choir Concert

Tea House Prior to Cottage Construction
Pastor Mammel’s Ordination and Installation, September 13, 1987

Kathy (Woidke) Lee’s Installation, August 3, 1986

School Track Meet in Vallejo, May 4, 1985

August 3, 1986 Kathy (Woidke) Lee Installed as Teacher

August 16, 1987 Jeanne (Jensen) Fricke Installed as Teacher

August 14, 1988 Carol (Mann) Heyn Installed as Teacher

September 13, 1987 Pastor Mark Mammel Ordained and Installed

October 16, 1988 Church 25th Anniversary Celebration

March 5, 1989 California Lutheran High School Choir and Handbell Choir Concert
Elizabeth Wallace’s Installation, August 4, 1996

CLHS Handbell Choir Concert, March 6, 1998

Harmon Butler’s Installation and Ryan Butler’s Baptism, July 26, 1998

Harold and Geraldine Wartenbee’s 50th Anniversary Celebration, August 15, 1998
Pastor Strey’s Ordination and Installation, July 15, 2001

Adam Mateske’s Installation, August 19, 2001

Khrista Petrie’s Installation, July 7, 2004

Gloria Dei’s Website, 2004

Welcome to Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We are located in Belmont, California, about 30 miles south of San Francisco. Our church name, "Gloria Dei," is a Latin phrase that means "The glory of God."

- July 15, 2001: Pastor Johnold Strey Ordained and Installed
- August 19, 2001: Adam Mateske Installed as Principal and Teacher
- September 8, 2002: Rededication of Refreshed Fellowship Hall and Classrooms
- July 7, 2004: Khrista Petrie Installed as Teacher
- September 10, 2000: School Ministry 30th Anniversary and Church Building 35th Anniversary Celebration
- February 7, 2001: Gloria Dei Hosts NorCal Teachers Conference
- March 30, 2001: California Lutheran High School Choir Concert
- May 27, 2001: Website moved to gloria-dei-belmont.org
- September 12, 2001: Service at Time of Crisis for September 11th Attacks
- March 13, 2002: California Lutheran High School Handbell Choir Concert
- October 28, 2001: Gloria Dei Hosts Bay Area Reformation Service
- September 7, 2004: Gloria Dei Hymn Festival
- June 8, 2003: Church 40th Anniversary Celebration
- August 17, 2003: Website moved to gdluth.org
- January 26, 2004: Gloria Dei Hosts California Pastors’ Conference
- October 31, 2004: Gloria Dei Hosts Bay Area Reformation Service

Welcome
Remodeled Fellowship Hall Dedication, October 30, 2022

December 12, 2021
Christian Worship: Hymnal Dedication

June 10, 2021
Classroom Building and Fellowship Hall Windows Replacement Completed

October 6, 2020
Parsonage Exterior Painting Completed

July 31, 2020
Classroom Interior and Parsonage Kitchen Painting Completed

April 18, 2022
Fellowship Hall Demolition Begins

March 16, 2022
Digital Piano Installed in Sanctuary

March 7, 2022
Cottage Torn Down

June 4, 2023
Parking Lot and Pathway Dedicated

October 30, 2022
Remodeled Fellowship Hall and new Sanctuary Windows Dedicated

2020
February 16, 2020
School Ministry 50th Anniversary Celebration

March 13, 2020
Final In-Person Class Day for School Ministry Due to COVID-19

May 29, 2020
Final Class Day for School Ministry

March 15, 2020
First Internet Livestreamed Worship Service

2021
June 25, 2023
Church 60th Anniversary Celebration

2022
Group Photo the Day Before Cottage Demolition, March 6, 2022