

Participants in Sunday leadership for January, 2023

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Greeter
Jan 1	Pam	Monica	Larry R
Jan 8	Jett	Tom	Rocky R
Jan 15	Monica	Jett	Jerry B
Jan 22	Katharine	Tom	Ralph O
Jan 29	Pam	Monica	Larry R

Readings and prayers available on the "Sunday Service" page (and archive) of our website.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Ojibwe-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

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*Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in your love, find rest.*

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As the new year gets underway, things are different, aren't they?

For the past two years, I think it's fair to say that we've started the years with a certain level of despair, with hopes dashed, and as though we were trying to find our way in the dark.

As this year begins, it feels more like we've *been through a ringer*, but we may emerge with some strength to try new things; we may gather again for familiar reasons, but with an openness to go to some new places!

The hymnist writes about a new day – about freedom, and about new generations to come. The words are words of justice and peace, of hope and new life. They speak to an emergence – that *what was* may give way to *what will be*. And, I think it's clear: the new day is for us *all!*

Words of hope and new life for all of us! That is the tone and intention of the gospel, and we are all reminded of how each of us is blessed – or "beloved" – as we hear in the story of Jesus being baptized by John.

May this word set the tone for this new calendar year – that you are loved – and that, in that love, we find rest. *-Pastor Tyler*

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS – JANUARY 8th

SUPPORT *THE URBAN* and
NORTH POINT DOUGLAS WOMEN'S CENTRE



www.NPDWC.org

Needed items:

Winter gear!

And...

Non-perishable food

Hygiene items

Baby items:

Formula (all types)

Size 5 and 6 diapers

Baby wipes

Pet items

Household items

Can openers

Reusable water bottles/mugs

If wondering about donating other items, reach out to NPDWC's Drop-in Team at 204-947-0321 ext. 0 or by email at dropin@npdwc.org



www.TheUrban.ca

Needed items:

Baby wipes (the baby item we get asked the most often if we have any)

A pkg or two of newborn diapers

Size 4 or size 5 diapers

6 month old sleepers

12 month old sleepers

Thank you to
Jennifer for organizing this event at Gloria Dei!
Contact her with any questions:
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(204) 799-5038

Join in...

Children's Sunday School – during worship on Sundays
Confirmation class (contact Pastor) - 1st & 3rd Sunday aft
Preparing meals for The Urban - 1st Wed of the month
Ladies' Luncheon - 2nd Wednesday of the month
Quilting group - Tuesday afternoons
Zoom coffee hour (with Adult Christian Ed) – Wed morn

EPIPHANY



Every year, the Feast of the Epiphany arrives on January 6th on our church calendar! It follows the twelve days of Christmas, and we hear the story of the Magi who visit from the East, and it is notable that they were from other faith

traditions from the One they visited. We do not know how many Magi there were, but we know that there were three gifts (Matthew 2:11): gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Epiphany – or “revelation” or “manifestation,” as the word means – is, in effect, the culmination of the birth narrative, the Christmas story!

We hold up the image of light breaking darkness at Epiphany, and through the Sundays that follow; this also fits for our seasons, as the days grow longer.

Thank You...

-to Monica, Deborah, Barb, and all those who contributed to the successful November 26 event!
-to the Fritz family for the lovely Christmas tree!
-to the Dorns for decorating our sanctuary for Christmas!

-to Jett for faithfully preparing and running our weekly worship slides
-to Marlene H for organizing the monthly Ladies' Luncheons
-to our altar guild for setting up Communion every Sunday
-to Clarence for the special music





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES Honouring Our Neighbour's faith

Starting in January, on Wednesday mornings as part of our Zoom Coffee Hour, we will have some conversation where we explore some of the religions of the world.

This will be a surface-treatment of world religions, but our intent is to study and learn a bit about how we are similar, particularly with a view for our care for creation.



Would you help on Sundays?

Now that we gather in-person for weekly worship, we are needing to build up our rotation list of readers, liturgists (prayer-leaders) and greeters for Sunday mornings.



Is this something you would do?

If you might need a 'refresher' on the duties, we are looking towards a day in the coming while to train in these roles, and build up our base of volunteers.

If there is another way in which you might want to be involved, please speak with Pastor Tyler!

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC)

Gloria Dei's Church Council adopted this Statement of Welcome at our recent meeting:

Each of us is a unique creation drawn into being by the Source of Life. While committed to the Christian path, we do not all believe the exact same things; there is room at Gloria Dei for doubt, exploration, and diversity.

We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts among us.

We strive to be an open and affirming congregation to all, welcoming and including in our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness, we all grow in our faith following Christ's model of love, respect, kindness, and generosity.

These are words that urge us to be open, welcoming, and inclusive. With this statement, we will join a roster of "Reconciling In Christ" communities, including our MNO Synod and seminary in Saskatoon.

On January 29th, we will observe "Reconciling in Christ Sunday."

In what ways do you see us opening our doors to the community around in 2023?

