



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER—WEEK of September 14, 2025

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Worship with us - Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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



Prayers for Sarah Mercier, Gale Zimbrick (mother of Michelle McGlin), Kathy Helm, Sandy Wahamaki, Sharron, Robert, Jerry Lindow, Tom Flemming, George Bureau, Bryan Engstrom, Liam, and Sandy (Jim Klitz's sister-in-law). Prayers for family & friends of Jill Schlein (sister of Jean Herman) who passed away on Tuesday, Sept 9.

Starting this Sunday, September 14: **Worship Services:** Sunday 8am & 10:30am. Fellowship Hr between services.

Education Opportunities for All Ages:

Beginning This Sunday, September 14:

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

Beginning Next 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 6-8th grade

Attention all 6-8th grade families: If you missed the orientation class on Sept 10 and would still like to participate in confirmation, please see Pastor Jon. First instructional class begins 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.



Name Tag Sunday - Please wear your name tags this morning and then return them to your mailboxes. If you are missing a name tag, please sign up on the clip board found on the table in the narthex and we'll make you new ones. Visitors or those who have misplaced their name tags may pick up a temporary one this morning.



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 gathering class:

This 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 if you are interested or to ask additional questions.

Friends Day at Church of the Wilderness - This Sunday, Sept 14. Meet at Gloria Dei at 8:30 a.m. We will be carpooling to Wilderness Church (Bowler). Church service @ 10 am with a meal following. All are welcome. Still time to sign up on kiosk.

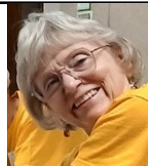
I just want to express my appreciation and special thank you for all the prayers said for my mid July surgery and continued healing through these many weeks. I'm healing better than expected and hope to be back at GD services very soon. Kathy Helm



MENASHA VFW POST 2126 FOOD DRIVE AND BRAT FRY - 546 3rd St, Menasha.

The Menasha VFW is hosting a food drive that will benefit local food pantries, including Gloria Dei's blessing box. The food drive will be held on Thursday and Friday of this week (Sept 11 and 12). Not only can you support families in our community, but you can have lunch at the same time! Thank you to our veterans for continuing to serve our communities!

God bless and congratulations Rev. Catherine Mode on 40 years of ordination. Thanks be to God for your gifts.



Shepherding Group 12 led by Jean & Alan Follendorf serving at FVCT at St Paul's on Sat, Sept 13.



September Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Mel & Veryl Kiekhaefer. Thank you.

Thank you to Galen Drews who mowed the lawn this past week. No one is signed up after this week so if you can help mow the lawn this fall, please sign up on the kiosk.



GWOH BLESSING BOX DONATIONS: Thank you for supporting the blessing box during the GWOH campaign! So far 316 items have been donated! The generosity of our members was off the charts! Some families donated several bags of food and purchased larger size containers that are good for families. In that short period of time we received enough peanut butter to last over three months and we won't have to purchase soup for at least two months. The blessing box also received a facelift by painting the shelves and roof and staining the exterior. What a difference God's Work, Our Hands makes in the community!!

"Christ in Our Home" Oct-Dec 2025 devotionals can be picked up on the table by the mailboxes.

Blood Drive on Monday, Sept 22 from 1-6pm.**Consider donating to save a LIFE!**

To make an appointment, please call Red Cross at 1-800 733-2767, scan QR code, or visit www.redcrossblood.org.



Appointments preferred. Walk ins welcomed!

Living Generously Gloria Dei Ministry: Reaching Out in Community - Miravida Living

Miravida Living (Formerly Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh) is a campus of many residential types, apartment living, rehab, assisted living, dementia care, nursing home... all levels, proving a continuum of care for seniors. "...meaningful relationships are nurtured ... and a future on your terms awaits." (Website) *This year, Gloria Dei will contribute \$600 to ministries at Miravida Living.* For more information or to volunteer go to www.miravidaliving.com.

On Sunday, Sept 21 runners will be participating in the Community First Fox Cities Marathon, ThedaCare Half Marathon, and the Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists Relay Marathon and will be passing through the Fox Cities! The races start at 7:00 a.m. at 1478 Midway Road in Menasha and will finish at Riverside Park in Neenah. A course map can be found online at <https://foxcitiesmarathon.org/race-week/maps/>. Even though Gloria Dei is not on the route you may have to travel through the route to get to church. Please plan ahead and allow some extra time to get to church.

Scam of the Week: Who Sent This Package?

You may be familiar with QR codes. They are square black and white barcodes that you can scan with your phone's camera to be instantly directed to a website or mobile app. Unfortunately, cybercriminals can use QR codes to their advantage. This scam begins when you receive a package in the mail that you weren't expecting. There's no return address or sender info, but a QR code is printed on the box. However, the package, which contains an item of little to no value, is just a trick to get you to scan the code. It was sent by cybercriminals, and they hope you will be tempted to scan the code to find out where the package came from. If you scan the QR code, you'll be taken to a fake website and asked to enter your personal information so that cybercriminals can steal it. The website could even secretly install malware on your device!

Follow these tips to avoid falling for this QR code scam:

- Be suspicious of any package you receive that you didn't order, especially if it has no sender information.
- Never scan a QR code from a source you don't recognize or trust. Cybercriminals can use them to send you to malicious websites.
- Be careful about allowing websites and apps to access your phone's data after scanning a code. Cybercriminals can use these websites and apps to steal your data or download malware to your device.

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

Upcoming Craft Committee meetings are planned for: 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.

CHANGING LEAVES//CHANGING LIVES**CALENDAR RAFFLE****NOVEMBER 1-30, 2025**

What is a calendar raffle? A calendar raffle is a raffle where instead of purchasing a raffle ticket, you are purchasing a chance to win \$500 each day for 30 days! Unlike traditional raffles with a single prize, calendar raffles spread the excitement and offers for winning over a longer period. A single ticket can win multiple times, increasing its value. Winners will be selected randomly at 9:30am each morning Nov 1-30. Winners will be posted on Facebook daily. Gloria Dei will be selling 1,000 tickets starting Wed, Sept 10. Each ticket costs \$25. Tickets are available to purchase Mon-Fri during office hours and Sunday during church time. All proceeds will go to the Capital Fund.

Coffee House Ministry**Starts Thurs, Oct 2 @ 3:15-4:15pm**

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.

Looking Ahead:

- Friends Day @ Church of the Wilderness - Sept 14
 - Linwood Communities Concert - Reminton's Ride Trio - Vintage Western Swing - Sunday, Sept 21 @ 2pm
 - School for Seniors @ St Marks - Fri, Oct 3 from 8-12
 - Early Learning Center Vendor & Craft Blitz - Saturday, Oct 11 from 9am-2pm - 2425 Industrial Dr Neenah.
 - St Mark's Craft Fair - Saturday, Oct 25 from 9am-2pm
 - Holiday for the Horses - Friday, Nov 7
 - GD Fall Craft Fair - Saturday, Nov 8 from 9am-2pm
 - Linwood Communities - Harvest Auction - Nov 14-24
- Check out kiosk for more information.

WEEK AT A GLANCE**14 SUNDAY**

8:00 Worship Service (Live streamed on You Tube)
9:00 Fellowship Hour
9:10 Sunday School Begins
9:15 New Member Orientation
10:30 Worship Service

Name Tag Sunday**15 MONDAY**

7:30 Pilates
3:00 Shredding
6:00 Finance Committee Mtg
6:30 Council Mtg

16 TUESDAY

9:00 Quilting
9:00 ZUMBA
9:30 Appleton Conf Clergy Mtg
6-7:30 Synod Learning Webinar

17 WEDNESDAY

9:00 Priscilla Circle
5:45 Jr Choir Practice
6:15-7:30 Confirmation
6:30 One Voice Choir - Mustain's House

18 THURSDAY

7:30 Morning Bible Study
8-3 Samaritan Workshop
Creating Hope - 1st Congregational UCC
7:00 N.A. group @ GD

19 FRIDAY

7:30 Pilates
5:30 Women of Hope NA

20 SATURDAY

9-12 Jubricosa

2025 God's Work, Our Hands Results!!

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has said, "We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work." Thank you for daring to roll up your sleeves and do God's work with your time, energy and your hands! The following are just some of the results of God's work using your hands on Sept. 7th. This is NOT a comprehensive list; it's merely a snapshot... But what a snapshot it is!!

11+ projects and over 195+ people (children, youth & adults) participated.

- + 63+ Lutherans from Our Saviors, St. Mark's, St. Paul's & Gloria Dei assembled **20** twin sized wooden beds & prepped 5 additional partial beds for children in need in the Oshkosh Area through Sleep in Heavenly Peace Organization. Assembling included drilling, sawing, sanding, affixing, staining, branding, and loading finished bed pieces into trailer.
- + 1000 bags of measured Italian Seasoning (17.5 lb), ~1000 bags of Salt & Pepper (about 55 lb) & ~1000 bags of Chili Powder (~20 lb) were assembled for St. Joe's Food Pantry's Champ Meals. 98 pounds of Spices in total!
- + 62 homemade journals were made for youth and adults for Hephatha Lutheran Church ministry.
- + 77 Handmade Greeting cards were created for spiritual Care/outreach ministries.
- + 5 Quilts were Tied for Lutheran World Relief ministry, to be distributed globally.
- + Supplies were unpacked and organized in 2 large room cabinets and in 1 wall of drawers at Neenah Animal Shelter. At least 50 adoption pet packets were assembled, supplies were inventoried, the kitchen and inside windows were cleaned, floors vacuumed, donations logged, 2 cats were hand fed with eyedroppers by GD youth, and ~10 cats were cared for and had socialization time inside and outside!!
- + 316 items were donated for Blessing Box food ministry on the Gloria Dei premises, including 3 months worth of donations of Peanut butter, 2 months worth of canned soups! Blessing box was also repainted & stained!
- + 60 Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits were made and donated.
- + Baskets of the following made and delivered to community helpers: 9 Veggie Trays, 9 Cookie/bar trays and 9 cheese/sausage platters. At least 6 doz. Peanut Butter Cookies, 6 doz. Sugar Cookies, pumpkin bars, Chocolate chip bars were made. Delivered to Neenah Police Depart., 2 Neenah Fire Departments, Fox Crossings Police & Fire Depart., Menasha Police & Fire Depart., & Kaukauna Police and Fire Departments. About 5 dozen cookies and bars were made for Gloria Dei's Youth Coffee House Ministry.
- + Total of 40 Fleece Blankets were tied– 15 blankets to Fox Valley Children's advocacy & 25 blankets for Hephatha.
- + 9+ GD members and 17+ Tenants enjoyed worship, refreshments and fellowship at Linwood Place, Appleton.
- + \$250 of Kitten & cat food and pet supplies were donated for Neenah Animal Shelter.
- + 24 First Aid Kits & 24 Hygiene Kits were made for young adults in Heads Up program, several laps around church were run, games played, and artwork created on the sidewalk by kids in the children's project group.
- + 2 GD members grilled over 60 Hamburgers & 10+ people made/donated desserts for the Delicious Lunch!!
- + 10+ people worked preparing the meal for over 175 people at Gloria Dei & onsite in Oshkosh. 60+ hamburgers, 9 lb. of Turkey sandwiches and at least 40 Sub Sandwiches were consumed once we finished all this work!!