

# WEEKLY WORD



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## We Need Each Other

by Pastor Kendall Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor

Randy Frazee, teaching pastor at Willow Creek Community Church, shares a story about their pet beagle, Lady. The family had decided to take a seven-day vacation but they couldn't bring Lady along. So, they took Lady to an exclusive pet hotel. After returning from their trip, they noticed large clumps of hair clinging to their hands after petting her. When they got home, Randy immediately called their veterinarian. After describing the symptoms, the doctor told him that Lady was stressed by their absence and suggested to spend about two hours with her at home, and her hair would stick once again. Doubtful of the prescription, he was amazed to see that within 15 minutes of being home with the family, Lady's hair stayed on her body.

If a dog starts to fall apart after seven days of being robbed of community, how much more is it true for humans, who are created in the image of God for fellowship? A recent Gallup poll indicates that a third of our population is experiencing frequent feelings of intense loneliness. Those living alone have tripled since 1960. Doctors say loneliness can bring on other diseases. Loneliness is not good!

In last week's sermon, we learned that we were designed for community and created not to be alone. We need other people in our lives!

Surround yourself with good Christian friends! When the Apostle Paul felt lonely in prison, he asked Timothy, Luke, and Mark to come to him. Trying to live the Christian life alone is hard and yet many people journey on that road. I am deeply concerned by how many lonely Christians are church members. People who sneak into their pew just before the service begins, and zip out the door the second it's over. Sometimes we treat the church like a library, rather than a family.

Jesus gave everything for the church. He knew we needed each other, and he designed the church to bring us community! The fact is "Christian individuality" is an oxymoron. Ask any member of a community group if they are "lonely" in their journey, and they will say, "Definitely not." You can't study God's Word together, pray for each other, develop bonds of confidentiality and trust, and not discover the blessings and benefits of a Christian family. Loneliness is cured and support is given by "dipping yourself" in the bonds of fellowship.

I encourage you today to examine your loneliness barometer; if it is high, consider joining a community group and reap the benefits.

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son, purifies us from all sin.*  
I John 1:7

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## Fall Worship Schedule

### Starting Saturday, Sept. 15:

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

### Starting Sunday, Sept. 16:

7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Grace Place will be Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. For more information, see page 6 and 7.

## Community Groups

Many community groups are being formed for the fall. If you are interested, please call Pastor Meyer today at 278-5544, ext. 224.

### 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. Childcare is provided.

#### Friday, Sept. 7

- 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, September 8

- 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)

Registration is required by calling Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224 by Tuesday, Sept. 4.

## Ministry Fair

Two weeks ago Pastor Burcham challenged us to "invest some time in our congregation." Let's look at his suggestions from 1 Peter 4:1-10:

- Be motivated by love - "show deep love for each other."
- Use your God given gifts - "God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts." For more information on spiritual gifts, see 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4.
- Find something that will make a difference - "faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Think about where you can partner with Gloria Dei (visit [gloriadeionline.com](http://gloriadeionline.com) and click the Gift Yourself link to view the opportunities.) Pray, asking God to give you wisdom and courage to step into a ministry partner position. If you have any questions, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or e-mail [hlschmitz@mchsi.com](mailto:hlschmitz@mchsi.com)

Be ready to invest your time and Gift Yourself on September 8 & 9.

**Gift**  
yourself  
September 8 & 9

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 26 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



**A**ddison Jean Stone born Dec. 3, 2006 to Chad and Carmily (nee Dierken) Stone. Addison's spiritual sponsors are Angie Hamann and Russ Morman.

## Announcing Dei Break

How are you getting along with the Bible? Does it seem a little distant when you try to relate it to your life today? You're not alone! The Bible has challenged Christians for hundreds of years. How do we figure out how it fits in our lives now? We do know that it does fit, but how?

Gloria Dei is offering "Dei Break," a walk-through-the-Bible journey that will begin mid-September. Beginning in Genesis and ending with Revelation, you will have the opportunity to receive a daily e-mail with a short message explaining and relating to the passage.

If you haven't read the Bible yet, or if you are ready to begin for the hundredth time, you will find that taking five or ten minutes a day to participate in "Dei Break" will be more than worth your time. It will be a great way to start your day, or a great way to finish your evening.

You can sign up today to have "Dei Break" arrive in your e-mail every weekday. Just send a request to xyzwriter@hotmail.com. Include the e-mail address where you would like to receive "Dei Break." In addition, "Dei Break" will be available at gloriadeionline.com.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

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

Rev. Ron Burcham  
(9 a.m.)

### Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

### Organist:

Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

P.J. Roberts

Jordan Clark

Ashley Fuerhoff

### Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

### 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 safe visit and travels of Rev. Claude and Rhoda Houge, brother in law and sister of Ruthie Luecht
- For the successful surgery of Janet Tysse

## Prayers

- For the recovery from surgery for Rustin Aufdenkamp
- For Wendell Dickey, who is recovering from surgery
- For Judy Kleckner's health
- For Dan and Deb Timmons and Scott Raecker, who are going to Tibet
- 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@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.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](http://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](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).





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

**Contact**

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## New Worship Schedule

We are making some changes to the worship schedule beginning this fall and want to share these exciting changes with you. There will be five different opportunities each weekend to worship at Gloria Dei and each will offer a slightly different worship style—allowing us to serve the needs of our members as well as reach out to the rest of the community. A brief summary of the five worship times and styles are outlined below. We encourage you to explore all the worship opportunities at Gloria Dei and share this with friends and neighbors that may be looking for a church home. This new schedule will be implemented the weekend of September 15-16.

### 5:30 p.m. Saturday Northwind Contemporary Service in the Family Life Center

This come as you are service offers high-energy worship and an educational time for the children. Communion offered the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

- Music type:** Praise music led by a worship leader and praise band, guitar driven.
- Music Offerings:** Solos, praise band, children’s choirs.
- Worship elements:** Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, and prayers.
- Communion:** Continuous flow distribution.
- Other Characteristics:** No robes, no acolyte.
- Education:** Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service (5:50 p.m.).

### 7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Classical Lutheran worship that utilizes all three liturgies from the new Lutheran Service Book. Communion offered the first and third Sunday of every month.

- Music type:** Hymns from Lutheran Service Book accompanied by organ.
- Music Offerings:** Vocal choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra.
- Worship elements:** Written liturgy from the hymnal, responsive Psalms sung by cantor on occasion, communion liturgy from hymnal.
- Communion:** Distributed at the communion rail.
- Other Characteristics:** Pastors robed, acolyte.
- Education:** Grace Place and adult Bible studies held at 9:20 a.m.

### 9:00 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Classical Lutheran worship that utilizes written and free-flow liturgy.  
Communion offered the first and third Sunday of every month.

<b>Music type:</b>	Hymns from Lutheran Service Book accompanied by organ.
<b>Music Offerings:</b>	Vocal choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra, praise choir, children's choir.
<b>Worship elements:</b>	Blend between hymnal and free-flow liturgy.
<b>Communion:</b>	Continuous flow distribution.
<b>Other Characteristics:</b>	Pastors robed, acolyte.
<b>Education:</b>	Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service (9:20 a.m.).

### 9:00 a.m. Sunday Family-Friendly Service in the Family Life Center

Casual atmosphere where families are encouraged to worship with upbeat hymns and praise music.  
Communion offered the second and fourth Sunday of every month.

<b>Music type:</b>	Softer contemporary songs and some hymns with worship band leading all music.
<b>Music Offerings:</b>	Children's choir, bell choir, brass, orchestra, praise choir.
<b>Worship elements:</b>	Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, prayers, and parts of service dedicated to family worship.
<b>Communion:</b>	Continuous flow distribution.
<b>Other Characteristics:</b>	Sermon simulcast from Sanctuary, no robes, no acolyte.
<b>Education:</b>	Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service (9:20 a.m.).

### 10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Service in the Sanctuary

This casual service offers high-energy worship and an educational time for the children.  
Communion offered the first and third Sunday of every month.

<b>Music type:</b>	Praise music led by a worship leader and praise band, guitar driven.
<b>Music Offerings:</b>	Solos, praise band, children's choirs.
<b>Worship elements:</b>	Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, and prayers.
<b>Communion:</b>	Continuous flow distribution.
<b>Other Characteristics:</b>	No robes, no acolyte.
<b>Education:</b>	Grace Place offered 20 minutes into the service. (10:50 a.m.).



# Congregational Care Corner

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

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. Please feel free to join us at any time for all of our adult support groups, new people are always welcome.

## **Grief Support Groups**

### **GriefShare: Thursdays 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. (See article on following page.)

## **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: Tuesdays 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.

## **Contact Information:**

**Pastor Tim Phillips, 278-5544, ext. 204 or [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com)**

## **Women's Connections Meeting**

All leaders of the fall semester of Women's Connections are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Monday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. Questions, please contact DeAnn at 276-1700.



## Stepping Stones

**Starts Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Register today!**

For children who have experienced the loss of a loved one, Gloria Dei will host a 6-week GriefShare class called Stepping Stones for children ages 3-10 starting Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Lynn Meyer and Jane Meythaler are behind the scenes organizing the class. Both women have extensive experience with hospice and preschool children in a classroom environment.

“We want to provide an opportunity for children to express the loss that they have and to realize that they are not alone,” said Lynn. “In addition, we hope to give the children more information to decrease any fear of death.”

The session will be divided into two age groups: 3- to 5-year-olds and 6- to 10-year-olds. Each session will use different mediums, such as play, sensory activities, puppetry and movement music to reach children at their preferred way of expressing themselves.

Ministry partners are needed to help with each age group; if you are interested, please call Lynn Meyer at 986-5653. If you know of a child who could benefit from this nurturing environment, please call Lynn today; each group can only host 10 children. Please note: enrollment ceases for this session after Sept. 6, but another session will be offered at the beginning of next year.



*Jane Meythaler and Lynn Meyer*

**Register today by calling Lynn Meyer at 986-5653.**

## Women's Bible Connections

*Connecting women to Christ and each other in every season of life.* Mark your calendars for a night of enlightenment, growth and fun as Women's Bible Connections previews its fall courses on Monday, Sept. 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Women's Bible Connections is a time for women to gather and learn more about God's Word and meet new friends in the body of Christ.

We invite you to explore which course speaks to you. Tour seven different courses to find the right fit for your time, interests, and growth goals. Courses offered range in commitment level from no weekly preparation to advanced studies.

- Beth Moore's A Heart Like His • Focus on the Family's The Truth Project • Nourishment for Your Body and Soul
- Spiritual Confetti • The Five Love Languages of Children • Women of Faith's Adventurous Prayer
- Women - Who? What? When? Why?

Invite a friend and look forward to an evening designed specifically for women. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or call DeAnn McCue at 276-1700. Women's Bible Connections offers childcare services and special accommodations as needed.



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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 16 and 19

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

## Dinner Theatre

### Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 and 9

Please join us as we cast for a dinner theatre on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center. All adults and youth are invited to attend. Rehearsals will be on Sundays from Sept. 16-Nov. 18.

## Concert

TobyMac with Barlowgirl and THousand Foot Krutch will be performing at the Val Air Ballroom on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. Tickets (\$23) can be purchased by contacting Tim by Sunday, Sept. 23.

## Senior High Small Groups

We are organizing our fall small home groups, Teens 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.

## Junior Youth Gathering: Grades 6-8

“Clothed by Christ”

**Oct. 13-Sunday, Oct. 14**

**Marriot, Downtown, Des Moines**

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)**

This youth gathering for girls is sponsored by Women of Faith in Minneapolis, Minn at the Target Center where they will learn how to live for Christ. For more information, go to [www.revolveitour.com](http://www.revolveitour.com).

The cost is \$150, which includes registration, transportation, lodging and meals during the gathering.

Register by Wednesday, Sept. 12 by filling out the registration forms and a deposit of \$70.

If you have questions about the event, please contact Julie Pace at 331-1027, Cheryl Gilg at 278-9423 and Janna Amendt at 252-0120.

## Ministry Fair

Gift Yourself and let others see your gifts. Youth are encouraged to attend the ministry fair on Sept. 8 and 9 after the worship services to sign up for areas where you can best serve.

## Confirmation Teacher Training

All Wednesday night Confirmation teachers are invited to a training on Wednesday, September 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center.

## Teacher Orientation

All Grace Place and Faith Alive teachers are invited to an orientation on Wednesday, Aug. 29 or Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207. Childcare is provided.

## Fall Consignment Sale

Tiny Treasures will host a fall consignment sale on Friday, Oct. 5. This one-day sale will help Tiny Treasures purchase equipment and supplies. A flier is available at the Information Center. Think fall, and think consignment! Clean out your closets that contain winter coats, snow pants and other clothes, and we'll help with the rest. Questions? Contact DeAnn at 278-5544 , ext. 207 or at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com).

## 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.

## Learning How to Bowl

Any child interested in learning how to bowl? Tim Kightlinger will lead a 3-week learn-to-bowl program for children and teens. This opportunity is free and offered at Merle Hay lanes for three consecutive Saturdays starting Sept. 8. from 9:30-11 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Tim or go to [www.merlehaylanes.com](http://www.merlehaylanes.com) (click on league play and then junior leagues to register). If you want to join a league with some of friends, Tim will also be coaching; the league begins on Sept. 29.

## Tiny Treasures

### Update

Tiny Treasures teachers (we have all the positions filled) are getting classrooms ready and making home visits as they prepare to open the doors on Sept. 4 for almost 100 students. Lots of changes have been going on in our classrooms from the grants, fundraising, and generous work by ministry partners.

### Thank you

Thank you, Gloria Dei, for your continuous prayers. God has truly blessed our preschool ministry.

### Invitation

We would like to invite the congregation to share in our excitement next Sunday, Sept.2 with an open house. Cinnamon rolls will be served in the preschool rooms.

### Help Needed

Many tasks remain before school starts for Tiny Treasures. These are 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.



## 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.

## Circle Meetings

### Mary-Esther Circle

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. at the home of Mary Walter, 13583 Village Court, Clive, 226-9555.

### Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes, 986-3697.

## 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 north of the Information Center.

## Football Draft

Are you ready for some football? It's that time again to draft your fantasy team. We have a league just for you. No matter if you're a fantasy pro or just a rookie, you are invited to join us Wednesday, August 29 from 8-9:30 p.m. in the "war room" (Youth Center) as we draft players to compete in the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church fantasy football league. The cost is \$5 per person, which covers the cost of the hosting of the league. If you would like to have a team but can't make it on Wednesday, please contact Tim Kightlinger at [tim@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tim@gloriadeionline.com) or Pastor Meyer at [kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com).

If you have any questions please let them know, otherwise they will see you at the draft.

## Habitat for Humanity

There is still time to partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity to finish up building four homes in the central Des Moines area. So far we have made great progress and are working mainly on the interiors of the homes and the landscaping on Saturday, Sept. 15 and 22 from 8-12 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers at all skill levels including those with the skills to lead a team of 3-5 in completing a specific task. Non-construction help also needed to work as site hosts, lead devotions, provide lunch, and more! For additional information or to volunteer, contact Cindy O'Hara at 471-8686 or e-mail at [cohara@gdmhabitat.org](mailto:cohara@gdmhabitat.org).

## Book Club

Do you like to read? Join the Gloria Dei book club starting Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Gathering Place where we will meet once a month to discuss a Christian fiction book.



September's read will be "A Time to Dance" by Karen Kingsbury, which can be purchased at the Gloria Dei bookstore. The story is about a couple who after 23 years of marriage wants a divorce, but before they tell their children, their daughter joyfully announces that she's getting married. Postponing their news until after the wedding, they begin to wonder . . . can they find the love they've lost?

Please join us as we talk about what we enjoyed, what we learned and questions we may have. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at [hlschmitz@mchsi.com](mailto:hlschmitz@mchsi.com).

## 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, 26th and Carpenter. For more information, contact Dr. Beckmann-Collier at 271-2841.

## 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 by attending a workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 6-7 p.m. We will start our season 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](mailto:amgage@hotmail.com).

## Golf Outing Thanks

Gloria Dei held a golf outing on Saturday at Longview Golf. A huge thank you goes to the following sponsors:

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 Anytime Fitness  
 Aspen Athletic Club  
 Happy Joe's  
 Future Reflections Salon  
 Heartland Heating and Cooling

## 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](mailto:shanifjelsted@mchsi.com).

# 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**

- 8:00 a.m. CPR Training for Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare 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
- 6:30 p.m. Teacher Training for Grace Place and Faith Alive
- 7:30 p.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

<b>Outpouring of Love</b>	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,521
YTD Offering	\$183,668
YTD Budget	\$241,376

<b>Last Week's Attendance</b>			
Northwind	163	<b>Communion</b>	
7:45 a.m.	162	7:45 a.m.	119
9 a.m.	274	9 a.m.	206
10:30 a.m.	300	10:30 a.m.	209
<b>Total</b>	899		

## Week of September 2-8

### Sunday, September 2

- 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, September 3

Labor Day Offices Closed

### Tuesday, September 4

- First Day of Tiny Treasurers
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Monthly Meeting

### Wednesday, September 5

- 9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Teacher Training for Grace Place and Faith Alive
- 6:30 p.m. Leader Training for Confirmation

### Thursday, September 6

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 6:30 p.m. BCS Group

### Friday, September 7

- 6:30 p.m. Community Group Facilitator Meeting

### Saturday, September 8

- 9:30 a.m. Community Group Facilitator Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Ministry Fair

## 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.

# Children's Ministry Seeks Helpers and Leaders

This fall we will need more than 90 volunteers to make children's ministry happen on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays! It will take many ministry partners. Can you spare one hour each week? Some positions don't require any preparation, just a love of working with kids and a love for the Lord! Please visit with DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry or Terry Steinke, Director of Early Childhood Ministry, in the Information Center today for more details. If you have further questions, please contact DeAnn 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 a.m. 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 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 a.m. 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)

## 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.