

NEWSLETTER—WEEK of January 5, 2025

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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, Kyle, and Jill.



On Jan 6 the church celebrates Epiphany. This is the day we celebrate the Magi arriving to see Jesus and present him gifts. The journey of the Magi possibly took two

to three years. The Magi did not see the infant Jesus in the manger, but they saw the toddler who was walking. Also, some cultures wait until Epiphany to exchange presents with others to celebrate the time Jesus received his presents from the travelers from the east.

Happy Birthday to GD members who will be Happ celebrating a birthday in January: Frank Reich, Jayne Dorn, Brenda Marks, Bill Koehler, Joan LeClerc, Jeff Randall, Holly Robinson, Judy Brown, Shirley Michalkiewicz, Sandy Wahamaki, Karen Waehler, Dennis Voss, Marcia Ortiz, and Brian Bezier. God's blessings to you. Let the church office know if you would like to be included in the monthly birthday blessing.



Soup Kitchen/Community Table help needed for Jan 11 meal: Big Thank you to members of Gloria Dei who helped donate food and serve

at Community Table's Christmas Dinner! 400 people were able to enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner, thanks to the help of Gloria Dei!

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.

Chili is on the menu that day and we could use 3-4 more batches/large crock pots along with Bagged/containers of lettuce, French bread and some desserts. Check out the sign-up sheet on the kiosk or contact the church office for more info/to sign up.

Annual Reports due by January 12.

ANNUAL We need all committee and ministry reports Committee 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.

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.

Reminder to take your poinsettias home after church on Sunday, 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.



Undecorating the church on Monday, January 6 @ 8:30 a.m. Stop in if you can help.

Welcome Back Quilters - Quilting starts back up on Tuesday, January 7. Come check us out. All are welcome.



Quilting Ministry: Received the following message from Susan who lives in Old Fort, NC: Hi wonderful members of Gloria Dei, Glory to God! I live in Old Fort, NC where Hurricane Helene hit so very hard. I am 76 years old and widowed. I received a gorgeous guilt that was made and sent by your church. I will cherish it. I can't express how much it means to me. Thank you.

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



The Book of Rety During Advent, 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.

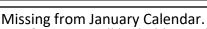
This 4-wk Bible Study Series on Ruth will take place every other Sunday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Jan 12 & 26 and Feb 9 & 23. It will be offered both in-person and Zoom. If interested, sign up on the Kiosk at church or contact the church office at office@gloriadeilc.org or 920-725-6822. Please indicate how you plan to attend.



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

Appointments preferred, but walk-ins are welcome!



Fun & Games will be held Tuesday, January 14 @ 1pm. Come enjoy some fun, games, and fellowship/treats.

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



Gloria Dei Member, Vinny Wilson (a freshmen at NHS), has a donation container on the table in the narthex. He is collecting money to add a little extra home cooking for breakfasts he prepares for Pillars Family Shelter where he volunteers to cook breakfast once a month. Please take the time to read the article he has posted on his donation container. Thanks.

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.

Coffee House Ministry – Thurs from 3:15-4:30pm

Coffee House served 58 students/parents this past week. Reminder when you bring in treats don't forget to mark it for Coffee House and don't bring in expired food. Thank you to all you have brought treats or volunteered. If you would like to volunteer or bake goodies, please contact Pastor Jon.



Shop SCRIP Sundays in January are Jan 5 & 26. Order forms are in the SCRIP mailbox near church office. Submit order form on Sunday and SCRIP can SCTID be picked up at church the following Thursday.



Youth in grades 6-8 have an opportunity to go on a winter retreat at Pine Lake Camp south of Waupaca. The dates are Jan 31-Feb 2 and the cost is \$180 (if you have church money

available you can use that to cover the cost of this retreat). The kids will be staying in winterized cabins and will engage in both outdoor and indoor activities during this time. Adult chaperones are needed. Cost is \$50 for chaperones. Any questions, contact Pastor Jon at pastorjon@gloriadeilc.org.

Upcoming Meetings:

- * Ministry Spending Plan Forum is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 19 at 9:15 a.m. During the Forum, Gloria Dei's 2025 proposed ministry spending plan will be presented and there will be opportunity to ask additional questions prior to Gloria Dei's Congregational meeting on January 26.
- * The Annual Meeting of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 9:15 a.m. All voting members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- * Spaghetti Dinner with Cake Auction Feb 8
- * Super Bowl Snacks Feb 9

More details will be announced in DeiLites in the next few weeks.

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. Approximate time commitment for counting offerings is 1-1.5 hours. The process generally 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 that the gift is for "Coffee Sponsorship".

New Phone Directory will be published in

We need any address, phone number or email address changes so we can update the directory. Please call the office with any changes or send them to: office@gloriadeilc.org by Jan 19.

Community Events:

- Saturday, Jan 11 @ 11am Washington Park Neenah Winter Festival
- Saturday Jan 11 @ 7pm Stompin' at the Savoy Jazz Concert @ Neenah High School
- 1/30-2/2: NHS Winter Drama Black Box Theater @ Neenah High School

WEEK AT A GLANCE

5 SUNDAY 6 MONDAY 7 TUESDAY 8 WEDNESDAY 9 THURSDAY 10 FRIDAY 11 SATURDAY Office Open 8-12 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Quiltina 7:30 Morning Bible Study 7:30 Pilates 9-12 Jubricosa 7:30 Pilates 11-1 FVCT (Live Stream on YouTube) 9:00 ZUMBA 12:00 Ecumenical Clergy 1-7 Youth Snow Tubing 9:00 Fellowship Hour 1:00 Retirees & Mtg @ GD Event 9:10 Adult Bible Study Friends @ OSLC 9:10 Sunday School 5:30 Junior Choir 3:15-4:30 Coffee House 10:30 Worship Service 6:15-7:30 Confirmation 2-3 Jubricosa Parent Mtg No One Voice Choir 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 Women of Hope NA **SCRIP**