

**SCRIP
 Sunday**

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.
 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, Julia Lange, and Dave W.

This coming Sunday we will join in celebrating the affirmation of baptism of several of our young people. This is the culmination of a time in which they have learned about scripture, discovered the way of living in Christ, and reflected on the promises made on their behalf when they were baptized.

They will take the faithful step of claiming the promise in their lives, confirming their desire to continue in the covenant God made with them in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, all with the help of God.

Hopefully, you also take the important step of affirming your baptism regularly as well, devoting your lives to the way God faithfully leads you, knowing the promise God made with you is still completely valid and true. While we can't be perfect, we can be thankful for all God does for us.


That's the idea behind confirmation: not that we earn salvation for ourselves, but rather we give thanks to God for the indescribable gift of eternal life. Why not do it every day? Take that list above and dedicate yourself to living, hearing, proclaiming, serving, and striving for God in your life, knowing God's Spirit is with you every step of the way.

Remember, it's not graduation, it's confirmation. Let's keep these young people about to affirm the promises of baptism in our prayers today and every day. They find themselves in the same way as all of us previously confirmed. Let's join them in being God's faithful hands and feet in the world today!

Solo de gloria! (To God be the glory!),
 Pastor Doug

Affirmation of Baptism

We rejoice with

 Gabriel Betker Samantha Kurtz Elise Finley Wedge	Hailey Ann Crawford Zachary Clarene McGlin Jackson Kai West	Audrey Marie Johnson Cayla Allison Radtke Zackary Wilson	Ally Keck Jackson Robert Rougeux
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who are affirming their Baptism into Christ today.

Their collages will be displayed in the Narthex for all to enjoy. Take a few minutes to look at their posters.

Church Council Spotlight this week

Stewardship Committee - The mission of GD's Stewardship ministry is to cultivate the congregation's faithful and joyful response to God's blessings by encouraging growth through understanding and practicing stewardship for God's ongoing mission in the congregation, community, and the world.


- Help with Annual Stewardship Campaign.
- Year round various Stewardship emphases - individual & churchwide
- Writing thank you cards
- Member visits

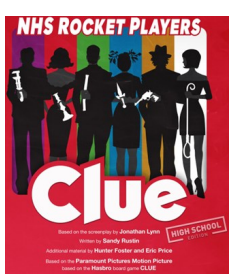
Please contact a church council member if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

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

Gloria Dei has many wonderful **ministry groups** that are looking for someone like you. Please consider joining a group. Some groups meet monthly and others as needed. For more information contact any Church Council member or check out Ministries of Gloria Dei in your church directory. Ministry Groups are: Church & Community, Education & Youth, Evangelism & Fellowship, Property, Stewardship, and Worship.

Reminder: Rehearsal & pictures are Sat. Apr. 25 @ 9am.

 Thanks to Julia for kicking it off. Thanks to Joan for moving it down the field. Thanks to Coffee House kids for helping out. Thanks to Pastor Doug and to each and every one of you who sent me a card for my 80th birthday. I got across the goal line to score my best birthday ever! Julia and I are deeply touched by your warmth and kindness. I feel as though I've been to my own funeral!
 Thank you. Jim Lange.



NHS Spring Play: Apr 23-25 @ 7pm & Apr 26 @ 2pm.



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



SAVE THE DATE

Gloria Dei Hula Dinner
Sunday, June 14 @ 4:00pm
More details to come

LAST CALL: 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.**



Thanks for those who were able to help with spring clean up on Apr 18. There is still work that needs to be done. Stop in at the church office any time during the week to see how you can help. Please come and help spruce up the church inside and out. Many hands makes light work.

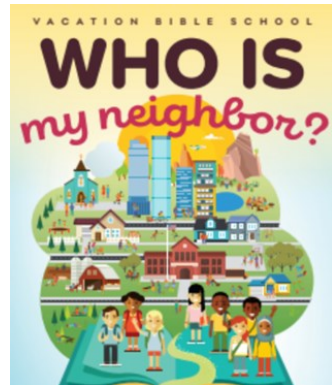
Summer is just around the corner. Starting in May volunteers are needed to mow the church's lawn. Sign up is posted on the kiosk. If you would like to learn how to use the church's lawn mower, please contact Galen Drews.



Coffee House Ministry from 3:15-4:15pm
We have been averaging around 100 kids & parents each week. Thank you for bringing treats or volunteering. We couldn't do it without your help. 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.

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/>



VBS will be happening Aug 3-6 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church from 9am-noon. Early drop off available. See kiosk if you are interested in helping.

Gloria Dei Ministry: Reaching Out in Community - Church of the Wilderness: One of our partner congregations is The Lutheran Church of the Wilderness located on the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Reservation near Bowler, WI. It is predominately a Native American congregation. Wanting to honor their heritage as both Native American and Lutheran, they incorporate aspects from both. Though much of the liturgy and music is traditionally Lutheran, they do sing the doxology in Mohican and English. Smudging, blowing the conch, and spiritual use of tobacco may also be included. Hospitality and welcoming are community values that are reflected in their **Friend's Day and Pow-Wow**. Gloria Dei has sent groups to these annual events. For more information about Church of the Wilderness go to www.lutheranchurchofthewilderness.com.

The Fox Valley Lions MJ Tassoul Medical Loan Locker lends essential medical equipment at no cost to anyone who needs it. See kiosk or use QR code for more information on how you can help.



- Upcoming Events:**
- Linwood Annual Mtg - Apr 25 @ 9am @ Linwood Commons
 - Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, April 26 - 10:30am
 - Outdoor Spring Cleaning: Saturday, April 25 8am-noon
 - Music Sunday: Sunday, May 17 - 9am
 - Blood Drive: Monday, May 18 - 1pm-6pm
 - Synod Assembly - June 4-6 @ Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center
 - Graduation Day Celebration: June 7 - 9am

		Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Coffee Host	Live Stream	Altar Guild
Apr	8:00			Christine Olsen	Christine Olsen	Valerie Gulke	Valerie Gulke			Marlene Marks
	10:30	Hailey Crawford	Don Reid/ Mike Farrell	Michelle Higgins	J. Rougeux A. Johnson	Jason Miserlian/ Zack Wilson			Ryan Helms	Marlene Marks
May	8:00		Christine Olsen	Steve Graf	Steve Graf	Tom Riedasch	Cathy Graf			Carol Anderson
	10:30	Landon Schaller		Steve Graf	Roger Herman				Vincent Guardiola	Carol Anderson

Week at a Glance

26 SUNDAY	27 MONDAY	28 TUESDAY	29 WEDNESDAY	30 THURSDAY	1 FRIDAY	2 SATURDAY
8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:10 Sunday School 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service- One Voice Sings (Live Streamed on YouTube)	7:30 Pilates 12:30 Klitz Card Group 6pm Worship/ Music Ministry mtg	9:00 Zumba 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Swanson Card Group	6:30 One Voice Choir Rehearsal	7:30 Morning Bible Study 3:15-4:15 Coffee House 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7:30 Pilates 7:00 Women with Hope NA	