

WEEKLY WORD



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One-Way Following

by Karen Kennedy, staff

When my son was a toddler, he was playing in our front yard, which was completely surrounded by a fence. As I looked outside, I noticed the gate was opened. Immediately I panicked and screamed, "John." At first, there was no response and then a faint voice reached my ears saying, "Mommy." I ran to the voice and caught him as he was casually strolling down the middle of the street. Of course, I hugged him before I firmly alerted him of the dangers of leaving the safety of our yard.

Any parent can attest to the unfathomable panic which occurs when temporarily losing their child and the astute ability to discern their own child's voice in the midst of hundreds of other voices and sounds.

Similarly, God knows our voices and cries in the midst of a noisy world:

In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. Psalm 18:6

God's open ear is a source of continued comfort, refreshment and nourishment while navigating through the roads of life. God wants us to communicate to him; he wants to know our joys, sorrows, temptations, and even our everyday mundane thoughts. He desires a relationship with us. But as with any relationship, the communication line is not to be one-sided. God wants us to know his voice also. The example of a shepherd with his

sheep in the book of John conveys this type of intimate relationship.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:14-15

The bond between the shepherd and the sheep is a mutual-giving relationship. The shepherd knows the sheep and the sheep know the shepherd. Jesus,

the good shepherd, knows, protects, leads and comforts the sheep. His entire motive is for the sheep's good. In fact, this shepherd says that he will lay down his life for his sheep. What do the sheep do? They listen to and for the shepherd's voice as he calls them by name:

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes

on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:3b-4

The shepherd intimately knows and calls the sheep by name. Consequently, the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice and follow his lead. They learn to trust him; therefore, they enjoy the comforts and protection of his fold.

In today's sermon, "Street Signs of Life: One Way," we will learn that Jesus, the shepherd, also states that he is the way, the truth and the life. His way allows us to freely travel knowing that he can hear and know us and we can hear and know him. As we follow him, we too can enjoy his rich provisions in a noisy world.

Street Signs of Life

July 8-9: One Way

July 15-16: Stop

July 22-23: Rest Area

July 29-30: No Parking

August 5-6: Winding Curves

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Youth Travels to New York

Please keep the youth and adults in your prayers this week as they travel to New York to help with vacation Bible schools.

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. A video will be played each week with different renowned Christian speakers and counselors discussing subjects such as: "When Your Dreams Fall Apart," "The Seasons of

Grief," "Emotions of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "When Your Child Dies," "Your Family and Grief," and "Growing through Grief." Following the video, participants will gather into small groups and discuss the week's topic.

The GriefShare support group was formed to support members after the loss of a loved one. After research and prayer, the Ministry Action Team, consisting of Pastor Phillips, Alanna Eng, Dan Hinson, Lynn Meyer and Faye Petersen, selected the GriefShare curriculum. "We investigated LCMS congregations in the midwest who have an average attendance of 1,000 or more and found five out of six used curriculums from

Church Initiative," said Lynn Meyer. "We are very excited because the depth of the curriculum reaches into the broad scope of grief. Our goal is to help people grow closer to their Lord as they move through the grief process." A second session of GriefShare will be offered next January, at that time, we will open the enrollment to the community. Prayfully, this will meet a need in our community, as well as introduce people to Jesus for the first time and for a lifetime.

If you are interested, please talk to one of the team members out in the narthex today or pick up a registration form at the table and return it to the "GriefShare" box at the Information Center by Thursday, August 17. Childcare will be provided. A free-will donation of \$18 is suggested to cover the cost of the workbook. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com. If you would like more information about GriefShare or Church Initiative, go to their Web site at churchinitiative.com.



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Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship
8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Classes
9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Staffed Nursery
8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Schedule

Saturday Worship
5:30 p.m.
Grace Place
6 p.m.

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Annual Congregational Meeting Results

Last Sunday, we held our annual congregational meeting. The following actions were taken:

- Kevin Kelley, Shawn Woolman and Ken Wunsch were elected for a three-year term on the Governing Board. Lou Grotheer is leaving the board after three years of dedicated service.
- The annual budget for 2006-2007 was approved.
- The revised Articles of Incorporation for the Foundation were approved.

Addison's Love

You are invited to lunch, kids activities, a silent auction and free ice cream at *Share the Love-A Family Event*, 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. For more information, go to www.addisonslove.com.

XYZ

The XYZ group will meet Tuesday, July 11 at 9 a.m. at the Machine Shed.

Servers

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

Elders:

Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig

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:
Emily Raeker
Tressa Streuber
Zoe Collins

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 John Carstens
- For David, Lorrie and Adam Graaf, in the death of David's mother, Madora Graaf
- For Rachel Onrud's mother, Norma Willems, who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer
- For Larry Shafer's health
- For safe travels during the holiday
- For our summer camps
- For the youth's trip to New York

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.

God's Handiwork Moves in Quilters



What started as a simple inquiry from a newspaper article ended up with 40 women learning how to quilt and then donating their masterpieces to the children of Honduras.

Norma Rohn first became interested in Stitchin' Mission after contacting its founder, Linda Hungerford, who teaches people how to quilt with the goal of optional donation of their quilts to children in need.

After planning and praying, a four-week class was organized at Gloria Dei which soon had over 40 participants, a refreshment crew and women to help first-time quilters.

"It was so exciting to see what can be accomplished by a group of people in

a short amount of time," said Norma. "What made it even better was that we created the quilts in the name of God knowing that it was going to children in need. We even prayed for the children who would be getting our quilts. It truly was a mountaintop experience for me."



A Jesus te ama (Jesus loves you) label is sewn on each quilt.

Norma was not alone in her experience; many women shared their excitement for doing something for God's glory and the thrill of meeting others with a common goal. Norma estimated each quilt took

approximately 15-20 hours and cost around \$18. Besides the quilts made in the class, other quilters have embraced the mission and are making quilts.



Top left: The women of Stitchin' Mission 6 reveal their handiwork. **Top right:** Norma Rohn proudly displays her first quilt.

Schedule

The next Stitchin' Mission class will be held August 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church. In addition, Gloria Dei would like to host another class next winter. For more information, contact www.hopequilters.com.

Summer of Missions



In an effort to reach others, Gloria Dei is committed to three mission trips this summer. So far, a team has shared God's love in Kentucky (above), a team leaves for New York July 2 and another team leaves for Honduras August 12. Please keep these teams in your prayers.

Thank You

Thank you to to the participants, the refreshment crew and the Rebeccas of Stitchin' Mission. Your help brought glory to God.—Norma Rohn

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.

Position Open

Tiny Treasures has two half-time positions for the fall. If you are interested or know someone, see Terry at the Information Center.

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 is 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.

Tiny Treasures Updates

*From Terry Steinke,
Director of Tiny Treasures
Lutheran Preschool*

Installation Day

Coming in a month: 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.

**Installation Day
Mark the calendar:
Saturday, August 5
7:45 a.m.**



**GLORIA DEI GOLF
OUTING**

Saturday, August 26
Willow Creek Golf Course
Shotgun Tee-Off at 8:00 am

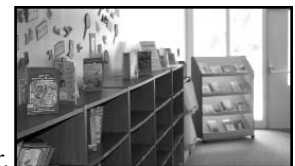
Best ball will be played from each team of 4
Fee of \$55 per adult includes cart, lunch, and prizes!
(\$200 per 4-some registered at the same time)
(\$45 per student)

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*

Library Moved

Come and investigate the new children's library. The children's library has moved around the corner. Don't forget to check out some great reading materials for the summer reading club. Reading logs can be returned Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings in the library.



Update on LWML Convention

The LWML, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, celebrated its 60th anniversary June 22-24 at Camp Okoboji with approximately 375 in attendance. The theme for the gathering was "Jesus is My Light and My Rock." Delegates approved a goal of \$120,493 for specific mission projects. A poster in the narthex shows the various recipients. Keynote speaker, Melissa Salomon of Lutheran Hour Border Concerns, described her work in Tijuana, Mexico. During the worship/communion service held in Spirit Lake on Thursday evening, the offering of \$4,790 was given to support her efforts. Pastor Sieveking, Iowa District West LCMS president, gave the sermon and also spoke during the convention. There were ten pastors attending the convention. Gary Theis of Mission Central in Mapleton also addressed the group. Lynn Cooper of Pella provided the musical entertainment at the banquet.

Ladies brought the following for the in-gathering:

- 438 new toys
- 367 filled backpacks
- 1,252 pounds of yarn
- 1,898 pairs of socks
- 424 medical items

The above items will be distributed through the Orphan Grain Train, the California and Mexico mission trips. It was also noted that Orphan Grain Train supplied 93 semi-loads of supplies to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Donna Maasen represented Gloria Dei as a delegate of the convention and served on the registration committee with women from Faith, Adel and Beautiful Savior in Polk City.

Crafters Needed

The Gloria Dei Lutheran Women's Missionary League is planning its 14th annual craft fair for Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This fair specializes in handcrafted items. There will also be a bake sale and a café. If you are interested in displaying items, please contact Marolyn Carstens at 262-3249 or online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will be meet Friday, July 14 in rooms 131 and 133 by the kitchen. Come when you can;

leave when you must anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m.

For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.



Let's Share Our Bread

New Items!

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.

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High School

Sunday Nights with GF (God and Friends)

July 9

No Bible study tonight.

Young Adults (Ages 18-23ish)

Thursday, July 13 at 8 p.m. in the Youth Center

Topic: Noise: Why is silence so hard to deal with? Why is it so much easier for us to live our lives with a lot of things going on than to just be in silence? We're constantly surrounded with "voices" that are influencing us on how to think, feel and behave. Maybe there's a connection between the amount of noise in our lives and our inability to hear God. If God sometimes feels distant to us, maybe it's not because he's not talking to us, but simply because we aren't listening.

Junior High

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

New York Trip

Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers as they leave for New York Friday, July 7 at 6 a.m. to share the love of Jesus in vacation Bible schools.

Alyssa Burcham
Dan DeVries
Eric DeVries
Seth Fries
Anne Jackson
Jacob Jackson
Megan Junge
Julia, Justin, Kayla, Megan and Tim Kightlinger
Anna Lammers
Zach Larimer
Kendall Meyer
David Pace
Olivia Pace
Anya Peter
Hillary Pierson
Kory Plagge
Madison Riddle
Anne Ruebbelke
Christine Setsodi
Carey Spark
Andy Strachan
Gabbi Warrick
Erica Weirich
Whitney Wolf
Derek Wright
Patty Wright



Story Time

Daff and Jade Miller read to a group of preschoolers last Friday about bears. Please join us next Friday from 9:30-10:15 for another story time.



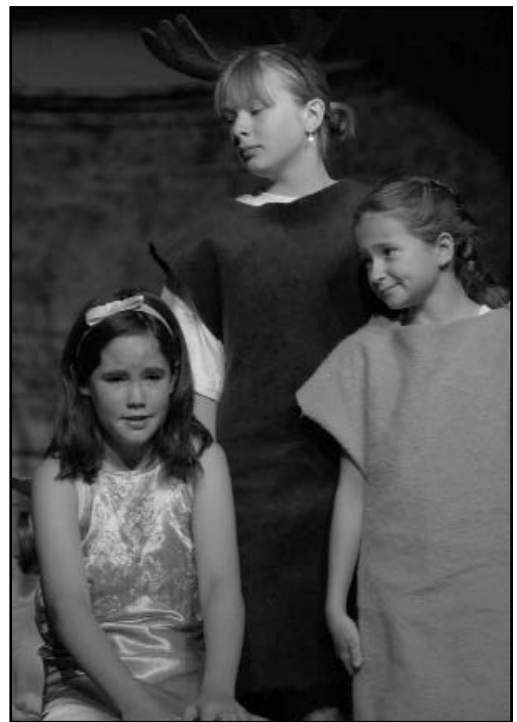
Drama Ends, Science Begins

The Family Life Center was transformed into a wonderland as 35 children practiced, designed, sang and acted the *Snow White, the Musical* during drama camp. Mark Toebben wrote the music and Karla Johnson wrote and directed the play in front of an audience during a performance on June 30.

“There is amazing talent here,” said Karla. “I acted in drama camps from age 6 to 18; so to help has been amazing.”

Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth, said, “It is creating confidence and self-esteem for the children and youth. It is amazing how much can be accomplished in five days.”

Next week, our halls will be filled with little scientists experimenting at our science camp. So, before careful where you sit and walk!



Week of July 9-14

Sunday, July 9

Senior High Youth Trip
 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, July 10

Senior High Youth Trip
 9:00 a.m. Science Camp

Tuesday, July 11

Senior High Youth Trip
 9:00 a.m. Science Camp

Wednesday, July 12

Senior High Youth Trip
 8:00 a.m. Iowa Assoc. of Adoption Agencies
 9:00 a.m. Science Camp

Thursday, July 13

Senior High Youth Trip
 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Science Camp
 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
 7:00 p.m. Book of Luke - Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Class
 7:30 p.m. Strategic Ministry Action Team

Friday, July 14

Senior High Youth Trip
 9:00 a.m. Science Camp
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time
 6:00 p.m. Hays/Beyer Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 15

Senior High Youth Trip
 Kacey Hays and Danny Beyer Wedding
 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

Outpouring of Love for the Lord *

General Fund Offerings	\$23,512
YTD Offering	\$23,512
YTD Budget	\$26,810

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

Attendance

Northwind	88	Communion	
8 a.m.	207	8:00 a.m.	189
9:30 a.m.	325	9:30 a.m.	246
11 a.m.	173	Total Communion	435
Total	793		

Week of July 16-22

Sunday, July 16

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. High School Evening with GF
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, July 17

- 9:00 a.m. Little Girl, Girl and Next Generation Girl's Camps
- 7:00 p.m. Spirit Nurturers

Tuesday, July 18

- 9:00 a.m. Little Girl, Girl and Next Generation Girl's Camps
- 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 19

- 9:00 a.m. Little Girl, Girl and Next Generation Girl's Camps

Thursday, July 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Little Girl, Girl and Next Generation Girl's Camps
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 7:00 p.m. Book of Luke - Bible Study

Friday, July 21

- 9:00 a.m. Little Girl, Girl and Next Generation Girl's Camps
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time

Saturday, July 22

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

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Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome

"You Are So Good to Me"

"You Are Good"

"Better Than Life"

"The Power of Your Love"

Confession and Forgiveness

"Friend of God"

Epistle Reading: (NIV) Acts 4:1-12

Gospel Reading: (NIV) John 14:1-6

Children are Invited to Grace Place

Offering: *"You are God Alone"*

Sermon: Pastor Tim Phillips,
Director of Congregational Care

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

"Rescue"

"In Your Presence"

"It is You"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessing and Announcements

Sunday, 8 a.m.

Welcome

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made,"

LW 200, 3 Vs.

Invocation

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made,"

LW 200, 1 Vs.

Confession and Absolution

"Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul," LW 457, 4 Vs.

Epistle Reading: (NIV) Acts 4:1-12

Gospel Reading: (NIV) John 14:1-6

The Apostles' Creed

"You Are the Way; to You Alone,"

LW 283, 3 Vs.

Sermon: Pastor Tim Phillips,
Director of Congregational Care

"You Are the Way; to You Alone,"

LW 283, 1 Vs.

Offering

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: *"With the Lord Begin Your Task,"*
LW 483, 2 Vs.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made,"

LW 200, 3 Vs.

Invocation

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made,"

LW 200, 1 Vs.

Confession and Absolution

"Friend of God,"

Epistle Reading: (NIV) Acts 4:1-12

Gospel Reading: (NIV) John 14:1-6

The Apostles' Creed

"You Are the Way; to You Alone,"

LW 283, 3 Vs.

Sermon: Pastor Tim Phillips,
Director of Congregational Care
"You Are the Way; to You Alone," LW 283, 1 Vs.

Offering

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: *"With the Lord Begin Your Task,"*
LW 483, 2 Vs.

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Welcome

"You Are So Good to Me"

"You Are Good"

"Better Than Life"

"The Power of Your Love"

Confession and Forgiveness

"Friend of God"

Epistle Reading: (NIV) Acts 4:1-12

Gospel Reading: (NIV) John 14:1-6

"You are God Alone"

Sermon: Pastor Tim Phillips,
Director of Congregational Care

Offering: *"In Christ Alone"* (My Hope is Found)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

"Rescue"

"In Your Presence"

"It is You"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

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.