

WEEKLY WORD

January 24 and 25, 2009

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Get in the Game and Play

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

The best performers get picked first.

At least that is what happens in the NFL draft. Teams throughout the nation evaluate and judge candidates based on intense requirements of the game. Even with rigorous training, experience and aptitude, the odds are against the candidate—only three percent of all college players cross the professional threshold.

Thankfully God's qualifications are not as stringent when he gathers his earthly team to join his heavenly family.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. Ephesians 1: 4

In the spiritual "draft" arena, God's picks are based on a different set of criteria. The players he selects have no redeeming qualities; in fact, his candidates do not even qualify for the elementary league—they are complete "dead" beats.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. Ephesians 2:1-2

And yet by God's mercy and grace, he wants all of mankind to be a part of his team.

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:40

God doesn't stop at the draft. He further provides each team member with gifts, tools and a winning team called the family of God. As team members, we then get the awesome privilege of being able to play in the greatest arena, which is life.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1

Competing on life's playing field with our fellow teammates, using God's equipment and playing by his rules creates an unmovable team because our head coach, Jesus Christ, makes everyone a winner. Score!

Service Opportunity Challenge

This week's challenge is for families to do a service project together. Here are a few suggestions: make sack lunches for the homeless (page 8), make a casserole for the Salvation Army (page 7), or purchase items for the Urbandale Food Pantry (page 4). Families are also encouraged to visit local nursing homes or bring homemade cookies to their neighbors.

what's
NEW!
this week!



Women's Bible Connections

It's not too late to join us on Mondays. See page 5 for more details.

Sack Lunch Collection

Pack lunches for the homeless. See page 8 for details.

Bible Studies

Spend time warming up in God's Word during one of our Bible studies. See page 5 for more details.

Tiny Treasures

Registration for Tiny Treasures' fall program is now open. See page 8 for more details.

Family Fun Night

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 18 for an evening of fun. See page 8 for more details.

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Strategic Plan Updates

Celebrations: As our congregation continues to grow, we are thrilled to be able to provide people with the tools needed to help them in their particular life stage.

Most recently, our Women's Bible Connections successfully launched a morning and evening session, which offers women a time to gather for devotions and fellowship along with time in small groups to cover a variety of topics. We continued to add support groups to our Thursday Care Night offerings, and more than 20 couples are learning how to build a strong foundation for a healthy and lasting marriage in our Tuesday night pre-marriage classes. We praise God for his great provisions!



State of the Budget

by Bill Jesse, Executive Director

As we close the 2008 calendar year and enter into the second half of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church's fiscal year, we look back at the first six months of the fiscal year (July '08-December '08) and see a closing of the gap between budgeted income and actual income. Although we have not caught or surpassed budgeted income as we have in past years, we have made progress. We have maintained a favorable cash flow and have the resources to pay our bills and continue with ministry programs.

Budget Specifics

The month of December offerings and stock sales provided a boost for the budget and follows the giving patterns we talked about last month. The income for the month totaled \$255,308 while expenditures totaled \$155,790. This month reversed our shortfall reported at the end of November and now at the end of December, we actually show a small gain for the year to date.

The year to date (July-December) actual income was \$861,244 and the actual year to date (July-December) expenditures were \$855,124. These two figures account for the small year to date gain.

The year to date budgeted income figure is \$932,761 so we remain behind our budgeted income figure as the actual year to date income is \$861,244. The year to date budgeted expenditures are \$932,761 and our actual expenditures total \$855,124, so we remain well under the budgeted year to date expenditures.

Conclusion

We will continue to monitor our expenditures and income and provide updates to the congregation on a regular basis. We will continue to be good stewards of our resources.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Jan. 25 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Jameson Roger Haack born Dec. 1, 2008 to Justin and Tenley (nee Hankins) Haack. Jameson's spiritual sponsors are Steve and Caroline Mathson.

Inclement Weather Cancellations

At times it may be necessary to cancel our weekend worship services or weekly events due to poor weather conditions. Cancellations will be announced on our Web site, the church's answering machine, TV channels 8, 13 and 5, and WHO radio.



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Please note: If Urbandale Schools cancel their activities during the week, all of our activities will also be canceled.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Ross Kromminga

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Natalie Larimer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jordan Nicolet

Elders:

Tom Westby
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind
Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt
Dave Disney
Lou Grotheer
Mo Grotheer
Arlyn Hesse
Jim Johnson
Dick Mueller

9:00 a.m.

Greg Haessler
Doug Kumm
Jim Miles
Tanya Richards
Tom Richards
Tim Mueller
Chad Oehlert

9:00 a.m. (FLC)

Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.

Kevin Kelley

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 29:11-14 and 1 Corinthians 13:9-12

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families
- For our country

Prayers

- For Joshua and Maggie Miller as they grieve the loss of their good friend, Nicole
- For continued healing for Laurie Varley
- For Wendell Dickey's health concerns
- For the healing of Chad Smith
- For Mike Martens' friend's mother, Edie Rolfes, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer
- For Becky Disney's father, Ed Kladivo, who is going through his second round of chemo in a month

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Ministry Partners Needed

Are you a missionary that is afraid to fly? Now you can serve without leaving the church, let alone the country. Do you possess the gift of hospitality?

We are seeking ministry partners to simply eat and converse with individuals attending our Care Night meal on Thursday evenings. Most of the people who attend are not members of Gloria Dei and many need to hear of the love of Jesus.

Gloria Dei member Brian Peter recently had the opportunity to attend a Thursday evening meal. "It is a great opportunity to show the warmth that we have here at Gloria Dei and minister to the hurting of our community. The food is great, too," he commented.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elaine Klinefelter through the church office at 276-1700.

Urbandale Food Pantry

Urbandale Food Pantry needs your help. Please drop off the following items in the designated food box in the narthex: 15 oz. shampoo or conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, sanitary napkins and diapers.

Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd Street, Des Moines. They will be assembling packets for sewing projects; no experience is needed. If you have any questions, contact Lois Cole at 288-1250.

Christmas Program DVD

Photo DVDs of the Christmas program can be purchased for \$10 in the Toolshoppe. The DVDs are a wonderful photo montage of each performance. Questions can be directed to Chris Onsrud at 278-5544, ext. 300.

A Kind Reminder

Please help us be good stewards of our utilities. If you need to change the temperature of a thermostat, please do not turn it above 72 degrees, and please turn it back to 66 degrees when leaving. Thank you!

Germany Trip

An informational meeting about a trip to Germany and Austria from July 27 – August 8, 2010 will be held Sunday, Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1115 Grand Ave., West Des Moines.

Holy Week Schedule

The staff is once again excited about celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, so they have been planning for this year's worship services and events.

Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion: Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lenten Worship: Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion: Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and in the Family Life Center.

Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, and 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

In addition, curriculum is being written by Ministry Action Teams and our staff for adults, youth and children that will parallel the series of messages leading up to Easter. We are currently finalizing the Easter weekend worship times; we will publish the times in the next few weeks.

Please note: Midweek Meal, Faith Alive and Confirmation will not be held on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.



Join us this Monday!

Women's Bible Connections

Make it your time ~ a.m. or p.m.

Update:

Women were beaming with excitement on Monday as they gathered for devotions and Bible studies in the morning and evening.

“It is so exciting to see how the groups are being formed. I am expecting that each group will be a catalyst for great growth,” said Lynn Meyer, coordinator of the Women’s Bible Connections a.m.

Invitation:

It is not too late to join! Feel free to join the excitement this Monday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. or from 6:30-8:15 p.m.

For further information, check out our church’s home page at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on Women’s Bible Connections.



Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Myra Willms, 3835 38th Street, Des Moines.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m at the home of Alice Wegner, 3916 79th Street, Urbandale.

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 12 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Drive, West Des Moines.

Twice the Scrapbook Fun

Friday, Feb. 13
Saturday, Feb. 14

Now you can work on your scrapbooks on Friday, Saturday or both. Friday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and go as you like.



We meet in rooms 131/133.

Saturday will include

childcare, but it must be reserved by contacting Laura Ammann at 778-9161. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Women of Faith Weekend

Friday, May 1 from 7–9:30 p.m. • Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines



Join the Women of Faith for a 2-day event where you will laugh, cry and realize that you’re not alone. Gloria Dei has reserved a block of 25 seats for \$75 each. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224 by Feb. 20. For more information

about the “Grand New Day” event, go to the Women of Faith Web site at www.womenoffaith.com.

Fireproof Your Marriage

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, will show “Fireproof” on Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at no cost to the participants. They have purchased the rights to show the movie, which has impacted marriages throughout the nation.

Report from Stephen Ministry Conference

Pastor Phillips and Fred Spath recently returned from Stephen Ministry leadership training in Orlando, Florida. The week-long training experience served several functions:

- To equip Pastor Phillips and Fred Spath to join Janet Tysse in leading Stephen Ministry at Gloria Dei.
- To meet other Christians active in care ministry from other congregations and denominations.
- To inspire our leadership with a vision of the future of Care Ministry at Gloria Dei.

“The experience was a very thorough preparation in organizing an effective lay care ministry program at our church,” said Pastor Phillips. “It was exciting to meet brothers and sisters in Christ who are also compassionate toward the hurting in our communities. We learned a lot from each other and will continue to



Fred Spath and Pastor Phillips return from the conference.

network in the future as we develop our ministries.”

Fred Spath said, “I ended the week and returned home feeling much more prepared to assist in implementing a successful Stephen Ministry at our church. I had expected this. What I did not expect was the personal growth I experienced while attending

this Leadership conference. I returned home filled to the brim with excitement and anticipation regarding Stephen Ministry. I feel this ministry will enhance the many caring ministries already offered by our church as well as offering a one-on-one caring relationship for each one of us should we find ourselves in need of someone to care “just for us.”

Who are Stephen Ministers?

Currently we are beginning the second half of our training of lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are lay people who receive 50 hours of Christian care-giving training in the congregation. The training will be completed in March and we will commission our Stephen ministers April 26.

Stephen Ministers typically have one care-receiver at a time and meet with that person once a week for about an hour. In addition, they gather with their Stephen leaders twice a month for supervision and continuing education. For more information or if you think God is tugging at your heart to be involved with this ministry, contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com or 276-1700 ext. 204.

Care Night

Thursdays from 5:30-8 p.m.

It is not too late to join us! Our Care Night support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. Join us for an evening of fellowship, worship and meeting time in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. Childcare is provided. For further information, check out www.gloriadeionline.com.

Thursday meals are available to Care Night participants and anyone in the congregation who would like a warm dinner and fellowship. Cost is \$3.50. See you there!

Thursday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m.
Baked Potato Bar

Thursday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Chicken Noodle Soup

Kindergarten Information Night

Bring your children to the kindergarten information night on Monday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran School, 5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines. Learn about the opportunities of Christian education at Mount Olive, which has National Lutheran School Accreditation and is also certified by the State of Iowa. For more information call 277-0247.

Thrivent Builds Breakfast

You're invited to the "2009 Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Breakfast Ask" on Saturday, Feb. 7 in the Family Life Center. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.; breakfast and the program run from 8-9 a.m.

Through "Thrivent Builds Homes," all funds raised will go directly to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity to help build homes with families facing critical housing needs. Learn how the program works and hear stories of lives transformed through volunteerism and home ownership. Admission is free; however, guests will be asked to prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or ongoing pledge of support.

Please RSVP to Bill Clark at billclark@mchsi.com or 491-8543.

Bible Study

Join us for a Bible study for parents of teenagers on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center.

River Bend, a six-week Bible study led by Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry, will help parents navigate through their children's teen years. Even though parents cannot predict their teenager's future, they can prepare for some of the unfamiliar waters that lie ahead, just around the river bend.

If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger, at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Weekly Bible Studies

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Reminder: It's a heavenly time! Wednesday mornings Bible study at 10 a.m. will look at some popular perceptions of heaven and whether they agree with the words of Scripture.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study:

Thursday Morning Men's Bible study at 6:30 a.m. will dive into the book of Job as we pick out the nuggets that can help us as we strive to live as Christian men in this society. In addition, you can enjoy coffee and sports talk.

Weight Loss Class Changes Nights

Thursday's weight loss class has switched to Mondays at 6 p.m. Please feel free to attend. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

Salvation Army Project

Katie Gilg and Allissa Rice will be in the narthex between services the week-end of Jan. 24-25 and Jan. 31-Feb. 1; their goal to provide 500 casseroles for the Salvation Army to take out to those in need in our community each week. Each casserole feeds 10 people; 125 casseroles are used weekly at different locations throughout the city.

Great Family Project!

Jan. 24-25

Pick up recipes or drop off frozen casseroles.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1

Drop off frozen casseroles.

Book Club

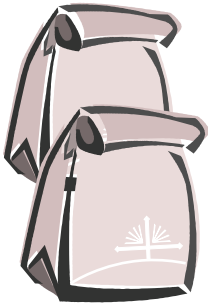
Feb. 4 - "The Shack," by William Young.

Gloria Dei's book club is an informal discussion group of Christian books, which meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:15-7:25 p.m. in the Cry room.

Summary of Book: Mack Philips took his three children on a camping trip. Just as they were about to leave the campsite, the two older kids' canoe overturned and Mack went to help them. When his back was turned, the unspeakable happened, Mack's youngest daughter, Missy, was abducted by a known child predator. After a massive search, evidence of Missy showed up at an abandoned cabin. Although they never found her body, everyone knew the worst had happened. For the next four years "a great sadness" fell over Mack and his family, until a note from God showed up in his mailbox. What happens next will move you to a greater understanding of God's unfailing love for us all.

Sack Lunch Collection

Bring the sacks in today, Wednesday or next weekend.



The homeless of Des Moines are in need of food to help them through these cold months, so we are encouraging families to make sack lunches again. Each lunch will fill a hungry belly and give hope for another day! Paper sacks are available at the Information Center. All lunches will be picked up as they are delivered. Please make your lunches as non-perishable as possible. Consider writing a Scripture verse on your lunch bags. If you have questions, please call at DeAnn McCue or Pastor Phillips at 276-1700.

Family Game Night

Imagine an evening without cooking and cleaning up!

Families are encouraged to attend Faith Alive on Wednesday, Feb. 18 for a fun family game night. Families will have an opportunity to eat dinner together at 5:15 p.m. (cost is \$3.50 per person), worship together in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. before playing and/or attending a concert by Swen and Dean. Do you have a fun game you'd like to bring to share? Let DeAnn or Penny know so they can plan a space for it! Don't miss this fun, exciting family evening. Regular Faith Alive will not be held that evening.

Vacation Bible School

March 16-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars! Children ages 3 through fifth grade are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School during spring break. Registration information will be following soon.

Ministry Partners Needed: We are in the process of recruiting adults and youth to help with this year's Vacation Bible School, Crocodile Dock. If you are interested in helping, please contact DeAnn McCue at deann@gloriadeionline.com or Penny Schramm at penny@gloriadeionline.com or call 276-1700.

Items needed: Save your gallon (or nearly a gallon) ice cream buckets with lids. We need 250 buckets and lids. Please bring them to the Information Center as soon as possible.



Tiny Treasures Updates



Fall Registration: Classes are filling fast. All morning 4-year-old and pre-kindergarten classes are full with waiting lists; the afternoon 4-year-old, the afternoon pre-kindergarten and the morning 3-year-old classes are still open.

Playgroup: Only a week until the first days of Tiny Treasures Playgroup. Joyce Turek and Rochelle Haas will be the teaching team for these little ones. The new classroom, 126, is almost ready for the Tuesday or Friday morning playgroup from 9:15–11:15 a.m.

Don't delay! Register today! Registration forms for both programs are in the plastic racks throughout the building. For more information, contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Taco/Enchiladas

\$3.50 per person
(children under 2 eat free)

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Service and Mission Hours

Sign up at the youth bulletin board today for service and mission hours.

Eighth Grade

Please turn in your Urban Plunge registration forms by Feb. 1 to Tim or the office. We need at least three parents to attend; the Youth Ministry will cover the cost for the parents.

Confirmation

We need confirmation students to sign up to acolyte for the 7:45 a.m. service in March.

Sunday: Castaway

Join us Sunday for Castaway at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

January's topic: Survival Kit

River Bend Bible Study

Mondays from 7-8 p.m.

Parents of teens: Please join us for a Bible study. Topic: Communicating with Your Teen

Junior High Cafe 923

Friday, Feb. 6 from 6-9 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a fun time in the Family Life Center and Youth Center. Pizza will be available for \$1 a slice.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-38.

Wednesday: The Point

Topic: Jan. 28: Mission: Leaving Impressions

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

We will have dinner theatre rehearsals on Sundays from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center. The rehearsals will continue through March 22.

Senior High Cafe 923

Sunday, Feb. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Invite your friends to join us for a free meal and games.

Grades 6-12 Opportunities

GriefShare for Teens (Grades 6-12)

Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

Please join us for a small group that is designed to help teens navigate through the grieving process. Tim Kightlinger will facilitate the group. Come early for a meal at 5:30 p.m.; the cost for the meal is \$3.50.

WILL STARVE FOR FOOD!

World Vision's 30-Hour Famine is underway. Packets are available for teenagers age 12 and older by April 17-18. Nearly 100 hundred packets have been given out already! Registration deadline is March 28. A meeting for all registered participants will be held at the end of March. Join us as we strive to raise money to prevent world hunger and help local ministries in the Des Moines area. Contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or tnk4jc1@msn.com or Tim Kightlinger at 278-5444, ext. 212.

Paintball Fun

Sunday, Feb. 15: Depart church for Action Jack's at 11:45 a.m.; return by 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person (\$15 if you have your own equipment), \$20 for 500 paintballs. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Feb 11.

Buccaneers Outing

Junior and senior high youth and their families are invited to a Buccaneers game on Saturday, Feb. 21. Cost per person is \$10 and includes a ticket, hot dog, chips and a soda. Sign up on youth bulletin board by Feb. 15. We'll depart the church at 6 p.m. and return after the game is over.

Week of Jan 24-30, 2009

Saturday, January 24

- 9:30 a.m. Hope Ministries
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Winter Jam Concert (Off Site)
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service with Communion in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 25

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Boy Scout Event
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 26

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:45 p.m. Dance 2
- 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study

Tuesday, January 27

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands

Tuesday, January 27 (continued)

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child, Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, January 28

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive/Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, January 30

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Scripture Base on Giving:

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	177	
7:45 a.m.	150	127
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	326	220
9 a.m. (FLC)	113	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	330	224
Total	1096	

Outpouring of Love)	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,414
YTD Offering	\$914,167
YTD Budget	\$973,153

Weeks of Jan. 31-Feb. 7, 2009

Saturday, January 31

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, February 1

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
- 10:30 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 2

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Dept. of Education Monthly Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faculty Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:45 p.m. Dance 2
- 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study

Tuesday, February 3

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 3 (continued)

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, February 4

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive/Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, February 6

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Saturday, February 7

- 7:30 a.m. Thrivent Builds Ask Event
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wed. 6 p.m.
Preschool	9	28	22	28
Elementary	20	64	31	102
Total Children	29	92	53	130
Junior High		21	10	91
Senior High		12		29
Total Youth		33	10	120

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Children

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth

Junior high: Castaway: For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36 this week.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

Weekly Bible Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon