

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ DECEMBER 23, 2022

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING
DECEMBER 23, 2022:**

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## **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**

**5 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022**

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CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

10 AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

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**Thank you** to everyone who made special donations to cover the rest of Intern Emily's term. The goal of \$17,000 has been met. The appreciation and support for this special ministry is one of the many great things about this church.

### **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!

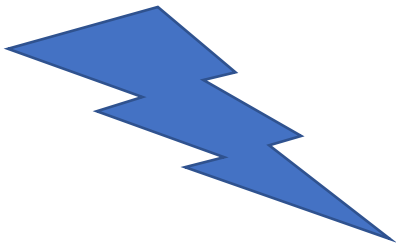
**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** for January, February and March is now available in the Narthex! Pick yours up today!

## **END OF YEAR DONATIONS**

If you plan to make an end-of-year donation that you want counted towards the 2022 tax year, please make sure it is in the office by 4 pm Friday, December 30, 2022, OR postmarked by December 31, 2022, OR made via our online giving platform (see below) by 11:59 pm on December 31, 2022.

### **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 opens January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023!**

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

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

Need a gift idea? The Prayer Bead basket is refreshed with new choices! They are now labeled with their respective 'themes', such as beach, myrtlewood, hike/bike, etc. Some are still generic, but many have specific beads for the person's interests.  
Enjoy!

#### **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!

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 71 in person, 15 online**



**STEWARDSHIP IS...LOVING!**  
We love, because our Lord loves us!!