

# WEEKLY NEWS ~~ NOVEMBER 18, 2022

COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING

NOVEMBER 18, 2022:

**OPTIONAL**

**THERE WILL BE *NO* BIBLE STUDY THIS COMING FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 25, 2022**

## 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT TREE OF JOY SERVICE PROJECT



The Girl Scout Tree of Joy Service Project was started in 1983 by a troop of 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It has grown over the past 39 years, with thousands of gifts having been distributed to agencies in our area. Most are given for Christmas, but some agencies save them for needs throughout the year.

Again, this year there will be a Tree of Joy annex tree in the Narthex starting Saturday November 19th. It will have tags with names and gift ideas from the Girl Scout tree Service Project in Pony Village Mall. You can still go to the mall and pick tags from the main tree, or if you prefer, for your convenience you can take tags from the annex tree, and return the presents to the church, or under the tree in the Pony Village Mall. If you are returning the gifts to the church, please have the gifts back by December 15th. If you prefer to simply make a donation and have Girl Scout elves shop for gifts, make a check out to Gloria Dei and on the memo, line write Tree of Joy and give it to Barbara in the church office. The Girl Scouts donates these gifts to many different agencies in Coos County, helping everyone from children to seniors. Any questions, contact Debbie Cox at 756-2250.

## Ministry Fair

Wow! Thank you to all who participated in Gloria Dei's Ministry Fair last Sunday after church! It was an amazing time of sharing and learning about Gloria Dei's ministries. So many people appreciated the Ministry Fair – comments included "This was great, I had no idea how many great things were going on in the church." "We need to do this more often." "We should make this an annual event!" "Many thanks to the Stewardship Committee members for starting this". Our Council President, Linda Strine, added, "Lynn Danner is the Stewardship Committee Chair this year and she has done an excellent job keeping us on task and coming up with ideas like this."

Part of the Fair included an opportunity to sign a heart to place on the bulletin board, pledging to give generously of time, talents and treasure to joyfully support God's work at Gloria Dei. If you did not have the chance to do this, you may do it at any time the church is open or after church on a Sunday. We also have pledge reminder cards, if you would like to have one at home to help you remember your pledge to help support Gloria Dei. The cards can be used as a bookmark or have a magnet put on the back for your refrigerator. These are also available at the church.

We thank all those involved in ministries who provided information and took the time to talk to the participants at the Ministry Fair. We thank those who shared their time and talents by providing prizes for the participants in the Ministry Fair. And we truly thank all those who stayed after church and learned more about how Gloria Dei brings light to our community through all our ministries!

## **ADVENT WORSHIP**

Our Advent Midweek Service returns on Wednesdays starting November 30, 2022! Worship using the Holden Evening Prayer service begins at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Choir will meet at 7 pm for the duration of Advent to provide time for Advent Midweek Worship.

## **FUNDING THE INTERN - TIME TO STEP UP**

At last January's Congregational meeting, we voted on the Intern budget separately because it wasn't clear we could afford them. As I recall, there were many who treasured the intern program and noted that giving had always risen to the occasion to support this program - and I was one of those voices.

This year we got a significant boost of \$15,000 from the Endowment fund to get the program restarted. But that will only carry us into December. We need \$17,000 more to complete intern Emily's term, and we will be planning fundraisers. But with our recovery from the pandemic going slower than anticipated, and our resultant current budget crunch, it seems to me to be time for all of us who said the intern program is important enough that the money will come, to step up and increase our giving. Please.

Ken Denton, Intern Committee member

*Like to sing? Join Choir!*

*Choir meets Wednesday at 6:30 pm and comes in at 9:30 am on Sunday to prepare for the service.*

*Advent is a great time to try choir—come for worship, stay for choir practice  
(at 7 pm during Advent)!*

## **GREETERS, READERS, USHERS, AND FLOWERS NEEDED!**

Sign up sheets from October through the end of the year are available in the Narthex. We need greeters, readers, ushers, and flowers! Please sign up to help as you are able!

## **FIREWOOD AVAILABLE!**

Gloria Dei's Firewood Ministry is alive and well! There is about a cord and a half of dry firewood available. If you or someone you know is in NEED of firewood, please contact the church office. The firewood is free with free delivery.

**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!



**Public response period: social message on climate care.** A draft of the ELCA's forthcoming social message on climate change and how we are called to respond has been posted, and the public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 2. The draft will be edited in response to your feedback and brought to the ELCA Church Council for a vote this spring. To read the draft and provide your input through our online form, go to [elca.org/climatecare](http://elca.org/climatecare).

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 64 in person, 7 online**



STEWARDSHIP IS...BEING THANKFUL!

Remember to thank God for all our blessings this week and always!