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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF January 28, 2018

Congregational Council Opportunities

Gloria Dei's Congregational Council will be holding elections in January 2018. There are several positions available to those interested in serving.

Gloria Dei's Congregational Council provides general guidance over the ministry work and activities of the whole congregation. They help support the ministries, lay leaders, staff and the congregation as a whole, to help fulfill our mission of doing God's work through this Church.

No prior experience is necessary. Just a willingness to be part of the council team.

Council positions are 2 years in length and we generally meet 11 times/year. Please contact Pastor Jon if you're interested and willing to serve.

Annual Meeting of Gloria Dei will be held on Sunday, January 28th between the services at 9:15 AM. Council Elections and elections to Synod Assembly and Endowment Ministry will also be held at that time. Council has been updating the Constitution to bring it into compliance and to help improve the role of leadership in our congregation. These updates will be shared and discussed along with the proposed ministry spending for 2018.

Super Bowl Snacks – The youth will be selling Super Bowl snacks on February 4th after the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Free will offering. Youth will be using the funds raised for Confirmation Camp and other youth activities.

ANNUAL REPORTS MAY BE PICKED UP FROM YOUR MAILBOXES THIS MORNING TO FOLLOW ALONG AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Large Print DeiLites are available from the ushers.

Go to our congregation website - www.gloriadeilc.org for more information

THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN.	8:00	Holy Communion Worship
	9:00	Fellowship Hour/SCRIP
	9:10	Christian Education Classes
	9:15	Annual Meeting/Council Elections
	9:30	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	Holy Communion Worship
MON.	8:00	Pilates
	6:00-8:00	Jubricosa Practice
TUES.	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Zumba
WED.	5:30	Junior Choir
	6:15-7:30	Confirmation Class
	6:30	Sanctuary Choir
THURS.	7:00-7:45	Morning Bible Study
	10:00	Zumba
	3:00-4:30	Coffee House
	7:00	Narcotics Anonymous
FRI.	Office Closed	
	8:00	Pilates
SAT.		
Next SUN.	Super Bowl Snacks Sold	
	8:00	Holy Communion Worship
	9:00	Fellowship Hour
	9:10	Christian Education Classes
	9:30	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	Holy Communion Worship
	1:00	Woodchippers

Visitors to Gloria Dei

We are blessed by your presence among us. May God continue to bless and nourish you in worship here. If you are looking for a community of faith, we encourage you to join with us at Gloria Dei. We welcome all of you who are return visitors and invite you to join us again.

New Format! New Time!

Have you ever wondered about other religions? What makes them different and how are they similar? Come to the Thursday morning Bible Study as we start this study. We meet from 7:00-7:45 each Thursday and have a continental breakfast. This is a new time and format for the former 6:30 Bible Study. Come join us! This is a very casual discussion group and everyone is welcome. No prior knowledge needed. Just drop in some morning to see if you would like to be a part of this. If you have any questions see Roger Herman or Maxine Pohlman.

Bell Choir - We would like to see how much interest there would be in starting a Bell Choir in 2018. If this is something you would be interested in, please speak to Myron Jones.



First Communion Classes will be held on March 4, 11 and 18 from 1-3 PM. First Communion will be celebrated at the Maundy Thursday worship service on March 29th at 6:30 PM. Please sign up on the kiosk or youth bulletin board if your child would like to take these classes. Classes are geared for those in 2nd-5th grades, but children who are younger whose parents feel are ready for First Communion, or those who are older and haven't yet taken the class are welcome. A parent is required to attend classes with their child(ren). Please see either of the pastors if you have questions. Signup on Youth Bulletin Board or kiosk.

Confirmation Camp All youth in Grades 6-8 who have not yet attended Confirmation Camp and would like to attend this year must sign up by **March 5th** for Camp at Pine Lake the week of June 10-15 2018. Forms were passed out to youth at Confirmation. Cost of camp will be \$415/person, but the church will give each youth going to Confirmation Camp a scholarship of \$100 to help defray costs. This is a special discount price if we all register together. Youth are encouraged to watch for chances earn money for camp through soup suppers during Lent, or other events. These funds can then be used to help pay for camp. Please contact Pastor Jon or Pastor Tabitha if you have any questions regarding camp, or if you think you'll need some extra help financial assistance. Extra forms will also be available in the office. **REMINDER that youth are expected to attend Confirmation Camp at least once before their 8th grade year.**



Prayers - We remember those who are struggling with illnesses today: **Mary Staffeld, Rich Kreitz, Vicki Mayefski, Bonnie Swensen**, (friend of Mel & Veryl Kiekhaefer), **Andrea Akins, Judy Hildemen** (Jim Klitz's sister), **Tracy Fisher** (co-worker of Staci Miserlian) and **Mickey Weber** with cancer concerns.

We also remember in our prayers **Jean Swayne, Braeden Harrison** (grandson of Tom & Sue Harrison), **Randy** (Maxine Reese's son), **Pat Birrenkott**, (friend of Jeaneen Schoesow's), **Mike Crouch, Nancy Schultz, Tim Grapengieser, Ethel Reiter** (Lorna Star's mom), **Roger Staffeld**, (Tes Krisch & Lance Staffeld's father), **Russ & Shannon Stern Family**, (Karen Stern's son and family), **RoseMarie & Milt Steinke, Darlene Gutzman, Potato Bob, Carol Parker's daughter, Karen Stern, Mike Krisch, Steve Elbing, Roger Herman, Jane Lantz, Sue Schroeder, Kathy Helm, Helen Schanke, Joan McCoy, Sandy Wahamaki** and **Frank Krisch** (Mike's father).

Apartments for Rent: 1 & 2 BR apartments available at Linwood Place, a ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, Supportive Independent Living in a Faith-Based Senior Community. Call Becky, John, or Brian to arrange a tour. Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), Brian (840-3578.)

Don and Maxine Pohlman
sponsoring the
Coffee Hour this
month. Thank you!



Marlene Marks, please use office@gloriadeilc.org
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Pastor Jon, use pastorjon@gloriadeilc.org
Pastor Tabitha, use pastortabitha@gloriadeilc.org
Roger Herman, use treasurer@gloriadeilc.org

Upcoming Places to Go... Things to Do

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program at Goodwill in Menasha needs volunteers to help prepare tax returns for low to moderate income households, persons with disabilities or non-English speaking taxpayers. See flyer on kiosk. Tax prep experience not required, training provided.

New Flower Chart for 2018 is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Please sign up for any week you would like to provide flowers for the altar. You can indicate if there is a special reason you are providing flowers for the week.

Xavier Theatre Presents



A Radio "Theatre-of-the-Air" Production
This pair of mystery thrillers will be presented this week as a radio play, complete with commercials and sound effects in the intimate Green Room Theatre at the Xavier Fine Arts Center.

This production is appropriate for all ages. Seating is extremely limited, order early.

7:00 pm January 23, 24, 25
Adult \$9 • Senior Citizen \$8 • Student \$7

Donations can still be made to the **Gloria Dei 50th Anniversary Fund**, but we ask that you make the checks out to "50th Anniversary Fund" (not Gloria Dei), envelopes with cash be labeled the same.

"I'll Meet You There" Listening With All Our Hearts is an evening of fellowship among members of the Fox Valley's diverse faith communities. We will practice listening with humility and compassion, challenging the biases that limit us, and deepening our understanding of shared humanity. Held at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road in Neenah on February 8th from 7-8:30 PM. The event is free, planned locally and open to all. Youth groups welcome! See flyer in narthex.

Collections/Recycling

Ronald McDonald House pop can tabs will be collected for a special school project by Joan Rausch's grandson who works as a police liaison at the Appleton schools. If you would like a place to deposit those pop top tabs that you have been saving, please use the coffee can found on the wicker stand where we also collect used eyeglasses, food for Community Food Table, used ink cartridges, etc.

Gloria Dei Congregational Constitution

Our Church, as a religious/Christian community, has a written Constitution. It's a framework that sets out how we are organized. It also guides how we will function in our mission as a congregation. It should reflect our needs and practices.

It has been at least 12 years since Gloria Dei's Constitution has been updated. Since the Constitution should be a framework that reflects our identity and mission, your Congregational Council has spent a portion of this year reviewing and assessing our current Congregation's constitution, and highlighting prospective changes to this guiding document.

The proposed changes to the constitution serve at least 3 purposes:

1. The proposed changes bring our constitution in compliance with the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations in the ELCA.
2. The proposed changes might better reflect the current identity of our Congregation, given the size & needs of our community and the diversity of demographics and skills/talent.
3. We seek to lower the barriers for people to be able to volunteer who feel called to do so within the leadership of the community.

In seeking to fulfill these purposes, some of the main proposed changes include the following:

1. Number of members of Congregational Council. Proposed changes are to decrease the number from 12-15 to 8 members including officers. It's an attempt to better reflect our model of ministry that's more distributive in nature. In other words, this change would further encourage the "grass roots" ministry work that already happens in this community.
2. Council membership lengths of terms. To help increase the continuity of the executive leadership of council, proposed changes would bring the terms from 1 year to 2 years in length.
3. Increased efficiency and efficacy of the work of congregational leadership. Proposed changes include allowing more flexibility in meeting dates and frequencies, including utilizing technology to be able to accommodate the opportunity for leadership to serve the congregation on church council.

Additional communications will be made at the Annual Meeting and in other written communications as we continue the process to ratify the changes in 2018!

Your Gloria Dei Church Council

Lenten World Hunger Emphasis 2018

For many months a lot of our friends in Puerto Rico have suffered without electricity and services for their basic needs. As we thought about our special Lenten outreach efforts for this year, it just seems to make sense to help our Puerto Rican friends in any way we can.

Our Lenten World Hunger Emphasis invitation is to consider responding with financial gifts so that we can to help these people in need.

The Church and Community Ministry is currently reaching out to the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA to connect with a specific church in Puerto Rico.

We would like to connect to a church on the ground in Puerto Rico in which we can

direct our financial gifts. Those financial gifts can be utilized in the efforts to bring safety, food, electricity, and restoration in Puerto Rico.

We will be collecting Financial gifts throughout the whole Lenten Season. Please consider giving a gift for our neighbors.

Your Gifts can be given in any of these ways:

Pew envelope – please note on the envelope, “Lent World Hunger”

Online at www.gloriadeilc.org/give under the “2018 Lent World Hunger” line item.

Mobile giving: Scan the QR code on the right to give.



Soup Suppers During Lent – Each year during Lent we offer Soup Suppers before the evening Mid-week Services. The Soup Suppers will begin on February 21st. You can begin to sign up to help provide soups, bread, desserts for the midweek evening meals, or if you are able to help with set-up, serving, cleanup for the meals. You can sign up to help individually or organize a group to provide food or help. Youth signing up will receive credits for their savings accounts.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th with a 6:30 PM service!

Thank you notes are posted on the Kiosk from some of our Christmas Giving families

2017 End of Year Giving Statements are in your mailbox. Pick them up today please!

Coffee House had **186** students attend last week!

Synod Assembly Delegates

Each year, all congregations in our East Central geographic area of Wisconsin meet to do the work of considering our shared ministry as a synod.

This year our synod will hold its synod assembly at Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, Oshkosh

May 18th-19th, 2018

*We are Church Together:
Feeding & Equipping Leaders*

Our congregation is expected to have two representatives attend this assembly. We are looking for two GD members to attend as representatives along with Pastors Tabitha and Jon. Please contact a pastor if interested in committing to represent Gloria Dei for this assembly.

To: Everyone

From: A teenager **Thanks**

Thank you everyone. I wanted to say thank you because you cook “Goodies” for everyone and I enjoy your “servece” (I can’t spell.) and everything is ways better than any of my parents and grandparents could bake/cook. Anyway, I hope you like this note. And God apprecates (?) this wonderful act of kindness.

God bless this wonderful church.

Sencerly (?),

Elleanor (Grade 9)

Today is a Scrip Sunday!

That means you can place orders and pick up orders at the Scrip table in the Gathering Space. Supporting the ministry of Gloria thru Scrip is very easy:

- Pick up and complete an order form. Give it, along with your check, to the fine person volunteering at the table.
- Pick up your Gift Card order the next week.
- Use your gift cards!!

A few Helpful hints:

- Some local vendors are located on a separate alphabetical list on side 2 of the order form. If you don’t see your usual vendors, check out side 2, column 2.
- We are placing orders on Sunday night/Monday morning. So your orders may be ready for pickup by Thursday afternoon in the church office. Call or email first to confirm.
- Looking to order scrip for a store/restaurant/vendor not on our order sheet? Located at the scrip table is a master list of all stores in the scrip program.

Thanks for supporting this ministry!