



**Daylight Savings Time, April 2**  
 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead  
 next Sunday, April 2.

# WEEKLY WORD



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**March 26, 2006**  
 Fourth Sunday in Lent

## Crime Scene Investigation: Coveting

*by Karen Kennedy, staff*

The scene of this week's crime is at David's palace in II Samuel. As the king of Israel, David was supposed to be at battle but stayed home and found himself on the roof looking at a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. As the story unfolds, we know that David's sin escalates when he sends for Bathsheba, gets her pregnant and then develops a plot for the demise of Uriah, Bathsheba's husband.

This story seems almost too bad to believe. How could a wonderful man like David spiral into moral decay? Perhaps, coveting is one of the pieces of evidence found at David's crime scene.

In Exodus, God tells us not to covet our neighbor's house, wife, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to our neighbor. I am not sure about you, but I don't covet my neighbor's ox or donkey; however, I do, at times, covet my neighbor's John Deere tractor.

In fact, our society fuels itself by coveting things. Advertisements blast the "I gotta have" mentality and then seal it with "you gotta keep up with the Jones" bait.

God deals with the entire problem in James 4:

*What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you*

*ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*  
*James 4:1-3*

### Sermon Series

**C S I**

**March 25 and 26**  
 Coveting of David  
**April 1 and 2**  
 Betrayal with Judas  
**April 8 and 9**  
 Fickleness on the streets of Jerusalem

Although those words seem harsh, they do bring relief when we adhere to them. James continues the instruction:

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will*

*lift you up.* James 4:7-10

God's remedy to coveting is to submit to him—he is to be the first, not the second or third on the list when we need something. We go awry when we start to covet what our neighbor has and bypass God's ability to supply our needs. He wants to be the supplier of our needs, but we must first go to him and ask:

*"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"* Luke 11:11-13

The crime of coveting can be avoided if we go to the supplier of life and simply ask for what we need.

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## Tool Shoppe

Check out the new spring items in our bookstore, the Tool Shoppe. We have lots of Easter and Confirmation items. Pictured to the left is *Resurrection Morning* by Max Lucado, who writes about the story of a Roman soldier assigned to carry out Jesus's crucifixion and guard his tomb.



## Walking in the Light



Tune in each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. on AM 1150 KWKY for "Walking in the Light." Pastor Baldwin will discuss the centurion as his final character in the Lenten series.

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### Sunday Schedule

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

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# Easter Services

### Lenten Services, Wednesdays

- 7:15 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday Service, April 13

- 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Good Friday Services, April 14

- 4:30 p.m. Family-friendly Service in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Easter Services on Sunday, April 16

- 7:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Blended Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 10:00 a.m. Blended Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in Family Life Center

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:30 a.m. service is for:



**K**ate Sophia McMartin, born March 1, 2006 to Daniel and Sharon (nee Rowedder) McMartin. Kate's spiritual sponsors are Jeffrey and Laurie McMartin and Laura Rowedder.

## Spring Cleaning

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 8 from 8 a.m. to noon as we gather at church to do our annual spring cleaning. Please sign up today at the Information Center. If you have any questions, contact Larry Rix at 276-1700.



# Servers

<p><b>Elders:</b> Tom Westby Marvin Deer Steve Junge</p> <p><b>8 a.m.</b> Larry Baak Paul Cook Randy Dickey Wendell Dickey Terry Ebke Jamie Grimm Bruce Grimm Bill Kickbush</p>	<p>David Morrison Tim Radig</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Randy Bamsey Brian Blaylock Bruce Boettcher Dale Engelken Duane Haas Mark Jobst Tom Junge Gene Krumm Michael Martens Jim Uden</p>	<p><b>11 a.m.</b> Mark Pierson Todd Schwartz Randy Walford</p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Shirley Roberts</p> <p><b>Acolytes:</b> Allie Collins Michael Schinstock Khael Rosburg</p>
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## 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 nation and military
- For the success of our mission teams to Uganda and Louisiana

## Prayers

- For the grieving family of Art Boeckelmann
- For all the lives touched by our VBS mission
- For Mark Lowman, who is hospitalized
- For Chad Follis, who left for Iraq
- For Alec Freese, for God's comfort with his illness
- For the health of John Dixon
- For the health of Leona Standridge

## Prayer Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail [pennie@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:pennie@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.



## Activities & Meetings

### Spring into Sisterhood Night

Mark Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. for our “Spring into Sisterhood” night. This fun night of fellowship will include selecting the recipient of our Craft Fair proceeds. Typically we select three local, state or international mission projects as well as supporting the mission trips of our own Gloria Dei youth. We will also play a rousing game of bingo followed by dessert. Come and enjoy an evening out and meet new friends.

### LWML Circles

Please drop off your list of mission project ideas to Pennie at the church office so the ballot can be prepared for our “Spring into Sisterhood” night.

### Window Team

The window team has made great progress on our current project. We meet every other Saturday at Gloria Dei. If you’d like to get involved, or just want to see what all of the excitement is about, contact Jeff Steinfeldt at [JeffSteinfeldt@mchsi.com](mailto:JeffSteinfeldt@mchsi.com). or Steve Kohtz at 278-5544, ext. 205.

### Lost and Found

#### Clothing Items

Gloria Dei’s lost and found is overflowing with items waiting to be claimed. Please check the table in the narthex for your lost items. If you have any questions, contact Pennie Doss at 276-1700.

#### Kitchen Items

Please check the table in the narthex for any kitchen items (pans, bowls, etc.) you may have left in the church kitchen. Any unclaimed items will be donated by April 1. Thanks for your help.

### S.H.A.P.E.

Join us for the class that will help you discover the way in which God individually formed you March 26 at 11 a.m. For more information, see Pastor Phillips.

### 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: Basics of the Christian Faith

#### Next Class

**April 2 at 9:30 a.m.**

Discovery 101 is a nine-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For the next class, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

### Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

#### Next Class

**June 11 from 3-7 p.m.**

Discovery 201 is a one-day class for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Come to meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Dinner and childcare is provided.

### Sign up

Please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com)

## Let's Play Ball!

Come and join the fun this spring on Gloria Dei's men's softball team.



It is for men over age 18. We play 14 games from April to June; a Saturday Tournament is tentatively set for June 24. The cost is approximately \$35 per person.

Openings are limited, so register today. If you are interested, contact Bill Clark at 276-2517 or [wclark@mnlife.com](mailto:wclark@mnlife.com).

# Mission Updates

## HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

The following items are needed for the Honduras mission trip. Please bring the items to the narthex as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

- Lice shampoo
- Hair combs
- Hair Pretties (barrettes, clips, etc.)
- Children's Motrin
- Children's Tylenol
- Children's chewable vitamins (30,000 for 1 week)
- Cash donations for Spanish bibles and to defray costs
- Ziploc bags (to repack the pills for travel)

## APPALACHIAN MISSION TRIP

### June 17-25

Junior and senior high students are invited to join us as we team with Habitat for Humanity in southeast Kentucky. No construction experience is needed; there is room for everyone. If you are interested, contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036.

## Thank You

The family of Bill Brienzo would like to thank the members of Gloria Dei



for their support, prayers and cards throughout his illness and when God called him home. We especially thank Pastor

Burcham and Pastor Phillips for their prayers, kind words and visits, and for giving us comfort during this difficult time. --- Jackee, Kim, and Allison Brienzo and Angela Wurst

## Uncle Phil's Diner

The Gloria Dei youth group presents *Uncle Phil's Diner*, an evening of music, food, and fun April 27-29.

**Please Help!** We are in need of 50's decorations! Please call Brenda Plagge at 986-1123 (home) or 252-0708 (work) by April 9 if you have any memorabilia we can use.

## Blood Drive

One pint can make a difference. Donate blood Saturday, April 1 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 3600 75th Street, Urbandale, IA.

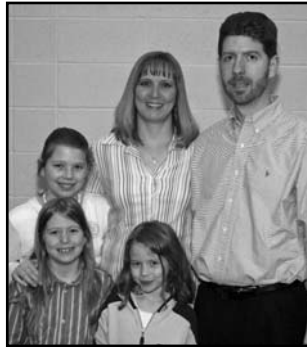
Every three seconds someone needs blood. Each day in the United States 32,000 units of blood are used. The Blood Center of Iowa services 34 hospitals in 33 central and northern Iowa counties.

Donors must generally be in good health, weigh at least 110 lbs., eat a good meal prior to donation and be at least 17 years old. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Gilg at 278-9423.

# Welcome new members



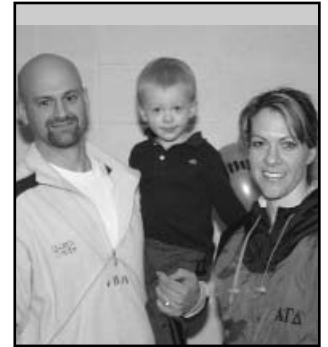
Lance Beyer and  
Samantha Heiden



Jeff, Debbie, Shannon,  
Heather and Jessica Burke



Bob Carlson



Ivan, Kristen and  
Drew Daniels



Monica and Jacob Duncalf



Jaime and Victor Fageroos



Cindy and Kevin Freese



Mitchell Golay



Richard Hargin



Todd Hibbing and  
Deidra Dunn



Natasha Helle

**P**lease 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.



Ben and Tera Heyer



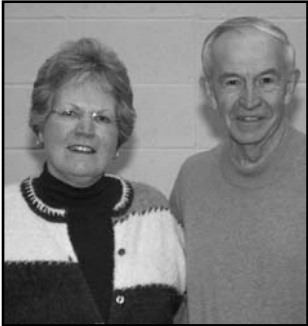
Becky and Eric Hoffman



Eric and April Hoover



Kevin Kreutz and  
Andie Vaughn



Mary and Bob Kuefner



Ken and DeAnn Lee



Kristina McMillan



Melissa (Missy) Mintle



Scott and Becky Nichols



Julie Nyberg



Peter and Ana Olsen



Donna Scrimager

The following new members were not available for pictures: Jennifer Golay, Alexandra Olsen, Eric and Michelle Protzman, Emmalee Daniels, Alec Freese, Hannah and Nathan Fageroos, Alexandra Olsen, and Jason and Tina Hoffman, Helga Hoffman.

# Vacation Bible School!

Where kids got fired up about Jesus



The halls of Gloria Dei were beaming with children learning about Jesus during our spring break Vacation Bible School. We are thankful for the 170 children who attended and the 70 volunteers who helped to “heat” the classes with the love of Jesus. Thanks!





Youth



## Week of March 26-April 1

### Sunday, March 26

- No Sunday School (except for grades 9-12)
- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 11:00 a.m. S.H.A.P.E.
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

### Monday, March 27

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition

### Tuesday, March 28

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

### Wednesday, March 29

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra
- 5:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 6:15 p.m. 10 Keys to Unlock the Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Service
- 8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

### Thursday, March 30

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - Rm 139
- 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

### Friday, March 31

Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 1

- McMillian/Rives Wedding
- 8:00 a.m. Caring Corp Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Stained Glass Class
- 9:00 a.m. Thrivent Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

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## Week of April 2-8

### Sunday, April 2

#### Day Light Savings Time

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Sarah Circle Bake Sale
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible says About Parenting
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Rm 109

### Monday, April 3

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connections

### Tuesday, April 4

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball

### Wednesday, April 5

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra
- 5:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 6:15 p.m. 10 Keys to Unlock the Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Service
- 8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

### Thursday, April 6

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - Rm 139
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures MAT
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

### Friday, April 7

- 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Scrap-booking
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Cafe 923
- 6:00 p.m. Oil Painting

### Saturday, April 8

- 8:00 a.m. Church Clean Up
- 9:00 a.m. Stained Glass Class
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion

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# o r d e r o f **W O R S H I P**

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Northwind

*"The Wonderful Cross"*

*"Rock of Ages"*

*"Psalm 40"*

*"Let it Rise"*

*"Wonderful Maker"*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"Amazing Love" (You are My King)*

*"Word of God Speak"*

**Old Testament Reading:**

(NIV) II Samuel 11:1-5, 12:1-13

**Children are Invited to Grace Place**

**Offering**

*"Amazing"*

**Sermon:** Pastor Kendall Meyer,  
Director of Adult Ministry

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

*"Rescue"*

*Your Love is Deep"*

*"Forever"*

**Blessing**

**Welcome and Announcements**

8:00 a.m.

**Welcome**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LW 101, 2 Vs.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LW 101, 2 Vs.*

**Old Testament Reading:**

(NIV) II Samuel 11:1-5, 12:1-13

**Apostles' Creed**

*"Christ, the Life of All the Living," LW 94, 2 Vs.*

**Sermon:** Pastor Kendall Meyer,  
Director of Adult Ministry

*"Christ, the Life of All the Living," LW 94, 1 Vs.*

**Offering**

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

*"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name," LW 221, 3 VS*

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LW 101, 2 Vs.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"Amazing Love" (You are My King)*

*"Word of God Speak"*

**Old Testament Reading:**

(NIV) II Samuel 11:1-5, 12:1-13

**Apostles' Creed**

*"Jesus Refuge of the Weary," LW 90, 2 Vs.*

**Sermon:** Pastor Kendall Meyer,  
Director of Adult Ministry

*"Jesus Refuge of the Weary," LW 90, 1 Vs.*

**Offering**

*"The Wonderful Cross"*

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

*"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name," LW 221, 3 VS*

11:00 a.m.

*"The Wonderful Cross"*

*"Rock of Ages"*

*"Psalm 40"*

*"Let it Rise"*

*"Wonderful Maker"*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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*"Word of God Speak"*

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*"Forever"*

**Blessing**

**Greeting and Announcements**

## **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

A Note to Our Guests and Visitors . . . The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.