

WEEKLY WORD



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May 30 and 31, 2009

Day of Pentecost

Strategic Plan Update

Dear members:

Since the approval of the Strategic Plan in March 2008, the staff and ministry partners have been diligently working on the preliminary steps for fulfilling the Strategic Plan. All of the four focus groups have spent hundreds of hours working to accomplish major benchmarks.

Personally, I am proud of the work these men and women have accomplished during the last 14 months. The strong infrastructure being built will pay great dividends in the future of our ministry. At the same time, these months have had challenges—mostly in regard to finding a suitable piece of land. The Facilities Focus Group along with the architects identified 24 pieces of property, developed a matrix for evaluating them, and then narrowed the search. As they pursued several different parcels of land, they met the following obstacles:

- Landowners were not willing to sell for various reasons.
- The cost of the land was not realistic for us to purchase or it exceeded the current-market value.
- Land owners wanted to sell more land than what we needed and were not willing to sell only a parcel of their land.

One could easily be discouraged by these challenges, and at times, I have been. Then I remembered, if this is truly God's plan for our congregation, then it will happen on his timetable, and not ours.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

God calls us to be faithful and to put our total dependence upon him. In the fall of 2008, I shared a message series about the important cornerstones needed to build a strong foundation for the Strategic Plan. The first message, "Dependence upon God," focused on the importance of our total reliance on God. In this respect, I welcome the challenges that are before us now. I welcome the fact that we cannot see the solution at this time. I welcome them because in the end, we will be able to say God provided everything needed to accomplish the Strategic Plan. And yes, he used us as his instruments, but there will be no doubt that his will and his goodness made it all possible.

The big question is where do we go from here? The answer is we go to our God in prayer and we listen for his leading. We continue to implement the ministry initiatives and we continue to seek out the parcel of land where he would have us continue our ministry. We do so with a renewed commitment to be completely dependent upon God and his leading, and a renewed commitment to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

In Christ,

Rev. Ronald Burcham

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what's
NEW!
this week!

Annual Report

The Annual Report was mailed last week, please read it and then attend one of the Town Hall Q & A Meetings next Sunday. See page 2 for more details.

Governing Board Candidates

Take time to read about the four Governing Board Candidates on page 4. At the Annual Meeting, the congregation will elect three of the candidates.

Gloria Dei at the I-Cubs:

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

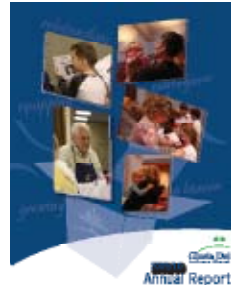
Families are invited to join us at the ball park. See page 3 for details.

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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 was published and sent by mail to the congregation last week. 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.

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

Join us for the Annual 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 can be seen on page 4. 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.

Special Services

Ordination Service: June 7 at 4 p.m.

Please plan to attend the ordination service for Rodney Serbus, a member of Gloria Dei, on June 7 at 4 p.m. A reception for Rodney will follow in the Family Life Center. For those who would like to express their congratulations to Rodney, a card basket will be at the reception. He will also preach at all the weekend services.

Rodney, a recent graduate from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. received his first Call as a sole Pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church, a congregation of about 240 members in Herscher, Ill., about an hour south of Chicago. Rodney's wife, Phaedra, also received a Call as a commissioned Deaconess for Trinity Lutheran; she will work mostly with the children and the youth.

Installation Service: Sunday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Philip Robarge will be installed as Gloria Dei's Associate Pastor on Sunday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception in the Family Life Center will follow. Meanwhile, please keep the Robarges in your prayers as they transition to our congregation.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 31 during the 9 a.m. service is for:



Sophia Linzy Sampson born on February 17, 2009 to Joshua and Megan (nee Kramer) Sampson. Sophia's spiritual sponsors are Kim Kramer and Lindsay Sampson.



Jackson Drake Wulfekuhle born on April 11, 2009 to Jason and Julie (nee Ness) Wulfekuhle. Jackson's spiritual sponsors are Brian and Jodi Ness, and Joel and Tanya Ossman.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, May 31 are provided by: Brandon and Jen Simpson in celebration of their third wedding anniversary and Jen's thirtieth birthday.

Gloria Dei at the I-Cubs

It is not too late to join us for a fun family time at the I-Cubs game on Sunday, June 7 at 1:05 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased by calling Diane at 276-1700 or either DeAnn or Penny at 278-5544, ext. 215.

Adults Only: Did you always dream of singing the National Anthem at a ball-game and receiving a free ticket? Here is your chance: Join us on the field before the game. For the free ticket, please call the church office.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):
Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jordan Nicolet

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

Elders:
Terry Woolman
Jim Miles

Vic Kesse

Ushers:
Northwind
Brad Gerke
Brett Hosch

7:45 a.m.
Gordon Dahlby
Rick Johnson
Bob Kollmorgen
Merle Knuth

9 a.m.
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 2:1-13 and Luke 5:1-11 (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 Brian and Jen Peter celebrating their 16th anniversary
- For the 3rd anniversary of Brandon and Jen Simpson
- For the 41st anniversary of Dave and Donna Maasen on June 2

Prayers

- For the health of Jenn Amendt
- For Brian Peter's father, Tom, who is recovering from bypass surgery
- For Mark Pierson and family, who are grieving the loss of Mark's mother
- For quick recovery of Marilyn Newman
- For Lucy Echtenkamp
- For Phyllis Johns, grandmother of Amy Jo Wiese
- For Zachary Duncalf, who has been diagnosed with leukemia
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For God's help with all aspects of the Strategic Plan

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.

Let's Meet the Governing Board Candidates

Casey Fluegge

Casey and Rebecca Fluegge have been married for 13 years and have two children, Eric, 12, and Emily, 10. Casey works as an advertising copywriter for Integer Midwest. He enjoys biking, reading, fishing, and following Oregon Ducks football. Casey has been a member of Gloria Dei since 2003 and has served as an usher, assisted with Sunday School and helped with the set design for the children's Christmas play.



What do you like about Gloria Dei?

I enjoy the traditional church worship style, the Christ-centered youth programs for my kids, men's weekly Bible study and the way so many talented and musically inclined people enhance the worship experience.

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? *I am passionate about the preservation of scripture and adherence to the gospel as the spiritual compass for modern Christians.*

Why serve on the Governing Board? *I desire to help support the church's mission to care for its members and continue its outreach locally and abroad to those who haven't found Christ.*

Jason Hoffman

Jason and Tina Hoffman have been married for 11 years and have two children, Noah, 9 and Jonah, 5. Jason is a Business Development Manager for Sysco Foodservices of Iowa. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading, cycling and running. Jason has been a member of Gloria Dei for three years and has served as an usher, participated in the Music Ministry and in a small group.



What do you like about Gloria Dei?

I find there are numerous opportunities to serve God. Regardless of your talents and interests, you can find some way to become involved and to grow in your Christian walk.

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? *My greatest passion is evangelism. I feel we can all spread the Gospel in our own way and that we need to. God's love is too great a gift to keep to yourself.*

Why serve on the Governing Board? *It is a great opportunity to help shape the future of the ministry. We are at an exciting time in the church's history, and what we do now is going to greatly impact the Lord's work in our community and beyond long into the future.*

Kevin Kelley

Kevin and Karna Kelley have been married for 19 years and have two children, Rachel, 16, and Lachlan, 13. Kevin works as an information technology professional at The Principal Financial Group. Kevin is involved with Urbandale Little League and serves as a third-term President of the Little League Board of Directors. He has been a member of Gloria Dei for seven years and is completing his first term on the Governing Board. He serves as an usher and has assisted on the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team.



What do you like about Gloria Dei? *One item that rises to the top of the list is the feeling of family that we have here even though we are a relatively large congregation.*

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? *Improving my knowledge of the Word of God and using that knowledge to bring others to Christ.*

Why serve on the Governing Board? *I want to continue to deepen my involvement with the church and to help Gloria Dei continue to attain its mission of bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.*

Mark Kramer

Mark and Cathy Kramer have been married for 12 years and have three children, Danny, 9, Andy, 8 and Abby, 5. Mark manages the Trading Operations staff in the Capital Markets area of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. He enjoys biking, running, boating, hiking, coaching baseball, golfing and the Chicago Cubs. Mark has been a member of Gloria Dei for 13 years and has served as an usher, offering counter, midweek helper, assisted with a small group MAT and the Honduras mission trip along with various other "calls for help."



What do you like about Gloria Dei? *The many opportunities people have to get involved, and the fact that my fellow worshipers really do feel like family.*

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? *Helping those less fortunate than I—both in their spiritual life and their worldly life.*

Why serve on the Governing Board? *I want to help ensure that Gloria Dei continues to be a place that people in all stages of their faith life can call home, by giving those strong in faith, weak in faith, new in faith, or challenged in faith, opportunities to worship and grow closer to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

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

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 Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m., includes a meal and childcare. Register by calling the church office at 276-1700. Please indicate if childcare is needed.

Part-time Worship Assistant

Gloria Dei Worship Ministries has a part-time Worship Assistant position available. The Worship Assistant will assist in development, implementation and coordination of worship services. In addition, the individual will assist the Director of Worship to enhance the spirit of worship and facilitate the congregation in praising and serving God. The successful candidate will have direct responsibilities for the flow of worship in the traditional worship services, and indirect responsibilities, as needed, for the flow of the contemporary worship services. This position will require a minimum of 15 hours per week with required weekend hours. For a job description and application, please go to www.gloriadeionline.com or contact Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministries, or Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 276-1700.

Gloria Quilters

Gloria Quilters will meet Saturday, June 6 at 9 a.m. Both individual and group pictures of the quilters and their quilts will be taken. After they display the quilts in the narthex, they will go to Ames for lunch and shopping at the Quilt Connections. If you have any questions, contact Norma Rohn at mrohn@aol.com.

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 Sunday, May 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.

Scrapbook Fun

**Friday, June 12
from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

Scrapbook Fellowship is open to anyone who wants to dedicate time to organize and assemble their pictures into scrapbooks (even digital). They meet in rooms 131-133. Childcare will be available to those who schedule it with Laura Ammann by Wednesday, June 10 at 778-9161. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324. Please note: We will not have a Saturday session this month.



Book Club

Get your books out and read this summer. Join us as we discuss Christian books. We will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the dates listed below in the cry room:

Wednesday, June 3

“The Last Thing I Remember”
by Andrew Klavan

Wednesday, July 8

“Bonemans’ Daughter”
by Ted Dekker

Wednesday, August 12

“The Someday List”
by Stacy Hawkins Adams

Books can be purchased in the Toolshoppe. For more information contact Heather Schmitz at hlschmitz@mchsi.com or at 371-5875.

Gallon Jugs Needed

Save your clean gallon milk and water jugs for camp; no lids needed. We are making a special project using the milk jugs. Please drop them off at the Family Ministry office, located by the Gathering Place.

Donations Needed

Refugee Cooperative Services urgently needs several items to help families:

- Pillows
- Garbage Cans – Kitchen/bathroom size
- Pots and Pans
- Cleaning Spray
- Brooms
- Laundry Baskets
- Shower Curtains/Rings
- Can Openers
- Vegetable Peelers

If you are interested, please bring the items to church office as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

In addition, volunteers are needed each week to help with English-speaking classes or in the nursery on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. at First Christian Church, 2500 University, Des Moines. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700.

Hospice Volunteers

Wesley Community Hospice is seeking volunteers to visit patients, keep the patient's environment comfortable and inviting, assist in fundraising activities, help with administrative and clerical tasks and help organize special events. If you are interested, please contact Alyssa Englund at 271-6775 or e-mail aenglund@wesleyservices.org.

Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry requests toothpaste for June. Please place the items in the boxes in the narthex or by the Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone who brought shampoo and conditioner last month.

Patriotic Concert

Gloria Dei will host a community concert to pay tribute to those who have served our country on Sunday, June 28 at 6 p.m. at Living History Farms.

Vocalists and instrumentalists of all ages are needed for the tribute.

Choir: 6-7 p.m. • Children's Choir: 6-7 p.m. • Orchestra: 7-8 p.m.

We will rehearse Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17 and 24; and Saturday, June 27 (dress rehearsal).

If interested, contact Jule DenHerder at jrdenherder@gmail.com.

Craft Fair

The 17th annual Arts and Craft Fair 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.



Shuttle Cart Drivers

Looking for a fun way to help out at church? Consider helping with the shuttle carts by driving for a one-hour shift on Sundays. Drivers must be at least in the mid-twenties and be out-going in nature. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

New Beginnings Ministry

Our New Beginnings career transition ministry is looking for ministry partners to help staff the Resource Room during the week. Ministry partners will be trained by Iowa Workforce Development to assist individuals using the computers to search for jobs or work on their resumes. Contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Softball

Come to the field and watch our softball team compete with local churches. All games are at Campbell Fields which is located in Clive between Hickman and University (behind Menards just west of the interstate). For an up-to-date schedule, go to the adult page on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Director of Tiny Treasures Preschool Resigns

One known fact about Terry Steinke is her love for children. And since her love extends especially to her grandchildren, she has decided to move closer to them. Terry, who has worked at Gloria Dei since 2004 and has been instrumental in implementing and developing Tiny Treasures Preschool will be moving to Orlando, Fla. with her husband, Rich, a recent retired Chaplain for the Veterans Affairs Hospital.

“It would be a perfect scenario if somehow Tiny Treasures and my grandchildren could be in the same town, but since that is not possible, there is no contest when I see how fast my grandchildren are growing,” said Terry. “I want to be a part of their lives.”

When Terry first moved to Des Moines ten years ago, she attended Gloria Dei and was immediately drawn to how many young children filled the hallways. Terry’s experience and training in early childhood led her to look for a job in a preschool in the metro area. She accepted a Christian education job at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ankeny and then taught third grade at Mt. Olive Lutheran School. After four years of teaching third grade, she realized that it was not a good fit, so she resigned. At the same time, Gloria Dei voted to start a preschool.



Terry Steinke will be moving to Florida in late June.

When Terry found out about the plan, she rejoiced at how God worked things out. She then immediately applied. In 2004, Terry was hired to work in Gloria Dei’s children’s ministry and to prepare the infrastructure for the preschool. She began to work with a Ministry Action Team that would help to formulate the preschool, prepare the classrooms and promote the preschool in the community.

It was with great excitement and anticipation that 43 preschoolers attended the first day of Tiny Treasures in 2005. Tiny Treasures currently enrolls 111 students; next year’s registrations have already exceeded that number.

“I have considered this job my dream job. Not many people are able to work in a position that reflects a calling and a passion. I come to work singing and excited about working with young children,” said Terry. “Witnessing their excitement when they understand something the first time is the best job in the world.”

On Sunday, June 7, we will hold a reception between services to celebrate her contributions to the ministry at Gloria Dei. A basket will be available to collect cards and your written thoughts to Terry. Meanwhile, please take time to thank and congratulate her. And don’t forget to ask to see the photos of her treasures—the preschool children and her grandchildren.

Please Note: With the resignation of Terry, Bill Jesse, Executive Director along with the assistance of a Ministry Action Team will begin the process to find a suitable replacement to fill the position of Director of Tiny Treasures Preschool.

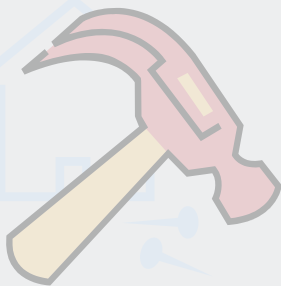
Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Builds Days

Community Day: Saturday, June 6

Spend a morning with volunteers from Habitat for Humanity on 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.

Gloria Dei Workday: Saturday, July 18

Gloria Dei has a day designated to help Thrivent Builds on Saturday, July 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or for half of a day). Meet us at the 1200 block of 10th Street, Des Moines where we will then be assigned to do light work on a few of the Habitat for Humanity houses. Lunch will be provided. If interested, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.



Hot Fun in the Summer

We are excited to provide lots of children’s activities this summer. For more information, contact DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry at 278-5544, ext. 207 or Penny Schramm, Associate Director of Children’s Ministry or pick up one of our summer brochures located at the Information Center.

Summer Grace Place

Summer Grace Place has started. Each week, children (ages 3 to grade 4) will “travel” to Rome to experience life in Paul’s time. Summer Grace Place meets in the center wing, room 130. Children should pick up their name tags, located in the center wing’s hallway prior to Grace Place or worship. Just a reminder, Grace Place will end at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you need to pick up your child early, please feel free to do so.



Children’s Patriotic Choir

If your children like to sing, please bring them to church Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. We will pack our time together with music, fun, fellowship and hands-on activities for children ages 5-15 as we prepare for the Patriotic Concert on Sunday, June 28 at 6 p.m. at Living History Farms.



New Summer Dance Classes

We’ve added six dance classes to our summer line-up! Beginning Dance (ballet for ages 3-5, taught by Traci Petersen), Creative Dance (ballet and tap for grades 1-4, taught by Traci Petersen), Beginning Tumbling (for ages 3-5, taught by Jenna Freeman), Intermediate Tumbling (for grades 1-4, taught by Jenna Freeman), Hip Hop (for grades 1-4, taught by Jenna Freeman) and Liturgical Dance (for grades 1-8, taught by Kim Marsh). Want to get a preview of the class? You are welcome to try a class before you commit to the summer.

Dove Real Beauty Workshop



Dove Beauty is an exciting workshop for girls ages 8-12 and their mothers. This first workshop will be held Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei. This free workshop will help the girls see their inner beauty as God created them. Register for this workshop by picking up a summer camp brochure 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.

This week’s Trivia question:
 “How often does a lion eat?”

Find this answer on the safari posters located in the center wing and then go tell the librarian.

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Chew on This: The Five Essentials for Healthy Living

May 31: Essential #2

June 7: Essential #3

June 14: Essential #4

June 21: Essential #5

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

Café 923

Friday, June 5 from 6-9 p.m.

It is a night where you can hang out, have a good time, eat, play games and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome and please bring your unchurched friends, so we can introduce them to GYM (Gloria Dei Youth Ministry) and to our God.

Junior High Adventureland Fun

Wednesday, June 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Meet at the church and we will carpool to Adventureland. Sign up by June 21 at the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Admission cost is \$18.50; bring extra money for food.

Junior and Senior High Paint ball

Sunday, June 28

Meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. We will travel to Action Jacks near Newton. The cost is \$20 (\$15 if you have your own equipment) and \$20 for 500 paint balls. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Wednesday, June 24.

Senior High Grades 9-12

The Point

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

Bible study: 6 p.m. in the Youth Center

Fellowship Opportunity: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3: Mission Trip Meeting

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

Wednesday, June 17: Movie at Cobblestone
Cost \$10.

Wednesday, June 24: Miniature Golf at the Dome
Cost \$5

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.

30-Hour Famine

The 30-hour Famine rewards are in! Please stop by the Youth Center May 31 and June 7 from 9 a.m. to noon to pick up your items.

Week of May 30 to June 6, 2009

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

Sunday, May 31

- 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
- 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. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 1

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:15 a.m. Summer Women's Connections a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, June 2

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting at Machine Shed
- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin'
Family Time Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 2 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care for Kids

Wednesday, June 3

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class
- 6:00 p.m. Children Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High The Point
- 6:30 p.m. Foreign Mission MAT
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Patriotic Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Trip Meeting

Thursday, June 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, June 5

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Saturday, June 6

- 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

Scripture Base on Giving:

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little." 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	116	84
7:45 a.m.	91	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	200	
9 a.m. (FLC)	76	42
10:30 a.m.	269	
Total	752	126

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$13,378
YTD Offering	\$1,422,647
YTD Budget	\$1,577,179

Week of June 6 to 13, 2009

Saturday, June 6

- 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, June 7

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:45 a.m. Appreciation and Farewell Reception for Terry Steinke
- 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. Town Hall Budget Q&A Meeting
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:15 a.m. Town Hall Budget Q&A Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 1:05 p.m. Family Day at the I-Cubs
- 4:00 p.m. Ron Serbus Ordination
- 5:00 p.m. Ron Serbus Ordination Reception
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 8

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Women's Connections a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Beginning Tumbling Class
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:00 p.m. Intermediate Tumbling Class
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Movin' & Groovin' Family Time Class
- 6:30 p.m. Creative Dance Class
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Monday, June 8 (continued)

- 6:45 p.m. Hip Hop Dance Class
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

Tuesday, June 9

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Life Ministry Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Children Patriotic Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High The Point
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Patriotic Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, June 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

Friday, June 12

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Grandgenett/Spencer Rehearsal

Saturday, June 13

- 8:00 a.m. Glorious Dei Gardeners
- 4:00 p.m. Erin Grandgenett and Stuart Spencer Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	5	9	20
Elementary	7	20	30
Total Children	12	29	50

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 9:20 a.m. And don't forget to look at page 9 for all the other summer activities.

Senior high students: Lots of activities are planned for our senior high youth this summer; see page 9 for all the details.

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 5:1-10

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

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