

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ JANUARY 20, 2023

COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING

January 20, 2023

OPTIONAL

PASTOR ALYSSA & INTERN EMILY OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Alyssa and Intern Emily will be out of the office Monday through Wednesday as they attend the Byberg Preaching Conference. They will be available for pastoral emergencies—please call the office if you need to reach them. 541-267-2347.

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. Annual Reports will be available after church on Sunday or in the office next week.

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.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Intern Emily will be leading a Lenten book study on Renee Splichal Larson's book *A Witness: The Haiti Earthquake, a Song, Death, and Resurrection*. The book study will run weekly from February 26th to April 2nd, meeting at 11:30am in the adult Sunday school room following Sunday services. Books can be purchased online individually or by contacting the office by **Feb 1st** to be counted in a group order. Please contact Intern Emily or the office if you are interested in participating and the book cost is prohibitive to that; we will ensure you can participate.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

We are excited to be sharing our Wednesday Lenten Midweek Services with the wonderful people at Faith Lutheran this year! We will alternate weeks at the two churches. Gloria Dei will offer the Taize Worship, and Faith will have Holden Evening Prayer. We hope you all enjoy this time of fellowship and worship together!

The schedule is:

March 1: at Gloria Dei
March 8: at Faith
March 15: at Gloria Dei
March 22: at Faith
March 29: at Gloria Dei

The time frame is worship at 6:30 pm and Gloria Dei choir after the service.

Times for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services will be shared soon!

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

The cost of sending *Living Lutheran* to the entire congregation has become prohibitively expensive. The church is having copies sent directly to the church for those members who want it. Please let the office know at 541-267-2347 if you would like us to have a copy of Living Lutheran delivered to the church for you. The last issue being mailed to homes will be the January/February issue, which should arrive in a few weeks.

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!

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!

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!

NEWS FROM
CAMP LUTHERWOOD



RSVP today for the Annual Meeting: Feb. 4

The Annual Meeting of the Camp Lutherwood Oregon Association will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4 via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Association Congregations are allowed one voting representative. [Click here to RSVP](#) or email office@lutherwoodoregon.org. Contact the camp office with any questions.

Registration is open for 2023 summer camps!

Escape the chill with dreams of summer – learn more and sign up for [2023 programs](#) at lutherwoodoregon.org/camps/

- [Two-night overnight camps](#) (1st-2nd)
- [Weeklong overnight camps](#) (3rd-12th grade)
- [Two- or three-night Family Camp](#) (all ages)
- [High adventure](#), [Confirmation](#), [adult retreats](#), and [more!](#)

Got questions about whether Camp Lutherwood Oregon is right for the campers in your life? Contact us at camper@lutherwoodoregon.org to discuss access needs, accommodations, or other concerns. All are welcome.

Now hiring: Summer staff

Know a young adult who would be a good fit for a summer at camp? Pay starts at \$3,440 for the summer, plus lodging and meals are provided. Summer staffers gain valuable leadership, communication, and organizational skills – all while making friendships that last a lifetime. Learn more at lutherwoodoregon.org/employment or email jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org.

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/>

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 58 in person, 14 online



STEWARDSHIP IS... helping when and how you can!