

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ JANUARY 13, 2023

COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING

January 8, 2023

OPTIONAL

LON SAMUELS FUNERAL

With much sadness, we share the news of Lon Samuels' death. Many of you knew him and of his work in the design of our Sunday School wing.

Trusting in the promises of baptism and the hope of resurrection, we know that death does not have the last word. In life and in death, God is God. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

A funeral will be held at Gloria Dei at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 28, 2023, followed by refreshments.

ANNUAL MEETING!

Gloria Dei's Annual Meeting is January 29, 2023 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear about the year just past and help guide the congregation into the future. A light lunch of sandwiches will be served.

WOMENS' RETREAT

Ladies of Gloria Dei, A few weeks ago I made an announcement about the Women's Retreat. We need to know how many might attend so I can reserve cabins. The dates are Friday, April 28 – Sunday, April 30. Please contact the office (541-267-2347 or office.gloriadeifamily@gmail.com) to get on a list of people who want to attend the retreat!

Thank you, Kathy Jacobson

AED DEVICE

There is an AED device at Gloria Dei. It is located under the stairs in the Narthex (the wide hallway with triple glass door at either end, between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall). The device provides verbal instructions; don't be afraid to use it if someone is in distress and needs help!

ACCESSIBILITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

ELCA Disability Ministry is offering grants for congregations seeking to become more accessible and inclusive to people with disabilities. Accessibility has been an increasingly frequent topic in congregations, Gloria Dei, included. Our timeline is short for this grant application. The first 30 applications received on or before February 15, 2023 will be considered. If you would like to be part of this conversation as we discern what a project and grant proposal might look like for us at Gloria Dei, contact the church office or Pastor Alyssa.

SMALL GROUPS!

There is increasing excitement and enthusiasm for getting our Small Groups up and going again! These small groups meet, often around a meal, for fellowship and conversation around a book or study. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex. If you have a group or would like to join or create a group, sign up so we can get organized and started early in the new year!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME for January, February and March is now available in the Narthex! Pick yours up today!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The company that provides our Offering Envelopes has had delays due to equipment breaking down and lack of staff. They ask for our patience as they catch up with orders. When the offering envelopes come in, I will let you know! Reminder – we order far fewer envelopes this year, mainly for those who requested them last year and a few extras for new members if they want them.

COVID TEST KITS RESUPPLIED!

We have been given two cases of Covid Test Kits. Kits will be available in the Narthex for those who would like to take some home to use.

FREE COVID-19 TEST KITS

The Federal Government is once again shipping free test kits to people upon request. Visit this webpage <https://www.covid.gov/tests> to order, or call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY [1-888-720-7489](tel:1-888-720-7489)). Gloria Dei has also been given two cases of Covid Test Kits. Kits will be available in the Narthex for those who would like to take some home to use.

HELP WANTED

It's a new year and we are starting fresh with our request for volunteer assistance. If you are willing and able to help with any of the "things" we do on Sunday morning, please let Barbara know in the office (541-267-2347)! Potential volunteer jobs include greeting people before the service, being an usher, reading the lessons during the service, and helping broadcast the service online (training provided).

We also need flowers for the altar. Please let Barbara know if you have certain dates you would like to provide flowers.

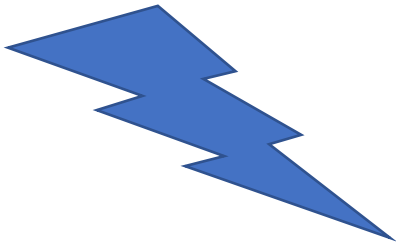
REMINDER!

**As the days get cooler, please remember to turn down the heat if you turn it up!
Also, please double and triple check to make sure the doors are shut properly
and locked behind you when you leave the building!**

GIVING ONLINE

If you prefer to give online, visit our website, where you can choose our secure giving site (green GIVE button):

<https://www.gloriadeifamily.org/>



Registration for Camp Lutherwood's Summer 2023 sessions opened January 1st, 2023!

Click here (or visit this URL) to see the camp schedule and register!

<https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp/>

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 55 in person, 12 online



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