



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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## NEWSLETTER—WEEK of January 4, 2026

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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)

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.



Prayers for Sarah Mercier, Sandy Wahamaki, Tom Flemming, Russ Stern, David Klitz, Doug Waehler, Bob Frank, Judy Davis (Diann Reich's niece), Sherry Klitz, Amelia (Lana Hok's great niece), and Kaysen Krutz.

**Sunday, Jan 4: Epiphany Sunday -**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services  
with 9:10 a.m. Sunday School.

On Jan 4 the church celebrates Epiphany. This is the day we celebrate the Magi arriving to see Jesus and present him gifts. The journey of the Magi possibly took two to three years. The Magi did not see the infant Jesus in the manger, but they saw the toddler who was walking. Also, some cultures wait until Epiphany to exchange presents with others to celebrate the time Jesus received his presents from the travelers from the east.



Pastor Dan Luett will be available beginning January 1 to provide Pastoral care for Jan & Feb. If you have a Pastoral care need, contact the church office at 920-725-6822 or Pastor Dan at 920-594-2015.

**Starting January 5, new church office hours will be:**

**Monday-Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Reminder to take your poinsettias home after church on Sunday, Jan. 4. Any poinsettia left will be donated. If you are unable to get it before Jan. 4, please call the office so arrangements can be made to get it to you.



Happy Birthday to GD members who will be celebrating a birthday in January:

Frank Reich, Jayne Dorn, Brenda Marks, Bill Koehler, Joan LeClerc, Holly Robinson, Todd Joseph, Judy Brown, Shirley Michalkiewicz, Sandy Wahamaki, Karen Waehler, Dennis Voss, Marcia Ortiz, and Brian Bezier. God's blessings to you. Let the church office know if you would like to be included in the monthly birthday blessing.



**Undecorating the church on Sunday, Jan 4 after 10:30 a.m. worship service. We are looking for someone to take the trees over to Heckrodt for the animals. Let Valerie Gulke know if you can help.**

**Welcome Back Quilters** - Quilting starts back up on Tuesday, January 7. Come check us out. All are welcome.



**Annual Reports due by January 11.**

We need all committee and ministry reports turned in so that we can process an annual report for our meeting on January 25. If you need a copy of last year's to refresh your memory, please contact the church office.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- \* Ministry Spending Plan Forum is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 18 at 9:15 a.m. During the Forum, Gloria Dei's 2026 proposed ministry spending plan will be presented and there will be opportunity to ask additional questions prior to Gloria Dei's Congregational meeting on January 25.
- \* The Annual Meeting of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 25 at 9:15 a.m. All voting members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Coffee House Ministry – Resumes Thurs, Jan 8 from 3:15-4:15pm**

Thank you to all you have brought treats or volunteered last year. If you would like to bake or purchase items for coffee house, please let the church office know. Thanks.

### Soup Kitchen/Community Table :

A big thank you to members of Gloria Dei who helped donate food and serve at Community Table's Christmas Dinner! 400 people were able to enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner, thanks to the help of Gloria Dei!



Gloria Dei serves next on Saturday, January 10 from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (next to the YMCA).

Shepherding Group 7 is responsible for January. Kathy Helm & Deb Barkholtz are co-coordinators. Please check your email or see Kathy or Deb if you are able to help with the meal, donate food/dollars, or serve & clean up.

Chili is on the menu that day.

### Blood Drive

**Monday, January 19 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Appointments preferred.  
Walk ins welcomed!



Fun & Games will be held Tuesday, January 13 @ 1pm.  
Come enjoy some fun, games, and fellowship/treats.

**Consider Helping with Worship:** There are some openings for folks to help with worship in the areas of Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, Coffee Hour Host, and Nursery Attendant for January. Sign up on the kiosk, respond back to email, or contact the church office to volunteer.

To better welcome visitors to Sunday worship, we are planning to have coffee and treats on the table in the narthex versus the window of the kitchen. If you are able to help with making coffee or bringing treats, please contact the church office or sign up on the kiosk under coffee hour host.

**Flowers on the Altar in 2026:** Posted on the bulletin board in the hallway is the 2026 calendar for flowers. If you'd like to sign up for flowers, please add your name to the list and indicate if there's a special occasion for the flowers. Those who sign up are responsible for having the flowers at church for worship that day.

### Synod Youth Plan Snow Tubing

Bundle up for a fun day of snow tubing with Synod Youth! Join us on Jan 17, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Kewaunee Winter Park. This is a great opportunity to connect with other youth from around the synod. For more details, contact Christine Loppnow [christusyouth@christuschurch.org](mailto:christusyouth@christuschurch.org)



**2026 COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIP:** Coffee sponsorship benefits our members who enjoy coffee and fellowship and benefits the farmers and others involved in the Equal Exchange program that are ensured a fair price for the coffee grown for our enjoyment. The new 2026 sign-up sheet has been posted on the hallway bulletin board. Cost is \$10/wk. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate in a plain envelope marked with your name, envelope #, amount, and with notation for "Coffee Sponsorship".



Youth in grades 6-8 have an opportunity to go on a winter retreat at Pine Lake Camp south of Waupaca. The dates are Jan 30-Feb 1 and the cost is \$180 (if you have church money available you can use that to cover the cost of this retreat).

The kids will be staying in winterized cabins and will engage in both outdoor and indoor activities during this time. Adult chaperones are needed. Cost is \$50 for chaperones. Any questions, contact Kelly Wedge.

Opportunity to help the community on Cold Days!! St. Paul Lutheran Church in Neenah will **open a day warming shelter** on very cold days during the winter months. Volunteers from Gloria Dei & 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 Engebose at [pastor@stpaulneenah.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulneenah.org).



**SCRIP Sundays in January are Jan 11 & 25.** Order forms are in the **SCRIP mailbox near church office.** Submit order form on Sunday and SCRIP can be picked up at church the following Thursday.

**New Phone Directory will be published in 2026:** We need any address, phone number or email address changes so we can update the directory. Please call the office with changes or send them to: [office@gloriadeilc.org](mailto:office@gloriadeilc.org) by Jan 18.

Dear Mission Partners, God bless you this holy season and thank you for all of your serving among us. We are happy to share with you our 2025 Children's Christmas video. [Hephatha Children's Christmas Video 2025](#). Please enjoy it. Merry Christmas from Hephatha. Pastor Mary Martha

"Christ in Our Home" Devotionals are available for Jan-Mar 2026. Pick one up on the table outside the church office.

		Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Nurse Attendant	Altar Guild
Jan 4	8:00	Audrey Johnson	Scott Barkholtz/ Paul Bonikowske	Christine Olsen	Deb Barkholtz	Nancy Swanson	Deb & Scott Barkholtz	Lori Johnson	Christine Olsen
	10:30	Jackson West	Garrison Cummings/ Don Reid	Michelle Higgins	Michelle Higgins	Lia Cummings	Jane Reid		Christine Olsen
Jan 11	8:00	Ally Keck	Noah Johnson/ Nancy Swanson	Dennis Voss	Dennis Voss	Jeaneen Schoessow	Johnson Family	Lori Johnson	Linda Evenson
	10:30	Jackson Rougeux	Don Reid/ Mel Kiekhaefer	Michelle Higgins	Michelle Higgins	Jean Herman	Jean & Roger Herman		Linda Evenson

**Week at a Glance**

**4 SUNDAY**  
8:00 Worship Service (Live Streamed on YouTube)  
9:00 Fellowship Hour  
9:10 Sunday School  
9:10 Adult Bible Study  
10:30 Worship Service  
12:30 Woodchippers  
**NAME TAG SUNDAY**

**5 MONDAY**  
7:30 Pilates

**6 TUESDAY**  
9:00 Quilting  
9:00 Zumba  
  
6:30 Church & Community Mtg

**7 WEDNESDAY**  
  
5:45 Jr High Choir Practice  
6:15-7:30 Confirmation Class  
No One Voice Choir

**8 THURSDAY**  
7:30 Morning Bible Study  
  
3:15-4:15 Coffee House  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**9 FRIDAY**  
7:30 Pilates  
1:30 Ruth Circle  
7:00 Women w/Hope NA

**10 SATURDAY**  
11-1 FVCT @ St Paul's