Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER—WEEK of October 4, 2026

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

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.
6th-8th grade Confirmation October 4 & 18 from 5:30-7:00pm @ St Mark's Church.
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.

Special Congregational Meeting next Sunday, Oct 11 @ 9:15 a.m.
Purpose: Receive recommendation from the Call Committee to approve the call of a new pastor. A paper ballot vote will be conducted and a quorum of 52 members must be present to vote to proceed. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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.

To Bean or Not to Bean Chili Cook Off (Not a Chili Dump)
Sunday, October 25, 2026 Starts at Noon
12:30 PM Thanksgiving Bingo 1:00 PM Awards
Chili makers and chili testers (eaters) are needed. We will provide the drinks and toppings. You provide the chili and desserts.
Please sign up on kiosk.

2026 GLORIA DEI THANKSGIVING BASKETS: We have the opportunity to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for families in the area who could use a helping hand. Last year we distributed 34 baskets to families who were referred by Winnebago County Social Services, Neenah schools, and families connected to Gloria Dei. If you or a family member/friend could benefit from a Thanksgiving basket, please contact church office or Jim and Vicki Wippich. Thank you!

October 11-November 15: COLLECTION OF FOOD, HOUSEHOLD, & PERSONAL ITEMS
Donated items should be left on the benches and tables in the Narthex. Monetary gifts are welcome at any time and can be placed in the offering plate with the following designation: **THANKSGIVING BASKETS.** Donations can also be made online. Food, household, and personal items will be purchased using these monetary donations.

Sunday, November 15: LAST COLLECTION DATE
Wednesday, November 18: SORT DONATED ITEMS IN NARTHEX AT 9 a.m.
Saturday, November 21: DELIVER BASKETS BEGINNING AT 9 a.m.

Please sign up on the kiosk if you would like to sort or deliver Thanksgiving baskets. If you have questions, please contact Jim and Vicki Wippich or Jenny Bonikowske.

Suggested Donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets: Hearty soup, vegetables (especially corn and green beans), green bean casserole ingredients, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, jars of gravy, baked beans, canned pasta/ravioli, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned chicken, canned fruit, fruit juice, baby food. Crackers, cereal, instant oatmeal packets, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast bars, pasta, mac & cheese, minute rice, boxed instant stuffing, instant potatoes, cookies. Personal/ household items such as body wash, shampoo, adult and kids toothpaste, kids toothbrushes, bars of soap, soft soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, lotion, laundry detergent, cleaning products, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers, baby wipes.

The Loopy Loomers made their first delivery of hats and scarves on Sept 28. 100 hats & 20 hat/scarf sets were delivered to Ruth's Pantry and 250 hats & 20 scarves were delivered to the Salvation Army.

Fun, Friends, & Fellowship (Table Game Day): Tues, Oct 13 @ 1pm. Come enjoy an afternoon playing games and fellowship. Bring a friend and join in on the fun. See you there!

6th-8th grade confirmation students:
This year Gloria Dei is combining with St Mark's and St Paul's. Classes will be held the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 5:30-7:00pm starting **this Sunday**, Oct 4 at St Mark's church (140 S Green Bay Road, Neenah).

Looking Ahead:
· LWR Quilt Delivery - Oct 3 - 1st English Lutheran Appleton 8-12. Thank you Dave Walters for dropping off the quilts and kits.
· 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.
· 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.

Volunteer 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.

Volunteer in Community:
* Tornado recovery supplies at the Menasha library, sign up at the library checkout desk by becoming a friend of the Menasha public library.
* Volunteers needed at BEAMING. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Violet, at volunteer4beaming@gmail.com to schedule a one-to-one volunteer orientation.

Samantha Kurtz is working on a service project collecting hygiene products (laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towel, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, fem care products) for Reach Consulting Services. Donations can be dropped off in the box under the table in the narthex for the month of October.

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

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, Nov 7 with 3pm worship followed by a meal. Sign up on the kiosk if you plan to attend.

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

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.

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

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.

If you would like to put up green ribbons for the tornado relief efforts, please pick up a pack of ribbons in the narthex and follow the mapped section that is designated for Gloria Dei. You can also grab a sign and put in your lawn supporting the cause.

		Acolyte	Ushers	Liturgy Assistant	Lector	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Nursery Att.	Coffee Host	Live Stream	Altar Guild
Oct 4	8:00			Steve Graf	Chris Drews	Jeaneen Schoessow			Maxine Pohlman	Vincent Guardiola	Judy Brown
Oct 4	10:30			Steve Graf	Steve Graf						Judy Brown
Oct 11	8:00		Noah Johnson	Ryan Michaud	Ryan Michaud						
Oct 11	10:30		Vincent Guardiola	Ryan Michaud	Ryan Michaud					Vincent Guardiola	

10/4 SUNDAY SCRIP	10/5 MONDAY	10/6 TUESDAY	10/7 WEDNESDAY	10/8 THURSDAY	10/9 FRIDAY	10/10 SATURDAY
8:00 Worship Service *(Livestreamed on YouTube)* 9:00 Fellowship Hour 9:10 Sunday School 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service 12:30 Woodchippers 2:00 Jubricosa 5:30-7 Confirmation Class at St Marks	7:30 Pilates	9:00 Quilting 9:00 Zumba 6:30 Women With Hope NA	6:30 One Voice Choir Practice	7:30 Morning Bible Study 3:15-4:15 Coffee House 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	7:30 Pilates 9-11 Y-Nots 1:30 Ruth Circle	10-1 FVCT St Pauls

2026 God's Work, Our Hands Results!!

Blessing for GWOH Day: God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world. Amen. Thank you for daring to roll up your sleeves and do God's work with your time, energy and your hands! The following are just some of the results of God's work using your hands on Sept. 13. This is NOT a comprehensive list; it's merely a snapshot….But what a snapshot it is!!

13+ projects and over 105+ people (children, youth & adults) participated.

+ Poultry Seasoning, Oregano, and Garlic Powder were bagged for St. Joe's Food Pantry. A mini GWOH day is planned for Sunday, Oct 18 to finish bagging these spices.

+ 57 homemade journals were made for youth and adults for Hephatha Lutheran Church ministry.

+ 72 Handmade Greeting cards were created for spiritual Care/outreach ministries.

+ 5 Quilts were tied for Lutheran World Relief ministry, to be distributed globally.

+ Lucky Stables – A team of 13 people volunteered at the Lucky Foundation. We sprayed Thompson's Water Seal on the outdoor arena fence, sanded and painted jump poles, and washed the walls of the huge indoor arena.

+ Youth Event – 12 people assist the Park & Rec in spreading mulch at Memorial Park around the trees along the southwest side of the walking path.

+ Neenah Animal Shelter – The volunteers hand washed and dried food dishes, did laundry and folded towels, logged in pet food donations and wrote expiration dates in sharpie on the tops of cans, cleaned out and organized the storage shed, and distributed toys to the cats.

+ 206 items were donated for Blessing Box food ministry on the Gloria Dei premises. Blessing box was also re-painted and stained!

+ 50 Lutheran World Relief Personal Care & Baby Care Kits were made and donated.

+ The following were made and delivered to community helpers: Big foil pan filled with granola bars, power mix trail mix, rice crispies bars, peanuts, raw veggies, dip, and taco roll ups. Each department received a meal prep container of hard boiled eggs, a meal prep container of various cheese and sausage, and a plate full of sugar and peanut butter cookies. Items were delivered to Neenah Police & Fire Departments, Menasha Police & Fire Departments, & Kaukauna Police and Fire Departments. Leftover cookies were served at GWOH lunch.

+ 9+ GD members and 17+ Tenants enjoyed worship, refreshments and fellowship at Linwood Place, Appleton.

+ $250 of Kitten & cat food and pet supplies were donated for Neenah Animal Shelter.

+ Kits were made for young adults in Heads Up program by kids in the children's project group.

+ Coffee and treats were set out at 8am for people to enjoy before church. 2 GD members grilled and 8 GD members helped in the kitchen to prepare the GWOH lunch. Lunch consisted of hamburgers, turkey, chips, calico beans, pineapple, grapes, tomatoes, pickles, lemonade, coffee, water, and assorted of donated desserts.

+ 6 GD members went to Church of the Wilderness for Friends of the Wilderness Day. They worshipped together and had lunch after the service.