



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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**NEWSLETTER—WEEK of January 18, 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 @ 10:30am)**

**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.**

**Office Hours**  
**Mon-Thurs:**  
**9:30am-4:30pm**  
**Friday:**  
**10am-12noon**



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), Kaysen Krutz, Sara Krueger, David (Valerie Gulke's brother), and Monica (Karen Jewell's sister-in-law).

Pastor Dan Luett will be available 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.

**New 2026 Phone Directory:** Please contact the church office if you have any address, phone number, or email address changes so new 2026 directory can be printed and ready to be picked up at the annual meeting on 1/25. Please call the office with changes or send them to: office@gloriadeilc.org by 1/19.



**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!

**Update:** Celebration of Life for Carol Parker will be held at Highlands at Mahler Park Apartments Community Room on **January 24 at 11:00 a.m.** with service starting at 11:30 a.m.



## **Two Important Meetings Happening this Month:**

- \* Ministry Spending Plan Forum will be held on **THIS 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. This meeting will be held in-person at the church. **No online option for this meeting.**
- \* 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.
  - ++ Meeting will be held in-person, or video/telephone at:
  - ++ To join from a personal computer, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android, click on this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82268623078?pwd=CEgcYQyv6eVSjv7yhcTrqwEGW15PMc.1>
  - ++ To join through an I-Phone one-tap mobile  
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+13126266799,,82268623078#,,,\*,474127# US (Chicago)  
Join instructions  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meetings/82268623078/invitations?signature=jF03yIQh4jSL4S1y3fOm9UCtVctwgoPi0masEQf0r-c>
  - ++ To join by telephone: dial 1-312-626-6799, When prompted you may need to type in the:  
Meeting ID: 822 6862 3078 and/or the Passcode: 474127

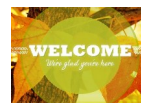
## **Coffee House Ministry – Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm**

Thank you to all you have brought treats or volunteered. We served 92 kids and parents this past week. If you would like to bake or purchase items for coffee house, please let the church office know. Thanks.



- \* Thank you to Dennis Voss for vacuuming the pews after the Christmas holiday.
- \* Thank you to Galen Drews and Dave Walters for organizing the extra tables and chairs in the closet.
- \* Thank you to Chris & Galen Drews for getting bids for the fellowship hall and bathrooms and Galen Drews, Joel Ortiz, & Gary Swanson for doing some prep work.
- \* Thank you to Jenny Bonikowske & Linda Evenson for organizing the kitchen (work in progress but looking good).

**Interested in Membership?** Please email the church office at [office@gloriadeilc.org](mailto:office@gloriadeilc.org). A new members class will be scheduled sometime this spring.



**Consider Helping with Worship:** Emails went out this week for those of you who signed up on your time and talent sheet that you could help with worship. Please respond back to the email or sign up on the kiosk if you can help in February and March.



**January Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Brian & Lori Bezier. Thank you.**

**First One Voice choir practice of the new year will be on Wed, Jan 21 at 6:30 pm.**



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.

### 2nd Annual Community Pray for Peace in Our World Worship Service

(Sponsored and led by Neenah churches including Gloria Dei)

**Sunday, February 1 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
809 S Commercial St, Neenah**

Join us for readings, reflection, and songs as we pray for peace in our world.

Lenten Soup Suppers starts Wednesday, February 25. If you can volunteer to help set up/clean up or bring soup, bread, or desserts, please sign up on the kiosk. There is also a sign up if you plan to attend so we can make sure there is enough food. Thanks.



### First Communion Instruction Classes:

First Communion classes help prepare young people and their families to receive Holy Communion and is a special milestone in the journey of faith. If your child or youth have not yet attended Communion instruction before, you are invited to join us. They are designed for both youth and parent/guardian presence and participation in the process. Classes are scheduled for **Sundays March 1, 8, 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** at Gloria Dei. First Communion will be celebrated during Maundy Thursday worship service on **April 2 at 6:30 p.m.**

### Gloria Dei Ministry: Reaching Out in Community - St. Joseph's Food Program

*Fighting Hunger. Sustaining Hope.* St. Joe's Food Program is for food assistance. It is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that distributes fresh food and non-perishable items to anyone in need. The program is funded by cash and food donations from individuals, churches, and organizations. Gloria Dei is a supporter of their ministry, which is located by the Community Clothes Closet,. For more information or to volunteer visit their web site at

[www.stjoesfoodprogram.org](http://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org).

### Property Board Update:

- Plaster was done on Friday, Jan 16 in fellowship hall and bathrooms
- Painters will be here Monday, Jan 19-Thurs, Jan 22 painting the sanctuary back wall, fellowship hall, and bathrooms

### Upcoming Events:

- \* Neenah High School Black Box Play "The Snow" - Jan 29-Feb 1
- \* Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service - Feb 18 @ noon Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 809 S Commercial St.
- \* Jubricosa Spring Play at Gloria Dei - Mar 12-14

**Fact of the Week:** Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day (also known as National Bubble Wrap Day) is celebrated on the last Monday in January, recognizing the popular protective packaging material and the fun of popping its bubbles, with origins linked to a radio station's inadvertent unwrapping on air that listeners loved. It's a day for enjoying the simple pleasure of popping and acknowledging the utility of bubble wrap for shipping and stress relief.

[Source](#) | [Watch on YouTube](#)

There are some old Hymnals on the table in the Narthex. If you are interested help yourself. Free to a good home!

		Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Nursey Attendant	Online Worship	Altar Guild
Jan 18	8:00	Samatha Kurtz	Galen Drews/ Christine Olsen	Chris Drews	Chris Drews	Becky Luett	Deb Hawley			Carol Anderson
	10:30	Jackson West	Galen Drews/ Garrison Cummings	Chris Drews	Chris Drews	Lia Cummings	Marilyn Catlin		Vincent Guardiola	Carol Anderson
Jan 25	8:00	Hailey Crawford	Scott & Deb Barkholtz	Steve Graf	Steve Graf	Tom Riedasch	Cathy Graf			Carol Anderson
	10:30	Ava Corbin	Garrison & Brennen Cummings	Steve Graf	Steve Graf	Lia Cummings	Darlene Bilstad			Carol Anderson

### Week at a Glance

18 SUNDAY	19 MONDAY	20 TUESDAY	21 WEDNESDAY	22 THURSDAY	23 FRIDAY	24 SATURDAY
8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:10 Sunday School 9:10 Adult Bible Study 9:15 GD 2025 Spending Plan Forum 10:30 Worship Service (Live Streamed on YouTube)	7:30 Pilates  1-6 Blood Drive	9:00 Quilting 9:00 Zumba	5:45 Jr High Choir Practice 6:15-7:30 Confirmation Class 6:30 One Voice Choir Rehearsal	7:30 Morning Bible Study  3:15-4:15 Coffee House 5:00 Book Club - Zuppas 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7:30 Pilates  7:00 Women w/Hope NA	9-12 Jubricosa