Weekly Word



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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Complete Sufficiency

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Looking out my living room window, I am enthralled by God's abundance. Each year a childlike wonder captures me when I view the bounty of the crops growing in the fields next to our house. The beauty and awe of the growth process shouldn't catch me off guard; after all, every year the farmers till the ground, plant seeds and harvest their bounty. But every year, my breath is taken away. I am completely mesmerized by the variations of greens; the wonder of the biological process of a seed turning into a plant, which produces something for man to eat; and the God, who made it all happen. It is a miracle and it's right in my backyard.

The book of Romans states that nature itself makes a grand argument for the reality of God's power. After all, how does a seed know how to grow?

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:20

God, who created all life, gives us the behindthe-scenes account of his amazing creation in Genesis. In seven days, God created the heavens and earth and pronounced all his created living organisms—plants, animals, fish and mankind as "good and very good."

And God saw every thing that he made, and behold it was very good. Genesis 1:31a

God's "very good" creation was a testimony to God. It showed the wonder, the power, the divinity and the holiness of God. It also showed God as the ultimate provider. He not only created life, but he created ways for life to sustain itself.

Then God said, "I give you every seedbearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." Genesis 1:29

God is behind everything, even the food that we eat (well, perhaps, Snicker candy bars and soda are excluded).

When the psalmist in Psalm 104 surveyed the intricacies of God's creation, he marveled at the completeness of God's creation and ended in praise to the Lord.

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalm 104:33

God is rich in his provisions to his creation. He continues to bless his entire creation with the light from the sun and the moon, food to eat, air to breathe and water to drink. Not to mention, all of his other provisions, such as our families, friends, shelter and clothing. Of course, his sufficiency is further realized with God's ultimate provision—Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

God's provisions to us on a daily basis are almost too numerous to count, for he has provided his Son and he daily fills us with blessings. As we look out our windows, we can plainly see his sufficiency. We see the birds, the plants, our families playing in our yards, our neighbors and all the other things that he richly provides. He is our complete sufficiency, who daily meets our needs.

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19



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.

Worship 101: Thursday, Aug. 9 from 6:30-9 p.m.

We will examine worship services and styles, liturgy, what it means to worship individually as well as corporately and why we were created to worship.

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 to provide an understanding of simple vocal pedagogy and answer questions about music.

To register, please contact Steve Kohtz at steve@gloriadeionline.com.

Craft Fair

Vendor openings still available. Women on a Mission of the LWML is planning its 15th annual craft fair on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fair specializes in hand-crafted items, a bake sale and a coffee bar. Currently, half of the spaces are rented, so pass the word to your friends and neighbors who may be interested. For more information, contact Elaine Anderson at 225-8820 or online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Welcome Home Kent!



Kent Siems, a member of Gloria Dei, returned to Iowa from Iraq on Wednesday, July 25. Kent served in the Iowa National Guard's 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry. Pictured: Aaron and Becca Siems wait for their father's arrival with their grandmother. Of course, Angel Siems was also nearby waiting for her husband.

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Governing Board 276-1700

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

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

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goodshepluth@earthlink.net

Solutions '07

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

Preparing for Marriage

Preparing for Marriage class starts Thursday, August 16 at 6:30. This class is required for couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei. If you are interested, contact Marsha at 276-1700.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Jamison Dierenfield Jordan Clark Ashley Fuerhoff

Elders:

Tim Mueller Steve Junge

Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m. Ken Andresen

Carol Andresen

Bob Knief Ken Peterson 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 return of Kent Siems from Iraq

Prayers

- For Ron Wheeler and his family as they grieve the loss of his brother, Gary
- For the recovery of Arlyn Hesse
- For the health of Alyssa Cook
- For the healing of Shirley Haight, sister of Melva Wenndt
- For Vernon Hanselman, Deb Timmons' uncle
- For Betsey Sturgeon, who is recovering from surgery
- · For Barb Boeckelmann and fam-
- For Steve Razor's health con-
- For Ian Samples' health concerns
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan
- For the Solutions Conference
- For the support groups that are starting

Prayer Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com 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 9 for more details.

Adults

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

Interested in Learning More?

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

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

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

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101

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

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

Discovery 201

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

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

Sign-up

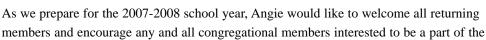
If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@glo-riadeionline.com.

Welcome Angie Gage, New Director of the Alleluia Ringers

Gloria Dei welcomes member Angie Gage into a new role as Director of the Alleluia Ringers Bell Choir. The Alleluia

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

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





Angie Gage

Alleluia Ringers. If you have never rung before, we will have a session to welcome you to the fun of handbell ringing in September. If you are interested please call Angie at 276-0960.

Church "Home" Improvements

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

Bathrooms

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

Board Room

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

Classroom Space

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

· Children's Library

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

• Board Room

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

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

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

Ways to Help

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



Kanaan and Kindrek Schramm enjoy the children's library.



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

Fresh Peaches

The Rocky Mountain Peach Company of Palisade, Colo., will once again provide tree-ripened peaches for this year's Central Iowa Youth for Christ fundraiser. A lug (approximately 18 lbs.) costs \$26; a half lug costs \$16. Information sheets can be picked up at the Information Center.

Luther Care

Luther Care Services will host an ice cream social at Luther Park apartments Community Center on Sunday, August 5 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All proceeds will go toward buying new carpet for the second floor at Luther Park apartments. For more information, contact Linda Hentscher at 225-8985.

Photo Directory

If you had your photo directory appointment in June, please pick up your complimentary 8X10 portraits in the Narthex today.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to join scrapbook fellowship on Friday, August 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in room 131/133. This is a great opportunity to get organized, finish some pages with few interruptions and get to know fellow scrappers. Come and go as your schedule allows. For further information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.



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.

Grief Support Groups

GriefShare: Thursday, August 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group for people dealing with the reality and pain of losing a loved one. Each session consists of a video presentation, sharing and prayer time.

Stepping Stones: Thursday, Sept. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. Stepping Stones, a 6-week grief-support group for young children aimed at providing children a safe place to process their grief. Different mediums, such as play, sensory activities, puppetry and movement exercises will be used to reach children at their level. Each session will be divided into two age groups: 3- to 5-year-olds and 6- to 10-year-olds.

Contact Information:

Pastor Tim Phillips 278-5544, ext. 204 tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

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.

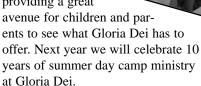
Thank You Chelsea!

Thank you to Chelsea Adams for working with DeAnn McCue this summer in children's ministry, especially with the summer camps. Chelsea's dedication to children and love for the Lord are contagious. Chelsea's last day was Friday, August 3. She will return to Concordia University in Seward, Neb., for her junior year where she is pursuing a degree in children's ministry. Please pray that God will use her in a special way as she continues this path to his glory.

Summer Update

This summer we saw more than 420 children ranging in ages from 3 years old to 8th grade participating

in summer camps, programs and other opportunities. More than 50 percent of the children were not members of Gloria Dei, thus providing a great





Children's Ministry Seeks Helpers and Leaders

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

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

Wednesday Music Alive leaders and helpers (2 per room)

Preschool

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

2nd & 3rd Grade

4th & 5th Grade

Wednesday Faith Alive leaders and helpers (2 per room)

Preschool 3's

Preschool 4-5's

1st Grade (2nd classroom)

5th Grade (2nd classroom)

Bible Story Leaders (at least 3)

Bible Challenge Leaders (at least 3)

Game Leader (at least 2)

Snack Leader (at least 2)

Craft Leader (at least 2)

Crew Leaders (at least 10 - no weekly preparation!)

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

Preschool

Kindergarten and 1st

2nd and 3rd

4th and 5th

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

2's and Parent's Class

Preschool 3's A

Preschool 3's B

Preschool 4-5's A

Preschool 4-5's B

Kindergarten

1st Grade A

1st Grade B

2nd Grade 3rd Grade A

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3rd Grade B

4th Grade A 4th Grade B

5th Grade A

5th Grade B

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

2's and Parent's Class

Preschool 3's

Preschool 4-5's

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade



Confirmation Photos

Please pick up your confirmation photos and DVDs by the Information Center.

Senior High Final Fall Planning

Join us in the Youth Center for lunch and some more planning discussions on Sunday, August 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

Baptism Banner Makers

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

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

Tiny Treasures Staff Positions

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

An office support person, who will work for 10 hours per week. We are looking for a detail-oriented, self-directed and organized person, who has good computer skills and interacts nicely with people and children.

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

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

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

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

Week of August 5-11

Sunday, August 5

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

11:30 a.m. Senior High Fall Planning

1:00 p.m. GriefShare Training

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, August 6

6:30 p.m. Beginning Ballet Recital Practice

6:30 p.m. Men s Basketball 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Outpouring of Love (July 29)		
General Fund Offerings	\$29,454	
YTD Offering	\$118,573	
YTD Budget	\$150,860	

Tuesday, August 7

9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting (Machine Shed)

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Monthly Meeting

7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

Wednesday, August 8

9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children

Thursday, August 9

6:30 a.m. Men s Bible Study10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews6:30 p.m. Worship 101

Friday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

5:30 p.m. Erica Lohrman and Chris Heck

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Beginning Ballet Practice4:00 p.m. Erica Lohrman and Chris Heck

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	172	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	143	Fifth Sunday - No Communion	
9 a.m.	312		
10:30 a.m.	272		
Total	899		

Week of August 12-18

Sunday, August 12

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in

Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service

in Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Birthday Open House for Duane Haines

(Open to members and friends)

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, August 13

6:30 p.m. Beginning Ballet Recital Practice

6:30 p.m. Men s Basketball

Tuesday, August 14

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 15

9:30 a.m. Mom s with Small Children

7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

Thursday, August 16

6:30 a.m. Men s Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Solutions 07 Conference

10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage

Friday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Solutions 07 Conference

4:30 p.m. Rachel Carlson and Dustin Rohrbeck

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 18

7:30 a.m. Blood Drive

2:00 p.m. Rachel Carlson/Dustin Rohrbeck 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









Last week, a group of high energy children and youth gathered with one purpose in mind—to create and perform at Friday's performance of "The Mystery of Tollhome Manor." The actresses and actors practiced, directed and made the sets throughout the week. Kar Haraldson, Drama Director of Gloria Dei, spent the week with God's chosen stars guiding them toward Friday evening's stellar performance in the Family Life Center.

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.

Gloria Dei Blood Drive

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

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.