

NEWSLETTER—WEEK of August 10, 2025

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

Online Worship @ https://www.youtube.com/c/gloriadei (Sunday)



Prayers for Sarah Mercier, Gale Zimbrick (mother of Michelle McGlin), Kathy Helm, Jill Schleinz (sister of Jean Herman), Sandy Wahamaki, Sharron, Robert, Mike & Kathy Crouch, Jerry Lindow, Pastor Tabitha Gallatin, Laura Anklam (daughter of Bill & Lucy Bebow), Tom Flemming, and George Bureau.

Living Out in Community - LEAVEN

Generously LEAVEN (Limited Emergency Gloria Dei Ministry: Reaching Assistance Valley Ecumenical

Network) is an organization that helps stabilize and empower people in financial crisis with educational and limited financial assistance. This assistance is available to people who are struggling to meet their basic needs and have nowhere else to turn for help. LEAVEN helps with basic human needs, mostly helping people stay in their homes or apartments. They help with budgeting, rent, mortgage, and security deposits. They also help make sure gas, electric, or water services are not shut off or are reconnected. They also provide gas cards, bus passes, diapers, toiletries, and vouchers for clothing. They connect people to other resources in the community through referrals. LEAVEN's main office is located at 1475 Opportunity Way in Menasha. They have satellite offices in Hortonville, Chilton, and Seymour. Gloria Dei will contribute \$900, this year, toward LEAVEN programs. For more information go to www.leavenfoxcities.org



Pet Blessing Worship Service Calling all Pets! Please bring your Parents (owners!) to Gloria Dei, for a special time of Worship & Blessing.

Thursday, August 21 at 6 p.m. Gloria Dei Backyard (or inside church if bad/scary weather). Have your owners bring a lawn chair, and items to clean up any gifts you might leave. If you're a dog or cat, there will be a T-R-E-A-T for you after you receive your blessing.

Community Worship Service August 31 service at Smith Park at 9:30 AM. The ELCA churches in Neenah will have a joint worship service at **Smith** Park in Menasha. There will **NOT** be a worship service held at Gloria Dei (or the other ELCA churches) that morning. If you can't join us for the Sunday worship at the park, please join us on our last Thursday evening worship at Gloria Dei on Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 PM. For the August 31 Sunday service we ask that you bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. (In case of inclement weather we will be under shelter at Smith Park. Refreshments will be served after worship. Loose offering will be going to LEAVEN.

This week's Gospel lesson: Luke 12:32-40 is a passage about fear, generosity, and readiness for the Kingdom of God. Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid because God is pleased to give them the Kingdom. He urges them to be generous with their possessions and to store up treasure in heaven. The passage also emphasizes the importance of being watchful and prepared for the Son of Man's return, which will be unexpected.



Congratulations to Sydney Wirth & Will Foucault on their marriage Saturday, August 16.

ATTENTION Gloria Dei QUILTERS! After our meeting on Tuesday, August 12, we have been invited to take a tour of "Heads Up", the new facility supporting youth who have aged out of foster care. We will be sharing quilts with them and learning about their program. We may also learn of other ways to partner with them – truly our neighbors, just down the street on Apple Blossom Drive!

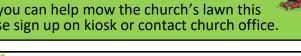
Thank you to all who donated and volunteered for Vacation Bible School this year. We had 52 kids signed up this year. Special thanks to Jill Kruger who organized and lead VBS, Jay Olson as Scout, Pam Olson for helping set up, and Galen Drews, Noah Johnson, and Laura Kraus for helping with decorations.





August Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Jim & Sherry Klitz. Thank you.

Thank you to Jason Miserlian who mowed the lawn this past week. If you can help mow the church's lawn this summer, please sign up on kiosk or contact church office.





Gloria Dei Fall Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Nov 8 from 9am-2pm

If you would like to be a part of the Gloria Dei Craft Committee, please contact Robyn

Krueger. Upcoming meetings are planned for: 8/13, 9/10, 10/1, 10/13, 11/3 all @ 3:30pm and 10/18 @ 9am.

Registration is open. Registration form is on the Gloria Dei Website or you can pick one up at church.

We will be putting together themed baskets to sell raffle tickets. If you are willing to donate a themed basket or donate any new, unused items that we can combine with other donated items to make a basket that would be great. Donations can be dropped off in church office.

Thank you in advance for your support!

God's Work. Our Hands - Sunday, September 7

This year, Gloria Dei will be doing 11 service projects both at our church and in our community. We will have a short service that morning at 9 am and then everyone will be dismissed to do their projects. After our projects we will all meet back at church at 11:30 for a fellowship meal. Please sign up on the board in the gathering space or call the office to have them sign you up. If you have any questions, please see Christine Melbye or contact church office.



In Community:

- 1) Sleep in Heavenly Peace (joint project with 3 other ELCA churches). Ages 12 and older. Making/constructing beds for people in need. Project is located in Oshkosh. Looking for 30-40 people. **NEW THIS YEAR**.
- 2) Worship & Sing at Linwood Community Center. Attend worship service and serve treats to residents. Project is located in Appleton. Looking for 5-40 people.
- 3) Neenah Animal Shelter. Ages 15 and order. Provide help with indoor tasks at the shelter such as dishes, laundry, organizational tasks. Looking for 6 people.

- 4) Quilting at Gloria Dei help put together quilts that will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief, Hephatha, and those in need in our community. If you can tie a knot you can tie a quilt. Looking for 5-15 people.
- 5) Baking for Coffee House/Firefighters/local Police using the church kitchen, make cookies or bars, fruit, and/ or veggie trays w/dip, and other healthy items which can be baked and then distributed to local fire stations and police departments as well as Gloria Dei's Coffee House. Looking for 15 people.
- 6) Tying Fleece Blankets blankets will be delivered to Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center, shelters, homeless, and Hephatha. If you can tie a knot you can tie a blanket. Looking for 10-20 people.
- St Joe's Food Pantry measuring herbs for food packets. Looking for 10-20 people.
- 8) Children's Projects still coming up with projects for this one.
- 9) Lunch Crew make lunch for GWOH day. Sign up to bring a dessert.
- 10) Greeting Card Making. Ages 12 and older. Make greeting cards for various groups. Looking for 10-15 people.
- 11) Journal Book Making. Ages 12 and older. Decorate covers of journals with positive message. Will be distributed to Christine Ann Center. Looking for 10-15 people.



As a part of God's Work Our Hands, Gloria Dei will be collecting nonperishable foods and other essentials for the blessing box. We will begin collecting this Sunday, August 10 and go through September 7.

Stable Minds Social Educational Event @ BEAMING BEAMING

Changing Lives, One Ride at a Time

on Sept 8 from 10:30-Noon. See kiosk for more information.

Reminder: When purchasing items for the church using personal credit

card please get the church exempt sales tax number otherwise you will not get reimbursed for the sales tax.

Looking Ahead:

- Quilters to tour Heads Up on Apple Blossom Ln Aug 12
- Synod Golf Outing Aug 12
- Elvis John Linwood Community Park Aug 17 @ 2pm
- Combined ELCA churches Worship in the Park Aug 31 @ 9:30 am
- GWOH Sep 7
- Stable Minds Social Educational Event @ Beaming Sept 8
- Friends Day @ Church of the Wilderness Sept 14

See kiosk for more info.

	Altar Guild	Greeter	Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant
Aug 10	Sherry Klitz		Jackson West	Jim Klitz	Betsy West	Betsy West	Jeaneen Schoessow
Aug 17	Christine Olsen		Ally Keck	Nancy Swanson	Christine Olsen	Christine Olsen	Steve Graf

WEEK AT A GLANCE

10 SUNDAY	11 MONDAY	12 TUESDAY	13 WEDNESDAY	14 THURSDAY	15 FRIDAY	16 SATURDAY
9:00 Worship Service	7:30 Pilates	9:00 Quilting		7:30 Morning Bible Study	7:30 Pilates	Sydney Wirth & Will
(Live Stream on YouTube)		9:00 ZUMBĂ	3:30 Craft Fair	,		Foucault Wedding
10:00 Fellowship Hour		11:00 Quilters to	Meeting	6:00 Thursday Night		Offsite
1	6:00 Ed/Youth	visit Heads Up	ŭ	Worship Service		
	Ministry Mtg	Facility on Apple		7:00 N.A. group @ GD	5:30 Women of Hope NA	
	6:30 Finance	Blossom Lane		0 , 0	·	
	Committee Mtg					