

# **NEWSLETTER—WEEK of August 24, 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, Jerry Lindow, Tom Flemming, and George Bureau. Prayers for Kathy Crouch and family at the passing of her husband, Mike.

### Pet Blessing Service - Tonight, Thursday, August 21 @ 6:00

**Next Sunday: Community Worship Service Aug 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 Thurs, Aug 28 at 6pm. For the Aug 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.



Thank you, Gloria Dei family! It has been a challenging few years and then, in March I needed to have foot fusion surgery. Dave & I

were so grateful for the many kind cards, heartfelt words and prayers during his illness and treatments and I continue to be thankful for the church family. It has helped me so much. I am so appreciative of the kindness of others. A special thank you to Pastor Tabitha for the many rides to church! Thank you for your continued love and support! Carrie Raeth & the Enz family



Flowers on the altar this morning are in celebration of RoJean Quandt's 85th birthday.

### 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**. \*\*Description: There's always something to do ... from the moment you arrive, sign in, and get your safety gear until the last SHP logo is branded on the final headboard of the day. Volunteers – under the guidance of SHP Chapter team members – build bunks in an assembly line setup. There are stations for sawing, sanding, drilling, assembling, staining, and branding the wood. What started as a pile of raw lumber from the hardware store becomes ready-to-deliver bunks for kids in need. Just show up ready to work. All equipment is provided. \*\* Lunch: TBD
- Worship & Sing at Linwood Community Center. Attend worship service and serve treats to residents. Project is located in Appleton. Looking for 5-40 people.
- Neenah Animal Shelter. Ages 15 and order. 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.
- 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.

If you need a GWOH t-shirt, please pick one up Sunday or stop by the church anytime before Sept 7.

As a part of God's Work Our Hands, GD will be collecting nonperishable foods and other essentials for the blessing box. We will be collecting through Sept 7. Suggested donations: peanut butter, jelly, canned corn, spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce. \*\*Pick 'n Save has Kroger apple juice-64oz & Kroger peanut butter-16oz (digital deal/limit 5) for \$.99 through Tuesday.\*\*

Living Gloria Dei Ministry: Reaching Out in Community: Lutheran Disaster Generously in Community: Lutheran Disaster Response: LDR (formerly known as

Lutheran Disaster Relief) shares God's love in concrete ways with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. "When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need!" (website). Current international projects include: Eastern Europe Crisis Response, Horn of Africa Drought, Middle East Crisis, South Sudan Relief, AMMPARO: Protecting Migrants. LDR Domestic projects include: Flooding, Hurricanes, Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Wildfires. Gloria Dei plans to give \$1000 to LDR this year. For more information go to www.elca.org/our-work/relief-anddevelopment/lutheran-disaster-response. Also: Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook, follow @ELCALDR on Twitter and follow @ELCA LDR on Instagram.

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



**Interested in Membership?** 

If you have visited or are not currently a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

you are invited to consider becoming one! We will be hosting a new member orientation process this fall. Please consider joining us in attending an orientation gathering:

#### Sunday, Sept 14 9:15- 10:15am

The membership process at Gloria Dei is informal and open to all! It includes learning more about Gloria Dei church community and becoming acquainted with each other as members of this church community. We look forward to welcoming and celebrating with new families on an upcoming Sunday during Worship.

Email: pastortabitha@gloriadeilc.org or call church office at 725-6822 to indicate your interest or to ask additional questions about membership at Gloria Dei. If you are interested in membership, but cannot attend this date, please connect with Pastor Tabitha to schedule an alternate date to meet.

## 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 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!

## 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 ECSW (https://layschool.ecsw.org/home)



Annual

**Fall Craft Fair** 

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.

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

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

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



## **Looking Ahead:**

- Last Thursday Worship Service @ GD Thurs Aug 28
- Combined churches Worship in the Park 8/31 @ 9:30 am
- GWOH Sep 7 @ 9am
- 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		Communion Assistant
Aug 24	Julee Mansfield		Elise Wedge	Vincent Guardiola/ Christine Olsen	Steve Graf	Steve Graf	Bob Mansfield

Sunday, August 31 - No Gloria Dei Service - Worship @ Smith Park, Menasha. Sunday, Sept 7 - GWOH Service @ 9am Starting Sunday, Sept 14 - please sign up on kiosk to help with worship. Thank you.

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

24 SUNDAY	25 MONDAY	26 TUESDAY	27 WEDNESDAY	28 THURSDAY	29 FRIDAY	30 SATURDAY
9:00 Worship Service	7:30 Pilates	9:00 Quilting			Office Closed	
(Live Stream on YouTube)		9:00 ZUMBĂ		Call Ahead if planning to come in	7:30 Pilates	
10:00 Fellowship Hour 12:30 Woodchippers	5:00 Property	1:00 Swanson Card		7:30 Morning Bible Study		
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