

WEEKLY WORD



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January 2-3, 2010

Second Sunday after Christmas

Make Your New Year New

New Years is a great time to reflect, to dream, and to resolve what can be done to develop every area of your life in the upcoming year. So whether you desire to grow in the spiritual, physical, emotional or relational realms of life, please review the following to see if any of the opportunities will help you to achieve your 2010 aspirations:

Worship

Worship with us each weekend during the cold of winter. This week's message, "What are you looking for in the New Year?" revolves around the expectations we should have of ourselves and of God.

Then next week, we begin a five-week series of messages concerning an inevitable part of life—conflict. "Constructive Conflict" will examine the pitfalls and misconceptions of conflict as it plays out in our everyday life. We will then see what the Bible says about these uncomfortable situations. *See page 2 for details.*

Bible Studies and Community Groups

Maybe now is the time to try a new study or group that meets throughout the week at Gloria Dei. These groups and studies range from mission-focused, to in-depth Bible studies to scrapbooking. You will learn something new and maybe make a friend or two. *For a complete listing, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com or stop by the table in the narthex on Sunday.*

Care Night

At certain times in life, we all need extra support. These evenings are designed to help those hurting from grief, divorce or cancer. *See page 4 for details.*

Music Opportunities

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord by joining one of our worship teams.

Toolshoppe

We have great books in close proximity; check out all the resources at the Toolshoppe, which is open Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Women's Bible Connections

Lots of great studies are being planned for the winter. So please join us as we "sample" our Women's Connections' offerings on Monday, Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. *See page 4 for more details.*

Volunteer

Use and develop your God-given abilities at Gloria Dei. We have lots of opportunities where your gifts and talents can be used for the glory of God.

Grace Place, Faith Alive and Music Alive

Help your children grow, gather them for our weekend and Wednesday educational times.

Tiny Treasures Preschool

Show your little ones the love of Jesus by enrolling them at Tiny Treasures.

Youth Programs

Encourage your youth by bringing them to a youth activity.

Questions

Please contact the church office at 276-1700 or go to our Web site.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Message Inserts

Wondering why the blue-paper inserts are in today's Weekly Word?

Good question, check out page 2.

Grace Place Faith Alive

All children's programs resume Jan. 9-10.

Playgroup

Tiny Treasures has a playgroup for young children starting in February.

See page 8 for details.

Youth

Check out page 9 for the youth's activities this winter.

Care Night

Care Night begins Thursday, Jan. 7.

See page 4 for more details.

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Constructive Conflict Message Series

Can you imagine a church without conflict? That's impossible, but can you imagine a church that knows how to deal with conflict responsibly? That is not only possible, but a vision we see for Gloria Dei. It is important to realize that conflict is inevitable. But stress and frustration do not have to be the final outcome of every situation where conflict is involved.

The best way to deal with conflict is to talk about it. In the next few weeks, we will provide simple worksheets designed for you to sit down with your family and open up the conversation to reveal any conflict that might be hiding. These worksheets can also be used in small groups to discuss how to deal with conflict in a broader setting. If you are not in a small group and are looking for ways to connect with others, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224 or sign-up in the narthex where there will be someone to assist you in finding a small group that fits your schedule and time. The real importance is to not let this series fly by without examining how to deal with conflict in a God-pleasing way. Conflict is happening, but how do we respond to it as Christians.

Meanwhile, today's insert gives more insight into conflict.

Message Series: "Constructive Conflict"

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| Jan. 9-10 | "Wait Long Enough and It Still Won't Go Away" |
| Jan. 16-17 | "Trouble with Triangulation" |
| Jan. 23-24 | "Sins of Our Fathers" |
| Jan. 30-31 | "More than Words" |
| Feb. 6-7 | "Differentiation not Indifference" |

Stewardship Notes

Giving statements

A final record of giving will be mailed by Jan. 20 for income tax purposes. If you have specific questions, please call Shari Smith at 276-1700, ext. 202.

Simply Giving

It is not too late to sign up for the Simply Giving program. Simply Giving is a program through Thrivent which allows you to have your offerings automatically deposited in the church's bank account on a schedule you choose. For those already using the program: if you have changed your pledge amount for 2010, please remember to turn in an updated Simply Giving form.

Debit and credit cards and pay-by-check options

Gloria Dei now has the capability of collecting giving offerings by using debit cards, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and online pay-by-check. The process is easy and secure. All you need to do is to go to our Web site and click on the online giving link.

Giving envelopes to be picked up

Giving envelopes for 2010 can be picked up near the north entrance of the narthex during our weekend worship services. Please note: your envelope number changes each year, so please use the new envelopes starting Jan. 1, 2010.

Questions

As always, we are willing to help in any way we can. We encourage you to visit with your tax advisor about specific issues related to your own situation. For other questions, feel free to contact Bill Jesse at 276-1700, ext. 217.

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Altar flowers

Since we published a double-issue of the Weekly Word last week, the three beautiful flower arrangements on the altar Sunday, Dec. 27 were not recognized, so we wanted to do so today.



The flowers on the altar Sunday, Dec. 27 were in celebration of the 51st anniversary of Bob and Marilyn Kollmorgen on Dec. 28 and the 70th birthday of Ed Mautz on Dec. 26; and by Jerry and Barb Koepp in memory of Barb's parents.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought HUGS (Hats, U, Gloves, Scarves) and blankets for the homeless, as well as sack lunches and other items. Each item was greatly appreciated!

Lost and wanted to be found

If you have borrowed Bible studies from the church, please return them this week to Pastor Robarge in the church office. Thank you.

Servers

Jan. 2 and 3:

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Philip Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Philip Robarge

Preacher:

Rev. Philip Robarge

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

Rustin Aufdenkamp

9 a.m.

Bailey Swift

10:30 a.m.

Rachel Brush

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

Tim Mueller

Jim Riddle

Peg Riddle

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

Ken Wunsch

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler

Rich Johnson

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Jeff Monson

David Morrison

Chad Oehlert

9 a.m. (H3)

Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons

Doug Bass

Kevin Kelley

Scripture Readings:

1 Kings 3:4-15 and Mark 10:35-40

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 blessings received
- For Ed Mautz celebrating his 70th birthday on Dec. 26
- For Bob and Marilyn Kollmorgen celebrating their 51st anniversary on Dec. 28

Prayers

- For the nephew of Roxi Evans-Guilloz, Troy, who is battling cancer
- The family of Connie Cook whose brother, Randy Licht, passed away this week
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers
- For missionary Steve Lutz in Papua, New Guinea
- For our country
- For our military men and women who are serving in foreign countries

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.

Hurting? Confused? In Need of Support?

Care Night

Starts Thursday, Jan. 7

*Join us for an evening
of encouragement and support.*

Schedule

Meal at 6 p.m.

Individual Groups from 6:30-8 p.m.

Weekly Support Groups

Cancer Support Group

DivorceCare Support Group

Children's DivorceCare Support Group (DC4K)

GriefShare Support Group for Adults

GriefShare Support for Children (Stepping Stones)

If you are hurting, grieving or need extra support, join us for a comforting evening starting Thursday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. for a warm meal and support groups.

Questions or to register:

For more information, call Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 or register at: <http://ezregister.com/promoters/171/>.

Menu for Thursday, Jan. 7 - Pork Chops

Women's Bible Connections

Lots of great studies are being planned for the winter. So please join us as we "sample" our Women's Connections' offerings on Monday, Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. You can expect to study topics that are relevant to your life and meet women who are interested in learning how to become more like Jesus. Childcare will be provided at both sessions. Specific class offerings will be available at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

LEAD Gloria Dei

LEAD Gloria Dei is a six-week course, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13 to Feb. 17 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. It is designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how Gloria Dei functions as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church our size.

The topics include: the Vision of Gloria Dei, understanding church life and the Synod, the demographics of our community, policy-based governance and our Strategic Plan.

If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information, please contact Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, at 278-5544, ext. 200 or e-mail her at laura@gloriadeionline.com.

Thank You

The staff of Gloria Dei has again been a blessing to the mission and ministry of Iowa District West during 2009. We appreciate the kind welcome and excellent service at both the Pastors' Conference and the Lutheran Teachers' Conference. Several committee meetings were held at Gloria Dei during the year, and again we were kindly welcomed and treated to comfortable accommodations.

I especially want to thank Gloria Dei for assisting with the recent Youth Gathering. Thank you for sharing speakers and sound equipment for use by our gathering band.

In addition, several staff members have served on District committees and assisted with District events. We appreciate their ministry gifts and mission hearts.

~With Thanksgiving, Bob Riggert

Professional directory

Looking for an interior designer? How about a seamstress? Look no further, simply click on the Professional Directory Link on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com. A database of professionals, their specific services and contact information are listed, which will be updated monthly.

Book Club

The details of the Club: Take time during this Christmas season and enjoy a thrilling book, “Blink of an Eye” by Ted Dekker; then join the discussion Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the cry room.

An overview of the book: Miriam is a Saudi princess promised to another, a pawn in a political struggle that could shift the balance of power in the Middle East.

Seth is a certified genius with a head full of numbers, a life full of baggage and an attitude born on the waves of the Pacific.

Cultures collide when they find themselves thrown together as fugitives in a high-stakes chase across Southern California. A growing attraction and a search for answers fuel their fight to survive . . . but with no sleep and a massive manhunt steadily closing in, their chances of surviving any future are razor thin.

Contact Information: Contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875.

LWML Circles

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. at the home of Joan Kickbush, 13942 Oak Brook Dr., Urbandale.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Scheideman, 731 34th Place, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 9:30 a.m. in rooms 131/133. We will work on a project for Diana’s Angels. If you have never been to our circle, please feel free to come, we have lots of fun and even manage to do constructive activities, such as helping Diana’s Angels. If you have any questions, call Meri Mohr, 327-1821. Hope you can attend!

Honduras news

January’s collection

Christmas Cards

Please bring in your re-cycled religious Christmas card fronts to be used for evangelism for the Honduras Mission trip.



Vitamins

Please drop off children and prenatal vitamins to the Honduras bin in the narthex. Thank you for your support, it helps to improve the health of the children and women in Honduras.

Scrapbook Fellowship

January is often a time to get organized. So join us at Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, Jan. 8 anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. or Saturday, Jan. 9 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to organize your memories and photos! Come and go as your schedule allows. We meet in rooms 131/133. Contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 for more information.

If you need childcare, contact Carol Wemndt by Wednesday, Jan. 6. at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Membership classes

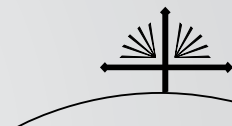
If you are visiting and would like to join the Gloria Dei family, please check out the following classes:

New to the Lutheran Faith? Join us on Thursday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:30-8 p.m.

We will cover the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop our faith in God. If childcare is needed, please indicate this when registering. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Want to become a member? Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 from 3-6:30 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, join us for an interactive event. You’ll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Let's get to know about the ministry of Tiny Treasures

If you are in the east wing of Gloria Dei during the week, you will notice lots of laughter while children and their parents enter through the east doorways in anticipation of another day at Tiny Treasures.

Smiles are abundant, and so is the art work hung in the hallways that showcase the preschoolers' learning through hands-on activities. The children also learn practical social skills, along with cognitive and physical skills all packaged within the framework of a loving Christian environment.



Jo Lynn Yeutsy, joined the staff as Director of the preschool in August.



Jo Lynn Yeutsy accepts the National Lutheran accreditation certificate.

Currently, the preschool staff consist of three lead teachers, three assistant teachers, two playgroup teachers and two administrative assistants. Since that time, Jo Lynn has been busy getting to know the teachers, children, parents and the heart behind Tiny Treasures. In addition, she has experienced Tiny Treasures becoming accredited by the National Lutheran Schools; a fall consignment sale that raised \$3,000 and an incredible cookie dough fundraiser to help the Duncalf family.

“Each child in our preschool is a unique and special child of God and each one is a blessing,” said Jo Lynn. “With each decision I make, I have learned to ask myself, ‘Is this what’s best for our kids and their families?’ If I keep this in mind, then I can feel good about the decisions that I made.”

Jo Lynn is also appreciative of the wonderful staff and the outpouring of support through parents and ministry partners. For example: ministry partners help each day with the children’s drop-off routine and other special events as needed, such as the consignment sale, the Christmas program, and the recent nature center outside of the preschool. She also is thankful for the ministry staff members who lead chapel each week.

“The preschool is a treasure because of the incredible support of so many people. It truly is amazing,” said Jo Lynn.

Recently, she has been diligent in communicating the necessary steps to register for the 2010 fall classes; organizing the playgroup beginning in February and planning ways to raise money for preschool families in need.

When Jo Lynn is not at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Matthew, and their three daughters, Brenna, 11; Amber, 7; and Lydia, 4. She also enjoys reading, scrapbooking, walking and watching her children in all their activities.

So, if you ever want a lift during your week, stop and observe the incredible nurturing environment of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool.

Registration Opens Soon

Fall 2010-11 Registration

Since Tiny Treasures is becoming a popular spot for preschoolers, a fair registration method has been created to accommodate children and their families:

Monday, Jan. 4 at 9 a.m.

Registration for our current preschool families will begin.

Saturday, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.

Registration for Gloria Dei’s families will start.

Monday, Jan. 11 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Open house for prospective families.

Tuesday, Jan. 12. at 9 a.m.

Registration for the public will open.

Registration Musts

Begin by going to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and clicking on the Tiny Treasures’ link.

Then simply follow the next three steps.

1. Click on the registration form link and complete and submit the registration form.
2. Click on the on-line payment link and pay the \$45 registration fee.
3. Check your e-mail to be sure you’ve received both a registration and an on-line payment confirmation. Please note: registration is not complete until you receive both confirmations.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Looking at life through the eyes of a preschooler



Throughout the years, children have experienced a fun, and nurturing environment where they are valued. But more importantly, they learn about the one who values them the most, Jesus.



Tiny Treasures Timeline

Sept. 2005

After a year of planning, converting two classrooms to preschool rooms and obtaining permits from the city, Tiny Treasures, under the direction of Terry Steinke, opened its doors to 44 children and three part-time staff members.

Sept. 2006

The enrollment for the preschool doubled to 80. The playground was installed and the first Fun Night was launched.



Sept. 2007

The program expanded by adding a playgroup and an afternoon class. Nearly 100 children attended.

Did you know?

A ministry action team was formed in 2004 to plan, and dream about the preschool. After several discussions, Tiny Treasures was name that surfaced to the top. A few months later, the logo was created in-house reflecting the vision of the preschool and the brand of Gloria Dei.

Sept. 2008

Work began for the National Lutheran School Accreditation and for the Quality Rating System. Enrollment increased to 111.

Sept. 2009

Tiny Treasures received the National Lutheran School Accreditation certificate. Jo Lynn Yeutsy became new director of the preschool. Tiny Treasures now has seven classes, with eight part-time staff serving 108 children.

January's children's ministry opportunities

To help brighten your days, we have some activities planned for you and your family.

Winter Kindermusik: Starts the week of Jan. 10. With a bang, a jingle, and a smile, we will sing our way through the winter months. See our Web site for more details.

Winter Creative Dance: Starts Monday, Jan. 11 at 6:45 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to dance the cold away.

Winter Beginning Ballet and Creative Movement: Starts Monday, Jan. 11. at 6 p.m. Want to take care of that extra energy? Come to a fast-moving class for children ages 3 to 5.

Winter Youth Basketball: Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to a basketball camp Saturday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9-10 a.m. The cost is \$10. Love children and basketball? We need ministry partners to help.

Family Event: Sunday, Jan. 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. Sled near Lakeview pond, enjoy potluck snacks and hot cocoa at the church.

Parenting Bible Study: Another session of "Parenting from Me to We" will begin Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, to register or to pay for any of these events, go to our children's page on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Playgroup

Tiny Treasures will offer a playgroup for children who will be old enough for the regular preschool in the fall of 2010. This playgroup has proved to be a great feeder program for preschool classes because it allows children the opportunity to be comfortable in a school setting.

The two classes will meet on Tuesday or Thursday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. from February through May. Registration materials are available in the plastic racks. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 15, 2010 and toilet trained. Tuition is \$40 each month; a registration fee of \$10 must accompany the form. Class size will be no more than eight children with two teachers.

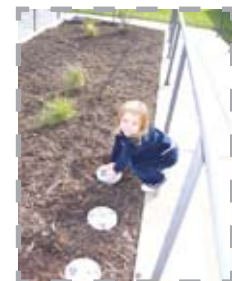
Midweek meal

**Wednesday, Jan. 13
from 5-5:45 p.m.**

Walking Tacos

\$4 per adult
\$2 per child or youth
(2 and under eat free)

Nature Center



It may be difficult to visualize, but underneath all the snow outside Tiny Treasures, is a nature center. With the help of ministry partners and the preschoolers, a center was created to show children the magnificent growth and beauty that occurs in God's creation.

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All Youth and Families

Winter Jam 2010

Sunday, Jan. 24

Winter Jam 2010, featuring Newsboys, Third Day and other artists will be held at Vets Auditorium, Sunday, Jan. 24. Meet at the church at 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door. Come ready to jam.

Sign-up today at the youth bulletin board by Jan. 17.

Dinner Theater

"Murders in the Heir," an interactive dinner theater murder mystery will be held April 23, 24 and 25.

Casting for adults and youth will be held Sunday, Jan. 17 from 12-2 p.m. in Youth Center.

So push those latent acting careers up front and join us for the casting.

Junior and Senior High

30 Hour Famine

This event held April 9-10, 2010 helps us to understand the plight of hunger in the world.

Registration is a must; register today. If you are interested, get in touch with Tim Kightlinger or Kim Phillips.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Classes will not meet Jan. 2 and 3, but will resume Jan. 9 and 10.

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. starting Jan. 9 and 10.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Confirmation classes will resume Jan. 13 at 6 p.m.

Café 923

Friday, Jan. 8 from 6-9 p.m. Join us for a time to hang out and have fun.

Mission opportunity

Saturday, Feb. 6 from 12-2:45 p.m. Join us at the Urbandale Food Pantry, 7611 Douglas Ave., Suite 31, as we help to stock the food pantry's shelves. If interested, please sign up at the youth bulletin board by Jan. 30.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday mornings

Sundays from 9-10 a.m. Join us as we discuss and study relevant issues for high school youth on Jan. 10.

The Point

The Point will resume on Jan. 13.

Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center will be a time when senior high students can gather with friends and study, discuss and experience some hot topics from the Bible that are relevant to teens today.

Senior High Omaha Urban Plunge

If you have signed up to go to Omaha, meet at the church Friday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m.

National Youth Gathering

If you have signed up for the Gathering, please join us Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7:30-8 p.m. for an informational meeting in the Youth Center.

Parents and youth need to attend.

Week of Jan.2-9, 2010

Saturday, Jan. 2

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

Sunday, Jan. 3

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
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Jan. 4

8:00 a.m. Iowa Dept of Education
 9:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Staff In-service Day
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, Jan. 5

9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 3:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 6

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

Thursday, Jan 7

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
 6:00 p.m. Care Night
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, Jan. 8

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 5:30 p.m. Jennifer Amendt and Joseph Eickman Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Saturday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Amendt and Joseph Eickman Wedding
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 5:50 p.m. Castaway

| Worship (Dec. 19-20) | Attendance | Communion |
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| Northwind | 160 | |
| 7:45 a.m. | 126 | 117 |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 339 | 270 |
| 9 a.m. (FLC) | 70 | |
| 10:30 a.m. | 250 | 166 |
| Total | 945 | 553 |

| Worship (Dec. 26-27) | Attendance | Communion |
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| Northwind | 72 | 48 |
| 7:45 a.m. | 69 | |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 228 | |
| 9 a.m. (FLC moved to Sanctuary) | | |
| 10:30 a.m. | 166 | |
| Total | 535 | 48 |

| Christmas Eve Worship | Attendance |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 3:30 p.m. (FLC) | 130 |
| 4 p.m. (Sanctuary) | 631 |
| 5:30 p.m. (FLC) | 131 |
| 6 p.m. (Sanctuary) | 481 |
| 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary) | 246 |
| Total | 1,619 |

| Outpouring of Love (Dec. 19-20) | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund Offerings | \$33,897 |
| Second QTD Offering | \$397,490 |
| Second QTD Budget | \$488,116 |

| Outpouring of Love (Dec. 24-27) | |
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| General Fund Offerings | \$61,125 |
| Second QTD Offering | \$458,616 |
| Second QTD Budget | \$574,741 |

Weeks of Jan. 9-16, 2010

Saturday, Jan. 9

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Amendt and Joseph Eickman
Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Sunday, Jan. 10

- 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
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Jan. 11

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 2
- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dane
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, Jan. 12

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Tuesday, Jan. 12 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten & Second Grade Girl
Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 13

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Patenting Families Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Jan 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, Jan. 15

No Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, Jan. 16

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

| Educational Attendance for Dec. 19 and 20 | | | |
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| | Sat. 5:50 p.m. | Sun. 9:20 a.m. | Sun. 10:50 a.m. |
| Preschool | 7 | 22 | 13 |
| Elementary | 26 | 29 | 28 |
| Total Children | 33 | 51 | 41 |

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

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! 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.

Weekend Worship Services

Please feel free to visit any of our worship services. For the specific times of the educational opportunities for the children and youth, see page one.

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship.

Traditional Worship Service

Sundays at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all three liturgies from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns.

H-3 Family Worship Service

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: This casual atmosphere where families are encouraged to worship with lively hymns and praise music.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music.

Other Important Items

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access 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.

Activities throughout the Week

We have lots of activities for the entire family throughout the week and would love for you to join us. Please check our Web site for the activities and times.

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. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

Weekly Bible Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-9

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

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

Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon