

NEWSLETTER—WEEK of September 7, 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, George Bureau, Bryan Engstrom, and Liam. Prayers for family & friends of Ray Schwandner who passed away on Friday, Sept 5.



Mike Crouch's funeral will be Fri, Sept 5. Visitation at 10am. Service at 11am. Lunch will be served following the service in the fellowship hall.

Community Worship Service was held Aug 31 at Smith Park, Menasha. Loose offering of \$507.89 was collected for FVCT.

Stable Minds Social Educational Event @ **BEAMING on Sept 8**



from 10:30-12. See kiosk for more info.



Interested in Membership? WELCOME 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.



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

Thank you to Doug Rohloff 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.

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



Less than 100 lbs left of plastic bags to get a bench in memory of Fritz Schoessow.

God's Work, Our Hands this Sunday, Sept 7 Not too late to still sign up!!!

We have 11 service projects that will help our community. Anyone is welcome to help us! Ask your family, friends, or neighbors. We will be gathering with our various groups at church at 8:45am, a brief worship service will be held at 9am, everyone will be dismissed to their projects, and then everyone will reconnect for a free luncheon at Gloria Dei at 11:30am. Please see signup board for more detailed information about projects or previous Dei Lites articles.

In Community:

- 1) Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build: 627 Bayshore Drive, Oshkosh.
- 2) Worship & Sing at Linwood Community
- 3) Neenah Animal Shelter.

At Gloria Dei:

- 4) Quilting at Gloria Dei
- 5) Baking for Coffee House/Firefighters/local Police
- 6) Tying Fleece Blankets
- 7) St Joe's Food Pantry measuring herbs for food packets.
- 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.
- 11) Journal Book Making

If you need a GWOH t-shirt, please pick one up Sunday.



God's work. Our hands

Timeline for GWOH

project

8:30 Last minute sign up

8:45 Directions for each

9:15 Everyone head out

9:00 Worship service

to their project

11:30 Lunch

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: canned corn, canned green beans, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant oatmeal, and Progresso soup (18-19 oz @ Pick N Save this week is \$1.29 limit 5).

One Voice Choir Members -- please meet in the narthex by the coat room after 9:00 service on Sunday before heading out to your GWOH projects. Quick 5 minute organizational announcement.



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

Flowers on the altar this morning are given by Terry & Valerie Gulke in memory of Erich & LaVonne Gulke.





Congratulations to Alan Follendorf who went on the Old Glory Honor Flight on Sept 2. Thank you for your service.

Friends Day at Church of the Wilderness - 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.



Boria Dei Ministry: Reaching Out in Generously Community Linwood Community; a **Mission of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes**

Linwood Community is a non-profit ministry that is dedicated to providing independent living for those who are 62 or older. Their mission is to nurture the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of tenants and their families. They "provide a ministry of hope and help, aiming to end the isolation and invisibility that prevents moderate income elderly in the Fox Cities from accessing the support they need to live with independent dignity in the community." Don't miss the last 2025 Summer Concert Series – Sunday, Sept 21 at 2pm - Linwood Park Pavilion, 401 N Douglas St, Appleton – bring your lawn chairs. Also watch for information about their Annual Harvest Auction, which will be held Nov 14 -24, 2025. For more information talk to Allen Borgwardt or Pastor Tabitha. Gloria Dei is one of 18 partner congregations who support FVLH. This year GD plans to gift \$600 to FVLH. For more information or to volunteer go to www.fvlhomes.org.

Coffee House Ministry Planning for '25-'26 School Year Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Informational "Coffee House Mtg"-- Thurs, Sept 11 @

1:30pm at GD 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.

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.

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.



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!

Looking Ahead:

- Stable Minds Social Event @ Beaming Sept 8
- Friends Day @ Church of the Wilderness Sept 14
- Holiday for the Horses Friday, Nov 7 Check out kiosk for more information.



IPCOMING 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: Beginning, Sunday, September 21: Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade 9:10-10:10 a.m.

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: 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

7 SUNDAY 8:45 Get in groups for GWOH 7:30 Pilates 9:00 Worship Service 9:15 Leave for projects 11:30 Lunch

8 MONDAY

6:00 Ed/Youth Ministry Mtg 6:30 Finance Committee Mtg

9 TUESDAY 9:00 Quilting 9:00 ZUMBA

6:30 Church & Community Mtg

10 WEDNESDAY 3:30 GD Fall Craft Fair Meeting 6:00 Confirmation Mtg (Parents &

Students)

11 THURSDAY 7:30 Morning Bible Study 12:00 Neenah/Menasha Ministry Mtg @ GD 1:30 Coffee House Meeting 7:00 N.A. group @ GD 12 FRIDAY 7:30 Pilates 12-5 Set Up OARS 1:30 Ruth Circle

6:00 Women of Hope NA

13 SATURDAY 9-11 Jubricosa Parent Mtg 10-1 FVCŤ 10-6 OARS -Heather Barber