Weekly Word



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Summer Winds Down, Fall Programs Will Begin

Here is a snippet of what will be available at Gloria Dei this fall. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

The Elders added a new worship service and educational time on Sundays starting Sept. 10:

Sunday's Worship Schedule

7:45-8:45 a.m.	Traditional Sanctuary
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Traditional-Blend Sanctuary
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Family Life Center
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Contemporary-Blend Sanctuary

Educational Times:

9:20 and 10:20 a.m.

Saturday's Northwind Service and educational time will remain the same. For more information, see pages 4 and 5.

Women's Connections: Women's Connections, a place where women can connect to God and each other through prayer, study and fellowship will start Monday, Sept. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Men's Connections: A new group for men will start in October. More information will follow.

Adult Bible Studies: Adult Bible studies will be held throughout the week and on Sunday mornings at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m.

Youth: The Youth Center is swarming with change. For more detailed information, see page 7.

Junior High: Grades 6-8

- Sundays mornings: A high-energy event called *the Castaway*, will include music, video, large group teaching and small-group discussion on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m.
- Wednesday evenings: A new Confirmation model starting Sept. 13 at 6:15 p.m. will help our confirmands in their faith development

will be begin this fall and be implemented in the next two years.

Senior High Youth: Grades 9-12

- **Sunday evenings:** We will meet Sunday nights from 6-9 p.m. for a weekly gathering called *The Island*.
- Sunday mornings: Sunday mornings will
 offer our teens an opportunity to serve in the
 children and junior high ministries, as well as
 an opportunity to attend adult Bible classes.
- Wednesday evenings: Wednesday evening will be geared for outreach. We are establishing the "Snack Hut" in the Youth Center. This is a place where teens can come and purchase food, snacks and drinks on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

Children: Ages 2 through grade 5

- Weekend Educational Times: Children's weekend educational times will begin Saturday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m.
- Wednesday evenings: Faith Alive will begin Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 6:15 p.m. Music Alive will also start on Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Please take some time to register your children today by filling out the registration form at the Information Center or online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Tiny Treasures: Ages 3 to prekindergarten

Tiny Treasures will start their second year on Tuesday, Sept. 5 with four morning classes. For more information, please go to the Information Center.

Various Adult Opportunities: Gloria Dei offers many other adult opportunities, such as the XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) group, Lutheran Women's Missionary League circles and various fellowship opportunities.

We look forward to plunging into God's love and grace this fall with you and your family.

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Grief Share Support Group

Registration due this Thursday.

A grief support group will begin Thursday, August 24 to help individuals who are mourning the death of a family member or friend. Pick up a registration form at the Information Center and return it to the "GriefShare" box by Thursday, August 17. The group meetings will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end promptly at 8 p.m.; please enter in at the east entrance. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700. Childcare will be provided. A free-will donation of \$18 is suggested to cover the cost of the workbook.

Office Help Needed

Do you have a couple of hours a week to help in the church office?



We are looking for a team of people to help answer phones during the week on a regular basis. So if you have a couple of hours to donate, contact Pennie at 276-1700 or pennie@gloriadeionline.com. Thanks!

A Growing Marriage Conference

Moody Bible Institute is hosting a marriage conference Saturday, September 30 at Point of Grace Church, 939 Office Park Drive, West Des Moines. Dr.



Gary Chapman, the author of the *New York Times* best-selling book, *The Five Love Languages*, will lead the conference. This light-hearted and fun conference is designed to discover important life-sustaining keys for marriage. Whether you are getting married or have been married for 50 years, this conference will help to build a healthy vibrant relationship with your spouse.

If you are interested, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224. If enough people are interested, a group rate of \$35 per person applies; if not, the cost is \$50 per person.

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Staffed Nursery 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Schedule

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.

Grace Place 6 p.m.

Staffed Nursery 5:15 p.m.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:30 a.m. service is for:



Brady Edward Christiansen, born May 6, 2006 to Brandon and Amanda (nee Heiting) Christiansen. Brady's spiritual sponsors are Andy and Jana Heiting-Doane and Travis Christiansen.

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar are given in celebration of

Scott and Laura Amann's 17th wedding anniversary.

Governing Board Change

Charles Jackson has resigned from the Governing Board because he is moving out of the area. We thank him for his loving service at Gloria Dei.

Marv Rohn has been appointed by the Governing Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the fiscal year as prescribed in the by-laws.

Worship Service Ministry Partners

We are thankful for our helpers today who assist in providing a great place to worship.

Elders:
Marvin Deer
Tim Mueller
Randy Walford
Ushers:
Northwind:
Rich Johnson
8 a.m.
Ken Andresen
Cheryl Corbett
Bob Knief
Ken Petersen, Sr.
Ken Petersen, Jr.

Norm Rinderknecht
Don Zimmerman
Sandy Zimmerman
9:30 a.m.
Bruce Brock
Dan DeVries
JoAnn Drake
Paul Drake
Dan Timmons
Art Tucknott
Joel Woehler
Don Franzen

11 a.m.
Jeff Eckhoff
Bill Fellows
Organist:
Kathy Stange
Acolytes:
Leney Roberts
Spencer Macklin
Rachel Corell

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 Pennie 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 nation and the freedom we enjoy
- For the recent marriage of Mary Henkel to Jon Sievers

Prayers

- For Mary Grimm, who will have surgery August 21 in Iowa City
- For the missionaries to Honduras
- For the grief support group
- For the educational time teachers and helpers
- For our fall ministry programs
- For God's direction and wisdom as Gloria Dei moves forward

Prayer Ministry Team

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

Sunday's Fall Worship Schedule Starting September 10

7:45 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary

Music type:

• Hymns from various hymnals accompanied by organ

Special music: • Vocal choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra

Elements:

- Written liturgy that uses the liturgy from the hymnals on the second and fourth Sundays.
- Responsive Psalms sung by cantor on occasion
- Communion liturgy from hymnals used on one Sunday a month. Shorter written liturgy on one Sunday a month.
- Use Nicene creed at one communion service each month

Communion: • Distributed at the communion rail

9 a.m. Traditional-Blend in the Sanctuary

Music type:

- · Hymns from various hymnals accompanied by organ
- Softer praise songs led by worship leader, piano and drums

Special music: • Vocal choirs, children's choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra,

and praise choir

Elements

- Written liturgy that focuses on the theme of the day
- Communion liturgy from hymnals used on one Sunday a month. Shorter written liturgy on one Sunday a month.
- Use Nicene creed at one communion service each month

Communion: • Continuous flow distribution

10 a.m. Contemporary in the Family Life Center

Music type:

- Praise music led by a worship leader and praise band

• Guitar-driven

- **Special music:** Solos, praise band
 - · Children's choirs

Elements:

• Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons,

prayers, and the Creed twice a month

Communion:

Continuous flow distribution

Note:

• This service will resemble the Northwind Saturday evening service.

10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend in the Sanctuary

Music type:

- Hymns from various hymnals accompanied by the praise band
- Praise music led by a worship leader and praise band.
- Guitar or piano-driven

Special music: • Children's choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra, praise choir

Elements:

• Free-flow service that incorporates con-

fession, scripture lessons,

prayers, and the Creed twice a month

Communion: • Continuous flow distribution

Golf Outing



Don't forget to register for this year's golf outing at Willow Creek Golf Course, Saturday, August 26 at 8 a.m. For more information, stop by the Information Center today. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide matching funds.

GodZ GuyZ at the Fair Today

Come and hear GodZ GuyZ at the Iowa State Fair. They will perform on the AE Stage at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 13. It would be great to see our Gloria Dei friends in the audience. Mark your calendars now and we'll see you there

Stichin' Mission

Stitchin' Mission, a five-beginner quiltmaking class starts Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 600 Sixth Ave., Des Moines. For more information, contact Linda Hungerford at 226-1129.

LWML News

Attention LWML Circle Chairwomen

We will have a very important meeting for LWML circles Monday, August 28, at 7 p.m. in room 139. This meeting will cover plans for the annual Craft Fair as well as the Fall Zone Rally that Gloria Dei is hosting. One or two representatives from each circle needs to attend.

Walking in the Light

Tune in Sunday, August 20 at 10 a.m. on radio station 1150 AM KWKY as Pastor Baldwin shares on Philippians 4:4.

Listening and Changing

As a result of June's worship survey and comments made to the Elders concerning the proposed fall Sunday worship schedule, the Elders discussed at length and made a few changes to the previously proposed fall schedule. The major shift will be to move the 9 a.m. service to the sanctuary and change it to a traditional blend. In order to accommodate this change, the Elders needed to modify the time of the 8 a.m. service by 15 minutes.

The new schedule starting September 10 is as follows:

7:45-8:45 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary 9:00-10:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Sanctuary

10:00-11:00 a.m. Contemporary Family Life Center

10:30-11:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Sanctuary

While this is a huge change from the projected fall schedule, the Elders believed it was necessary to listen to the survey and people's comments and plan accordingly. The children's and adult educational times will be 9:20 and 10:20 a.m.

Saturday's Northwind service and educational time will remain the same.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder today.

Self-defense Class

A Women's Self-defense Class will run for six weeks starting Monday, August 28 at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center; no class will be held on Labor Day. The cost of the class is \$25. Dr. Chip Miller, who has 31 years of teaching experience and is the founder and head instructor of Drake Kung-Fu Club, will be the instructor. If you are interested, sign up at the Information Center or call Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Guest Transportation

To improve access to our facility, we have formed a guest transportation ministry. This ministry will involve two eight-passenger shuttle carts

that will circle the parking lot and transport guests to the doors of the narthex. If you are at least 30 years old and would like to be involved in this ministry by driving the carts, sign



up at the Information Center or call Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Women's Connections Coming Soon



Women's Connections will start Monday, September 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Come and join us as we connect to God and each other through study, prayer and fellowship.

Tool Shoppe



Take some time today to visit the Tool Shoppe, located east of the narthex. We now have traveling mugs imprinted with Gloria Dei's logo for \$10. While you are there, don't forget to check out the other new items.

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, Sept. 13 Discovery 101 is a five-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

Discovery 201

Sunday, Oct. 15 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@gloriadeion-line.com.

Plans for the Youth

This fall will bring the following exciting changes changes for the youth:

Junior High: Grades 6-8

Sundays mornings: A high-energy event called *the Castaway,* will include music, video, large group teaching and small-group discussion on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. The morning will be based on Ephesians 4:22-24 where God encourages believers to put off or castaway the old and replace it with the new.

Wednesday evenings: A new Confirmation model that will help our confirmands in their faith development will be begin this fall and be implemented in the next two years. The major change will be for the seventh grade class, when we offer the following four courses: The Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, Media and My Faith and Parents/Friends Living Through Tensions. This model will allow our confirmands the excitement of choosing topics. The sixth grade class will study the book *My Christian Faith*, which is an overview of our beliefs. The eighth grade class will focus on the Apostles' Creed, Writing my Testimony/Evangelism training and the Sacraments.

Senior High Youth: Grades 9-12

Sunday evenings: We will meet Sunday nights from 6-9 p.m. for a weekly gathering geared specifically toward the senior high youth. This evening called *The Island,* is founded upon Psalm 18:2, where God wants to be a place for rest, escape, peace, refreshment and regrouping for his people. Sunday nights will be a place where teens can get rejuvenated to live their lives for Christ.

Sunday mornings: Sunday mornings offer our teens an opportunity to serve in the children and junior high ministries, as well as an opportunity to attend adult Bible classes.

Wednesday evenings: Wednesday evening will be an opportunity for outreach. The evening will concentrate on fellowship with a small devotional element. It will be a great time for the senior high youth to hang out, play games and introduce their friends to the church and develop deeper friendships. We are establishing the "Snack Hut" in the Youth Center. This is a place where teens can come and purchase food, snacks and drinks on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

Get Involved: This new way of thinking brings an increasing awareness of the importance for ministry partners to come alongside our teens. What can you do? How can you partner with us in ministry? All you need to do is contact Tim Kightlinger, tim@gloriadeionline.com, and we'll meet and talk about how your gifts, talents and passions can be used to bring Jesus to teens for the first time and a lifetime.

Backpacks for Children in Uganda

We are collecting backpacks and school supplies for children in the area that Pastor Burcham, Steve Kohtz, and

Chris James directly worked with in Uganda. We have set a goal of gathering 200 backpacks loaded with school



supplies to be shipped in September. Items needed for each backpack are:

- Backpacks (new/gently used)
- · Box of 24 crayons
- Pencils (6)
- Erasers (2)
- Pens (6)
- Box of 10 markers
- Box of 12 colored pencils
- Wooden ruler (new/gently used)
- · Notebook, 1-subject, wide ruled
- Pocket folder (4)
- Scissors (new/gently used)
- Glue sticks (2)

Please bring items to the large blue bin located in the Information Center. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Deadline: Sunday, September 17







High School

Sunday Nights with GF (God and Friends)

August 13

We will not meet tonight.

August 20

We will meet at Tim's house and then jaunt to miniature golf. Cost for golfing is \$5.

Young Adults (Ages 18-23ish)

If you'll be in town for the school year and would like to meet for Bible study, please e-mail Tim at tim@gloriadeionline.com. In addition, we want to stay in touch with you, so please provide your school address, e-mail and birthday to the church office.

"Yes I Am" Conference for Grades 7-12 (Saying Yes to Purity)

Mark your calendar for September 22 from 5:30-11 p.m. More details will follow.

Junior High Youth Gathering

Don't forget to register for the Junior High Youth Gathering October 21-22. The cost is \$120. Registration is due by September 1.

Junior High

Join your friends every Saturday night for worship and Bible study at our Northwind worship service.

Third Graders and Parents

All third graders and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend Faith Alive together for six weeks beginning September 13. Parents will work with their children as they search the scriptures together, highlighting key verses. A letter will be sent in August. Questions? Contact DeAnn in the church office at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Ministry Partners

Ministry partners are needed for Wednesday and Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. We need leaders and helpers for all ages of the children's ministry. Check the bulletin board in the center wing for more details! Leader and helper training will be held Wednesday, August 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. Childcare will be provided. **Please note:** this training is strongly recommended for all children's ministry leaders and helpers. If you are interested, please call DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.



Playground Installed

Last Saturday, 40 ministry partners helped to install the playground, which has been planned since the inception of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool. "This is a dream come true," said Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures.

Playground Grand Opening:

The entire congregation is invited to join in the playground's grand opening Tuesday, August 22 from 5:30-7 p.m.











Week of August 13-19

Sunday, August 13

Honduras Mission Trip

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with

Communion

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, August 14 Honduras Mission Trip Tuesday, August 15 Honduras Mission Trip

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting Wednesday, August 16

Honduras Mission Trip

Thursday, August 17

Honduras Mission Trip

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

Friday, August 18

Honduras Mission Trip

Saturday, August 19

Honduras Mission Trip

9:00 a.m. Guest Transportation Driver's Training5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service6:45 p.m. Junior High Saturday Night Live

Outpouring of Love for the Lord

Please note: Bill Wishman has been out of the office this week; therefore, the offering report from August 6 will be posted in next week's *Weekly Word*.

Attendance			
Northwind	163	Communion	
8 a.m.	186	8 a.m.	160
9:30 a.m.	339	9:30 a.m.	251
11 a.m.	186	Total Communion	361
Total	874		

Week of August 20-26

Sunday, August 20

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with

Communion

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with

Communion

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

6:00 p.m. High School Evening with GF

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, August 21

7:00 p.m. Spirit Nurturers

Tuesday, August 22

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Preschool Playground Grand Opening

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Thursday, August 24

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

6:30 p.m. GriefShare

7:30 p.m. Strategic Ministry Action Team Mtg.

Saturday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Golf Outing

5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

with Communion

August 12 and 13, 2006 • Changed Lives: From Weakest Link to Might Warrior - Gideon

10av. 5:3

"Blessed Be Your Name" "Open the Eyes of My Heart" "Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?"

"Awesome God"

"In Your Presence"

Confession and Forgiveness

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Celebration of Holy Communion

"Amazed"

"Your Love is Deep"

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Old Testament Reading

Judges 6:1-6; 11-16 NIV

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-10 NIV

Children are Invited to Grace Place

Offering

"My Savior My God"

Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer,

Director of Adult Ministry

Prayers Lord's Prayer

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Blessing and Announcements

Welcome

"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us" TLH 279, 4 Vs.

Invocation

"The Savior Calls; Let Every Ear," TLH 271, 5 Vs.

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," LW 272, 3 Vs.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 6:1-6; 11-16 NIV

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-10 NIV

Apostles' Creed "By Grace I'm Saved," LW 351 3 Vs.

Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer,

Director of Adult Ministry

"By Grace I'm Saved." LW 351 1 Vs.

Offering

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light," LW 373, 3 Vs.

Welcome

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us" TLH 279, 4 Vs.

Invocation

"In Your Presence"

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

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2 Timothy 1:3-10 NIV

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"Wonderful Merciful, Savior"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Blessing

The Celebration of Holy Communion

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.