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 Wednesday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
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# THE DAILY NEWS

## December 2023

**DATE TO REMEMBER**

12/03/2023 9:00 AM – Worship - - First Sunday of Advent - Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading  
 12/04/2023 6:30 PM – Confirmation Class  
 12/06/2023 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group  
 12/06/2023 700 PM – Wednesday Evening Service  
 12/10/2023 9:00 AM – Worship - - Second Sunday of Advent – Birthday/Anniversary Sunday - Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading  
 12/10/2023 Christian Education Time After Worship Service  
 12/11/2023 6:30 PM – Confirmation Class  
 12/12/2023 6:00 PM – Church Council Meeting  
 12/13/2023 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group  
 12/13/2023 700 PM – Wednesday Evening Service  
 12/17/2023 9:00 AM – Worship - - Third Sunday of Advent – Christmas Program— Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading  
 12/18/2023 6:30 PM – Confirmation Class  
 12/20/2023 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group  
 12/13/2023 7:00 PM – Wednesday Evening Service  
 12/24/2023 9:00 AM – Worship - - Fourth Sunday of Advent – Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading  
 12/24/2023 4:00 PM – Worship - - Christmas Eve – Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading  
 12/25/2023 Church Office Closed – Christmas Day - - Merry Christmas!!  
 12/25/2023 No Confirmation Class  
 12/27/2023 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group  
 12/27/2023 5:00 PM – Gloria’s Meals  
 12/31/2023 9:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading

**Sunday Morning Worship also available Virtually on Facebook**

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**Council President Joe Janicek Monthly Report:**

Merry Christmas to you as we begin the holiday season! This December, we will be having Holden services on Wednesdays for Advent. If you enjoy the "singing" services, this is for you! The tree is scheduled for decorating this Saturday, come by to lend a hand and have some hot cocoa. If there is ever a cancellation due to weather, check your email and or Facebook as we will have updates in those locations. Enjoy the inner warmth of the Christmas season.

**WORSHIP HELPERS FOR December**

DATE	RECORDING	COMMUNION SETUP/SERVER	READER	GREETER/USHER
12/03/2023	Louie Lecker	Bryce Larson	Coleen Allee	Coleen Allee
12/10/2023	Louie Lecker	Nealey Janicek	Kathy Welsch	Phyllis Kitzman/Barb Spiegel
12/17/2023	Barb Spiegel	Sue Erickson	Annette Pleshek	Annette Pleshek
12/24/2023	Louie Lecker	Laurie Argall	Anne Sellen	Phyllis Kitzman/Barb Spiegel
12/31/2023	Barb Spiegel	Annette Pleshek	Barb Spiegel	Barb Spiegel

## Director of Ministry Report December 2023

It's time for the holidays and ready or not, here they come. I hope everyone had a joyful Thanksgiving. We were blessed to celebrate a Thanksgiving Eve service and then share some fellowship after with pumpkin pie and coffee. It was very nice to bring that tradition back.

On Saturday, December 2, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We'll have food and a hot chocolate bar, along with Christmas music to celebrate. Everyone is invited, especially the kids! We look forward to sharing the fun with everyone.

We will have our regular Sunday worship services through Advent, and we will also have Wednesday evening Holden services. Watch for more details regarding times in the coming days. Christmas Eve we will have a regular Sunday morning service since it is the last Sunday of Advent. We will also celebrate with a special Christmas Eve service at 4:00 that afternoon. Join us as we welcome Jesus!

As Advent begins, let's all remember that this is a time of preparation and waiting. We all know we need to prepare for Christmas with gifts, special foods, parties, and shopping. Let's also take the time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. We could all use a small break to rest and reflect on what the gift of God's only son means to us. Through this incredible gift, we have all received a love we can't begin to comprehend. When we find ourselves in quiet moments this season (few though they may be!) let's say a prayer of thanks and joy to our Lord for all we have received. And don't forget to express your thankfulness to those around you. Kindness goes a long way this time of year.

May God bless and keep you, and may you enjoy all the blessings of the season.

Nealey Janicek



# GLORIA'S MEALS

**All are welcome!**

**Join us for a FREE meal and fellowship.**

**5-6PM**

**LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
**N1230 Seven Corners Rd**  
**New Holstein, WI 53061**



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## Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council – November 14, 2023 – Minutes

**Present:** Jennifer Lecker, David Hoban, Sue Salzsieder, Bryce Larson, Barb Spiegel, Annette Pleshek, Jerry Jensen, Nealey Janicek

**Call to Order & Devotion**—Vice-President Jennifer Lecker called the meeting to order at 5:57 PM.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**—Spiegel, Jensen

**Approval of Secretary’s Report**—Larson, Pleshek

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report**—Pleshek, Jensen VBS account was closed.

### Treasurer's Monthly Report

Submitted by David Hoban

		<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
		----2023----	----2023----	----2023----	----2023----
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Planned</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>					
Operating Income	\$	8260	84,390	84,333	101,200
Capital Campaign	\$	190	1,690	833	1,000
Building Projects	\$	0	0	1,667	2,000
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	833	1,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8450</b>	<b>86,080</b>	<b>87,667</b>	<b>105,200</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>					
Operating Expenses	\$	9076	79,120	79,865	95,838
Capital Campaign	\$	150	1,690	833	1,000
Buiding Projects	\$	0	0	1,667	2,000
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	833	1,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,226</b>	<b>80,810</b>	<b>83,198</b>	<b>99,838</b>
<b>INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-776</b>	<b>5,269</b>	<b>4,468</b>	<b>5,362</b>

For October, the general income was approximately \$776 less than general expenses. October expenses included \$778 for quarter taxes, \$600 for pastoral coverage for September, \$259 yearly subscription to Sundays and Seasons for worship materials, and \$92 yearly fire inspection. October income includes \$225 from the craft fair, \$908 from the rummage sale and \$452 found at highway cleanup.

Year to date income is \$5,269 more than expenses but includes \$7,000 transferred from the dinner theater.

**Directory of Ministry Report**—We have Pastor Ralph Hankermeyer scheduled until the end of January. Our church record book of membership, baptisms, weddings, confirmations, funerals, etc. has not been updated since 2017. This is a project that will be worked on by Nealey Janicek and inputted into IconCMO’s Church Management Denominational Software. Information about [Holy Conversations](#) can be found on the ELCA website. Lay leadership may be the future of many congregations.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1) **Fellowship/Outreach**— Hygiene items will be donated to Chilton’s Salvation Army in November. A food drive will be held for New Holstein’s Holyland Food Pantry in December. Please join us for holiday decorating and fellowship on December 2, 10AM-1PM. Please sign up to bring food. A chili cookoff is being planned for the end of January.

2) **Property**—Garbage bin needs to be replaced. Ice spreader will be kept in closet. Water sample was within limits. Barb Spiegel donated a carpet shampooer.

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- 3) **Stewardship/Long Range Planning**—The nominating committee of Nealey Janicek, Julie Schaefer, Jennifer Lecker will be calling members to prayerfully consider serving on council. Budget is being prepared for 2024.
- 4) **Worship/Music**—Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on November 22 at 6PM. Pie and coffee will be served afterwards. David Kohls will lead the Holden Evening Prayer Setting by Marty Haugen during Advent on Wednesdays at 7PM – December 6, 13, 20. Christmas services will be on December 24 at 9AM and 4PM.
- 5) **Youth/Christian Education**—A message will be sent to families with children to see if a children’s program will occur on December 17.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) **GDLC/St. Luke Lutheran Church Update**—A potential shared pastoral candidate was interviewed by members of each church’s executive committees on November 8. Conversation was led by Pastor Kristin Nielsen, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregations in Mission of the ELCA – Greater Milwaukee Synod.
- 2) **2024 Council Positions**—We are looking for Vice President, Treasurer, and three members-at-large for 2024. We thank all council members who serve our congregation.
- 3) **Pentecostals of NH**—Discussion of early arrival was tabled.

**Calendar Update**—November 22, 6PM – Thanksgiving Service  
 —December 6, 13, 20, 7PM – Holden Evening  
 —December 25, 9AM & 4PM – Christmas Services

**Adjournment with the Lord’s Prayer** 7:01 PM

Minutes are subject to council approval at the December meeting

**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 – November 20, 2023 – Minutes**

**Present:** Joe Janicek, David Hoban, Sue Salzsieder, Bryce Larson, Barb Spiegel, Annette Pleshek, Mike Hetzner

**Call to Order & Devotion**—President Joe Janicek called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

1) **GDLC/St. Luke Lutheran Church Pastoral Candidate interview**—A candidate was interviewed by members of our church council on November 20. St. Luke Lutheran Church’s council will interview on November 21, 2023.

**Adjournment with the Lord’s Prayer** 6:15 PM

- **Say So Sundays.** (Psalm 107:2—Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.)
- Opportunities at Sunday morning worship for members to tell about what inspires them from their:
  - Prayer/meditation life
  - Experiences at Gloria Dei
  - Nature observations
  - Special music
  - or anything that might be of value sharing with our community
- When you are ready, inform Michael Hetzner, [mhetzner27@gmail.com](mailto:mhetzner27@gmail.com), 920-242-1632



**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.

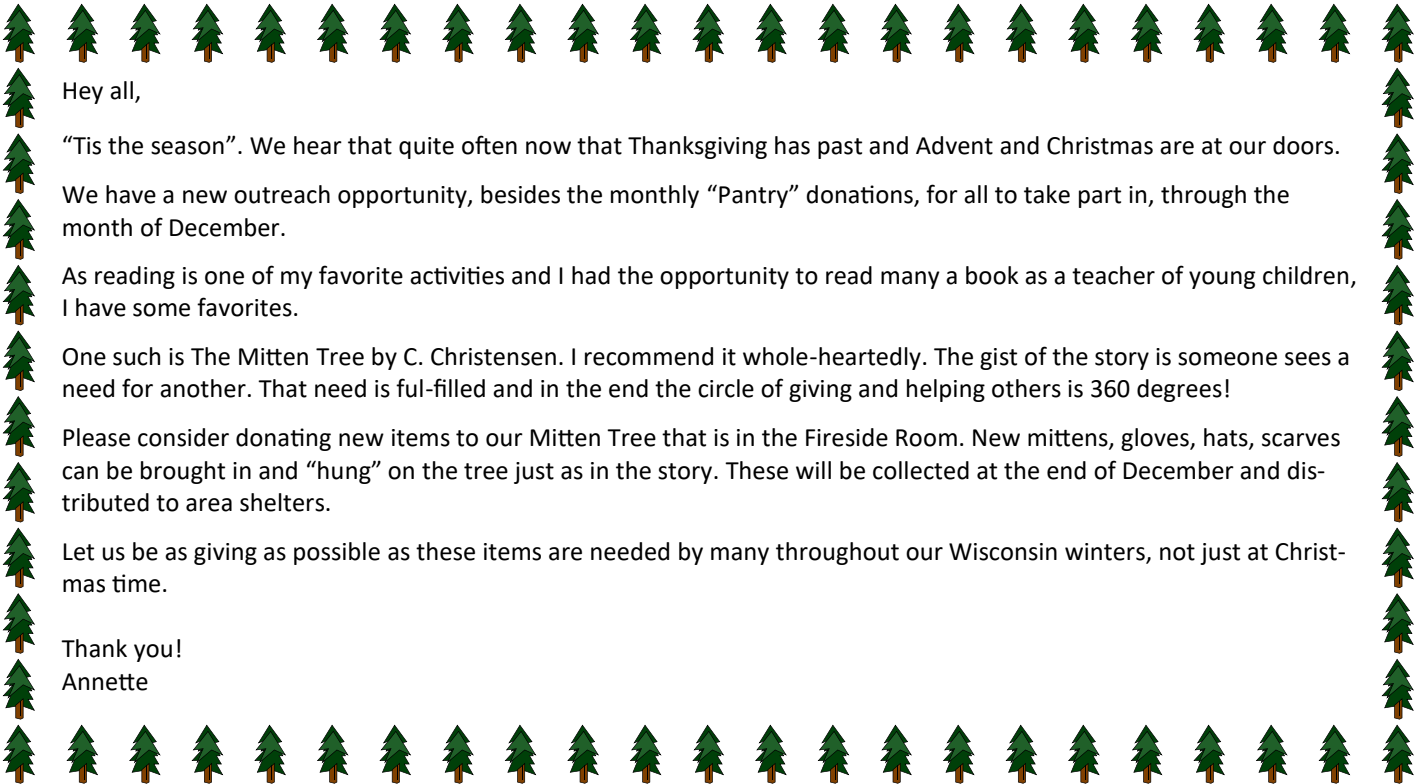
## Property committee updates and other items



The water sample report came to the church about 10 days after the sample was good, so we are good until next year.

I have served as the council lesion for 4 years and have decided to step off the council. This will be a good opportunity for someone more familiar with the facility and grounds to step forward to serve on the council.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE: We are scheduling a chili event for 2024! The date will be February 4, 2024 which is the Saturday or weekend between the last NFL playoff game and the Super bowl. We have several planning items to work out. We are looking at two basic areas of chili or soup. One being wildlife-based dishes and the other your favorite soup or chili. We will invite the public and have prizes for the winners. This will be a donation event with the proceeds going to the Billion Nature Center. If you have soups or



Hey all,

“Tis the season”. We hear that quite often now that Thanksgiving has past and Advent and Christmas are at our doors.

We have a new outreach opportunity, besides the monthly “Pantry” donations, for all to take part in, through the month of December.

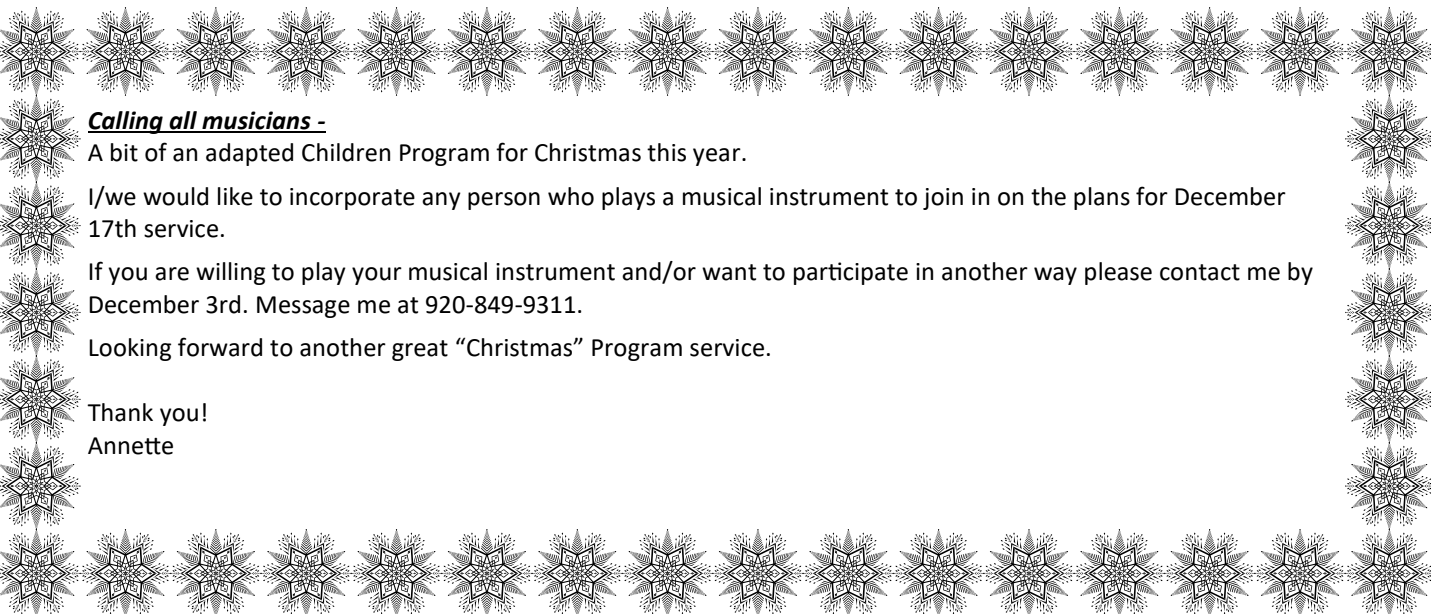
As reading is one of my favorite activities and I had the opportunity to read many a book as a teacher of young children, I have some favorites.

One such is The Mitten Tree by C. Christensen. I recommend it whole-heartedly. The gist of the story is someone sees a need for another. That need is fulfilled and in the end the circle of giving and helping others is 360 degrees!

Please consider donating new items to our Mitten Tree that is in the Fireside Room. New mittens, gloves, hats, scarves can be brought in and “hung” on the tree just as in the story. These will be collected at the end of December and distributed to area shelters.

Let us be as giving as possible as these items are needed by many throughout our Wisconsin winters, not just at Christmas time.

Thank you!  
Annette



### ***Calling all musicians -***

A bit of an adapted Children Program for Christmas this year.

I/we would like to incorporate any person who plays a musical instrument to join in on the plans for December 17th service.

If you are willing to play your musical instrument and/or want to participate in another way please contact me by December 3rd. Message me at 920-849-9311.

Looking forward to another great “Christmas” Program service.

Thank you!  
Annette