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# good News

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FREED BY CHRIST, WE

**GATHER  
GROW  
GIVE  
& GO**

ALL TO THE

**GLORY  
OF GOD**

## Worship Times

**Sat 5:00pm  
Sun 9:00am  
Sun 10:30am  
Wed 6-6:30pm**  
(Sept-May)

**Church School**  
(Sept-May)

**Sun 9:20-10:05am  
Sun 10:50-11:35am  
Wed 4:00-5:00pm**

December 4 , 2017

## *A Remarkable Time that Engages Different Generations*

Dear Friends In Christ,

Advent simply cannot sneak up on us. Shopping frenzy begins to take hold long before Thanksgiving (or even Halloween). For many it is a favorite time of year where family traditions are renewed, thoughts of easing our neighbors burdens fill our minds, end-of-year financial gifts are planned by some and the majesty of Advent liturgy pulls us to gather in church with the power of an electro-magnetic force. It is a remarkable time that engages different generations in many ways.

But does it really span generations? Does the season of Christ's birth continue to engage our young parents and children or is it just a commercial whirlwind. What about all this talk of "Nones" and disaffected cynical youth that are drawn away from church? Is Advent still relevant for our youth, in ways that speak to the dis-locational elements of the social media culture that saturates their lives? Does the once-in-history birth of God's Son, the God-Man Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, and savior of the world make an impact upon the over-connected, media-saturated, anxious generations that now constitute what is known as Generation X (those born from 1980 to 2000) and the Millennial Generation (those born from early '80's through the 90's)?

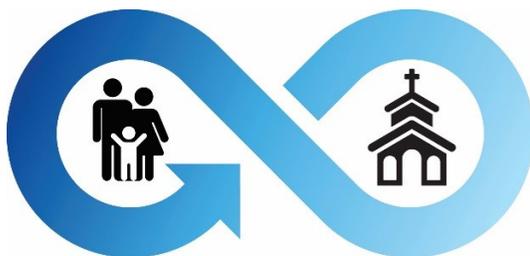
According to many demographers, only 3% of Millennials identify as atheists and 75% report themselves to be "religiously affiliated". Even more striking and in contrast to some of what mainstream media reports, Generation X is much less likely to disaffiliate from their faith that their parents in the Boomer generation are! Both of these trends indicate the much-ballyhooed "rise of the nones" has flattened (maybe is already declining?) and what the next generation needs is orthodoxy not innovation.

All this has been obvious to me as I watch our youth groups move through various stages to graduation. If any trend is in place, these next generations are more inclined to love and serve their neighbor than generations past. I don't presume that their worship will look exactly like mine, but I have great confidence in the eternal, loving, timeless message of salvation, by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. The light that Christ's message brings into our sinful world will not be overcome. As John writes, "In him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4,5 (ESV).

As we dive head-long into this season of joy, sharing and celebration, have confidence that our fidelity and faithfulness is fully visible to the following generations. And like the Christ child, perhaps we parents and grandparents can be inspired through the faith of those coming after us.

Pastor Bob

## Thank you!



Faithful from Generation to Generation

We received many commitments to the stewardship campaign! A special thank you to those who completed their commitment card. If you have not yet completed a commitment card, please do so as soon as possible, as we hope to receive a response from all members. Pledge cards will be sent in the mail to those who have not responded and will also be available at church.

Please pray for God's guidance throughout this process as well as the stewardship committee and entire Gloria Dei community. This is an important moment in our church's history and we thank you for your interest!

# Faith Life at gloria Dei

## SERMON SERIES

2017-2018

*He Was Born to Bring Us  
Joy | Hope | Peace | Love  
Weekends in Advent*

*The Gospel According to Luke  
Wednesdays: Sept 13 - Dec 20*

## THIS WEEK DEC 4 - DEC 10

**Mid-Week Advent Worship / (Worship on Wednesdays) 6:00pm**

### Wednesday Supper

Advent Soup Suppers, 5:00-5:50pm  
ALL proceeds support current 6th graders preparing for Confirmation Camp this upcoming summer. Join us for some soup and fellowship before Advent Worship.

### Book Group

contact: [darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org)  
Thurs, Dec 7, 6:00pm at Darice's home.  
This month is our Christmas Party. All are welcome!

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

contact: [sarah.goldammer@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:sarah.goldammer@gloriadei-sd.org)  
Find us on Facebook: @GloriaDeiMOPS. All moms of children not yet in kindergarten are welcome to be a part of this group. Next meeting Dec 8, 9-11am Fellowship Hall

### Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sat Dec 9 at 5:00pm - A Place for You  
For anyone who has lost a loved one and feels a little blue around the Holiday Season, this service is for you. There will be special prayers and Staff/Stephen Ministers available to pray with you and talk with you. Not everyone is happy and full of joy this time of year, and that is ok.

### Cantata

Sun Dec 10 at 9:00am and 10:30am  
Join us for a beautiful service full of God's Word and Music, all by our own Matt Walicke. Don't miss this special worship service this Advent Season. All are welcome!

### Sunday Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs and Bacon, 8:30-10:30am.  
Suggested Donation \$3 per plate. Coffee/Tea available in the Dei Café. All are welcome!

### Check'n on the Second

Sun Dec 10 before and after worship services in the Gathering Space. You can have high blood pressure without any symptoms. Even without symptoms, damage to blood vessels and to your heart continues and can be detected.

## NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

### Children's Christmas Program

#### 1st-3rd Grade Sunday and Wednesday Church School and Heavenly Harmonies

Wed Dec 13, 6:00pm - ALL are invited to attend the program. Soup Supper will precede the program and benefit the confirmation campers (see below)  
contact: [gretchenteaching@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenteaching@gmail.com)

#### Rehearsal Dates: Weds 5:30-5:55pm

Wed Dec 6 - All Speaking/Acting  
Sat Dec 9, 9:30-12:00pm - All 1st-3rd grade, all speaking/acting, and Heavenly Harmonies  
Wed Dec 13 - 4:45pm call, rehearsal and 6pm performance!

### Preschool-Kindergarten Sunday and Wednesday Church School Children

Sun Dec 17 10:30am  
As part of the 10:30am worship service. Invite your family and friends!

### OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)

Sun Dec 17, 11:30 am Room 123  
(3rd Sunday of each month) Potluck Lunch; bring a dish to pass or just come. All 68+ and significant others are welcome!

### OWLS - HOLY SOCKS

Our OWLS are hosting a Holy Sock Drive. You are cordially invited to join them! Bring new, packaged socks to the Gathering Space at Gloria Dei between Dec 1-Dec 20

## GO: THEREFORE

### GO: Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Christmas Wish List -

Now through Dec 22 at 12:00pm  
Although their list is not glamorous, these are items that are in great need. Please consider donating an item or two from their Christmas Wish List. Collection will take place now through Dec 22 at 12:00pm in the Gathering Space at Gloria Dei. *A few items, salsa - Kleenex - stamps - 13 gallon garbage bags - spaghetti sauce - gift cards.*  
Complete List [HERE](#)

### GO: Cookies for The Banquet

There will be lots of baking this Christmas Season. Let's share the goodies and let's help The Banquet raise some money. Dec 11-15, drop off home baked cookies in a bag/box/tin (no plates/platters please). Deliver to Gloria Dei between Dec 11-15 at noon. Or take right to The Banquet in that time frame. Let us know how many dozen you'll be donating [HERE](#); sign-up not required. Thanks for offering an extra dozen or two of your baked goods to help a great cause!

### GO: Nicaragua Mission Trip

contact: [chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org)  
February 14-21, 2018  
It's not too early to start giving this mission opportunity prayerful consideration.

For more GO details check out:  
[www.gloriadei-sd.org/go-therefore](http://www.gloriadei-sd.org/go-therefore)

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### CHURCH SCHOOL\* #soblessed

contact: [sandy.berven@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:sandy.berven@gloriadei-sd.org)

### High Schoolers BALANCE

contact: [sandy.berven@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:sandy.berven@gloriadei-sd.org)  
High Schoolers-find your BALANCE at youth group each Wed, 6-8:30pm

### 6th/7th/8th Confirmation

contact: [sarah.goldammer@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:sarah.goldammer@gloriadei-sd.org)  
Every Wednesday beginning with 6pm Worship; large group and then small group. Monthly, 4th Wednesdays are mentor night.  
>> NO CONFIRMATION on Wed Dec 13

### Confirmation Camp - Registration Open

2017-2018 6th graders are invited and encouraged to attend NeSoDak Camp June 10-15 or July 8-13. Information and details online at [www.gloriadei-sd.org/confirmationcamp/](http://www.gloriadei-sd.org/confirmationcamp/) Camp is an important part of the confirmation program, no camper will be left behind, please contact [Pastor Sarah](#)

### The Recovery Advocate Program w/ Communities Facing Addiction

[www.gloriadei-sd.org/addiction](http://www.gloriadei-sd.org/addiction)  
Working with other Lutheran Churches and Face It Together, we are working to create a culture of openness for those impacted by addiction. Contact our Advocates, listed online, or Pastor Bob O'Connor

**Walking Souls - Walk with Martin Luther**  
contact: [judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org)  
2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Walk with Martin Luther from Erfurt, Germany to Rome - all 826 miles, on your own or with a team. Regular reporting dates with educational and spiritually reflective emails to guide you.

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## BIBLE STUDIES

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### **Women's Bible Studies**

**Exercising Your Faith,**  
contact: [judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org)  
Mondays, 5:15pm Exercise and Bible Study good for your heart, mind, body and soul.

contact: [darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org)  
"Gather" Tuesdays, 9:30am, Rm 123  
**Wednesday Women**, 10:30am Rm 123

### **Men's Bible Study**

contact: [chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:chris.zuraff@gloriadei-sd.org)  
Wednesday 6:30am, Rm 123

### **Bible Study w/Pastor Tim**

contact: [darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:darice.huber@gloriadei-sd.org)  
Roots, Relevancy, and Renewal; connecting the dots with the Book of John. 6:30-8:00pm, on the first and third Thursday of each month. Location: Office Commons - All are welcome!

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## FYI

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### **Advent Soup Suppers**

Wednesdays Nov 29, Dec 6 / 13 / 20  
ALL proceeds support current 6th graders preparing for Confirmation Camp this upcoming summer. Join us for some soup and fellowship before Advent Worship.

**HELP - We will need LOTS of volunteers** for our Christmas Eve services. Please sign-up on the kiosk if you are able to serve as a greeter, usher, lector, communion assistant for any of the services on Sat Dec 23 or Sun Dec 24 or email [Tanya](mailto:Tanya) to get signed-up. See page 4 for more information.

### **Gloria Dei Offices will be Closed**

Mon Dec 25 and Tues Dec 26

### **Food and Hospitality Ministry**

We are always in need of folks to help with food ministry, if you are interested please contact Deb Peterson, our Food Service Coordinator, at [debp@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:debp@gloriadei-sd.org)

### **Lactation Consultation**

Contact: [judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:judi.schwerin@gloriadei-sd.org)  
Our Congregational Care Ministry provides consultation for those new nursing moms who can use some direction and encouragement for our own retired RN lactation nurse, Mary Schultz.

### **Simply Giving**

contact: [cheryl.mcguire@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:cheryl.mcguire@gloriadei-sd.org)  
The program is designed to help you conveniently, consistently and joyfully give financial gifts to Gloria Dei's ministry. Both our members and Gloria Dei benefit from using this program. Gloria Dei benefits from a consistent, predictable income.

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### **Christmas Eve Worship Times**

Sat Dec 23, 5:00pm - Carols w/ Communion  
Sun Dec 24, 10:30am - Candlelight  
Sun Dec 24, 2:30pm - Children's Worship  
Sun Dec 24, 4:00pm - Candlelight  
Sun Dec 24, 5:30pm - Candlelight  
Sun Dec 24, 9:00pm - Candlelight w/  
Communion

### **Music Ministry**

contact: [matt.walicke@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:matt.walicke@gloriadei-sd.org)  
[www.gloriadei-sd.org/music](http://www.gloriadei-sd.org/music) for age info  
Bells / Tues 6:30pm  
Youth Choir / Wed 4:15-5:00pm  
Heavenly Harmonies / Wed, 5-5:30pm  
GDei Choir / Wed 7-8pm  
GRACE / Sun, 1-3:00pm (not all Sundays - see [online calendar](#) for exact dates / times)  
All are always welcome to join music ministry, it's not too late. No experience necessary.

### **Pickleball**

Come as you can-we will teach you to play!  
>>**Tues/Thurs Morning Pickleball**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:15-10:15am  
>>**Sunday Evening Pickleball**  
Sundays 4:30-6:30pm  
contact Janine/Adrian Mohr;  
[jjam45@sio.midco.net](mailto:jjam45@sio.midco.net)  
>>**Thursday Night Pickleball 6:45pm**  
contact: [brendaolson@sio.midco.net](mailto:brendaolson@sio.midco.net)

### **Quilting Ministry**

The quilters provide quilts to local groups.

**Dei Quilters** contact: [ypanders@g.com](mailto:ypanders@g.com)  
Meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 9.00am.  
**Peace by Piece** [smileshiner@sio.midco.net](mailto:smileshiner@sio.midco.net)  
Meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm

### **GDei Library**

contact: Laura at [lruesch@sio.midco.net](mailto:lruesch@sio.midco.net)  
Stop by. Check Out. Read/View. Return. Repeat. There is an easy to follow self-checkout procedure posted on the desk.

### **Gloria Dei Live on Facebook**

Devotions Facebook Live every Monday, at 12:30pm. 'Like' us on Facebook to get info and pictures of Faith Life at Gloria Dei.

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## COMMUNITY

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### **Tuba Christmas**

contact: [Al.Berdahl](mailto:Al.Berdahl)  
Sat Dec 9, 2:30 pm at First Lutheran Church  
There are Gloria Dei members that are part of this fun Holiday tradition and they cordially welcome you to this concert.  
[www.tubachristmassf.org/schedule.html](http://www.tubachristmassf.org/schedule.html)

\*Please see our [website](#) / [church calendar](#) for a complete listing of church events and details. Information subject to change.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

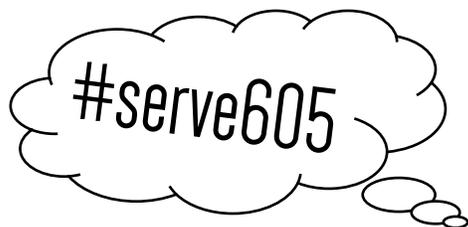
- ✓ Sat Dec 9: Service of Hope & Remembrance
- ✓ Sun Dec 10: Cantata
- ✓ Wed Dec 13: Children's Christmas Program
- ✓ Sun Dec 17: Preschool-Kindergarten Christmas Program as part of 10:30 Worship
- ✓ Sun Dec 24: Christmas Eve (see worship schedule in FYI section)

For scheduling information or event details, please refer to the [Complete Church Calendar](#) on our website or call us, 605-371-3737.

# Deily Work Details

Let's GO Gloria Dei!

#GONetwork



As Pastor Sarah shared in worship this weekend, there is a new Facebook group for anyone interested in anything Mission and Outreach at Gloria Dei. It is called: #GONetwork. This is a closed group, so you request to join. Once you've joined you can check out stories shared, you can hear about Mission and Outreach from Pastor Chris, and you stay current on opportunities to serve at Gloria Dei and within the community.

If you are not a Facebook user, that is ok. We are beginning to list all the serving opportunities on our church calendar with the event label, GO: Event Name. Check out the calendar and see if there is a way you'd like to get involved and GO! Opportunities can also be found on our website: [www.gloriadei-sd.org/go-therefore](http://www.gloriadei-sd.org/go-therefore) or in our weekly newsletter and sometime on the back of the Worship Bulletin.

We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus.  
We are called to be the church out in the world.  
Let's GO Gloria Dei!

## Greeters, Ushers, and Lectors, Oh MY!

All of our Christmas Worship Servers are scheduled by you letting us know you can serve. Our spots are not even half way filled. We need your help to fill the rest of the openings. Tanya does not schedule these services, as she does for a typical worship. So we NEED you to let us know when you can help out.

Sign-ups are on a Kiosk by the front doors, or you can fill out the section in the Dei Worker. A phone call to Tanya to let her know when you can serve would work as well. Please help us fill in these services, thank you!

*Worship Serving Options:*

Sat Dec 23 at 5pm\*,

Sun Dec 24 10:30am, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, and 9:00pm\*

\* Worship offers Communion and needs communion servers and sacristans.

**THERE IS NO 9:00am SERVICE on SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2017**

605-371-3737

[tanya.stadem@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:tanya.stadem@gloriadei-sd.org)

## Guitar Ensemble

10 Guitarists shared Special Music in Worship on Sun Nov 26 - 3 new students and 7 returning students. They are enjoying advancing in guitar and worship knowledge. *It is never too late to join*, look for multiple class options, beginner and intermediate, resuming in early 2018.

Contact: John Effinger with any interest or questions. All are welcome. Instruments available to borrow for a deposit, if needed. [john.effinger@gloriadei-sd.org](mailto:john.effinger@gloriadei-sd.org)

## 2017 Contributions

According to IRS rules, all contributions for 2017 must be received or postmarked by December 31.

You may **drop your** contributions off at the church office **until noon on Friday, December 29** OR bring them to the Worship Services on Sat Dec 30 or Sun Dec 31.

If you **mail** your contribution and want it recorded for 2017, make sure it is **postmarked by December 30**.

Any contributions received after December 31, 2017 will be posted for 2018.

Thank you.