

**Worship with us - Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**  
 Online Worship @ <https://www.youtube.com/c/gloriadei> (Sunday)

 Prayers for Joan Rausch, Kyle, and Jill.

**Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, December 29:** Lessons & Laughter Worship at 9 a.m.  
**Sunday, January 5: Epiphany Sunday** - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services with 9:10 a.m. Sunday School.

New sign up is posted for Jan-Mar 2025 to help with Sunday worship and Wednesday Lenten services. Please sign up on the kiosk.

**End of Year Financial Gifts:** Friendly reminder to all: In order for financial gifts to be counted for the 2024 tax year, gifts must be received in the church office by Monday, December 30 at 9am. Anything received after this date/time will be counted for 2025.

Here are ways we invite you to consider giving to GD's Ministries:  
 + Mail your offerings early enough to arrive by Dec 27.  
 + Drop off your offerings in the office by Dec 30 at 9 a.m.  
 + Scan the QR Code with your phone or tablet. You'll be directed to a secure page from Gloria Dei's website. You can donate via debit/credit card or checking/savings account.  
 + Go to [www.gloriadeilc.org/give](http://www.gloriadeilc.org/give) you will be directed to secure donation page.  
 + Text your gift dollar amount to: 1-877-952-9422. GD's individual text number is accessible for you to make a secure donation.



**Dec Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Brenda Marks in memory of her brother, James Shady.**



Shirley Berg's memorial service will be Saturday, January 4 at 10:30 a.m. Visitation starts at 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

**4-Wk Adult Bible Study Series Coming in Jan/Feb**


During Advent worship, we heard a scripture reading from the Book of Ruth. You are invited to explore the whole story of God's word through Ruth during the Epiphany season.

The incredibly rich story of Ruth reveals the themes of fears, challenges, gifts and hope related to family, home and love.



This 4-week Bible Study Series on Ruth will take place **every other Sunday, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Jan 12 & 26 and Feb 9 & 23.** It will be offered both in-person and via zoom.

If interested, sign up on the Kiosk at church or contact the church office at 920-725-6822 or [office@gloriadeilc.org](mailto:office@gloriadeilc.org). Please indicate if you would like to attend via zoom.

 Thank you to Gloria Dei members, Friends, and family, for sharing in the ministries of Gloria Dei, by giving financial gifts!

CHURCH

Be CHURCH

Pastors Tabitha and Jon are on vacation Dec 26-Jan 3. If you need Pastoral care, please call the church office at 920-725-6822 or after hours call Joan Terry at 920-809-6923. Church office will be closed Dec 25, 26, & Jan 1 and have limited hours Dec 27, 30, 31, Jan 2 and 3 so call ahead to make sure office is open.

**The Poinsettias that adorn our worship space are given to the Glory of God by the following families:**

- \* Scott and Deb Barkholtz
- \* Paul and Jenny Bonikowske in honor of our children and in memory of our parents
- \* Sharon Grapengieser in honor of my sons and in memory of my parents, brother, and husband.
- \* Judy Jung - In memory of Clyde Jung who we deeply miss
- \* Gary and Jill Krueger in memory of Neil Kruger & Jane & John Reszka
- \* Jim & Jane Lantz - in honor of our children
- \* Dan & Becky Luett - In memory of loved ones
- \* Bob and Julee Mansfield in memory of T.P. & Agnes Mansfield, John Mansfield, and Maxine & Ervin Bathke
- \* McCarry Family in memory of Patricia McCarry, Linda Srnka, Charles, Bernita, Duane, and Dan Baxter
- \* Michaud Family - in memory of loved ones
- \* Keith & Colleen Mustain - in memory of Diane Mustain
- \* Dave & Kris Pohlman in memory of Mel & Peggy Freund and C.D., Margaret, John & Ginny Rogers
- \* RoJean Quandt - in memory of Marvin Quandt
- \* Brian and Mary Radichel
- \* Kate Rogge - in memory of Wally & Betty Nitkowski
- \* Don & Annette Sikma - in memory of Barb Sikma and Judy Dunn
- \* Swanson Family - in memory of Mom & Dad, Grandpa Buehring, Jon Swanson, and Tom Swanson
- \* Youngberg Family in memory of Ross Brueshoff and Karen Youngberg





**Reminder to take your poinsettias home before Jan. 5. Any poinsettia left will be donated. If you are unable to get it before Jan. 5, please call the office so arrangements can be made to get it to you.**

**Caramel Nut and Mint Candy Bars are only \$1.00.**  
**Box is located on the table in the Narthex.**

**Attention all Skiers & Snowboarders!** We are planning a youth ski trip to Cascade Mountain on Tuesday, 1/21 (no school for NJSD). Cost is \$30 for a lift ticket & \$30 for rental equipment. Don't ski but are interested -- tubing is also available for \$30. Friends are welcomed. Prices are reflective of a group discount. Transportation details to be determined based on sign-ups. Sign up on the kiosk or by contacting Pastor Jon by Sunday, 1/12.

**Your Help is Needed!! Blood Drive on Monday, January 20 from 1:00-6:00.**  
 Please call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
 Appointments preferred, but walk-ins are welcome!





**Annual Reports due by January 12.**  
**ANNUAL Committee REPORTS** We need all committee and ministry reports turned in so that we can process an annual report for our meeting on January 26. If you need a copy of last year's to refresh your memory, please contact the office.

**Reminder:**

- Please save your emptied egg cartons for St. Joes. There is a box by the mailboxes that you can put them in.
- Collecting emptied toner/printer cartridges in the bushel basket by the mailboxes. The church gets a credit for every cartridge returned.
- Plastic bags. We met our goal for Bruce Sims's bench but we are still collecting plastic bags. Please put in the box by the kiosk.

**Soup Kitchen/ Community Table Help Needed for January 11 Meal:** Gloria Dei serves next on Saturday, January 11 from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (next to the YMCA). We are in need of volunteers to help with the meal, donate food/dollars, and serve and clean up following the meal. Contact the church office if you can help.



**Upcoming Events:**  
 ♦ Synod Youth Tubing Day - Jan. 11 @ Kewanee Winter Park.

**Coffee House Ministry – Thurs from 3:15-4:30pm**  
 Coffee House will start back up on Jan 2. Thank you to all you have brought treats or volunteered the past few months. If you would like to volunteer or bake goodies, please contact Pastor Jon.

**Flowers on the Altar in 2025:** Posted on the bulletin board in the hallway is the 2025 calendar for flowers. If you'd like to sign up for flowers, please add your name to the list and indicate if there's a special occasion for the flowers. Those who sign up are responsible for having the flowers at church for worship that day.

**GD Volunteers needed for counting offering gifts**  
 Volunteers are needed to help count offering gifts throughout the year. This involves counting weekly offering envelopes and other financial gifts that are received at worship. Volunteers would be on a rotation and may help one or two months throughout the year. Volunteers would be paired up with one or two other GD members and have a helpful form/template to use to complete the tasks. 1-1.5 hrs time commitment per week. The process occurs on Sundays after worship or Mondays/Tuesdays and is flexible based on volunteers availability. No prior financial experience is necessary. Contact the church office if interested.

**2025 COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIP:**  
 Coffee sponsorship benefits our members who enjoy coffee and fellowship and benefits the farmers and others involved in the Equal Exchange program that are ensured a fair price for the coffee grown for our enjoyment. The new 2025 sign-up sheet has been posted on the hallway bulletin board. Cost is \$10 per week. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate in a plain envelope marked with your name, envelope number, amount, and with notation for "Coffee Sponsorship".

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<p><b>29 SUNDAY</b>  <b>9:00 Lessons &amp; Laughter Worship Service</b>          10:00 Fellowship Hour           No Sunday school or Adult Bible Study           Pastors on vacation.</p>	<p><b>30 MONDAY</b>          7:30 Pilates             Pastors on vacation</p>	<p><b>31 TUESDAY</b>          No Quilting or ZUMBA             Pastors on vacation</p>	<p><b>1 WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>Happy New Year</b>           No confirmation or choir rehearsals           OFFICE Closed          Pastors on vacation</p>	<p><b>2 THURSDAY</b>          7:30 Morning Bible Study           3:15-4:15 Coffee House           7:00 Narcotics Anonymous           Pastors on Vacation</p>	<p><b>3 FRIDAY</b>          7:30 Pilates             7:00 Women of Hope NA           Pastors on Vacation</p>	<p><b>4 SATURDAY</b>  <b>9:00 Visitation</b>  <b>10:30 Shirley Berg's funeral</b></p>
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