

**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, Jerry Lindow, Tom Flemming, and George Bureau.

**Community Worship Service Aug 31 at Smith Park, Menasha, at 9:30AM. NO**

worship service will be held at Gloria Dei (or 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 (it will also be live streamed). 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 @ Smith Park. Loose offering will go to LEAVEN. Refreshments will be served after worship.



Prayer for Labor Day: Lord of life, you have given us six days on which to work, and modeled resting in your word on the sabbath. We give thanks for fair labor practices that offer time for rest and leisure as balance to our daily work. We pray for good and productive work in our daily professions and pursuits for the welfare of our neighbors. We pray for just and safe working conditions for all, for living wages, for honor and dignity in our employment. We pray that you work against all forces that steal human dignity or rob communities of the economic support they need from their labors to live sufficiently and well. For all those who defend the dignity of work, and all those who help us discover how to connect our faith to work, we give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings to all on this Labor Day weekend!

**Emergency Pastoral Care while Pastors are on vacation (Aug 31-Sept 3):** If you are in need of emergency Pastoral Care please call the church at 920-722-6822. After office hours, call Joan Terry at 920-809-6923.

**Please leave a message:**

1. Your name & phone number.
2. Name of hospital, name of person. & room number.
3. Anything else necessary that would help in understanding the situation.

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**

**Come and join in this important work and fun on Sunday, Sept 7**

**Gather at 8:45 a.m. ~ Worship at 9 a.m. ~**

**Service Projects at 9:15 a.m. ~ Free Lunch 11:30a.m.**

**Invite your friends and neighbors!**

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, 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 50-60 people. Volunteers under the guidance of SHP Chapter team members will build bunks in an assembly line setup. There are stations for sawing, sanding, drilling, assembling, staining, and branding the wood. No experience needed. All equipment is provided. Address: 627 Bayshore Drive, Oshkosh.
- 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.


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 - making first aid kits for Heads Up group.
- 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, canned green beans, spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce.

 **Gloria Dei Ministry: Reaching Out Living Generously in Community - UW Oshkosh Lutheran Campus Ministry**  
 "The Gathering Place--a Safe Place to Belong" is our ELCA presence on UW Oshkosh campus, located in a house at 620 Elmwood Ave. Under the leadership Pastor Crystal Lee, an ELCA Lutheran pastor The Gathering Place provides Bible study, and fellowship for UW Oshkosh students. Gloria Dei members can support their programs financially, provide food for their free lunches on Tuesdays. or donate small house plants for their Plant Give Away program scheduled for move-in weekend in the fall. *Gloria Dei gave \$1,700.* For more information talk to Pastor Cath Mode or go to [www.lcmosh.org](http://www.lcmosh.org).

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](mailto: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 cannot attend this date, please connect with Pastor Tabitha to schedule an alternate date to meet.

**Gloria Dei Fall Craft Fair Sat. Nov 8 from 9am-2pm**

Upcoming Craft Committee 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.

If interested we are putting together themed baskets, please donate any new, unused items that we can combine with other donated items to make a basket. Donations can be dropped off in church office.

**Coffee House Ministry Planning for 2025-2026 School Year Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.**

**Informational "Coffee House Meeting" will be held Thurs, Sept 11 @ 1:30 p.m. at church** for GD members and friends interested in helping with this ministry. Coffee House is a ministry of hospitality and food to Middle School & High School Youth and their families throughout the school year. We provide food (hot foods, treats, beverages and snacks), a safe place for youth to gather, unconditional welcome and acceptance, and a reflection of God's love through our interactions! Gloria Dei volunteers will greet youth, oversee a sign in table, slice/prep treats and food, serve food, distribute beverages, welcome and chat with youth, and do clean up in kitchen/fellowship hall. It takes a crew of about 8-10 each week to make this ministry happen. Volunteers in the past have worked out a loose schedule weekly, biweekly or some other arrangement based on availability, making this a flexible volunteer opportunity. **Coffee house begins on Thurs, Oct 2 @ 3:15 -4:15 p.m.**

Thank you to Christine Olsen 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.



**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
- Check out kiosk for more information.



**Beginning Sunday, September 14**

**Worship Opportunities:** Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Enjoy Fellowship after worship!

**Education Opportunities for All Ages:**

Beginning, Sunday, September 14:  
 Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade  
 9:10-10:10 a.m.

Beginning, Sunday, September 21:  
 Youth & Adult Lectionary Bible Study in Church Library  
 9:10-10:15 a.m.



**Confirmation Ministry: Youth Education and faith learning for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Attention all 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade families: Confirmation is the time for faith learning and growth during the middle school years. The confirmation program begins Wednesday, September 10 with Parent/Student Orientation at 6 p.m. Instructional classes begin on September 17 and continue on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. at church. This is a time to learn some basics of our faith and to explore questions and make discoveries together about God's work in the world and our valuable place in the world. Contact Pastor Jon to sign up or for more information about Confirmation ministry and other learning opportunities



**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

31 SUNDAY	1 MONDAY	2 TUESDAY	3 WEDNESDAY	4 THURSDAY	5 FRIDAY	6 SATURDAY
9:30 Worship in the Park - Smith Park, Menasha	7:30 Pilates Office Closed  LABOR DAY	Office Hrs 9:30-4:30 Pastors Vacation NO Quilting 9:00 ZUMBA	Office Hrs 9:30-4:30 Pastors Vacation 7:30 Pilates	Office Hrs 9:39-4:30 7:30 Morning Bible Study  7:00 N.A. group @ GD	10:00 Visitation 11:00 Funeral for Mike Crouch 12:00 Lunch 7:00 Women of Hope NA	Set up GWOH