

WEEKLY WORD



April 26 and 27, 2008

A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Next Week: Confirmation Sunday

Our Confirmation service for 31 eighth graders will be held next Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. To graciously host the confirmands and their families, the following changes will be made to our worship services:

Sanctuary	Family Life Center
7:45 and 9 a.m. Traditional services	9 a.m. Family-focused service
10:30 a.m. Confirmation service	10:30 a.m. Contemporary service

Please take time to pray for the confirmands and their families. If you have any questions, call the church office at 276-1700.

Summer Programs

As summer approaches, we want to share our upcoming opportunities that will be available for you, your family and friends.

Worship Services: In the sanctuary, we will continue our traditional services on Sundays at 7:45 and 9 a.m. and our contemporary service at 10:30 a.m.

In the Family Life Center, we will offer the Northwind service on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and a re-energized family-focused service on Sundays at 9 a.m. This family-focused service, Head, Heart, and Hands (H3), will offer avenues of worship through art, theatre and movement. For more information, see page 7.

Summer Grace Place: We are excited to announce our Summer Grace Place program at 9:20 a.m. starting May 18 for all preschool and elementary children. We are looking for 30 ministry partners to teach or help, if you are interested, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207

Preschool: We have assorted camps and classes for preschool, such as the Little Princess and Creation Camps, Kindermusik and dance classes. We also have our summer reading program. For more information, pick up a summer brochure at the Information Center.

Elementary: We will offer Fine Arts, Drama, Science and Girls in Her Story Camps, and dance classes. In addition, our summer reading program is a great avenue to engage children in reading activities. For more information, pick up a summer brochure at the Information Center.

Youth: We will offer lots of activities for our youth this summer. For our junior high students, we have Castaway on Sundays at 9 a.m.; we will travel to Adventureland, an Iowa Cubs Game and other fun activities. For our senior high youth, we will offer the Point, our Wednesday evening senior high time, and will travel to Mapleton, Iowa for the MSG Sent conference; Omaha for the Urban Plunge; Altoona for Adventureland; and Minnesota for the SONshine Festival. For more detail, see page 7 or contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Adults: Our summer activities are designed to help adults connect to each other in a fun environment. We will offer co-ed and men's softball, Scrapbook Fellowship and basketball. In addition, the XYZ group, the Wednesday morning and Thursday morning Bible studies will continue to meet as well as several of our community groups and support groups. For more details, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Don't Miss This!

Dinner Theatre

Our dinner theatre, Uncle Phil's Diner 2, is performing this weekend. Seating is still available, by calling Tim Kightlinger at 779-3995.

Dates

Grace Place

The last days for the school year's Grace Place are Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4. Summer Grace Place will start May 18.

Castaway

Due to Confirmation, Castaway will not be offered next Sunday, but will resume on May 18.

Faith Alive

The last session of Faith Alive is Wednesday, April 30. We will continue in the fall with new and exciting changes.

Discovery 201

Discovery 201 is an interactive event on Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. for those interested in joining Gloria Dei. See page 5 for more details.

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Moving Ahead with the Strategic Planning

The Strategic Plan that the congregation approved in March is moving forward with the formation of a Ministry Action Team to oversee its implementation. The Strategic Plan Implementation Ministry Action Team (SPI MAT) will have 8 members working in four focus groups: Ministry Destination, Future Facilities, Finance and Communication. One staff member and one ministry partner (member of Gloria Dei) will be assigned to lead each group, which will include additional ministry partners to help implement the Strategic Plan. In addition, this SPI MAT will have a recording secretary and project manager.

In future articles we will explore the work of each of the SPI MAT's focus groups. In the meantime, the most important step is laying a strong infrastructure so we can implement the Strategic Plan in an organized and deliberate manner. Currently, no further action has been taken to select land for the congregation to consider for our relocation. An investigation of possible sites will be conducted early this summer. Informational meetings will be held about the sites and input from the congregation will be gathered. The congregation will need to approve any purchase of land through a vote; the date of that vote has not been set.

Calling All Lutherans This Week

Thrivent Builds Week – April 29-May 3: Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity and members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite you to help three families achieve their dreams of owning a home this week.

Gather each morning during the week at 1611 11th Street for a faith, fellowship and house-building time. We'll have a hospitality tent at the John R. Grubb YMCA.

For more information or to volunteer: Contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or Brendalyn Shird at 471-8686 or bshird@gdmhabitat.org.

Envelopes for Food Drive

Naomi Circle is sponsoring a spring food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. In previous years, specific food items have been collected, but recently we have decided to collect only cash donations. Last year, we collected more than \$7,000 to help DMARC purchase food for families in need.

How to get involved: If you are interested in giving a cash donation, please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line. Please make sure that your offering envelope number is written on your check. The checks can be placed in the mail or in the offering plate today. If you need an envelope, please pick one up at the Information Center. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 27 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Mckenna Kay Byers born March 15, 2008 to Scott and Marla (nee Kenney) Byers. McKenna's spiritual sponsors are Luke and Stacey Larson.



Avery Britton Smit born January 6, 2008 to Chad and Amy (nee Brown) Smit. Avery's spiritual sponsors are Dustin Brown, Sara Tooker and Tara Johansson.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration for:

The wedding of Wendi Cuthbert and Leon Canada
and

The 12th wedding anniversary of Bill and Lesli Clark.

Don't Forget Undy Sunday

Next week is "Undy Sunday." Socks, underwear, T-shirts in all different sizes that have not been opened can be placed in the white-wire baskets found in the north doorway of the narthex and in the east entrance of Family Life Center. Cash donations to cover the shipping cost (\$5 per box) can be left in the secured box on the wire collection box.



Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Emily Brush

Emma Wenndt

Brant Christensen

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers

Northwind

Dale Engelken

Mike Martens

Shawn Woolman

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann

Casey Fluegge

Brent Handel

Jordan Handel

Justin Handel

9 a.m. Sanctuary

Tom Feldotto

Randy Fleming

Dean Kleckner

Mark Kramer

Doug Pals

Rob Steuber

9 a.m. FLC

Bob Loch

10:30 a.m.

Phillip Bax

Bill Clark

Lesli Clark

Jim Kellenberg

Clayton Linquist

Chris Warwick

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 10:19-25 and Luke 4:16-20

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families

Prayers

- For continued recovery of Becky DeVries
- For the continued healing of Greg Primmer, brother-in-law of Roxi Guilloz
- For the safety of Ted Rives as he is deployed to Iraq
- For Travis Petersen
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For the health of Barb Thompson, daughter of Bob and Mary Kuefner
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Divorce Care

Are you divorced or separated and looking for a group of friends that will understand your current situation? Contact Robin Haase at 250-1076 or at iowahawkfans@msn.com for details on fellowship events and locations.

May and June Events:

Thursday, May 1 at 6 p.m.
 Friday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 24 at 7 a.m.
 Saturday, May 31 at 7:05 p.m.
 Saturday, June 7 at 6 p.m.
 Sunday, June 29 at 1:05 p.m.

Men's Softball

Gloria Dei softball league is in full swing. The games are played at Clive softball fields, 12385 Woodlawn Parkway, Clive. For more information, please contact Tim Kightlinger or Pastor Kendall Meyer at 276-1700.

Schedule:

April 29	6:15 p.m.	May 19	7:15 p.m.
May 6	6:15 & 7:15 p.m.	May 27	8:15 & 9:15 p.m.
May 12	6:15 p.m.	June 5	7:15 & 8:15 p.m.
		June 9	7:15 p.m.

LWML

Mary Esther will meet Thursday, May 8 at 9 a.m. at the home of Lavonne Clark, 7309 Palm, Urbandale.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Bravo Restaurant, 120 South Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the church for kitchen cleaning.

Music Inventory

We are in the process of completing the inventory of all the music for the church. We are asking for you to look around your home, office and car for any music that might not have been turned in. Please return it to the Information Center or the church office by Sunday, May 4, so that an accurate count can be made. Thanks for your assistance.

Scrapbook Fellowship

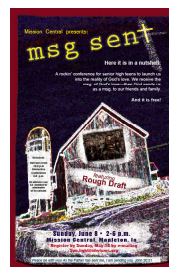
Come to rooms 131-133 anytime Friday, May 9, and join us as we work on our scrapbooks. Whether you're getting organized, ready to start your first album or need time to focus on your albums, we would love to have you join us. We start at 8:30 a.m. and will stop around 11 p.m. Come and go whenever your schedule allows.



For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

High School Conference

The high school youth will travel to an interactive conference that includes a concert and practical tips on how to minister to family and friends.



Date:
 Sunday, June 8 from 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Cost:
 Free

Location:
 Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa

Contact:
 If you are interested, sign up today at the youth bulletin board.



Summer Reading Coming Soon

Go For the Gold!

Sign up for the Olympic summer children's reading program beginning Sunday, May 4 at the children's library.

Jews for Jesus to Perform

Gloria Dei will host The Liberated Wailing Wall on Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The Liberated Wailing Wall, a mobile evangelistic music team from the Jews for Jesus organization, has been bringing Jewish gospel music, testimony and drama to churches, college campuses and city streets for more than 30 years. Besides their national and international tours, they have recorded 12 albums, including their latest, "Never Forget." Their unique Jewish gospel music sounds like a blend of Israeli folk and "Fiddler on the Roof." It is joyous, upbeat and lively. When the Liberated Wailing Wall sings, expect to find yourself tapping your toes, clapping your hands and singing along.



History

In the early 1970s, a group of Jews for Jesus began singing on street corners in and around San Francisco. They didn't win world-wide acclaim, but some people did stop and listen, people who were



surprised to hear Jewish melodies with lyrics about Jesus. At the same time, the group brought a little bit of Jewishness to the churches as they shared their unique music. This group of singing street missionaries was the original Liberated

Wailing Wall. Through the years, some 120 energetic individuals have traveled around the world as part of the various Liberated Wailing Wall teams. For more information about this group, go to www.jewsforjesus.org.

Join Us

Please bring your friends and family to this musical event. The admission cost is free; a free-will offering will be collected for the performers.

Thank You

We would like to send out a huge thank you to all who supported us. You donated 260 casseroles, which are now on the way to help feed those in need. You not only helped us to take a step closer in completing the Girl Scout Gold Award, but you have helped the hungry. Thank you for helping us to show G.R.A.C.E. to the community. – Allissa Rice and Katie Gilg

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Discovery 101:

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information on the next class, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 201:

Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or have completed Discovery 101, please come to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

First-time Visitors:

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center. If you are interested in joining our church family, please check out our Discovery classes.

Sign-up:

If you have any questions or want to register for a class, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

All are Welcome:

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei's activities.

Mission Corner



Please continue to pray for the work in Taiwan.



Work in Taiwan

Since part of our vision is to be courageous in outreach, we support many ministries throughout the world. This month we will highlight the work and the culture of Taiwan where Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver serve. Last year, Gloria Dei gave \$7,000 from our mission envelope offerings to help their work in Taiwan.



Maggie, Stephen and Isaac Oliver

More Facts about Taiwan

Located 100 miles from the Chinese mainland, the mountainous island of Taiwan is home for 23 million people. Ancestors of the modern-day Taiwanese are Han Chinese, who migrated from the mainland two to three centuries ago and today make up 97 percent of the population. After the fall of the Chinese mainland to the Communist Party in 1949, Taiwan became the refuge of the Nationalist Chinese government.

On September 30, 2007, Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive Party approved a resolution asserting a separate identity from China and called for the enactment of a new constitution for a "normal country." It also called for general use of Taiwan as the island's name, without abolishing its formal name, the Republic of China.

Taiwan is one of the most densely populated countries in the world: 1,500 persons per square mile. Three of four Taiwanese are city-dwellers. Whereas 40 years ago, agriculture contributed about half the nation's wealth; today industry and commerce account for 75 percent. Taiwan's dynamic capitalist economy makes it the 13th largest trading power in the world.

More than 68 percent of Taiwan's people practice Chinese folk religions, a blending of Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism, with traditional religion. A strong emphasis is on the veneration of ancestors and the worship of many gods. Most people follow traditional religious practices out of respect for their culture and family. However, the youth are secularists and have abandoned family religions.

LCMS Work

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod began work in Taiwan in 1951. The China Evangelical Lutheran Church Taiwan (CELC) became an LCMS partner church in 1966. In 1967, Concordia Middle School opened and continues to educate middle school and high school youth. Each year, 200 graduating seniors enter the highly competitive university system of Taiwan.

Information supplied by the Web sites of LCMS, Wikipedia and Taiwan.



Top to Bottom:

- A coastal village is home to many nationals who earn their living by fishing.
- A local man enjoys the breeze off the ocean.
- A man relaxes in a courtyard, a place for family gatherings.
- Taipei, a large city, has become a tourist destination.

Gotta Join the Fun



Registration

Stop by the Information Center to pick up the summer camp brochure and join the fun.

Items Needed

The following items are needed for summer camps: plastic and metal coffee cans, plastic ice cream buckets with lids, baby food jars and glass flower vases. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office.

Midweek Meal Menu:

April 30: Deli Night

Cost: \$2.50 per person.
Children under 3 eat free.
Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.

Please note:

Faith Alive's last session is April 30.

H₃: Head, Heart and Hands Starts May 18

Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: It is a new name and new opportunities.

In the last year, we have introduced a worship service for families during the 9 a.m. service in the Family Life Center. Many families have enjoyed this new form of worship experience which gives them an opportunity to worship as a family in an inviting and interactive atmosphere.

"This service is so exciting," said Mark and Ann Betten. "We would love to see it thrive and grow beyond the capacity of the Family Life Center."

"I love the energy in the worship," said Jodi Rusch. "My children didn't need activities to keep them occupied because they were actively participating in worship."

Head, Heart, and Hands (H₃): After reviewing our first year experience, we are doing some things to enhance this worship experience for families attending. Specifically, we are going to expand the educational avenues of worship through art, theatre and movement. In addition, we are also going to create a more inviting entrance, which will include families greeting, ushering and serving together throughout the worship service.

Summer Grace Place: We are offering Summer Grace Place at 9:20 a.m. for this service and for the traditional service in the sanctuary.

We need your help: The newly designed H₃ service will kick-off on Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We need help in the following areas:

Missionary Families: We need families to commit as missionaries to this service for six months. They will serve as ushers, greeters and helpers who create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Summer Grace Place Teachers and Helpers Needed: We need people to commit to leading or helping with a Grace Place class during the summer.

We are excited about the changes ahead with this service and view it as a great opportunity to serve not just the members of our congregation but as a great opportunity to reach out to the community with a service they can enjoy with their children.

If you would like to help with this exciting opportunity, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.



A Recap of the Youth's Weekly Activities



This week, the youth were on both ends of the entertainment spectrum. On Wednesday evening, they enjoyed the concert by the band, It is Not About Us. On Friday, they changed outfits for this weekend's performance of Uncle Phil's Diner 2.

Tickets can still be purchased for tonight's performance by calling Tim Kightlinger at 779-3995.

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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

It is not too late to purchase tickets for this evening's performance, call Tim at 779-3995.

Coffee with Tim

Mondays from 3:30-6 p.m.

Join Tim at Starbucks, 5250 86th Street, Urbandale, for a cup of coffee and a chance to talk. If you cannot make it on Monday, give him a call at 779-3995 to set up another time and place to meet.

Eighth Grade Welcoming Event

Begins Friday, May 9 at 10 p.m. at the church
Ends Saturday, May 10 at 7 a.m. at the church

All current students from grades 8-12 are invited to join us for an all-night event that will focus on building relationships. The cost is \$30 and covers all the events, (Sports Plex West, bowling and ice skating), food and transportation for the night. Register by signing up at the youth bulletin board by May 4.

Summer Registration Form

We have lots of fun summer activities planned, but we need your help. You have received a registration in the mail, so please turn it in as soon as possible. If you need an extra registration form, please pick one up outside the Youth Center.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

May 4: No Castaway

May 18: Castaway will be offered throughout the summer from 9-10 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Wednesday: Confirmation

April 30: Eighth Grade Confirmation photos; rehearsal from 6-8 p.m.

April 30: Grades 6-7 class closing and pizza party

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study and discussion about relevant topics for high school teens. Our last study for the school year will be today.

Wednesday: The Point

Join us Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions. April's Focus: Handling Peer Pressure.

We will continue through the summer.
 May's Focus: Spiritual Growth.

MSG High School Conference

Sunday, June 8 from 2-7 p.m.

Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, is hosting a "MSG Sent" interactive conference for high school youth. It will include a concert and practical tips on how to minister to family and friends. We will leave the church at 9 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The conference is free, but you need to register by signing your name at the youth bulletin board.

Week of April 27-May 3, 2008

Sunday, April 27

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 1:00 p.m. Piano Recital – Lynn Hays' Students
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Performance
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 28

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

Tuesday, April 29

- 7:00 a.m. Special County Wide Election
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game
- 7:00 p.m. Beacon of Blessings MAT

Wednesday, April 30

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Pictures and Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells

Thursday, May 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, May 2

- 9:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

Saturday, May 3

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	148	
7:45 a.m.	139	128
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	384	296
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	162	
10:30 a.m.	335	207
Total	1168	

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$21,738
YTD Offering	\$1,288,703
YTD Budget	\$1,297,396

Week of May 4-10, 2008

Sunday, May 4

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 5

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game
- 7:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Implementation MAT

Wednesday, May 7

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: On the Road
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Zoo Train
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Ministry Partner Appreciation Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. The Point

Thursday, May 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:00 p.m. Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, May 9

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders Class
- 10:00 p.m. 8th Grade Welcoming Event

Saturday, May 10

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service With Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 a.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	4	35	13	25	Music Alive
Elementary	18	65	31	67	44
Total	22	100	44	92	Wed. Meal
Junior High		23			100
Senior High		5			

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

Welcome

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is 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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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 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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.