

WEEKLY WORD



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The First Sunday after Pentecost

The Routine of It All

by Karen Kennedy, staff

A young girl was watching her mother skillfully cut a ham before placing it in the baking pan.

“Why do you cut it in half?” asked the girl.

The mother replied, “I don’t know, it is just the way my mother did, let’s ask her.”

When the grandmother entered the room, they immediately asked her.

“I am not sure why, I always have; it just seems to work,” said the grandmother.

When the grandmother visited her own mother the following week, she inquired about the tradition of cutting of the ham.

“I don’t know why you girls continue to cut the ham,” she said abruptly. “I cut it when I was first married because I had only one small pan, and no ham would fit in it.”

In many ways in life, we continue to repeat the same behaviors and habits without any thought behind them. We just do because we have always done. No thought behind the action; it is pure unadulterated routine. Its roots were at one time planted in some powerful reasons, but as time marches on its meaning becomes eroded into the sands of habitual routine.

The Lord warned us against this slow destruction—especially when it comes to prayer.

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:7-8

When we pray, God looks directly into the center of our hearts. We are to engage our hearts and minds into a conversational relationship with our Creator. In other words, our words and minds are to be in sync as we communicate to our God.

In the next few weeks, we are going to unwrap some of the components of the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, commonly known as the Lord’s prayer. As we uncover some of the depth behind the words, we will have a renewed force of understanding that will help our hearts cry out to our Father who art in heaven.

Lord’s Prayer Sermon Series

June 3: “Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

June 10: “Hallowed be Thy Name”

June 17: “Thy Kingdom Come”

June 24: “Thy Will be Done”

July 8: “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

July 15: “And Forgive Us Our Trespasses”

July 22: “And Lead Us Not into Temptation”

July 29: “But Deliver Us from Evil”

August 5: “For Thine is the Kingdom”

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Budget and Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for these two important meetings:

- The budget hearing will be Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- The annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Members and non-members are invited to attend, but only members 18 years old and up will be able to vote. Childcare is provided.

Cultivating Our Ugandan Ties

Gloria Dei will continue to cultivate a relationship with the Lutheran Church Missions in Uganda (LCMU) by sponsoring a trip for Alex Musegula, National Director of Worship and Ronald Muyamba, National Director of Media. The



Alex Musegula, National Director of Worship

men will attend two worship conferences, participate in worship and staff activities at Gloria Dei, and experience Iowa in the heat of the summer.

Their itinerary begins in Austin, Texas on July 23 where they will meet Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship, for a four-day National Worship Leader Conference, which is led by current renowned worship leaders and song writers as well as cutting-edge industrial technology companies.

“I am excited for them to experience and envelop the high end of worship that this conference will exhibit,” said Steve. “It will be exciting to see what things they will take back to Uganda as they continue to develop an indigenous worship for their tribal communities.”

After the conference, Alex and Ronald will travel to Iowa by car with Steve and his wife, Lynette, and son, Noah.

“I want to bring them back to Gloria Dei where they can experience the practical applications of the components of worship and technology,” said Steve. “During their visit, we hope to show them the hospitality, friendliness and spirit of Iowa and our congregation.”

The men will spend most of August with several families from Gloria Dei’s worship team. During the day, they will shadow Steve and Chris Onsrud, Director of Media Ministry, in preparing worship services, selecting music and working with multi-media technologies.

They also will be an integral part of the Solutions ’07 Conference, which Gloria Dei is sponsoring August 16-17. The conference is held to teach and equip smaller churches in Iowa with the needed skills for vibrant worship.

Finally, Ronald and Alex will participate in worship and speak to the congregation on several occasions. A reception in their honor will be held after the worship services on July 29 where members of the congregation can get to know these men. Because English is the common language of Uganda, both men will be able to converse freely with the congregation.



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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are provided by:
Bob and Jo Rice for their 47th wedding anniversary.



S.H.A.P.E. Class Meets Today

The S.H.A.P.E. class, designed to help people find their God-given gifts so they can utilize them for God's glory, will meet Sunday, June 3 and June 10 at 10:30 a.m. in rooms 135/37.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous donations toward the spring food drive. We collected \$1,657, which will be used to buy items for the Food Bank of Iowa.

Mothers with Young Children Group

Mothers with Young Children will meet Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Cry Room. They are reading the book, "The Bathtub is Overflowing but I Feel Drained," by Lisa TerKerust. Please feel free to join them; childcare is provided.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist: Rev. Kendall Meyer	Ushers: Northwind Randy Bosworth Mike Mahler	9 a.m. Jeff Monson Don Pevestorf
Preacher: Rev. Ron Burcham	7:45 a.m. Dwight Carlson Marilyn Carlson Dennis Dean	
Organist: Lynn Hays	Elders: Terry Woolman David Graaf Vic Kesse	
Acolytes: Justin Nicolet	Mike Collins Joe Gilg Kory Meyeraan Dan Timmons	

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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For Chad and Jessica Cronk, who are celebrating 12 years of marriage
- For Tim and Julia Kightlinger, who celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on May 31

Prayers

- For Derek Wright, who is going on a mission trip
- For the grieving family of Diane Greenwood, who lost her mother, Adeline Hoyt
- For Brad Gerke's father, Ray
- For Jessica Cronk's grandfather, who has been transferred to hospice
- For Marilyn Gerstenkorn's health
- Millie Obrecht, who is recovering
- Tracy Struble and Sheryl Woolman grieving the loss of their dear friend, Bonnie Yetley
- For Mike Marten's brother-in-law, David Redd, and his family
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For Norma Willems, mother of Rachel Onsrud
- For the healing of John McKeighan

Governing Board Candidates

After requesting nominations from the congregation through the *Weekly Word*, reviewing individuals who participated in Lead Gloria Dei, the nominating committee reviewed a list of 12 individuals and is recommending three candidates: incumbent Doug Pals, incumbent Laurie Peterson and Mark Pierson. All three candidates have agreed to serve on the Governing Board for three-year terms. The committee is also recommending Marv Rohn to fill the open one-year term. The committee reviewed each candidate's ability to fulfill responsibilities as a board member and included items such as, their 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. The nominating committee consisted of Lorrie Graaf, Steve Kammeyer, Kevin Kelley, Anne Readinger and Ken Wunsch. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor during the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m.

Doug Pals

Doug and Julie Pals have been married for 17 years and have two children: Madeleine, 10 and Elizabeth, 7. Doug has been a member of Gloria Dei for eight years and has served as a treasurer on the Governing Board, worked on the Strategic Planning MAT and served on the Foundation. Five years ago, he founded Re:Sourceful Communications, a marketing and product development business. Doug loves to ride bikes and enjoys family activities.

"Having the opportunity to be part of a team working to continue the progress we are making in many areas of ministry at Gloria Dei is something that could touch many lives for Christ and that I would enjoy very much," said Doug.



Doug Pals

Laurie Peterson



Laurie Peterson

Laurie and Wade Peterson have been married for 13 years and have three children: Sydney, 7, Taylor, 6 and Dawson, 1. Laurie has been a member of Gloria Dei for seven years. She has served on the Governing Board, a Call Committee and a Safety Policy MAT. Laurie works at Heska Corporation as the Director of Regulatory Affairs/Biological Quality Control/Release Testing. She enjoys water and snow skiing, and all family activities.

"I want to continue to serve on the Governing Board to utilize the talents and gifts God has blessed me with to serve his kingdom through service at Gloria Dei," said Laurie.

Mark Pierson

Mark and Tammy Pierson have been married for 24 years and have three children: Heidi, 20, Hillary, 17 and Ian, 14. Mark has been a member of Gloria Dei for four years and has been active in the New Orleans' mission trips, youth activities and is a money counter. Mark works at Travelers Insurance Companies in construction risk management.

"I am looking forward to working with the people and helping the church," said Mark.



Mark Pierson

Marv Rohn



Marv Rohn

Marv and Norma Rohn have been married for 46 years and have four adult children: Doug, Greg, Kurt and Shonda, and eight beautiful grandchildren. Marv has been a member of Gloria Dei for 18 years. He has taught adult Bible studies, been a member of the voting assembly and currently serves on the Governing Board. In other congregations, he has served as an elder, a finance chairman and has taught Bible classes. Marv is retired, but drives cars long distance for a local car dealer.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to help Gloria Dei move into the future," said Marv.

Basketball

The summer can't stop us from shooting baskets on Monday evenings. Join us Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for basketball at its finest. If you have any questions, contact Dan Morton at 978-4504. Childcare will be provided.

Lost and Found

Look in your closet to see if you are missing a coat, a set of keys or gloves. We have many items on the lost and found shelf behind the Information Center, which need to be collected. All items not claimed by Sunday, June 10 will be given away. If you have any questions, call Marsha at 276-1700.

Lincoln Urban Plunge

June 29-July 1

Take the Lincoln Urban Plunge with Christ for the City International and experience nine different inner-city ministries in one weekend. Go to jail, feed the homeless, help sort and hand out clothes, and experience six other activities. Open to all current students in grades 8-12. The cost is \$25 for the weekend and covers your meals, lodging and guide. If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger today.

Quilters

Gloria Dei quilters will meet Saturday, June 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring a project of your choice to work on and a salad to share for lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor	Home
Monday, June 4	8:15 p.m.	MDRC	GDLC
Monday, June 4	9:15 p.m.	LCH	GDLC
Monday, June 11	6:15 p.m.	GDLC	WEFC
Monday, June 11	7:15 p.m.	GDLC	UPB
Tuesday, June 12	7:15 p.m.	GDLC	CA
Tuesday, June 12	8:15 p.m.	GDLC	UPB

Craft Fair Sponsorship

The annual Gloria Dei Fall Craft Fair, sponsored by Women on a Mission of the LWML, will divide the profits of this year's event among the Gloria Dei Youth Group for their mission trips, Hope Ministries of Des Moines and a new non-denominational Christian church in China. There was a tie for the fourth recipient, which will be chosen in September when the Circles resume. The Craft Fair will be held October 13.

Needed: Bean-Bag Chairs

GriefShare is looking for 12 adult bean-bag chairs for their new children's support group. If you would like to donate gently used bean-bag chairs, please contact Lynn Meyer at 986-5653.



Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will meet Friday June 8 from 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. in rooms 131-133. Come join us as your schedule allows; new scrappers are always welcome. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Welcome new members



Virginia Allen



Amanda and Chris Bart and Madeline



Rachel Carlson and Dustin Rohrbeck



Jason and Beth Duensing



Bridget Hagg and Ryan Zittritsch



Mandie and Michael Hamaker and Kayla



Loretta Ingersoll



Kay Krull



Kelly Krull

New Members



Brandi and Erik McMaster and
Kayden



Dennis and Sandy Mellencamp



Danny Mulford and Amy
Hosler



Wayne and Rachael Senne



Jenni Sievers



Ciera Swackhamer and Betty Sample
(Not pictured: Amy Swackhamer)



Dawn and Chris Uglum and
Adilyn

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.

Summer Reading Program

Join us today!

The summer reading club will take a ride on the reading railroad! Register today. The summer reading club is open to all children ages 3 to grade 6.

In addition, volunteers are needed to help tally points earned in the summer reading club. If you can help this summer, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

All Aboard!

Summer Story Time

Starting after the 7:45 and 9 a.m. services, a conductor (complete with railroad sign and train whistle) will lead young children to the children's library for story time. A storyteller will be on hand to read to the children; parents can pick up their children whenever they finish visiting in the narthex.



ages 3-13

Summer Camps

- Fine Arts
- Little Girls in 'Her' Story
- Girls in 'Her' Story
- Preteen Wacky Wednesdays
- Kindermusik
- Preschool
- Drama
- Science

It is not too late to register!

register today at
www.gloriadeionline.com



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Anavox Concert

Join us Wednesday, July 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center for the upcoming Christian concert, Anavox.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door and can be purchased in the church office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The GYM Golf Tournament

July 20

River Valley Golf Course in Adel

We need helpers for registration, to find donations for prizes and to help with lunch.

We are also looking for sponsors for each hole. Each sponsor will donate at least \$50 per hole.

Revolve Tour

November 9-11

Teen girls, grades 8-12

Women of Faith will help sponsor a convention for young women in Minneapolis, Minn., where they will learn how to live for Christ. For more information go to www.revolvetour.com.

Wacky Wednesdays

Grades 6-7

June 27 Adventureland Park
Depart from Gloria Dei at 9:30 a.m.
Return at 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$18.50 (doesn't include lunch)

July 18 Science Center of Iowa
Depart from Gloria Dei at 12:30 p.m.
Return at 4 p.m.
Cost: \$6

August 8 Iowa Cubs Game
Depart from Gloria Dei at 11:30 a.m.
Return after the game
Cost: \$6

Register today by grabbing a registration form at the Youth Center door.

The Point

Grades 8-12 Large Group Bible Study, Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

June 6

After the Point, we will meet for a fall-planning brainstorming session from 7:30-9 p.m.

June 13

No Point

June 20

After the Bible study, we will head to the movies.

June 27

After the Bible study, we will go bowling at Merle Hay Lanes from 7:30 p.m. until whenever we strike out.

Drama Camp Ministry Partners

July 9-13

We need youth and adults to help with our Drama Camp from July 9-13. We will need daily workers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., costume makers, builders to decorate the set and directors. Workers can earn money designated for their accounts for the upcoming National Youth Gathering and mission trip.

Week of June 3- June 9

Sunday, June 3

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. S.H.A.P.E. Class

Monday, June 4

- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Meeting

Tuesday, June 5

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ: Machine Shed
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Peakaboo, I Love You
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Around the World
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 6

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard
- 5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Children's Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Orchestra

Thursday, June 7

- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, June 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, June 9

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Conference International
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,022
YTD Offering	\$1,275,760
YTD Budget	\$1,260,070

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	118	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	152	Northwind	76
9 a.m.	309		
10:30 a.m.	204		
Total	783		

Week of June 10- June 16

Sunday, June 10

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. S.H.A.P.E. Class
- 1:00 p.m. Budget Hearing

Monday, June 11

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Music and Movement Camp
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Music and Movement Camp
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Peakaboo, I Love You
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Around the World
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Music and Movement Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Creatures in My Backyard
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Children's Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Orchestra

Thursday, June 14

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Music and Movement Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, June 15

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Music and Movement Camp
- 5:00 p.m. Miranda Van Waus and Terry Patten Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 16

- 4:00 p.m. Miranda Van Waus and Terry Patten Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Communion

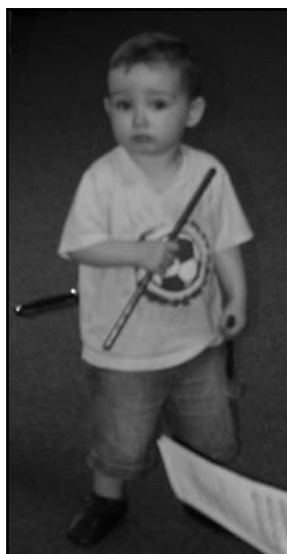
Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays during the services in the Family Life Center.

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.

Week in Review



Kindermusik is in full swing as the summer programs began this week. It is not too late to sign up for summer camps, so grab a brochure at the Information Center today.



Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional-blend • 10:30 Contemporary-blend
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. (September-April) • Staffed Nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. (September-April) • Staffed Nursery from 5:15 p.m.