Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER—WEEK of September 6, 2026

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SCRIP Sunday

Worship with us @ Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study - Thurs @ 7:30 a.m.

Office Hours
Mon-Thurs:
9:30am-4:30pm
Closed Friday

Prayers for Sandy Wahamaki, Tom Flemming, Russ Stern, Sara Krueger, Jodi Main, Amelia, Robin Staffeldt, Ezra Shannon, Steve Jacob, Dave, Sarah, Inge Gramer, Scott, Melissa, Terry Gulke, Barb & Tom (sister and brother of Jane Blohm), Becky Luett, and Patty.

Community Worship Service Sept 6 at 9:30 AM. The ELCA churches in Neenah will have a joint worship service at Gloria Dei. Tent will be set up in the backyard with chairs or bring your own chair. Cookies will be served after service. If weather is bad, we will worship in the church.

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting - **Wednesday, September 9 at 6pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and parents should attend. Please reminder to bring your forms and registration fee. Confirmation classes will start Wed, Sept 16.

God's Work. Our Hands - Sunday, September 13

There will be a short service at 9 am and then everyone will be dismissed to do their projects. After our projects we will all meet back at church at 11:30 for a fellowship meal. Please sign up on the board in the gathering space or call the office to have them sign you up.

In Community:

1) Worship & Sing at Linwood Community Center. Attend worship service and serve treats to residents. Project is located in Appleton. 5-40 people.
2) Neenah Animal Shelter. Ages 15 and older. Provide help with indoor tasks at the shelter such as dishes, laundry, organizational tasks. ** THIS ONE IS FULL.
3) Lucky Foundation. Volunteers will clean and dust the barn, sand and paint jump poles, and stain the outdoor arena fencing. Unlimited amount of people can help.
4) Youth Event: Spread mulch at Carpenters Preserve. Youth building event with other ELCA Youth. Open to Youth (8th-12 grade).
5) Friends Day at Church of the Wilderness -- see sign up board for more information.

At Gloria Dei:

6) Quilting at Gloria Dei - help put together quilts that will be delivered to LWR, Hephatha, and those in need in our community. 5-15 people.
7) Baking for Coffee House/Firefighters/local Police - using the church kitchen, make cookies/bars, fruit, and/or veggie trays w/dip, and other healthy items. 15 people.
8) St Joe's Food Pantry - measuring herbs for food packets. 10-20 people.
9) Children's Projects - make care packages for Heads Up.
10) Lunch Crew - make lunch for GWOH day. Sign up to bring a dessert.
11) Greeting Card Making. Ages 12 and older. Make greeting cards for various groups. 10-15 people.
12) Journal Book Making. Ages 12 and older. Decorate covers of journals with positive message. Will be distributed to Christine Ann Center. 10-15 people.
13) Make a card & put in the box to send to someone who was affected by the tornado. See sign up board for more information.

GWOH SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. PICK ONE UP NOW.

Stewardship Ministry Fair: **Sunday, Sept 20 • Between Services • Fellowship Hall**

Amazing Treats Await! You won't want to miss them!

Who Would Like $50 in FREE GAS?! That's right! Stop by the Stewardship Table for details on how to earn a chance to win **$50 in free gas!**

Stewardship Table - Be sure to stop by to pick up your **Financial Giving Plan** and learn about some **exciting new changes coming this fall** in our Stewardship Campaign.

You will NOT want to miss this AMAZING EVENT!

Come connect, discover, enjoy some treats, and be part of what Gloria Dei is doing through our church and ministries as the hands and feet of God!

GAME DAY: Games (dice, board, cards, etc) We try them all and have fun doing so. Come join us on Tues, Sept 8 @ 1 PM here at church. We have fun, food and fellowship. We'd love to have you join us and check out how much fun we have keeping those gray cells working!

**Neenah Animal Shelter request - if you would like to donate kitten & puppy food Purina One is their preferred brand. For a full wish list, please see their website www.neenah animalshelter.org/wish-list.html). All items can be dropped off at the church office. Questions? Call Courtney Kurtz @ 920-224-3142.

Blessing Box—GWOH: Please bring nonperishable food or personal hygiene products between now and Sept 13 to support the Blessing Box. Thanks.
Jim & Vicki Wippich

Confirmation & Sunday School Students: You can also attend the Ministry Fair on Sunday, Sept 20 to win a mystery prize. Students will get a card and then when they visit a table they will write the ministry name on the back of the card and then they will receive a sticker. They must collect 5 or more stickers on their card and return the card to the Education/Youth table to receive a mystery prize. 3 yrs old - 5th grade students will start at 10am after Sunday school. Parents will need to assist their child to complete their card.

Gloria Dei's Fall Craft Fair - Sat. Nov 14, 2026, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Support from the congregation will help make GD's Fall Craft Fair a success! Here are some ways you can help:

1. Spread the word—to prospective crafters. Booths/spaces are available to rent.
2. Donate a case of can soda: Coke, Diet Pepsi, Diet Coke, Sprite Zero, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, A&W root beer. Soda can be dropped off at the church office anytime now until Nov 2.
3. Consider donating items for basket raffle, or create a basket for the raffle. All items must be new. See suggestions on the kiosk. Basket or donated items need to be dropped off at the church office by Oct 9.
4. Consider ordering SCRIP gift cards that can be added to a raffle basket. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office by Oct 9.
5. Consider asking area businesses to donate services or items: Pick up a donation request letter from the table in the Narthex or hand out flyers—at area businesses, your place of employment & other community spaces.

Donations can be dropped off in the office. Thank you.

For more than 115 years, Valley VNA Senior Care has been committed to helping older adults in our community. As a local nonprofit organization, we provide a variety of services designed to support seniors and their families, including independent and assisted living, memory care, in-home care, Meals on Wheels, and community programs that promote connection and quality of life.

Our free Options & Solutions service can provide guidance to help individuals and families understand available resources and find the right support. We are also looking for caring individuals who want to make a difference. Whether you are interested in volunteering your time and talents or exploring employment opportunities, we would love to connect with you. To learn more about Valley VNA, our services, volunteer opportunities or current job openings, visit valleyvna.org or call 920-727-5555.

Thank you Christine Olsen for mowing this week. If you can help mow the lawn this fall, please sign up on the kiosk.

WE NEED YOU! Lots of opportunities to help during worship and around the church. There are 3 ways you can sign up: 1) online on the Gloria Dei website https://gloriadeilc.org/ then click on connecting tab and click on worship volunteer sign-up; 2) on the kiosk in the narthex, or 3) call the church office 920-725-6822.

Sunday School classes will begin Sept 20 @ 9:10am All children age 3 yrs old - 5th grade are invited to attend. If you misplaced your registration forms, stop by the Youth & Education ministry table on Sunday, Sept 20 to sign your child up.

Treasurers in the Trunk: Join St. Mark's Lutheran Church for Treasures in the Trunk on Saturday, Sept 19 from 8am-noon @ 140 S. Green Bay Rd in Neenah. Every purchase helps fund St. Mark's Food Pantry, providing food and assistance to those in need throughout the community.

Youth Ministry eNEWS

Save the date for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering, taking place Jun 28-Jul 2, 2027, in Minneapolis! This event brings together thousands of high school youth from across the ELCA for worship, learning, and fellowship. Open to students who are in 8th–12th grade. Registration will be opening soon. Total cost TBD. We will work with church leadership to develop a funding plan and share updates when more details are available. A pamphlet about this gathering is available in the narthex or you can go online at https://www.elca.org/gathering for more information. If you are interested in attending, sign up on the kiosk or email youth@gloriadeilc.org.

2026 Linwood Community Concert in the Park - "Elvis John"
Sunday, September 13 @ 2pm
Linwood Park, 401 N Douglas St, Appleton
Bring your lawn chair.

		Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Nursery Att.	Coffee Host	Live Stream	Altar Guild
Sep 6	9:30			None Needed	None Needed	C. Olsen/V.Gulke/ Jeaneen Schoessow	Valerie Gulke		Valerie Gulke		Christine Olsen
Sep 13	9:00										

Week at a Glance

6 SUNDAY	7 MONDAY	8 TUESDAY	9 WEDNESDAY	10 THURSDAY	11 FRIDAY	12 SATURDAY
9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Cookies & Water SCRIP Sunday	Labor Day Office Closed 7:30 Pilates	No Quilting 9:00 Zumba 1:00 Fun, Friends, & Fellowship (Game Day) 6:30 Women w Hope NA	6:00 Parent/Student Confirmation Mtg	7:30 Morning Bible Study 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7:30 Pilates	10-1 FVCT St Pauls