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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**December 1— 9am Worship**  
First Sunday of Advent  
Nolsy Change Offering Sunday

**December 4 – 5:30 pm Bible Study**  
6 pm Choir Practice  
7 pm Worship

**December 5—Garbage & Recycling Pick Up**

**December 8 – 9am Worship**  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Name Tag Sunday

**December 9—6:30 pm Music & Worship Committee**

**December 10 —6:00 pm Council Meeting**

**December 11 – 5:30 pm Bible Study**  
6 pm Choir Practice  
7pm Worship

**December 15 – 9am Worship**  
Thrd Sunday of Advent  
Temple Talk Sunday

**December 18—5:30 pm Bible Study**  
6 pm Choir Practice  
7pm Worship

**December 19—Garbage Pick Up Day**

**December 22 – 9am Worship**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 24—Christmas Eve**

**December 25 — Christmas Day Office Closed**  
5:30 pm Bible Study  
6 pm Choir Practice  
7pm Worship

**December 29 – 9am Worship**  
Food Pantry Sunday

**December 31—New Year's Eve**

# THE DAILY NEWS

## December 2019

Let the Holidays Begin – Breathe...

*[Dave's note: The article printed below comes from the Mayo Clinic website. I think there's a lot of merit to what is being said. I'm hearing from our Gloria Dei members that there burn out is a real thing. Please don't let the Holidays add to the stress of burnout. It is important to practice good personal care!]*

The holiday season often brings unwelcome guests — stress and depression. And it's no wonder. The holidays present a dizzying array of demands — parties, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name just a few.

But with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress that accompanies the holidays. You may even end up enjoying the holidays more than you thought you would.

Tips to prevent holiday stress and depression:

When stress is at its peak, it's hard to stop and regroup. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, especially if the holidays have taken an emotional toll on you in the past.

**Acknowledge your feelings.** If someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season.

**Reach out.** If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.

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**Be realistic.** The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones. For example, if your adult children can't come to your house, find new ways to celebrate together, such as sharing pictures, emails or videos.

**Set aside differences.** Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all of your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too.

**Stick to a budget.** Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts.

Try these alternatives:

Donate to a charity in someone's name.

Give homemade gifts.

Start a family gift exchange.

**Plan ahead.** Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. That'll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And make sure to line up help for party prep and cleanup.

**Learn to say no.** Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every project or activity. If it's not possible to say no when your boss asks you to work overtime, try to remove something else from your agenda to make up for the lost time.

**Don't abandon healthy habits.** Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt.

**Take a breather.** Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm.

Some options may include:

Taking a walk at night and stargazing.

Listening to soothing music.

Getting a massage.

Reading a book.

**Seek professional help if you need it.** Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

Take control of the holidays:

Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Instead, take steps to prevent the stress and depression that can descend during the holidays. Learn to recognize your holiday triggers, such as financial pressures or personal demands, so you can combat them before they lead to a meltdown. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you can find peace and joy during the holidays.

***Remember that God loves you and...***

## Karen's Korner

Well the snow indeed beat me to my December report. Let's try to look on the bright side and imagine that this must be a touch of God's humor showing through again.

Please read the council minutes in this issue of the newsletter. Lots happening on that front.

Nomination Committee will be starting to do their work soon, if they haven't already. You know what to do when they call on you, right?!

The Fall Fun Fest and Stewardship Drive will be over by the time you read this. The committee was thinking outside the box on this one. Hope everyone had a good time and stepped forward to help Gloria Dei on the road to a bright future.

December again sees Gloria Dei providing a service project to the larger community. We partnered with the Gingerbread House to provide basic needs that families may pick up when they pick up their Christmas boxes of family gifts. This is a new program for the Gingerbread House and we are happy to give them a head start by stocking their shelves with these supplies. Please consider helping with supplies or a financial contribution by the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. See details on the table in the narthex.

Our choir is sounding great. I bet more than one of us is humming along to some of the familiar music. Thanks to Doug and all the great people who make it happen.

Count your Blessings this Thanksgiving, and pass them on this Christmas. God has certainly blessed Gloria Dei this past year! How will we pass that on?

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Gloria Dei has partnered with this organization to help families in need of support services to provide basic needs and well as Christmas gifts for families. We are providing basic needs since this is a new program and the one that currently needs the most attention. You may play a donation of coins or cash in the small ginger bread house and return by December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will then do the shopping for you. Or, you may provide one of the following supplies and return by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Supplies will be delivered to them by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Examples of Personal Care Products

Hand or bar soap  
Shampoo/conditioner  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste/toothbrushes  
Brushes/combs  
Shave cream/disposable razors  
Hand wipes

### Examples of Paper Products

Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Kleenex  
Paper plates/plastic utensils  
Napkins

# **Gloria Dei Church Council Meeting – November 12, 2019**

**Present:** Karen Ebert, Barb Spiegel, David Hoban, Jerry Jensen, Roxie Ruechel, Dianne Fett, Dave Kohls, Julie Schaefer  
Ruth Camomilli

**Call to Order:** Karen @ 6:00pm

**Opening Prayer** – Jerry opened with a prayer.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**– Motion Barb, second Dianne to accept agenda. Carried.

**Secretary's Report**– Motion Dave, second Jerry to accept secretary's report as presented. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report**–

Monthly Revenue 2019											
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
7275	9720	8241	11874	7476	10063	11092	6820	10588	8203		
Monthly Expenses 2019											
9060	7683	8410	9156	7867	7447	9091	7720	8280	9053		
Checkbook Balance 2019											
155278	17748	16945	20444	20052	20062	22078	21198	23704	22854		
Capital Fund Balance 2019– YTD											
310	1107	3602	4597	6061	7388	9337	9562	11738	11948		
Memorial Fund Balance 2019											
1036	1036	978	978	978	978	920	799	799	799		
In-Kind Giving Balance 2019											
0	4	73	58	100	19	45	0	22	32		

David presented treasure's report. Motion Barb, second Julie to accept report as presented. Carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Stewardship/Long Range Planning** – (Jerry) Committee met October 1<sup>st</sup> starting 2020 Budget. Will meet in December to continue budget.

**Outreach/Fellowship**– (Roxie) Outreach to meet in December. Christmas Caroling planned for Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tables of 8 in planning stage. Spaghetti supper date TBD. Chili Supper date in 2020 TBD.

**Education**– (David) –Sunday School is going well. Pastor Jim will lead confirmation while Anne Sellen is out of town.

**Property** (Julie)– Fehrman Heating is in the process of repairing furnace issues. Annual water sample sent to state- results pending. Bid for parking lot sealing is pending

**Worship**–(Ruth) Met Nov. 11, seasonal changes for Advent. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> service will be readings and carols.

**Director of Ministries Report**–(Dave)- A detailed report was presented.

## **Old Business**

**AED purchase and training**– Roxie explained options are being explored and will be report further finds next month.

**Computer item** – Computer has been order for announcement project.

**Formal approval of members**– Motion Dave, second Dianne to accept Brenda Gardener and her children into membership.

**Church Cleaning**– Dianne will follow-up next month with cleaning service pricing for basic services. The Pentecostal Church as done major cleaning at Gloria Dei. A Thank You note will be sent.

**Pentecostal Church**– Their 11 a.m. Sunday services start December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **New Business**

**Building Usage requests**– Ann Martin has requested use of the kitchen, Fireside Room and Fellowship Hall for her family Christmas gathering on Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. The Girls Scouts (led by Tina Puro) would like to use the kitchen DTB in January to work on cooking badges. Motion Dianne, second Julie to approve usage. Carried.

**Fall Fun Fest Council responsibilities**– Liaisons to be present at respective tables to answer questions.

**Thanksgiving Express**– Dave will post info on kiosk. Pies and volunteers are welcome.

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**Snow Removal/Parking lot-** Big Joes Maintenance Service will continue to provide lawn and snow removal. Dave purchased an ice melt spreader.

**Temple Talk-** Roxie re: AED & Safety kits.

**Calendar Review**

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 5:30p  
Choir Practice Wednesday evenings @ 6p  
Monday Morning Bible Study in Kiel @6:30am  
Women's salad supper retreat Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>- And the Angels Sang- Ginger Bread House  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Eve worship with pumpkin pie and coffee to follow  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup>- Ann Martin's family Christmas gathering  
Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>- Christmas Caroling  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

**-Next Meeting December 10, 2019 6:00pm**

**Adjourn with Lord's Prayer** Motion Jerry second Dianne to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barb Spiegel*

Minutes are subject to council approval at the December meeting

## THE CHRISTMAS WREATH.....

(Some folks wonder how I appear and where I come from.)

I have appeared since Gloria Dei moved from the Presbyterian Church in Kiel to New Holstein.

Each year around late September early October I put my request in for my new apparel. My branches are handpicked and harvested in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in Florence county. The branches are selected from quality trees and bundled for my use and allotment. As I get dressed each hand held layer consist of Balsam Fir, White Pine, White Cedar and Blue Spruce. Sometimes I will sport Red Bogwood and large Pine Cones. As additional décor. My circumference is 60 to 72-inch ring and depth of 12 to 15 inches and weighing 40 pounds of greens and more. It takes me a full day to get dressed because there is no automation involved. To top off my appearance I adorn special red velvet and gold satin ribbon to wave at travelers on Hwy 57. I'm hoping they will visit us at Gloria Dei all are WELCOME. A member comes to assist me up the ladder to my stand on the fireplace chimney and after about a month he will come assist me down clean me off brush me off and store me until next season. Hope to see you there ... MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## Worship and Liturgy Meeting Minutes

Nov. 11, 2019

Present: Doug E., Dave Kohls, Ruth C., Barb S., and Raeline S.

Meeting was opened with a prayer lead by Dave

Discussed the positive feedback we have had from this past Sunday Service when the choir members sang were spread out through out the church. It is always nice to have a little different twist on where the choir is singing from as it gives the music a whole different sound. It also encourages others to participate. Doug reported that he is comfortable and ready to do the Holden services again on Wednesday evenings during Advent.



Dave gave his Director of Ministry report starting with the plan to use Setting 5 on Christ the King Sunday which is Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Alter Linens will need to be changed to white for this celebration. We will have a pie and ice cream social after the Wednesday evening service on the Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. (Raeline will take care of purchasing a pumpkin pie and ice cream.) Advent will start on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Alter linens and banners will be changed to blue for Advent. Barb will take care of assigning the Candle Lighters for each Sunday. Raeline will take care of Wednesday evenings. Dave will purchase new 3-inch purple and pink candles for the Advent wreath. Fall Festive will be held this coming Sunday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Each committee will have a table to display their objectives and needs for the committee and hopefully recruit new members to the committees. It will be a potluck with raffle baskets and fun for everyone. Dave has invited members of the Pentecostal community to join us Sunday for Fall Fest and for the Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> service. Dave will let Barb know how many readers will be needed for the Christmas eve service. We will need 2 communion assistants for sure on Christmas Eve. On Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jim will be on vacation; however, we traditionally have Carols and Readings only. Dave will determine how many readers are needed and let Barb know so she can assign Readers for the liturgies.

It was noted that Donna Lee finished side curtains for behind the alter that look very nice. Raeline will take care of sending her a thank you card. We also have some money set aside for new banners. Raeline will order 2 – The White Radiant Cross and a Red Descending Dove Banner.

Doug closed us out with a prayer.

Next meeting: Dec. 9th, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

*Raeline Springstroh*



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Looking for volunteers to help keep the church clean. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

### **Would you consider volunteering to set up**

**communion?** Our list of individuals willing to perform this function is getting smaller. We would appreciate having more volunteers, in order for Gloria Dei to continue having weekly communion. The process is relatively simple, requiring set-up before and clean-up after worship.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer. Please contact Dave Kohls, Raeline Springstroh or Barb Spiegel.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**1st Sunday of Advent—Dec. 1, 2019**

**Midweek Advent—Dec. 4, 2019**

**And the Angels Sang—Gingerbread House**

**Project: Dec. 7, 2019**

**Christmas Caroling—Dec. 22, 2019**

**Christmas Eve Service—Dec. 24, 2019—7pm**





## ...And the Angels Sang

Women's Christmas Retreat

December 7, 2019

11:00am-3:00pm



Please join us on this date for a day of fellowship, festivity, food, and foolishness. As has been our custom in the recent past we will also have a portion of the time given to a service project. More information on that will be forthcoming.

Please note that it is a little later start time this year to allow some of our members to participate in the Jingle Bell Run.

### Agenda

11:00 – 11:30 - Coffee and Chatter

11:30 – 12:30 - Devotion and Activities

12:30 – Lunch – Main dish provided, please bring a dish to share (give your dish an Angelic Name just for fun. We will have tags to write the name on the dish).

1:00 – 2:30 – Service Project

2:30 – 3:00 – Entertainment and Closing

Please sign up on the sheet on the table. We are hoping for an even greater attendance this year. All new women members please join us.



## Christmas Caroling

*Please join us as we spread good cheer and set out to visit our homebound and shut-ins, making a joyful noise. We will also be visiting a few area Assisted Living Centers and Nursing Homes to spread some musical holiday cheer. We are tentatively scheduling the outing for Sunday afternoon, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up on the Mutual Ministry Table if you are able to join us. Thank you!*

# Tables of 8



A casual get-together with other GLDC couples (or singles) for an evening of conversation, socialization, laughs, and to learn more about each other. Four couples (or a group of 8) get paired up and meet for a meal at the home of one of the couples. The host decides and provides the main dish; with the others providing the extras (salad, side dishes, appetizers, dessert, etc.).

Please watch for the sign-up after Christmas!

We hope are able to join in this great opportunity for fellowship and friendship!

## Piggly Wiggly Receipts

Your receipts from Piggly Wiggly from both Kiel and New Holstein can be placed in the basket in the narthex. Both stores allow us to turn in receipts to get the same non-profit donation as purchasing SCRIP gift cards. Receipts from purchases using gift cards are not eligible.



## Choir Practice

Every Wednesdays',  
@ 6:00 pm.

If you would like to share your  
vocal talents please join in.



## In-Kind Donations

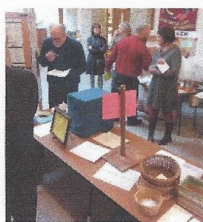
Please fill out the in-kind donation form, (You can request a form from the Church Administrative Assistant Ann Martin) or turn in any receipts for items purchased and donated to the church. This would include boxes of tissues, toilet paper, office supplies and any other items that would normally need to be purchased as part of the budget. Keeping track of all the items that are donated helps to ensure that our budget is accurate.

Treasurer - David Hoban.



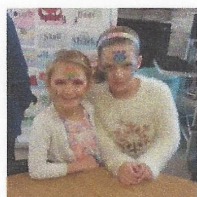


# Fall Fun Fest 2019



Another Fall Fun Fest is in the books. It sure looked like a lot of people were having a lot of fun. And we were able to get some Pledge Cards filled out, some Time and Talent sheets filled out, and the last Profile Committee survey form filled out. YAY!!!!

The kiddos were also looking pretty amazing with their faces painted. Door prizes were awarded and we raised some money through our raffles, which will go toward benevolence and the Gloria Dei First Aid Project.



Many thanks to all the helpers which made this daytime version of the Fall Fun Fest successful!



Other Notes:

Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 22

Christmas Caroling will be December 22 (in the evening)

Beginning December 1, the Pentecostals of New Holstein will be having worship at 11:00am

In the hour in between services on December 1, can we begin decorating the Christmas Tree? (We may not get it all done, but perhaps as people come and go throughout the week, we can get it finished by Sunday December 8? Maybe??)

There are several sign-up sheets also available on the Ministry Opportunities Table:

- Tables of 8
- Helpers for Bowls of Love
- Women's Retreat
- Gingerbread House Project
- Church Cleaning
- Lighting the Advent Wreath
- Readers for Christmas Eve (three volunteers)
- Communion helpers for Christmas Eve (two volunteers)

Just a reminder about turning in your Financial Pledge forms, as well as your Time & Talent sheets. We have some neat momentum going on. Can we make this happen, so we can enable good financial planning?

Remember – Please don't get burned out!

# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9am Worship <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Noisy Change Offering Sunday</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 5:30 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Bible Study 600 pm Choir Practice 7pm Worship	<b>5</b> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs. <b>Garbage &amp; Recycling Pick Up Day</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9am Worship <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Name Tag Sunday</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Music & Worship Committee	<b>10</b> 6pm Council Mtg.	<b>11</b> 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 5:30 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Bible Study 600 pm Choir Practice 7pm Worship	<b>12</b> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9am Worship <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Temple Talk Sunday</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9am – 1pm Ann's Office Hrs. 5:30 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Bible Study 600 pm Choir Practice 7pm Worship	<b>19</b> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs. <b>Garbage Pick Up Day</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9am Worship <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<b>24</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> NO WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP	<b>26</b> 12pm – 5pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am Worship	<b>30</b> 6:30am Bible Study Riverview Rest., Kiel 1pm—6pm Ann's Office Hrs.	<b>31</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>				
<b>NOTE: Starting December 1, 2019 The Pentecostals of New Holstein have Bible Study every Tuesday @ 6:30 pm and Worship every Sunday morning @ 11:00 am evening @ 6:00 pm.</b>						

# WORSHIP HELPERS LIST

Date	Communion Assist	Communion Set-Up	Greeter(s)	Reader	Usher(s)	Acolyte	Penny Counter(s)
12/01/2019	Anne Sellen	Dianne Fett	Aschenbach Family	Scott Rickert	Matt Aprill & Jeremy Cobble	Sara Hoban	Allan Fett
12/08/2019	Barb Spiegel	Tina Puro	Karen & Al Ebert	Julie Schumacher	Allan Fett & Craig Heller	Tyler Jeanty	Jullie Herschleb
12/15/2019	Dick Welsch	Jaclyn Schreiner	Cheryl & Craig Heller	Anne Sellen	Cheryl & Craig Heller	Annalee Puro	Jerry & Pat Jensen
12/22/2019	Becca Zimmerman	Julie Schumacher	Julie & Jim Herschleb	Barb Spiegel	Julie & Jim Herschleb	Zoe Zimmerman	Jenneca Krebsbach
12/29/2019	Coleen Allee	Barb Spiegel	Michael Hetzner	Kathy Welsch	Pat & Jerry Jensen	Gordy Janicek	Anne Sellen
01/05/2020	Ruth Camomilli	Hoban Family	Penny & Bryce Larson	Dick Welsch	Penny & Bryce Larson	Braden Aprill	Karren & Jeremy Cobble
01/12/2020	Karen Ebert	Karen Ebert	Jennica Krebsbach	Dave Kohls	Gary Meyer & Tyler Meyer	Alex Jeanty	Allan Fett
01/19/2020	Allan Fett	Dianne Fett	Puro Family	Becca Zimmerman	Randy Schumacher & Anne Sellen	Noah Schumacher	Jullie Herschleb
1/26/2020	Dianne Fett	Tina Puro	Schaefer Family	Coleen Allee	Kathy & Dick Welsch	Sara Hoban	Jerry & Pat Jensen