

# WEEKLY NEWS ~~ February 3, 2023

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING**

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**OPTIONAL**

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

Come to worship on February 12th 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)

## **GIVING STATEMENTS**

Annual giving statements to use when preparing your taxes were mailed before the end of January. Please check your statement and let Barbara know if you have questions or if there is an error. Thank you!

## **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](mailto:office.gloriadeifamily@gmail.com)) to get on a list of people who want to attend the retreat. Deadline for indicating interest is February 5! Thank you, *Kathy Jacobson*

## **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 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!

## **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!

## **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 arrived recently.

## **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 and locked behind you when you leave the building!**

## **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.

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**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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://lutherwoodoregon.org/employment) or email [jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org).

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**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: 56 in person, 11 online**



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