



Sunday Divine Service
9:30am

Bible Class
8:15 am

Chapel
Wednesday
9am

January 14, 9am
Church Decorations
Removed

Julie's Exercise Class
Monday: 9am & 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Thursday: 9am



The Epiphany of Our Lord
Thursday, January 5

Gloria Dei
9am Chapel

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
9701 Melvina Ave,
Oak Lawn, Illinois

5:45pm Potluck Dinner
6:30pm Mass Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Divine Service

No School
Jan. 16

Market Day
Jan. 18



PTL—Jan. 18
6pm Pot Luck
7pm Meeting

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* Chairperson

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The Epiphany of Our Lord January 2012

“*Epiphany*” means to appear, to be revealed. That is the Epiphany of Our Lord is all about – that in Jesus Christ God has appeared – not just for the Jew – but also for the Gentile – for you.

God chose to reveal the birth of His Son to both Jew and Gentile. We know how the Jews first heard that Message: *“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of Lord came upon them, and the Glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ‘Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”* So the Jewish shepherds, apart from Sts. Mary and Joseph were the first to hear of the Christ Child. But that was not the end.

God used the miraculous star to lead the Magi – the Gentile Wise Men to the Christ Child, *“We saw His Star in the East and have come to worship Him.”* They were led to Him by the Word of God. When King Herod asked them where the Christ Child was to be born, they replied, *“In Bethlehem of Judea... for this is what the Prophet has written, ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a Ruler Who will be the Shepherd of My people Israel.”* The Magi knew the Old Testament; they knew the prophecies of the Savior who was to come. They also knew the prophecy of Numbers, chapter 24, *“A Star will rise out of Jacob; a Scepter will rise out of Israel.”* Jew and Gentile both called by the Word of God to come and worship – worship Christ – the New Born King.

You too are called by the same Word of God to come and worship Christ – the New Born King. You too are called to fall down and offer your best and your costliest treasures to Him – indeed even all of who you are. Do not remove yourself from where Christ comes to dwell with you – in His Word and Holy Sacraments. Continue to make use of the ways He *“Epiphanies”* Himself to you through His Holy Word and Body and Blood – bringing you His eternal life, forgiveness and salvation. **Please join with your Circuit 19 and 20 brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate on January 5 at 7pm the Eve of the Epiphany of Our Lord at Faith Lutheran Church, 9701 Melvina Avenue, Oak Lawn.** Blessed Epiphany!

Pastor Steven. J. Anderson †



PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Please be a Partner in Prayer this month by daily praying:

- "Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to live, die, and rise for me, and Who showed me how to serve others. Help me throughout this year to fix my eyes on Him, and to share His attitude by serving others and bearing fruit for You. In Jesus' name I ask this. Amen."
- for those people listed in our weekly bulletin;
- or people to grow spiritually by regularly worshipping every Sunday;
- for members to cheerfully fulfill their commitments of time, talents, and money they made to You for this year;
- for our pastor, teachers, staff, and students;
- for our synodical and government leaders;
- for God to open our members' hearts to fill the vacant spots on our Church Council and special committees to help us continue and grow His ministries at Gloria Dei.
- for God to use this year's stewardship focus, **BEARING FRUIT FOR JESUS**, to help people grow in their faith and fulfill the financial commitments we have made as members of Gloria Dei.

WORSHIP AIDS

If order to better serve you, large print copies of worship material is available each week. To get an idea of how many copies are needed, we ask that you please call the church office (773 -767-2771). Thank you.

CHAIR LIFT

Due to our overall concern for the safety of our members going up and down the narthex stairs, we remind you there is a chairlift ready to assist you on Sunday mornings.

The Epiphany of Our Lord



Artwork by Walter Renn

Thursday, January 5

- 5:45pm Potluck Dinner (please bring a dish to share)
- 6:30pm Mass Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Divine Service

Preacher: The Rev. Peter Berg
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chicago

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
9701 Melvina Ave,
Oak Lawn, Illinois

Hosted by Northern Illinois District Circuits 19 & 20



Steward Stories

"...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31)

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: LIVE TO SERVE

As a new year begins, many people take time to reflect on the past year and set goals for the coming year. Most of us can come up with very worthy goals (you may be thinking of some right now), but how many of us include the goal of serving?

Serving is something we usually fit into our schedules when we have the time. Serving is usually an obligation we fulfill as part of a family, a community, or a job. Serving is usually not what we live to do, what we consider our purpose in life.

The Bible urges us, as God's stewards, to "fix our eyes on Jesus." (Hebrews 12:2), and says that our "attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5) If we do these things, what will we see? What will our attitude be?

The answers are given by Jesus when He said:

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." (Matthew 20:28)

We will see Jesus living a childhood in obedience to His father and to His earthly parents. We will see Jesus preaching and teaching, healing the sick, confronting the wicked, and comforting the despairing. We will see Jesus showing us what serving is all about by taking our punishment for our sins so we will live eternally.

What could happen if you make serving a priority rather than an obligation? How might the Kingdom of God grow and be strengthened if you fix your eyes on Jesus and share His attitude?

Let these thoughts serve as a challenge to all of us to serve God by serving others and bearing fruit here at Gloria Dei with our time, talents, and money.

Your Board of Stewardship

The above is based on materials provided by Stewardship Advisors.

Schedule of Serving

January 2012

Date	Time	Elder/Assistant	Crew	Acolyte	Greeter	Organist
1/1	9:30am	D. Sedory	1	L.Barajaz	R&E Krause	D. Anderson
1/8	9:30am	D.Voight	2	K.Chambers	E. Gall	S.Voight
1/15	9:30am	T. Hartwig R. Krause	3	C.Montonera	J. Maitzen	S.Voight
1/22	9:30am	J. Mortiz	4	K.Chambers	R&G Sandrik	S.Voight
1/29	9:30am	J. Misovic	1	L.Barajaz	L.Mantegna	S.Voight

CREWS

- 1 Luke Barajaz, Matthew Baltazar, Joy Baltazar, Gary Broenneke,
- 2 Robert Carstens, James Cieply, John Moore, Brittany Schuld, Donald Voight
- 3 Christopher Arroyo, Luke Barajaz, Elizabeth Gall, Lynda Montonera
- 4 Douglas Lessentien, John Maciejewski Sr., Richard Sandrik

BRONCO RESALE SHOP

Walther's new Bronco Resale Shop is now open at 5517 St. Charles in Berkeley (just west of Wolf Rd., near Berkeley Finer Foods, and the Beauty Supply Store.) Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10-4, Wednesday 10-6, Saturday, 9-3. Phone 708.240.4154.

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**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**



Keep sending in those Box Tops For Education. The school receives .10 for every box top. You can help by removing the Box TOPS FOR EDUCATION logo from your items at home and dropping them in the collection box in the school office or the narthex mailbox.

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MEMBER CALLER



Periodically you will receive a telephone call via Member Caller (our automated phone system.) This call appears as a Toll Free number beginning with 888. Please be sure you listen to the important message being sent. If you have an answering machine it will leave the message. If you would like to receive information about visitation/funeral for a member of our church family, call the church office and asked to be added to the list.

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**2012 ETERNAL CANDLE**

There are only 2 months open for the 2012 Eternal Candle. If you would like to reserve one of the following: March or November. Contact the Church Office (773-767-2771). Donation is \$30.

**WALCAMP**

Summer camp and family camp early bird registration opens January 1st. Sign up now for discounted rates. The Senior High Ski Retreat is January 13-15 at Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. High school groups ski, meet new friends, and worship God. Go to [www.walcamp.org](http://www.walcamp.org) to learn more.

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THRIVENT MEMBERS

Eligible Thrivent members can designate "Choice Dollars" based on individual levels of Thrivent. Please consider designating Gloria Dei Lutheran Church or School as your organization of choice. This is easy to do. Contact Thrivent Financial For Lutherans @ Thrivent.com/choicedollars or call 1800-847-4836.


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**NEEDS LIST**

- Copy paper (all sizes and colors)
- Envelopes (white)
- Transparent tape
- Clorox Green Works, Pine Soil Orange
- Kleenex, Paper towels
- Toilet Tissue, Hand Cleaners
- \$150,000

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RECYCLE

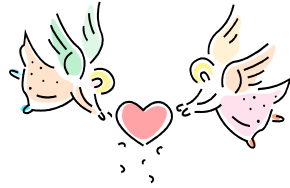
Recycle your empty ink cartridges here at Gloria Dei. Just place them in a baggie and drop them off in the collection box in the school hallway.



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*Announcing . . . . .*  
**Organ Concert**  
**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
**5259 S. Major Avenue**  
**Sunday**  
**February 12, 2012**  
**with**  
**Dr. Steven Wente**  
**Concordia University, River Forest**  
  
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JANUARY




James Cieply	1/2
Esther Krause	1/3
Laura Barajaz	1/8
Ellocin Mazur	1/8
Bess Dombrowski	1/10
Roberta Warren	1/11
Jennifer Keefe	1/16
John Moore	1/16
Tristen Moy	1/19
Christina Montonera	1/20
David Morgan	1/21
Darach McInnis	1/22
Irma Ramirez	1/22
Phyllis Moore	1/24
Arlene Fencil	1/27
Elizabeth Gall	1/27
Carl Maczka	1/30

ANNIVERSARIES	DATE	YEARS
Edward & Marcia Borner	1/29	35

*January 14th
9:00a.m.
Help take down the decorations
and Christmas trees.*

**SOUTHWEST LUTHERAN
CHORUS**
Epiphany Concert
January 8, 2012
3:00 pm
at
**HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
4041 W. 120th Street
Alsip, IL

**2012 OFFERING
ENVELOPES**



If you looking for your 2012 offering envelopes, they are located in the Martin Luther Room. Need assistance, ask one of the ushers on duty.

GLORIA DEI CHRISTMAS TREE

*Wishing all a blessed
Christmas!*



- Pastor Steven Anderson
Sandra Jacobsen
Ray & Esther Krause
Geraldine Lopes
Carl & Linda Mantegna
Pauline Meier
Adeline Mazur
Ed & Marge Neboska
Dan & Matt Sedory
Don & Sharon Voight

Gifts \$ 687.00

OUR LOVE IN DEVOTION

** Includes School Chapel*

	AT WORSHIP	COMMUNED	BIBLE CLASS
11/30	84 *		
12/4	75	56	10
12/7	87 *		
12/11	72	66	10
12/14	84 *		
12/18	72	67	9
12/21	200	<i>Advent Children's Service</i>	
12/24	43	36	
12/25	52	45	

JANUARY MEETINGS

2	Board of Elders	7pm
9	Board of Trustees	4pm
9	Church Council	6pm

MARKET DAY
1/13 Orders Due
1/18 Pickup

Eat healthier with our monthly food fundraiser Market Day. Free Eat Well Guide with any purchase. ChicNSteakes and Ground Beef now in 2 sizes. If you participated in the Frequent Buyer program between October—December you will receive your free insulated bag. Order forms available in the narthex.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

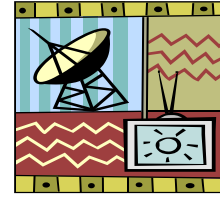


JANUARY CALENDAR

4	8:45am	Day School Classes Resume
5	9am	Epiphany Chapel
9	4-8pm	McDonald's Benefit Night
11	9am	Chapel Chicago Wolves Game
16		No School-Martin Luther King Day
18	9am	Chapel
	2-3pm	Market Day Pickup
	6pm	Potluck
	7pm	PTL Meeting
19	5pm	CLEF—Teachers Workshop
20		2nd Quarter Ends
25	9am	Chapel

Thank you to the children of Gloria Dei School for the Advent Service *Hymns of Welcome*. A special thank you to *Mrs. Virginia Ferrell* for all her work in writing and directing this program. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did in presenting it.

**The Epiphany of
 Our Lord
 9:00am Chapel
 January 5**



The Lutheran Hour

Sundays 6AM
WGN radio 720AM
www.lutheranhour.org

January 1 "The Lord Will Have the Last Say!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
 The Lord Jesus saves, the Lord Jesus reigns, and in all things He will have the last say! We begin the new year in His Name. (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

January 8 "Jesus' Baptism: Solidarity with Sinners to Save Them!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
 Jesus stepped into the Jordan River for a baptism He didn't need in order to save a people who didn't deserve it. He showed solidarity with sinners so that they might receive God's forgiveness and mercy by grace. (Mark 1:4-11)

January 15 "Bought with A Price!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
 What are you worth? We live in a world that doesn't know how to answer that question. Your true value is found in a restored relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

January 22 "Living a Life With Purpose"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
 In Christ, God has a plan for you—a life with purpose, life to its fullest measure, life in Him—for others. (Mark 1:14-20)

January 29 "One With Authority"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
 Even Jesus' enemies had to admit that He spoke with authority. What's more, Jesus showed His power and authority to forgive sins and conquer death itself. (Mark 1:21-22)

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

11:30am (Sundays) on the Total Living Network (TLN – Cable 138)
 DirecTV (TCT Total Christian TV)

For more information, you can call toll free 1-888-286-8002 or go to their Website:

www.worshipforshutins.org

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