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THE DEILY NEWS

January 2021

Karen's Korner—January 2021

DATE TO REMEMBER

01/03/2021	Virtual Worship on Facebook 9:00 AM
01/06/2021	Bible Study Group 6:30 AM
01/07/2021	Stewardship Meeting 6:00 PM
01/10/2021	Virtual Worship on Facebook 9:00 AM
01/11/2021	Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 PM
01/11/2021	Meet the Pastor 7:00 PM
01/12/2021	Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM
01/13/2021	Bible Study Group 6:30 AM
01/17/2021	Virtual Worship on Facebook 9:00 AM
01/20/2021	Bible Study Group 6:30 AM
01/20/2021	Confirmation Class 6:00 PM
01/24/2021	Virtual Worship on Facebook 9:00 AM
01/27/2021	Bible Study Group 6:30 AM
01/31/2021	Virtual Worship on Facebook 9:00 AM

This is my last "official" newsletter article. In February we will have a new council and a new president. I am very humbled to have worked with such a great council: Ruth Camomilli, David Hoban, Neiley Janicek, Bryce Larson, Roxie Ruechel, Julie Schaefer, and Barb Spiegel. We have faced a difficult year that has caused us to have long meetings, extra meetings, and worked through changes in leadership and programming. I am also very grateful for faithful members who have stepped up during this pandemic to keep the faith alive and getting the Word out there; Pastor Harswick, Neiley Janisek, & Barb Spiegel who record our services for broadcast, Doug Everson for planning the music, Tim Argall and Michael Hetzner for providing music and/or reading, Roxie Ruechel and Coleen Alee who helped organize and run out food bank collections and Christmas toy drive that were a huge success, and all those who have added musical talent,

greeted, minded the parking lot, tended to building needs, participated in Advent candle lighting, and all the many small quiet things that are appreciated by those of us who have worked to keep Gloria Dei a vital Christ centered community.

Realizing that the current climate is a difficult one to function in, I am asking you to help the council and leadership of Gloria Dei plan for the coming year. As a congregation, what do you need, what do you want to see happen, why are we lacking so many volunteers that are needed, and how do you propose we proceed to keep us a vital and meaningful body of Christ? If we don't lift our voices together, share time and talent as we can, and have a vision for our future, it will be difficult to keep the momentum going that has seen such success in the last few years. Your voice matters. Recently too many voices have remained silent and uninvolved. We wonder why. Speak up. Contact Pastor or any of the current council members listed above.

The annual meeting will occur in late January. Please watch the announcements about how that will happen in this year of caution. For council people, committee chairs, and others who make annual reports, please remember to have those reports to Ann as quickly as possible. She is beginning to work on the report now.

Blessings to Gloria Dei and all it's members for 2021.



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From the Pastor

LET YOUR STAR SHINE

As I write this it is December 28. For many, Christmas is in the rear-view-mirror. In past years I have seen Christmas Trees Discarded the Day after Christmas. The lights decorating homes outside are no longer turned on. Attempts are made to return gifts and many return to the ordinary schedule of daily living.

However, for the Church, we are only in the fourth day of the twelve days of Christmas. We are moving, day by day, to the feast of the Epiphany – January 6th. Epiphany (“Manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season. The Gospel for the day is Matthew 2:1-12.

The Gospel account recalls the Magi (Wise Men) following a star to Bethlehem where they would find the Christ Child and worship him. Strangers from a faraway land they welcomed the long-awaited Messiah of Israel.

The Light of the Star guided the Magi to Bethlehem and Jesus. It is the light of Christ that tells us who we are: children of God. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ.

In the New Year of 2021, how will you share the Good News of God’s love for everyone. I invite you to be that beacon of light in all that you do. Worship, praying, and acts of caring, especially for those who struggle to live a “normal” day seeking shelter and food. Make a New Year’s resolution to do that and be sure to keep it!



Winter Weather

If winter weather becomes a problem for church services or projects involving a number of people, closures and cancellations will be posted on WBAY 2 television. As always, even if there is no formal cancellation we urge you to use your own judgement for safe travel conditions.

Are you able to share your talents? Are you a leader or would like to become one? The Outreach Committee is looking for someone to Chair the Outreach Committee. No experience necessary! If you are interested or would like to know more, please either contact Mike Hetzner (mhetzner27@gmail.com) or Roxann Ruechel (rruechel@goresorters.com). Thank you.

Gloria Dei Church Council Meeting -December 8, 2020 – 6PM

Present: Karen Ebert, Julie Schaefer, Barb Spiegel, David Hoban, Roxie Ruechel, Ruth Camomilli, Bryce Larson, Nealey Janicek & Pastor Roald Harswick.

Call to Order- Karen opened the meeting and ask all to share Christmas blessing from years past.

Opening Prayer- Karen opened with prayer

Approval of Agenda- Motion Julie, second Roxie to accept amended agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report- Motion Nealey, second Bryce to accept secretary's report as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-

Monthly Revenue 2020											
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
9605	9605	12296	10526	9729	9435	13756	8107	8640	6681	6605	
Monthly Expenses 2019											
8762	8603	8450	9685	8034	8476	9307	7077	9112	10577	8465	
Checkbook Balance 2019											
22260	17372	20518	20908	21148	21270	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Capital Fund Balance 2019– YTD											
1115	1295	1995	2445	3900	4735	6260	6525	6960	7200	8380	
Savings Account (Pentecostal rent) - YTD											
400(1600)	400(2000)	400(2400)	0(2400)								
Memorial Fund Balance 2019											
646	646	646	647	647	647	647	647	647	647	647	
In-Kind Giving Balance 2019											
10.35	20	60	0	0	0	33	14	0	125	0	

David provided a brief over view. Motion Barb, second Nealey to accept treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report- 1- Meet the Pastor Meetings have been scheduled. **2-**Confirmation will be following Small Groups procedure and meeting in the Fellowship hall next week.**3-**Followup letters for the Stewardship campaign will be sent. One of two- either a thank-you or follow-up if there's been no response. **4-** Christmas Eve parking lot service; will begin at 5:45p with a fire rings in the parking lot and singing. At 6:15 the Facebook live service will begin. Everyone in the parking lot is encouraged decorate the interior of their vehicle, bring flashlights or electric candles. Glow sticks will be available as will communion.

Committee Reports

Stewardship-(Nealey) Overview of stewardship campaign. Discussion regarding "ZOOM" for the annual meeting, confirmation and possibly other meetings. Motion Nealey, second Bryce to purchase the \$150 Zoom package for use at Gloria Dei. Motion Carried.

Worship- Pastor detailed upcoming worship. Dr Mike has started a pilot Bible Study group follow the Small Group Procedure. He will share details after the pilot has run for a couple weeks. Watch for more info. The group will be no larger than 10 individuals per the procedure.

Old Business

Constitution- Karen shared copies of the recently synod accepted new constitution for Gloria Dei. These copies should be placed in each council member's folder to ensure new council members have a current constitution.

Insurance action required-David provided comparison information for review after last month's meeting.

Motion David, second Julie to switch from GuideOne to Church Mutual Insurance at the end of the coverage year and make payments monthly. Motion carried.

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Group gatherings in church – changes to covenant –Barb presented COVID-19 pamphlet. Discussion and consensus to accept as presented. Booklet will be shared with next newsletter.

Returning to Worship- Nealey advocated returning to worship in a controlled manner. Extensive discussion regarding all the logistics. Motion Nealy, second Barb to begin with the small group procedure with no more than 15 individuals total present in the sanctuary starting January 17th. The question was called – 3 aye, 2 nay, 2 abstained. Motion failed. Motion Bryce, second Roxie to begin with the small group procedure with no more than 15 individuals total present in the sanctuary starting January 24, 2021 with possible revision at next council meeting. Motion carried. 1 nay & remaining ayes.

Nominations for Council- The nominating committee has gone through entire membership with no one accepting a position on the ballot for the Annual Meeting. Pastor met with Jerry Jensen & Karen. They reviewed our membership and identified individuals to whom letters of encouragement will be sent.

Toys for Tots- Was extremely successful. Karen, Coleen and Barb delivered the items to the Salvation Army in Chilton. The folks at the Salvation Army were extremely appreciative and overjoyed to accept our donation. Thank-you to everyone donating.

Pentecostals- Pastor Eric has been in contact with Karen regarding their usage of the facilities at Gloria Dei. Discussion. Motion Barb, second Bryce to allow the Pentecostals to use Gloria Dei following the Covenant and Small Group procedure with only one small group of any sort meeting in the building at a time; effective immediately. Motion Carried. Karen with contact Pastor Eric regarding the need for his congregation to honor the Covenant and Small Group procedure. The COVID-19 Handbook will be shared with him.

New Business

Membership update- Pastor and Karen reviewed membership. Two members were removed by death- Wayne Zwart & Carol Field. Motion Nealy, second Roxie to accept Brett and Alex Baackes into membership. (Pastor Jim accepted them as members during a parking lot service. Council had not taken formal action.) Motion carried.

Motion Roxie, second Julie to remove by their request or transfer the following: Al Ebert, Stephanie, Joseph, Tyler & Alex Jeanty , and Jennica, Allen and Marilee Kresbsbach. Motion carried.

Annual Reports- Karen reminded everyone to submit their committee reports to the church secretary.

How to conduct annual meeting- Annual meeting will more than likely be a “zoom” meeting. Details will be finalized at next month’s council meeting.

Land Offer-An email has been received from Architectural Design firm inquiring the availability of a portion of our undeveloped property. Questions were raised regarding run-off to the property across the drive way. Bryce will contact members having history related to the original land purchase and development of the church.

Barb will contact the Township Clerk to obtain ordinance information.

Motion Bryce, second Julie to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Spiegel

Subject to approval at next council meeting

Next Meeting January 12,2021

Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday 3:30 pm November 25, 2020



Present: Barb Spiegel, Nealey Janicek and Pastor Roald Harswick.

1. There will be no Wednesday evening Advent services scheduled this year.
2. Worship will remain FB live.
3. Christmas Eve Parking Lot service with communion- Pastor would like to have a campfire in the parking lot prior to the service. Facebook Live would begin at approximately 6:15pm. Nealey & Joe have a fire ring that could be used. Luminaries will line part of the driveway and are being donated by a member. Individuals will be invited to decorate/light the interior of their cars with battery operated lights. Glow sticks will be provided.
4. Pastor has invited members to decorate the large evergreen or other trees at church. Someone is willing to donate the lights.
5. The last of December will be a Lessons and Carols Sunday.

We continue to seek individuals to increase our recording team.

We thank those volunteering to sing during worship and always welcome more volunteers.

Next meeting: January 11, 2021 @ 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Spiegel

Crisis Respite Providers Needed

Manitowoc County Human Services Department is looking for qualified applicants who can provide respite (temporary care) to children ages 0-18 on an emergency basis at our crisis respite home located in Manitowoc, WI. Individuals and couples are welcome to apply. Candidates should be 18 years of age or older, have transportation, be flexible and have availability to provide care on an as-needed basis on nights and weekends. Training and compensation will be provided. Interested persons should send a cover letter and resume to:

Manitowoc County Human Services Department
Attn: Karen Zahn, Foster Care Coordinator
926 S. 8th Street P.O. Box 1177
Manitowoc, WI 54221-1177
Or email: karenzahn@co.manitowoc.wi.us
Phone: 920-683-4095 for more information

Piggly Wiggly Receipts

Your receipts from Piggly Wiggly from Kiel can be placed in the basket in the narthex. The Kiel Store allows 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.



Toys for Tots 2020 Thank you Gloria Dei!



2021 Commitment time

Now is the time to return for Commitment Cards and Time and Talent sheet. A big Thank You to all of you that have already returned your Commitment Cards and Time and Talent Sheets. If you need commitment cards or time and talent sheets call us and they will be sent to you.

January Joy

As we go into the New Year:

The Apostle Paul told the Philippians: "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goals to win the prize." Here's some help:

Martin Luther said, "If you're not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there."

"My neighbor, the Rev. HJ Dick, pastor of Emmaus Mennonite Church near Whitewater, KS, came to the end of a very heavy day at the New Year's Eve midnight service. Getting his tongue tangled, he announced: 'Let us now stand and sign, Another Dear is Yawning'"

Rev. Louis G Poppe
Blue Springs MO

A keynote speaker at a convention of priests came to the dais, shuffled his notes, scanned his audience, and said, thoughtfully: "Where to begin? Where to begin?"

A voice in the crowd yelled: "As close to the end as possible!"

Fr Norman J Muckerman, CSSR
Liguori, MO

Worship Helpers: In the near future we will hopefully be reopening the doors at Gloria Dei for indoor worship. We will need a dedicated team for this to succeed. Some of the worship helper roles will change. We understand if you do not or will not feel comfortable worshipping indoors and respect your choice. We intend to have a "Facebook" live stream and well as the FM broadcast to the parking lot after moving back in the sanctuary.

Help Needed: Nealey and Barb would like to expand the number of individuals available to record and set-up the parking lot service. Detailed instructions have been developed and are in the laptop bag. They are also available as PDF's for review. Please contact Raeline, Nealey or Barb if you're willing to help.



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.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:
If you can help out with your Vocal talents for the recorded Sunday Worship Music. Please Contact Barb Spiegel email is bas1217@yahoo.com. This would be a great way to show your support and contributing to the Weekly Worship. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

