

WEEKLY WORD



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Stand Still

by Karen Kennedy, staff

A few years ago, my children and I were traveling near the Chicago area when my car backfired. As sparks flew out of the engine, I stopped and called for a tow truck. In this new shut-down mode, I began to observe things that would have escaped my vision while traveling 65 mph. Consequently, I began to enjoy my new surroundings.

God also sees the benefits of stopping during a journey. Take, for example, the Israelites on the road out of Egypt. When they became afraid, Moses told them to be still.

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Exodus 14:13-14

We now know that Israel heeded the advice and stood still; hence, the Lord used some unusual roadside markings—a pillar of cloud and a dry road in the midst of the Red Sea for Israel's safe travels out of the land of bondage.

Generations after Moses, Samuel echoed similar sentiments to the Israelites when he commanded the entire nation of Israel to stand still:

"Now then, stand still and see this great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes. "

I Samuel 12:16

The Israelites' journeys were refreshed, encouraged and altered when they stopped to consider God. In today's sermon, we also will learn the benefits of standing still and resting from our busy travels so that we can see God more clearly.

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Listening and Changing

As a result of June's worship survey and comments made to the Elders concerning the proposed fall Sunday worship schedule, the Elders discussed at length and concluded to make a few changes to the previous proposed fall schedule. The major shift will move the 9 a.m. service to the sanctuary and change it to a traditional blend. In order to accommodate this change, the Elders needed to modify the time of the 8 a.m. service by 15 minutes.

The new schedule starting September 10 is as follows:

7:45-8:45 a.m.	Traditional	Sanctuary
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Traditional-Blend	Sanctuary
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Contemporary	Family Life Center
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Contemporary-Blend	Sanctuary

Even though this is a huge change from the projected fall schedule, the Elders believed it was necessary to listen to the survey and people's comments and plan accordingly. The children and adult educational times will be 9:20 and 10:20 a.m.

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

For more details on Sunday services and the worship survey, turn to pages 2 and 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder today.

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Worship Survey Results

The worship survey revealed the following:

The worship style people prefer is:

- 41% Blended
- 34% Traditional
- 25% Contemporary

Those who attend the 9:30 a.m. service would prefer that it:

- 60% Stay the same
- 19% Be more traditional
- 21% Be more contemporary

The service people want to bring their unchurched friends to is:

- 48% Blended
- 26% Traditional
- 26% Contemporary

The number one reason for choosing a worship service is:

- 52% Time
- 46% Style
- 2% Location

The number two reason for choosing a worship service is:

- 50% Style
- 41% Time
- 9% Location

The top ten reasons why people most love Gloria Dei were:

Rank	Response Category
1.	People, atmosphere and friendliness
2.	Sermons, teachings and message
3.	Pastor, staff and leaders
4.	Music
5.	Worship and worship team
6.	Many opportunities to get involved, location, building and physical assets
7.	Bible study and Biblically focused
8.	Variety in worship style or music
9.	Youth programs and activities
10.	Children's programs and activities

Governing Board Elected Officers

The Governing Board elected officers for the 2006-2007 board term. The officers are: President, Deb Kesse; Vice-President, Ken Wunsch; Treasurer, Doug Pals; and Secretary, Lorrie Graaf.

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship
 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
 Staffed Nursery
 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Schedule

Saturday Worship
 5:30 p.m.
 Grace Place
 6 p.m.
 Staffed Nursery
 5:15 p.m.

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Grief Share Support Group

A grief support group will begin Thursday, August 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. to help individuals who are mourning the death of a family member or friend. The group will use GriefShare, a 13-week curriculum written by Church Initiative, a not-for-profit nondenominational organization, whose aim is to support individuals through the grieving process. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700 or pick up a registration form at the Information Center and return it to the "GriefShare" box by Thursday, August 17. Childcare will be provided. A free-will donation of \$18 is suggested to cover the cost of the workbook.

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar are in honor of Rev. Ronald and Michelle Burcham's 9th wedding anniversary.

Walking in the Light



Tune in Sunday, July 30 at 10 a.m. on radio station 1150 AM KWKY as Pastor Baldwin shares on "For God's Eyes Only."

Servers

We are thankful for our helpers today who assist in providing a great place to worship.

Elders:

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind
Richard Valle

8 a.m.

Tom Berg
David Graaf
Arlyn Hesse
Dan Johnson

Richard Mueller
Jim Johnson
Phyllis Johnson
Jeff Johnson

9:30 a.m.

Greg Haessler
Bob Loch
Doug Kumm
Tim Mueller
Chad Oehlert
Dale Schinstock
Mark Toebben
Andy Van Pelt

11 a.m.

Gary Wasko
Ken Wenndt
Mike Cobb

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Zoe Collins
Sarah Mueller
Emily Raecker

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pennie in the church office, 276-1700, or contact 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 congregational growth
- For our nation and the freedom we enjoy
- For our children

Prayers

- For Ted Philabaum, whose sister passed away last week
- For Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl Counley, who is recovering from surgery
- For John (Jack) Carstens, who is having cancer surgery July 27
- For our safe travel on vacations
- For our farmers
- For peace in the Mideast

Prayer Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail pennie@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Sunday's Fall Worship Schedule

7:45 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary

- Music type:** • Hymns from various hymnals accompanied by organ
- Special music:** • Vocal choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra
- Elements:** • Written liturgy that uses the liturgy from the hymnals on the second and fourth Sundays.
- Responsive Psalms sung by cantor on occasion
 - Communion liturgy from hymnals used on one Sunday a month. Shorter written liturgy on one Sunday a month.
 - Use Nicene creed at one communion service each month
- Communion:** • Distributed at the communion rail

9 a.m. Traditional-Blend in the Sanctuary

- Music type:** • Hymns from various hymnals accompanied by organ
- Softer praise songs led by worship leader, piano and drums
- Special music:** • Vocal choirs, children's choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra, and praise choir
- Elements**
- Written liturgy that focuses on the theme of the day
 - Communion liturgy from hymnals used on one Sunday a month. Shorter written liturgy on one Sunday a month.
 - Use Nicene creed at one communion service each month
- Communion:** • Continuous flow distribution

10 a.m. Contemporary in the Family Life Center

- Music type:** • Praise music led by a worship leader and praise band
- Guitar-driven
- Special music:** • Solos, praise band
- Children's choirs
- Elements:** • Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, prayers, and the Nicene creed twice a month.
- Communion:** • Continuous flow distribution
- Note:** • This service will resemble the Northwind Saturday evening service.

10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend in the Sanctuary

- Music type:** • Hymns from various hymnals accompanied by the praise band
- Praise music led by a worship leader and praise band.
 - Guitar or piano-driven
- Special music:** • Children's choirs, bell choirs, brass, orchestra, praise choir
- Elements:** • Free-flow service that incorporates confession, scripture lessons, prayers, and the Nicene creed twice a month
- Communion:** • Continuous flow distribution

Self-Defense Class

A Women's Self-Defense Class will run for six weeks starting Monday, August 28 at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center; no class will be held on Labor Day. The cost of the class is \$25. Dr. Chip Miller, who has 31 years of teaching experience and is the founder and head instructor of Drake Gung Fu Club, will be the instructor. If you are interested, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Guest Transportation

To improve access to our facility, we have formed a guest transportation ministry. This ministry will involve two eight-passenger shuttle carts that will circle the parking lot and transport guests to the doors of the narthex. If you are at least 30 years old and would like to be involved in this ministry by driving the carts, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.



Thank You

The Iowa District West thanks Gloria Dei for their "very special effort" in the offering to the Concordia Seminary.

Tech Team Wants You



The Gloria Dei Tech Team is looking for new members. Visit our display in the narthex today to get more information.

We will have an orientation session Wednesday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at church.

Ministry Partners

Ministry partners are needed for fall education classes. If you love working with children, we have a ministry for you. You can help for one hour or more hours. Ask how, ask now! See DeAnn or Terry at the Information Center today.

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 13

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

Discovery 201

Sunday, October 15 from 3-7 p.m.

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

Sign-up

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

Let's Share Our Bread

Naomi Circle is collecting food donations for the Des Moines Area Religious Council food pantry by the first Sunday of each month. Each month, they will suggest several items that the pantry needs to assist the estimated 10,500 Des Moines residents who need food and other items.



Today is the last day for the following items:

July's items:

- Rice (1-2 lb. bags)
- Saltines
- Spaghetti sauce (canned)
- Tomato sauce
- Tuna

In addition to donating items, checks can be written to Gloria Dei with "food pantry donation" written on the memo line and placed in the offering plate.

Addison's Love

You are invited to lunch, kids' activities, a silent auction and free ice cream at *Share the Love - A Family Event*, Saturday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Valley Southwoods, 625 South 35th Street, West Des Moines. Share the Love and Addison's Love were created in memory of Addison Rose Love, infant daughter of Shane and Stacy Love. All proceeds from this event will help give comfort and hope for a cure to other children with cancer.



GLORIA DEI GOLF OUTING

Saturday, August 26

Willow Creek Golf Course

Shotgun Tee-Off at 8:00 am

Best ball will be played from each team of 4

Fee of \$55 per adult includes cart, lunch, and prizes!

(\$200 per 4-some registered at the same time)

(\$45 per student)

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Names of group golfing with _____

Payment due when registering
Registration Deadline: August 15

Mail registration to:
 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
 8301 Aurora Avenue
 Urbandale, IA 50322

Children's Conference

Parents, grandparents, pastors and teachers are invited to the children's ministry event hosted by Iowa District West at Gloria Dei on Thursday, August 3. Call the district office at 515-576-7666 by July 28 to register. Information is also posted on the District Web site at www.idwlcms.org. Dr. Judy Christian, Director of the LCMS Children and Family Ministry, will be the keynote presenter. Helpful resources for home and church will be available.

Youth Return Refreshed and Pumped

Last week senior high youth returned from New York where they led vacation Bible schools for five different churches in the Queens area, participated in daily devotions, developed teamwork and even found time to tour Manhattan. Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth, said, "It was a wonderful, spiritual, group-bonding, exciting trip. I told the group when we left that God had 30 different plans for us—a specific plan for each of us that would allow us to grow."

"The New York trip was great because it brought us closer as a youth group and I think we changed the lives of hundreds of children forever," said Zach Larimer.

Seth Fries said, "I just wish everyone could be as excited about God as those young kids are. It was hard to say good-bye to them."

"I thought New York was a great experience and opportunity for me. I had a lot of fun growing and learning about my faith and I can't wait to do it again," said Andy Strachan.

For more information about this life-changing trip, go to Gloria Dei's Web site and click on the youth page.



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High School

Sunday Nights with GF (God and Friends)

July 23

Meet at Tim's house, 9926 Brookview, Sunday from 6-9 p.m. for Bible study and fun.

Junior High

Join your friends every Saturday night for worship and Bible study at our Northwind worship service.



Young Adults (Ages 18-23ish)

Thursday, July 27 at 8 p.m.

Meet at the church at 8 p.m. We will head over to Lutheran Church of Hope for Immersion worship service for young adults.

Thank You for Your Support

Let me start off by saying thank you! Thank you for all your prayers. Thank you for all your financial support. Thank you for all your encouragement and best wishes. Thank you to all the parents who allowed their children to attend this mission trip with us. Thank you to all the spouses who allowed their husband/wife to experience this trip with us as well.—Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth

Installation Day: Saturday, August 5

Two more weeks until the Installation Day of the new playground. The playground company joins us as we work on the playground Saturday, August 5 starting at 7:45 a.m. We'll meet in the east end for coffee and donuts and a little pep rally. Then the work and fun starts in the playground. Lunch will be provided. By the time we finish, our playground will be installed and ready for the cement work and fill. Don't miss this wonderful day as we finish a huge project. If you can help, please sign up at the Information Center. Please note: This would not be a safe environment for young children because of the heavy equipment and holes, etc. We'll have a celebration with families a little later.

Summer Reading Wraps Up

Our summer reading program wraps up August 5 and 6. Please turn in your reading logs by those dates. Thanks!

Girls' Camp Dazzles the Hallways

Girls from all ages experienced a glimpse into past eras during Girls' Camp last week. The day began with DeAnn McCue portraying the details of a girls' life in America in past generations. The group of more than 90 girls then broke into smaller groups to cook, paint, glue, cut, and play era-related activities.



Week of July 23-29

Sunday, July 23

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 6:00 p.m. High School Evening with GF
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, July 24

- 1:00 p.m. Fine Arts Camp

Tuesday, July 25

- 1:00 p.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, July 26

- 1:00 p.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 7:30 p.m. Tech Team Orientation

Thursday, July 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 1:00 p.m. Fine Arts Camp
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Class
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Ministry Action Team

Friday, July 28

- 1:00 p.m. Fine Arts Camp

Saturday, July 29

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

Outpouring of Love for the Lord *

General Fund Offerings	\$26,630
YTD Offering	\$69,325
YTD Budget	\$80,430

* **Please note:** These numbers reflect the beginning of the church's fiscal year, which began in July.

Attendance

Northwind	142	Communion	
8 a.m.	160	8 a.m.	135
9:30 a.m.	311	9:30 a.m.	127
11 a.m.	213	Total Communion	262
Total	826		

Week of July 30-August 5

Sunday, July 30

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- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. High School Evening with GF
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, July 31

- 7:00 p.m. Spirit Nurturers

Tuesday, August 1

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa District Principal's Conference

Wednesday, August 2

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa District Principal's Conference

Thursday, August 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Conference
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose-Driven Bible Study

Friday, August 4

- 8:00 a.m. Early Childhood Ministry Conference
- 6:00 p.m. Dunn/Hibbing Rehearsal

Saturday, August 5

- Dunn/Hibbing Wedding
- 9:00 a.m. Preschoolers and Parents
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Saturday Night Live

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July 22 and 23, 2006 • Signs of Life: Rest Stop

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

"Days of Elijah"
"You Are So Good to Me"
"I'm Not Ashamed"
"How Great is Our God"
Confession and Absolution
"In Your Presence"
"Word of God, Speak"
Old Testament Reading
(NIV) Genesis 2:1-2
"Word of God, Speak"
Gospel Reading
(NIV) Matthew 14:13-23a
Children are invited to Grace Place
Offering
"Enough"
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Celebration of Holy Communion
"Surrender"
"Wonderful Maker"
"Psalm 40"
Blessing and Announcements

Sunday, 8 a.m.

Welcome
"Oh Day of Rest and Gladness," LW 203, 3 Vs.
Introit
"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds,"
LW 279, 3 Vs.
Confession and Absolution
"Love Diving, All Love Excelling," LW 286, 2 Vs.
Old Testament Reading
(NIV) Genesis 2:1-2
Gospel Reading
(NIV) Matthew 14:13-23a
Apostles' Creed
"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways,"
LW 392, 3 Vs.
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor
"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways,"
LW 392, 1 Vs.
Offering
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
"For All the Saints," LW 191, 3 Vs.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome
"Oh Day of Rest and Gladness," LW 203, 3 Vs.
Introit
"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," LW 279, 3 Vs.
Confession and Absolution
"In Your Presence"
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Offering
"How Great is Our God"
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
"For All the Saints," LW 191, 3 Vs.

Sunday, 11 a.m.

"Days of Elijah"
"You Are So Good to Me"
"I'm Not Ashamed"
"How Great is Our God"
Confession and Absolution
"In Your Presence"
"Word of God, Speak"
Old Testament Reading
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"Word of God, Speak"
Gospel Reading
(NIV) Matthew 14:13-23a
"Enough"
Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor
"He Reigns"
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Celebration of Holy Communion
"Surrender"
"Wonderful Maker"
"Psalm 40"
Blessing and Announcements

The Celebration of Holy Communion

A Note to Our Guests and Visitors . . . The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.