

WEEKLY WORD

February 9 and 10, 2008

The First Sunday in Lent

What is on Your Bucket List?

by Pastor Ron Burcham

Thanks to the opening of a new movie starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, there is a new catch phrase called “bucket list.” It refers to what one wants to accomplish before he or she kicks the bucket. In the movie, the two main characters are given one year to live. They escape from the cancer ward and embark upon a world trip together with a to-do list to accomplish before they die.

This weekend we begin a new series of messages that asks the question, “What’s on your bucket list?” In Matthew 16:21, Jesus explains to his disciples that they are now on their way to Jerusalem, where he will be killed. “From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Going through the rest of the Gospel, in a sense, we see what is on Jesus’ bucket list, the many things he wants to accomplish before he faces the cross.

Over the next few weeks, the question for us is, how does our bucket list compare to that of Jesus? We read in Matthew 16:23 Jesus rebuking Peter when he says; “...you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” We must ask ourselves if the items on our lists are things of God or of man. What we will discover is that while it might be thrilling to go skydiving or white-water rafting, the real meaningful activities are the things God wants us to complete before we spend an eternity with him in heaven.

Some of the items our bucket list might include are:

- Feb. 16- 17 Repair a Broken Relationship
- Feb. 23-24 Live in the Moment
- March 1-2 Attempt the Impossible
- March 8-9 Share your Faith

Lenten Devotional

Pick up your Lenten Devotional, “The Journey with Jesus,” today at the Information Center. This devotional, written by Pastor Kendall Meyer during his time in seminary, gives insight into the weeks prior to our Lord’s crucifixion.



Cottage Meetings

The proposed Strategic Plan was presented last week in several cottage meetings; due to inclement weather, however, we will hold two additional meetings on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 6:45 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 10 at 10:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center. All members are encouraged to attend; childcare will be provided.

Lenten Services

Our second Lenten service will be this Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7:15 p.m. The traditional service will be held in the sanctuary with a contemplative moment of silence at the end of the service. The contemporary service will be held in the Family Life Center with a sermon simulcast from the sanctuary.

Feb. 13
“Shocking Servant”

Feb. 20
“Sorrowing Servant”

Feb. 27
“Smitten Servant”

March 5
“Silent Servant”

March 12
“Satisfied Servant”

VBS

With all the snow and cold weather, we look forward to spring break at Gloria Dei. That’s right, children ages 3 years to grade 5 are invited to three days at the “Power Lab” Vacation Bible School. See Page 7 for more details.



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Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week Services:

Thursday, March 20	7:00 p.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Thursday, March 20	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary in FLC
Friday, March 21	4:30 p.m.	Family-focused Worship in FLC
Friday, March 21	6:00 p.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Friday, March 21	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary in FLC
Friday, March 21	7:30 p.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary

Easter Services:

Saturday, March 22	5:30 p.m.	Contemporary in FLC
Sunday, March 23	7:30 a.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Family-focused in FLC
Sunday, March 23	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary in Sanctuary

Congregational Vote

The Governing Board has requested a congregational vote on the proposed Strategic Plan. The goal of this process is to engage all members to participate in acceptance or non-acceptance of the Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan vote will use a paper-ballot process on the following days:

Saturday, March 1 from 4-8 p.m.
or
Sunday, March 2 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

In order for the Strategic Plan to be accepted by the congregation, the vote will require that 2/3 of those who voted will have voted in favor of the Strategic Plan.

All members 18 years of age by March 1, 2008 are eligible to vote. Voting stations will be located in rooms 130 and 132. Members will sign in and receive a paper ballot. The completed ballot will be placed in a secured container. An eight-member team comprised of members of the Governing Board (2), Elders (2) and parishioners (4) has been established and will oversee the voting process.

Absentee ballots are available by request. A request for an absentee ballot must be received at the church office no later than noon, Central Standard Time, on February 15, 2008. Requests may be made by phone, letter, fax, or e-mail to the attention of Marsha Sly, Administrative Assistant. Absentee ballots returned to the church office by U.S. mail must be postmarked by Monday, February 25, 2008. Absentee ballots may also be placed in the secured ballot container during voting hours, as listed above.

Ballots will be counted immediately following the close of voting on Sunday, March 2, 2008. Results will be posted on the church Web site at 8 a.m. March 3, 2008, barring any technical difficulties, and mailed to all church members by postcard, postmarked on March 3, 2008. Paper ballots will be retained until June 30, 2008.

Thank you for your participation as we bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 10 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Grace Elizabeth Snyder born Dec. 7, 2007 to Scott and Amy (nee Schuler) Snyder. Grace's spiritual sponsors are Chris and April St. Clair.

Purpose-Driven Bible Study

Purpose-Driven Bible Study will meet Monday, Feb. 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Melva Wenndt at 225-7511.

Gloria Quilters



Begin a quilt now to support the efforts of our Honduras mission team.

Gloria Quilters will meet Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in rooms 131 and 132. Please bring the needed supplies and a sack lunch. If you have any questions, contact Connie at 987-1516 or sewjazzy@mchsi.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 16:21-28

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Brian Gilg

Nicholas Petersen

Cara Setsodi

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

Ushers:

Northwind

Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.

Ken Andresen

Carol Andresen

Alan Grunst

Bob Knief

Dean Mohr

Ken Peterson, Sr.

Ken Peterson, Jr.

Dale Readinger

Ken Wunsch

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Bruce Brock

Dan Devries

Paul Drake

Don Franzen

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bob Kuefner

Kurt Kromminga

Ron Oolman

Paul Rusch

10:30 a.m.

Gabe Nelson

Todd Schwarz

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 our church family

Prayers

- For the wedding of Devin Wren's daughter, Danielle, in Chicago this weekend
- For the grieving family of Jeanette Maahs, Phyllis Greenwood's sister
- For Kim Marsh's safe travels and recovery from surgery
- For Lee Echtenkamp's mother, Lucille Echtenkamp
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For Marolyn Carsten's nephew, Brian Carstens, who has cancer
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

Mt. Olive Lutheran School

Parents, bring your children to the Kindergarten Information Night at Mount Olive Lutheran School, 5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines on Monday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Come to find out about the opportunities of Christian education at Mount Olive.

Mt. Olive has National Lutheran School Accreditation and is also certified by the State of Iowa. We encourage you to call 277-0247 for further information or to arrange a visit when school is in session. You are also encouraged to speak to Kathy Stange, Mt. Olive's kindergarten teacher, who is a member of Gloria Dei. Mount Olive believes in education for "Now and for Eternity."

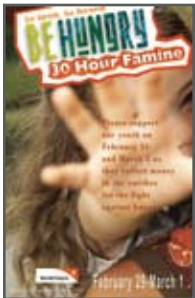
30-Hour Famine

Be Seen. Be Heard. Be Hungry

Friday, Feb. 29- Saturday, March, 1

Once again, our teens will participate in the "World's Vision 30-Hour Famine," an international youth movement to fight hunger.

During this year's event, the youth will stay busy with various servant events in the community, watch videos on the impact of hunger and play games that promote awareness of life outside of America.



The teens will accept donations in the narthex on Feb. 24 and March 2. All donations will be multiplied four times by a U.S. governmental grant.

Last year's event was attended by 60 youth and raised almost \$12,000. The following are comments from the youth who participated and were impacted by last year's event:

Olivia Pace, sophomore said, "Life is too short to live it for yourself."

Shelby Aufdenkamp and Katie Gilg, freshmen, said, "You don't know what it is like to feel hunger until you go through it yourself. The 30-Hour Famine makes you aware of what is going on in the world."



Sam Mahler, junior, said, "Participating in the 30-Hour Famine is such a rewarding experience; anyone who has done it before comes out with a better knowledge of what our world is going through."

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Phillips at tnk4jcl@msn.com or 254-1036.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

**Discovery 201:
Join us today!**

Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or you have completed Discovery 101, you are invited to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Discovery 101:

The next class begins April 2.

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

First-time Visitors:

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 Discovery classes.

Sign-up:

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

All are Welcome:

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei's activities.



Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 9 a.m. at the home of Millie Obrecht, 621 33rd Street, West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Donna Kusy, 9774 Sunset Terrace, Clive, 225-7486.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the church in rooms 131-33. Please bring your material.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leona Standridge, 7905 Prairie, Urbandale.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Jo Miller, 4525 71st Street, Urbandale.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Kim Walker, 1800 Jacob Street, Grimes.

GodZ GuyZ

GodZ GuyZ newly released CD, "The Potter" is available in the narthex for purchase for \$15. Included on the CD are several songs written by Dalend Mackey and also the "Lord's Prayer." Pick up your copy today! Part of the proceeds from the CD sales will benefit Hospice organizations in Iowa.

Honduras Mission Trip

The following items are being collected in the trunk located in the narthex for the Honduras mission trip in June.

- Vitamins • Adult and children's Tylenol • Hair gel
- Hair pretties • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste
- Dental floss

Recycled Christmas Cards

The Honduras Mission team needs recycled fronts of religious Christmas cards for their mission trip to Honduras. Please save your cards and put them in the "donation card" box located in the narthex.

Softball

The Gloria Dei softball league begins Thursday, April 17. It will play on either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights at 6:15, 7:15 or 8:15 p.m. in a 14-game schedule. The season ends during the Saturday tournament on June 28. Cost is \$40 per person. If you are interested, please contact Bill Clark at 515-491-8543 or billclark@mchsi.com.

Chaplain Award

At the recent National LCMS-ELCA Military and VA Chaplains conference, Rev. Rich Steinke was awarded the Bronze St. Martin of Tours medal in recognition of 20 years of pastoral care to military service members and their families. He has served as a VA Chaplain in Helena, Mont. and Indianapolis, Ind., and currently serves at the Central Iowa VA Hospital in Des Moines.

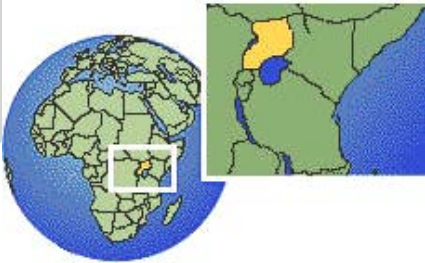


Rev. Rich Steinke

An award in the name of St. Martin of Tours is particularly appropriate for Lutheran chaplains because Martin Luther was named after him. According to tradition, Martin of Tours was a Roman Army officer who encountered a poor beggar shivering in the cold. Martin drew his sword and cut his military cape in two pieces and covered the beggar with one half of the cape. That night, Christ appeared to Martin in a dream, wearing half the cape. The vision led to Martin's conversion and baptism. Soon the church set a special day in his honor, St. Martin of Tours day celebrated on November 11.

Years later, Hans and Margarethe Luther took their newborn to be baptized on November 11 and named him Martin Luther, in honor of St. Martin of Tours.

Mission Corner



Uganda

Join us on a year-long mission effort to collect gently-used items. Starting in March, we will collect gently-used items each month to send to churches and orphanages in Uganda. It is our goal to fill 600 boxes. We will reach out to the community as well as our family here at Gloria Dei to support this ministry. The Orphan Grain Train out of Norfolk, Neb. will be our transport.

The Uganda Ministry Action Team suggests collecting the following items each month:

- March:** Kitchen supplies (towels, utensils, cleaning items).
- April:** Outside games, toys (bikes, trikes, etc.) and sports equipment.
- May:** Garden tools and supplies.
- June:** Bathroom supplies (towels, cleaners, supplies).
- July:** Electronic office equipment and musical instruments.
- Aug.:** Shoes (especially men's work shoes; children's school shoes and tennis shoes for women).
- Sept.:** Children's summer clothes and school supplies.
- Oct.:** Men's work clothes.
- Nov.:** Women's clothes.
- Dec.:** Infants' clothing and bedding supplies.
- Jan.:** Children's toys and musical instruments.
- Feb.** Cloth for sewing and power tools.

Large containers will be in the narthex and the Family Life Center for items to be placed. We ask for a gift of \$5 be left with each donation to cover the shipping expense. Matching funds are also available to assist with this expense for every dollar we collect.

In addition, the first Sunday of every month will be called "Un-Dei Sunday," where we will collect new (still in packaging) underwear, socks and undershirts for all ages, sizes and genders.

Contact Information:

For more information on this opportunity, please contact Steve Kohtz at 276-1700, ext. 205 or Steve@gloriadeionline.com.

Editor's note:

On a weekly basis, we will highlight the many mission efforts supported by Gloria Dei. Expect to learn about the people living in a another culture, the church effort that has touched them and ways in which we can support them.



Third Grade Bibles

Third grade is an important year in a child's development. To help remind them of the assurance that they have in Jesus Christ, parents and 3rd-grade students will walk through the scriptures for six weeks during the Lenten season on February 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12. During that time, parents and students will highlight verses in scripture together. All 3rd graders (even if you don't regularly attend Wednesday's Faith Alive or if you are not a member) should attend this special family time.

If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Faith Alive Room Changes

Please note the following room changes starting next week for grades 2-4:

Grade 2	Feb. 13-March 12	Move to room 130	6:15-6:55 p.m.
Grade 3	Feb. 13-March 12	Move to sanctuary <i>(Parents and children-Bible Highlighting)</i>	6:15-6:55 p.m.
Grade 4	Feb. 13-March 12	Move to room 130	6:15-6:55 p.m.

Midweek Meal Menu:

Feb. 13

Spaghetti and garlic bread

Feb. 20

Nachos grande

Feb. 27

Sloppy Joes

Cost: \$2.50 per person.

Children under 3 eat free.
Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.

Open to the community!

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Wednesday
March 17-19
9-11:30 a.m.



Cost: Free
Register today at
www.gloriadeionline.com.

Power up as we experience God's amazing power through his Word. Each day we'll discover some amazing science facts and have some wacky fun while learning that Jesus gives us the power to be helpful, be thankful, be brave and live forever! Registration information will follow.

If you are interested in helping, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.



Fun Night

Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The second annual Family Fun Night will be Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for a great evening of fun for young children and their families. Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool parents will organize and sponsor the event, but all are invited. Look for more details to follow.

Beginning Ballet

Beginning ballet classes are starting up soon:

Session I: Creative Movement Class

Dates: Friday, February 15-March 7

Ages: 2 and 3 years old

Session II: Ballet

Dates: Friday, March 28-April 18

Ages: 4 and 5 years old

Session III: Ballet

Dates: Friday, April 25-May 16

Ages: 4 and 5 years old

Kim Marsh will teach on Fridays from 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Each session costs \$25. Participants need to fill out a registration form located at the Information Center and give it to Terry or the preschool office. Class size is limited to 12 students.

Consignment Sale

Go through your closets and get a jump on spring cleaning.

Tiny Treasures will sponsor a consignment sale Friday, March 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you would like to be a seller, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305 or go to the preschool office to sign up for a number and get a seller's packet. Sellers receive 70 percent of their sales and the preschool keeps 30 percent. Drop off will be Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

Please contact Terry if you can help with the set-up on Thursday and/or the sale and clean-up on Friday.

Preschool VBS

March 17-19 from 9-11:30 am.

Squeaky Beaker has some adventures to share with preschoolers at VBS this year. Lots of workers are needed to make our three-day VBS a terrific experience for our little ones. If you are interested in helping with a preschool class, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305. The commitment is short, the rewards are many—the fun is endless!



Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool is preparing for its fourth year. God has truly blessed our school with wonderful staff, students and families as we share the message of a loving Savior to more than 100 little ones.

If you know of someone (neighbors, friends or relatives) looking for preschool, please pick up our 2008/09 brochure at the Information Center today.



Pick up the 2008/09 brochure today at the Information Center. The registration fee is \$45. Please register soon as class sizes are limited.



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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Dinner 2:

The Badger Homecoming

Rehearsals for Scene 2 only: Sunday, Feb. 10 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Feb. 17: No rehearsal

Feb. 24: Scene 2 rehearsal from 12-2 p.m.

30-hour Famine

A mandatory meeting for parents and youth, who would like to participate in the 30-hour Famine will be held Sunday, Feb. 10 at 8:45-9 a.m. or 10:15-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Mark your calendar for the 30-hour Famine on Friday, Feb. 29 and Saturday, March 1.

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb. Now open to grades 7-12! Dare 2 Share's Survive Training Tour will equip senior high youth to live strong and stand firm in a culture of fear due to global and personal uncertainty. Cost is \$25 for the first 20 sign-ups (\$35 thereafter), which includes registration, transportation, food and housing. If you would like more information, contact Tim.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Please note: During Lent, Confirmation will be held Wednesdays from 6:15-7 p.m.

March 5:

Because of the snow date, we have changed the Confirmation conferences from Feb. 27 to March 5.

Grades 6-7, March 5: No class.

Parent, student and teacher conferences will be held.

Grade 8, March 5: Parent and student Confirmation meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. in rooms 131-33. Robe measurements will be taken.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

Wednesday: The Point

Join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions.

February Topic: Relationships with Others

Coffee with Tim

Need someone to talk with? Tim will be at Starbucks across from Wynnsong Theatre on 86th on Mondays anytime from 3:30-6 p.m. to talk about good times, frustrations or just to have a cup of coffee.

Mission Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Attend this initial meeting concerning this summer's mission trips.

Senior High Cafe 923

Sunday, Feb. 17 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Come, hang out and play games.

Week of February 10-February 16

Sunday, February 10

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. 30-Hour Famine Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:15 a.m. 30-Hour Famine Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Cottage Meetings
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:30 a.m. Mission Trip Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 11

- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Sewing Class
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, February 12

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers

- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Klndermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, February 13

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, February 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, February 15

- 11:45 a.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

Saturday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. Strategic Planning Open Forum
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$23,666
YTD Offering	\$959,948
YTD Budget	\$965,504

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	163	
7:45 a.m.	148	134
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	328	235
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	65	
10:30 a.m.	305	182
Total	1009	551

Lenten Services, February 6 (Attendance and Communion)		
Traditional	198	159
Contemporary	40	23

Week of February 17-February 23

Sunday, February 17

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Cafe 923
- 7:00 p.m. Open Forum
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 18

- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Sewing Class
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose-Driven Bible Study

Tuesday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Open Forum
- 7:30 p.m. Foreign Mission MAT

Wednesday, February 20

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening's Refocus Mtg.
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, February 21

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Open Forum

Friday, February 22

- Youth Survive Tour
- 11:45 a.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:30 p.m. Home Builders

Saturday, February 23

- Youth Survive Tour
- 8:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance					
	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 p.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	2	22	23	<i>cancelled</i>	Music Alive
Elementary	24	59	28	<i>due</i>	<i>cancelled</i>
Total	26	81	51	<i>to</i>	Wed. Meal
Junior High				<i>weather</i>	<i>cancelled</i>
Senior High					

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 ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children to when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.