

# WEEKLY NEWS ~~ DECEMBER 30, 2022

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING  
DECEMBER 30, 2022:**

**OPTIONAL**

## BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Thank you** to everyone who made special donations to cover the rest of Intern Emily's term. The goal of \$17,000 has been met. The appreciation and support for this special ministry is one of the many great things about this church.

### **THANK YOU!**

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington would like to thank you for your generosity of gifts and money to our 39th annual Tree of Joy Service Project. The tree at the church was a great success. tags were taken and returned to the tree and with money donations from church members additional gifts were purchased for our community. This year over 1000 in our community have been served. The Tree of Joy Service Project benefits children, families and seniors in Coos and Western Douglas County.  
*Debbie Cox*

### **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.

### **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 early in the new year!

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

### **FREE COVID-19 TEST KITS**

The church ran out of the Covid-19 tests that we got free from the State of Oregon. 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)).

**REMINDER!**

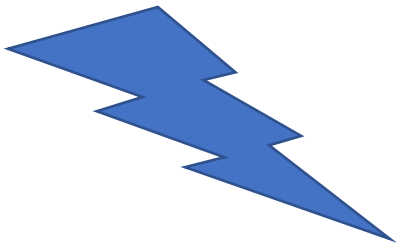
**As the days get cooler, please remember to turn down the heat if you turn it up!  
Also, please double and triple check to make sure the doors are shut properly  
and locked behind you when you leave the building!**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023!**

**Click here (or visit this URL) to see the camp schedule  
and register!**

<https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp/>

**ATTENDANCE: Christmas Eve - 48 in person, 4 online  
Christmas Day - 32 in person, 3 online**



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**Please carefully consider how you choose to use what God has given you!**