

WEEKLY WORD



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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Keep Moving—No Parking

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Watching toddlers walk is one of life's simple pleasures. Somehow they understand the concept of balancing weight on their two feet before plunging forward. Much to their chagrin, this forward motion is often plagued by stumbles, cuts, bruises and cries. Stumbling becomes an intricate part of the cycle, as does getting up and moving on two feet. Discouragement is offset by the desire to walk; permanently halting from this process is not an option. In Proverbs 24, a righteous man's walk is portrayed as being as clumsy as a toddler's.

For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity. Proverbs 24:16

If perfection is the expectation, this Proverbs' man fails miserably. Look at him; he not only stumbles once, but seven times. On the other hand, if getting up from the fall is the hallmark for success, this man wins a gold medal. He never quits—like an Energizer Bunny of sorts. Likewise, God continues to encourage man to walk in his precepts—one step at a time—with the goal of perpetual motion.

And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. 2 John 1:6

Lots of commands are in the Bible: Be thankful, abstain from evil, rejoice, pray without ceasing, stand fast, put off the old, put on the new, work, do not steal, tell the truth, forgive, love, and redeem the time are a few that top the list. God wants us to walk in and toward these truths,

fully realizing our propensity to tumble. At times, our "faith" walk is obstacle free and we move with graceful precision, and at other times obstacles impede our walk and we fall. The question is not if or how many times we fall. It is: Are we going to get back up on our feet and walk again? If we decide to forge ahead, we can hinge on God's ability to help us.

For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God is the light of life. Psalm 56:13

Similar to the parents of a toddler, God cheers and encourages each individual step and does not hold our falls against us. He only wants to be our safety net.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands. Psalms 138:7-8

We can walk in this life with the assurance that God is for us and not against us. Like a toddler who steadily looks unto his parents' loving grasp, we walk towards God knowing that he goes before, behind, under and above us. All we have to do is to move forward—knowing that he catches us and does not critique our clumsy attempts at walking.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalms 23:4

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Installation Day, Saturday, August 5

Calling all adults! Join us Saturday, August 5 at 7:45 a.m. as we install the new playground for Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool.

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 are:

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 has 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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:30 a.m. service is for:



Elizabeth Grace and Evan Paul Dittmer, born June 9, 2006, are the twins of Paul and Julie (nee Fenton) Dittmer. Elizabeth and Evan's spiritual sponsors are Eric and Michelle Protzman.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11 a.m. service is for:



Tyler Joseph Heitink born July 5, 2006, is the son of Joseph and Bobbie (nee Miller) Heitink. Tyler's spiritual sponsors are Jay Heitink, James Walford and Cimber Strayer.

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.

Worship Service Ministry Partners

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

Elders:

David Graaf
Vic Kesse

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
Emily Raecker
Tressa Streuber

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 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 Tom and Tanya Richards' 10th wedding anniversary
- For Larry Rix's safe return from the hospital where he had a stint placed in his heart
- For our nation and the freedom we enjoy

Prayers

- For John (Jack) Carstens, who is recovering from surgery
- For the upcoming marriage of Justin Cook to Erin Schaper on August 5
- 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 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 creed twice a month
- Communion:** • Continuous flow distribution

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 made 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’s and adult educational times will be 9:20 and 10:20 a.m.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder today.

Thank You

The Iowa District West thanks Gloria Dei for their the offering to the Concordia Seminary.

Walking in the Light

Tune in Sunday, August 6 at 10 a.m. on radio station 1150 AM KWKY as Pastor Baldwin shares on “For God’s Eyes Only.”

Ice Cream Social

Luther Park Community Center, 1555 Hull Ave., is hosting an ice cream social, Sunday, August 6 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Free-will offerings will go toward purchasing new lobby furniture.

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.



GLORIA DEI GOLF OUTING

Saturday, August 26 at
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 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.

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.



Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will meet Friday, August 11 from 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Come and go as your schedule allows. Join us for fellowship, ideas, and get some pages done! New scrappers always welcome! For more information call Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Ministry Partners

Do you love children? Do you love the Lord? We would love to have you share that love with children. We are currently seeking ministry partners to work with our educational programs on Sunday morning, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings. If you are interested, please call DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Third Graders and Parents

All third graders and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend Faith Alive together for six weeks beginning September 20. Parents will work with their children as we search the scriptures together, highlighting key verses. A letter will be sent in August. Questions? Contact DeAnn in the church office at 278-5544, ext. 207.

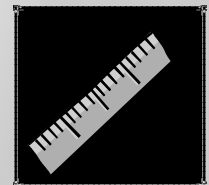
Backpacks for Children in Uganda

We are collecting backpacks and school supplies for children in the area that Pastor Burcham, Steve Kohtz, and Chris James directly worked with in Uganda. We have set a goal to gather 200 backpacks loaded with school supplies to be shipped in September. Items needed for each backpack are:



- Backpacks (new/gently used)
- Box of 24 crayons
- Pencils (6)
- Erasers (2)
- Pens (6)
- Box of 10 markers
- Box of 12 colored pencils
- Wooden ruler (new/gently used)
- Notebook - 1-subject, wide ruled
- Pocket folder (4)
- Scissors (new/gently used)
- Glue sticks (2)

Please bring items to the large blue bin located in the Information Center. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.



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High School

Sunday Nights with GF (God and Friends)

July 30

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, August 3 at 8 p.m.

Meet at the church at 8 p.m.

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

Tiny Treasures News

School Bags: Check it out! God has a way of using our talents to do amazing things. Many seamstresses made the school bags for children who will be attending Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool this fall. Each bag has the prospective students's name embroidered on it. Thank you to all those who used their sewing talents to make these bags possible.

Installation Day, Saturday, August 5: Another opportunity to share talents will be this Saturday, August 5 at 7:45 a.m. An expert from the playground company will help ministry partners assemble and install our new playground. Don't miss this opportunity to share your talents. High school youth are welcome too. Young children are discouraged from attending for safety reasons. Sign up at the Information Center or contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



Summer Reading Wraps Up

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

Fine Arts Camp Produces Masterpieces

Artists from all ages gathered to dabble in the arts this week. They learned about the many aspects of art sculpture and how to have fun working with their hands.



Week of July 30-August 5

Sunday, July 30

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 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 Principals' Conference

Wednesday, August 2

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa District Principals' Conference
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection MAT

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
- 7:45 a.m. Installation Day - Tiny Treasures
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Saturday Night Live

Outpouring of Love for the Lord *

General Fund Offerings	\$13,446
YTD Offering	\$83,046
YTD Budget	\$107,240

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

Attendance

Northwind	152	Communion	
8 a.m.	171	Northwind	100
9:30 a.m.	345	11 a.m.	108
11 a.m.	140	Total Communion	208
Total	808		

Week of August 6-12

Sunday, August 6

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with Communion
- 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, August 7

Tuesday, August 8

- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

Thursday, August 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 a.m. National Youth Gathering Planning Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 7:30 p.m. Strategic Ministry Action Team

Friday, August 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:00 a.m. Honduras Mission Trip Leaves
- 6:00 p.m. Henkel-Sievers Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 12

- 4:00 p.m. Mary Henkel and Jon Sievers Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion

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July 29 and 30, 2006 • Signs of Life: No Parking

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

"I'm Not Ashamed"
"Days of Elijah"
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Old Testament Reading
(NIV) Genesis 12:1-3
Gospel Reading
(NIV) John 10:14-18
Apostles' Creed
Children are Invited to Grace Place
Offering
"Jesus Take the Wheel"
Offered by Jill Hosch, voice; Laura Valle, violin
Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer,
Director of Adult Ministry
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
"Everyday"
Blessing and Announcements

Sunday, 8 a.m.

Welcome
"God Himself is Present," LW 206, 2 Vs.
Introit
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want,"
LW 416, 5 Vs.
Confession and Absolution
"Lord Jesus, Think on Me," LW 231, 4 Vs.
"How Can I Thank You, Lord," LW 385, 3 Vs.
Old Testament Reading
(NIV) Genesis 12:1-3
Gospel Reading
(NIV) John 10:14-18
Apostles' Creed
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," LW 305, 3 Vs.
Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer,
Director of Adult Ministry
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," LW 305, 1 Vs.
Offering
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
"Lift High the Cross," LW 311, 4 Vs.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
"God Himself is Present," LW 206, 2 Vs.
Introit
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want,"
LW 416, 5 Vs.
Confession and Absolution
"Lord Jesus, Think on Me," LW 231, 4 Vs.
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Old Testament Reading
(NIV) Genesis 12:1-3
Gospel Reading
(NIV) John 10:14-18
Apostles' Creed
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," LW 305, 3 Vs.
Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer,
Director of Adult Ministry
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," LW 305, 1 Vs.
Offering
"How Great is Our God,"
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
"Lift High the Cross," LW 311, 4 Vs.

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism
"I'm Not Ashamed"
"Days of Elijah"
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Confession and Absolution
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
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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.