

# GLORIA DEI NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



## Up Coming Year

As we ponder the beginning of a New Year, I hope that each and every one of you will take some time to reflect on this past year and remember all that has been done for you, and look forward with gratitude for the upcoming year. Below are the words to a beautiful song that was sung as part of the Heartland Men's Chorus Christmas concert. I would like to share it with you as we enter 2026.

How to Strengthen Your Faith- 3  
INSPIRING READS IN  
THIS ISSUE:

After all the gifts have been opened, after the candles all have  
burned down, after the warmth comes the chill of the season; After  
the carols, the winter wind's sound.

After all our friends have departed, after the tinsel is all put away,  
that is the time to reflect and remember— The gifts of the season  
last more than one day.

The wheel of the year keeps turning, returning; The sun, ever-  
dancing, shall lengthen the day. Soon will the frostbite give way to  
the flower; Under the snow waits the promise of May.  
We hold in our hearts the joys of this season, warming our spirits as  
bitter winds blow; Bringing to mind our souls, all that matters; And  
that which is hollow, in faith letting go.

Charles Anthony Silvestri, 2014



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## Up Coming

### Sunday School Dates for Winter/Spring 2026

PreK-5

- Jan 18
- February 1 & 15
- March 1, 15 & 29
- April 12 & 26
- May 3

### Teachers Needed

If you would like to teach one of the Sunday School PreK-5 classes, the sign-up sheet is on the table next to the sanctuary entrance, or you can contact me directly at

[toniswenson01@gmail.com](mailto:toniswenson01@gmail.com) or  
912-320-9345

## Events

### Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will be on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. We will be studying the Lord's Prayer.

### Adult Bible Study

Join us for The Chosen Bible Study on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the church.



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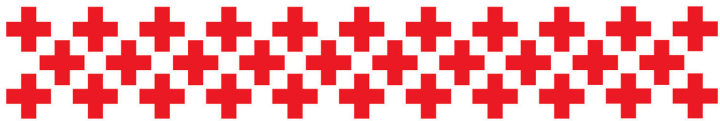


Join Us!

## Blood Drive

American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



### Blood Drive

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

Fellowship / Social Hall  
5409 NW 72nd St.  
Kansas City MO 64151

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**  
**12:00 PM - 04:00 PM**

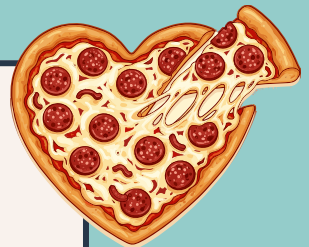
For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org), scan the QR code below, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on January 25th, following the 9:00 am worship service. We hope that you will be able to join us.

## Fellowship News

- Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 25th. Join us for bingo, pizza lunch, and fellowship after the Annual Congregational Meeting around 10:30. Watch for a sign-up for Pizza reservations.



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## Sweete Accordes



## MLM Treasures

We overwhelmed the MLM folks:  
many big bags of clothing; 87 blankets,  
15+ small appliances; 9 balls; a small  
library of children's books; toys and dolls  
and games galore; tools and gift cards.  
We lost count!  
Gloria Dei shared blessings big time!  
Amen





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## Thank You!

### Pastor Edd

I would like to extend my thanks to the Church Council and the congregation for all the Christmas Wishes and gifts. I am truly blessed.

### Gloria Dei Food Pantry Team

Thank you for your incredibly generous support of our food pantry outreach. In November, your donations to our holiday project enabled us to serve 342 families! Because of you, 1,400 people had a happier Thanksgiving holiday. We are grateful for your continued support!

The Gloria Dei Food Pantry Team

## Thank You!

### Fellowship Life Ministry

Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and attended the Christmas Cantata and Brunch on Sunday, December 14th. We had 60 people enjoy brunch treats and fellowship.

### December Food Pantry

Official Numbers:

191 Families / 762 people

Adults - 341

Children 301

Seniors - 120



# January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 <b>Office Closed</b> Nativity Display 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	2 <b>Office Closed</b> Nativity Display 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	3 Nativity Display 5:00 pm Worship
4 Nativity Display 9:00 am Worship	5 Nativity Display 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	6 Nativity Display 6:45 am Norquest 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	7 Nativity Display 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	8 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	9 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	10 5:00 pm Worship
11 9:00 am Worship <b>9:30 - 11:55 am Fellowship Hall</b> 10:15 am 7th & 8th Confirmation <b>1-4 pm Eagle Scout of Honor</b>	12 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	13 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 10:30 am Chosen Bible Study	14 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	15 Harvesters Deliver 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	16 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 12:00 - 2:00 pm Food Pantry (Weston City Hall)	17 7:00 - 9:00 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
18 9:00 am Worship Youth Sunday School	19 <b>Office Closed</b> 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	20 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care <b>12-4p Blood Drive</b>	21 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	23 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	24 5:00 pm Worship
25 9:00 am Worship <b>10:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting</b> 11:00 am-12:30 pm Bingo & Pizza	26 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	27 6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	28 9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	29 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	30 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	31 5:00 pm Worship

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Jan 4 The Fox family  
Jan 11 Jerry & Jennifer Shireman  
Jan 18 Jim & Jackie Finnegan  
Jan 25 Dean & Joan Dark

## ASSISTING MINISTER

Jan 4 Brian Ericksen (Lector: \*Bob Happel)  
Jan 11 Corey Reil (Lector: Treva DeLeon)  
Jan 18 Steve Fogt (Lector: VirJean Scheuerman)  
Jan 25 Jennifer Williams (Lector: Carol Kuhr)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 5 In Celebration of Kam Adair, granddaughter's 2nd birthday ~ Paula Rohr Fry  
Jan 11 In celebration of Brynna Fox's Birthday ~ Jodi Fox  
Jan 18 In loving memory of Becky Dovel ~ Greg Dovel  
Jan 25 In memory of Bill Stenzel ~ Carol Stenzel