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THE DEILY NEWS

February 2023

DATE TO REMEMBER

02/01/2023	6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
02/01/2023	5:30 PM - Confirmation Class
02/01/2023	7:00 PM - Wednesday Evening Service
02/05/2023	8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
02/08/2023	6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
02/08/2023	5:30 PM - Confirmation Class
02/08/2023	7:00 PM - Wednesday Evening Service
02/12/2023	8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
	After services Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
02/14/2023	6:30 PM - Church Council Meeting
02/15/2023	6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
02/15/2023	5:30 PM - Confirmation Class
02/15/2023	7:00 PM - Wednesday Evening Service
02/19/2023	8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
02/22/2023	6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
02/22/2023	5:30 PM - No Confirmation Class—Because of Ash Wednesday
02/22/2023	7:00 PM - Wednesday Evening Service - Ash Wednesday
02/26/2023	8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook

A note from Council President Michael Hetzner:

After worship service January 22 five of us gathered for discussion in the fellowship hall. We read through one of the scripture passages for the day reflecting on what this passage might be saying to Gloria Dei. Nealey said this kind of organic discussion is really what she is seeking in her church experience. I feel the same.

The group proposed three ways of promoting this kind of discussion: 1) continuing this after worship group every second and fourth Sunday, 2) cottage meetings, 3) Tables of Six (see more about this from Nealey in this newsletter).

We also suggested Gloria Dei enter into a service project for the larger community, remembering the success of our Feeding the 5000 event of a few years ago.

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WORSHIP HELPERS FOR JANUARY

	<i>Filmer</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter/Usher</i>
02/05/23	Louie Lecker	Barb Spiegel	Barb Spiegel
02/12/23	Barb Spiegel	Michael Hetzner	Michael Hetzner
02/19/23	Louie Lecker	Coleen Allee	Coleen Allee
02/26/23	Barb Spiegel	Kathy Welsch	Phyllis Kitzman/Barb Spiegel

Current Covid Precautions Policy: Masking is voluntary. Side pews are marked off for optional social distancing. Communion elements may be taken in the pews or brought to the altar when the usher directs. We can share the peace at a distance or gather with other in the central aisle.

SHARING MORE OF OURSELVES WITH GLORIA DEI

Did any of you get to attend other churches over the holiday season and get some ideas for Gloria Dei? I went to a large church in Sun Prairie Christmas Eve with my stepson Todd and family, which included a video of one man's spiritual path since joining that community one year ago, as well as a clip of other members showing a card with one side stating how they felt before, and then flipping it over to share how they feel now.

Could we take some time during Sunday morning services to share our personal story, perhaps why we are at Gloria Dei?

February - ah, the month of Valentine's Day, and remembering my past teaching lesson planning, Dental Health Month.

We can, do, have been able to, show love to one another at GDLC and the surrounding communities in need by food donations to area pantries.

For February, let us bring forth Dental Health items to donate as well. Suggestions for pantry donations include - toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, mouth wash, etc.

Please consider donating throughout the month of February! Bring items and place them in the shopping cart!



Thank You!

Annette Pleshek

Council At-large member

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.



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council – January 10, 2023 Minutes

Present: Mike Hetzner, Sue Salzsieder, Jerry Jensen, Bryce Larson, Brenda Kobs, Annette Pleshek, Anne Sellen

Absent: David Hoban, Jennifer Lecker

Call to Order & Devotion—President Mike Hetzner called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and lead prayer.

Approval of Meeting Agenda—All

Approval of Secretary's Report—Pleshek, Kobs

Approval of Treasurer's Report—Jensen, Salzsieder

Treasurer's Monthly Report

Submitted by David Hoban

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
	<u>----2022----</u>	<u>----2022----</u>	<u>----2022----</u>	<u>----2022----</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Planned</u>
TOTAL INCOME				
Operating Income	\$ 7822	102,742	109,380	109,380
Capital Campaign	\$ 235	2,335	1,000	1,000
Building Projects	\$ 0	0	3,500	3,500
Benevolence Funds	\$ 0	1,477	1,000	1,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8057	106,554	114,880	114,880
TOTAL EXPENSES				
Operating Expenses	\$ 9936	95,519	90,215	90,215
Capital Campaign	\$ 235	4,485	1,000	1,000
Buiding Projects	\$ 0	0	3,500	3,500
Benevolence Funds	\$ 500	1,726	1,000	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,671	101,730	95,715	95,715
INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$ -2,614	4,824	19,165	19,165

For December, the general income was approximately \$2,000 less than general expenses. For the year, income exceeds expenses by \$4,824.

December expenses included \$917 for 2023 workers comp insurance coverage, \$886 for the water heater fix from April, \$174 town of New Stein tax bill, \$201 quarterly payment for our banking software and \$30 for the yearly water sample.

Gloria Dei purchased ELCA Good Gifts with the \$500 benevolence donation from last month. The money went towards safe water projects, live stock and seeds.

President's Report—Reports are due for the annual meeting to be held on January 29 immediately after service.

Agenda was discussed and approved. We need 25 members for a quorum. We will meet in the hall for a light breakfast during the meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Candidates for council are almost complete-still need one at-large member. We will also plan to hold 2-4 cottage meetings per year to get direct member input.

Health Precautions Update—No new changes.

Call Committee Update—Hetzner contacted St. Luke's in Sheboygan Falls about sharing a pastor. They are interested, but would have to change Synods in order for this to occur.

Committees & Reports

1) Fellowship/Outreach— Ø

2) Property—Painting is almost completed. Discussion was held on use of church by Pentecostals. Lights are being attended to. Looking forward to NH bulky pickup days to declutter the church. Tour of church was taken by council after meeting.

3) Stewardship/Long Range Planning— Ø

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4) **Worship/Music**—Lenten services are being planned. Member journey/passions/testamonials may be added the 1st & 3rd Sundays. Children's sermons will be on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. 1st Sundays will be Happy Birthday & Anniversaries.

5) **Youth/Christian Education**—Christian Ed for youth & adults is on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Calendar Update—Annual Congregation Meeting, January 29 @ 8:45AM

—Council Meeting, February 14, 6:30PM

—Ash Wednesday, February 22

—Easter, April 9

Adjournment 7:45 p.m. —Pleshek, Sellen

Minutes are subject to council approval at the February meeting



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.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION CLASSES begin the week of February 21, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at Giebler Chiropractic in Kiel, Thursdays at 5:00 pm at Chilton Public Library, and Fridays at 10:00 am at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in rural New Holstein. This six to eight week course, open to both beginners and experienced meditators, covers the basics of mindfulness meditation, which can help calm the mind and deal with physical and emotional pain. There is no charge for the class, taught by Michael Hetzner now for the fourth year. For more information and registration find Mindfulness Group of Kiel/Chilton Area on Facebook, or contact Michael at mhetzner27@gmail.com or call 920-242-1632.

Worship Committee Meeting - Tuesday, January 24, 2023 - 6:30P

Present: Pastor Jim, Barb Spiegel, Doug Everson, Nealey Janicek & Anne Sellen

Opening Prayer Pastor Jim opened with prayer.

1 "My Spiritual Journey" Council has suggested asking volunteers to share their spiritual journey. Anne will share with council that we think this is fine and should be done before or after Lent: 2 Sundays /month. Sharing the journey should be 5-10 minutes. Pastor determine where this will be included in the service.

2 Happy Birthday singing Suggest this be done the first Sunday of each month. Member may stand in the pew if they wish when "Happy Birthday" is sung.

3 Organ to sanctuary Doug will arrange the move to the sanctuary. He is hoping to start playing every other Sunday in the near future, depending on his work schedule.

4 Communion set-up Discussion re: Communion set-up with bread/wine/grape juice . Nealey volunteered to do set-up and acolyte on the second Sunday of the month with the pre-COVID set-up until there is a team of volunteers to perform this role on Sundays. The Worship Committee will not coordinate this group.

5 Lent-

Ash Wed - Feb 22	Worship at 7p with pre-COVID communion set-up
Wed Evening Services	Worship service during Lent at 7p with monologs
	Worship after Lent: Council will determine continuance based on attendance and other factors.
April 2 - Palm Sunday	The children and any adults wishing to participate are invited to process into the narthex waving Palms
April 6- Maundy Thursday	Worship at 7pm
April 7- Good Friday	To be determined after ecumenical group meets
April 9 - Easter	Regular Sunday service.

6 Mother's Day The Janicek family provided special recognition last year. Nealey volunteered them for this year.

7 Father's Day The Janicek family provided special recognition last year. Nealey volunteered them for this year.

8 Other items We thanked Anne for her participation as the council representative to the Worship Committee. Ann is going off council. We'll welcome our new prepresenative.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Spiegel

WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1- We are seeking volunteers to read a monolog during the Wednesday Evening Lent services. Please contact Pastor Jim, Ann or Barb if you'd like to participate.

2- On Ash Wednesday we will offer communion from the tray at the altar with wine or grape juices and bread (pre:COVID). This manner of communion will be available every second Sunday of the month going forward, until there is a dedicated team of volunteers to do set-up every Sunday. The prepackaged alternative will still be available in the narthex, if you prefer this method. Please remember to enter the altar down the center isle and exit the altar via the side isles.

3- The Worship Committee and Council are seeking volunteers to share their "Spiritual Journey" with the congregation during the Sunday morning service before and after Lent. This would be a short 5-minute talk sharing your spiritual journey in finding God. Please contact Pastor Jim if you'd like to volunteer.

4- If someone would like to provide special music for Easter, please contact Pastor Jim or Barb.



The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.