Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER—WEEK of September 27, 2026

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

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 restart in Oct.
Adult Bible Study - Thurs @ 7:30 a.m. and Sunday @ 9:10 a.m.

Prayer List

Prayers for 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), Patty, and Jane Blohm.

Lutheran World Relief

LWR Sunday - On Sunday we will celebrate the work of Lutheran World Relief of the ELCA. Gloria Dei has supported and helped in these ministry efforts in years past and this year we continue to support this ministry. We give thanks to God for those who have been directly involved in the donating, making, and working to supply necessary items for people around the world. **This year Gloria Dei will donate 50 personal care kits, 50 baby kits, and 14 quilts to LWR.** Thank you to everyone who helped out with these projects. We especially give thanks to the Quilters Ministry for creating warmth, comfort, and care by making quilts to help those in need around the world.

Quilts and kits will be dropped off at First English Lutheran Church, 6331 N Ballad Rd, Appleton on Saturday, October 3 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Stewardship Campaign has begun and will run through Oct 25

* Please pick up your pledge sheet on the table in the narthex and return it to the silver box when you have it filled out.
* Time & Talents can be filled out online using QR code or you can grab a hardcopy and fill it out and return it to the basket on the table in the narthex.

6th-8th grade confirmation students: This year Gloria Dei is combining with St Mark's and St Paul's. Classes will be held the first and third Sunday of the month from 5:30-7:00pm starting Sunday, Oct 4 at St Mark's church (140 S Green Bay Road, Neenah). Any questions, please reach out to Pastor Doug. (No confirmation classes Wed, Sept 23 or Wed, Sept 30).

Volunteer Opportunities at Gloria Dei:

* Worship volunteers needed. Sign up online, on kiosk, or call church office.
* Coffee House starts **Oct 8**. If you are able to make a treat or volunteer, please let Christine Olsen know or call the church office.
* GWOH continuation: **Sunday, Oct 18** between services (9am-10:30am) we will have tables set up in the fellowship hall to finish measuring spices for St Joes.
* Need someone to decorate the bell tower for **Christmas** - put up the lights, the swag, and the bows. If you can help, please contact Valerie Gulke.

Volunteer Opportunities in Community:

* If you would like to help with the tornado recovery supplies at the Menasha library, sign up at the library checkout desk by becoming a friend of the Menasha public library.
* BEAMING is in need of volunteers. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Violet, at volunteer4beaming@gmail.com to schedule a one-to-one volunteer orientation.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped the blood drive run smoothly and to everyone who donated blood. Red Cross collected 36 units.

Youth Opportunity: Service Saturday, Oct 3 from 8:30-11am @ Feeding America, 2911 W Evergreen Dr, Appleton. Contact Kelly Wedge if you are interested in helping. See flyer on table in the narthex for more details.

Fox Valley Community Table

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped serve at FVCT on Saturday, Sept 12. Special thank you to Shepherd Group 12.

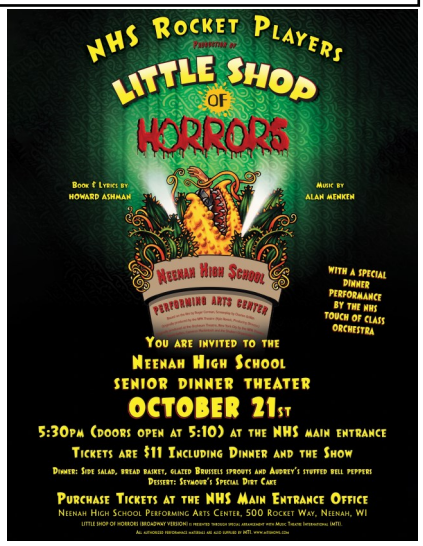
Looking Ahead:

- LWR Quilt Delivery - Oct 3 - 1st English Lutheran Appleton 8-12
- Feeding America Service Project - Oct 3 @ 8:30-11am
- Early Learning Center Vendor & Craft Blitz - Saturday, Oct 10 from 9am-2pm - 2425 Industrial Dr Neenah.
- Harvest for the Herd (BEAMING) - Sat, Oct 10 @ Lucky Dog'z (157 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah) from 5:30-10:00pm.
- Fun & Fellowship - Game Day - Tues, Oct 13 @ 1pm
- School for Seniors @ St Marks - Fri, Oct 16 from 8-12
- St Mark's Craft Fair - Saturday, Oct 24 from 9am-2pm
- Hephatha Appreciation Day - Sat, Nov 7 @ 3:00pm
- GD Fall Craft Fair - Saturday, Nov 14 from 9am-2pm

Check out kiosk for more information.

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: 3 Diet Mountain Dew and 1 A&W root beer are still needed. 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. See suggested list of gift cards on table in the narthex.
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 office or hand out flyers—at area businesses, your place of employment, and other community spaces.



Coffee House Ministry - Starts Thurs, Oct 8 from 3:15 -4:15 p.m. for Middle School & High School youth and families. If you can help, contact Christine Olsen or the church office.

Hephatha Mission Partner Appreciation Day will be Saturday, November 7 with 3pm worship followed by a meal. Sign up on the kiosk if you plan to attend.

Youth Ministry News

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 open soon. Total cost TBD. 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.

School for Seniors: Are you a senior who enjoys learning? Join in the SCHOOL FOR SENIORS, co-sponsored by the City of Neenah Committee on Aging and Lakeland University.

When: **Friday, Oct 16, 2026**, 8:45 am to 12 noon
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Where: St. Mark's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah

What: Thought-provoking presentations and discussion in an informal setting presented by community experts. There's something for everyone! Get ready to be inspired by a nationally known motivational speaker, learn about fitness for the body and brain, and get tips for personal safety. Enjoy refreshments and an information fair featuring community resources.

Cost: Free of charge

RSVP: **Seating is limited**, please call City of Neenah at 920-886-6125 by 10/12/26.

Flowers on the altar this morning are given by Dan and Michelle Higgins in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Thank you Galen Drews for mowing the lawn this week. If you can help mow this fall, sign up on the kiosk.

		Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Nursery Att.	Coffee Host	Live Stream	Altar Guild
Sept 20	8:00			Christine Olsen	Christine Olsen		Dale Haug		Julee Mansfield		Christine Olsen
Sept 13	10:30			Christine Olsen	Christine Olsen		Jim & Julia Lange			Ryan Helms	Christine Olsen
Sept 20	8:00					Jeaneen Schoessow			Maxine Pohlman		Judy Brown
Sept 20	10:30										Judy Brown

Week at a Glance

27 SUNDAY	28 MONDAY	29 TUESDAY	30 WEDNESDAY	1 THURSDAY	2 FRIDAY	3 SATURDAY
8:00 Worship Service 9:10 Fellowship Hour 9:10 Sunday School 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service *(Livestreamed on YouTube)*	7:30 Pilates 6:30 Worship/Music Ministry Mtg	9:00 Quilting 9:00 Zumba 1:00 Swanson Card Group 6:30 Women w Hope NA	 6:30 One Voice Choir Practice	7:30 Morning Bible Study 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7:30 Pilates 9-11 Y-Nots	9-12 Jubricosa