

NEWSLETTER—WEEK of November 16, 2025

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

Online Worship @ https://www.youtube.com/c/gloriadei (Sunday) 3K-5th grade Sunday School @ 9:10-10:10 a.m. 6th-8th grade Confirmation Wed @ 6:15-7:30pm Adult Bible Study - Thurs @ 7:30 a.m. and Sunday @ 9:10 a.m.



Prayers for Sarah Mercier, Gale Zimbrick, Sandy Wahamaki, Robert, Jerry Lindow, Tom Flemming, George Bureau, Liam, Ken Mercier, Mary Staffeld, Kate Rogge, Karen Morten, Russ, Glenn, Jean Herman, Barb Koehler, Nancy Swanson, and David Klitz.

Pastors' Farewell Potluck Celebration

Join us as we celebrate and send our pastors off with love and gratitude this Sunday, November 16 after the second service (about 11:30 am). Immediately after the church service, we'll gather in the sanctuary for a short program honoring our pastors. A potluck meal will follow. Come and enjoy good food and warm fellowship as we share our memories and blessings together. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat and drinks will be provided. If you'd like to share your appreciation, a card box will be available in the narthex the next month for notes and messages of thanks for the pastors.

Pastor Jon's last day is November 25. Pastor Tabitha's last day is December 31. In the next few weeks, Gloria Dei Congregational Council will be communicating next steps to the congregation.

Help Us Create a Going-Away Gift for Pastor's Jon & Tabitha - We will have a canvas in the narthex painted with Gloria Dei's "tree" on it. We invite you to help us finish the painting by adding your thumbprint to it to represent a leaf on the tree. We'll also have a separate sheet where you can sign your name which we will add to the back of the picture. The painting will be out for the next several weeks and we encourage you to add your print during that time.

Blood Drive on Monday, November 17 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!

We will be making lanterns to decorate the church. Please come Sunday, November 23 between services (9:15-10:15am) for an intergenerational craft. Thank you to all who brought in glass jars for this event. Any questions, see Valerie Gulke.

An invitation to join the One Voice Choir in our presentation of Lloyd Larsen's Cantata 'The Glory of Christmas' which will be offered at Gloria Dei at the 9:00am service December 21. If you've ever thought about what it may be like to sing with our choir, this may be the time for you to experience joining us. There are rehearsal CD's and copies of the music available. We rehearse Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 pm. We only request new participants to rehearse Dec. 10 and 17. Please contact Myron Jones with any questions/comments. Thank you.



Looking for some volunteers to pick up Christmas trees from Schroeder's Christmas Tree Lot, trim the ends, and put in stands. Can be picked up on Monday, December 7. If you can help, please contact Valerie Gulke at 715-697-3290. Thanks.



Happy 90th Birthday to Jim Larsen. Cake will be served between services on Sunday. Nov 16. services on Sunday, Nov 16.

Happy Birthday to Jackson Rougeux God's blessings to you. Let the church office know if you would like to be included in the monthly birthday blessing.



Flowers on the altar this morning are given by Dave & Laura Kraus in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.



Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec 14 at 10:30 service. Practices will be held during Sunday school hour along with

a big Saturday practice on Sat, Dec 6 from 9noon. SS families are asked to bring 1 dozen cookies to enjoy after the Christmas program. Looking for 1-2 people to volunteer to set up and serve the cookies after the 10:30 service on Dec 14. Contact Jill Kruger if you can help.



Thanksgiving Eve **Ecumenical Worship Service** Wed, Nov 26 @ 6:30pm **United Church of Christ** (1511 Nicolet Blvd, Neenah)

Rehearsal for Ecumenical choir begins at 5:45pm.

BLESSING BOX UPDATE: Many people have asked how the Blessing Box is doing with the cuts to SNAP benefits. We've noticed that there's a greater demand for food but the community has stepped up and is generously filling the blessing box, sometimes several times a day. Jim and Vicki Wippich



Christmas Giving is just around the corner. Last year we adopted 2 families 12 children. If you would like to donate a Thrivent Card to this cause, contact Tori Imhoff.

Save the Date: Advent Brunch on Sunday, Dec 7 between services -- egg bakes and baked goods. More details to come.

SCRIP Sunday: In preparation for the holidays -- there are 4 more dates you can order before Christmas. (11/16, 11/30, 12/4, 12/14). Order forms are in the SCRIP mailbox near church office. Submit order forms on Sunday by 10:00 a.m. and SCRIP orders can be picked up at church the following Thursday.

Shop With Scrip

6" CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Red = \$8.00 or White sparkle = \$13.00 All pots are wrapped in a red foil.

Poinsettias will arrive Dec 15 and be displayed at church until Christmas Day. Please order a beautiful poinsettia today to help decorate the chancel for Christmas. Sign up on kiosk no later than Dec 1. Bring payment to the office or place envelope labelled poinsettias in collection plate. Please pick up your poinsettia any time after Christmas Day service and before Jan 5. If you are not able to pick it up, please let the church office know and arrangements can be made to get it dropped off.

2025 GLORIA DEI THANKSGIVING BASKETS

THANK YOU for your tremendous support in donating food, essentials, cash and Thrivent grants! We could not do this without the many volunteers who have helped out in so many ways! It's simply amazing! Thank you to everyone who is giving up their free time to sort and deliver baskets. 34 families are counting on us and we have answered their call! Jim and Vicki Wippich

Sunday, Nov 16 - LAST COLLECTION DATE Wednesday, Nov 19 - SORT DONATED ITEMS IN CHURCH

Saturday, Nov 22 - DELIVER BASKETS 9-10:30 a.m. Please sign up on the kiosk if you would like to sort. Delivery sign-up is full. Any questions, contact Jim or

As we prepare for the holiday season, here are upcoming church events to put on your calendar:

- Nov 23 Pastor Jon's last service. Farewell cake.
- Nov 26: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ 6:30pm @ United Church of Christ
- Nov 30: Advent Begins

KITCHEN AT 9 a.m.

Vicki Wippich.

- Dec 6: Sunday School Christmas Program practice from 9am-noon.
- Dec 7: Advent Brunch between services.
- Dec 14: Children's Christmas Program @ 10:30 service w/ refreshments after the program
- Dec 21: Cantata lead by One Voice Choir One service at 9am. No Sunday school.
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services @ 4pm & 6:30pm
- Dec 25: Christmas Day Service @ 9am
- Dec 28: One worship service @ 9am. No Sunday school. Pastor Tabitha's last service. Farewell cake.

Consider Helping with Worship: There are many openings for folks to help with worship in the areas of Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistant, Acolyte, Liturgy Assistant, Lector, Coffee Hour Host, and Altar Guild. Check out the Kiosk or contact the church office to sign up!



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Shepherd Groups 5 & 3A served 72 people at FVTC on Saturday, Nov 8. Thank you Jenny Bonikowske and Jill Kruger for co-leading this month.



In December there will be a Community Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec 13. Prayer service at 10:30am and meal served from 11:30am-12:30pm. Held at St Paul Lutheran Church.

Looking for volunteers:

- Make cookies need 12 doz
- Make fruit pies need 7
- Drivers to deliver meals
- 5 volunteers to help day of event
- 1 volunteer to help with clean-up

Sign up on kiosk or call church office if you can help.

Coffee House Ministry – Thurs from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Coffee House opened its doors to Neenah students. Served 89 students and parents last week. Thank you to all you volunteered or brought treats. If you would like to volunteer or bake treats, please contact Pastor Jon.

Changing Leaves/Changing Lives Calendar Raffle Wins \$500 a day for 30 days in Nov. Winners will be selected randomly at 9:30am each morning and will be called and posted on church website and Facebook. All proceeds will go to the Capital Fund.

Looking Ahead:

- OSLC Craft Fair Nov 22 from 9am-2pm
- OSLC Retirees & Friends Christmas Party Dec 3 at Noon

Check out kiosk for more information.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

16 SUNDAY 17 MONDAY 18 TUESDAY 19 WEDNESDAY 20 THURSDAY 21 FRIDAY 22 SATURDAY 9:00 Quilting 9:00 ZUMBA 7:30 Pilates 8:00 Worship Service (Live Pastors on Vacation 9-11 Deliver Pastors on Vacation 7:30 Pilates 7:30 Morning Bible Study Streamed on YouTube)
9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:00 Priscilla Circle Thanksgiving 9-11 Y-Nots 1-6 Blood Drive Baskets 9:00 Sort donated 3:00 Phillip Shredding 3:15-4:15 Coffee House 9:10 Sunday School items in church kitchen 9:10 Adult Bible Study No Jr Choir Practice or 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous 5::30 Women w/Hope NA 10:30 Worship Service - One Confirmation Class 6:30 Council Mtg Voice Choir sings 6:30 One Voice Choir 11:30 Pastors Farewell Lunch