

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

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

3K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School @ 9:10-10:10 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Wed @ 6:15-7:30pm

Adult Bible Study - Thurs @ 7:30 a.m. and Sunday @ 9:10 a.m.

**\*\*Come wish  
 Pastor Jon  
 farewell this  
 Sunday, Nov 23  
 between  
 services. Cake &  
 ice cream will  
 be served.\*\***



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, David Klitz, and Ian Vader.



**Baptismal Anniversary:** Congratulations to Owen Raymond Christensen on his one year Baptismal Anniversary on Nov 24. A gift of a baptismal medallion will be given to him to commemorate this special milestone this Sunday, Nov 23.

**Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship**  
**Wed, Nov 26 @ 6:30pm @ United Church of Christ** (1511 Nicolet Blvd). Rehearsal for Ecumenical choir begins at 5:45pm.

**Message from Gloria Dei Member Ryan Michaud:** A New Movement in My Vocation

Off and on, since I was 17, I've sensed a restlessness that never fully disappeared. Over the years, my callings as husband, father, coworker, and servant in the church have formed me in ways I deeply cherish. Those first vocations haven't been set aside. They've been the place where God has quietly shaped something new, allowing this emerging call to take root alongside them and grow out of them. Through prayer, reflection, & the life we've shared here at Gloria Dei, that sense of leading has become clearer. With the support of Leah, along with Jesse and Mo, I've decided to enter candidacy and begin seminary studies as I continue discerning a call to ordained ministry. Gloria Dei has been the soil where faith and calling have grown for our family. I'm grateful for your prayers, friendship, and witness to God's grace, and I ask for your continued support and your honest prayers for wisdom, humility, and courage to follow where the Spirit leads.

Best, Ryan

Gloria Dei is blessed to be able to call Ryan forward from our community of faith, to proceed in this discernment process for ordained ministry. Join us on Sunday during worship, when we will offer prayers, support and affirmation of Ryan's upcoming steps in the journey to ordained ministry!

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 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 the next several weeks and we encourage you to add your print during that time.



**The 17 roses on the altar this morning are given by Gloria Dei in honor of Pastor Jon's 17 years of service.**



Pastor Tabitha & I would like to thank everyone for the love and care you showed to us this past Sunday. An extra thank you goes out to those who planned the meal for the get together. It has been an honor to serve as your Pastor over these seventeen years. Remember, we have all been called by God to share His love and forgiveness with the love He has first given to us. Until we meet again, Pastor Jon.

**Advent Theme at Gloria Dei: What do you fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent:**

We begin Advent Season at Gloria Dei on Sunday, November 30. This season, we acknowledge the reality of fear in our lives, while recognizing that God is calling us with a new Word, a promise of presence and love through Jesus. **The key for our lives is HOPE!**



Luke's Gospel begins the story of Jesus with this opening line: "In the time of Herod..." This detail may seem minor to us today, however, it reveals layers of information about the fearful world Jesus entered, one filled with rampant oppression, economic disparity, uncertainty, and instability. A world not so unlike our own. And yet, throughout the stories of Christ's birth, we hear the whispers of angels delivering a surprising message: "Do not fear." In our own time, we might ask: is it even possible to be fearless in a fearful world? When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are each called into God's redemptive story, they do not deny their fears—they move through them. They ask questions, hold fast to courage, trust in good news, and say, "Here I am, Lord." When we find ourselves in fearful times, can we acknowledge our fears while also insisting on hope?

To help provide guidance for our spiritual lives this season, we invite you to participate in the following ways:

- **Lantern Craft:** Please consider helping make a Lamp decoration for church this season. **This Sunday, Nov 23, 9:15-10:15 a.m.** Children, youth and adults are invited.
- **Devotions:** Devotions around the theme of God's insistence on Hope, in real life, and the promise of God's arrival through Jesus. Available next week: Please pick one up and use at home each day/week this season.
- **Advent Brunch:** Dec 7 at 9 – 10:15 a.m. Enjoy fellowship, good food and spiritual care for one another.
- **Children's Christmas Program:** December 14 @ 10:30 a.m. **worship:** Signs of the hope of Jesus abound in the voices, songs and messages of the children sharing the good news of Jesus.
- **Christmas Cantata:** 9 a.m. **Worship, Sunday December 21:** Hear, feel and experience the anticipation of God's gift of love for all creation.

Then join friends and family at Gloria Dei to celebrate Jesus' birth, hope realized in our lives:

- **Wednesday, December 24:** Worship at 4 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. (Prelude at 3:45 p.m. & 6:10 p.m.)
- **Thursday, December 25:** Christmas Day Worship at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion.
- **Sunday, December 28:** First Sunday of Christmas Worship at 9 a.m. – Lessons & Carols Worship



"FUN AND FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY CHRISTMAS PARTY.  
Dec 9 @ 1pm Games with White Elephant Gift Exchange.  
We will be playing BUNCO for some 'fabulous' prizes,  
along with other games, then have our refreshments  
along with a white elephant gift exchange game!  
Save the date! Watch for more information."



### 6" CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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

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.

Opportunity to help the community on Cold Days!! St. Paul Lutheran Church in Neenah is preparing **to open a day warming shelter** on very cold days during the winter months. Volunteers from Gloria Dei and other Neenah church are invited to help. When opened on cold days, volunteers will be contacted and be able to sign up for a morning shift (8:15-12:30) or an afternoon shift (12:30-4:45) as it works in their schedule. (3 volunteers are needed per shift). If you're interested in helping out sometime this winter, please contact Pastor Amy Engbose at [pastor@stpaulneenah.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulneenah.org).



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 9-noon. 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.

Advent Brunch on Sunday, Dec 7 between services -- egg bakes and baked goods. Sign up on the kiosk or call church office what you would like to bring.

Christmas Giving: This year we adopted 4 families 15 children. Pull a tag off the tree and bring back item unwrapped before Dec 8.



**Christmas Eve Special Music:** Looking for people to provide special music during our Christmas Eve services - 4pm and/or 6:30pm. If you can help, please contact Myron Jones at 920-427-5917.

**SCRIP Sunday:** In preparation for the holidays -- there are 3 more dates (11/30, 12/7, 12/14) you can order before Christmas. Order forms are in the SCRIP mailbox near church office. Submit order forms on Sunday by 10am and orders can be picked up at church the following Thursday.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

23 SUNDAY	24 MONDAY	25 TUESDAY	26 WEDNESDAY	27 THURSDAY	28 FRIDAY	29 SATURDAY
8:00 Worship Service (Live Streamed on YouTube) - One Voice Choir sings 9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:10 Sunday School 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service	7:30 Pilates   6:00 Worship/ Music Ministry Mtg	9:00 Quilting 9:00 ZUMBA.  1:00 Swanson Card Group	No confirmation or choir at GD 5:45 Choir Rehearsal @ UCC 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve @ Congregational United Church of Christ, 1511 Nicolet Blvd	Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	Office Closed  7:00 Women w/Hope NA	

Thanksgiving Baskets: Thank you to the MANY volunteers who helped out this past week. Over 40 people organized, shopped, and sorted. With the size of this project, we have 5 sorting days: 1) children's activities, 2) personal products; 3) household/cleaning items; 4) nonperishables; 5) miscellaneous including food, paper products, diapers/baby wipes, etc. Almost 50 volunteers will be involved in delivering "baskets" to 34 families!! This ministry has evolved into a community project that will ease the stress and financial burden for families for several weeks. This couldn't be possible without you. YOU ARE AMAZING! Thank you so much!! Jim & Vicki Wippich

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: to make cookies - need 12 doz; to make fruit pies - need 7; drivers to deliver meals; 5 volunteers to help day of event; and 1 volunteer to help with clean-up. Sign up on kiosk or call church office if you can help.



Dec 13 the Fox Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines will present: "Holiday Lane Christmas Market" @ First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 200 S Church Street (entrance on Doty Ave), Neenah. Doors open at 1:30. Show is 2:30-4. For tickets call 920-851-6364. \$15 adults, \$10 for 12 years and under. Before the show, browse the Christmas Market, featuring hand-made gifts, crafts, and homemade goodies. Bring your family and friends for a joyful celebration of music, community, and Christmas cheer. See flyer on kiosk.

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 9am service Dec 21. New participants only need to rehearse Dec 10 and 17 from 6:39-7:30pm. Contact Myron Jones with questions.

**Gloria Dei Blood Drive:** Thank you to all the volunteers who helped the blood drive run smoothly & to everyone who donated blood. Red Cross collected 48 units.



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.

### Looking Ahead:

- OSLC Craft Fair - Nov 22 from 9am-2pm
  - OSLC Retirees & Friends Christmas Party - Dec 3 at Noon
  - A Very Neenah Christmas - Fri, Dec 5 from 5-8pm
  - Pastor Tabitha's farewell cake - Dec 28 after 9am service
- Check out kiosk for more information.