

## **NEWSLETTER—WEEK of June 15, 2025**

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# Worship with us - Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Online Worship @ <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/gloriadei">https://www.youtube.com/c/gloriadei</a> (Sunday)

Prayers

Prayers for family and friends of Maxine Reese who passed away on June 10.



Last Sunday we honored Gloria Dei High School Graduates with a blessing prayer, acclamation and with the gift of graduate quilts. Some graduates donated their quilts to outreach

ministries like Community Clothes Closet, Christine Anne Center, Harbor House or our mission partners at Hephatha. Some graduates received quilts for home or school.

Thank you to GD Quilters for your handcrafted gifts with

textiles, design, materials, your time and your care to make these extraordinary quilts for our graduates!

As they begin work, school, study or a time of discernment, our connection and support as church family is so very important! God's blessings and congratulations!

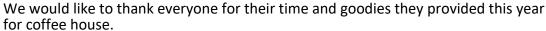


Looking for volunteers to provide special music this summer either at the Thurs evening or Sunday morning service. If you are interested, please contact Myron Jones or church office.



Looking for a volunteer to coordinate the **July 12 FVCT** at St Paul's for Shepherding Groups 3B & 4. Please contact Pastor Tabitha if you are able to help.

### Coffee House – on Summer Vacation!!





Through the course of the year we had a total attendance of at least 2,057 children, youth & adults! Over **323** different kids and adults attended throughout the year. This number of school & community participants equals to almost **6,171 pieces** of goodies handed out during the year, things from cupcakes to brownies and cookies along with pizzas, mac n cheese, grilled cheese and hotdogs filled the stomachs of hungry high school and middle school students, siblings and parents/guardians!

The average attendance for coffee house was **about 75 each week.** Besides the food, just think of how many youth were able to experience Unconditional Christian Care and love, through hospitality, a safe place, acceptance, relationship building, and of course food and nutrition for their day. Again thank you to everyone who helped make coffee house successful again this year! Great work everyone!



**Hephatha Visit and Meal June 29, 2025:** Our friends at Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee serve their community by offering a meal to youth and others in the community following worship services every Sunday. This ministry developed several years ago when the members recognized many children in their neighborhood received at least one good meal at school every week day, but often could not count on this for the weekend. As Hephatha's partner in mission, Gloria Dei has offered to sponsor and serve this meal on June 29.

#### We need your help in several ways to ensure this trip to support our partner is successful:

- You can help by preparing the meal on Saturday, Jun 28 at GD, donate money to purchase meat and buns, or bring in salads (pasta, oriental, Jell-O, etc.), fresh fruit/melons, and cupcakes, cookies, or dessert bars. The church will be open on Saturday morning and items may be left in the ref or on the counter marked "Hephatha". Contact Annette Sikma if you need access to the church outside the normal hours to make your delivery. For those providing food, please put items in disposable pans or bags.
- You can travel to Hephatha with us to worship and to serve the meal. The group will depart Sun, Jun 29 at 7am and return around 2pm.
- Monetary donations may be placed in the regular offering marked for "Hephatha Meal". If any money collected for this event is not needed, it will be used to support our Thanksgiving Basket program this fall. Please sign up on the KIOSK to indicate how you will participate.

## Gathered in Spirit, Moving in **Mission: Synod Assembly**

The 2025 Synod Assembly convened on June 7th at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay, drawing 272 registered participants—180 lay people (66% of voting members) and



92 rostered ministers (34%)—under the theme "To Serve All People Following the Example of Jesus."

Keynote speakers Venice Williams and Mary Campbell offered powerful insights on building inclusive ministries and accompanying migrants, setting a tone of compassion and justice for the day. Sherrill Knezel captured the day with her graphic illustrations.

Significant business included the adoption of the 2026 Synod Budget and Minimum Compensation Guidelines, as well as the passage of 3 important resolutions on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools and Abuse Prevention & Reporting.

The assembly also elected several leaders, including Nancy Schanke as Vice President and Kerry Fehrman as Treasurer, and celebrated the presence and partnership of numerous ministry collaborators.

Worship was a central part of the day, with a sermon from Bishop Anne Edison -Albright proclaiming God's unconditional love. Reflections from VP Nancy Schanke and Bishop Anne reaffirmed the synod's commitment to inclusion. justice, and mission rooted in relationship. An offering was received to support both the Bishop's Resource Fund and AMMPARO.

GD members Lori and Noah Johnson were present for the synod assembly this year! Thank you to Lori and Noah for representing all of us!!!

Next year's Synod Assembly 2026, is scheduled for June 4–6 in Oshkosh, where among other important work of the church, we will be electing a bishop to serve a new 6 year term. For a full recap of the 2025 Synod Assembly, visit this link

"Christ in Our Home" Jul-Sep 2025 devotionals can be picked up on the table by the church mailboxes.

2025 Synod Golf Tournament: Will be held on August 12, 2025 at the beautiful Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola. Get a foursome together and come join the fun! Registration form is posted on kiosk.

Can you help make "God's work. Our hands" possible this year? Can you help with GWOH Planning this year? In order to make it happen, we will need 3-5 Gloria Dei volunteers to help with the planning for GWOH. Official Date announced for GWOH is Sunday, Sept 7. We are exploring



making some changes to the format/date for this year, but still need help in coordinating. Please consider helping so that we can continue this meaningful ministry! Please contact Pastor Tabitha to volunteer.



Congratulations Rev. Dee Sim on celebrating 20 years of impactful ministry on June 18.



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Aug 3-7 5:30-8:00pm 3yrs old to 5th grade All are welcome

**Registration Now Open** https://forms.gle/ eQ7iCB4yvPjxx53v6

Looking for Volunteers for VBS: 8 youth/ adults to help shepherd groups, 2 adults to help with registration and check out, and 1 youth/adult to be timer. A supply list will be forthcoming if you would like to donate.

Whitewater Rafting: GD is planning a whitewater rafting trip Jul 12. The trip is for anyone 12 years and up. The cost is \$93/person. Families can use money in their child's youth account. However, if cost is an issue and you would like to go, please let Pastor Jon know.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

- Hearts & Minds 5 wk class Mondays 6/23-7/21, 6-8pm, NAMI Fox Valley
- Hephatha Visit Jun 29;
- Whitewater Rafting Jul 12;
- Community Production of Mary Poppins -Jul 11/12 - Winneconne Community Arts
- Christmas in July Worship Service Jul 27
- Synod Golf Outing Aug 12. See kiosk for more info.

The beautiful quilt on Darlene Engstrom's bench was made and donated to GD from Darlene's family.

	Altar Guild	Greeter	Acolyte		Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant
Jun 15 Altar	Christine Olsen		Landon Schaller	Doug & Karen Waehler	Deb Barkholtz	Deb Barkholtz	Chris Drews
Jun 22	Sandy Wahamaki	Valerie Gulke	Jackson West	Steve Graf/ Christine Olsen	Betsy West	Betsy West	Valerie Gulke

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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	15 SUNDAY	16 MONDAY	17 TUESDAY	18 WEDNESDAY	19 THURSDAY	20 FRIDAY	21 SATURDAY		
	9:00 Worship Service	7:30 Pilates	9-4 Jubricosa	9:00 Priscilla Circle	7:30 Morning Bible Study	7:30 Pilates	8am-6pm Gallatin		
	(Live Stream on YouTube)		9:00 Quilting		9-4 Jubricosa		fellowship hall		
	10:00 Fellowship Hour	3:00 Phillip Shredding	9:00 ZUMBA						
						4-8pm Gallatin fellowship			
	7:00 Fun Run @ Memorial	6:30 Council Meeting			Worship Service	hall			
	Park Neenah				7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	5:30 Women of Hope NA			