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August 11-12, 2012 | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Living with choices

This week we find ourselves in Joshua chapter 9. If you recall, after the victory over the inhabitants of Ai, Joshua built an altar to God. He then gave a word-by-word dissertation on Moses' commands. The Israelites were refreshed and rejuvenated. Logically speaking,



their next steps should have reflected this mountaintop experience by honoring and obeying God, don't you think? But only 14 verses later, we read that they made a covenant with two

travelers from Gibeon because they "did not inquire of the Lord." What? After everything they had recently encountered, they quickly forgot the source of their life—God!

It was a costly mistake that had immediate consequences when they had to defend the city of Gibeon—a city that God wanted destroyed. But Joshua lived with the consequences of his choice and did not break the promise he made to those two travelers.

So this weekend, we are going to look at the consequences of our choices. Keeping in mind that consequences are different than punishment because Jesus took the punishment for our sins to the cross. However, when we make wrong decisions in life, we will reap the consequences of those choices.

Meals from the Heartland

Sign up in the Narthex and FLC to package meals Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

Meals from the Heartland (MFTH), a local non-profit organization, is heading up a community-wide event to package meals at Hy-Vee Hall, 730 Third Street, Des Moines. Please help those in need in the following ways:



- 1. Pray for God's comfort and love to bless those who are hungry.
- **2. Sign up** today at the table display in the Narthex and Family Life Center to be on one of our teams. Gloria Dei's goal is to provide 200 volunteers.

Gloria Dei's times are as follows:

Wed., Aug. 29	Fri., Aug. 31
9:30-11:30 a.m.	9:30-11:30 a.m.
1:30-3:30 p.m.	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 30	6-8 p.m.
9:30-11:30 a.m.	Sat. Sept. 1
1:30-3:30 p.m.	9:30-11:30 a.m.
6-8 p.m.	1:30-3:30 p.m.

3. Give by placing a financial donation in the offering plate (write Meals from the Heartland in the memo line) or by giving online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Since MFTH only purchases ingredients based on available cash funds, cash donations are needed. A gift of \$20 will provide meals for 100 children.

Public WiFi

You can connect to Gloria Dei's public WiFi. Just turn on your devices, and search for gdlcpublictwo. When prompted put in the password: gdlc2012. Enjoy!

Remodel Project

In the next few weeks, many of our remodeling projects will begin. We are committed to keeping you informed on the progress of each project.

See page 2 for the recent updates.

New Midweek Schedule

For information regarding the new midweek schedule, please see page 5.

Senior Adult Ministry

This ministry is active and vibrant! In fact, it's hard to keep up with them.

See page 4 for recent updates.



Lots of work happening around here

A pre-construction meeting was held on Thursday, August 2 where a projected schedule was developed for the project improvements with the construction companies that were awarded contracts.

- August 13: Building improvements will start on the east side of the Family Life Center. One company will take care of the HVAC, another comapny will pull the rubber membrane roof back, so another company can take out the EIFS and start laying brick.
- August 13: Work will start on the center wing remodeling project
 beginning with repairing hardware on and removing the vinyl panels on the
 moveable walls. The vinyl will then be replaced and the exterior walls will also
 be painted. Lastly, new carpet and baseboards will be installed after painting
 is completed.
- **August 20:** Shingling the pitched Sanctuary roof will begin and will take about 8-10 days to complete. Once that is finished, the flat roof project will begin.

More information will be disseminated regarding the start dates for the other projects when available. We will do our best to keep you informed of any possible schedule or project changes that could possibly effect you. For the most current upto-date information, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com. Please direct any questions to Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 276-1700, ext. 217.

First ever Gloria Dei motorcycle dinner ride!

Sunday, Aug. 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Attention motorcycle riders! There will be a dinner ride on Sunday, Aug. 19. We will meet in the church parking lot at 4:30 p.m., review safe group riding guidelines, then raise the kickstands and get ready to ride at 4:45 p.m. We will enjoy about an hour ride to Woodward and have dinner at Cayannes. Ride alone or as a couple. If there is enough interest we may schedule more rides to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the fellowship of fellow riders. If you have any questions, contact Jim Miles at miles.g.barbara@gmail.com or Pastor Burcham at rburcham@gloriadeionline.com.

Financial Peace University reunion

Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

All graduates of Financial Peace University are invited to FPU reunion at 7:30 p.m. Please come and share your success stories with each other and the new graduates of FPU. Refreshments will be provided.

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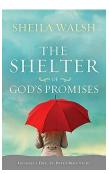
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Online book study

A 10-week online study on "The Shelter of God's Promises" by



Sheila Walsh will begin Sept. 2.
Laura Rath will lead this online study by offering a suggested reading schedule for

the week, posting thoughts on the reading and encouraging the participants to post their comments as well.

For more information, visit Laura's blog at http://www. laurarath.blogspot.com or e-mail Laura at laurajrath@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Aug. 12 at the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Claire Irene Dunker born on May 25, 2012 to Adam and Devi (nee Spencer) Dunker. Claire's spiritual sponsors are Tom and Sara Stokes.



Micah Joshua Eubanks born on May 24, 2012 to Jeffrey and Lori (nee Pitsch) Eubanks. Micah's spiritual sponsors are Allison Arlt and Nathaneil Evans.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Aug. 12 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



Louisa Marie Marzen born on July 25, 2012 to Eric and Laura (nee Harms) Marzen. Louisa's spiritual sponsors are Doug and Brenda Dickel and Alan Harms (by proxy).

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Aug. 12 are placed by Paul and Millie Seltz in celebration of their 65th anniversary on Aug. 16 and by Curt and Sandy Foreman in celebration of their 50th anniversary on Aug. 11.

Singles group

Are you single and have a heart to serve? A new singles group is starting up whose purpose is to volunteer/serve as a group out in the community. If you're interested, please come to an introductory meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at 7 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 39th & Ashworth, West Des Moines. If you're unable to attend or have questions, please contact Trudy Tompkin at singlesoutserving@yahoo.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist: 5:30 p.m. (FLC): Rev. Phil Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Phil Robarge

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

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Phil Robarge

Preacher

Rev. Phil Robarge

Organ

Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes 7:45 a.m.

Maille Sheeley

9 a.m. Elizabeth Pals

10:30 a.m. Sara Clausen

Scripture verses:

Joshua 9:3-7, 14-21 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC) Team Two

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary) Team Two

9 a.m. (Sanctuary) Team Five

10:30 a.m. (FLC) TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) Team Two

Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in 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 Paul and Millie Seltz celebrating their 65th anniversary
- For Curt and Sandy Foreman celebrating their 50th anniversary
- For Earl and Marilyn Newman celebrating their 55th anniversary

For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Shirley Kramer
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Emma Anderson
- Mary Kuefner
- Vicki Giesselmann

And for:

- Our military
- Rain for the farmers
- Our nation and world

Prayer ministry

To join the prayer team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.



Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. @ OverTime, 4810 86th Street Saturday, Sept. 8 from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

@ Gloria Dei, 8301 Aurora Ave.

Join us for a six-week study. Every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique story. This volume provides men with a biblical perspective of their story. Suggested donation for the book is \$20. If interested, please contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com or register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Arts and Craft Show

Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors are still needed for the 20th Annual Art and Craft Show. Feel free to tell your friends and neighbors that space is still available for the upcoming show in October. Proceeds help Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Hope Ministries, Joppa Outreach and the Gloria Dei's Youth Ministry.

Volunteers Needed

Joppa Homeless Outreach is in need of volunteers to make a once-a-month commitment to deliver food and supplies to the homeless of Des Moines on Sunday afternoon for approximately three hours. You will be assigned to a group that will visit the homeless camps around Des Moines. Other opportunities are available as well. Sign up at www.JoppaOutreach. org or contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

Senior Adult Ministry

Updates: This ministry seeks to assist members of the retirement and near retirement age group to participate in the mission of the church, bringing people to Christ for the first time and for a lifetime. Four ministry



action teams plan programs and events with opportunities for fellowship, service, growth and learning, and travel. Plans for the fall include mentoring of new members of the church and a trip to Branson, Mo. from Nov. 7-10.

Sunday, August 12 at 5 p.m. We will be having a potluck with a presentation concerning how to select an individual health insurance policy by Claus Bunz, a retired lawyer and Gloria Dei member.

What to bring: People with names from A to M bring a main dish or vegetable; N-S bring a salad; and T-Z bring a dessert.

Overview of presentation: Medicare hospital insurance (Medicare Part A); Medicare medical insurance (Medicare Part B); Medicare Supplement Insurance to cover the gaps in Medicare resulting from deductibles, coinsurance, excess charges and non-covered items; Medicare prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D); and Part D annual enrollment procedures. The presentation will last approximately 30 to 45 minutes and will be followed by a question and answer period. While this presentation is being sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry, all interested persons are welcome to attend. The presentation will be made by trained Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Volunteer Counselors who operate under the auspices of the Iowa Division of Insurance.

During the fiscal year July1, 2010-June 30, 2011, Iowa's SHIIP saved clients \$3,841,714.00, made 44,069 individual contacts and rendered 33,858 hours of volunteer service.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger tim@gloriadeionline.com

Castaway

Castaway will not meet in August; will resume Sunday, Sept. 9.

Junior High Families

Join us on Wednesday, August 22 or Wednesday, August 29 as we outline this year's junior high ministry opportunities.

Select the dates that are applicable to you:

Wednesday, Aug. 22

6 p.m. 8th grade families 7 p.m. 7th grade families Wednesday, Aug. 29

6 p.m. 6th grade families

7 p.m. 6-8th make up

Senior High Ministry

Families are invited on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 6-7 p.m. in the Youth Center. Join us as we share about direction and opportunities for this year's Senior High Ministry.

The Point will meet Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. at TK's house for Bible study.

Midweek Schedule

At the beginning of the summer, the Children and Youth Ministries initiated a Ministry Action Team (MAT) to look at various options to structure our Wednesday evening opportunities. In order to enhance the educational offerings for both children and youth we needed to find more space. They then invited all parents with children and youth, along with choir members to join them for an open forum. They formed another MAT to take what was communicated from the open forum and made a decision on how to proceed this fall.

It is in this light along with extensive conversations with the staff and prayer that they decided to implement the following changes starting Wednesday, Sept. 12:

Midweek Meal (5:00-6:15 p.m.)

Our midweek meal will be held in the Youth Center, which will open up the Family Life Center for Faith Alive and youth worship openings.

Children and Adult (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

6:00-6:15 p.m. Children's Ministry opening in the Family Life Center

6:15-7:00 p.m. Children's Faith Alive classes and adult classes

Youth, Adult and Choir (6:45-8:00 p.m.)

6:45-7:15 p.m. Youth Ministry opening in the Family Life Center

7:15-8:00 p.m. Junior high small groups, senior high The Point, and adult classes

7:00-8:00 p.m. Choir

We believe these changes will allow us to:

- Create more space to enhance all ministry areas. • Open up the Sanctuary.
- Move grades 3-5 to individual classrooms allowing smaller and more personal classroom environment as compared with previous years when all the classes were gathered in the Family Life Center.
- Use the Family Life Center for Faith Alive opening, which will be more conducive to reach children with the elements that are already in place in the Family Life Center, such as puppets and group involvement.
- Create more classrooms to implement senior high small groups and classrooms for adult educational offerings.
- Use the worship capacity of the Family Life Center for youth worship opening.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com or DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com. See you in the fall!

Week of August 11-18, 2012

Saturday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

Sunday, August 12

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in

Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in

Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life

Center with Communion

5:00 p.m. Sr. Adult Ministry Potluck

Monday, August 13

9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

Tuesday, August 14

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesday, August 14 (continued)

6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, August 15

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

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

Thursday, August 16

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches

Friday, August 17

5:00 p.m. Caleb Brainerd and Allison Grunst

Wedding Rehersal

Saturday, August 18

4:00 p.m. Caleb Brainerd and Allison Grunst

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

Items needed

We partner with many local organizations to help our community. Below are two small ways that we can make a huge difference to those in need.

UCAN (**Urbandale Community Action Network**) needs Kleenex and disinfecting wipes for the schools. Please place those items in the "UCAN" bin in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Ebke at 371-8646.

Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting toothpaste during the month of August. Please place your donation in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin that is located in the Narthex.

"Among Friends" conference

Songwriter Kathy Troccoli, author Liz Curtis Higgs and dramastic Donna VanLiere will be speaking at a "Among Friends" conference Friday, Oct 12 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope, 925 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines. Tickets are \$39. For more information, call 615-478-0247.

Worship (Aug. 4-5)	Attendance
Northwind	135
7:45 a.m.	112
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	267
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	204
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	101
Total	819

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.—2 Corinthians 9:7

Outpouring of Love (Aug. 4-11)		
General Fund Offerings	\$23,956	
First QTD Offering	\$153,280	
First QTD Budget	\$177,000	

Week of August 18-25, 2012

Saturday, August 18

4:00 p.m. Caleb Brainerd and Allison Grunst

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

Sunday, August 19

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in

Sanctuary with Communion

9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in

Sanctuary with Communion

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary with Communion

10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life

Center

2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus

Monday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, August 21

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 21 (continued)

2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, August 22

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

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

6:00 p.m. Jr. High Ministry Orientation - 8th grade

7:00 p.m. Jr. High Ministry Orientation - 7th grade

Thursday, August 23

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches

Friday, August 24

5:00 p.m. Adam Strachan and Hannah Ladage

Wedding Rehersal

Saturday, August 25

4:00 p.m. Adam Strachan and Hannah Ladage

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

LWML recycling project

Do something good for the environment and help the LWML raise funds for its 2015 National Convention, which will be held in Des Moines. All members are invited to bring the following recyclable items and place them in the tub located in the Narthex:

- Game consoles (include accessories and attached cords)
- Inkjet, toner and laser cartridges (virgin)
- Cell phones, PDAs, MP3 players, iPods, pagers
- Laptops, scientific and graphic calculators
- GPS systems, digital cameras, phone batteries, movie DVDs

We will not accept the following: toner bottles, fax film, any print cartridge without a metal print head (i.e., Epson and Canon), refilled or remanufactured cartridges, cordless land-line phones and bag cell phones. The LWML will collect and redeem the items for cash to pay for convention expenses. If you have questions, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Gloria Dei book club

Join the book club as they discuss "The Note II: Taking a Chance on Love" by Angela Elwell Hunt on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:15 p.m. in the cry toom.

Overview: Newspaper columnist Peyton MacGruder has returned to her job after covering the story of an ill-fated Pan World flight. Having recently discovered Christine, the daughter she gave up to an adoption agency nineteen years ago, she is reluctant to commit to the handsome sportswriter Kingston Danville. She feels she owes it to Christine to set her love life aside and make up for lost time. But when a reader challenges Peyton's advice to "let caution trump passion," Peyton determines to learn the reason behind her reader's cynicism . . . and in the process, discovers answers to her own heart-rending dilemma.

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

Educational times. We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary in the Family Life Center Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

10:30 a.m. Sunday H3 Young Family Worship in the Family Life Center Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

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.

Weekly Bible reading - Joshua 9:3-7, 14-15, 18b-21 (NIV)

However, when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, they resorted to a ruse: They went as a delegation whose donkeys were loaded with worn-out sacks and old wineskins, cracked and mended. The men put worn and patched sandals on their feet and wore old clothes. All the bread of their food supply was dry and moldy. Then they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country; make a treaty with us." The men of Israel sampled their provisions but did not inquire of the LORD. Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath. The whole assembly grumbled against the leaders, but all the leaders answered, "We have given them our oath by the LORD, the God of Israel, and we cannot touch them now. This is what we will do to them: We will let them live, so that wrath will not fall on us for breaking the oath we swore to them." They continued, "Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and water carriers for the entire community." So the leaders' promise to them was kept.

Educational times will not be held in August but will resume Sept. 8 and 9.

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 a.m.

Faith Alive

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Join us in the fall.

Youth (grades 6-12) Times vary, check page 5.

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, nonalcoholic 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.