

**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 Schlein (sister of Jean Herman), Sandy Wahamaki, Sharron, Robert, Mike Crouch, Jerry Lindow, Laura Anklam (daughter of Bill & Lucy Bebow), Tom Flemming, and George Bureau.

**Living Generously in Community: ELCA World Hunger**

"For 50 years we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger." (website) Did you know that more than 10% of the world is facing serious hunger? Working with and through Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. *This year Gloria Dei will give a minimum of \$700 toward the ministry of ELCA World Hunger.* For more information go to [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger).



**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.

Stable Minds Social Educational Event @ BEAMING on Sept 8 from 10:30-Noon. See kiosk for more information.



**Joyful Stewards Giving Statements are ready and can be picked up from your church mailbox.**

Thank you so much for your prayers, care, meals, treats and cards shared for our family following my surgery and time off! We have experienced God's love in abundance through your care and support! We are tremendously grateful for your love and care! The Gallatins



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

Thank you to Kyle Christensen 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.



Quilters dropped off 3 quilts at Heads Up on Apple Blossom Dr in Neenah on Tuesday and got a tour of their facility.

Heads up supports young adults ages 16-24 who have aged out of foster system.

Gloria Dei is planning to do more volunteering in the near future, like serving a meal and a GWOH project. If you would like more information regarding this program, see Susan Schlachtenhaufen or contact the church office.

Gloria Dei Telephone Directory Update:  
 Sandy Wahamaki new cell phone number is 920-956-5482.



**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: 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 older. Provide help with indoor tasks at the shelter such as dishes, laundry, organizational tasks. **THIS ONE IS FULL.**

### At Gloria Dei:

- 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.
- 7) 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 started collecting last Sunday and will go through Sept 7. Suggested donations: peanut butter, jelly, canned corn, spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce.

Pick up your GWOH t-shirt this Sunday, Aug 17 or next Sunday, Aug 24 so you can be ready for GWOH Sunday, Sept 7. You can also stop in at the church anytime to pick up a t-shirt before Sept 7.



### Looking Ahead:

- 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.

### Lay School Registration is Open!

Don't miss your chance to deepen your faith and understanding! Registration for Lay School classes is officially open. You can find detailed class descriptions and register directly on the Lay School website: [Lay School ECWSW \(https://layschool.ecsw.org/home\)](https://layschool.ecsw.org/home)



Classes begin the weekend of September 19. Classes are usually a Friday and Saturday once/month during the school year. Classes are held at Christ the King Lutheran, Combined Locks. Times are generally Fridays from 5:15 p.m. (dinner)-9 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Please contact Pastors Jon or Tabitha for more information or to notify us that you're interested in participating.

	Altar Guild	Greeter	Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant
Aug 17	Christine Olsen		Ally Keck	Nancy Swanson	Christine Olsen	Christine Olsen	Steve Graf
Aug 24	Julee Mansfield		Elise Wedge	Vincent Guardiola/Christine Olsen	Steve Graf	Steve Graf	Bob Mansfield

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>17 SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Worship Service (Live Stream on YouTube) 10:00 Fellowship Hour	<b>18 MONDAY</b> 7:30 Pilates 3:30 Phillip Shredding	<b>19 TUESDAY</b> 9:00 Quilting 9:00 ZUMBA 5:00 Mutual Ministry @ Solea's	<b>20 WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 Priscilla Circle	<b>21 THURSDAY</b> 7:30 Morning Bible Study 6:00 Thursday Night Worship Service -Pet Blessing Service 7:00 N.A. group @ GD	<b>22 FRIDAY</b> 7:30 Pilates 7:00 Women of Hope NA	<b>23 SATURDAY</b>
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## 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

ELCA Churchwide Assembly took place Jul 28 – Aug 2 in Phoenix, Arizona. Voting members from our synod as well as all other synods throughout the US, attended. It's kind of like a mega synod assembly in format and atmosphere: lots of people, lots of worship, great music, wonderful food, tons of fellowship and some serious deliberations, discernment and business work is usually accomplished.

This year was no different!! A lot of activity took place, one of the most consequential and Holy activities being the election of a new ELCA Bishop. Bishop Eaton is completing her term, and the whole assembly of gathered ELCA people of faith lifted up a new pastor to serve in this role! On the third day of the Assembly, Rev. Yehiel Curry, bishop of the Metro Chicago Synod was elected to be presiding bishop of the ELCA! He will be installed on Oct 4.



ELCA Bishop Elect  
Rev. Yehiel Curry

We give thanks to God for the shepherding leadership of Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, who humbly served our whole church in this role as Bishop since October 2013. We are grateful for her steadfast reliance on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, her profound theological grounding, compassionate spiritual care and faithful words of truth spoken in all circumstances.

*<sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 4:5-6, 15)*



Our Synod Voting Members with new ELCA Bishop

