

# WEEKLY NEWS ~~ JANUARY 6, 2023

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING**

**January 8, 2023**

**OPTIONAL**

**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*

## **COME HELP TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE!**

We're sad to see our beautiful tree go, but it's time to take it down and pack away the Chrismons and other decorations in the sanctuary. It's a fun task when we have willing hands to help. We'll meet Wednesday afternoon, January 11th at 4:00. Come join us, please!

## **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!**

## **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 order far fewer envelopes this year, mainly for those who requested them last year and a few extras for new members if they want them.

## **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.

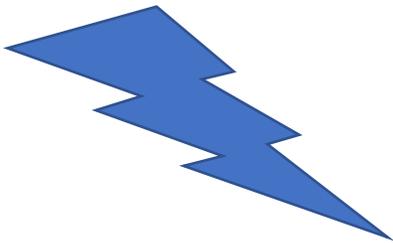
## **REMINDER!**

**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!**

### **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 opened January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023!**

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

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

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 48 in person, 4 online**



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