



The Gloria Dei Grape-



The *Gloria Dei Grapevine* is the monthly newsletter of Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact us.

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**I am the vine, you are the branches.
If a man remains in me and I in
him, he will bear much fruit; apart
from me you can do nothing.**

John 15:5

Please Join Us

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Worship** at 9:00am
- ◆ **Communion** on the 1st and 3rd
Sunday of each month
- ◆ **Adult, Teen, & Children's Sunday
School** at 10:00am, September thru
May
- ◆ **Adult Bible Study** - every Thursday
at 9:00am
- ◆ **Youth Group** (6th-12th grade) First
Saturday of the month, 6-9pm. Con-
tact Laura or Allen Mortimer for
more information.
- ◆ **Lutheran Pioneers** (K-8th grade)
Meets twice monthly September
thru May.

*Christ's Love
Our Calling*

From the Pastor...

All Saint Day is November 1. It is the day after Hallowed Eve (Halloween), in which the church would gather for worship and be reminded of the great heroes of faith. Sometimes we don't take the time to remind ourselves of the men, women, and children who served the One who first loved them. No matter the circumstances, no matter the year, no matter the place, they displayed the fruits of their faith. One day each of us will get to join them as together we gather around the Throne of the Lamb to offer our endless praise. Until then may we not only remember them, but encourage one another to be faithful even to the point of death. Never forget, by God's grace you are a saint, a holy one, purified by the blood of Christ.

Grace is for the Present and for Eternity

In financial matters, it seems like there is a constant balancing act between what needs to be spent right now and what needs to be saved for later. On the one hand, we feel immediate urgency when we think of the steady stream of daily expenses. They all must be paid. But what will happen if health issues add to those expenses? How can I save for the emergencies when I can only pay daily expenses? Saving up for a new home or a new vehicle seems to be the more responsible approach, but how can we set aside money for down pay-

ments if the rent or car expense eat up the paycheck. This is not only true in your home, but it is also true in your church home. At Gloria Dei we make sure we pay our daily expenses. But we also need to save for emergencies and for the items that will need to be replaced down the road. By God's grace and with your offerings we are doing just that. However, you will see on the financial chart in this newsletter, our offerings are not keeping up with our expenses, even though we are spending far

Serving in November

November 5

Ushers: Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer, & Rocky Bessolo

Communion Set Up: Furnner

Communion Assistants: Tom Furnner & Rod Davies

Power Point Assistant: Owen Straub

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Mortimer & Callahan

Cleaners: Davies

November 12

Ushers: Jim Luisier, Jim Sharich, & Paul Allar

Power Point Assistant: Mitchell Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Jeff Edgett

Counters: Major & Furnner

Cleaners: Baker

November 19

Ushers: Eric Bessolo, Eric Metz, & Joe King

Communion Set Up: Furnner

Communion Assistants: Gary Richmond & Wayne Pennell

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Gresock

November 22

Ushers: Kent Kerwin & Logan Moore

Power Point Assistant: Josh Thomason

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

November 26

Ushers: Mark Moore, Harold Fox, & Tom Furnner

Power Point Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Jeff Edgett

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Major

Birthdays in November

11/07	Cass Moore
11/08	Christina Kanignunta
11/10	Christina Bessolo
11/11	Marshall Bessolo
11/13	Don Rowe
11/14	Graph Kanignunta
11/16	Michelle Craft
11/20	Karen Palmer
11/23	Jeff Edgett
11/23	Molly Peterson
11/27	Gary Nielsen



Anniversaries in November

11/03	Gary & Linda Nielsen
11/13	Jim & Penny Sharich



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less than our budget. Please prayerfully consider how your offerings and gifts may better help our congregational financial needs.

This balance between present needs and future ones usually creates no small tension when dealing with worldly matters. However, when it comes to spiritual matters, our gracious Lord assures us that he has all of our needs on the entire time line of our lives covered. After all, he is "I AM," the eternal God who is with us now and is still with us in eternity. Should we be surprised that the blessings which come from his grace are similarly timely and eternal?

At times we struggle spiritually, feeling like we are losing our battles with temptation and wondering if we are growing more and more distant from God. At such times, God encourages us with these words from Romans: "Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand" (5:1,2). Yes, we stand in God's grace at this very moment, in this present life! Such constant grace empowers us to keep fighting in faith right now and not give up. To make us certain that these gifts will not change in the future but will only increase, Peter also writes, "Set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming" (1 Peter 1:13). Eternity doesn't bring fewer blessings; it provides a deliverance from this world that far outweighs our present difficulties and uncertainties.

True to the boundless riches of God's grace, we are not caught in an either/or situation, but we enjoy the full benefits of his grace, both for the present and for eternity. Because you stand in God's grace through Christ, you have a completed peace with God. Because Jesus is returning to bring you to heaven, you have future blessings of grace to anticipate eagerly. Only God's grace, and his grace alone, can be sufficient to give us perfect peace now and perfect hope for all eternity.

With this understanding we joyfully and willingly give to the One who has given us all that we have – our daily bread and his never-ending grace.

The order form for this year's Poinsettias is on the bulletin board. The cost is \$15.00, and they are available in pink, red or white. You can remit payment in your offering envelope, with "Poinsettias" marked in the *Special* section. **Orders and payment are due by November 12.**



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Join us for a special service of Thanksgiving on **Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00pm.** Please invite your friends and family and join us for this special service.

Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Join us for the next Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, November 18, at 8:00am.**

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



Serving in December

December 3

Ushers: Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer, & Rocky Bessolo

Communion Set Up: King

Communion Assistants: Tom Furnner & Mark Moore

Power Point Assistant: Marshall Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Mortimer & Major

Cleaners: Allar

December 10

Ushers: Eric Bessolo, Eric Metz, & Paul Allar

Power Point Assistant: Calvin Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Jeff Edgett

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Moore

December 13

7:00pm Advent Service

Ushers: Jim Sharich & Jim Luisier

Power Point Assistant: Owen Straub

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Straub & Luisier

December 17

Ushers: Joe King, Kent Kerwin, & Mark Moore

Communion Set Up: King

Communion Assistants: Gary Richmond & Rod Davies

Power Point Assistant: Mitchell Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

Cleaners: Bessolo

December 24

Ushers: Logan Moore, Harold Fox, & Tom Furnner

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Jeff Edgett

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Mortimer

December 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve Program

Ushers: Scott Mortimer & Allen Mortimer

Power Point Assistant: Josh Thomason

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Mortimer & Major

December 31

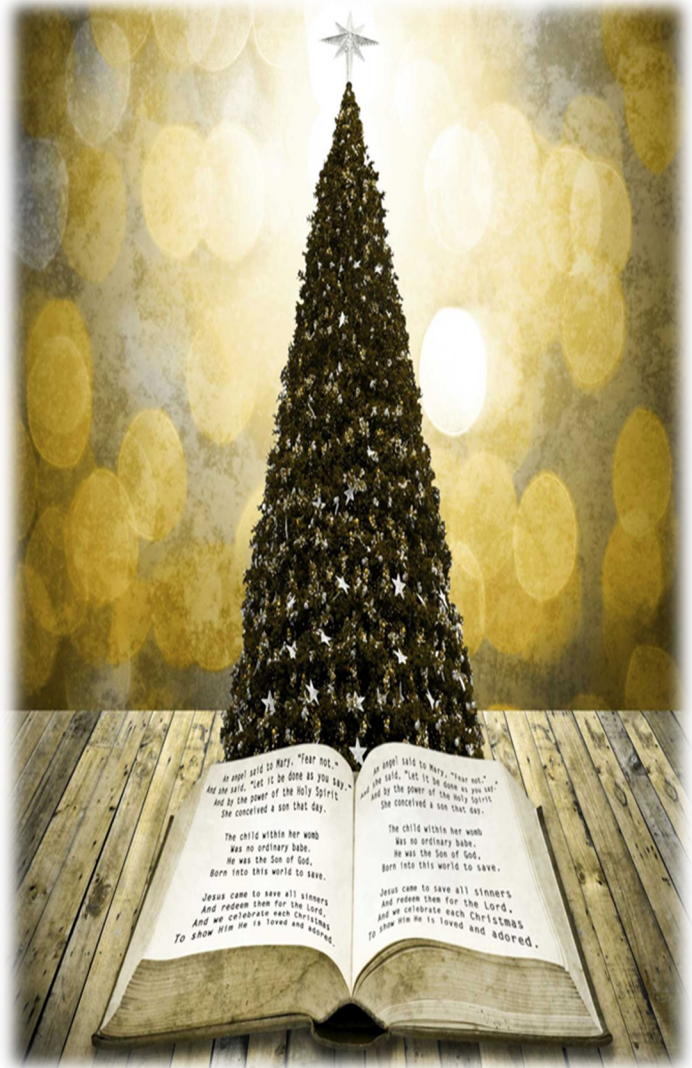
Ushers: Rocky Bessolo, Eric Bessolo, & Eric Metz

Power Point Assistant: Marshall Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Davies



Daily Bible Readings for November

Date	Old Testament	Psalms	Proverbs	New Testament
1-Nov	Job 24-27	105: 1-15	1	Acts 19
2-Nov	Job 28-30	105: 16-45	2	Acts 20
3-Nov	Job 31,32	106: 1-16	3	Ephesians 1,2
4-Nov	Job 33,34	106: 17-33	4	Ephesians 3,4
5-Nov	Job 35-37	106: 34-48	5	Ephesians 5,6
6-Nov	Job 38,39	107: 1-22	6	Romans 1
7-Nov	Job 40-42	107: 23-43	7	Romans 2,3
8-Nov	Ezekiel 1,2	108	8	Romans 4,5
9-Nov	Ezekiel 3-5	109: 1-13	9	Romans 6,7
10-Nov	Ezekiel 6,7	109: 14-31	10	Romans 8
11-Nov	Ezekiel 8-10	110	11	Romans 9,10
12-Nov	Ezekiel 11,12	111	12	Romans 11,12
13-Nov	Ezekiel 13-15	112	13	Romans 13,14
14-Nov	Ezekiel 16	113	14	Romans 15
15-Nov	Ezekiel 17	114	15	Romans 16
16-Nov	Ezekiel 18,19	115	16	Acts 21
17-Nov	Ezekiel 20	116	17	Acts 22
18-Nov	Ezekiel 21	117	18	Acts 23
19-Nov	Ezekiel 22	118: 1-14	19	Acts 24
20-Nov	Ezekiel 23	118: 15-29	20	Acts 25
21-Nov	Ezekiel 24,25	119: 1-16	21	Acts 26
22-Nov	Ezekiel 26	119: 17-32	22	Acts 27
23-Nov	Ezekiel 27	119: 33-48	23	Acts 28
24-Nov	Ezekiel 28	119: 49-64	24	Colossians 1,2
25-Nov	Ezekiel 29,30	119: 65-80	25	Colossians 3,4
26-Nov	Ezekiel 31,32	119: 81-96	26	Hebrews 1,2
27-Nov	Ezekiel 33	119: 97-112	27	Hebrews 3-5
28-Nov	Ezekiel 34,35	119: 113-128	28	Hebrews 6,7
29-Nov	Ezekiel 36	119: 129-144	29	Hebrews 8,9
30-Nov	Ezekiel 37	119: 145-160	30,31	Hebrews 10



Join us on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm for our Advent Service. This is a wonderful time to take break from all the Christmas hustle and bustle and turn your focus back on the reason for the season, the birth of our Savior.

thanksgiving God Give good
sing among thank Lord
people praise faithful
love endures forever

Christmas for Kids

Christmas for Kids will be held this year on Saturday, December 2.

All children, preschool thru 6th grade, are invited, please make sure you tell your friends and family to save the date.

We will be needing a lot of volunteers to make the day run smoothly, so please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to help out.

You can register at:
www.GloriaDeiGB.com

Potluck and Decorating Bring Your Best Leftovers November 26

Join us on Sunday November 26 after the service for a fun morning of fellowship and decorating. We will be having a pot luck brunch after the service and then we will get busy decorating the church for Christmas. There will be no Sunday School that morning so the whole family can join in on the fun.

Hope to see **YOU** there!



As we get nearer to the time of Christmas, we know that we will have a lot of charities that we run across seeking donations. We get requests in the mail. We see newspapers being “sold” at intersections. There are the boxes for “Coats for Kids” at the gym. And of course, all of us are familiar with the bell ringers standing outside our favorite mega-mart.

All these charities do wonderful things for people. They help children. They assist people who have fallen on hard times. They give a hand to people who have let their lives go to get back on the right track and get their lives in order again. All these goals are fantastic. And if you – as individuals or as families – take time to contribute to a charity as part of your Christmas celebration, that’s wonderful!

As we make those donations, we feel good inside because we have given something of ours to help others. But let’s think about that for a minute. While we think of the possessions that are a part of our lives as “ours,” in reality, what we have – everything we have – isn’t really ours at all. “The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it,” we are told in Psalm 24. Everything that we have – our cars, our homes, our food, our furniture, our golf clubs, our toys, our TV’s and whatever might be in our bank accounts – isn’t ours. It belongs to our Lord, who has blessed us with all that we have and gives us all of it to use wisely while we are in this world. And we can use it for many things – for our enjoyment and entertainment, to provide for ourselves and our families, and for charity.

But the greatest opportunity that our Lord hands us is the opportunity to give a portion of what he has given us back to him. What we give back to him is what is used to carry out the gospel ministry, a ministry that he has not entrusted to individual pastors, but his whole Church. This is the work of the Bride of Christ in the world, bringing the gospel message to people who don’t know about Jesus and continuing to nourish and strengthen those who know Jesus through worship and Bible Study.

While charities do fantastic work to help people, it’s the lifeline of the gospel that all people need. Continuing to herald that good news in this world is a more important goal than ending hunger or curbing juvenile delinquency or making sure that kids have gifts under the tree. Don’t misunderstand – I’m not saying this to say that donating to such charities is bad or that you should stop giving to them and give more in the offering plate. These are real physical needs that people have and it is wonderful to help them.

Where the gospel is different is that it fills the greatest need that anyone could ever have – that the Lord would show such love and grace to us by not only providing us with everything we have in this life but for giving us everything we need to spend eternity with him in heaven. It’s the story of God’s Son emptying himself, willingly leaving

the rich paradise of heaven and making himself poor. It’s the story of how Jesus gave his life on the cross so that we could have the riches of God’s perfection given to us. It’s the story of the conquest of all evil that stands against us so that we will partake in heaven’s eternal victory celebration.

How blessed we are to have heard that story! How blessed we are to know just how much our God loves us! And how blessed we are that he now uses us to carry out his work of sharing that message in this world! God doesn’t need our help. He’s God. He can do anything. But in his love he blesses us to be the instruments that he uses to point others to his love. What joy this brings to our hearts!

And in this joy our Lord moves us to want to continue that work in this world by giving a portion of what he has given us back to him. His love answers any doubts in our hearts, doubts that go something like, “Well, if I give something back to God, I’ll have less for me. There’s a lot of inflation going on right now. It sure seems like the economy isn’t going to be all that good in the future.” To that our Lord says, “Why would I make you suffer because of what you give back to me to support my gospel message? I have already given you the greatest treasure of all – my own Son. I give you forgiveness. I give you eternal life. I want you to be my instrument in this world. What I will do is continue to bless you so that you can continue to abound in generosity until you enjoy the riches that heaven offers. That’s my promise to you. Trust me.”

As you consider what you may donate to charities this Christmas season, don’t forget to consider how you will also use what God has given to support his work here at Gloria Dei – all that we do locally and globally as members of the Wisconsin Synod. As you give back to him in thanksgiving for what he has done for you, watch with awe what he accomplishes through it as you carry these words close to your hearts:

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:7-11)

Advent by Candlelight

For Christians, Advent is a time for remembering how the world waited in anticipation for God's promised Messiah to come.

But as women, it often feels like every moment of Advent is filled with cleaning, decorating, baking, cooking, helping with children's programs, shopping, and wrapping gifts in preparation for celebrating Christmas. Like Martha in Luke 10:38-42, we are busy with many things. Our intentions are good. We are trying to make Christmas special for our families, friends, congregation, co-workers, and acquaintances; but we can become so busy preparing that we miss out on experiencing the beauty and meaning of Advent and Christmas ourselves. An event like Advent-by-Candlelight is an opportunity for women to gather together and spend some time focused on Jesus and the real meaning of Christmas

Please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship, beautiful music, a meal, and dessert as the women of Gloria Dei and their friends prepare their hearts for Advent. Mark your calendar now for Thursday December 7th at 6:00pm




Hostess Opportunities:

Want to ensure you have a seat at this year's Advent by Candlelight? Volunteer to be a table hostess and a chair will be reserved for you! Some of the previous years hostesses have already committed to this year's program but there are some openings available, so please check the board in the Fellowship Hall or ask Penny Sharich about availability. Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations, candles and a dessert for a table of 8 ladies. Many partner with one or two others to host a table. It is lots of fun, and requires only a few hours of your time for planning, baking (or buying) and decorating. If you want to host a table this year (or need more information before committing), please contact Penny Sharich.

There is also a sign-up sheet for those women who would like to attend but are not committed to a Hostess.



NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship 10:30 am - Adult & Children's Sunday School 6:00 pm - Trunk or Treat</p> <p><i>Reformation</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Cleaners for November 5: Davies</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30pm—Board of Elders Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p> <p>7:00pm—Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>6:00pm—Youth Group</p>
<p>5</p> <p>*Donation Sunday*</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:30 am - Adult, Teen, & Children's Bible Class</p> <p><i>All Saint's Day</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cleaners for November 12: Baker</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p> <p>7:00pm—Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm—Board of Education Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>LAST DAY TO ORDER POINTSETTIAS</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:30 am - Adult, Teen, & Children's Bible Class</p> <p><i>Pentecost 24</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cleaners for November 19: Gresock</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p> <p>7:00pm—Board of Evangelism Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 am - Men's Breakfast & Bible Study</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:30 am - Adult, Teen, & Children's Bible Class</p> <p><i>Pentecost 25</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Cleaners for November 26: Major</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00pm—Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship 10:30 am - Potluck and Christmas Decorating</p> <p><i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Cleaners for December 3: Allar</p> <p>6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Bible Class</p> <p>7:00pm—Board of Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 am - Christmas for Kids</p> <p>6:00pm—Youth Group</p>