

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ DECEMBER 16, 2022

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING
DECEMBER 16, 2022:**

OPTIONAL



Speaking for the Congregation Council, I'd like to express our deep appreciation for all those who are responsible our beautiful Christmas tree in the sanctuary:

Identifying and donating a beautiful tree: Ken and Cathy Denton

Felling the tree on the Denton's property: Calum & Ian Stevenson

Hauling the tree to the church: Kathy & Norm Jacobson, with loading help from Ken & Cathy Denton

Setting up the tree and stringing the lights: Dave Jordan, Calum Stevenson and Boyd Bjorkquist

Decorating the tree with Chrismons: Pastor Alyssa, Intern Emily, Becky Bell-Greenstreet, Dave & Marcella Jordan, Jennifer Helm, Ken & Kathy Denton, and Lynn Danner

Special thanks, also, to:

Becky Bell-Greenstreet and Jennifer Helm for hanging the small banners on the aisle columns and to Marcella Jordan and Lynn Danner for decorating the alter rails with garlands and bows.

When asked how Ken Denton could possibly sacrifice one of his most beautiful trees, Ken replied, "I planted those trees years ago so they could one day stand in our church." Thank you, Ken, for your foresight and generosity!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Linda Strine



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**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**

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

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Sunday School children will be presenting a Christmas program during the service this Sunday, December 18. Please come and enjoy our kids as they share the Christmas story with us!

ADVENT WORSHIP

Our last Advent Midweek Service is happening on Wednesday! Worship using the Holden Evening Prayer service begins at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Choir will meet at 7 pm to provide time for Worship.

KNITTERS FUNDRAISER EXTENDED!

Our Gloria Dei knitters have been knitting up a storm—so much so that they are out of yarn, and out of funds with which to buy more yarn! So they are selling some of what they have knitted (hats, scarves, dish cloths, jar openers, etc.) to raise money for more yarn. The prices our knitters are offering are much better than those of similar items at the mall craft fairs! So come support our knitters this Sunday, December 18, during Coffee & Fellowship Time after the service. This is a great opportunity to purchase handmade gifts for those on your holiday gift list!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Blue Christmas service is being held at Faith Lutheran at 6 pm on Wednesday, December 21, for those who may be feeling more blue than joyous during the holidays.

38TH ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT TREE OF JOY SERVICE PROJECT



Presents were due back to the church on December 15th. If you can not get them to the mall, I will pick up one more time after service on Sunday the 18th (today).

Thanks again for participating in our Girl Scout Tree of Joy!

Debbie Cox

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!

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

PROGRESS REPORT:

As of December 13, we have raised more than \$16,300 of the \$17,000 needed to allow Intern Emily to finish with us through June of 2023. Thank you for your generosity—let's keep up the good work!



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

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE!

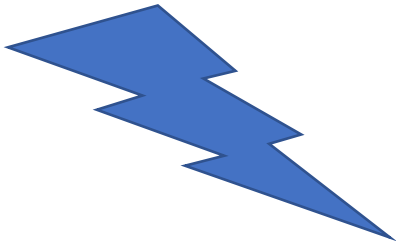
Gloria Dei's Firewood Ministry is alive and well! There is about a cord and a half of dry firewood available. If you or someone you know is in NEED of firewood, please contact the church office. The firewood is free with free delivery.

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 1st, 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!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 55 in person, 14 online



STEWARDSHIP IS...ANTICIPATING!
In Advent, we anticipate the coming of our Lord!

