

SCRIP
 Sunday

Worship with us - Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Online Worship @ <https://www.youtube.com/c/gloriadei> (Sunday)
 Sunday School - 9:10 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study - 9:10 a.m.



Prayers for Mary Staffeld, Mike Crouch, Kerry Krutz, Jeaneen Schoessow, Sharyn Hendrickson, Brenda Marks, Darlene Bilstad, Trisha for healing. Prayers for Dana Swanson, Dale Haug, and Sue Schroeder recovering from surgery this past week. Prayers for all who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. Prayers for Bob Archer/Allen Borgwardt & Klitz family. We extend our sympathy and prayers to Tom & Sue Schroeder on the death of Tom's sister, Carol.

Make-up Photo Sessions for Pictorial Directory: If you missed getting your picture taken for the church directory, Don Krueger has volunteered to take pictures:

Sundays Oct 6 and Oct 27 from 9am-1pm

No appointment needed. Please consider getting your picture taken so our directory can be complete. If you were unable to make any of the make-up times, please consider emailing your family picture to Office@gloriadeilc.org so it can be included in the directory.

Coffee House Ministry Begins Anew: Coffee House was a ministry of hospitality and food to High School Youth throughout the School year. Well, we're opening it up to Middle School Youth and families now!!

We're beginning Coffee House this fall, beginning on Thurs, Oct 17 from 3:15 -4:30 p.m. We are beginning this important ministry anew with a new twist: inviting the youth from Neenah Middle School across the street, in addition to NHS students from our neighborhood, & families. Whether 10 youth or 100 youth attending, we are looking forward to the opportunity to welcome youth and provide good food and a safe space for young people. You can support Coffee House ministry by:

- 1) Spread the word to neighbors, family, friends: Invite Youth to coffee house on Thursdays!
- 2) Bake some treats or donate supplies (baking supplies or groceries). Bring homemade or store-bought brownies, cookies, bars, etc. Drop off items by 2:30 Thursday.
- 3) Volunteer your time: Thursdays anytime between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. You can help prep food, serve food, or clean up or welcome Middle School & High School Youth and families.

GD Cooking Project for UW Oshkosh Campus Ministry
Sunday, October 20 beginning @ 9am in Gloria Dei Large Kitchen

UW Oshkosh campus ministry is asking for some frozen casseroles/meals that they can use for their free meal nights on campus at the campus ministry house.

So, we're inviting anyone interested, to meet in the Gloria Dei Church Kitchen on Sunday, October 20 at 9am to prepare some frozen meals for the Campus Ministry House in Oshkosh.

All Groceries and supplies and recipes will be provided! Just show up and have some fun while we work to make some good food for young adults on campus! If you have questions, contact Steve and Kaleigh Hilger.

Happy Anniversary to: Don & Robyn Krueger (20 yrs), Jim & Sherry Rougeux (25 yrs), and Don & Maxine Pohlman (65 yrs). Thank you Don & Robyn and Don & Maxine for the beautiful flowers on the altar today.

Thank you Christine Olsen for mowing the lawn this past wk.



Lutheran
 Disaster Response

**Lutheran Disaster Response:
 Hurricane Helene**

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States. Millions are without power as heavy rains continue to fall, causing dangerous flooding and landslides, as well as downed trees and power lines. Wherever this storm goes, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Scan the QR code to give today. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and remain for as long as the recovery takes.



Retirees & Friends -- Bingo at Our Saviors Lutheran Church Neenah on Monday, Oct 7 at 1pm. All are welcome.

Game Day at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Oct 8 at 1pm. See you there.

Faith Communities Housing Summit

Saturday, October 12, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 First Congregational United Church of Christ,
 724 East South River St, Appleton.
 Goals: 1) Inspire area faith communities to address the local housing crisis; and 2) Commit to collective action(s) to bring about systemic change. Registration is \$20 which Gloria Dei would pay if you are interested in attending. See kiosk for more information.

Guys & Dolls – Neenah High's Senior Citizen's Dinner Theatre on Wed, Oct 16. Tickets are \$10 includes dinner and show. Purchase tickets at the NHS Main Entrance Office. Dinner at 5:30pm and show starts at 7pm. See flyer on the kiosk for more information.

Additional show times are: Oct 17-19 @ 7pm and Oct 20 @ 2pm. Tickets for all shows will be sold online at rocketplayers.com. Reserved seat tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students (online fee applies).

Happy Birthday to our senior (80 yrs old +) GD members who will be celebrating a birthday in October: Mel Kiekhaefer, Gloria Larsen, Mina Lindow, Lavonne Stumpf, and Evelyn Verkuilen. God's blessings to you.



Thrivent Members - Help transform lives

Order and complete a **Thrivent Cause Kit** to make an impact in communities worldwide. Each kit includes: 3 filters or lights to assemble, step-by-step assembly instructions, and a return mailing label

Thrivent members may order either a Water Filter Build or a Solar Light Build Kit (1 per year) by going to the Thrivent website and looking for the Thrivent Cause Kit.

A Water Filter Build supports those who lack access to clean water by building 3 filters, each providing clean water to 12 people for 10 years.

The Solar Light Build supports children living in energy poverty by building 3 solar lights, each providing extra study hours over 3 years.

These are easy to assembly, shipped to you at no cost, and then you ship them back to Thrivent with a prepaid mailing label.

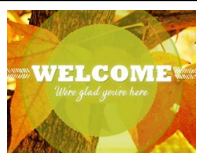
Not handy?? Order a kit and drop it off at church and we'll have an assembly party! Check out one of the finished kits in the narthex that is ready to return. Questions??? Contact Marlene Marks or go to the Thrivent website, or check out Wine to Water or SolarBuddy websites to see their mission statements and how these projects are used.

- October Events in the Area (See Kiosk for more information):**
- **Saturday, October 5 from 9am-2pm: Vendor & Craft Blitz @ Early Learning Center, 2425 Industrial Drive, Neenah**
 - **Saturday, October 5 starting at 1pm: BEAMING celebration 20th Birthday**
 - **Saturday, October 5 @ 8:15am: NAMIWalks Fox Valley @ Fox Cities Stadium**
 - **Thursday, October 10 from 6:30pm-8:30pm @ Xavier Fine Arts Theater: Hope for the Broken**
 - **Friday, October 11 @ Becketts Atrium Oshkosh: Day by Day Shelter Streets of Hope**
 - **Linwood Community Annual Harvest Silent Auction - Oct 18-28.**
 - **Saturday, Oct 26 from 9am-2pm: Fall Craft Show & Bake Sale @ St Mark's**

Interested in Membership?

If you have visited or are not currently a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, you are invited to consider becoming one! We will be hosting a new member orientation process this fall. Please consider joining us in attending two orientation gatherings: **Sundays, Nov 10 & 17 @ 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.** The membership process at Gloria Dei is informal and open to all! It includes learning more about Gloria Dei church community and becoming acquainted with each other as members of this church community.

We will celebrate and welcome new families on **New Member Sunday, December 8th during worship.** Email: pastortabitha@gloriadeilc.org or call 920-725-6822 to indicate your interest or to ask additional questions about membership at Gloria Dei. If you are interested in membership, but cannot attend one of these dates, please connect with Pastor Tabitha to schedule an alternate date to meet.



This year Trunk or Treat will be held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church Parking Lot (473 7th St Menasha) on Sun, Oct 27 from 4:00-5:30. Sign up on the kiosk if you plan to decorate your car and hand out candy/treats. Candy donation can be placed in basket by church mailboxes.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS: Thank you for your generosity in donating laundry detergent. 18 containers were donated which is an excellent start toward our goal of providing laundry detergent for every family! Vicki and Jim Wippich

Hephatha Mission Partners Appreciation Day - Sat. Nov. 2

Our Milwaukee based partner church, Hephatha, is holding its ministry partner appreciation event and you are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to visit this inner city Milwaukee Congregation and to be uplifted by the great work they are doing through our support, the support of other churches, and the power of the Holy Spirit in action. **We will car pool to Milwaukee leaving Gloria Dei at 1:15 PM sharp and arrive back about 7:30 PM.** The worship and recognition service starts at 3:00 PM followed by a fantastic meal provided and prepared by the members at Hephatha. There is no cost for this trip or meal as it is Hephatha's gift back to their Partner churches. **Please Sign up on the kiosk by Monday, October 28 if you will attend, and indicate if you can drive or need a ride.**

Chili Cookoff Competition - Hosted by Our Saviors and including all Neenah ELCA Churches

Gloria Dei has entered a friendly competition on Election Day (11/5). We are looking for **12 more folks** willing to make a batch of tomato based chili to donate. If you can make a crock pot worth of chili we will be dumping all chilis together to make five nescos of Gloria Dei chili. We have ice cream pails if you need one. Please sign up on the kiosk or contact the church office. More details to volunteer will be coming.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

<p>6 SUNDAY World Communion Sunday 8:00 Worship Service (Live Stream on YouTube) 9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:10 Sunday School 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service 12:30 Woodchippers</p>	<p>7 MONDAY Office hours 8-Noon 7:30 Pilates 1:00 Retirees & Friends @ OSLC</p>	<p>8 TUESDAY 9:00 Quilting 9:00 Zumba 1:00 Fun & Games</p>	<p>9 WEDNESDAY 5:45 Jr Choir Rehearsal 6:15 Confirmation Class 6:30 One Voice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 THURSDAY 7:30 Morning Bible Study 9:30-12 Clergy Mtg @ Pine Lake 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>11 FRIDAY 7:30 Pilates 9-11 Y-Nots 1:30 Ruth Circle 7:00 Women of Hope NA</p>	<p>12 SATURDAY 9-12 Jubricosa</p>
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Vision 2025 Initiative Work Update *Part 2!*



Throughout the last year, we have continued to focus on Vision 2025 ministry directions and Initiatives for Gloria Dei Ministries.

Your support of this ministry work and vision has been vital in advancing the mission and vision of Gloria Dei! The following project/ministry areas reflect your financial and hands-on gifts and your talents at work in this congregation! This is part one of a Dei Lites Series with highlights. Thank you for investing in active ministry through your church!

Here's the Snapshot part #2 of some of the work over the last several months and looking ahead in the next couple of months:

+ Establish Capital Improvement Fund for care of our building/campus.

- +New water fountain/bubbler units were installed with water bottle re-filler station on one of the units. Check it out in the main hallway around the corner from the narthex.
- + Decorative concrete landscape curbing was installed around most of the rest of the church building. Thanks to memorial gifts from Gloria Dei families. Cost to complete: \$2463
- + Installed gutter guard/toppers on the church gutters in high leaf traffic areas! Around the education wing and above west side entrances. Cost to complete: \$570
- + Replaced Nursery toilet, which will increase efficiency and decrease water consumption. All plumbing projects finished to date: \$2700
- + Additional projects completed this summer included sealing the church parking lot and creating a concrete pad in front of the dumpsters near the church garage. Cost to complete: \$13,150
- + There are plans to replace toilets and sinks in the older bathrooms to increase efficiency and decrease water consumption also!
- + This fall or next spring a new parking lot pole light will be installed on the northwest corner of the north parking lot, to increase safety and visibility for members and community members who utilize Gloria Dei church building especially in the evenings.
- + This fall or next spring, plans are underway to install a stamped designed concrete space in the north alcove area of the back yard to the west of the North entrance doors and to the south of the Library entrance doors. This space will be able to be utilized for fellowship, meditation, or can be used for small worship gathering.

+Foster relationships with community groups for the purpose of outreach:

We are excited to begin and grow our relationship with the following community outreach organizations and Ecumenical churches:

- +Vinny's Pantry (the food pantry associated with St. Vincent De Paul).
- +Neenah Police department: Gloria Dei members met and worked with Officer Joshua Peterson, in a newly developed role as Behavioral Health Officer.
- +St. Gabe's Catholic Parish, St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Parish, First Congregational UCC church – connecting regarding community support events and ministries.
- +Neenah Joint School District: for the second year, we provided treats for NHS Debate showcase for the community. We have helped families with school lunches this year. We seek to make connections with the middle school administration this year, to seek ways to serve our young neighbors across the street! Also Coffee House will be offered this school year to middle school students, their families and to high school students who may be located in our neighborhood or who may wish to drive over after school.
- + GD members plan to attend a Housing Summit hosted by First Congregational UCC in Appleton on October 12. The goal is to work with other ministries and agencies regarding housing solutions in our area.

These are your stories of ministry at work through your presence and support! Thank you!

Gloria Dei Fall Craft Fair
Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 9am-2pm

Gloria Dei Fall Craft Fair is fast approaching. They are in the process of putting together raffle baskets and need your help. If you could donate any of the following items, please drop them off at the church office:

Flashlight	Baby Burp Clothes	6 pk of Coca-Cola	Christmas Towels
Lantern	Baby Bibs	Christmas Décor	Christmas Ornaments
Sunscreen	Binoculars	Puzzles	Christmas Table Runner
Picnic Blanket	Bird Book	Bath Bombs	Art Supplies-Crafts
Picnic Snacks	Bird Bath	Eye Mask	Kids Books
Portable Speaker	Outdoor Games	Lotion	Kids Toys
Bath Towels	Board Games	Dog Bowls	Cat Bowls
Bubble Bath	Laundry Basket	Dog Nyla Bones	Cat Treats
Shower Gels	Sleepover Kids Treats/Snacks	Dog Bed	Cat Toys
Hand Towels	Books	Dog Tennis Balls	Tools (hammer, screwdriver, etc.)
Baby Rug	Beef Jerky	Fall Muffin Mix	Gloves/Hat (Men)
Baby Toys	Chips/Dip	Disney Movies	Man Care Items (shower gel, etc)
Baby Onesies	Foot/Fingers/Hand Warmers	Beach Towel	Sport Related Items

Gift cards and certificates to grocery stores, restaurants, ULTA, Sephora, REI, Krueger's, Cabela's, Home Depot, Car Wash, Pet Store, Neenah Park & Rec Pool Pass, Disney. Some of these gift cards can be purchased through SCRIP. SCRIP can be purchased on Oct 6 & Oct 20. Just note on your SCRIP order that you plan to donate that gift card to the Craft Fair Raffle Basket.

We will also need your help in selling raffle tickets. More information will be announced in the next few weeks. Continue to watch the Deilites for more information.

Any other questions regarding the Craft Fair, please contact Robyn Krueger.

2024 GLORIA DEI THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We have the privilege of sponsoring Thanksgiving Baskets for families in the area who could use a helping hand. Last year we distributed **32 baskets** to families who were referred by Winnebago County Social Services, local schools, and families connected to Gloria Dei. The love and generosity of our members makes this mission possible. Thank you! Jim and Vicki Wippich

October 13-November 17 COLLECTION OF FOOD, HOUSEHOLD, AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Donated items should be left on the benches and tables outside the sanctuary. Monetary gifts are welcome at any time and can be left in the offering plate with the following designation: **THANKSGIVING BASKETS**. Donations can also be made online. Food, household, and personal items will be purchased using these monetary donations.

Sunday, November 17 LAST COLLECTION DATE
Wednesday, November 20 SORT DONATED ITEMS IN CHURCH KITCHEN AT 9 a.m.
Saturday, November 23 DELIVER BASKETS 9-10:30 a.m.

Please sign up in the church office or contact Jim and Vicki to help sort and deliver baskets.

Suggested Donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets:

Canned fruits, vegetables (especially corn and green beans), beef stew, spaghetti sauce, soup, gravy, baked beans, canned pasta/ravioli, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned chicken, fruit juice, baby food.

Packages of crackers, cereal, instant oatmeal packets, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast bars, cookies, pasta, mac & cheese, minute rice, boxed instant stuffing, instant potatoes.

Personal/household items such as body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, kids toothbrushes, bars of soap, soft soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, lotion, laundry detergent, cleaning products, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers, baby wipes.

Help local kids and animal shelters! NEW Top Dog is a dog photo contest running through Oct 26, organized by the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club, collaborating with local breweries and shelters. It is \$10 to enter and votes are \$1 each. Top vote-getters can win several prizes, including getting to collaborate with a brewery to have a beer named after their dog! To enter, go to newtopdog.com and select the brewery and shelter pairing that you would like to support. All proceeds go to the shelter and Kiwanis Club to support kids and animals in our area. Don't have a dog? Why not support a GD member's dog? The Thiel family has their dog, Rocket, entered and would love your support! To vote for Rocket, go to <https://gogo.photo/550874>.

