

WEEKLY WORD



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June 20 and 21, 2009

Third Sunday After Pentecost

A Seeking Father

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

God is searching for us. His eternal radar is circling every crevice of our hearts. He sees us. He sees it all. He sees the times when we throw doubt and fear overboard to walk out on a divine promise. And much to our delight, we discover his promise offers us a solid haven where we can rest.

He also explores the dark caves of our hearts where shame, hate, envy and strife thrive in the solitude of darkness. "No one sees this hidden side," we say to ourselves. And yet, God sees it all and is not surprised at the grime or filth. Rather, he tenderly whispers these words:

"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV)

We have been found! God has taken the responsibility of being our father, one who protects, guides, supports, instructs, defends and loves our less-than-perfect skeletons of dust.

As a young child, I loved to play hide-n-seek with my father. He would search and find me in the prime hiding places of our small four bedroom house. Of course, as any child knows, being found was the best part of the pursuit.

Like the parable in the gospels, God is the caring shepherd, in search of the lost sheep. His search does not waver despite our efforts to hide and ignore his tender care. His message is eternal: God searches for children to become part of his eternal family, so that he can "dress them up" in his royal clothes of compassion, love and forgiveness.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. Psalms 103:13-14

Today as we celebrate Father's Day, our experiences and memories of our earthly fathers vary. Personally, my father has been gone for five years, and yet, his words and love still echo in my heart. And even though I am forever thankful for the example that he etched in my life, it does not compare with my heavenly Father who relentlessly pursues me with his unfathomable love and mercy.

Patriotic Concert

Sunday, June 28 at 6 p.m. at Living History Farms

Approximately 150 individuals are preparing for next Sunday's Patriotic Concert at Living History Farms. The musicians, singers and ministry partners have been busy rehearsing and planning for all the logistics of hosting this huge concert for the community. An excerpt of the concert will be held next Sunday at the 7:45 and 9 a.m. worship services in the Sanctuary. See page 4 for more details.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Lutheran Day

Bring your family and enjoy a day at Adventureland Wednesday, June 24.

See page 8 for details.

Father's Day Cards

Check out the card display in the narthex and purchase a card for Father's Day.

Profits will go toward the youth ministry.

See page 4 for details.

July 4th

Grace Place and Castaway will not meet July 4-5.

The church office is closed on Friday, July 3.

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Annual Meeting Updates

On Sunday, June 14, the annual meeting was held in the Sanctuary. Members of the congregation approved the proposed budget and elected Jason Hoffman, incumbent Kevin Kelley and Mark Kramer to serve on the Governing Board.

Installation Service

Sunday, July 12 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Please note new time: Philip Robarge will be installed as Gloria Dei's Associate Pastor on Sunday, July 12 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception in the Family Life Center will follow. Meanwhile, please keep the Robarges in your prayers as they transition to our congregation.

Pre-marriage Class

Tuesdays, September 8 to October 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the upcoming year must take a six-week pre-marriage class. To register, go to the adult page on our Web site.

Message Series

The "What's On Your Mind" message series will continue through July. The topics were based on the questionnaire sheets we received when we asked the members of the congregation what was on their minds.

June 27-28:

Blessed in America

July 4-5:

Faithful to God and Country

July 11-12:

Life Issues

July 18-19:

Baptism

July 25-26:

Is the End Near?

Part-time Music Director Sought

We are seeking a part-time music director for the Gloria Dei chorale and/or orchestra. This position can be filled by one or two individuals depending on their expertise.

The candidate(s) will lead worshippers into God's presence through instrumental music and vocal arts in both traditional and contemporary styles. A degree in music and experience in leading and conducting large ensembles (75 or more) of both vocal choirs and orchestra are required. In addition to leading worship, the candidate(s) will help to expand performance, musicality and music education at Gloria Dei. This position will require less than 20 hours per week with required weekend hours.

If interested, please send resumé and cover letter to (Please specify if you are applying for the chorale, orchestra or chorale/orchestra position):

Bill Jesse, Executive Director at bjesse@gloriadeionline.com.

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Wish to join Gloria Dei?

First-time Visitors: Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Please sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check the “visitor” box. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 101: Thursday, September 10 thru October 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

Discovery 201: Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or you have completed Discovery 101, you are invited to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided.

To Register or For Questions:

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Altar Flowers



The arrangement on the altar on Sunday, June 21 is provided by: Bill and Marilyn VanVliete in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary on June 20.



The arrangement on the altar on Sunday, June 21 is provided by: Cliff and Babette Marten in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary on June 23.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Natalie Larimer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Ross Kromminga

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Betsy Schmidt

Elders:

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind
Randy Bosworth
Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Dennis Dean
Mike Collins
Joe Gilg
Kory Meyeraan
Dan Timmons

9 a.m.

Jeff Monson
Don Pevestorf

Scripture Readings:

1 Thessalonians 2:10-13 and Matthew 7:7-12 (NIV)

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 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For Bill and Marilyn VanVliete celebrating their 45th anniversary on June 20
- For Cliff and Babette Marten celebrating their 58th anniversary on June 23
- For Bill and Sue Jesse celebrating their 38th anniversary on June 19
- For Ted and Joyce Philabaum celebrating their 36th anniversary on June 22

Prayers

- For Stan and Diane Bonta, who are grieving the loss of Stan's mother
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For the health of Beverly Chalfant, mother of Lloyd Chalfant
- For Ted Philabaum recovering from surgery
- For the health of Ed Mautz

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.



Join us for the Patriotic Concert at Living History Farms on Sunday, June 28 at 6 p.m. The concert will consist of musical selections from our community-wide orchestra, band, choir and children's choir. An ice-cream social will be held after the concert. Godz Guyz will be the special guests.

Patriotic Concert Help Needed

In order to make the Patriotic Concert a success, we need lots of help to set up and tear down risers, chairs and music stands. We also need help with providing directions to handicap drop off and parking, as well as directions to the concert site from the parking lots. Please sign up at the Information Center in the narthex or at the back of the Family Life Center for helping at various time periods on Saturday morning, June 27 or Sunday, June 28. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Woolman at 270-9125.

Invite Your Friends and Neighbors

We have business card invitations at the Information Center for you to give to your friends and family; please give one to someone you know.

Youth Fundraiser

On display in the narthex are homemade cards by Shani Fjelsted and her children. The wide assortment of cards include birthday, anniversary, Father's Day and other occasions. The cost per card is \$1.50; all profits will go toward supplementing the youth's mission trips and outreach events. Cards may be purchased on June 20-21.

Women's Bible Connections

The Women's Bible Connections group led by Lisa Scherer will not meet the Monday evenings of June 22 and 29. They will resume on Monday, July 6.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

Sonshine Singers

Sonshine Singers will present “Sing and Celebrate God’s Love” on Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at Stephens Auditorium in Ames. There is not an admission charge; however, there will be a free-will offering.

The 200 singers are celebrating their 10th anniversary and will feature selections of Sonshine favorites from the last nine years. The Sonshine singers are dedicated to providing contemporary sacred anthems that reveal the power of God’s love and grace. For more information, contact Nancy Freund at 267-9150.

Please Pass the Veggies!

Calling all gardeners! The Urbandale Food Pantry is asking for your help in providing fresh, nutritious produce to our clients this summer. As you plan your garden this spring, please consider planting a little extra and donating your surplus fruits and veggies to the food pantry.



Donations will be accepted during our normal operating hours of 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you have a donation and are unable to deliver it during these hours, call 251-6688.

Honduras Mission Team Update

Honduras is the third poorest country in Latin America and the second poorest country in Central America. Although the government has achieved a degree of economic stability since 2000, it has not improved living conditions or reduced poverty for the country’s huge number of poor people. Poverty levels have remained unchanged since 1997. The population is evenly divided between urban and rural areas, but poverty is essentially a rural problem. About 74 percent of the country’s poor people, and 86 percent of the extremely poor, live in rural areas.

Next Friday, June 26, a team from Gloria Dei will be traveling to this country to give free medical, dental and optical care to Hondurans as well as sharing the story of Jesus with children and adults. Please keep the team in your prayers.

Gloria Dei Members:

Gary Wasko
Bill Clark
Cheryl Gilg
Katie Gilg
Mary Grimm

Ashley Bjurstrom

Derrick Wright

Stephen Webb

Gale Webb

Randy Dierenfield

Sally Dehnert

Lord of Life Church (Sioux Falls) Members:

Sandy Sample

Samantha Sample

Harvest Evangelical Free (Story City) Members:

Christine Semler

Mari Janes

Braden Renaud

Amber Renaud

Items Needed

The following medical supplies are needed for the medical clinics. Please drop off the items by Sunday, June 21.

Tylenol: children liquid, children chewable

Ibuprofen: children suspension or 100 mg chewables

Prenatal vitamins

Sandwich or snack size zipper bags (not storage bags)

Hydrocortisone cream or ointment

Antifungal cream or ointment

Vaginal yeast cream

Hemorrhoidal cream

Diaper rash cream

Amoxicillin all doses

Saline Nasal Spray

Vitamin E

Calcium

Cough Drops

Duct tape

Size small and medium latex gloves

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Freedom for Youth Ministries

Freedom for Youth Ministries, located at 2301 Hickman Road in Des Moines, welcomes any small group or individual to help with a project this summer. They have a variety of opportunities available. Please contact Melanie at 282-4822 for more information on volunteering for a project.

Thrivent Builds

Gloria Dei has a day designated to help Thrivent Builds on Saturday, July 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or for half of a day). Meet us at the 1200 block of 10th Street, Des Moines where we will then be assigned to do light work on a few of the Habitat for Humanity houses. Lunch will be provided. If interested, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry requests toothpaste for June. Please place the items in the boxes in the narthex or by the Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone who brought shampoo and conditioner last month.

Tiny Treasures Seeks Teachers

We are seeking two lead teachers for 3-year-olds; one for Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the other for Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Applicants must have teaching and child development education and experience.



Please pick up an application form from the mail box by the preschool office at the east end or from the church office. Return the completed application and a resumé to Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at the church office.

School Bags

Since Tiny Treasures opened the doors four years ago, Gloria Dei members have participated in supporting the ministry in many ways. One special ongoing project is preparing school bags. The bags have changed throughout the years; this year's school bag is complete except for a simple sew-on pocket. If you sew, please consider picking up a packet of ten bags to complete for Tiny Treasures. Deadline for returning the bags is August 1. The basket of bags, with all the materials and directions needed, is located in the narthex. Thanks.

Notes of Thanks

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

Thanks Gloria Dei for all the wonderful wishes and comments during my last weeks in Iowa. I leave a bit of my heart (especially in the halls of Tiny Treasures and with the voices of Gloria and Dave), but I take with me amazing memories of five years with you. Thanks for all your encouragement and guidance along my journey. I pray for God's continued blessing on your ministry at Gloria Dei.

—In Christ, Terry Steinke

Thank you to everyone who responded to the call for food and workers for the funerals this past week and for the other times throughout the year. We are so amazed at how willing you are to help. One response this week from one of our members who helped was "Thanks for letting us help." If you are interested in helping with a funeral, please call 276-1456.

—Thanks again, Alice Wegner and Betty O'Neill

FreeStore

Bringing dignity to Families. In 2008 the FreeStore served 210 families, which included 287 children!

Founded in 2001, the FreeStore provides household items and furniture free of charge to women when they leave the Children & Families of Iowa's Domestic Violence Services. They also provide these same items to needy families from other social agencies for a nominal fee.



The FreeStore is entirely run by volunteers, with NO paid staff. Volunteers are always needed to pick-up furniture, organize items in the warehouse, greet clients, help clients move furniture to their new apartments, and raise funds.

For more information, go to the Web site www.thefreestore.org. To volunteer or donate goods, call 515-225-2020, ext 4.

Mission Central

Missionaries Rev. Claude and Rhoda Houge, who serve in Kenya, will be presenting their amazing story of God's work among the people of East Africa. Please join them at Mission Central, Wednesday, June 24 at 1 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Mission Central is located at 40718 Highway E. 16, 2 miles east of Mapleton, Iowa.

Book Club

Join us as we discuss Christian books. We will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the dates listed below in the cry room:

Wednesday, July 8

“Boneman’s Daughter”

by Ted Dekker

Wednesday, August 12

“The Someday List”

by Stacy Hawkins Adams

Books can be purchased in the Toolshoppe. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at hlschmitz@mchsi.com or at 371-5875.

Portal of Prayers

Please pick up the newest edition of “Portals of Prayers” at the Information Center. Enjoy!

Changes

New Address? E-mail? Phone?

We would like to keep our contact information current. Please notify the church office about your new contact information by contacting Diane at 276-1700 or at diane@gloriadeionline.com.

Baseball Trip

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a trip to see the LA Angels play the Minnesota Twins on Saturday, Aug. 1-Sunday, Aug. 2. For more information, contact Byron Strom at 244-3794.

Shuttle Cart Drivers

Looking for a fun way to help out at church? Consider helping with the shuttle carts by driving for a one-hour shift on Sundays. Drivers must be at least in their mid-twenties and be out-going in nature. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204

New Beginnings Ministry

Our New Beginnings career transition ministry is looking for ministry partners to help staff the Resource Room during the week. Ministry partners will be trained by Iowa Workforce Development to assist individuals using the computers to search for jobs or work on their resumés. Contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Hot Fun in the Summer

We are excited to provide lots of children's activities this summer. For more information, contact DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry at 278-5544, ext. 207 or Penny Schramm, Associate Director of Children's Ministry or pick up one of our summer brochures located at the Information Center.

Summer Grace Place

Summer Grace Place has started. Each week, children (ages 3 to grade 4) will "travel" to Rome to experience life in Paul's time. Summer Grace Place meets in the center wing, room 130. Children should pick up their name tags, located in the center wing's hallway prior to Grace Place or worship.



Dove Real Beauty Workshop

This first workshop will be held Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei. Dove Beauty is an exciting workshop for girls ages 8-12 and their mothers. This free workshop will help the girls see their inner beauty as God created them. Register for this workshop by picking up a summer camp brochure today.

Lutheran Day at Adventureland

Lutheran Day at Adventureland Park is Wednesday, June 24. Tickets can be purchased at the Lutheran Day tent at the front entrance. Bring your family and enjoy a day at Adventureland Park in Altoona for Lutheran Day. Ages: Open to all families.

God's Princess Camp

This workshop will be held June 22-25. Elementary aged girls (kindergarten to 2nd grade) are invited to take part in this royal camp. Each day will focus on being God's princess, one of royal birth, chosen by Him. This camp will focus on manners. Register for the workshop by picking up a summer camp brochure today.

Shapin' Up Fitness Camp

This camp is June 29 to July 1 for children ages kindergarten to 5th grade. Students will learn how to lead a healthy lifestyle through this fun, interactive camp. Register for this workshop by picking up a summer camp brochure today.

Wild About Reading

Read for fun and prizes. Gloria Dei children's summer reading program is a Wild Event! This program is open to children ages preschool through sixth grade. Come to the library to sign up.

Family Games Night

Family Games Night is Sunday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Open to all families. Let's have some wild and wacky fun celebrating families. We'll play some great outdoor games, eat some snacks and end with devotions around a campfire, all at on the church grounds. This no-cost event will have your family talking and laughing for a long time .

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Chew on This: The Five Essentials for Healthy Living

June 21: Essential #5

Please note: Beginning in June, Castaway will be offered at 9:20 a.m.

Junior High Adventureland Fun

Wednesday, June 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Meet at the church and we will carpool to Adventureland. Sign up by June 21 at the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Admission cost is \$18.50; bring extra money for food.

Card Fundraiser

Stop by the table in the narthex and buy a card for your father for Father's Day. You will not only gain points from your Dad, but you will also help the youth ministry.

Junior and Senior High Paint ball

Sunday, June 28

Meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. We will travel to Action Jacks near Newton. The cost is \$20 (\$15 if you have your own equipment) and \$20 for 500 paint balls. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Wednesday, June 24.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Upcoming 6th, 7th and 8th Graders

We are in need of acolytes for our Sunday services in the Sanctuary. This includes arriving 15 minutes before the service and receiving instructions from an elder about lighting the candle at the beginning of the service. If interested, please sign up at the youth bulletin board.

Senior High Grades 9-12

The Point

Wednesday evenings during the month of June will be a time when senior high students can gather with friends and learn some hot topics from the Bible and then a fellowship opportunity following.

Bible study: 6 p.m. in the Youth Center

June's Topic: Intelligent Design versus Evolution

Fellowship Opportunity: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24: Miniature Golf at the Dome
Cost \$5

Wednesday, July 1: Oceans of Fun in Kansas City
Cost \$30; sign up and pay by June 21.

Wednesday, July 8: Movie at Cobblestone
Cost \$10

Wednesday, July 15: No Point - Mission Trip to Montana July 10-17

Week of June 20 to 27, 2009

Saturday, June 20

- 4:00 p.m. Caryn Albrecht and Christopher Bahls Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, June 21

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 22

- 9:00 a.m. Princess Day Camp - Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. Princess Day Camp - Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Summer Women's Connections a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Beginning Tumbling Class
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, June 23

- 9:00 a.m. Princess Day Camp - Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. Princess Day Camp - Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Dove Real Beauty Workshop
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

Tuesday, June 23 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, June 24

- 8:00 a.m. Lutheran Day at Adventureland
- 9:00 a.m. Princess Day Camp - Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. Princess Day Camp - Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. Junior High Adventureland
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Children Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High The Point
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Patriotic Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, June 25

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Princess Camp Tea Party
- 9:00 a.m. Princess Day Camp - Elementary
- 9:00 a.m. Princess Day Camp - Preschool
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 4:45 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, June 26

- 5:00 p.m. Stange/Skeries Rehearsal

Saturday, June 27

- 8:00 a.m. Patriotic Concert Dress Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Susan Stange and Darren Skeries Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	112	79
7:45 a.m.	129	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	348	
9 a.m. (FLC)	70	28
10:30 a.m.	300	
Total	959	107

Outpouring of Love:

Please note: Our Accounting Manager has been out of the office last week; therefore, our offerings for the week of June 13-14 and June 20-21 will be posted next week.

Week of June 27 to July 4, 2009

Saturday, June 27

- 8:00 a.m. Patriotic Concert Dress Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Susan Stange and Darren Skeries
Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, June 28

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 11:45 a.m. Junior and Senior High Paintball
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert at Living History Farms
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 29

- 9:00 a.m. Shapin' Up Fitness Camp
- 9:15 a.m. Summer Women's Connections a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Beginning Tumbling Class
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

- 9:00 a.m. Shapin' Up Fitness Camp
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Disaster Response Ministry Action Team
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children

Wednesday, July 1

- 7:00 a.m. Senior High Oceans of Fun
in Kansas City
- 9:00 a.m. Shapin' Up Fitness Camp
- 5:00 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, July 2

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, July 3

Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center

Last Week's Educational Attendance			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	3	17	16
Elementary	10	49	29
Total Children	13	66	45

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Nursery

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

Cry room

Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Children

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth

Junior high: Castaway: For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9:20 a.m. And don't forget to look at page 9 for all the other summer activities.

Senior high students: Lots of activities are planned for our senior high youth this summer; see page 9 for all the details.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.



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 and Sundays 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.

Weekly Bible Reading: Matthew 7:7-12

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Summer Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon