

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ NOVEMBER 4, 2022

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING
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OPTIONAL**

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

LOT UPDATE

Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA) cleared the underbrush for the surveyors a few months ago, and the surveyors created a one-foot contour map with all the trees by size and species. This went to the architects (in Eugene) who produced a first draft, showing five three-story buildings, parking, and a drain pond (bioswale). They intend to keep all of the non-Port-Orford-cedar (POC) that aren't in the building or driveway footprints. (The site is riddled with POC root disease which is fatal to that species.) This plan was a first cut, just to get the city talking. We had a pre-application meeting with the city on October 6 and heard from city department heads about requirements for access (Yew St.), sidewalks, sewer hookup options, water, fire hydrants and the like. We received the city's input in writing last week, and the architects are working on a second iteration. We should see this around Thanksgiving. The Advisory Committee (including four church members) will meet again at that time. We are working under an MOU with NHA and expect to sign the Option Agreement, our formal commitment to sell to NHA, by the end of the year.

Ken Denton, Lot Committee Chair

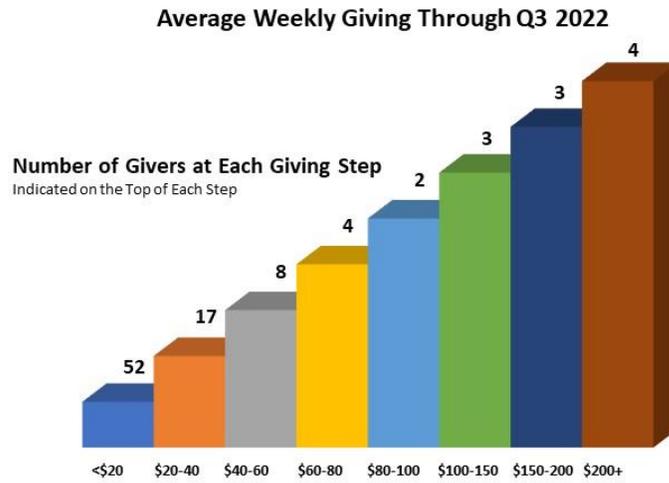
SAVE THE DATE!

Plans are underway for a **Ministry Fair** to highlight the various ministries of Gloria Dei and encourage members to identify a ministry to support and actively participate in. It will take place **during coffee hour, Sunday, November 13th**. Each of the committees/ministries have been invited to man a table where they can tell details about their ministry. All those who attend will be given a "passport" to have stamped by each ministry they visit. All those who fill up their passport will enter a drawing for special prizes! It should be a fun, informative event! We'll still be able to enjoy coffee and snacks, don't worry!

GREETERS, READERS, USHERS, AND FLOWERS NEEDED!

Sign up sheets from October through the end of the year are available in the Narthex. We need greeters, readers, ushers, and flowers! Please sign up to help as you are able!

Here is a graph prepared by the Finance Committee to show how many people give at each of the levels shown. Through the end of Quarter 3, Gloria Dei has received \$154,709. Our budget for the year is \$274,081.



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 locked behind you when you leave the building!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERING

*Do you like crafts? Recent cleaning of Sunday School rooms has netted volumes of craft supplies! We would like a person who can organize a craft event for the Sunday School children to do occasionally according to the church calendar (like Reformation Sunday and of course Christmas and Easter).

*A second adult is needed in the room for Sunday School hour at 9 am. We have 3 volunteers who rotate and are looking for more to rotate in, so the commitment would be once every 4 or 5 weeks. No teaching needed, just be present in the room.

*We need help with streaming the service on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary – we train! We are hoping to have enough people to work in teams so that each team's commitment would be once every 4 or 5 weeks.

*Altar Guild could use one or two more people to help prepare for and clean up after the service each week. This will include setting up for Communion, and changing paraments when the church seasons change. Again, if we find enough help, the commitment would be once every 4 or 5 weeks.

*We are trying to establish a Funeral Reception Committee. This committee would provide the food after any funeral or memorial service, along with the set up and clean up. Much like simple coffee hour duties, but dishwashing may be included.

Please call Lynn Danner (541-267-0693), Kathy Whitwer (541-756-4255), or the church office (541-267-2347) if you would like to volunteer for any of the above!

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.

DEACON CORA ROSE TO BE RECEIVED INTO DEACONESS COMMUNITY!

One of Gloria Dei's members, Deacon Cora Rose of Brookings, wants to let the Gloria Dei family know that she is being received into the Deaconess Community in November. She is happy to connect with anyone wondering what that all means. Deacon Cora is also involved in amazing work with marginalized people living on the edge in Brookings, and would be happy to share about that work, as well. Deacon Cora can be reached by email at: cora@sttimothyepiscopal.org
The "official announcement" of her Rite of Reception is here:

Deacon Cora Lea Rose, ordained into the Ministry of Word and Service last summer, has been invited to join the Deaconess Community of the ELCA through the Rite of Reception (formerly called "investiture"). Cora and her spouse Cory Schoolland are (long-distance) members of Gloria Dei. During opening worship of the Deaconess Community's Annual Assembly on **November 4**, Cora will receive the title "Sister" and affirm her commitment to the intentional Community and its diaconal principles.

The Deaconess Community is an incorporated ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with sisters also serving in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Learn more at deaconesscommunity.org or contact soon-to-be Sister Cora with questions!

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8!

As we vote in this election here is a prayer from the ELCA:

O God, you crafted the universe as a divine tapestry in which the well-being of the entire cosmos is forever intertwined. In this election season, give us hearts and minds focused on nurturing all that you have made. Forgive us when we are unjust or accept unjust behavior in our leaders. Remind us of your call to not withdraw from the world, but to be in the world as your very own broken and beloved people. Ignite in us a passion for the welfare of those who are most vulnerable, and empower us to lead with a love that reflects your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON VOTER'S GUIDE

Here is a link to the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Voter's Guide. For nearly 50 years, EMO has used our voice to advocate for policies and legislation that help create an Oregon that works for everyone, not just those at the top. Releasing our biannual "[Voters' Guide to 2022 Oregon Ballot Measures](#)" is an important part of this work. We're privileged to provide thoughtful guidance to people of faith and goodwill and help connect current ballot initiatives to deeper values. We hope our discussion of the state-wide four ballot measures in the Voters' Guide will provide valuable insights for Oregon voters. <https://emoregon.org/advocacy-action/>

FROM THE ELCA:

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton speaks out against Christian Nationalism which identifies human-made governments as lockstep with God's will and seeks to privilege Christians, typically only white Christians. Lutherans teach that government should be held accountable to God, but never dictated as God's will. We must stand against Christian Nationalism as a dangerous ideology and advocate for the full participation of all in our religiously diverse society. Sign the petition at [ChristiansAgainstChristianNationalism.org](https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org).

Watch our Presiding Bishop on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yx_PR7ZKX0



Public response period: social message on climate care. A draft of the ELCA's forthcoming social message on climate change and how we are called to respond has been posted, and the public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 2. The draft will be edited in response to your feedback and brought to the ELCA Church Council for a vote this spring. To read the draft and provide your input through our online form, go to elca.org/climatecare.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 55 in person, 18 online



STEWARDSHIP IS...remembering those who came before!
Give Thanks for the saints who have taught us how to share God's love.