# Weekly Word



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

August 18 and 19, 2007

The Twelve Sunday after Pentecost

## **Upcoming Sermon Series**

#### Created for Community, August 19 and 26

Join us today as Pastor Meyer shares one of the key aspects of our existence—being created for community.

Since the beginning of time, God's nature has been communal. After all, God exists in community with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Genesis, it states that God made man in his own likeness, which means we've been made for community. This was further shown when God told Adam that it was good for a man not to be alone; therefore, God provided someone for Adam to share his life with and a community was started in the garden of Eden. We were created for community; we were not created to live a life alone.

Throughout Jesus' life, he bonded and lived closely with a group of men, which he called his disciples. He wanted them to know him and for them to further the kingdom *together* (he sent them out two by two). Jesus' heart for community is further shown in the prayer in

the garden of Gethsemane when he prays for the unity of his followers.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one."

John 17:20-21a

Let's listen *together* to the sermon today and embrace the community God has created for our growth and wellbeing.

#### Supported in Community: August 25 and 26

Next week's sermon will explore the benefits of God's community.

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

We will see how we can grow in our relationship with Jesus as well as those around us while being involved in a community.

#### **Community Groups Being Formed**

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, or call Pastor Meyer at 276-1700.

## Fall 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. 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

Grace Place, our educational time for children, will be Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

## **Immediate Needs**

With our upcoming fall worship schedule and children's educational times, we need people to help fill a few ministry partner positions. Please take some time to consider the following openings:

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

Greeters: Pastor Tim Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or

tphillips@gloriadeionlne.com

Tech Team: Chris Onsrud at 278-5544, ext. 300 or

chris@gloriadeionline.com

Children's: DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or

Ministry deann@gloriadeionline.com

(For a complete listing of children's ministry openings, see page 9)

## **Ministry Fair**

We will need at least 650 ministry partners for the fall. Which one will you be? Please join us after the worship services on September 8 and 9 in rooms 131-37.

Tables will be set up where you can get to know each of the ministries of Gloria Dei. As you get to know us more, we pray that you will find a place to put your God-given gifts to use. Visit gloriadeionline.com and click the Gift Yourself link to view all the opportunities to partner with us!



The following is a preview of what you will see:

#### Worship Ministry

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

#### **Adult Ministry**

Fellowship coordinator, community group facilitators and Bible study leaders.

#### **Congregational Care**

Guest transportation, hospitality, greeters and support group facilitators.

#### Early and Elementary Children's Ministry

Classroom teachers and helpers and Christmas program writers and directors.

#### Youth Ministry

Junior high leaders for Sunday mornings and small group leaders for senior high youth.

#### **Media Ministry**

Helpers with the behind-the-scenes technical side of worship services.

#### **Facilities**

Electricians, plumbers, general contractors and landscapers.

Gloria Dei 8301 Aurora Ave. Urbandale, IA 50322 Gloria Dei 515-276-1700 www.gloriadeionline.com

#### Full-time staff e-mail:

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Mrs. Marsha Sly Administrative Assistant marsha@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Terry Steinke Director of Early Childhood Ministry and Tiny Treasures Preschool terry@gloriadeionline.com

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Mrs. Laura Rath Senior Pastor Admin Assistant laura@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Michelle Reinert Assistant to the Youth Director michelle@gloriadeionline.com

Mrs. Shelly Rivera Assistant to the Family Director shelly@gloriadeionline.com

**Governing Board** govboard@gloriadeionline.com

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 19 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



E than Will Uglum born July 6, 2007 to Chris and Dawn (nee Triplett) Uglum. Ethan's spiritual sponsors are Chad and Becky Triplett and Abby Uglum.

## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar on August 19
are in celebration of
Jack and Marsha Fries'
30th wedding anniversary
and
Lee and Katie Echtenkamp's
34th wedding anniversary.

# Servers

#### Officiant/Liturgist:

Rev. Tim Phillips (7:45 a.m.)

Rev. Ron Burcham (9 a.m.)

#### Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

**Organist:** Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

P.J. Roberts Jordan Clark

Ashley Fuerhoff

#### Elders:

Devin Wren Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko 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

#### 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 the many prayers for Alyssa Cook's health
- For the 18th wedding anniversary of Tim and Ronda Mueller
- For the successful surgery of Janet Tysse

#### **Prayers**

- For Kofi Manteaw's safety on his trip to London
- For Rustin Aufdenkamp's upcoming surgery
- For Lawrence Meseck's health concerns
- For Faith Spark and her family as they grieve the loss of her dad
- For Wendell Dickey, who will have surgery on Wednesday
- For Joan Follis, who is recovering from surgery
- For Vernon Hanselman, Deb Timmons' uncle
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan
- 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 with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## 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 four-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@glo-riadeionline.com.

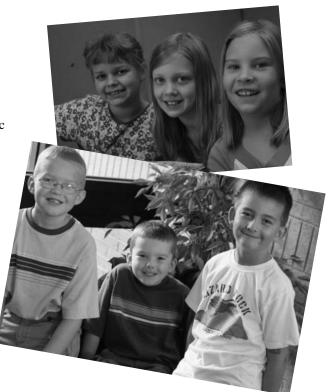
## When do fall programs start?

#### Children ages 3 to high school

Grace Place, our educational time, will start again on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 5:50 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Our midweek educational time, Faith Alive, Music Alive and midweek meal will start on Wednesday, Sept. 19; midweek meal from 5-6 p.m., Music Alive 5:30-6:10 p.m. and Faith Alive at 6:15-7:15 p.m. Please register your children at www.gloriadeionline.com or pick up a registration form at the Information Center. Registration will be required for all children.

## To register:

Go to Information Center or www.gloriadeionline.com.





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

## Alleluia Ringers

As we prepare for our fall programs, Angie Gage, Director of Alleluia Ringers, would like to welcome all the returning members and encourage



interested congregational members to be a part of the Alleluia Ringers. If you have never rung before, fear not, we will have a workshop for newcomers as an opportunity to learn something new. This workshop will also serve as a refresher course to those who have played bells before. Come join us at on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 6-7 p.m. We will start our sea-

son on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

If you are interested in joining this group, please notify Angie Gage at 276-0960, or amgage@hotmail.com.

## **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.

## 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, of 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.

## 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.

#### **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 Facilitators' 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 session 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.



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#### **Contact Information:**

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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 is a 6-week grief-support group for young children aimed at providing children a safe place to process their grief. Different medias, 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

Connecting women to Christ and each other in every season of life.

Just imagine....imagine what you experience after one hour of worship each weekend...then enhance that feeling with Women's Bible Connections. Tour seven different courses to find the right fit for your time, interests, and the growth goals you have for your faith. A list of courses ranging in commitment level from no weekly preparation to advanced studies is coming your way soon!

Women's Bible Connections previews their fall season on Monday, Sept. 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m in the Gathering Place (use the Family Life Center west entrance). Women's Bible Connections offers child care services and special accommodations as needed. For more information, contact Sheryl Woolman at 254-9290.



## Children's Ministry Seeks Helpers and Leaders

"Sharing the love of Jesus with children is the greatest joy I know. After working at a desk all week, I look forward to interacting in such a creative way. The materials are easy to follow and the whole experience makes me happy," said a Grace Place teacher about her last year's experience working with the children.

Most of our fall classes still do not have teachers or helpers. Touching the lives of so many children can only happen through the work of lots of ministry partners. We need you on Saturday evenings, Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Check out the bulletin board in the narthex to find a perfect spot for you. 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

Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade (1 needed)

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade (2 needed)

#### Wednesday Faith Alive leaders and helpers

1st Grade (2nd classroom) (1 leader needed)

5th Grade (2nd classroom) (2 leaders needed)

Bible Story Leaders (3 leaders needed)

Bible Challenge Leaders (1 leader needed)

Game Leader (1 leader needed)

Snack Leader (2 leaders needed)

Craft Leader (1 leader needed)

Crew Leaders (10 needed - no weekly preparation!)

#### Saturday Grace Place leaders and helpers

(at least 3 per level)

Preschool (2 more teachers and 2 more helpers needed that could rotate taking turns every third week)

Kindergarten and 1st (2 leaders needed)

2nd and 3rd Grade (3 leaders needed)

4th and 5th Grade (3 leaders needed)

# **Educational 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.

#### Sunday 9:20 am Grace Place leaders and helpers

2's and Parent's Class (Mom and/or dad of a 2-year-old would be great.)

Preschool 3's A (1 helper needed)

Preschool 3's B (1 helper needed)

Preschool 4-5's A (1 helper needed)

Preschool 4-5's B (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

Kindergarten (3 leaders needed)

1st Grade A (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

1st Grade B (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

2nd Grade (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

3rd Grade A (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

3rd Grade B (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

4th Grade (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

5th Grade (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

#### Sunday 10:50 am Grace Place leaders and helpers

2's and Parent's Class (mom and/or dad of a two year old would be great)

Preschool 3's (need 2 helpers)

Preschool 4-5's (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

Kindergarten (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

1st Grade (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

2nd Grade (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

3rd Grade (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

4th Grade (1 helper and 1 leader needed)

5th Grade (1 helper and 1 leader needed)



## **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 16 and 19

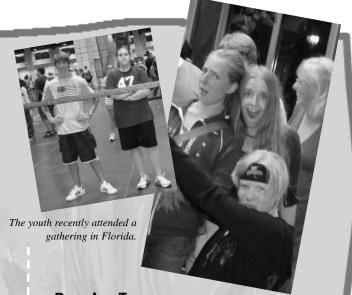
Our youth programs resume on Sunday, Sept. 16. More information will follow.

## **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.revolvetour.com.

### **Senior High Small Groups**

We are organizing our fall small home groups, eens in Community (TIC). More information and sign-ups will be available.

### **Senior High Survivor**

Sunday, Sept. 9 from 5:30-9 p.m.

5:30-6 p.m. Dinner

6-9 p.m. Survivor events

There will be 4-5 games. Some will be physically challenging and some mentally.

This will also be the night to sign up for TIC, Teens in Community.

# Register today!

# Golf Outing Saturday, August 25



## 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.



## Kitchen Detail

Sarah Circle has been busy cleaning the kitchen this week, and they have collected a large stockpile of containers and pans from last year's events. If you are missing an item from your kitchen, please check the church's kitchen today and claim your item.

## **LWML** Meeting

A Craft Fair meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Board room; the craft fair updates and the ministry fair will be discussed.

## 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.

## Switched at the Coat Racks

Please check your closet. On Saturday, June 30, a navy suit coat was mistakingly switched at the coat racks and taken home. If the navy blue suit coat in your closet is a few sizes too big, please call Marsha Sly at 276-1700.

## **Childcare Worker Needed**

First Christian Church, 2500 University Ave., is seeking to employ a childcare worker on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. If you are interested, call Sondra at 255-2181.

## Tiny Treasurers

#### School News

On Monday, teachers start working in the three classrooms getting ready for the children. They also are making home visits for all of our children (90 plus). Please keep this

ministry in your prayers as we prepare for the school year. In addition, we need a two morning lead teacher for a 3year-old class-



room. Please focus your prayers especially in this area. Thank you for your support. Because of you, we have new cubbies, school bags for all the new children, and a wonderful place for these little ones to learn and grow.

#### Help Needed

Many tasks remain before school starts for Tiny Treasures. These are mostly little tasks that someone could complete in one or two hours. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to do some "hands-on" help, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

## Children's Library

Please note that during our remodeling the children's library will be closed. The return book box will be in the Gathering Place for your convenience. We look forward to our grand opening of our new children's library in the next few weeks.

## **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

## **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:

Home:

389 Camden Pass Lane Fort Walton Beach, Fla. 32547

Church:

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

E-mail:

goodshepluth@earthlink.net

## **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 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

Outpouring of Love		
General Fund Offerings	\$23,913	
YTD Offering	\$162,827	
YTD Budget	\$211,204	

#### Wednesday, August 22

9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children

10:00 a.m. Blble Study with Pastor Meyer

6:30 p.m. Community Facilitators Meeting

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

9:30 a.m. Community Facilitators Meeting

5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	152	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	140	Northwind	119
9 a.m.	289		
10:30 a.m.	208		
Total	789		

## Week of August 26- September 1

#### Sunday, August 26

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

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

#### Monday, August 27

6:30 p.m. Women's Connections Leaders Meeting

6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

7:00 p.m. Craft Fair Meeting

#### Tuesday, August 28

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Divorce Care Meeting

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 29

9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer

5:30p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

#### Thursday, August 30

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

10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

1:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory

6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Parent Orientation

6:30 p.m. GriefShare Meeting

6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage

7:00 p.m. The Worship Team 201

#### Friday, August 31

5:00 p.m. Julie Bergan and Terry Weeks Rehearsal

#### Saturday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Questions about Music

4:00 p.m. Julie Bergan and Terry Weeks Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

## 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









## Solutions '07

Gloria Dei hosted a multi-media worship conference last Thursday and Friday. More than 40 participants came from Iowa. The conference began with

worship, a message, introductions of the participants. Kevin Cooney, news anchor of KCCI, wrapped up the morning session by speaking about the important elements of communication, such as the audience, the amount of detail, the content and the different methods of delivery. The majority of the conference was then divided into workshops designed to equip churches to advance their mult-media worship. In between workshops, fellowship times were encouraged to allow attendees to share ideas and network.

#### **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.