



*Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime!*

## We are taking "The Story" to the parking lot

Get out your sports gear, and meet in the parking lot Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7 for our second tailgating party.

And to ramp up the competition, we are hosting a donation drive to help some of our city partnerships.

Here is how it will work: In the Narthex, we will have a designated place for Cyclone and Hawkeye fans to drop off their donations from Oct. 6-14. Okay, before you get too excited, we will also have a place for all you other sports fans to band together.

A judge (not from Iowa, of course) will determine whose team demonstrated the most generosity through cash, volunteer sign-ups and physical donations.

For a list of items needed, please check our Web site.

### Small Group Studies

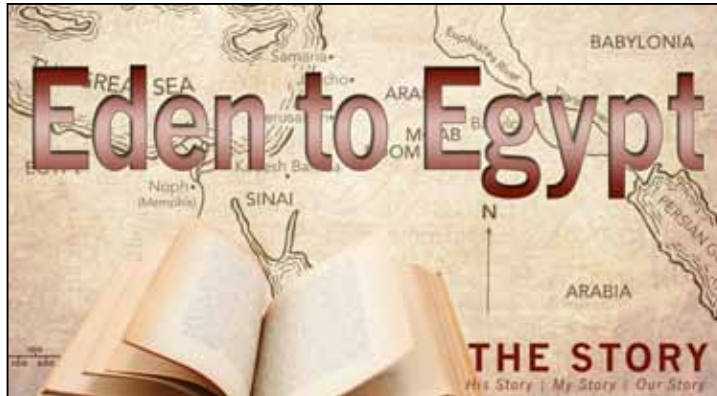
It's not too late!

Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m., or Sunday mornings from 9:15-10, 9:50-10:50 and 10:45-11:30 a.m.

### Storytelling Workshop

Sat. Sept. 29 at 8:30 a.m.

Join us for an interactive workshop that will unfold the power of stories. The cost is \$10, and includes continental breakfast. For more information, go to our Web site.



### Abraham Tested

*Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."*

Genesis 22:2

## Chapter Two: God Builds a Nation

Today's journey begins with an unlikely character who God chose to be the "father of many nations." If you recall, Abram was 75 years old, when God called him from all his normalcy to a place where he did not know. Abram's credentials were less than stellar—his family worshipped false gods and his wife, Sarai was barren. To build the suspense, the promise wasn't completely fulfilled until Isaac was born 25 years later. Of course, during those 25 years, we see an unfavorable and common attribute that plagues mankind—an uncanny ability to rely on our own power; thus, the scandal of Hagar and Ishmael unfolds.

"No thanks, God, we got this one covered," seems to be an easy mindset to develop, doesn't it? But God's patience and grace wins despite Abraham's previous miscalculations. The story continues when God tested Abraham in the region of Moriah by commanding him to kill Isaac, his one and only son. God stops Abraham from carrying out the plan in the nick of time because God will not ask us to do what only he can do.

Do you ever feel unworthy or not qualified to be a part of God's story? Not the right family credentials? Your past is steeped with regret? You have absolutely no special talents? Your life has always been marked with disappointment? Look no further than to God's Word to see the people who were recruited to do his work. They were not even remotely qualified. Instead it was God who would work through them. The same thing happens today as God works through us. It is never about what we can do, but what God can do.....this is after all his story!

*But he (God) said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9*

## Our Story...Stephen Ministry

You probably don't know the stories—or even know they exist, but they are taking place all around you. There is the man who sat near you during worship who was just months from retirement when the doctors informed him of the cancer. There is the woman you passed in the church parking lot who lost a child and now her job. And then there is the recent college graduate who attends the men's Bible study with dozens of others, yet feels all alone.

Galatians 6:2 reads: *"Carry each other's burdens."*

So, how do we, individually and collectively, fulfill these four words? One avenue is through Stephen Ministry. When an individual's story takes an unexpected or painful turn, our Stephen Ministers are providing the care; and Christ is providing the cure. *(continue on page two)*



## My Stories | Our Stories

Look around you today. Every person you see has a story. And even though stories vary—some are victorious, some are inspiring, while others are rocked with difficulties and hardships—they all have one thing in common. The character in each story is passionately loved by the Creator of the universe. And so, in the upcoming weeks, we will feature a story or two, to show all the dimensions of being human—the joys, the sorrows, the triumphs and the pain. We pray these stories will encourage you to realize that we are in this journey together, living in a fallen world, but ultimately loved by our Lord. So whatever spectrum of life your story falls into, remember that God is present to walk with you.

### A story... by Bill Jesse, Executive Director

How does a seventeen-year-old's desire to be a Lutheran school teacher ultimately turn into a dedicated church worker? My story starts with a college choice that needed to include a football team, which became a deciding factor in my college choice. I began my college years at Buena Vista College instead of Concordia. I still wanted to be a teacher, so that was my career path. I began teaching and coaching football and track and worked closely with the youth. Eventually, after more course work at Drake, I became a principal of the elementary level and then the middle-school level, then a K-12 director of curriculum, and finally a school superintendent, all in Iowa schools.



*Bill with his wife, Sue, who have been married for 41 years.*

When my fervor for being in the educational system declined, I retired in 2005 and moved to the Des Moines area. After a short retirement, I embarked on a second career as a training supervisor for an insurance company. Then not too long after I was working in that position, my daughter-

in-law saw an announcement in her church bulletin at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Polk City. The ad was for the Executive Director position at Gloria Dei. She sent me the bulletin and that started me thinking—me, working in a church? It was many years since I had thought about being a full-time worker in a church. But, I did have the experience as a school administrator—leadership and management skills and budget knowledge—the perfect set-up for the job at Gloria Dei. I decided to contact the church, had an interview and sat back and waited, thinking I didn't get the job. Three weeks later, I was asked to come in for a second interview and met with Pastor Burcham and the Governing Board. God had answered my prayers and I was finally fulfilling my teenage thoughts of being a full-time church worker.

I've always felt that the church is a way to connect to the community and the Lord has provided me with many opportunities throughout my life teaching Sunday School and singing in church choirs. One of the first people I met at Gloria Dei was one of my former football players who came over and greeted me. I then knew and felt that I was in the right place. In the future, I'd like to be involved in mission work, perhaps going on a mission trip that our church sponsors. I'm Bill Jesse. This is my story...this is God's story.

### Our story...Stephen Ministry

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Named after a lay person commissioned by the Apostles to provide ministry to those in need, Stephen Ministry serves church and community members through more than 9,000 congregations. At Gloria Dei, nearly two dozen trained individuals walk with those struggling through life's most difficult times. Support is confidential, Christ-centered, and personalized to each care receiver.

If you need someone to cry with, pray with, or simply listen, "we're there for you," says Fred Spath, a Stephen Minister since 2006. "So many individuals hesitate to reach out for support, but when they do they'll find the Lord is the one leading this ministry. And we're confident you won't regret the decision."

Your struggles are real and Stephen Ministry is designed to be an extension of pastoral care. Individuals are trained to minister to individuals dealing with everything from divorce and illness to finances and parenting challenges. If something is keeping you up at night, know you don't have to go through it alone. Having someone to talk to or walk with you during life's struggles, big or small, can make the journey more manageable.

*"...Show mercy and compassion to one another." Zechariah 7:9*

Emotional, physical and spiritual health are intertwined. We're Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and this is our story of Stephen Ministry... this is God's story.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 23 at the 11 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



**B** Breah Kay Hittenmiller born on Aug. 8, 2012 to Todd and Trisha (nee Burke) Hittenmiller. Breah's spiritual sponsors are Stacey Burke, and Irwin and Tricia Oltmanns.

## Pastoral Conference

Gloria Dei will host the Pastoral Conference for Iowa District West (IDW) on Oct. 1-2. We are expecting approximately 250 pastors and their wives for a time of worship, teachings and fellowship. The congregation is invited to the opening worship service Monday at 9:45 a.m. where President Sieveking will preach.

## Construction updates

**Center Wing:** You may want to journey down the hall to the center wing because all the work is completed!

**Masonry Project:** Brick laying has been completed on the east and north sides of the FLC. Bricks are being laid on the west and the EIFS has been removed from the south side.

**The Flat Membrane roof (EPDM)** The flat roofs on the south side of the Sanctuary have been completed. Work will be moved to the east side of the FLC. The flat roof over the office area will follow.

## A point of clarification

Last week Pastor Burcham quoted from Randy Frazee's book "The Heart of the Story" concerning putting the universe in perspective. In the book Rev. Frazee says that if we reduce the size of the Milky Way by a factor of one billion that the Sun would be the size of a man, the moon the size of a basketball, and the earth the size of a grape. In references on the Web site where Rev. Frazee got his information it was discovered that he misquoted the source. The moon is the distance of about a basketball from the earth. In reality the moon is much smaller than the earth.

### Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**  
5:30 p.m. (FLC)  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary):**  
Rev. Phil Robarge

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Rev. Phil Robarge

**10 a.m. (FLC)**  
Rev. Tim Phillips

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Preacher**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Organ**  
Sue Jesse

**Acolytes:**  
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
Peyton Swift

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Noah Hoffman

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Sam Onsrud

**Scripture verses:**  
Genesis 22:1-12 &  
Hebrews 11:17-19 (NIV)

**Hospitality Teams**  
5:30 p.m. (FLC)  
Team Four

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team Four

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team One

**10 a.m. (FLC)**  
TBD

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**  
Team Four

## 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

- John and Darla Griffith, celebrating their 20th anniversary on Sept. 26
- The birth of Stolley Elizabeth Schramm on Sept. 17
- The birth of Liam Christian Grundmeier on Sept. 17

## For the health of

- Stan Knapp
- Kurt Zimmerman's uncle, Lenny Breyen
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Craig and Cindi Dawson's infant son, Max
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Mary Kuefner
- Christine Watson

## And for:

- Comfort for the families of the Foreign Service Officers who were killed in Libya
- Our nation and world

## Prayer ministry

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

## Scrapbook Fellowship

The scrapbook fellowship will be selling its unused/leftover scrapbooking supplies at this year's Arts and Craft Show. If you have any unwanted scrapbooking supplies (paper, stickers, tools, etc.) to donate to the sale, please contact Deb Kesse at 778-2219 or Jenny Lappin at 314-1116 for more information. All the proceeds will be donated to charity.

## Book club

Join the Book Club as they discuss "Back to Life" by Kristin Billerbeck on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 6:15 p.m. For more information, e-mail [gloriadeibookclub@hotmail.com](mailto:gloriadeibookclub@hotmail.com).

## Discovery Class New Members

**Thursdays, Oct. 4, 11 and Sunday, Oct. 14**

This class is for those who desire to join Gloria Dei, whether new to the Lutheran faith or transferring from another Lutheran church. We will revisit the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to grow in our faith in God and service to others. Please register for this class. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at [probarge@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:probarge@gloriadeionline.com).

## Senior Adult Ministry

**Please note: Since this tour fills up fast, please reserve your spot today. Deposit is not due until next year.** The Senior Adult Ministry is planning a New England fall foliage tour from Oct. 3-15, 2013. The highlights include: a motor coach round trip tour, 12 nights lodging, 20 meals, tours of lots of sites in New England. A \$200 deposit is required at the beginning of the year with balance due 60 days prior to the tour date. The cost is \$1,899 for double occupancy, \$1,821 for triple occupancy, etc. For reservations, contact Margaret at 223-1468. For more details, call Eloise Rinderknecht at 225-2225.

## 20th Annual Arts and Craft Show



Join us for the 20th Annual Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feel free to tell your friends and neighbors about the upcoming show.

**Baked goods:** Pull out your favorite recipes. We'll start wrapping on Friday, Oct. 12 from 6-9 p.m. We will gladly accept donations up until noon on Saturday. If you can bake, or help wrap, there's a sign-up sheet and labels in the Narthex. Please write on the label if your recipe includes nuts, or if it is gluten free or anything else a buyer needs to know.

**Help needed during the show.** We need help in the Café and the Bake Sale table. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can spare an hour or two any time during the day. It's a lot of fun – no experience needed!

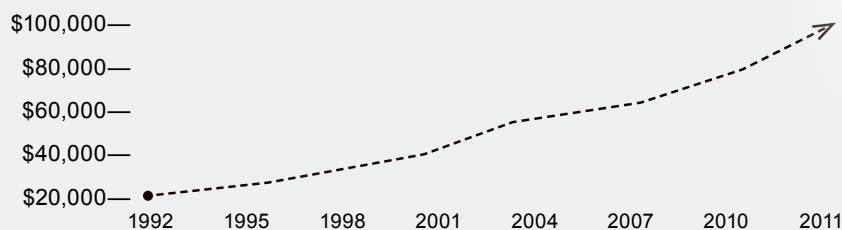
**Water and soda needed:** If you would like to donate water or soda, please sign up in the Narthex today.

**Café:** Enjoy cinnamon rolls, pie slices, beefburgers, hotdogs and much more at the café located next to the kitchen.

**Clean-up helpers needed after the show.** Got muscle? Like to clean? We need help cleaning up Saturday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. If you want to help, call Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Proceeds help Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Hope Ministries, Joppa Outreach and Gloria Dei's Youth Ministry.

### History of money raised by Arts & Craft Show



**Goal- \$100,000!**

#### Exciting News:

Since 1992, LWML has earned \$98,479 for missions! This year's goal is to surpass the \$100,000 mark.

## **Gloria Dei Youth Ministry**

### **Junior High (grades 6-8)**

**Castaway** - Castaway is on Sundays from 9:50-10:30 a.m. and 11:20-noon in the Youth Center.

**Small groups** - Wednesdays from 6:45-8 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups discussing various topics.

**Acolytes** - Sign up on the bulletin board today.

**Café 923 - Friday, Sept. 28 from 6-9 p.m.** This is a unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun.

### **Grades 8-12**

It is not too late to sign up for the.....National Youth Gathering from July 1-5 in San Antonio, Texas or the Racine, Wisconsin mission trip from June 15-22. See the youth bulletin board.

## **Senior High Ministry (grades 9-12)**

### **Senior High Bible study**

Join us Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. as we discuss the weekend sermon topic and relate it to life as a teenager.

### **The Point**

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8 p.m. for praise, teaching and small group.

### **Senior High Youth Gathering**

November 16-18 The \$50 deposit is due by Sept. 26, the total cost is \$180. For information, go to the youth bulletin board.

## **Consignment Sale**

Tiny Treasures' fall children's consignment sale will be held on Friday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8 to 11 a.m. Items for sale will include clothing, toys, books, baby accessories, bedding, decor, DVDs and children's furniture. If you would like to be a seller, please pick up a registration form at a welcome center, preschool office or print one on-line. For more information, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at [jollynn@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:jollynn@gloriadeionline.com).

## **Mother Daughter Walk**

**Sunday, Oct. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Join us in the fight against breast cancer as we walk and talk together and then hear inspirational speakers as we enjoy tea and fellowship. All proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society.

Cost is \$40 per mother/daughter team of two and \$15 for each additional team member. Register and pay online at [gloriadeionline.com](http://gloriadeionline.com).

## **BoyZ of Faith**

**Sunday, Sept. 23, from 6-7:15 p.m.**

BoyZ of Faith is a group for boys in grades 4 and 5 that meets twice a month for bonding time, Bible study, crafts, activities, snacks and lots of fun.

## **GirlZ of Faith**

**Sunday, Oct. 7 from 6-7:15 p.m.**

GirlZ of Faith is a group for girls in grades 4 and 5 that meets twice a month. It will be a time for fellowship, Bible study, crafts, snacks and tons of fun.

## **Faith Alive meal**

**Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 5-6:15 p.m.**

**Meatloaf** - Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei in the Gathering Place on Wednesday evenings during the school year. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children 2 and under eat free.

## **Bible event for 3-year-olds**

**Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 6:15-7:15 p.m.**

This event is for 3-year-olds and their parents. Each student will receive a Bible. This hands-on event will help children and parents understand the importance of God's Word.

Contact DeAnn McCue at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com).

# Week of September 22-29, 2012

## Saturday, September 22

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, September 23

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 6:00 p.m. Boyz of Faith

## Monday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Moms Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Tuesday, September 25

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, September 26

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study (cancelled)
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2 (off-site)

## Thursday, September 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery New Member Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

## Friday, September 28

- 6:00 p.m. Café 923

## Saturday, September 29

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 8:30 a.m. The Storytelling Workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Hedge apples

This might be an unusual request, but nonetheless, the Garden Club needs hedge apples for their outdoor displays. If you have a hedge apple tree, and want to donate this bright green fruit to a worthy cause, please bring them into the office this week (minus the bugs, of course).

## Thank you

The Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary (INGOAux) wishes to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,156.55. It is a great privilege for our organization to serve the families of Iowa's National Guard. As a result of your donation, we will be able to accomplish this endeavor more effectively. Sincerely, Denise Bogle, Secretary.

Worship (Sept. 15-16)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	177	
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	161	134
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	417	274
10 a.m. (FLC)	101	
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	197	126
<b>Total</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>534</b>

Outpouring of Love (Sept. 15-22)	
General Fund Offerings	\$49,976
First QTD Offering	\$332,339
First QTD Budget	\$349,000

# Week of September 29-October 6, 2012

## Saturday, September 29

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 8:30 a.m. The Storytelling
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, September 30

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway

## Monday, October 1

- 8:00 a.m. IDW Pastoral Conference

## Tuesday, October 2

- 8:00 a.m. IDW Pastoral Conference
- 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. Elders Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, October 3

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2 (off-site)

## Thursday, October 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:45 a.m. Iles Clergy Seminar
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery New Member Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Open House

## Friday, October 5

- 9:30 a.m. MOMs Club of West Des Moines
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Sacraments Retreat
- 6:00 p.m. Nathan Muhs and Katie Dunnick Wedding Rehearsal

## Saturday, October 6

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 2
- 3:00 p.m. Nathan Muhs and Katie Dunnick Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Iowa Right to Life

Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 4-9 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. -9 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Iowa Right to Life is hosting a huge book sale at Jordan Park Camp Building, 2251 Fuller Road, West Des Moines. Proceeds will benefit the pregnancy centers and adoption agencies. For more information, contact [rhonda@iowaRTL.org](mailto:rhonda@iowaRTL.org).

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 8:20 a.m.	Sunday 9:50 a.m.	Sunday 10:20 a.m.	Sunday 11:20 a.m.	Wednes. 6 p.m.
Preschool	12	6	15	10	11	26
Elementary	27	2	73	11	24	92
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>118</b>

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

We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

## **5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

## **8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

## **9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary**

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

## **10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

## **11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

## **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.

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## **Weekly Bible reading - Hebrews 11:17-19 (NIV)**

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

## **Educational times**

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

### **Grace Place**

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,  
10:20 & 11:20 a.m.

### **Faith Alive**

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

### **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.