

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-5th grade Sunday School @ 9:10-10:10 a.m. 6th-8th grade Confirmation Wed @ 5:30-7:00pm

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, Sara Krueger, Jodi Main, Amelia, Annette Sikma, Becky Luett, Cath Mode, and Julia Lange.

Christ is risen! Now what?

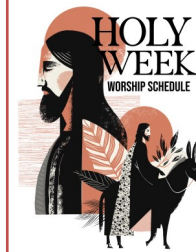
In my years of ministry, it seems there has always been at least somewhat of a letdown after Easter. The church works so hard through the weeks of Lent with soup suppers and a midweek worship service designed to help us see the importance of that last walk of Christ to Jerusalem. Then we wave the palms and celebrate Jesus gathering with his friends in the upper room, only to suddenly turn around and here Jesus shout, "It is finished," from the cross at Calvary.

Finally, Sunday morning arrives and we shout again and again, "Christ is risen indeed!" But the very next day, we enter into a season that somehow seems less. Oh, we still hear of the actions and words of Christ and even stand there looking upward as Jesus ascends into the clouds. But really, now that Jesus has fulfilled his mission, what is left to celebrate?

This, my friends in Christ, is where the rubber hits the road. As the days grow longer and warmer and we get out and about more and more, we walk smack dab into our mission field—those people and places around us who are struggling, hurting, and hungry. Do we simply walk by or do we serve? That's the question of the weeks and months to come, especially as you wonder just who will be your next pastor? What if that person were to come and find a people at Gloria Dei ready to truly be the hands and feet of Christ to the world?

You're already doing this now. But I wonder what possibilities haven't been tapped and what talents haven't been unearthed. If Christ has already saved us, what could possibly hold us back? Let's be Easter people, reflecting the joy of Christ resurrected and our hearts reborn. Welcome to new life!

You are blessed to be a blessing! Pastor Doug



Maundy Thursday, April 2

Worship @ 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3

Worship @ 12 @ St Paul's

Worship @ 6:30 pm @ GD

Easter Sunday, April 5

Worship @ 8 & 10:30 a.m.

On Maundy Thursday we will celebrate First Communion with Gloria Dei youth. Those who will be receiving their First Communion this year are:



Evan Thiel Jackson Tice Harrison Tice



Last Call -- Elise Wedge is putting together a cookbook with recipes from church members who created dishes for brunches, soup suppers, coffee house, or any favorite recipe you have. Email the church office or drop off your recipe in the basket in the office.

LAST WEEK TO DONATE

2026 Lenten World Hunger Focus - Journey to Hope

Our Lenten giving theme this year is: JOURNEY TO HOPE. We hope to receive \$5,000 in gifts which will allow us to give in support of safe births for 6-7 children. Each safe birth within this project has an estimated cost of \$750. Our gifts will help disadvantaged women by connecting mothers with health care workers who provide early screenings before birth, education in disease prevention, and pre and postnatal care.

Donate financial gifts to this GD Lenten World Hunger Emphasis;

- **Pick up env at the 2026 Lent World Hunger display board and give by cash or check and put in offering.**
- **Give online at Online at <https://gloriadeilc.org/give/> under the "Lenten World Hunger" picture**
- **Text your gift to 1-877-952-9422 or scan the QR code.**



Church Council Spotlight on Vincent Guardiola this week:

Me and my wife Sophia have been married for 2 years. We moved to the area in 2024 after graduating from UW-Madison and started attending Gloria Dei shortly after. I work as a process engineer at Amcor at the plant in Neenah. I enjoy reading, watching tv and movies, and playing card and board games. My family's favorites are cribbage and sheephead. I enjoy running, biking and hiking when it's not too cold out. I'm a huge Packer and Badger fan. This is my first year on council; I'm looking forward to serving the next 2 years.

Call Committee: Leah Michaud, Valerie Gulke, Michelle Higgins, Darlene Bilstad, Steve Pfankuch, Christine Melbye

If you would like to be part of the planning committee for the Fall Craft Fair this year, please plan to attend a meeting on April 20 @ 2:30pm in the church library. If you are unable to make this meeting but would like to help, please reach out to Robyn Krueger.

Heads Up is looking for volunteers to help at their community center. If you are interested in helping out at Heads Up please review the position description on the kiosk and contact Beth Weiler at 920-212-1474 if you are interested.



Mark your calendars: Gloria Dei spring cleanup will be April 18 from 8am-12noon. If bad weather, back up date is April 25. Please come and help. There will be inside and outside work. More details to come.

Upcoming Annual Meetings:

- * Crossways Special Meeting - Apr 12 @ St Marks - **Looking for 2 volunteers. Please contact the church office if you can attend.**
- * Linwood - Apr 25 @ 9am @ Linwood Commons - Reps from GD are Dale & Diane Haug.
- * Synod Assembly - June 4-6 @ Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center - Reps from GD are Valerie Gulke & Christine Olsen.

8th grade confirmation students: faith statements and bulletin information sheet is due to church office by April 12. Also don't forget to pick out a robe and sign up for flowers.

Endowment Fund Request Forms: Gloria Dei's Endowment Fund was set up to disburse monies to worthwhile causes within the church and surrounding community. Anyone can submit a form to request funds for something needed at church or for community needs. Forms available from the Endowment mailbox. **Requests Due 4/30**



Thanksgiving Baskets Request: We need a lot of dental supplies for the Thanksgiving baskets. Adult and children toothbrushes and toothpaste are in great demand. If you are planning a trip to the dentist, you might be able to get some donations. Please continue to bring in your full-size paper grocery bags with handles. You can leave them in the coat room and we will store them until Thanksgiving. Thank you very much! Jim and Vicki Wippich

Vintage theatre presents: The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams. It is at the Oshkosh Masonic Center at 7pm from May 7-9. Tickets are \$15. <https://vintage-theatre.square.site/>



WELCA Spring Event - Apr 25 at All Saints Lutheran Oshkosh. See flyer on kiosk for info.

Synod youth bowling event on Sat, Apr 25 from 12 noon-2pm. More details to come.

Next Coffee House Ministry is April 9 from 3:15-4:15pm 104 kids & parents were served last week. Thank you to all you have brought treats or volunteered. If you would like to bake or purchase items (juice, granola bars, chips) for coffee house, please drop off your treats labelled in the big kitchen on counter. Thanks.

Upcoming Events at Gloria Dei:

- Neenah Election: April 7
- Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, April 26 - 10:30am
- Spring Clean up at GD: Saturday April 18 8am-noon
- Music Sunday: Sunday, May 17 - 9am
- Blood Drive: Monday, May 18 - 1pm-6pm
- Graduation Day Celebration: June 7 - 9am

Gloria Dei Ministry: Reaching Out in Community - ELCA Missionary Support: Kelly Schumacher Fuller and Rev. Aaron Fuller. Location: Slovakia and Hungary Pastor Aaron serves Bratislava International Church, in partnership with Lutheran Church in Slovakia. Kelly is Central Europe country coordinator for Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). They work as a team in their ministries. Pastor Aaron recently wrote in his newsletter, "In times of adversity and scarcity, gifts will emerge...you just have to pay attention." He went on to lift up the many leaders in his congregation, including their praise band "Pleasant Noises," their intern Ben Smith and of course the many mission partners who support their ministry. For more information check Gloria Dei's bulletin boards for the latest newsletter Around the World at BIC. You can write letters of support to Kelly.SchumacherFuller@elca.org and Aaron.Fuller@elca.org.



10+ choruses; over 260 Male Chorus members from across the Upper Midwest on stage as one chorus - together for one night. A historic showcase of chorus and community and an All-American Tribute! A family-friendly event. macdowellchorus.com

		Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Coffee Host	Live Stream	Altar Guild
Apr 5	8:00	Ally Keck	Scott Barkholtz	Chris Drews	Deb Barkholtz	Jeanee Schoessow Tom Riedasch	Linda Voss			Marlene Marks
	10:30	Cayla Radtke	Don Reid	Michelle Higgins	Roger Herman	Becky Luett			Ryan Helms	Marlene Marks
Apr 12	8:00	Hailey Crawford	Nancy Swanson	Chris Drews	Chris Drews	Valerie Gulke				
	10:30		Lia & Garrison Cummings	Chris Drews	Chris Drews	Linda Christianson	Darlene Bilstad		Ryan Helms	

Week at a Glance	5 SUNDAY	6 MONDAY	7 TUESDAY	8 WEDNESDAY	9 THURSDAY	10 FRIDAY	11 SATURDAY
	8:00 Worship Service- One Voice Sings (Live Streamed on YouTube) 9:00 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship Service- One Voice Sings No Sunday School today		No Zumba or Quilting 7am-8pm City of Neenah Voting	5:30 Property Board Meeting	7:30 Morning Bible Study 3:15-4:15 Coffee House 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	1:30 Ruth Circle 6:00 Women w/Hope NA	10-1 FVCT - St Pauls

Easter Flowers on the altar have been given by:

Scott & Deb Barkholtz

Jenny & Paul Bonikowske in honor of our children and in memory of our parents

Judy Brown

Mark & Marilyn Catlin in memory of our parents

Linda Evenson in memory of Mark Evenson

Sharon Grapengieser in memory of family

Ryan & Jennifer Helms in honor of our three daughters

Lana Hoks in memory of parents and friend

Karen Jewell-vanBuskirk in memory of my mom and dad

Mel & Veryl Kiekhaefer in memory of departed friends and relatives

Krutz Family in memory of Jim Larsen and Donna Hemp

Steve & Mary Kuehnl

Nick & Courtney Kurtz in memory of Mike and Ginny Fleck

Jim & Jane Lantz in memory of our parents

Dan & Becky Luett in memory of our parents

Bob & Julee Mansfield

Roger & Marlene Marks in memory of our parents

Michaud Family in memory of Lois Maki

Jason & Staci Miserlian in memory of grandparents Curry, Authier, Lindquist, Miserlian

Dave & Kris Pohlman in memory of C.O. & Margaret Rogers

Don & Maxine Pohlman

Holly Robinson in memory of Millard & Sue Robinson

Jeaneen Schoessow in memory of Fritz Schoessow.

Annette & Don Sikma in memory of Judy Dunn and Barb Sikma

Dee Sim in memory of Bruce Sim and in memory of Bryan Engstrom

Swanson Family in memory of George & Irmgard Swanson, Alfred Buehring, Jon Swanson, and Tom Swanson



Don't forget to take flowers home after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service. If you are unable to take them home on Sunday, please let the church office know when you plan to pick them up. Don't forget to check off on the sign up sheet on kiosk that you took your flower(s). Thanks.