



Building up faith/tearing down walls

Last week, we witnessed the Israelites miraculous crossing to the Promised Land via the dry Jordan River. After this amazing incident, God instructed Joshua to command twelve men to each pick up a stone and place them together as a memorial to show all generations God's mighty act. Soon echoes of Israelites' phenomenon and the God who rescued them reverberated throughout the Promised Land and men feared.



There's been a major shift, a complete reversal in the hearts of the Israelites and the inhabitants of Jericho. Instead of God's chosen people being afraid, the inhabitants of Jericho were running from the Israelites! Fear was so prevalent that even the strong city of Jericho was on lock-down. Quite a turn of events from the time when the spies secretly visited and hid in Jericho, don't you think?

Soon the Lord gave Joshua specific instructions on how the priests and the armed men were to circle the city for six days and then on the seventh day, the people were to "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord."

And as we know, the wall collapsed, quickly and completely. Miraculously smashed. Gone. Destroyed. One minute strong, the next second destroyed. A few months ago, this wall represented a major obstacle and its inhabitants caused trepidation and fear to Israel, but now their stronghold is shattered.

In Ephesians, we read about another stronghold that was completely torn down through the body of Christ on the cross.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Ephesians 2:14-18

Through the blood of Christ, the wall that once separated us has been destroyed. We are now ushered into the presence of God. All strongholds in life have been demolished. Insecurity, fear, depression, lack of hope, strife, jealousy, envy and addictions have been taken care of by the blood of Christ.

Sound a little bit too simplistic? Perhaps it is because we all have things in our life that weigh us down. Sometimes those strongholds have lived with us for so long that we think they are normal. And like the inhabitants of Jericho, they are powerful. But what would happen if we truly believed that those strongholds have already been shattered? Would we live differently? Would it change our perspective on the grip they have on our lives? Let's go back in time to the walls of Jericho and see God's heart when facing impenetrable walls.

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 Alcarrazos community will speak at Gloria Dei. So, please mark your calendar to attend Cristian's presentation.

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!

Singer and songwriter meeting

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

All levels of musicians, singers, songwriters, poets, story-tellers and artists are invited to share in the experience.

Bell Choir

Gloria Dei is in need of a qualified individual to direct the Bell Choir. If you are interested, please e-mail Steve Kowbel at skowbel@gloriadeionline.com.

Grace Place

This is the last week of Summer Grace Place. It has been a great time with the children! Fall Grace Place will begin Sept. 8 and 9, see you then!

Prior fiscal year financial update

The following financial information is for the fiscal-year ending June 30, 2012.

Giving offering compared to prior year

Offering income shows an increase of \$20,957, or 1.33 percent compared to the prior year.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	Jul '11 - Jun '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
1,572,525	1,593,482	20,957	1.33%

Budgeted giving offering

Offering income shows a decrease of \$106,518, or 6.27 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '11 - Jun '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
1,593,482	1,700,000	(106,518)	-6.27%

Total income compared to prior year

Total income, which includes giving, preschool tuition, building usage fees and other small revenue items, shows an increase of \$33,921, or 1.93 percent compared to the prior year.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	Jul '11 - Jun '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
1,761,959	1,795,880	33,921	1.93%

Budgeted total income

Total income shows a decrease of \$126,515, or 5.48 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '11 - Jun '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
1,795,880	1,900,000	(104,120)	-5.48%

Expenses compared to prior year

Expenses show a decrease of \$8,003, or 0.46 percent compared to the prior year.

Jul '10 - Jun '11	Jul '11 - Jun '12	Difference +/-	% Incr/-Decr
1,726,128	1,718,126	(8,002)	-0.46%

Budgeted expenses

Expenses show a decrease of \$181,251, or 9.54 percent of our estimated budget.

Jul '11 - Jun '12	Budgeted	Over/Under	% Incr/-Decr
1,718,126	1,899,377	(181,251)	-9.54%

Additional Information

The increase in total income comes from the increase in general fund giving and preschool tuition. The majority of the reduction of expenses for the year is due to the refinance of the building loans. Since overall income was less than budgeted, expenses were kept low in many areas for cash flow purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 515-276-1700 ext. 217.

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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 when she 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 29 at the 9 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center is for:



J Jeffrey Allen Christensen born on March 31, 2012 to Nathan and Julie (nee Yeager) Christensen. Jeffrey's spiritual sponsors are Bruce and Diane Christensen.

Work from Ugandan artist can be purchased

Gloria Dei's Toolshoppe will be selling artwork created by artist Godfrey Kalungi. Godfrey is a 28-year-old artist in Uganda, Africa who hand paints beautiful batiks. Starting with the cloth, Godfrey uses a process of pouring wax on the cloth to dry, outlining the design, painting his creation, and laying the batik out to dry in the warm African sun. He has had no formal training and his designs come from things that inspire him. Here are some highlights on Godfrey:

- Godfrey is one of nine children.
- He works to sell his art to support his younger siblings as they go through school because his parents are too old to help.
- Godfrey receives less than \$4 per piece in Uganda, so this presents challenges in bringing in enough income to help his family. The Toolshoppe will be selling them for \$25. All of the proceeds from the sale of the batiks go directly back to Godfrey to help him buy more supplies and support his family.



Artwork created by Godfrey can be purchased today at the Toolshoppe.

Emily Raecker and the Shining City Foundation are working to help Godfrey gain more profit through new markets in the United States. Godfrey is a Christian man who is very grateful that his prayers for an expanded market have been answered. So, please stop in the Toolshoppe this weekend to see these beautiful pieces of art.

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

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

10:30 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Phil Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ

Jennette Morrison

Acolytes

7:45 a.m.

Trenton Meyeraan

Scripture verses:

Joshua 6:1-5, 15-16,
20 and
Hebrews 12:7-12
(NIV)

Hospitality Teams

Northwind (FLC)

Team Four

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Four

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Three

10:30 a.m. (FLC)

TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Team Four

Donation received



Representatives from Iowa National Guard Officers Association Auxiliary were present to receive the Patriotic Concert donation of \$1,556.55. Pictured from bottom left: Heather Jacobus, auxiliary's vice president, Lori Meyer, auxiliary's president, David Webster, Patriotic Concert conductor, Chris Onsrud, Director of Production and Lesli Clark, Gloria Dei member and Patriotic Concert coordinator.



The 20th Annual Gloria Dei Arts and Craft Show sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. If interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360, or check out the link at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Greece and Rome tour

Travel to Greece and Rome for 10 days to learn about Paul's visits to Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Phillippi, Rome, and more! The tour is scheduled to depart from Des Moines on Feb. 1, 2013. For more information please contact the tour host, Rev. Michael Wolfram, Trinity Lutheran Church, Des Moines at 988-4324 or mcwolfram@aol.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; people with names from 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 July 1, 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. In that time period, there were 340 Iowa SHIIP volunteer counselors, 108 sponsor coordinators and 108 sponsor sites. SHIIP volunteer services are available in 89 Iowa counties.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Summer Castaway

Summer Castaway meets on Sundays at 9:20 a.m.
July 29: Lessons from the Book of Joshua

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

Senior High Ministry

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

Campers create masterpieces



Artists of all ages enjoyed the fine art of creating masterpieces while learning how they are all God's masterpieces during last week's camps.

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
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Planning Meeting

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
- 6:00 p.m. David Baker and Danielle Larimer Rehearsal Dinner

Saturday, August 4

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Chest Cutting
- 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

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.

Worship (July 21-22)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	138	96
7:45 a.m.	88	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	255	
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	233	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	87	34
Total	801	130

Outpouring of Love (July 15-21)	
General Fund Offerings	\$35,557
First QTD Offering	\$80,581
First QTD Budget	\$93,000

Outpouring of Love (July 22-28)	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,754
First QTD Offering	\$99,335
First QTD Budget	\$118,000

Week of August 4-11, 2012

Saturday, August 4

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Chest Cutting
- 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

Sunday, August 5

- 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

Monday, August 6

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, August 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, August 8

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

Thursday, August 9

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

Friday, August 10

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, August 11

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 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 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.

Weekly Bible reading - Hebrews 12:7-13 (NIV)

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. Make level paths for your feet,"so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

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

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.

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.