

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ February 24, 2023

COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING

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OPTIONAL

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR TURKEY & SYRIA

Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners are prepared to accompany our neighbors impacted by these earthquakes. One hundred percent of your gifts to "Middle East Crisis" go to supporting earthquake survivors and other people affected by disasters in the region. You can send checks directly to Lutheran Disaster Response (envelopes are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary), or write a check to Gloria Dei with notation Earthquake Relief, and we will send it on to Lutheran Disaster Response.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Join us on February 26 as we celebrate and bid farewell to longtime members, Marilyn and Paul Halvor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our students are excited about promoting **40 Days of Giving** for ELCA World Hunger this Lenten season. We're decorating containers for families to take home and use to collect coins throughout the season. This year, we're raising money to purchase seeds, fruit tree saplings, garden tools, and agricultural training to support individual family gardens and larger community gardens in needy areas of the world. We hope everyone will participate in this small way. Adding a few coins in our container each day will help us remember how blessed we are: we have delicious fruits and veggies, we have the joy of gardening. Our small Lenten sacrifice will be a big blessing to others!

PRAYER BEADS

Check out the prayer bead basket as it is refilled yet again. This month's offerings include sets that are **Pride** themed and **Puzzles and Games** themed!

COOS FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS

Coos Food Cupboard (CFC) continues to provide nutritious food to needy families and individuals in our community. Throughout 2022 they served an average of 276 households each month, representing 807 individuals. The Cupboard, housed at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, is open three days/week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, noon – 2:00 p.m.) and Thursday evenings, 5:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

Last month, January 2023, the numbers served increased significantly: 360 households representing 1087 individuals. During this difficult economic time, clients are welcome to come once a week.

CFC is grateful for the ongoing support of Gloria Dei: the annual monetary donation in our budget, and donations of nonperishable food throughout the year. We encourage our members to continue supporting the ministry of Coos Food Cupboard with their prayers and donations. A special need in recent weeks is breakfast cereal. Please consider buying an extra box to bring in to the collection cart in the narthex. Thank you!

Lynn Danner, CFC Board Member

LENTEN BOOK STUDY AT GLORIA DEI

Intern Pastor Emily will be leading a 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 March 5th to April 2nd, meeting at 11:30 am in the adult Sunday school room following Sunday services. If you plan on participating and have not yet received an email from Intern Emily, please let her or the office know as soon as possible so that you can be included in communications about the study. Books can be purchased online individually. 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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday, April 6	6:30 pm worship at Gloria Dei
Good Friday, April 7	12 noon Ecumenical worship at Gloria Dei
Ecumenical Easter Sunrise, April 9	6:30 am worship at Sunset Bay beach
Easter Sunday	10:00 am worship at Gloria Dei

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

We are excited to be sharing our Wednesday Lenten Midweek Soup Suppers and 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. Gloria Dei will be asked to provide soup & bread (see note from Kitchen Team below) for our weeks, and people at Faith will provide soup & bread for their weeks. We hope you all enjoy this time of eating, 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 Soup Supper from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, worship at 6:30 pm, and Gloria Dei choir after the service.

FROM THE KITCHEN TEAM

For this year's upcoming Soup Suppers on March 1st, 15th, & 29th in order to be more welcoming we have already invited Faith Lutheran to join us and we also plan to also invite the general public to join us as well.

In order to do that we need to have the Soups prepared in our commercial kitchen and the Bread either baked there or bought commercially.

How can you help? An email went out this week where you can respond and Volunteer to prep the meal, to clean-up, or to bring loaves of commercially baked bread. You can also Donate by making a contribution specified to "Soup Suppers".

Be looking for that email next week and join us as we Host the upcoming Soup Suppers.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Lenten resources from ELCA World Hunger, including a devotional booklet and a calendar, are available on the table in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATES!

Vacation Bible School will be July 17 – 21. Please arrange your vacation days around this week. We'll be needing lots of volunteers those mornings, 9:30 – noon. Our curriculum will be “*Operation Restoration: Mending God's World*”.

AED DEVICE

There is an AED device at Gloria Dei. The AED can be used to help someone experiencing cardiac arrest. The AED 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!

IN DEEP WATERS ZOOM BOOK STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 AT 1 PM

Do you have young people in your life, maybe your own kids, grands, adopted grandkids, mentees or students? Would you like to learn with other caring adults how to better walk alongside youth growing up with extreme weather and ecological crises, and to provide spiritual and emotional support to youth? Let's find out together using the new book from Fortress Press, *In Deep Waters: Spiritual Care for Young People in a Climate Crisis*. The book is from Presbyterian Pastor Talitha Amadea Aho. We'll be joining folks from Episcopalian, United Methodist, and Lutheran congregations for this study, co-facilitated by Pastor Dana Gill and Sister Cora Rose. It'll be a truly ecumenical Lenten practice!

We'll meet 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. Join the zoom at <https://smlc.live/deep>

Order the book from the publisher [here](#), or at your favorite online or brick-and-mortar bookstore. Book scholarships are available so all who are interested can participate. For more information, contact SisterCoraRose at [gmail.com](mailto:)

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, you will be notified! Reminder – we ordered far fewer envelopes this year, mainly for those who requested them last year and a few extras for new members if they want them. Please use the envelopes in the pews until the boxed ones arrive.

MEAL IN A BAG RESTOCKED

Thank you to Barbara Stevenson and Stephanie Greim, who made sure the Meal in a Bag packs were restocked this past weekend. We have 70 full bags and a few partial bags available to distribute to those in need. Please carry them and give them away if you are comfortable doing so. The bags are on the table in the Narthex.

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!

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/>

NEWS FROM CAMP LUTHERWOOD



Camp Lutherwood Oregon Spring Work Days: May 6 & June 3

Mark your calendar for Spring Work Days on May 6 and June 3 at Camp Lutherwood Oregon. Spend a Saturday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) volunteering with friends or family to get camp spruced up for summer. Work Days are also a great opportunity to introduce new campers to the site. Lunch is provided. The June 6th Work Day will include the dedication of the new property and the new buildings at camp. Call 541-998-6444, email office@lutherwoodoregon.org or visit our website at lutherwoodoregon.org/workdays/ to RSVP.

Save \$50 on Camp Lutherwood Oregon summer camps!

Earl E. Bird will be flitting around for just a few more weeks to save you \$50 on weeklong camps at Camp Lutherwood Oregon! Register by February 28 to get the Early Bird Discount. View the full schedule at lutherwoodoregon.org/camp and find the right fit for the campers in your life! Email office@lutherwoodoregon.org with questions about how to cover the cost of your camper's week away.

Gloria Dei also has money budgeted to help people attend camp! Please talk to Pastor Alyssa if you are interested in a Gloria Dei campership.

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. Extended expiration date is 5/16/23!

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.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 51 in person, 8 online

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STEWARDSHIP IS... thanking those who are faithful!