



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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**NEWSLETTER—WEEK of December 14, 2025**

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**SCRIP  
Sunday**

**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, 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, David Klitz, Ian Bader, Doug Waehler, George, Bob Frank, Malachi, and Jacklyn Krutz..



Sunday School Christmas Program is this Sunday, Dec 14 at 10:30 service. Practice will be held during Sunday school hour. Sunday School families are asked to bring 1 dz cookies to enjoy after the Christmas program.

**SVCT Christmas Meal - Sat, Dec 13 - St Paul's**

10:45 Prayer Service 11:30-12:30 Dinner



Attention all interested parties in learning how to run the church sound system and run church live stream. Short training will take place Sunday Dec 14 between services & Sundays Dec 21 & 28 after 9:00am service.



**Advent Theme at Gloria Dei:**

**What do you fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent:**

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!**

We invite you to participate in the following ways:

- **Devotions:** Devotions around the theme of God's insistence on Hope, in real life, and the promise of God's arrival through Jesus. Please pick one up and use at home each day/week this season.
- **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.
- **Confirmation Pizza Party & Caroling: Wednesday, December 17 at 5:45 p.m.**
- **Christmas Cantata: 9 a.m. Worship, Sunday December 21:** Hear, feel and experience the anticipation of God's gift of love for all creation.
- **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:** 1st Sunday of Christmas Worship at 9 a.m. – Lessons & Carols Worship

**Coffee House Ministry – Thurs from 3:15-4:30pm**

Coffee House served 99 students and parents last week. Thank you to all you have brought treats or volunteered.



**December Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Keith & Colleen Mustain. Thank you.**

**SCRIP Sunday: In preparation for the holidays this is the last Sunday to order SCRIP before Christmas. Order forms are in the SCRIP mailbox near church office. Submit order forms on Sunday by 10am.**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** for making the Advent Brunch a success. There was over 130 people that attended. Thank you to everyone who brought in food and helped set up and clean up.

The Fellowship Committee/SPARK

GD would like to give a shout out to The Fellowship/SPARK Committee for organizing a wonderful brunch on Sunday, Dec 7. Thank You!



Happy Birthday to GD members who will be celebrating a birthday in December:  
Dale Haug, David Kraus, Holly Polfuss, Sharyn Hendrickson, Jay Olson, Pam Swanson, Brian Radichel, Jane Tornow, Maxine Pohlman, Thomas Helm, Mark Catlin, Mary Kuehnl, Terry Gulke, Robin Fischer, Steve Kuehnl, Jeaneen Schoessow, Dale Rezabek, Linda Evenson, Lyn Biedermann, Carla Thayer, Norbert Gebert, Kate Rogge, and Mark Swanson. God's blessings to you. Let the church office know if you would like to be included in the monthly birthday blessing.

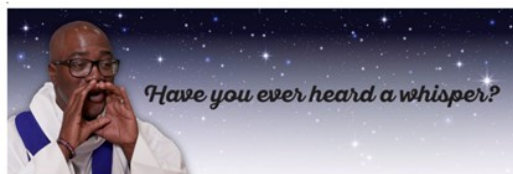
**End of Year Financial Gifts** - Friendly reminder to all: In order for financial gifts to be counted for the 2025 tax year, gifts must be received in the church office by Monday, December 29 at 9 a.m.

Here are ways we invite you to consider giving to Gloria Dei Ministries:

- + Mail your offerings early enough to arrive Dec 29.
  - + Drop off your offerings in the office by Dec 29 by 9am
  - + Scan the QR Code with your phone or tablet. You'll be directed to a secure page from Gloria Dei's website. You can donate via debit/credit card or checking/savings account.
  - + Go to <https://gloriadeilc.org/give/> you will be directed to secure donation page.
  - + Text your gift dollar amount to: 1-877-952-9422.
- Gloria Dei's individual text number is accessible for you to make a secure donation.



Thank you to Gloria Dei members, Friends, and family, for sharing in the ministries of Gloria Dei, by giving financial gifts!



In his Christmas message to the church, Bishop Curry delivers a children's sermon, describing the night when Jesus was born. "One silent night, far away in a town called Bethlehem, the stars twinkled brighter than ever. And the angels were there too. It was as if the whole sky was whispering: 'Something wonderful is happening.'" Curry emphasizes that "whispers make us stop, listen and pay attention" and reminds us that, this Christmas, we should listen closely because "the heavens are still whispering: 'Jesus is here. God loves you. Share that love with the world.'" Tune into ELCA Bishop Curry's Full Children's sermon on the ELCA Youtube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiM3tHLKMr4> or <https://www.youtube.com/@ELCA>

### Synod Youth Plan Snow Tubing

Bundle up for a fun day of snow tubing with Synod Youth! Join us on January 17, 2026, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Kewaunee Winter Park for a thrilling winter outing. This is a great opportunity to connect with other youth from around the synod. For more details on registration and event specifics, please contact Christine Loppnow [christusyouth@christuschurch.org](mailto:christusyouth@christuschurch.org)



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).

**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, respond back to email, or contact the church office to sign up! Also looking for additional counters. Please let the church office know if you can help.

### Looking Ahead:

- ♦ Paul Mayer: Stars & Promises Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 21 @ Our Saviors Church
  - Pastor Tabitha's farewell cake - Dec 28 after 9am service
- Check out kiosk for more information.



Fun & Fellowship Christmas Party. Come join us the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. for game day.

		Altar Guild	Greeter	Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant
Dec 14	8:00	Linda Evenson			Noah Johnson/ Terry Gulke	Robyn Krueger	Robyn Krueger	
	10:30	Linda Evenson	Don & Anette Sikma	Landon Schaller	Mike Farrell/ Christine Olsen	Ryan Michaud	Ryan Michaud	Don & Annette Sikma
Dec 21	9:00	Marlene Marks	Sharon Grapengieser/ Don & Jane Reid	Zack Wilson	Garrison Cummings/	Steve Graf	Steve Graf	Lia Cummings

Week  
at a  
Glance

14 SUNDAY	15 MONDAY	16 TUESDAY	17 WEDNESDAY	18 THURSDAY	19 FRIDAY	20 SATURDAY
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 - SS Christmas Program 11:30 Cookie Reception SCRIP	7:30 Pilates    6:30 Church Council Mtg	No Quilting 9:00 Zumba  1:00 Swanson Card Group	9:00 Priscilla Circle  5:45 Jr Choir Practice 5:45 Confirmation Pizza & Caroling 6:30 One Voice Choir Practice	7:30 Morning Bible Study!  3:15-4:15 Coffee House (last one before Christmas break) 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7:30 Pilates    7:00 Women w/Hope NA	