

WEEKLY WORD



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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Freedom, A Salute to American Liberty



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We are taking the music to the street and you are invited!

The patriotic choir and orchestra will play at Lion's Park Sunday, July 1 at 2 p.m. A portion of the program, "Freedom, a Salute to American Liberty," will be offered at the 7:45 and 9 a.m. services, but will not include all of the songs and the powerful narration.

Julie DenHerder, Orchestra Director, organizes and directs this multi-generational choir and orchestra, which consists of 100 individuals from Gloria Dei and 12 other churches. Their musical experiences and gifts are as diverse as their ages. Julie formed the group five weeks ago by advertising at Gloria Dei and in the community.

"I felt called to do this since we have been at war," said Julie. "I wanted to pay tribute to our soldiers and their families and because we

have members who are serving or have served, I wanted to show our appreciation."

Julie responds very quickly when asked about her experience leading the group. "It has been a great opportunity. Music seems to break down barriers. No matter what the background or age, we are all united for this common cause," said Julie.

Julie also states that the group's motives and commitment have touched her heart. One evening she asked people why they joined the group. Their answers varied from a desire to have an entire family sing together, to veterans showing their support, to family members who wish to honor their children who gave their lives for our country.

Take some time this afternoon to enjoy the freedom that we so enjoy in this country. God bless you and God bless our country.

Let's Meet Gloria Dei's Executive Director

In the last few months, we have communicated the need for an Executive Director at Gloria Dei. The position was added to help monitor and oversee the daily activities and details of our growing congregation. While several qualified candidates were considered by the Staffing Ministry Action Team, the position was offered to Steve Kammeyer, who accepted and began work on Monday, June 25.

Steve comes to Gloria Dei with an extensive background in leadership roles. He has worked in various companies within the insurance industry in the Des Moines area for the last 18 years, nine of which were spent at Principal in leadership roles and the last three years at Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield as an executive. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from the University of Northern Iowa in 1985.

Since joining Gloria Dei in 1993, Steve has served on the Board of Elders, the Governing Board, numerous Strategic Planning and Building committees and taught Sunday school.

Steve has been married to Julie for 20 years and has two children, Grace, 15 and Evie, 11. He enjoys many activities including golfing, running, coaching soccer, biking and being a show choir parent.

"I am excited to join the ministry team at Gloria Dei. God has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to use my background and experience to help grow his kingdom," said Steve. "We have an outstanding ministry staff supported by tremendous volunteers—all of whom are passionate about God's work. My role is to help them become even more successful in growing our ministry locally and worldwide and managing the resources we have been given. God has blessed our congregation abundantly. In Luke, God tells us "from everyone who has been given much, much will be required"; therefore, we must passionately pursue our goal of bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and a lifetime. I am excited to be part of that goal."

Please take some time to welcome Steve to the ministry.



Steve Kammeyer is excited about joining the team at Gloria Dei.

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Governing Board

276-1700

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 1 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Benjamin Lee Schramm born April 11, 2007 to David and Tania (nee Harrison) Schramm. Benjamin's spiritual sponsor is Lori McCarty.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of
 Dan and Mary Snyder
 for their
 22nd wedding anniversary.

Congregational Meeting Update

Our annual congregational meeting was held last week. The 2007/08 budget was approved, and Doug Pals, Laurie Peterson, Mark Pierson and Marv Rohn were elected to serve on the Governing Board.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Justin Nicolet

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Dave Disney

Lou Grotheer

Mo Grotheer

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Tanya Richards

Tom Richards

Tim Mueller

Chad Oehlert

10:30 a.m.

David Sengpiel

Colleen Sengpiel

Ivan Daniels

Dan Johnson

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 country and the freedom that we enjoy

Prayers

- For a safe and speedy return from Iraq for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, including 1-133 and Gloria Dei member Kent Siems
- For the comfort of Beth Corell and family, who lost Beth's mother, Kay Jacobson
- For Joy Linquist's father, Gary Cornelius, who is in hospice care
- For Ted Rives, who is serving in Iraq
- For the health of Amy Jo Wiese's grandfather
- For the health of Diane Cook's mother, Elsa Lind
- For the health concerns of Nancy Siefken
- For Marilyn Gerstenkorn's health
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For Norma Willems, mother of Rachel Onsrud
- For John McKeighan, who is undergoing his last round of treatment

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.

Summer Worship Training

Want to be involved with worship, but feel unequipped or scared to jump in? Please don't fret any longer. We are providing the following classes to help train and equip individuals for life-changing and life-sustaining contributions to our worship services.

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. We will also take a look at the history of worship and its current direction.

Voice 101: Friday, Aug. 24 at 6:30-9 p.m.

This class will teach the basics of singing and speaking. Looking at the body as the instrument for the voice, the student will walk away with an understanding of correct breathing, how to resonate the voice, and solve the challenges of speaking and singing.

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. It will look at the biblical understanding of worship leading with the goal of developing spiritually focused teams. If you are interested in becoming involved with the worship team, this class will help build understanding and develop relationships with other members in the worship teams.

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. This class will teach the understanding of a team, the role each member plays and the different music styles. We will also work on microphone techniques and vocal expression.

Questions you have had, but could never ask: Saturday, Sept. 1 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

This class is for those people who have questions about music, but never had an outlet to ask. We will talk about reading music, give instruction on rhythm, and to provide an understanding of simple vocal pedagogy (big word for studying the voice) and answer questions about music.

If you have questions or would like to pre-register for any of the above classes, please contact Steve Kohtz at steve@gloriadeionline.com.



Synod Offering

Last week, we collected a separate offering for "Preparing Pastors Worldwide." If you were unable to give last week, and would like to, please pick up an envelope at the Information Center and print your name and offering envelope number and make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "Preparing Pastors Worldwide" on the memo line.

This offering along with other offerings collected in churches throughout the synod will help train pastors who are called to boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Savior of the world. Two-thirds of the gifts will support Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. The remaining one-third will support seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world. Pastor Burcham along with the Governing Board would like to collect \$10,000. Thank you for your support.

Mt. Olive School

The Board of Directors of Mt. Olive School has created a special introductory tuition cost for new families who enroll for the 2007/08 school year. For more details contact 277-8349.

Let's Meet Our New Chorale Director

Elyse Flagg, a recent graduate of Iowa State University in Vocal Music Education and a certified K-12 teacher, will be directing the Gloria Dei Chorale, which is currently directed by Aaron McCullough. Aaron, who faithfully directed the Chorale for two years, will be moving to Ohio to further his education in music. We are thankful for all of Aaron's contributions throughout his time at Gloria Dei.

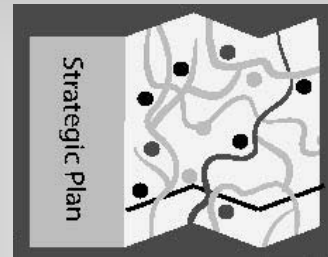
Elyse comes to Gloria Dei with much experience directing at Faith Lutheran Church in Clive, Ankeny First United Methodist Church, Collegiate United Methodist Church in Ames, the Ames Children's Choir program and the Ames Community Theatre (ACTORS) summer series.

"I am excited to work with members of this congregation to praise and worship God through music," said Elyse.

In the fall, Elyse will be teaching at Summit Middle School in Johnston and directing the Chorale on weeknights and weekends. Please check upcoming issues of the *Weekly Word* for rehearsal times. New voices are always welcome.



Elyse Flagg, our new Chorale Director



Did you know?

As the Strategic Planning Committee has been gathering facts about how to plan for Gloria Dei's future, they have found the following information:

FACT:

Gloria Dei's average weekly attendance of 989 is within the top 2 percent of all Lutheran Missouri Synod congregations in the nation. In Iowa, the closest attendance to Gloria Dei is a congregation worshipping 650.

Three Things I Learned

Written by Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship

About two months ago, a large Lutheran church near Dallas, Texas, contacted me concerning a position on their staff as Director of Worship and Celebration Ministries. My wife and I prayerfully asked God to make his way known to us. During the interview process, I weighed many considerations and challenged myself to understand God's calling on my life. With that understanding, I would like to share with you three things I have learned through this process.

1. God has really blessed Gloria Dei.

After interviewing, I came to realize that Gloria Dei has been moved to the next level in worship; our messages, music and talent are truly cutting edge for the LCMS.

2. A family is hard to let go.

You have heard the statement you can pick your friends, you can pick your occupation, but you can't pick your family (or something like that...). However, I wouldn't trade this family for any other. I'm not saying we are per-

fect, but we are open to multi-generational needs and united on a common goal. Of course, there are many challenges and growth areas within this family, but I look forward to God smoothing out our rough edges.

3. We need to bloom where we are planted.

It is an old saying but one worth repeating. Gloria Dei has a huge mission field ahead us. We have been called to reach out to those who are seeking Jesus for the first time, to train our children, youth and adults in the Christian faith, and to equip other Lutheran churches.

God does answer prayer. It turned out that the two candidates for the position were at opposite sides of the spectrum; therefore, the calling committee decided to further clarify the position and did not extend the call. If a call is issued to me in the next months, unless I feel God pulling me another direction, I will turn down the interviews. God has planted me here and together we will bloom to be a vibrant and vivid beacon to our community, our nation and beyond. Thank you for your patience and support.

G.Y.M. Golf Tournament

River Valley Golf Course

Adel, Iowa

Friday, July 20

8 a.m. Shotgun Start



A hole-in-one wins this set of golf clubs.



A hole-in-one wins this set of golf clubs.

- Four-person scramble
- Eighteen holes
- Cost \$40 per person/\$140 per foursome
- Register as a team, as a couple, or an individual.
- Hole prizes
- Lunch - meet back at Gloria Dei - included in cost
- Fundraiser for upcoming mission trip and youth gathering
- Registration deadline: Sunday, July 8 (turn in to church office)

In addition, we are looking for individuals or companies to sponsor a hole for \$50. A sign with your name on it will be provided at the hole. If you are interested, call Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212 today.

Register today in the Narthex

GriefShare

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.”



Jane Meythaler and Lynn Meyer

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.

In addition, GriefShare will be offered for adults starting Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Join us Friday, July 13 from 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. in rooms 131-133 for Scrapbook Fellowship! Come and go as your schedule allows. This is a great chance to get pages done, get organized or get inspired. Questions? Contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.



Giving Envelopes

If you joined Gloria Dei at May's Discovery 201 class, please pick up your giving envelopes today or during the week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Information Center.

Honduras Mission Team Update



The mission team from Gloria Dei will be returning this week from Honduras where they provided medical and dental needs, and shared God's love. Pastor Phillips led the team, which consisted of 14 individuals from Gloria Dei and 17 individuals from Nebraska, South Dakota and Lake View, Iowa.

Help Wanted

Teaching positions: Tiny Treasures will be adding more classes this year; therefore, we are adding the following jobs:

Lead teacher:

This position will teach the three-year-old class on Monday and Wednesday mornings. An early childhood degree or training in child development will be required.

Assistant teacher:

An assistant teacher is needed for the 4- and 5- year-old (prekindergarten) class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. This position requires training and/or experience with young children.

These positions can be filled separately or by one person. Applications can be picked up outside the preschool office at the east end of the building or contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Seamstresses needed: Will you be a ministry partner to the preschool and make school bags for new students attending Tiny Treasures this fall? Last year many seamstresses worked to make these simple, attractive bags. Each day, children came and left with their bags full of treasures. The side pocket (communication pocket) was an easy way for parents and teachers to send notes to each other. Although returning students will bring their bags back, we will need additional bags for the new students. Please consider helping. Pick up a kit to make five bags. They need to be returned by the end of July to the church or preschool office. If you have questions, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



Sizzlin' Summer Fun

Summer Camps

Summer is in full swing at our many camps. It is not too late to register; pick up a brochure at the Information Center today.

- **God's Little Princesses Camp**

Girls ages 3-5 □ July 9-13

- **Little Girls in "Her" Story Camp**

Grades completed K-1 • July 16-20

- **Girls in "Her" Story Camp**

Grades completed 2-4 • July 16-20

- **Fine Arts Camp**

Grades completed K-4 □ July 23-27

- **Light. Stage. Action. - Drama Camp 2**

Student ages 7-17 □ July 30-August 3



Sunday's Story Time

- **When:**

Today after the 9 a.m. service

- **Where:**

Meet in the narthex before going to the children's library.

- **Why:**

For children to hear stories and for parents to have additional time to fellowship in the narthex.

If you are interested in reading, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



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Anavox Concert

Join us Wednesday, July 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Family Life Center for the upcoming Christian concert, Anavox.

Tickets are \$3 in advance by July 17 and \$5 at the door and can be purchased in the church office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The GYM Golf Tournament

July 20

River Valley Golf Course in Adel

We need helpers for registration and to find donations for prizes.

We are also looking for business or family sponsors to sponsor each hole for at least \$50. A sign with the sponsor's name will be provided at the hole; this is a great way to advertise a business and to help support our youth ministry.

The Point

Senior high large group Bible study meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. During the summer, we will meet at Tim's house, 9926 Brookview Drive, Urbandale, 779-3995.

July 4

No Point

July 11

After the Bible study, we will be playing golf at the Dome.

July 18

Join us for the Anavox concert.

Revolve Tour

November 9-11

Teen girls, grades 8-12 (starting in the fall)

Women of Faith will help sponsor a convention for young women in Minneapolis, Minn. where they will learn how to live for Christ. For more information, go to www.revolutetour.com.

Pizza and Planning

Sunday, July 15 from noon-2 p.m.

Senior high youth are invited for pizza as we plan and get your input for our senior high ministry. In other words, we need you to help us as we plan. Your input is invaluable.

Take me out to the Ballgame!

Sunday, July 22 from noon until 7 p.m. (approximately)

Depart from Gloria Dei at noon for a 1 p.m. game at Principal Park as Iowa Cubs meet the Nashville Sounds. After the game, Hawk Nelson, will be blasting the stadium with pop-punk music.

The cost is \$15; register by July 15 by contacting Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Week of July 1 - July 7

Sunday, July 1

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert at Lion's Park

Monday, July 2

- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 3

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Machine Shed)
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Peekaboo, I Love You
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Around the World

Wednesday, July 4

Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

Friday, July 6

- 9:15 a.m. Men's Club of Des Moines, Metro West
- 4:30 p.m. Jamie Schoepke and Brian Appenzeller Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 7

- 4:00 p.m. Jamie Schoepke and Brian Appenzeller Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$16,933
YTD Offering	\$1,367,192
YTD Budget	\$1,367,310

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	153	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	136	Northwind	98
9 a.m.	339		
10:30 a.m.	247		
Total	875		

Week of July 8 - 15

Sunday, July 8

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. National Youth Gathering Meeting

Monday, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 10

- 8:00 a.m. Special County Wide Election
- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Peekaboo, I Love You
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Around the World
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Monthly Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 11

- 8:30 a.m. Iowa Association Adoption Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 9:30 a.m. Moms with Small Children
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Curriculum Design MAT
- 6:15 p.m. Small Group MAT
- 6:30 p.m. The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Activity

Thursday, July 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Ministry Action Team

Friday, July 13

- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, July 14

- 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

Rooms were filled with more scientists this week at the science camp for our older children. They experimented with many messy and unusual elements. Even a trip to Adventureland on Wednesday proved to be grounds for scientific study.



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.