

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

May 16 and 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Summer at Gloria Dei

Summer at Gloria Dei is marked with lots of fun activities for children, youth and adults. As you review the information, take note on what activities you and your family can enjoy. And then don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor along with you.

Summer Grace Place:

Saturdays at 5:20 p.m.

Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Today begins our educational time for children ages 3 to grade 5. This interactive educational time will travel to the city of Rome where they will learn about the first century church.

See page 8 for details.



Glorious Dei Gardeners:

Saturday, May 23 from 8 a.m.-noon

Grab the family and join the Glorious Dei gardeners as they beautify our grounds. See page 7 for details.

Gloria Dei at the I-Cubs:

Sunday, June 7 at 1:05 p.m.

Families are invited to join us at the ball park. See page 6 for details.



Junior High Castaway:

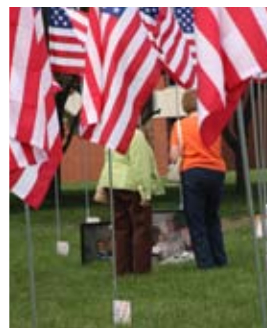
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.

All junior high youth are invited to this fun and high-energy educational time. See page 9 for details.

Senior High The Point:

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Senior High youth are invited to join us Wednesday evenings for a Bible study relevant to everyday life. See page 9 for details.



Summer Reading Program:

Sign up your children for our summer reading program where fun and prizes are guaranteed. See page 8 for details.

Camps and more Camps:

Children of all ages can enjoy the wide variety of camps. So whether they love music, art, science, dolls, or anything in between, we have a camp for them. Pick up a summer camp brochure today.

Women's Bible Connections:

Women are invited to connect with each other on Monday mornings or evenings. See page 5 for details.

Adult Opportunities:

Throughout the summer, we have lots of activities for adults, such as the Camera Club, XYZ group, ministry partner opportunities and Bible Studies. For more information call the church office at 276-1700.

Patriotic Concert:

Sunday, June 28 at 6 p.m.

We are once again taking the concert outside our campus. This year's concert will be held at Living History Farms. More details will follow.

Lots of Other Options:

These are just a few of the summer opportunities. Please take some time and read the following pages for other activities that will make your summer days enjoyable.

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Message Series: Followers of Jesus...

- May 16-17 - Are His Representatives
- May 23-24 - Marvel at Jesus
- May 30-31 - Are Fishers of Men

Strategic Plan Celebrations

Reflecting on last year: As Tiny Treasures finishes its last few days with picnics and activities, we pause to look at the growth in each of our preschoolers' lives. From the first day of school, we have been intentional to teach our little ones about the grace and love of Jesus Christ. Our chapel time, activities, songs and books all point toward our magnificent Creator. Since we understand the importance of relationships, we are always teaching our children the skills needed to build healthy and vital friendships. A few common phrases that we speak to our children are: "Be kind." "Be loving." "Forgive." "Everyone is valuable." "Say and do nice things for each other." Not to mention the once-in-awhile comments: "Billy, do not pull Sally's pony tail" or "Get that pencil out of Johnny's ear!"

As our teachers finish the year, they also look forward to serving the record number of preschoolers which have registered for next year's program. To date, 114 children have registered for our morning and afternoon classes. We are thankful for God's blessings upon the little ones who come through our doors during the week. See page 7 for photos.



Mark Your Calendars

We are excited to invite the congregation to two special services this summer:

June 7 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Rodney Serbus, a member of Gloria Dei and the son of Rodney and Betty Serbus will be ordained at Gloria Dei. A reception in the Family Life Center will follow. Rodney will then serve at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Herscher, Ill.

Sunday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Philip Robarge will be installed as Gloria Dei's Associate Pastor. A reception in the Family Life Center will follow.

Bible Project

Since the Honduras mission team is passionate about getting the Gospel to the people of Honduras, they have devised a simple plan: Come meet the Honduras team in the narthex Sundays, May 17 and 31 to purchase Bibles for the suggested donation of \$5 each. Each sponsor can write a short note or a name on the provided labels. After the team purchases the Bibles in Honduras, they will place the labels in the Bibles and freely give them to the people in Honduras.

Thank you for your support.



Our youth shared the Gospel with children during last year's mission trip.

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Annual Report, Meetings and Vote

Each year the Executive Director oversees the preparation of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year which starts in July. A detailed report covering the financial and ministry projections for the next fiscal year is then published and sent by mail to the congregation in the last week of May. When you receive the annual report, please review the information.



Town Hall Budget Q & A Meetings

Sunday, June 7 at 9 and 10:15 a.m. in rooms 135/137

If questions arise after reading the report, please join us for one of the two Town Hall Budget Q & A Meetings where the Executive Director and members of the Governing Board will be available to answer any of your questions.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 14 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for the Congregational Meeting where the proposed budget will be voted on and three Governing Board members will be elected. This year's candidates are Kevin Kelley (incumbent), Mark Kramer, Casey Fluegge and Jason Hoffman. Detailed information on each candidate will be published in upcoming Weekly Word issues. Members and non-members are invited to the meeting, but only members who are 18 years or older will be able to vote. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

9 a.m. (FLC):
Mr. Steve Kohtz

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:
Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jordan Nicolet

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Chase Swackhamer

Elders:

Vic Kesse
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind
Brad Gerke
Brett Hosch

7:45 a.m.

Gordon Dahlby
Rick Johnson
Bob Kollmorgen
Merle Knuth

9 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons
Bryan Flanigan
Bill Kramer
Shane Love
Doug Mertz
Keith Nicolet
Dave Schramm
Paul Rusch

10:30 a.m.

Clayton Linquist
Ed Mautz

Scripture Readings:

Acts 1:6-8; Luke 10:1-4, 16-17 (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 graduating seniors
- For our families
- For Shane and Stacy Love celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary
- For Joanna Smith and Bradley Linberg who were married May 16

Prayers

- For quick recovery of Marilyn Newman
- For Zachary Duncalf, who has been diagnosed with leukemia
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For God's help with all the aspects of the Strategic Plan
- For those in the military

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.

Getting to Know Us

If you are visiting us today, we warmly welcome you. Please take time to check out all of our upcoming classes and activities. If you have questions, contact the church office at 276-1700. Here are two classes you won't want to miss!

Discovery 101: Beginning the Journey

Thursday, Sept. 10-Oct. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Beginning the Journey is an introduction to the central teaching of Scripture. In addition to learning the basics of our beliefs, you will be encouraged to develop your faith in God. This informal class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. Childcare is provided. For information on the next class, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700, ext. 204.



Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Discovery 201 (for those who already have a Lutheran background or following Discovery 101) will be an introduction to Gloria Dei, the staff and



the programs offered. Our mission, vision and the current organization of Gloria Dei will be presented. At the end of the class you will have the opportunity to become members. This class, held on a Sunday afternoon, includes a meal and childcare. Register by calling the church office at 276-1700. Please indicate if childcare is needed. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim Phillips.

When is it? Sunday, June 14 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Information Center

If you are visiting today, stop by the Information Center, which is located outside the Sanctuary or in the back of the Family Life Center. We would love to get to know you and provide brochures of our activities and events throughout the year. See you there!

Check out our Web site

www.gloriadeionline.com

Need more information and resources? Check out our Web site for additional information and updates. We post weekly sermons, newsletters, information about our children, youth and adult programs and much more.

Thank You

Approximately three hundred individuals attended our Family Fun Night. It was a time of great interaction between our church and pre-school families. Thanks to all who pitched in to sell tickets, helped with food, painted faces, took pictures, made balloon animals, lead games and participated in the silent auction. When all the expenses are paid, we should clear approximately \$3,000. Thanks again for another successful Family Fun Night.



~ Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures Preschool

Stand Up Guys Miniature Golf

Stand Up Guys Miniature Golf Classic will be held Thursday, May 28 from 4:30-9 p.m. (shotgun starts at 5:30 and 7 p.m.) at West Grand Golf, 6450 Raccoon River Drive, West Des Moines. Proceeds will benefit the Iowa Homeless Youth Center by providing outreach, emergency services and transitional living for homeless young men, women and children. With the right kind of support, education and encouragement these young people will transition into self-sufficiency.

For more information go to www.wdmstandupguys.com.

Women's Connections

Spring is bursting with new studies at the Women's Bible Connections. Feel free to join us at anytime.



Mondays from 9:15-11:15 a.m.
(Childcare provided)

Book of John

This topical study will examine one of the most-read books of the Bible. Contact: Barb Miles at 251-7939.

Facing Your Giants

This study by Max Lucado shows how to face your personal giants by focusing on God. Contact: Beth Casady at 285-0526.

Daniel

Beth Moore's study will teach how to shine for Christ in the midst of our modern culture. Contact: Lisa Scherer at lisagaryalana@me.com.

Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m.

The Bible, Irrelevant or Invaluable?

The Christianity Today Bible study takes an in-depth look at the Bible. Contact: Lisa Scherer at lisagaryalana@me.com.



Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry requests shampoo and conditioner for May. Please drop them off in the boxes in the narthex or by the Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone who brought soap and personal care items last month.

Craft Fair

The 17th annual Arts and Craft show sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Elaine Anderson at 225-8820 or go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click the Art and Craft Fair 2009 link on the left margin. Please feel free to pass this information to your friends and neighbors who might be interested.



Donations Accepted

Miriam Circle is actively seeking donations for one of their mission projects. Kids Against Hunger is an organization founded by Richard Proudfit more than 30 years ago after he traveled to Honduras. Affected by the starvation he witnessed, he began a program to provide packages of rice-soy casseroles fortified with essential vitamins and minerals to hungry children in America and third-world countries. Currently, they are in need of cash resources to help purchase items needed for the packages. If you are interested in giving a cash donation, please contact Alice Wegner at 276-1456 or Marolyn Carstens at 262-3249.

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.

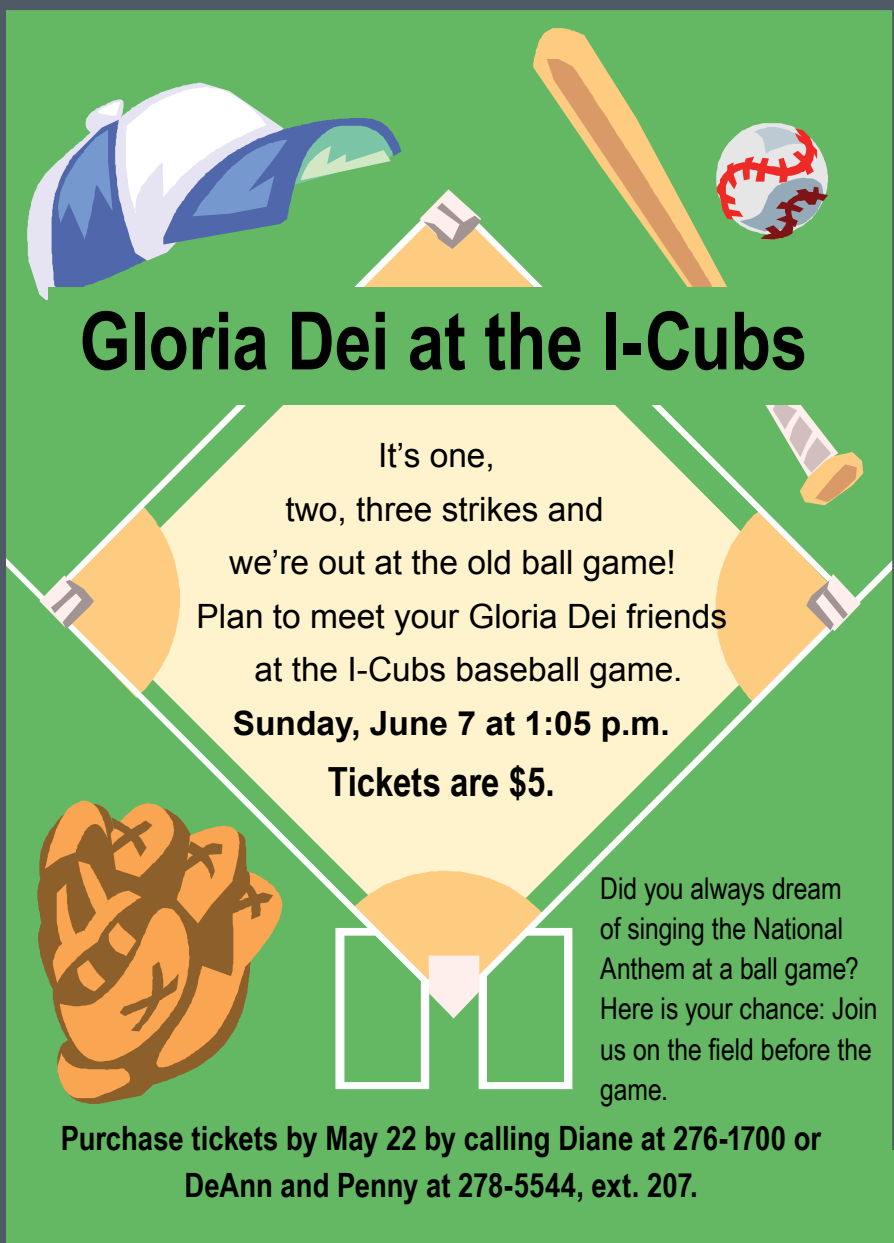
Donations will be accepted during our normal operating hours of 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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



Golf Outing

Serve Our Youth Golf Outing will be held Tuesday, May 19 at 1 p.m. at Woodland Hills Golf Course, 620 NE 66th Ave., Des Moines. The cost per golfer is \$60. To register, contact Kathy Howey at 641-620-9037.



Gloria Dei at the I-Cubs

It's one,
two, three strikes and
we're out at the old ball game!
Plan to meet your Gloria Dei friends
at the I-Cubs baseball game.
Sunday, June 7 at 1:05 p.m.
Tickets are \$5.

Did you always dream
of singing the National
Anthem at a ball game?
Here is your chance: Join
us on the field before the
game.

**Purchase tickets by May 22 by calling Diane at 276-1700 or
DeAnn and Penny at 278-5544, ext. 207.**

Thrivent and Habitat Clean Up Day

Spend a morning with volunteers from Habitat for Humanity Saturday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to noon. The day begins at Edna Griffin Park at College and 13th, Des Moines. The work will include raking, trimming, planting, gardening, painting, cleaning, landscaping and providing minor repair to local homes. If possible, please bring your own tools; lunch is provided.

Register by Monday, June 1 by contacting Shelly Bernholtz, Greater DSM Habitat for Humanity at 471-8686 ext. 125 or 778-2721 or at sbernholtz@gdmhabitat.org.

Farewell to Mt. Olive Teacher

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School invites you to help honor Mrs. Lois Schumann on Sunday, May 31. She is retiring after 41 years in the teaching ministry. They will celebrate her contributions to Mt. Olive during the 8 and 10:30 a.m. church services. There will also be a brunch with a short program between services. If you can't join the farewell tribute, greetings may be sent to the church office at 5625 Franklin Avenue, 50310 or online at mto-liveadmin@mchsi.com.

Fund Raiser to Help Family

Less than two weeks ago, nine-year-old Zachary Duncalf, was diagnosed with leukemia. Since that time, Zachary's parents, Jake and Monica, and their children, Cael, 6, and Walker, 4, have spent countless hours at the hospital where Zachary was being treated. Recently, Zachary was released to his parents' care with frequent trips to the hospital scheduled.

To share the burden of the Duncalf family, a group of individuals have organized a summer fund-raiser lunch to help cover some of the medical costs. A free-will donation will be received at the door. More details will follow. Meanwhile, please keep Zachary and the Duncalf family in your prayers. If you would like to help in other ways, please call Tina Morton at 949-292-7041.

ISU Scholarships

International Student Ministry (ISM) of Memorial Lutheran Church, Ames, Iowa is offering two \$500 scholarships to young Lutheran men and women entering Iowa State University in the fall of 2009. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity to learn about Christ's work in the mission field of Ames.

Each year, about 2,250 international students enroll at Iowa State University. The objective of ISM is to build relationships with these international students and to share the Word of God with them by offering English classes, international dinner nights (FISH) and Bible classes.

To apply, please send the following items to the Memorial Lutheran Church, c/o ISM Scholarship Committee, 2228 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50014:

1. Application
2. High School Transcript
3. Letter of Recommendation

For further questions, contact Joe Eisenbacher, Beta Sigma Psi, Recruitment Chair, at bacher@iastate.edu.

Adoption Workshop

America World Adoption Association will host a free workshop Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at Gloria Dei. The "Spirit of Adoption" seminar helps families understand the process and blessing of adoption. This workshop will be of value to you if you're struggling with infertility or wondering if adoption is right for you. Visit www.awaa.org or call 1-888-ONE-CHILD to register.

Tiny Treasures Review



God continues to bless this ministry in numbers but more important in the faith of the little ones who walk daily into our building.

Next Saturday!

Saturday
May 23
8 a.m. - noon


Join us for a glorious garden time.

Guarantee to sweat, eat bugs by accident and stretch a few of those winter muscles. You'll laugh, eat a hearty breakfast and lunch, and receive a commemorative gardener t-shirt. Can't wait to get more information? Call Brandon at 710-5483.

**Glorious Dei**
gardeners

It's a glorious day, let's garden.

ROME



Paw and the Underground Church

Summer Grace Place Starts This Week

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 am.

Summer Grace Place starts on May 16 and 17 by visiting the city of Rome. Traveling from station to station, they'll experience a variety of period-specific crafts and games to reinforce the Biblical stories.

Ministry Partners Needed: Teachers are still needed. If you would like to give a week or two of your time, please let DeAnn or Penny know at 278-5544, ext. 227. It will be a very fun and educational time for everyone!



Sizzling Summer Camp Plans

Lots of fun is planned for children's summer camps. There's everything from physical fitness to fine arts to science with everything in between. Be sure to pick up a camp brochure at the Information Center or check out our camp calendar online at www.gloriadeionline.com and sign up today!

sign up 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. Sign up Saturday nights 5-6:30 p.m. or Sundays 8-11:30 a.m. in the library.

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

May 17:

Simmer Down - Pride

May 24:

Chew on This: The Five Essentials for Healthy Living Essential #1

May 31:

Chew on This: The Five Essentials for Healthy Living Essential #2

Please note: Beginning in June, Cast-away will be offered at 9:20 a.m. When we resume our fall programs, we will offer it at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 135-137.

Sunday, May 17: Last week of Bible study.

The Point

Wednesday evenings during the month of May will be a time where senior high students can gather with friends and learn some hot topics from the Bible.

May's topic: 1 Thessalonians: How Do We Do It?

Wednesday, May 20

Topic: 1 Thessalonians: Therefore

Wednesday, May 27

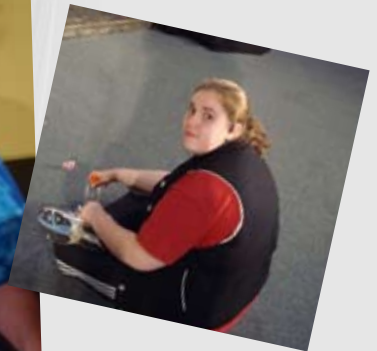
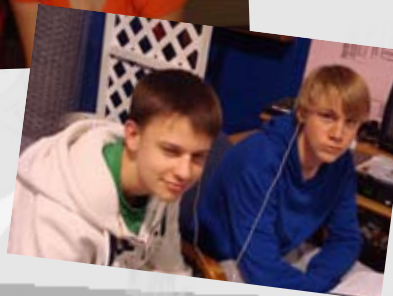
Topic: 1 Thessalonians: In it Together

MSG Sent

Sunday, June 7 from 2-6 p.m. in Mapleton, Iowa

Mission Central presents: A rockin conference for senior high teens to launch us into the reality of God's love. We receive the message of God's love, then God sends us as messengers to our friends and family. Dr. Lo, missionary, will be the featured speaker and Rough Draft will perform. The conference is free. For questions, contact Tim Kightlinger.

Sign up by Wednesday, June 3.



Week of May 16-23, 2009

Saturday, May 16

- 4:00 p.m. Joanna Smith and Bradley Linberg 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, May 17

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 18

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin' Family Time Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Make Way for Music Family Time Class
- 6:30 p.m. On the Road Day Kindermusik Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	146	97
7:45 a.m.	133	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	389	
9 a.m. (FLC)	94	51
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	360	
Total	1122	148

Wednesday, May 20

- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, May 21

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin' Family Time Class
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 11:30 a.m. Urban Plunge Planning Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Donna Kusy and Gene Osby Wedding
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, May 22

No scheduled meetings

Saturday, May 23

- 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

Scripture Base on Giving:

Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$27,651
YTD Offering	\$1,376,259
YTD Budget	\$1,510,065

Week of May 23-30, 2009

Saturday, May 23

- 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, May 24

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 25

**Memorial Day
Office Closed**

Tuesday, May 26

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin' Family Time Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Make Way for Music Family Time Class
- 6:30 p.m. On the Road Day Kindermusik Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, May 27

- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Children Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Patriotic Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, May 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin' Family Time Class
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, May 29

- 6:00 p.m. Walker/Parrott Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 30

- 9:00 a.m. America World Adoption Association
- 4:00 p.m. Barbara Walker and Curt Parrott 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

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 a.m.

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m.

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: Luke 10:1-4, 16-17

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road."

"He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

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