



## Getting past your Jordan

*Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." Joshua 3:5*

The years in the wilderness were filled with wrath and death, but those times have now expired—the children of Israel are poised to enter into Canaan. They are ready to claim their inheritance in the land of promise. However, before they can enter Canaan, they must first get past one final, major obstacle—the rapidly flooding Jordan River.

With boldness and faith Joshua gives the order to the priests, "When you reach the edge of the Jordan's water, go and stand in the river." In other words, the priests had to put their feet into the raging river. He then orders the entire nation to break camp, which is no small undertaking. If Joshua has misinterpreted God's command or God changes his mind—Joshua will have made an incredible mistake.

The tension continues, Joshua commanded the people to follow the priests into the river! Can you feel the suspense? Joshua, the priests, the people remembering their wilderness experience while looking at the river rushing before them. Do we stay, or do we go? This is not only a step of faith that the waters will not harm them, but also a forward motion of leaving their 40-year wilderness routine behind them. The promised land was near, but the risks were high if they put their feet in the river. There was no way they could cross this river on their own! They needed supernatural help.

As we read the story, we see the happy ending, but they did not. They were required to believe the promise of God by stepping out in faith. It was not easy, it took plenty of courage for them to step out on God's promises.

Similarly in our lives, we will all be called to step out in faith in some area of life—to put our feet in the water, following God's lead, leaving behind the familiar while reaching toward God's calling. At that point, we need to fully realize that God's promises are larger than our Jordans and that we need supernatural help to take faith's first step.

## Singer and songwriter meeting

**Sunday, July 29 from 5-6 p.m.**

In order to experience the power of community and support, we will provide musicians with an opportunity to share and improve their playing, singing and writing abilities in a positive, creative and supportive environment. All levels of musicians, singers, songwriters, poets, story-tellers and artists are invited to share in the experience. Here is all you need: something you would like to work on. For example, bring your instrument with the idea of singing a favorite song, singing one you have written, reading your song lyrics or poem, or just playing a few chords. If you have questions, please contact Stan Greenwood at 255-0219.

## 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!

## Pool party

**Sunday, July 22 from 5-7 p.m.**

It seems our pool party would be a great segue to this week's message. Don't you think? So, invite your friends, neighbors to the Urbandale Swimming Pool for an evening of fun. And its free!

## Summer VBS

One more week left! Grab your children and your neighbors to attend this Wednesday's VBS.

## Family event

Your entire family can come watch the Iowa Cubs baseball on Friday, August 3 at 7 p.m. at Principal Park. Tickets are \$6 per person. Sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. Sign up by July 25.

## Aurora Campus Improvements updates

The work has begun! The sidewalk repair is completed, what's next? We are aligning all the work so that the majority of the other projects can begin in August. These projects include the replacement of the shingles on the pitched and flat roof, the EIFs, tuckpointing, carpeting in the center wing and Gathering Place, Center wing walls, FLC upgrades and ground maintenance. We will keep you posted as we progress toward working on all these projects.

## Missionary to speak at Gloria Dei

**Saturday evening, August 4 in the Family Life Center (after worship)**

Cristian Santiago, a man of passion and commitment to reach out to children in need in the Dominican Republic through the development and expansion of the Lighthouse School in the Los Alcarrizos community will speak at Gloria Dei.



*Cristian Santiago*

Last February, Bill Clark and other members saw and contributed to the work firsthand when they dedicated the newly constructed "Project 52 Treye Blythe Gymnasium" on the school grounds.

"Continuing to work with Cristian and his efforts will help so many children," says Bill. "Since Cristian is at ground level, he understands the dynamics of the community.

Therefore, by supporting his efforts, we can make an impact on a community that is in need, thus fulfilling the great commission."

The community of Los Alcarrizos has a growing population of more than 300,000 people, most of whom live in slums with little infrastructure and few schools. Thousands of children receive no education because of limited space in the few public schools that do exist. To address this, Careforce International has partnered with Juventud para Cristo (YFC) in the development and expansion of the Lighthouse School, constructing a primary and secondary school and a training center. Today the school has over 1,150 students in pre-school to grade 12 receiving a Christian education. The vocational training center currently teaches valuable skills to nearly 200 students in such areas as English, business management, computers, and other technical fields. To date, more than 3,000 people have benefited from this initiative.

So, please mark your calendar to attend Cristian's presentation.

### Medical Supplies to Dominican Republic

When the team traveled to Los Alcarrizos in February, they discovered the great needs of a local hospital. Since their return, they have been collecting supplies and sending them down with other groups traveling to the Dominican Republic. A big thanks goes to Cheryl Gilg for spearheading this effort.

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## Book Club

**Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cry Room**

August's read: "The Trophy Wives Club" by Kristin Billerbeck.

Haley Cutler is the consummate trophy wife. Perhaps was is the more accurate term. Haley married Prince Charming when she was only 20.

Unfortunately, after seven years as Jay Cutler's wife, a role that provided significance and what she thought was love, Jay walks out, and Haley finds herself with few life skills that translate to the real world, not to mention a sense of amnesia about who she used to be.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 22 at the 9 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center is for:

**C** Cora Diana French born on July 19, 2011 to Jon and Stephanie (nee Angleson) French. Cora's spiritual sponsors are Matthew Angelson and Kristin Austrum.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 22 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:

**A** Austin Robert Gronau born on May 30, 2012 to Jarad and Pam (nee Hamilton) Gronau. Austin's spiritual sponsors are Jenn Heiden and Christi Scherber.

**B** Brayden Ray Gronau born on May 30, 2012 to Jarad and Pam (nee Hamilton) Gronau. Brayden's spiritual sponsors are Jenn Heiden and Christi Scherber.

## Bell Choir

Gloria Dei is in need of a qualified individual to direct the Bell Choir. If you are interested, please email Steve Kowbel at [skowbel@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:skowbel@gloriadeionline.com).

## Long-term care

**Saturday, July 28 at 2 p.m.**

The Two Rivers Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring a panel of knowledgeable persons on the subject of long-term care for seniors at Luther Park Community Center, 1555 Hull Ave., Des Moines. To reserve a seat, call Lon Friesth at 276-1527.

## 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 our families

## For the health of

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

## And for:

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

## Prayer ministry

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

### Servers

<p><b>Officiant/Liturgist:</b>  <b>5:30 p.m. (FLC):</b>                  Rev. Ron Burcham</p> <p><b>7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b>                  Rev. Ron Burcham</p> <p><b>9 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b>                  Rev. Ron Burcham</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (FLC):</b>                  Rev. Tim Phillips</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):</b>                  Rev. Ron Burcham</p> <p><b>Preacher</b>                  Rev. Ron Burcham</p>	<p><b>Organ</b>                  Kathy Brammeier</p> <p><b>Acolytes</b>  <b>7:45 a.m.</b>                  Hannah Sawyer</p> <p><b>9 a.m.</b>                  MacKenzie Burcham</p>	<p><b>Hospitality Teams</b>                  Northwind (FLC)                  Team Three</p> <p><b>7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b>                  Team Three</p> <p><b>9 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b>                  Team Two</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (FLC)</b>                  TBD</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)</b>                  Team Three</p>
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**Scripture verses:**  
 Joshua 3:1-4, 6, 14-17  
 and Matthew 10:5-16  
 (NIV)



# A mountaintop experience among the poorest of the poor

by Bill Clark

*Thank you to everyone who supported the trip by prayers, financial support, and donating quilts, blankets and Bibles. Everyone should take a mission trip one time in their life! I can write a story about it, take pictures and even videotape it but until you wear it on your skin, I cannot do justice to the experience of serving others.*

This was my eighth trip to Honduras to serve on a mission trip. Every trip is a bit different but they all are the same in the honor and privilege it is serve the least of these. Poverty is worldwide, and the need is great.

Through these trips, I have experienced the effects of poverty. One of the basic challenges of poverty is the availability of water. The average American uses 300 gallons of water per day. If you had to carry that water from a water source one mile away with a five-gallon bucket, it would take you eight hours each day and weigh more than 2,500 pounds! Your choice for water would then be to buy it or to collect it when it rains.

This year we served Monday and Tuesday in the Colonia of Nueva Capital in Northwest Tegucigalpa. The church was literally on top of a mountain. The road leading to the church was full of ruts scattered with large rocks. The unemployment rate in Tegucigalpa is around 42 percent; in Nueva Capital it's more than 80 percent. Since the city is on top of a mountain with no water source, all the water must be brought in by truck. In addition, there is no sewer service and crime rates are very high. A local missionary said that Nueva Capital is the poorest of the

poor in Honduras. However, for what the Hondurans lack in basic needs, they show an amazing faith in their personal lives. When we talk about Jesus during the medical, dental and optical brigades, we often learn and see stronger faith in the Hondurans than we see in ourselves.

It seems every year one person sticks out in my mind.

This year, Antonia, a 66-year-old woman who has diabetes and high blood pressure, captured my attention. After we visited about her family, I asked her about her faith. She told me that she is a good person and thinks she might go to heaven but she doesn't know. I asked her if she knew about the promise God made when he sent his Jesus to die for our sins. She responded with a confused look. I asked if she would like to hear the story of

Jesus Christ and she nodded yes. After we shared, she said she would like to recommit her life to Jesus Christ. We prayed the sinners prayer with her as well as praying for her and her family. After we prayed, Antonia said she felt a presence come over her and a change inside. We wrote Antonia's name in a Bible, which she will receive from the local pastor on Sunday. My visit with Antonia was my mountaintop experience for 2012!



*Antonio and interrupter, Angelina, spends some time with Bill.*

## Senior Adult Ministry



**Sunday, July 22, at 2 p.m.** Sing along, relax and enjoy fun and fellowship at the "Music and Wellness" program The event will be held in the Family Life Center, with organ music provided by Critchett's. Light refreshments are planned. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

**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.



# Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger  
tim@gloriadeionline.com

## Summer Castaway

Summer Castaway meets on Sundays at 9:20 a.m.  
July 22: Lessons from the Book of Joshua

## Family Events

**Sunday, July 22 from 5-7 p.m.**  
Invite your friends to this free pool party at  
Urbandale Swimming Pool.

**Friday, August 3 at 7 p.m.** Your entire family  
can come watch the Iowa Cubs baseball at  
Principal Park. Tickets are \$6 per person. Sign-  
up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. Sign up  
by July 25.



*The youth at an evening gathering during their mission trip to New York.*

## The Point

The senior high youth would like to invite the 8th graders to join us for The Point on Wednesdays. We will assist with VBS and then head to Wynnsong to watch a movie. Join us!

## Girls! Girls! It was a girls' week at Gloria Dei



Girls of all ages gathered last week for a variety of camps. They learned about life as a girl in past times and how God has made each of them his unique masterpieces.

# Week of July 21-28, 2012

## Saturday, July 21

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## Sunday, July 22

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 2:00 p.m. Organ Sing-A-Long

## Monday, July 23

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Elementary
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Faith on Target Archery Camp for Preteens
- 6:00 p.m. Getting in the Game Sports Camp

## Tuesday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Elementary

## Tuesday, July 24 (continued)

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Faith on Target Archery Camp for Preteens
- 6:00 p.m. Getting in the Game Sports Camp
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, July 25

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Elementary
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. The Point-Senior High Summer Schedule
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School

## Thursday, July 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Elementary
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Music Meeting

## Friday, July 27

No scheduled events

## Saturday, July 28

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## 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** needs Kleenex and paper towels in July. Please place those items in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin that is located in the Narthex.

Worship (July 14-15)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	146	
7:45 a.m.	96	84
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	285	246
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	172	114
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	71	
<b>Total</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>444</b>

Our Accounting Manager, Shari Smith, is out of the office; when she returns, we will provide all current offering information. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 276-1700.



# Week of July 28-August 4, 2012

## Saturday, July 28

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center  
5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## Sunday, July 29

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary  
9:20 a.m. Summer Castaway  
9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center  
10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place  
5:00 p.m. Singer Songwriter Meeting

## Monday, July 30

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study

## Tuesday, July 31

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University  
6:00 p.m. Governing Board  
7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, August 1

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

## Thursday, August 2

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

## Friday, August 3

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Club of West Des Moines  
5:30 p.m. David Baker and Danielle Larimer Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. David Baker and Danielle Larimer Rehearsal Dinner

## Saturday, August 4

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Chest Cutting  
10:00 a.m. David Baker and Danielle Larimer Luncheon  
3:00 p.m. David Baker and Danielle Larimer Wedding  
5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center  
6:30 p.m. Presentation by Cristian Santiago

## 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 during the months of July and October 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.

## Mega garage sale

**Thursday, August 9 from 4-8 p.m. • Friday, August 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Saturday, August 11 from 8 a.m. to noon**

Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary will hold a mega garage sale at Johnston Lion's Club, 6401 Merle Hay Road, Johnston. (Please note: there is a \$2.00 early admission charge for Thursday night only.) All funds will support military: soldiers, airmen and families, including scholarships. Donations are needed; please drop off pre-priced items at Johnston Lion's Club on Thursday, August 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# 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.

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## Weekly Bible reading - Joshua 3:1-4, 6 and 14-16 (NIV)

Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. After three days the officers went throughout the camp, giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about a thousand yards[a] between you and the ark; do not go near it.

Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people." So they took it up and went ahead of them.

So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing.

## Educational times

**Children** (ages 2- grade 5)

**Summer 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.

**Adults**

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

## 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.