

# WEEKLY NEWS ~~ February 10, 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.

## **LUTHERWOOD SUNDAY AT GLORIA DEI!**

Come to worship this Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, to welcome Camp Lutherwood Oregon Staff as we share in worship and conversation together! Pastor Sara Gross Samuelson of Camp Lutherwood Oregon will preach and staff will share in worship alongside Pastor Alyssa and Intern Emily. Plan on staying after for an intergenerational coffee hour conversation with special treats! Lutherwood wants to hear about Gloria Dei's news, transformation and journey just as much as they want to share exciting transformations that are happening at camp! Early Bird Registration for weeklong youth camps has been extended through the end of February! Registration for Women's Retreat and Family Camp is open now too. Register at [www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp](http://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp)

### **ALSO:**

Camp Lutherwood Oregon is hiring! Know a young adult (18+) looking to build their resume this summer? Encourage them to work at camp! With skills like leadership, organization, time management and adaptability, a job on summer staff prepares workers for success in a wide range of careers. More information is at [www.lutherwoodoregon.org/employment](http://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/employment)

## **FAREWELL CELEBRATION**

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

## **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

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

<b>Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22</b>	10 am—2 pm Drive-Thru Ashes 6:30 pm worship at Gloria Dei
<b>Maundy Thursday, April 6</b>	6:30 pm worship at Gloria Dei
<b>Good Friday, April 7</b>	12 noon Ecumenical worship at Gloria Dei
<b>Ecumenical Easter Sunrise, April 9</b>	6:30 am worship at Sunset Bay beach
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	10:00 am worship at Gloria Dei

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting at 11:30am in the adult Sunday school room following Sunday services. Books can be purchased online individually; the group order has been placed. 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 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 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 worship at 6:30 pm and Gloria Dei choir after the service.

## **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://smic.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:)



## **SINGING VALENTINES!**

The Gold Coast Chorus, a barbershop quartet, is providing singing Valentines to the Coos Bay/North Bend area. For \$40, your Valentine will get two songs, a card, and a rose! Call Dave Aakre at 541-290-9255 to arrange for your singing Valentine.

### **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!

### **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!

### **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 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.

### **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.

### **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**

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**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](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) or visit our website at [lutherwoodoregon.org/workdays/](http://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](http://lutherwoodoregon.org/camp) and find the right fit for the campers in your life! Email [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) with questions about how to cover the cost of your camper's week away.

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**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.

**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: 49 in person, 12 online**

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**STEWARDSHIP IS...sharing love!**