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 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 Joan Rausch, Paul Morton, Kyle, Bob Malinowski, and Jill. We extend our sympathy and prayers to Gary & Jill Kruger on the death of Jill's mother and to the family and friends of Shirley Berg who passed away this week.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO GLORIA DEI:** On Sunday, December 8, we welcome the following families into the fellowship at Gloria Dei. Advent Brunch between services. Come and introduce yourself and welcome our new families.

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This week focus for our 2024 Advent theme, Words For the Beginning, is **We Can't Go Alone**. God has made us to be in community with each other. We have been called by God to walk with and to come to the aid of our neighbors who are in need. Advent and Christmas can be a lonely time for people. I would challenge you to look for ways you are able to simply be a friend or a listening ear to someone who needs to know they are not alone. Part of the good news this Advent season is we know God sends to us his Son who make the promise to always be with us and to tell we are a child of God forever.

**Advent devotionals are available and can be picked up on the Advent table in the Narthex.**

**Advent Project:** **Last Sunday** to make a quilt-designed ornament to decorate the Christmas tree. We will be writing a word of encouragement on a quilted square which will be made into a banner. Supplies will be in the Narthex between services. Please take a moment to create a square.

Advent Breakfast - **This Sunday, December 8** between services. We will be serving egg bakes and breakfast goodies. Come for breakfast and fellowship and meet the new members. Free and open to all.

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

Shirley Berg's memorial service will be Sat, Jan 4 @ 10:30 am. Visitation starts at 9am until time of service.

**Christmas Giving Tree - Due this Sunday, Dec 8**

We need your help --4 tags left. Please check out the tree in the narthex. If you took a tag, reminder to bring the gift back **this Sunday, unwrapped** and put it under the tree.



This year we are helping 2 families, 12 local children, have a joyful Christmas. If you would like to donate money, you can put in offering plate or stop in the church office. Mark envelope as "Christmas Giving". Do not wrap the presents and include the tag from the tree on the gift. Thanks. Tori Imhoff.

Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec 15 at 10:30 service. Practices will be held during Sunday school hour along with a big Saturday practice **this Sat, Dec 7 from 9-noon.**



SS families are asked to bring 1 dozen cookies to enjoy after the Christmas program. Looking for 1-2 people to volunteer to set up and serve the cookies after the 10:30 service on Dec 15. Contact Pastors or Jill Kruger if you can help.

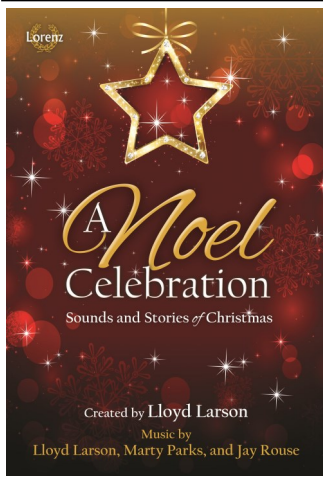
**A partnership of help and hope @ Christmas:** Gloria Dei has been partnering with Early Learning Center of Neenah. They are in need of some baby wipes. If you can help, please drop them off at the church. Thank you for your support.

Fall Craft Fair Basket Winners are posted on the kiosk.

As we prepare for the holiday season, here are upcoming church events to put on your calendar:  
 Dec 8: Advent Brunch between services & New Members  
 Dec 15: Children's Christmas Program @ 10:30 service w/ refreshments after the program  
 Dec 22: **Cantata lead by One Voice Choir: One service at 9am. No Sunday school.**  
 Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services @ 4pm & 6:30pm  
 Dec 25: Christmas Day Service @ 9am  
 Dec 29: **Lesson & Carols: One service 9am. No Sunday School.**

Fun and Games will be held Tuesday, Dec 10 @ 1pm at Gloria Dei. Come enjoy some fun, games, and a white elephant gift exchange. Bring along a wrapped white elephant gift that is silly or nice but something you already have. We invite you and your friends to come join a fun afternoon. Refreshments will be served.

**Upcoming Community Events:**  
 ♦ Paul Mayer: 25th Stars & Promises Christmas Concert - Friday, Dec 20 @ OSLC - see kiosk for more information.  
 ♦ Synod Youth Tubing Day - Jan. 11 @ Kewanee Winter Park.



**9:00 a.m.**  
**Cantata Worship Service**  
**Sunday, December 22**  
 (One service only)

**Lesson & Carol Service**  
**Sunday, Dec 29**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
 (One service only)

**Fox Valley Community Table Christmas Meal - Sat, Dec 14.**  
 Each church is asked to provide:  
 • 8 more lap blankets (50x60) (7 have been donated already)  
 • 6 pies (either fruit or pumpkin). Need to be dropped off @ St Paul on Sat, 12/14 by 8am.  
 • 1-2 volunteers to come Wed, 12/11 at 1pm to sort and prep items for gift bags  
 • 1-2 volunteers to come Thurs, 12/12 at 6pm to help set up the large dining room  
 • 1-2 volunteers to come Fri, 12/13 at 9am for food prep and finish setting up  
 • 1-2 volunteers to come Sat, 12/14. 1 at 9am, 1 at 10am, 1 at 11am, and 1 at 12:30pm  
 • 1-2 volunteers as wait staff on Sat, 12/14 at 11:15.  
 • 1 volunteer to help with clean-up on Sat, 12/14 at 12:30.  
 • 1 driver to deliver homebound meals.

**Worship Help Needed for December 24**  
 Please contact the church office or sign up on the kiosk if you could help with worship:  
 Christmas Eve (4:00): 2 greeters, 4 ushers, 1 acolyte  
 Christmas Eve (6:30): 2 greeters, 4 ushers, 1 acolyte

Exciting News!!! We have reached our goal of 1,000 lbs of plastic to get a bench in memory of Bruce Sim. Thank you all for bringing in the plastic. We will continue to collect plastic for another project.

Stockbridge Munsee Tribal Council is hosting the showing of the **Bad River Documentary** starting at 12:00 PM on Sunday Dec 8 @ the North Star Mohican Casino Resort with real wild rice dishes & wonderful speakers. No required admission fee.

**Coffee House Ministry –**  
**Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.**  
 Coffee House served 81 students and parents last week. Thank you to all you have brought treats or volunteered. If you would like to volunteer or bake goodies, please contact Pastor Jon.

**Lutherans at the Movies.** The Appleton Conference is hosting a special viewing of **Bonhoeffer** (PG-13, 2hrs, 12m). Sunday, Dec 8. Doors open at 12:30pm and movie starts at 1pm. Hollywood Marcus Theater, 513 N Westhill Blvd, Appleton. \$10 includes popcorn and drink **Registration** required. 80 people are signed up. Join others from ELCA congregations in the Fox Cities. <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9332611>

**Shop With Scrip** Getting ready for the holidays and need a gift idea. Check out Scrip. Order forms are in the Scrip Mailbox near church office. **Upcoming Scrip Dates are: 12/8, & 12/15.** Submit order forms on due date and Scrip can be picked up at church mailbox 4 days later.

**Christmas Eve Special Music:** We are looking for people to provide special music during our Christmas Eve services - 4:00 pm and/or 6:30 pm. If you can help, please contact Myron Jones at 920-427-5917.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<p><b>8 SUNDAY</b>  <b>New Member Sunday</b>        8:00 Worship Service        (Live Stream on YouTube)        9:00 Advent Brunch        9:10 SS Christmas program practice        10:30 Worship Service</p>	<p><b>9 MONDAY</b>        7:30 Pilates         6:00 Education/ Youth Ministry Mtg        6:30 Finance Committee Mtg</p>	<p><b>10 TUESDAY</b>        No Quilting        10:45 ZUMBA &amp; Christmas Party        1:00 Games &amp; Fun Christmas Party        6:30 Church &amp; Community Mtg</p>	<p><b>11 WEDNESDAY</b>         5:30 Junior Choir        6:15-7:30 Confirmation        6:30 One Voice Choir</p>	<p><b>12 THURSDAY</b>        7:30 Morning Bible Study        9:00 Appleton Conf Mtg         3:15-4:30 Coffee House         7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>13 FRIDAY</b>        7:30 Pilates         1:30 Ruth Circle         7:00 Women of Hope NA</p>	<p><b>14 SATURDAY</b>        10:45 Advent Healing Service @ St Paul's        11:30-12:30 FVCT Christmas Dinner at St Paul's</p>
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