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THE DEILY NEWS

January 2024

DATE TO REMEMBER

- 12/31/2023 9:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading
- 01/01/2024 Church Office Closed – New Year’s Day -- Happy New Year!!
- 01/03/2024 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
- 01/07/2024 9:00 AM – Worship -- Epiphany - Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading
- 01/08/2024 6:30 PM – Confirmation Class
- 01/09/2024 6:00 PM – Church Council Meeting
- 01/10/2024 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
- 01/14/2024 9:00 AM – Worship – Birthday/Anniversary Sunday - Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading
- 01/14/2024 Christian Education Time After Worship Service
- 01/15/2024 6:30 PM – Confirmation Class
- 01/17/2024 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
- 01/21/2024 9:00 AM – Worship — Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading
- 01/22/2024 6:30 PM – Confirmation Class
- 01/24/2024 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
- 01/28/2024 9:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer Leading
- 01/28/2024 10:00 AM – Annual Congregational Meeting
- 01/29/2024 6:30 PM – Confirmation Class
- 01/31/2024 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
- 01/31/2024 5:00 PM – Gloria’s Meals

Sunday Morning Worship also available Virtually on Facebook

Council President Joe Janicek Monthly Report:

Well it has been a year of lots of activity at Gloria Dei. Reviving the dinner theater, starting Glorias Meals, hosting a craft fair, and having a successful rummage sale! Thankyou to everyone who helped out with those events. We also had a good deal of activity inside of church, hiring a director of ministry, moving worship time, and returning to Lenten Wednesday services. Currently, council is exploring a possible shared pastor with St. Lukes, although we are just at the beginning stages. We will have a representative from our synod at church on January 7th to talk about how this shared ministry could look like. Don't forget that our annual meeting is coming up at the end of January as well! God bless and seasons greetings to you all.

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WORSHIP HELPERS FOR January				
DATE	RECORDING	COMMUNION SETUP/SERVER	READER	GREETER/USHER
01/07/2024	Louie Lecker	Bryce Larson	Coleen Allee	Coleen Allee
01/14/2024	Barb Spiegel	Nealey Janicek	Kathy Welsch	Phyllis Kitzman/Barb Spiegel
01/21/2024	Louie Lecker	Sue Erickson	Nealey Janicek	Nealey Janicek
01/28/2024	Barb Spiegel	Laurie Argall	Brenda Kobs/Bruce Kobs	Phyllis Kitzman/Barb Spiegel

Director of Ministry Report January 2024

Happy New Year and continued blessings to each of you! As we welcome in the new year, let us all remember to continue to welcome Christ into our hearts and lives. Christmas isn't over yet! We continue to celebrate the birth of our Savior and the blessings he has given us. Did you know that the 12 Days of Christmas are actually the days between Christmas and Epiphany? Hopefully nobody is giving you all 12 days of gifts, like in the song. I'm pretty sure none of us needs that many birds!

As we move into a new season, we are also continuing to move forward with the shared ministry opportunity that we have mentioned over the last few months. A group of council members and myself have been meeting with a delegation from St. Luke ELCA in Sheboygan Falls to explore what a shared ministry could look like. I'm excited to say that both groups are enthusiastically working together to bring new opportunities to our congregations! We have been in close contact with a candidate that would serve both congregations. There are details yet to be worked out, and there are matters not yet totally settled, but overall we have been able to come together. The candidate is also very excited for this opportunity!

This will bring some changes to Gloria Dei, so I want to let you all know that ahead of time. This candidate will be leading worship at both churches. This likely means we will have to shift our worship time. I know that seems stressful, and we've only been back to the 9:00 service for a few months. We are working diligently to make sure we can handle this transition with as little disruption to our schedule as possible, but please understand that we will have to be flexible to some degree. The candidate will also have office hours at both churches, and will be available to us outside of those hours as well. This is NOT a called position, and the duration of this arrangement is limited. We expect that it will last about a year, perhaps a bit more.

There are many things to think about as this transition comes. One of the biggest issues we could face is finances. Our budget for this ministry will be significantly more than we have been paying for pastoral and lay ministry service up til this point. Before anyone panics, it's important to know that we CAN do this. And furthermore, it is my opinion that we NEED to do this. It will be a stretch, but Gloria Dei always finds a way! Please, please prayerfully consider this as you plan for your giving in the next year. If each household could increase their giving, even slightly, we will be ahead of the game.

On Sunday, January 7, Pastor Asher O'Callaghan and Pastor Dara Clifford from the synod office will be joining us to explain more about this opportunity and how it will benefit and enhance the ministry of Gloria Dei. They are great resources to us. They are coming to help answer questions we might have and to help us expand our thinking about how church can look. In the meantime, as questions come up for you (which I know they will!) you can feel free to reach out to me and I will do my best to answer. There are things I won't be able to answer yet, but I'll do my best and the rest we can take to Pastor Asher and Pastor Dara.

I know this feels like a lot, and honestly it is. But, Gloria Dei has always been a congregation with heart, grit, and love. This is a great time to bring those qualities to the forefront. When we work together, we can do so many things! I'm praying that this opportunity brings us so many blessings that we can hardly count them! I ask that you join me in prayer, for the candidate, for the congregation of St. Luke, and especially for Gloria Dei. Let's pray for clear discernment, a spirit of cooperation, and that all involved feel heard and seen. Again, please reach out with any questions. I'm available most readily by text, but email is also a great option. And, you could even give me a call like we did in the old days! I can't guarantee I'll be available to answer at that moment, but I will get back to you as quickly as I can. In case you need it, my phone number is 608-215-2162 and my email is neals1281@gmail.com Thank you for loving this congregation and our ministries. And, thank you for continuing to be open to new ideas.

Peace to you & abundant New Years blessings,
Nealey Janicek



Gloria Dei will be hosting a chili cookoff on Sunday February 4, 2024 from noon until 3 PM. This will be a freewill donation chili event with the donated funds going to the Brillion Nature Center. We will be advertising in the local paper media to promote our event. We encourage you to mark your calendars to attend. There will be an emphasis on wild game chili, but all chili dishes are welcome. Please feel free to enter your favorite chili in the cookoff. There are many things to plan for and there will be many opportunities to donate in kind items and assist with setup, serving and clean up. We will plan to setup on Saturday the 3rd. A time has not been determined as of yet. More announcement will be in the weekly announcements. Questions or more

information? Contact Bryce Larson at 930-286-1890 or via email at brla@tds.net.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council – December 12, 2023 – Minutes

Present: Joe Janicek, Jennifer Lecker, Sue Salzsieder, Mike Hetzner, Jerry Jensen, Bryce Larson, Annette Pleshek, Barb Spiegel, Nealey Janicek

Call to Order & Devotion—President Joe Janicek called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Jerry Jensen lead the devotion.

Approval of Meeting Agenda—Lecker, Speigel

Approval of Secretary’s Report—Pleshek, Jensen

Approval of Treasurer’s Report—Spiegel, Pleshek

Treasurer's Monthly Report

Submitted by David Hoban

		<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
		----2023----	---2023---	---2023---	----2023----
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Planned</u>
TOTAL INCOME					
Operating Income	\$	5359	90,260	92,767	101,200
Capital Campaign	\$	250	1,940	917	1,000
Building Projects	\$	0	0	1,833	2,000
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	458	500
Vacation Bible Camp	\$	1534	1,534		
TOTAL INCOME	\$	7143	93,733	95,975	104,700
TOTAL EXPENSES					
Operating Expenses	\$	8415	87,667	87,852	95,838
Capital Campaign	\$	190	1,940	917	1,000
Buiding Projects	\$	0	0	1,833	2,000
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	917	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	8,605	89,607	91,518	99,838
INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$	-1,462	4,126	4,457	4,862

For November, the general income was approximately \$3,000 less than general expenses. We closed the Vacation Bible Camp checkbook to consolidate our accounts. Those funds are noted in the line item above.

November pastoral expenses were \$3,042 which is about \$950 more than the steady rate we had with the intentional supply pastor. December will also be increased due to addition of Wednesday Advent services. Other November expenses were \$190 snow/grass removal, \$140 for bathroom towels and business envelopes, \$52 for more bank checks, and \$35 fee to WI laboratory of hygiene. November income includes an \$11 thrivent choice deposit.

Year to date income is \$4,126 more than expenses but includes \$7,000 transferred from the dinner theater and \$1,534 transferred from Vacation Bible Camp.

Directory of Ministry Report—Our church record book of membership, baptisms, weddings, confirmations, funerals, etc. will be worked on in January 2024. The Directory will also be updated.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) **Fellowship/Outreach**— New Holstein’s Country Christmas was graced with GDLC’s members Annette Pleshek, Tara Leithold, and Nealey Janicek on December 2. Children made ornaments. A food drive will be held for New Holstein’s Holyland Food Pantry in December. A Thrivent Action Grant was obtained by Coleen Allee to fill the Mitten Tree. Socks may be next! Gloria’s Meals on December 27, 5-6PM will be tacos. Plan to bring a brunch/breakfast dish to pass at the annual meeting on January 28. The Chili Cookoff will be February 4 at noon – get ready for some wild recipes!

2) **Property**—There is a plan to reorganize the utility room. Sanctuary, narthex, and bathrooms are cleaned by Pam Pirkov.

3) **Stewardship/Long Range Planning**—Budget is being prepared for approval at the 2024 Congregational Meeting.

4) **Worship/Music**—Pastor Ralph Hankermeyer will continue to bring gluten free communion bread. David Kohls will lead the Holden Evening Prayer Service during Advent on Wednesdays at 7PM – December 13 & 20. Christmas services will be on December 24 at 9AM and 4PM.

5) **Youth/Christian Education**—Three families have agreed to participate in the children’s program on December 17.
Please attend and support our youth!

OLD BUSINESS

1) **GDLC/St. Luke Lutheran Church Update**—Nealey Janicek, Bryce Larson, Annette Pleshek, and Barb Spiegel volunteered to meet with St. Luke’s to investigate the logistics of sharing a pastor. We will invite an East Central Synod representative to talk to the congregation on January 7 about this opportunity.

2) **Pentecostals of NH**—We discussed safety, food, cleanup, and use of resources. A representative of PONH will be invited to the January meeting to discuss our concerns and sign a new rental agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Annual Meeting Preparation**—The nominating committee of Nealey Janicek, Julie Schaefer, Jennifer Lecker met before this meeting to discuss finding 2024 council candidates: Vice President, Treasurer, and three members-at-large. A motion was made to transfer bookkeeping duties from the treasurer to our church administrative assistant. –Lecker, Pleshek. Motion passed. Please get all year end reports to the secretary as soon as possible.

2) **Missionary Request**—Declined. -Hetzner, Lecker


- Calendar Update**—December 13, 20, 7PM – Holden Evening
 —December 24, 9AM & 4PM – Christmas Services
 —January 9, 6PM – Council Meeting
 —January 28, 10AM – Annual Congregational Meeting

Adjournment with the Lord’s Prayer 7:32 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.



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.

GLORIA'S MEALS

All are welcome!

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

5-6PM

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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A Prayer for Trust in God's Plan

Heavenly Father,
At midnight,
When the old year dies,
And the new comes bounding in,
I draw strength from knowing
That in the next twelve months
The snows will go
The buds will burst
The heat will rise
The leaves will fly,
That all these things will happen
According to Your schedule
And in Your time;
That there is order in Your universe,
And that I am part of it.
—Van Varner