

WEEKLY WORD

June 27 and 28, 2009

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Blessed in America

We take time today to recognize how blessed we are in America. If you have ever visited another country, the magnitude of blessings upon our nation becomes apparent—the abundance of farmland, the plethora of food and housing, the right to vote, our roads, our educational system, our freedom to worship, the bounty of peace that dominates our soil and our commitment to treat each individual with fairness. Not to mention some of the basic conveniences that we experience on a daily basis such as electricity, running water, heat in the winter and air-conditioning in the summer.

We certainly live in a nation of abundance. As we worship today, let's take time to thank and praise God for his blessings not only in our lives but in our country.

Patriotic Concert

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



In appreciation for those who have served our country, we will host a Patriotic Concert Sunday at 6 p.m. at Living History Farms. Approximately 150 individuals from the church and community have prepared for the event.

Parking and Rain Plan

Parking attendants and signs will be at the Hickman entrance to direct you where to park. In addition, handicap parking and drop off will be available. Please bring chairs and/or blankets for seating. To allow plenty of time to park and secure a place, please arrive at least 45-60 minutes before the concert. In case of inclement weather, check our Web site after 4 p.m.

Please keep the concert in your prayers, we want to glorify God and honor the men and women who have served this great nation.

UP & COMING EVENTS

July 4th

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

The church office is closed on Friday, July 3.

For a list of community events, see page 5.

Summer Camps

If you have not registered for one of our summer camps, it is not too late.

The camps are loaded with fun, learning, friendships and laughter.

For a list of the camps, see page 8.

For a photo montage of last week's God's Princesses Camps, see page 12.

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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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 28 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service is for:



Abigail Lea Kreutz born on March 17, 2009 to Kevin and Andrea (nee Vaughn) Kreutz. Abigail's spiritual sponsors are Aaron and Dawn Griese.



Claire Saed Ibsais born on April 10, 2006 to Saed and Kathy (nee Torres) Ibsais. Claire's spiritual sponsors are Susan and Brian Harding, Serena Ibsais and Amelia Harding.

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:

To register, please go to the adult ministry page on our Web site.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Eddie Steinfeldt

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Tommy Peter

Elders:

Devin Wren
Tim Mueller
Jim Miles

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 Timothy 6:6-11 and Matthew 6:25-34 (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 our freedom
- For the men and women serving in the military
- For our nation
- For our families

Prayers

- For the safety of the Honduras mission team
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For Megan Thompson, a 19-year-old girl, who is battling cancer
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For the Patriotic Concert

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.

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

Saturday, July 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m

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



toothbrushes for July. Please place the items in the boxes in the narthex or by the

Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone who brought toothpaste in June.

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.

Women's Bible Connections

The Women's Bible Connections group led by Lisa Scherer will not meet Monday evening, June 29. Beth Casady's group will not meet on Monday morning, June 29. They will resume on Monday, July 6. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

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!

Country Market

Take time on Saturdays starting July 11 from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. to browse the Country Market at Freedom for Youth Ministry, 2301 Hickman Rd. Hand-crafted items, such as porch swings, bird houses, wind chimes will be some of the items for sale. In addition, an outdoor café will sell lattes, homemade rolls and speciality sandwiches. Proceeds will assist the Freedom for Youth Ministries.

Fourth of July Happenings

Urbandale is loaded with lots of fun activities for the entire family.

Thursday, July 2

Jazz-n-July:

Dave Camwell and the Jazz Addicts will be playing at the gazebo at 4:30 p.m. and the Tony Valdez Large Band will be playing at 7 p.m.

July 4th Carnival and Midway:

The July 4th carnival and midway at Lions Park will open at 5 p.m.

Friday, July 3

July 4th Carnival and Midway:

The July 4th carnival and midway at Lions Park will open at 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 4

Community Pancake Feed:

The community pancake feed at St. Stephen's Church, 3510 70th Street, will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. This event will benefit the Urbandale Food Pantry.

July 4th Parade:

The July 4th Parade will start at 10 a.m. on 70th Street. The parade will head north to Aurora Avenue and then west down Aurora Avenue to the Urbandale Middle School.

The Urbandale Food Pantry

The Urbandale Food Pantry will be pushing grocery carts and collecting personal products/non-perishable food items during the parade route. So, come to the parade with groceries and give them away.

July 4th Carnival and Midway:

The July 4th carnival and midway at Lions Park will open at noon.

Urbandale Swimming Pool Grand Re-Opening:

The Urbandale Swimming Pool will host its grand re-opening from 1-4 p.m.

Gazebo Concert:

The July 4th gazebo concert featuring the Urbandale Community Adult Band will start at 8 p.m. at Lions Park.

July 4th Fireworks Display:

The July 4th celebration fireworks will start at 10 p.m. The fireworks will be shot off from the Urbandale Middle School/Lakeview Pond area.

Sunday, July 5

July 4th Carnival and Midway:

The July 4th carnival and midway at Lions Park will open at noon.

Scrapbook Fun

Friday, July 10

8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Scrapbook Fellowship is open to anyone

who wants to dedicate time to organize and assemble their pictures into

scrapbooks (even digital). They meet in room 131-133. For more information about this fun activity, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.



Childcare: If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, July 8 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

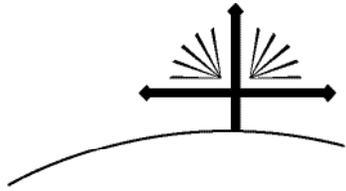
Changes

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.



Welcome New Members!

We welcome our newest members to Gloria Dei. We are thankful for each of their lives. We pray that their experiences at Gloria Dei will enrich their relationship with Christ.



Matt and Annette Barsness



Joel Crefsch



Pete Deacon



Drew Engebrecht



Lisa and Lance Gibson
Sarah and Caleb



Shelly Hesse

New Members



Tony and Bridget Jaeger



Scott and Karen Kottke



Carol and Gary McMaster



Skyler Nesheim and
Jessica Carper



Jenna Pultorak



Jennifer Schenck



Joyce and Dennis Trollope



Alan and Lisa Vontalge



Micah Youngquist and
Jennifer Fenstermacher

Please note: Patricia Hannemann is not pictured.

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.

Shapin' Up Fitness Camp

This camp is June 29 to July 1 from 9-11:30 a.m for children in grades K-5. Students will learn how to lead a healthy lifestyle through this fun, interactive camp. Register for this camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.



God's Amazing Creation Science Camps

This workshop will be held July 6 to July 9. Specific camps for ages 3-5, grades K-1 and grades 2-5. Come discover God's amazing creation through hands-on activities and experiments. Register for the camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.



Things That Move

This workshop will be held July 13 to July 16 from 9-11 a.m. This camp is for preschool children ages 3-5. Preschool children will explore all types of transportation—things with wings, things with wheels, and lots of big machines that make learning fun. Register for this camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.

Girls in Her Story Camps

These workshops will be held July 13-17. Girls in grades K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 are invited to travel back into time with their dolls to learn about life in America. Lots of stories, hands-on activities, crafts and cooking are a part of this camp. Register for this camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.

Family Game Night

Family Game 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 on the church grounds. This no-cost event will have your family talking and laughing for a long time.

Fine Arts Camp

This workshop will be held July 20-23. Children ages 3-5 years old and grades K-5 will have the opportunity to dabble into activities that will encourage the little artist. Register for this camp by picking up a summer camp brochure today.

Dove Real Beauty Workshop

This workshop will be held Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. 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 camp by picking up a summer camp brochure.



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Our Mission

Our youth ministry is on a mission, so we will follow the GYM (Grow, Yield, Minister) acronym: Grow in our relationship with God and others, yield to Jesus as Lord and Savior and minister to others through outreach and service.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

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

Topic: Chew on This: The Five Essentials for Healthy Living

June 28: Essentials #5

Lunch and a Movie

Sunday, July 26 from 12-4 p.m.

We will depart from church at noon and head for a bite to eat before we hit a movie. Cost is approximately \$15.



Junior and Senior High Grades 6-12

Ice Skating and Broom Ball

Thursday, July 30 from 8-10 p.m.

Meet us at Metro Ice Sports Facility, 5100 NW 72nd Street, Urbandale for some refreshing time out of the heat. Sign up and pay by July 26. The cost is \$10.

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: Join us in the Youth Center at 6 p.m.

July's Topic: Controversial Issues

July 1: When is a human a human?

Fellowship Opportunity: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 1: Bowling at Merle Hay Lanes
Cost \$10

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

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

Wednesday, July 22: Senior High Café 923

Wednesday, July 29: Bar-b-que and mud-sliding at Tim Kightlinger's house

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
- 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

- 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

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

Scripture Base on Giving:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	127	
7:45 a.m.	136	119
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	272	204
9 a.m. (FLC)	69	
10:30 a.m.	212	151
Total	816	474

Outpouring of Love (June 13-14, 2009)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,494
YTD Offering	\$1,507,754
YTD Budget	\$1,677,850

Outpouring of Love (June 20-21, 2009)	
General Fund Offerings	\$17,868
YTD Offering	\$1,525,622
YTD Budget	\$1,711,407

Week of July 4 to 11, 2009

Saturday, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 6

- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camps
- 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. Summer Women's Connections p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting at Machine Shed
- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camps
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 7:00 p.m. Iowa District West Youth Gathering Informational Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camps - Preschool; Grades K-1; and Grades 2-5
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 5:00 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:30 p.m. Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation Science Camps
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers

Friday, July 10

- Youth Mission Trip to Ashland, Montana
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. July Summer Story Time
- 6:00 p.m. Hansen/Wheeler Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. July Summer Story Time

Saturday, July 11

- 8:00 a.m. Glorious Dei Gardeners
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Nicole Hansen and Brock Wheeler 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

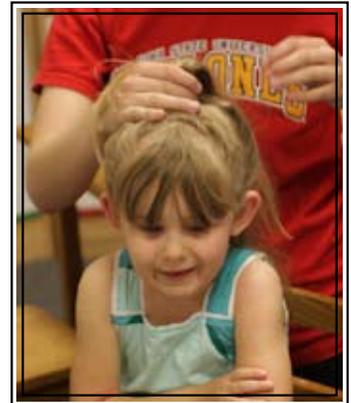
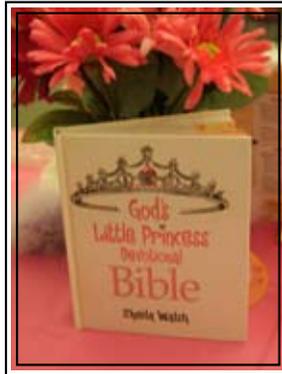
Children's Educational Attendance		
Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
12	24	27

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.

Look at God's Princesses!



Young princesses gathered last week to learn through activities and stories about their royal lineage created by God. All of their learning and crafts were showcased to their family and friends at a tea party on Thursday.