WEEKLY WORD



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Traveling on God's Highways

by Karen Kennedy, staff

In the next few weeks, our sermon series, "Signs of Life," will take us to the roadsides of life to examine everyday sights, such as merge, caution, one way, stop, rest area, no parking and winding curves signs. While these signs are vital for traffic flow and safety, their simple commands can prompt us on how God wants us to travel in life. The book of Isaiah declares that God's ways are higher than our ways; therefore, it is prudent that we learn how to travel on

God's "highways."

But before we even start the journey, we need to agree on a map. Do we use our own navigating systems created from a long line of tried-but-true experiences, or do we use another source which is outside of ourselves? Psalm 119 wrestles with similar traveling issues:

I have considered on my ways, and have turned my steps to your statutes. Psalm 119:59

This psalmist thought on his ways and decided God's ways were higher, truer and more reliable than his own ways. He logically decided to travel using God's eternal chart instead of his own. In fact, he esteemed God's word above all earthly benefits.

Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold, and because I consider all your precepts right, I hate every wrong path. Psalm 119:127-128

Notice that the psalmist considered all of God's precepts, not just the ones he agreed with.

But beware: this psalmist also experienced dead ends from using his own "on-star" system before yielding to God's supernatural radar.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Psalm 119:67

In the end, this psalmist kept God's Word and reaped its benefits. His journey was no longer at night but illuminated by God's light.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

Street Signs of Life June 24-25: Merge July 1-2: Caution July 8-9: One Way July 15-16: Stop July 22-23: Rest Area July 29-30: No Parking August 5-6: Winding Curves Traveling by the light of day is easier than night traveling. During the day, the signs and even the road bumps are more visible. God's Word provided light for his travels to keep him from getting lost—he might have stumbled at times—but he focused on the guide and continued on the right path.

God gives us the general map of his Word with many life-suggestion signs, which helps to plot out our daily trips. It helps us to travel

without too many detours, dead ends or roadblocks, but like the highway patrol, God expects us to know and to yield to his commands.

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13

So, grab your keys, buckle your seat belt and reach in the glove compartment for the map, as we learn in the next few weeks about some of God's roadside signs, which will help us on our summer travels as we yield to them. See you on the road!

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Annual Congregational Meeting Today Sunday, June 25, 1 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Waffle Breakfast Saturday, July 1, 8 a.m. to noon

Important Meeting Sunday

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary

Agenda Uganda presentation Election of Governing Board members Approval of the 2006/07 budget Approval of the revised Gloria Dei Foundation Articles of Incorporation

2006 Governing Board Candidates

After requesting nominations from the congregation through the *Weekly Word*, screen and service announcements and Lead Gloria Dei, three candidates have agreed to run for board membership this year. The nominating committee consisted of Lorrie Graaf, Laurie Peterson, Steve Kammeyer and Deb Kesse. Fifteen names were submitted for consideration, all submitted by the Governing Board. The committee reviewed each candidate's skills for those having a passion for ministry, being a high level and future thinker and involvement in current ministries. The qualified candidates were then contacted regarding their interest and the time commitment required. Several of the nominees expressed interest but could not commit the time at this point.

The candidates are Shawn Woolman, incumbent, Ken Wunsch, incumbent and Kevin Kelley. Read about each candidate on page 4 of this week's *Weekly Word*.

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor during the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m.

In addition, Gloria Dei Governing Board minutes can be viewed online at http://www.gloriadeionline.com/govboard/govbd_minutes.asp.

Youth Fundraiser

Support the youth's mission trip to New York by placing a silent bid for baskets Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25. To sweeten the options even more, we will have a bake sale. Thanks for your support of our youth. Gloria Dei 8301 Aurora Ave. Urbandale, IA 50322 515-276-1700 www.gloriadeionline.com

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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 8 a.m. service is for:



lex Sahil Hansen born March 14, 2006 to Chad and Sonu (nee Puri) Hansen.



Today's flowers are placed

on the altar in

celebration of

Jim and Phyllis Johnson's

40th Wedding Anniversary

IDW and LWML Convention

During the convention at Camp Okoboji, please bring your collected school supplies and backpacks to the west end of the craft building and the bracelets, yarn, toys, and Sunday school materials to the east end of the craft building.

Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers during my brother's illness and the aftermath of his death. We appreciate your prayers and thoughts. — Dorothy Rix

Servers

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

9:30 a.m.

Elders:

Devin Wren Ken Meythaler Gary Wasko Ushers: 8 a.m. Randy Fleming Joe Gilg Donald Pevestorf Andrew Varley Charles Jackson

Mark Betten Dave Giesselmann Bryan Flanigan Kayla Flanigan Steve Junge

Tom Krovacevich Larry Lanham Rich Valle

11 a.m. Scott Moore Randy Walford **Organist:** Lynn Hays **Acolytes:** Konnor Plagge Sarah Mueller Ian Pierson

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 Applachian Mission Team

Prayers

- God's blessings and guidance along life's pathways for Jim and Phyllis Johnson as they celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary
- For Dorothy and Larry Rix in the death of Dorothy's brother, Wilbert Pickel.
- For Bob Kotouch, son-in-law of Jackleen Dohlman, who has a severe reoccurrence of Crohn's
- For Beth Corell's mother
- For baby Austin Basteen
- For the Honduras mission team as they prepare for their trip
- For our summer camps
- For the Annual Congregational meeting
- For this week's Drama Camp
- For the youth's upcoming 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.

Governing Board Candidates

The candidates for Governing Board members will be voted on during the annual congregational meeting today at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. They are Shawn Woolman, incumbent; Ken Wunsch, incumbent; and Kevin Kelley. Additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting.



Kevin Kelley

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Kevin and Karna have been married for 16 years and have two children; Rachel, 13 and Lachlan, 10. Kevin has been a member of Gloria Dei for four years and has served as an usher and a member of Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team and the Call Committee.

Kevin works at The Principal Financial Group. He enjoys baseball and has coached his son's team for the last five years and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Urbandale Little League.

"I would like to have the opportunity to serve on the Governing Board so that I may continue to deepen my involvement with the church," said Kevin, "and to help Gloria Dei continue to attain its goals, ensuring it is able to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and a lifetime."

Ken Wunsch

Ken and Lora, have been married for 25 years and have three children; Allison, 20, Nathaniel, 18, and Anjaela, 16. Ken has been member of Gloria Dei for 14 years. He has served in the youth group and the Governing Board. In other congregations, he has served as a member of their school board, Sunday school teacher, elder, vice president and president of congregation.

Ken works at MidAmerican Energy Company. He enjoys being outdoors, camping, water skiing and gardening.

"I would like to help support the framework that is in place to provide spiritual growth opportunities to all members. I feel I can contribute objectively in helping implement a strategic plan for the future of Gloria Dei," said Ken.



Ken Wunsch



Shawn Woolman

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Shawn and Sheryl, have been married for 8 years and have three children; Samantha, 4, Andrea, 2 and Gabrielle, 1. Shawn has been member of Gloria Dei for 10 years. He has taught a few different classes both for adults and for children, served on the Board of Elders for two years and the Governing Board for three years, served on all three Call Committees over the last 4 years, and is currently a member of the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team. Shawn works at United Information Services in Urbandale. He enjoys woodworking, studying Greek and "hanging out with his angels."

"This is an exciting time for Gloria Dei: we can look back and see how much our ministry has grown and right now we are getting a glimpse of how much our ministry will grow and change in the next few years in order to accomplish our vision," said Shawn. "I want to serve because I enjoy contributing my talents and gifts to the process of growth and change."

Tiny Treasures Updates

From Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

Belgium Breakfast, Saturday, July 1

Don't forget to purchase your advance waffle tickets this morning. Tickets are \$5 per person except for children 5 and under who are free. All you can eat; carry out available too. Bring your company, relatives, friends, neighbors to this fun-family event. Serving time is from 8 a.m. to noon. Dad's Belgium Waffle Company is bringing everything that's needed for the best breakfast you can imagine. They put on quite a show with their 14 waffle irons in action at the same time. Don't miss it.

One of the best experiences that I've witnessed this past year are the times when our preschool families (75 % are new to our church) work with a family from Gloria Dei on a project. The waffle breakfast is a perfect opportunity for that kind of relationship-building activity. Please consider not only coming to eat waffles but also staying to work a shift. It's fun and important and you will get to know some new people. Sign up on the waffle headquarters bulletin board this morning or contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Seamstresses

Many of you have been helpful and faithful in making the Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool School bags. Our enrollment keeps growing (66 now) and so we need more. There are two five-bag kits in the narthex for someone to sew together. Maybe you can help. Thanks!

> Waffle Breakfast: Saturday July 1 8 to noon



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.

Please bring the following items to the narthex today:

June items:

- · Macaroni and cheese dinner
- Macaroni/spaghetti
- Egg noodles
- Packaged dinners (helpers, etc)
- Peanut butter

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.

News

Welcome new members



Lisa Adkins



Ralph and Julie Aufdenkamp



Allen and Elsie Bell



Chris and Tonya Bowman



Ryan Brooker and Angie Irmiter



Carrie Carlson and Kiwi



Chad Hansen



Erinn Hedrick and Chad Smith



Helga Hoffman

News



Glenn and Joyce Larson



Mary Meyer



Brandon and Jennifer Simpson



Tina Sojka



Alicia Tremaine

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

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.



High School

Sunday Nights with GF (God and Friends)

June 25

Meet at Wynnsong Movie Theatre at 4 p.m. for the movie, "Click," before heading to Tim's house for a Bible study around 7 p.m.

Young Adults (Ages 18-23ish)

Thursday, June 29 at 8 p.m. in the Youth Center

Join us for a study on why we do the things we do. Why do we go to church or give money away? Do we do it because we are supposed to or because we think God needs it? Do we honestly put on our best clothes for an hour once a week, stand and sit at all the right times, and sing all appropriate songs for God's sake or because it'll makes us look better to the world around us? God hates it when we call ourselves Christians but ignore all the things he really cares about. God doesn't want the meaningless rituals. God wants our hearts. Come and learn about saturating your life with the things close to God's heart.

Confirmation

Please pick up your Confirmation photos in the narthex today.

Ninth Graders

Join us Wednesday, June 28 from 6-9 p.m. as we welcome you into the high school youth group with food, carnival-type games and good times.

Volunteers

Current high school teens need to let Tim know today if you can help with welcoming the ninth graders Wednesday, June 28 from 6-9 p.m.

Junior High

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

Drama Camp

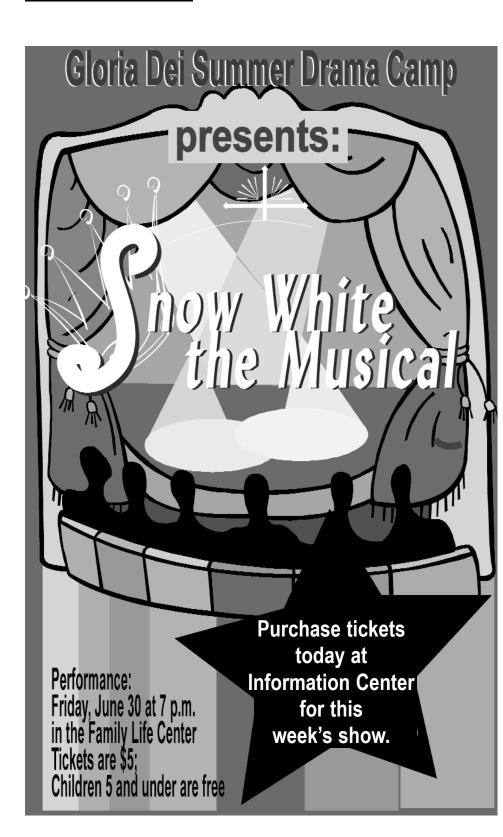
Drama Camp Training will be today from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Story Time

Please join us for Story Time for preschoolers on Fridays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Investigate the Fun

Please sign up for our summer reading program in the library Saturday night or Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m.



Summer Camps

It is not too late to register for one of our summer camps:

Drama Camp

- ages 7-17
- June 26-30
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- \$125

Science Camp

- Grades 1-5
- July 10-14
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- \$125

Sports Camp

- Grades K-5
- July 24-28
- 9.-11:30 a.m. • \$30
- \$2

Fine Arts Camp

- Grades K-5
- July 24-28
- 1-3 p.m.
- \$50

Little Girls Camps

- Grades K-1
- July 17-21
- 9-11:30 a.m.
- \$75

Girls Camps

- Grades 2-4
- July 17-21
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- \$125

Next Generation Girls Camps

- Grades 5-7
- July 17-21
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- \$125

Week of June 25-July 1

Sunday, June 25

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	
9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship Service	
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with	
	Communion	
1:00 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting	
6:00 p.m.	High School Evening with GF	
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting - RM 109	
Monday, J	une 26	
8:00 a.m.	Drama Camp	
6:30 p.m.	Stitchin Mission	
6:30 p.m.	Beginning Ballet	
6:30 p.m.	Financial Literacy for Kids	
Tuesday, J	June 27	
8:00 a.m.	Drama Camp	
6:30 p.m.	Thrivent Meeting	
7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders	
Wednesda	ıy, June 28	
8:00 a.m.	Drama Camp	
6:00 p.m.	9th Grade Welcoming Gathering	
6:15 p.m.	Patriotic Praise Choir Rehearsal	
6:15 p.m.	Patriotic Praise Children Rehearsal	
6:15 p.m	Gloria Dei Orchestra	
7:00 p.m.	SHAPE class	

Outpouring of Love for the Lord		
General Fund Offerings	\$16,037	
YTD Offering	\$1,191,331	
YTD Budget	\$1,162,250	

Attendance Northwind 132 Communion 8 a.m. 197 8 a.m. 231 9:30 a.m. 254 9:30 a.m. 226 186 **Total Communion** 11 a.m. 423 Total 803

Thursday, June 29

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m.	Drama Camp
10:00 a.m.	Sew and Sews
6:00 p.m.	Support Group MAT
6:30 p.m.	Kindermusik
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
8:00 p.m.	Young Adult Community and Connections
Friday, Jun	e 30
8:00 a.m.	Drama Camp
9:30 a.m.	Preschool Story Time
7:00 p.m.	Snow White Presentation
Saturday, J	uly 1
8:00 a.m.	Waffle Breakfast
5:30 p.m.	Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

Week of July 2-8

Sunday, July 2

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, Ju	ıly 3	
7:00 p.m.	Spirit Nurturers	
Tuesday, July 4		
Office Closed		

Thursday, July 6

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Book of Luke - Bible Study
Friday, July	7
Senior High	Trip to New York
9:30 a.m.	Preschool Story Time
5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, July 8	
9:00 a.m.	Preschoolers and Parents
9:30 a.m.	Kindermusik
4:00 p.m.	Paula Todd's Wedding
5:30 p.m.	Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion
6:45 p.m.	Junior High Saturday Night Live

Northwind Attendance	
Sat., Preschool	12
Sat., Grades 1-5	14
Sun., 6-12	5

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"Rock of Ages" "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" "Open the Eyes of my Heart" "There is None Like You" Confession and Absolution "There is None Like You" "Word of God, Speak" Epistle Reading (NIV) Romans 8:12-18 Word of God, Speak" **Gospel Reading** (NIV) John 8:28-32 Children are Invited to Grace Place Offering "Blessed Be Your Name" Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry Prayers Lord's Prayer Celebration of Holy Communion "Once Again" "Above All" "Forever" **Blessing and Announcements** Welcoming of New Members

Sunday, 8 a.m.

Welcome Sacrament of Holy Baptism "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word," LW 202, 3 Vs. **Opening Litany** "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word," LW 202, 1 Vs. **Confession and Absolution Epistle Reading** (NIV) Romans 8:12-18 **Gospel Reading** (NIV) John 8:28-32 **Apostles' Creed** "How Firm a Foundation," LW 411, 3 Vs. Sermon: Pastor Kendall Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry "How Firm a Foundation," LW 411, 1 Vs. Offering Welcoming of New Members Prayers Lord's Prayer **Benediction** "What God Ordains Is Always Good," LW 422, 3 Vs.

Welcome

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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.