

# WEEKLY WORD



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## Take Time to Consider Your Gift

Body building takes time! This is true of the muscles in our physical body and also true of the body of believers. In today's sermon, Pastor Burcham will examine how we can choose to invest our time building up the body of believers by taking time to serve one another. No one is exempt from this call to strengthen the body because scripture tells us that "each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others" I Peter 4:10.

### Body Building Time

Because we all have a gift and a calling to use that gift, Heather Schmitz, a small group leader, asked Pastor Burcham if she and her small group could coordinate a ministry fair.

"We were praying for a way to help our church in our small group and decided to ask about coordinating a ministry fair," said Heather. "Our intention was to find ways to encourage people to use their God-given gifts within the context of our church. We really wanted to connect people's gifts to the needs of each individual ministry at Gloria Dei."

Heather said that after a few months of working with Melissa Dahmen, Gloria Dei's summer intern, a plan was organized to host a ministry fair after each service during the weekend of September 8 and 9.

### Gift Yourself

The ministry fair's theme, "Gift Yourself," will be held in rooms 131-137. Each ministry will be represented at individual tables and will be staffed by people who would love to talk about their areas of ministry. In addition, a comprehensive list of ministry partner "jobs" will be handed out the day of the fair and is available today by clicking on the "Gift Yourself" icon at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

The following is a sampler of the ministry partner positions that will be highlighted at the "Gift Yourself" fair.

### Worship Ministry

Dream-maker team, visual arts team, worship dramatists and choir vocalists.

### Adult Ministry

Fellowship coordinator, community group facilitators and Bible study leaders.

### Governing Board and Elders

Future leaders and ushers.

### Congregational Care

Guest Transportation, hospitality, greeters and support group facilitators.

### Early Children Ministry

Classroom teachers and helpers, Christmas program writers and directors, and visitor bag assemblers.

### Elementary Children's Ministry

Prayer team, classroom leaders and teachers, art coordi-

nators and worship service helpers.

### Youth Ministry

Prayer ministry partner coordinators and advocates, kitchen coordinators, social planners, junior high leaders for Sunday mornings and small group leaders for senior high youth.

### Publicity and Promotion

Proofers, writers, organizers and Web inputers.

### Facilities

Electricians, plumbers, general contractors and landscapers.

### See You There

Spend some time in the next few weeks praying and reviewing all the wonderful opportunities to "gift yourself" to the ministries of Gloria Dei as we bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.



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## Fall's Worship Schedule

With a growing congregation, we examined all the possibilities of a worship schedule that will help each of us grow in our worship toward God. Many scenarios were discussed and the Board of Elders has approved the following schedule starting September 15 and 16:

### Saturdays:

5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

### Sundays:

7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9 a.m. the Sanctuary

9 a.m. in the Family Life Center (simulcast sermon from the Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

More details about each service will be in next week's *Weekly Word*.

If you are interested in helping with the ushers, greeters or tech teams for the 9 a.m. service in the Family Life Center, please sign up at the Information Center or contact one of the following people:

Ushers: Steve Junge at 276-0740 or SAJunge@mchsi.com

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tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

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## Governing Board

The Governing Board, a policy-driven board, focuses on the mission of Gloria Dei. They oversee the business of the congregation and plan for the church's future. At the Governing Board meeting in July, the following officers were elected: President, Ken Wunsch; Vice President, Laurie Peterson; Treasurer, Doug Pals; and Secretary, Scott Snyder. Other members of the Governing Board are Lorrie Graaf, Kevin Kelley, Mark Pierson, Marv Rohn and Shawn Woolman.

If you are interested in learning more about the Governing Board, the agenda and minutes from the monthly board meetings, held the second Tuesday each month, are posted on our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) under the Governing Board section. Updates and information regarding the Strategic Ministry Action plan can also be found under this section. Please contact any of the Governing Board members with your questions or concerns or e-mail them at [govboard@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:govboard@gloriadeionline.com).

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## Pastor Parsch Retires

Pastor Daniel Parsch, who served at Gloria Dei from July 1975 through October 2002 and currently pastors at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Shalimar, Fla., is retiring August 25. Please send cards and notes to Pastor Parsch at:

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Fort Walton Beach, Fla. 32547

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1 Meigs Drive  
Shalimar, Fla. 32579-1286

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## Preparing Pastors Worldwide

In June, Gloria Dei collected \$3,000 in a separate offering for "Preparing Pastors Worldwide," which Pastor Burcham brought to the 63rd LCMS Regular Convention in Houston, Texas. A total of \$455,105 has been collected on a national level, which \$179,219 was contributed during the convention when delegates brought their offerings from their home congregations. Two-thirds of the gifts will support Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.; the remaining one-third will support seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world.

Thank you for your generous support; together we are making a difference as we help support the training of pastors.

## 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 summer camp program

## Prayers

- For Inez Evans, who is recovering from surgery
- For Dennis Hays' health concerns
- For Ron Wheeler and his family as they grieve the loss of his brother, Gary
- For Janet Tysse's upcoming surgery on August 16
- For Larry and Nancy Baak, who are grieving the death of Larry's brother
- For the grieving family of Barb Boeckelmann
- For Chuck Hoveland and family, who are grieving the loss of his mother
- For Vernon Hanselman, Deb Timmons' uncle
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan
- For the Solutions Conference
- For the support groups that are starting

## Prayer Ministry Team

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

## Servers

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Rev. Ron Burcham

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Kathy Stange

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P.J. Roberts

Jordan Clark

Ashley Fuerhoff

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Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Randy Walford

**Ushers:**

**Northwind**  
Jeff Eckhoff

**7:45 a.m.**

Ken Andresen

Carol Andresen

Bob Knief

Ken Petersen Sr.

Norm Rinderknecht

Ken Wunsch

**9 a.m.**

Bruce Brock

Dan Devries

Paul Drake

Don Franzen

Bob Kuefner

Kurt Kromminga

Ron Oolman

Todd Schwartz

**10:30 a.m.**

Gabe Nelson

# 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 call the office at 276-1700.



## Mission Statement

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as an effective and innovative mission center, brings Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

## Vision Statement

It is our vision that Gloria Dei will be a place of abundant grace.

Gloria Dei will be a growing, relationship-centered church, serving as a beacon to our community, courageous in sharing the love of God with all people and equipping them to deal with the challenges of life and becoming leaders in the kingdom of God.

## Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us for Discovery 101, a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church; and Discovery 201, a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. If you have questions, contact the church office at 276-1700.

## Stop by the Information Center

If you are visiting today, please stop by the Information Center, which is located outside the Sanctuary or in the back of the Family Life Center. We would love to get to know you and give you brochures on all of our activities and events throughout the year. See you there!

## A Snippet of Gloria Dei for the Entire Family

### Nursery

Located below the narthex, the nursery is professionally staffed during all worship services and midweek classes for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

### Preschool Children

During the summer, we encourage children to worship with their parents. In the fall, we offer educational times and a preschool.

### Elementary Children

Children are welcome to worship with their families during the summer months. We will start full blast in September as we begin our educational times for children on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

### Youth

We have lots of activities for our youth in junior and senior high. Check out Page 10 for more details.

### Adults

Lots of small groups, Bible studies, fellowship opportunities and support groups are available throughout the week for adults.

### Interested in Learning More?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information. See you there!

## Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check "wish to join Gloria Dei." All who wish to join must attend the Discovery classes.

### New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

### Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

### Discovery 101

**Wednesday, September 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 6 p.m.**

Discovery 101 is a five-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

### Discovery 201

**Sunday, October 21 from 3-7 p.m.**

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided.

### Sign-up

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

## Welcome Angie Gage, New Director of the Alleluia Ringers

Gloria Dei welcomes member Angie Gage into a new role as Director of the Alleluia Ringers Bell Choir. The Alleluia Ringers has enjoyed a history of being part of the Gloria Dei worship services. Angie has been a part of the group since moving to Urbandale in 2004. Prior to that Angie participated in handbell groups for several years in Pella, Iowa and performed in Romania at the George Enescu International Music Festival with The DeKlokkenluiders, a community handbell group in Pella.

Angie has participated as a clinician at regional AGEHR Conferences- (American Guild of English Handbell Ringers conferences). She graduated from Central College with a music education degree and spent several years as a band director. She currently works in the insurance industry and teaches Kindermusik classes at Gloria Dei.

As we prepare for the 2007-2008 school year, Angie would like to welcome all returning members and encourage any and all congregational members interested to be a part of the Alleluia Ringers. If you have never rung before, we will have a session to welcome you to the fun of handbell ringing in September. If you are interested, please call Angie at 276-0960.



Angie Gage



# worship ministry

*Bringing worshippers to Jesus Christ for the first time and for a lifetime.*

## Contact

Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministries

278-5544, ext. 205 □ [steve@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:steve@gloriadeionline.com)

## Uganda Update

### Presentation

Come, sit back and enjoy Alex Mesegula and Ronald Muyamba as we hear from our brothers from the other side of the world in a presentation about Uganda on Saturday, August 18 at 6:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Learn more about our mission in Uganda, ask questions about their lives and enjoy some of their music.



*Ronald Muyamba (left) and Alex Mesegula (right) have been at Gloria Dei for two weeks learning about the technical and musical sides of worship.*

### Itinerary Background

In an ongoing effort to cultivate a relationship with the Lutheran Church Missions in Uganda (LCMU), we brought Alex Mesegula and Ronald Muyamba to America in July to attend a worship conference in Texas and to spend time at Gloria Dei. This week they will work and help with Solutions '07, our multi-media worship conference on Thursday and Friday.

## Summer Worship Training

**Register today!** Whether you sing, play an instrument, appreciate music or want to learn about different worship styles, you will not want to miss our worship workshops.

### Voice 101:

**Friday, Aug. 24 at 6:30-9 p.m.**

This class will teach the basics of singing and speaking.

### The Worship Team 101:

**Saturday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

This class will develop an understanding of what it means to be on a worship team.

### The Worship Team 201:

**Thursday, Aug. 30 from 7-9 p.m.**

This class will focus on the partnerships of each musician in the worship teams and their vital role to the team.

### Questions you have had, but could never ask:

**Saturday, Sept. 1 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

This class will talk about reading music, give instruction on rhythm, and provide an understanding of simple vocal pedagogy and answer questions about music.

### To register:

Please contact Steve Kohtz at [steve@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:steve@gloriadeionline.com).

# Community Bulletin

by Pastor Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor

...I will make you a community of peoples...– Genesis 48:4

Hey, what is this about community groups? I thought we had *small* groups here. Throughout the Bible, the word “community” is used 86 times and refers to the community of Israel. In fact, it was God who promised he would create a community of people who would be his followers. As the community of Israel refers to those who are followers of God (Romans 9), we here at Gloria Dei form a community together. Therefore, the name “community groups” better depicts who we are and what we reflect as we grow and seek support through community groups.

## August’s Sermon Series

Starting next week, a three-week sermon series that will outline the importance of life in community will begin.

### Created for Community: August 18 and 19

This sermon will help us see that we are part of something larger as we learn that we have not only been created as individuals but also to be part of a community.

### Supported in Community: August 25 and 26

We will explore the benefits God wants for us to receive as part of a community.

### Growth through Community: Sept. 1 and 2

Understanding that we have been created for community and that we receive support through community, we then can see how we can grow in our relationship with Jesus as well as with those around us.

During the sermon series, small community groups will form to meet in September and October. Sign-ups will be available in the next few weeks.

## Facilitators

### Current Facilitators

For those currently facilitating a small group, a Bible study is on its way that will correspond to September’s sermon series, which begins September 8 and 9.

### Fall’s Facilitator’s Meeting

For those who are interested in facilitating a small community group or for those who are already doing so, we will hold a fun, interactive training on either of the following days:

#### Wednesday, August 22

- 6:30-7:15 p.m. Current and new facilitator training
- 7:15-7:30 p.m. Refreshments
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. New facilitators training (current facilitators are welcome to attend)

#### Or

#### Saturday, August 25

- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Current and new facilitators training
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Refreshments
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. New facilitator training (current facilitators are welcome to attend)

Please call Pastor Meyer today to register.

**If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kendall Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.**



## Congregational Care Corner

*Bringing Jesus Christ to the hurting for the first time and for a lifetime.*

### Contact Information:

Pastor Tim Phillips

278-5544, ext. 204

tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

Congregational Care, a ministry of Gloria Dei aimed at supporting people in difficult situations, will launch a variety of services in August and September that will bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime.

### Grief Support Groups

#### **GriefShare: Thursday, August 23 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group for people dealing with the reality and pain of losing a loved one. Each session consists of a video presentation, sharing and prayer time.

#### **Stepping Stones: Thursday, Sept. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Stepping Stones, a 6-week grief-support group for young children aimed at providing children a safe place to process their grief. Different mediums, such as play, sensory activities, puppetry and movement exercises will be used to reach children at their level. Each session will be divided into two age groups: 3- to 5-year-olds and 6- to 10-year-olds.

### Cancer Support Group

#### **BCS Group: Thursday, Sept. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

BCS group, a 9-week breast cancer support group, is offered to encourage survivors of breast cancer. Each session will include three components: an in-depth study of God's word and questions relating to the illness, a sharing time and a prayer time. Participants will find comfort and encouragement through God's word and the support of sisters facing similar challenges.

### Divorce Support Group

#### **DivorceCare: Tuesday, August 21 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

DivorceCare, a 13-week divorce support group, will help people recover from the pain and separation of divorce. Sessions will involve video presentations from renowned counselors and speakers, and a chance to connect to others in a similar situation.

If you or anyone you know would benefit from any of the above support sessions, please contact Pastor Tim at 278-5544, ext. 204 or Marsha Sly, Administrative Assistant, at 276-1700. Childcare is provided.

## Women's Bible Connections

Be ready for a surprise starting Monday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. as an evening of "samples" are brought to you via women who have been very busy during the summer months. Expect blooming additions in the next few weeks as the fall program for women unfolds.





## Education Ministry Partners Meetings

All children's education ministry partners for Grace Place and Faith Alive will meet on Wednesday, August 29 or Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. for training.

## Fall Kindermusik

Registration has begun! The new fall Kindermusik schedule and registration form has been finalized and is posted on Gloria Dei's Web site or in a brochure at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

## When do fall programs start?

### Children ages 3 to high school

Grace Place, our educational time, will start again on Saturday, Sept. 15 and Sunday, Sept. 16. Our midweek educational time, Faith Alive, Music Alive and Midweek meal will start on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Please register your children at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or pick up a registration form at the Information Center. Registration will be required for all children.

## Children's Ministry Seeks Helpers and Leaders

Leaders and helpers are needed for children's ministry this fall! On Wednesdays, we need more than 40 ministry partners; on Saturdays, we need 15; on Sundays at 9 a.m., we need at least 25; and on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., we need more than 15.

If we count the numbers, we will need more than 95 ministry partners to make children's ministry happen. Your help and prayers will be greatly appreciated! Please review the list below or the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact, DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry, at 278-5544, ext. 207.

### Wednesday Music Alive leaders and helpers (2 per room)

Preschool  
Kindergarten & 1st Grade  
2nd & 3rd Grade  
4th & 5th Grade

### Wednesday Faith Alive leaders and helpers (2 per room)

Preschool 3's  
Preschool 4-5's  
1st Grade (2nd classroom)  
5th Grade (2nd classroom)  
Bible Story Leaders (at least 3)  
Bible Challenge Leaders (at least 3)  
Game Leader (at least 2)  
Snack Leader (at least 2)  
Craft Leader (at least 2)  
Crew Leaders (at least 10 - no weekly preparation!)

### Saturday's Grace Place leaders and helpers (at least 3 per level)

Preschool  
Kindergarten and 1st  
2nd and 3rd  
4th and 5th

### Sunday's Grace Place leaders and helpers at 9:30 a.m. (at least 2 per class)

2's and Parent's Class  
Preschool 3's A  
Preschool 3's B  
Preschool 4-5's A  
Preschool 4-5's B  
Kindergarten  
1st Grade A  
1st Grade B  
2nd Grade  
3rd Grade A  
3rd Grade B  
4th Grade A  
4th Grade B  
5th Grade A  
5th Grade B

### Sunday's Grace Place leaders and helpers at 10:30 a.m. (at least 2 per class)

2's and Parent's Class  
Preschool 3's  
Preschool 4-5's  
Kindergarten  
1st Grade  
2nd Grade  
3rd Grade  
4th Grade  
5th Grade

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### September Dates

#### Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, September 12 from 6-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Youth in grades 6-8 and their parents are invited. Please note: This meeting is mandatory, if you cannot attend, please contact Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212.

#### September 15, 16 and 19

Our youth programs start back on Saturday, Sept. 15. More information will follow.

### Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering: Grades 6-8

“Clothed by Christ”

Oct. 13-Sunday, Oct. 14

Marriot, Downtown, Des Moines

Youth are invited to attend this event to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in music, drama, Bible study, hands-on activities and worship. Join us as we connect with 400 youth around the state. Cost is \$105; registration forms can be picked up at the youth bulletin board and returned by August 26.

Adult chaperones are needed. If you are interested, please contact Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212. Fees are waived for chaperones.

### Revolve Tour

November 9-11

Teen girls, grades 8-12 (starting in the fall)

Women of Faith is sponsoring a convention for young women in Minneapolis, Minn. where they will learn how to live for Christ. For more information, go to [www.revolveyourtour.com](http://www.revolveyourtour.com).

## Baptism Banner Makers

Did you know that Gloria Dei averages a baptism a week?

Our faithful Baptism banner maker is taking a deserved break from making all of our baptism banners. We are thankful for her faithful service throughout the years. Since the project has become too large for one person, a Baptism Banner Ministry Action Team will be formed to make the banners. This team will meet as needed for an evening or day to make a stockpile of banners and letters. Team members will then take a specific month to customize the banners and letters. If you, your child, or friend are crafty and would like to serve in this way, please call Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

## Tiny Treasures Staff Positions

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool has the following positions available for the fall school year:

**A lead teacher** for 3-year-olds on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m..

**An assistant teacher** for 4- and 5-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Both of the teacher positions require experience and training with young children. These positions can be filled separately or by one person working all day Monday, Wednesday; and Friday afternoons.

If you are interested, contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Register today!

# Golf Outing

## Saturday, August 25



Join the fun!

### Willow Creek Golf Course

Shotgun – Tee-off at 8 a.m.

- \$55 per adult includes cart, lunch and prizes!
- \$200 per 4-some registering at the same time
- \$45 per student

Sign up in the narthex today!  
Registration due by August 19

Proceeds go toward purchasing equipment for the Media Ministry.

## Church “Home” Improvements

During the month of August, we will be working on a few remodeling and improvement projects around the building. We wanted to bring to your attention two of the primary projects:

### Bathrooms

We are in the process of updating the bathrooms in both the middle section as well as in the back of the narthex area. This update will include repainting the bathroom stalls as well as updating the floors, wall coverings, plumbing and countertops as appropriate for each bathroom.

### Board Room

The current board room is located just north of the Gathering Place, outside of the Youth Center. It also has a storage area adjacent to it. The existing board room will be renovated and subdivided into three distinct areas. This will impact a number of things including:

- **Classroom Space**

At both ends of the existing board room, we are going to create two new classrooms with solid walls and doors, which will help provide more rooms for the continued growth of our educational programs.

- **Children’s Library**

In the middle section of the existing board room, we are building a new children’s library. This children’s library will replace the existing library located in the hallway just to the east of the Youth Center. The new library will provide a more accessible and relaxed environment for the children, a quieter place for them to read and a place to store additional library items.

- **Board Room**

In the space currently housing the children’s library, we will construct a wall and create a new board room. Although this room will be smaller than the existing space, it will accommodate the existing board room furniture and will be used for various meetings and adult classes.

These changes will take place over the next several weeks with the goal of completion by the end of August. We are using all of the existing furniture. In addition, most of the labor is from our staff and ministry partners.

We appreciate your patience as a mess may be visible at various times during the week. However, we look forward to the completion of these projects when we will have additional classroom space, a new and vibrant children’s library and more up-to-date bathrooms. Thank you for your patience and prayers as we work to make our building meet the needs of our ever-growing congregation.

## Ways to Help

As noted in the attached article, we are utilizing ministry partners as much as possible for this project. We not only need general workers, but someone with flooring and/or plumbing expertise. If you are interested in helping, contact Brandon Simpson or Steve Kammeyer at 276-1700.



*Kanaan and Kindrek Schramm enjoy the children’s library.*



*The current board room will be moved to the children’s library.*

## Gloria Dei Blood Drive

Please consider giving blood on August 18 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Chris Gerke at 278-0935.

## LCMS World Mission

Members of Gloria Dei have sent in offerings from their special “missionary” offering envelopes, which were located in their annual box of offering envelopes. The offerings collected are then divided for the Iowa Deaf Ministry and for Dr. Steve Oliver, a missionary in Taiwan.

Gary Thies, Director of Mission Central, who oversees the missionaries, writes the following:

Your gift of \$3,787 for Dr. Steve Oliver is such a blessing. I was just with him down in Houston, Texas and God continues to use this man in such a powerful way—to train pastors and evangelists to go into mainland China. We couldn’t keep Dr. Oliver in Taiwan without your church’s direct help. Thank you so much for being one of the instruments of our heavenly Father. – Gary Thies

## Thank You

To the Pastors, Staff and Congregation:

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, kind words and warm hugs we received as we dealt with my mother’s illness this past year. The overwhelming love and support we have felt since her death in June has made this difficult situation a little more bearable. We are daily reminded of what a blessing Gloria Dei has been to our family. God bless you. – Beth Corell and family

## Diana’s Angel Meeting

Diana’s Angels will meet Tuesday, August 21 at 7 p.m at Hope Lutheran 3857 E.42nd St., Des Moines. Diana’s Angels is a ministry that supplies handmade baby outfits, blankets and booties to four hospitals in the Des Moines. If you are interested, please call Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

## Drake University Community

All interested singers are invited to join the Drake University/Community Chorus, conducted by Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier, Director of Choral Studies at Drake University.

No audition is necessary; rehearsals start Tuesday, August 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. in Monroe Hall in the Harmon FINE Arts Center, 26 and Carpenter. For more information, contact Dr. Beckmann-Collier at 271-2841.

## M.O.S.T.

M.O.S.T. (mothers of small tykes) study will meet on Wednesdays in September from 9:30-11 a.m in the Cry room for a study on Jonah, Esther and Ruth. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, contact Shani Fjelsted at shanifjelsted@mchsi.com.

## Photo Directory

If you have not had your photo appointment, please contact Marsha Sly at 276-1700. There are a few slots left on Aug 29, Sept 11, 25 and 26. If these times don’t work for your family, please call Deb Timmons at 289-0360 to possibly arrange other options.

In addition, if you did not purchase photos at your photo directory appointment in June or July, please pick up your complimentary 8X10 portraits in the box south of the Information Center.

## Week of August 12-18

### Sunday, August 12

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Birthday Open House for Duane Haines (Open to members and friends)
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, August 13

- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Ballet Recital
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, August 14

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers

### Wednesday, August 15

- 9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

### Thursday, August 16

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Solutions '07 Conference
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage

### Friday, August 17

- 8:00 a.m. Solutions '07 Conference
- 4:30 p.m. Rachel Carlson and Dustin Rohrbeck Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, August 18

- 7:30 a.m. Blood Drive
- 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Barbara Boeckelmann
- 2:00 p.m. Rachel Carlson/Dustin Rohrbeck Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

| Outpouring of Love     |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund Offerings | \$17,976  |
| YTD Offering           | \$137,674 |
| YTD Budget             | \$181,032 |

| Last Week's Attendance |            |                  |     |
|------------------------|------------|------------------|-----|
| Northwind              | 119        | <b>Communion</b> |     |
| 7:45 a.m.              | 141        | 7:45 a.m.        | 121 |
| 9 a.m.                 | 264        | 9 a.m.           | 207 |
| 10:30 a.m.             | 264        | 10:30 a.m.       | 233 |
|                        |            |                  |     |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>788</b> |                  |     |

## Week of August 19-25

### Sunday, August 19

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, August 20

- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, August 21

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Monthly Meeting

### Wednesday, August 22

- 9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

### Thursday, August 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage

### Friday, August 24

- 6:30 p.m. Voice 101

### Saturday, August 25

- 9:00 a.m. The Worship Team 101
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

## 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.

# Week in Review



The youth returned from Florida where they attended the National Youth Gathering in July. They enjoyed teachings, music, small groups, devotions, and getting to know each other better. Besides, the Floridian scenery and tourist places were a hit for them.

## Solutions '07

Gloria Dei will host a multi-media worship conference this Thursday, August 16 and Friday, August 17; Kevin Cooney, news anchor of KCCI TV, will be the featured speaker. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about the multi-media tools for worship, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) and click on the Solutions '07 link.

### Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 Traditional  9:00 Traditional-blend  10:30 Contemporary-blend  
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. (September-April)  Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

**Saturday Evening:** 5:30 Contemporary  
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. (September-April)  Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.