

## **NEWSLETTER—WEEK of March 30, 2025**

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# 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 Julia Lange, Pat Behnke, Bryan Engstrom, Sarah Mercier, Carrie Raeth, Christine Olsen, and Jill Schleinz (sister of Jean Herman).

Don't forget to bring coins for noisy offering on Sunday. Proceeds goes to Lenten World Hunger.

### Sunday, March 30 is last day to order Easter flowers:





If you would like to order flowers for Easter, the cost is \$10.00. Lillies, daffodils, tulips, and hyacinth. Sign up on kiosk or call the church office at 920-725-6822.

March Coffee Hour is being sponsored by The Mustain's. Thank you.



### Midweek Lenten Gatherings, Meals & Worship @ Gloria Dei – Wednesday, April 2 & 9

- Brown Bag Lunch & Worship (12noon)
- Soup Supper (5:30) & Evening Worship (6:30)

### Lenten Soup Supper is Wed April 2 @ 5:30pm

You're invited to dine and to help at soup suppers this Lent! We are looking for help to provide soups, bread, and desserts for the Wednesday evening Soup Suppers meals. We also need help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Sign-up on kiosk. Youth signing up will receive credits for their youth savings accounts. There is also a sign up posted for each week for you to sign up to attend, just to get an idea of how much soup to prepare for. Walk-ins are always welcome! Last soup supper is Apr 9.

Don't forget to check out the 2025 Lent World Hunger board and color a picture of a girl to support the campaign. Pick up a giving envelop if you would like to contribute to the campaign and put in the offering plate. Campaign ends on April 20.

Adult Program Presentation: Apr 7 @ 1pm @ Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Guest speaker, Jean George, Resource Advocate at Linwood Community. Jean will share her wisdom on accessing programs available that help older adults live safely, independently and age in place. Jean can help identify your needs, access your barriers to meeting those needs with as little stress as possible. This program is meant to help older church members, family, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome.



This Sunday we welcome **Erza James Shannon** into the family of God through sacrament of Holy Baptism. May we be a loving support in his lifelong journey in faith!

Parent: Jacklyn Krutz Sponsor: Maddie Heath

Reminder that Gloria Dei will be a polling POLLING location for the city of Neenah, Wards 16-19 & 24 for the Election on Tuesday, April 1. We consider this an opportunity to serve our community, to be a welcoming place, and to be great stewards of the gifts of Gloria Dei, including our church building! The church office will remain open during this time (8–4:30 p.m.) and ministry activities located in rooms other than the narthex, fellowship hall, and kitchen will continue to happen. Thank you for being part of a faith community that serves the larger community in God's love!



First Communion Instruction Last Class will be Sunday, April 13 from 1-3pm. First Communion will be celebrated during Maundy Thursday worship mmunion service on April 17 at 6:30pm.

**Church Pictorial Directory**. If you still need a pictorial directory, please pick up in church office during the week. **Updated telephone directory** will be available later this month. Watch your church mailbox.

Come & Meet God in the "In Between": The familiar scripture stories this Lenten season reveal Jesus paving the way through challenges and extremes, to



deliver grace, peace and guidance. In between the edges and extremes of our lives and our world, we are invited to meet God, and be transformed to see and act in this world with eyes of faith.

This Sunday Mar. 30: we will navigate the polarities and explore God's presence in between: lost & found This Wednesday Apr 2:, we will identify the abundant gifts that God gives us to use on our faith journey: **Love.** With this gift, God ultimately leads us through Jesus' cross to new life.

Together, let's meet God in the middle of the extremes in life, enlightened by God's way and empowered to live in a new way through Jesus Christ.



#### Gloria Dei Youth & Families invite you to enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and their famous Cake Auction Saturday, April 12

Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. (free will offering) and a cake auction to follow. Sign-ups on the kiosk to attend dinner and if you would like to donate a cake for the auction. Monies raised will be used by GD Youth for youth mission trips and other fellowship youth events.

Thrivent Choice Dollars - can be directed to Gloria Dei or other nonprofit organizations. LAST CHANCE: Your Choice Dollars will be lost for 2024 if you do NOT direct them by March 31, 2025. Any questions, contact your Thrivent rep.

**DENTAL SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Please consider donating dental supplies for the Thanksgiving Baskets families. Due to the generosity of our members and our local dental community, 59 adults and 89 children received toothbrushes and toothpaste last year. We would again like to supply all family members with dental hygiene products in 2025. Many members asked their dentists to donate and their response was amazing! We're starting this collection in March due to the large number of toothbrushes needed. Donations can be placed in the crate by the kiosk. Thank you!! Vicki and Jim Wippich



Upcoming Events: See kiosk for more info.

- Community Clothes Closet: The Great Undie Giveback - April 1-14.
- Racial Justice Conference @ Ascension Lutheran Church Green Bay on April 5 from 8:30am-3pm. If you would like to Gloria Dei will pay the registration fee. Contact the Church office if interested.
- Remember & Rejoice April 5 @ St Gabriel Parish, 900 Geiger St. Neenah @ 12:30-2:30pm. A service honoring all donors (organ, tissue, eye) and their families who selflessly chose to save lives through donation.
- Retirees & Friends @ Our Saviors Lutheran Church on April 7 @ 1pm. Guest speaker, Jean George, Resource Advocate at Linwood Community. Jean will share her wisdom on accessing programs available that help older adults live safely, independently and age in
- Fun, Friends, & Fellowship at GD on Tuesday, April 8 at 1pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon playing games.

Gather by the Bay Meetup: A ministry for young adults ages 18-35. Enjoy games, a scavenger hunt, light snacks, and a chance to build meaningful spiritual connections with fellow young adults. Sunday, March 30 from 7:00-8:30pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1301 S Ridge Rd, Green Bay.

Middle & High School Youth Lock-In: April 11 @ 7pm -April 12 @ 7am at Peace Lutheran Church (240 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh). See youth bulletin board and kiosk for more information.

Synod youth bowling event on Saturday, Apr 26 at Revs Bowl Bar & Grill in Oshkosh. Cost is \$15 per person and includes 2 games, shoes and lunch. Revs will serve up a pitcher of soda and a 16" pizza for every four people. The fun will start at 12:00 pm and wind down at 3:00 pm. Contact Pastor Jon if you are interested.

**Endowment Fund Request Forms:** Gloria Dei's Endowment Fund was set up to disburse monies to worthwhile causes within the church and surrounding community. Anyone can submit a form to request funds for something needed at church or for community needs. Forms available from the Endowment mailbox. Requests Due 4/30



2025 Lenten World Hunger Focus - Education Support for Girls and Disaster Response (LDR): Worldwide, girls are far less likely than boys to be enrolled in school. Many factors play into this, yet helping families with school fees, books, registration and uniforms can eliminate the difficult choice for parents to make about which child, if any, goes to school and which stays home. When you educate a girl, you open a world of opportunity for her future and the future of her family and community. For just \$40 per child/ youth, your gift to "Lent World Hunger" can help provide a more promising future. Please join us in opening the opportunity for many young women's futures. \$2,128 has been collected so far. Campaign runs until 4/20.

Donate financial gifts to this GD Lenten World Hunger Emphasis;

- Pick up envelope at the 2025 Lent World Hunger display board and give by cash or check and put in offering.
- Give online at Online at https://gloriadeilc.org/give/ under the "Lent World Hunger" picture
- Text your gift to 1-877-952-9422 or scan the QR code.



VBS startup meeting: Gloria Dei will be hosting this year's Vacation Bible School along with 3 other Neenah ELCA churches. VBS will be held Aug 3-7 from 5:30-8:00pm. If you are interested in helping with teaching, decorating, etc, we will be holding our first planning meeting Thur, Apr 10 @ 6pm in the GD fellowship hall. If you can't make the meeting and would like to help please contact Pastor Jon or Jill Kruger.

#### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

30 SUNDAY 8:00 Worship Service - One	7 00 Dil (	No Quilting or	12;00 Lenten Worship-	3 THURSDAY 7:30 Morning Bible Study	5 SATURDAY 8:30-3 Radical
Voice Sings @ 8:00 (Live Stream on YouTube) 9:00 Fellowship Hour No Sunday School 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service		City of Neenah Voting @ GD	Service	No Coffee House 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	Justice Conf GB 12:30-2:30pm Remember & Rejoice @ St Gabriel Parish