Weekly Word



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

August 20, 2006

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Winds Down, Fall Programs Will Begin

Lots of changes will commence Sept. 9 and 10. Here is a sample of the upcoming exciting changes:

Sunday's Worship Schedule

7:45-8:45 a.m.

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Traditional Sanctuary

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Traditional-Blend Sanctuary

Contemporary Family Life Center

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Contemporary-Blend Sanctuary

Sunday Educational Times: One of the benefits of having the 9:20-10 and 10:20-11 a.m. educational times is the ability to worship together as a family at the 9 and 10 a.m. services before the children are excused for their educational time, Grace Place.

"This is a great opportunity for us," said Pastor Burcham. "If families choose this option, they can start the week by worshiping together."

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

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.

Junior High: Grades 6-8

- Sunday 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 develop their faith.

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 evenings 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: Age 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 Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Please register your children today at the Information Center or online at www.gloriadeion-line.com.

Tiny Treasures: Age 3 to prekindergarten

Tiny Treasures will start their second year on Tuesday, Sept. 5 with five 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 during the fall.

We are looking forward to plunging into God's love with you and your family this fall. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

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Grief Share Support Group

Registration due today.

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 today. Group meetings will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end promptly at 8 p.m.; please use 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 lighthearted 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 you 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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Governing Board 276-1700

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar are given in celebration of:



- Dick and Elaine Mueller's 40th wedding anniversary
- Andrew and Marilyn Varley' 47th 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:
Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko
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:
Shirley Roberts
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 17th wedding anniversary of Tim and Ronda Mueller

Prayers

- For Rich Steinke's recovery from knee surgery
- For Dorothy Rix's sister-in-law, Lois, who begins chemo this week
- For Mary Grimm, who will have surgery August 21 in Iowa City
- For Micah Pomerenke, nephew of Casey and Becky Fluegge, who needs healing from injuries from a serious accident and doctor's guidance in treating those injuries
- For the grief support group
- For the educational time teachers and helpers
- For our fall ministry programs

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.

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.

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

Stichin' Mission

Stitchin' Mission, a five-week beginner's 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; to view their Web page, go to www.hopequilters.com.

Christian Motorcyclists

A rally for Christian Motorcyclists who are committed to "riding for the son" will be held on the Nazarene Campground, 2251 Fuller Road, West Des Moines, on August 25-27. For more information, contact Denny Larson at 314-8016 or ddlarson@netins.net.

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 27 at 10 a.m. on radio station 1150 AM KWKY as Pastor Baldwin will encourage us to "Protect Our Priceless Treasure."

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.

Sunday's Worship and Educational Options

Our new fall worship schedule affects our education opportunities as well. Please take some time today to consider the following six worship/education options that best fits your family's needs. Which scenario do you see you and your family in?

Sunday's Family A:

Worship as a family at 7:45 a.m. in the sanctuary; at 9:20 a.m. children and adults both attend the educational times.

Sunday's Family B:

Worship as a family at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary; at 9:20 a.m. children are excused from worship for their educational time, Grace Place.

Sunday's Family C

Worship as a family in the sanctuary at 9 a.m.; at 10:20 a.m. children and adults both attend the educational times.

Sunday's Family D

Worship as a family at 10 a.m in the Family Life Center.; at 10:20 a.m. children are excused from worship for their educational time, Grace Place.

Sunday's Family E

Adults and children attend the 9:20 a.m. educational time before worshiping together as a family at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary.

Sunday's Family F

Children attend the 10:20 a.m. educational time and parents attend the 10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary; at 11 a.m. children are brought to the sanctuary.

Education

Children/ Youth

Saturday

5:50-6:30 p.m.

Sunday

9:20-10 a.m.

Sunday

10:20-11 a.m.

Adults

Sunday

9:20-10 a.m.

Sunday

10:20-11 a.m



Jump into the Fall by Registering Today

Register your children for our weekend educational times, Grace Place and Wednesday evening educational times, Faith Alive. Registration forms are at the Information Center or online at gloriadeinonline.com.

Please note: We understand your schedules change from time to time; therefore, please register for the weekend class you will most often attend.



Plans for the Youth

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

Junior High: Grades 6-8

Sunday 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 begin this fall and be implemented in the next two years. The major change will be for the seventh grade class, for whom 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 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.

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

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 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.

Help!

To meet our goal of 200 backpacks for the children in Uganda we still need the following:

- 165 backpacks (new/gently used)
- 100 boxes of 24 crayons
- 138 packages of six pencils
- 143 packages of two erasers



- 146 packages of six pens
- 163 boxes of 10 markers
- 152 boxes of 12 colored pencils
- 126 wooden rulers
- 70 notebooks, 70-page, wide ruled
- 600 pocket folders
- 150 scissors (new/gently used)
- 150 packages of two glue sticks

Please bring items to the large blue bin located in the Information Center. If you are too busy to shop, we can do it for you; please put your cash donations in the envelope next to the blue bin. 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 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@gloriadeion-line.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.

Youth Center

Check it out! Lots of changes are in the air and on the walls!



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.

Tiny Treasures Updates

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.



Playground Grand Opening:

You are invited to celebrate our new playground Tuesday night from 5:30-7 p.m. Come and see the preschool rooms, play on the playground, and share a simple picnic supper with us.

Tiny Treasures Opening

Tiny Treasures will open its doors for the second year Tuesday, Sept. 5. So far we have 70 children for our five morning classes. For more information about the preschool, please pick up a brochure at the Information Center.



Save Money, Help Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool will be selling entertainment books this fall. By purchasing your book from Tiny Treasures, you can save money on the books themselves, and then save on your activities in the metro area. The books are \$20 (\$5 cheaper than retail locations!) and contain coupons to local restaurants and other area businesses. The books are good for a whole year! If you'd like to purchase a book, please stop by the table in the narthex or contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Tiny Treasures Ministry Partners

Monday and Tuesday: We need help finishing up the last minute details of our playground.

Tuesday evening: Helpers are needed for our open house.

Miscellaneous Work: We need lots of help finishing details for the opening day of classes on Tuesday, Sept. 5. If you have spare time, give Terry Steinke a call at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Children Educational Partner's Training

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. In addition, there are still some openings for leaders and helpers on Wednesday, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Check the bulletin board in the center wing for more details. If you have any questions, please call DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

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

Wednesday, August 23

6:00 p.m. Fellowship MAT

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

8:00 a.m. BSF Training

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

with Communion

Outpouring of Love for the Lord			
General Fund Offerings	\$21,995		
YTD Offering	\$151,411		
YTD Budget	\$187,670		

Attendance			
Northwind	151	Communion	
8 a.m.	170	Northwind.	128
9:30 a.m.	320	11 a.m.	102
11 a.m.	166	Total Communion	230
Total	807		

Week of August 27 - September 2

Sunday, August 27

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

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with

Communion

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Evening with GF 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, August 28

7:00 p.m. Women's Self-defense Course

7:00 p.m. LWML Craft Fair Mtg.

Tuesday, August 29

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

6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Parent Orientation6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Teacher and

Helper Training.

Thursday, August 31

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews6:30 p.m. GriefShareSaturday, September 2

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

6:45 p.m. Junior High Saturday Night Live

"Sweeter"

"I Am a Friend of God"

"Lord Reign in Me"

"Cry of My Heart"

Confession and Forgiveness

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

Epistle Reading

Galatians 2:20-21 NIV

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-18 NIV

Children are Invited to Grace Place

Offering

"It is You"

Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham,

Senior Pastor

"As the Deer"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

"Forever"

Blessing and Announcements

Welcome

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LW 444 3 Vs.

Invocation

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," TLH 277, 3 Vs.

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The Nicene Creed

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary," TLH 276, 3 Vs.

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Senior Pastor

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary," TLH 276, 1 Vs.

Offering

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

"Sanctus"

"Agnus Dei"

"Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord."

TLH 307. 3 Vs.

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table," TLH 315, 5 Vs.

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" TLH 361, 5 Vs.

Benediction

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," LW 461, 1 Vs.

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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.