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The First Sunday after Pentecost

Being a Fortunate Spectator

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Let's talk about spectators in the Bible. They are scattered throughout the scriptures as people whose specific names and credentials are not mentioned; yet they witnessed some great panoramic views of God's power.

Take the Israelites, who saw Moses part the Red Sea; or the villagers who saw the walls of Jericho crumble before their eyes; or the small group of family members who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead; or the multitudes who were fed by Jesus. They all joined the Biblical ranks of people who remarked "you'll never believe what we just witnessed."

One of my favorite spectator accounts is on the day of Pentecost. From my understanding, the crowd was going about their everyday business when all of a sudden they heard a loud noise. As they checked out the commotion, they were amazed at the twelve apostles speaking in languages other than their native tongue.

The occurrence caused quite a shock wave of conversation among the spectators: "Why are these Galileans speaking our language when we know for a fact that a few minutes ago, they could not speak our language? How could this happen?"

The crowds' remarks continued to roll into a myriad of speculation until Peter stood up and explained the powerful and eternal implications of this miraculous event.

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:36-39

Now the spectators were invited to become active participants into the eternal story of Jesus Christ. I imagine these individuals woke up that first Pentecost morning not expecting anything special; yet because of God's great mercy, these spectators were shown the amazing truth of the resurrection of our Lord. Their only qualifications were like the hundreds of other spectators throughout the Bible, they were simply living their everyday lives when God showered them with his power and grace. Sound familiar?

Starting Today

Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m.
in the Family Life Center



Head, Heart and Hands (H³)
It's interactive, educational and fun for the entire family and it starts today. For more information, see page 8.

Grace Place Offered Sunday

Whatever service you attend, please feel free to bring your children to Summer Grace Place on Sundays at 9:20 a.m.

Discovery 201

Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.
If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or have completed Discovery 101, please come to Discovery 201 today. For more information, see page 7.

The Liberated Wall

Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m..
This traveling team will get your hands clapping and your toes tapping. For more information, see page 5.

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Let's Meet Two SPI MAT Faces

The Strategic Plan Implementation Ministry Action Team (SPI MAT), which consists of two members from each of the four focus groups, Ministry, Future Facilities, Finance and Communication; a project manager and a recording secretary met for the first time on Tuesday, May 6 to begin the necessary steps to implement the Strategic Plan.

Deb Kesse has agreed to be the project manager. Since volumes of research, studies and tasks will be accumulated, she will develop a Gantt chart, a task list with timelines and dependencies that will be used as a communication mechanism to help each focus group accomplish its individual goals set forth in the Strategic Plan.

Deb is not new to Gloria Dei. She was married in the old sanctuary 28 years ago to Vic Kesse. Both of them have been active at Gloria Dei and have raised two



Deb Kesse

children, David and Sarah. Deb has helped with summer Sunday school and camps; served as the board of education secretary; church council secretary; board of education Chairwoman; served on the Governing Board for six years, two years as vice president, and three years as president; served on the dedication committee for the new sanctuary; chaired the 1999 building committee; assisted in the development of the facilities-use policy and employee handbook; served on the committee for latest rewrite of constitution and bylaws; and currently organizes the Scrapbook Fellowship group and proofs many of the church's publications.

Deb states that she has seen lots of changes throughout the years at Gloria Dei, but the strength of the message, the exciting programs and the welcoming attitude of the members have remained constant.

"Even though we've grown in numbers, the same things that attracted me then are attractive to me now," said Deb.

Sitting across the table from Deb, was Sue Davis, the recording secretary. Sue, a retired administrative assistant from Pioneer Hi-Bred International and a member of Gloria Dei since 1986, has served as the church council secretary and currently answers the church-office phone during staff meetings, helps Pastor Meyer coordinate the Adult Ministry library and volunteers on the first and third Friday afternoons as needed.



Sue Davis

"I had enjoyed working with the church council in the past and since I am now retired, I am happy to help wherever I can," said Sue. "God gives us all different gifts and we should use them to his glory."

Sue has been married to Les for almost 23 years and has two daughters, two sons and seven grandchildren. She has enjoyed the growth she has seen at Gloria Dei, such as our current sanctuary, new worship times, Grace Place, Tiny Treasures, Women's Connections and the addition of two full-time pastors.

"It is exciting to witness the growth of the congregation and to learn about the plan on how to accommodate that growth," said Sue.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m. is for:



Emily Renee Stave born May 2, 2008 to Leslie and Wanda (nee Lyman) Stave. Emily's spiritual sponsors are Randy and Cindy Jansen, and Burt and Barb Andersh.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 18 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Mya Danielle Christensen born December 6, 2007 to Chad and Dawn (nee Leytem) Christensen. Mya's spiritual sponsor is Amanda Maahs.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration for:
The 60th wedding anniversary of Ken and Rosalie Petersen.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Ted Spark

Grant Smith

Wil Reynolds

Elders:

Tom Westby

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. Sanctuary

Dennis Appelhons

Bryan Flanigan

Bill Kramer

Shane Love

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

9 a.m. FLC

Doug Fuller

Shirley Roberts

10:30 a.m.

Ed Mautz

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:1-12, 2:36-41 and 2:42-47

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 our graduating seniors

Prayers

- For Dick Counley and the grieving family of Diane Mahaffey
- For Linda Trobaugh - tests and recovery from surgery
- For Wendell and Carol Dickey's niece, Nikki Foster, who lost her husband in a car accident
- For Laurie Peterson, who is recovering from shoulder surgery
- For the health of Janet Tysse
- For Ken Anderson, who is battling cancer
- For the safety of Ted Rives as he serves in Iraq
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For the health of Barb Thompson, daughter of Bob and Mary Kuefner
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

Divorce Care

Are you divorced or separated and looking for a group of friends that will understand your current situation? Contact Robin Haase at 250-1076 or at iowahawkfans@msn.com for details on fellowship events and locations.

May and June Events:

Saturday, May 24 at 7 a.m.

Saturday, May 31 at 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 at 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 29 at 1:05 p.m.

Men's Softball

Gloria Dei's softball league is in full swing. The games are played at Clive softball fields, 12385 Woodlawn Parkway, Clive. For more information, please contact Tim Kightlinger or Pastor Kendall Meyer at 276-1700.

Schedule:

May 19	7:15 p.m.	June 5	7:15 & 8:15 p.m.
May 27	8:15 & 9:15 p.m.	June 9	7:15 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you to all the hard workers who helped with another successful Thrivent Builds campaign.

There are more opportunities this summer to help. Gloria Dei is slated to help Saturday, June 7 and July 12. If you would like to help at this time or other times, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Book Club

Looking for a good read for the summer? Join us as we talk about how the examples found in great Christian literature apply to our lives. Read the book and then join us for a time of conversation and prayer. All books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

Wednesday, July 9 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "Blue Bottle Club," by Penelope Stokes

Location: Laura Ammann, 1059 45th St., Des Moines, 277-5587.

Wednesday, August 6 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "A Woman's Place," by Lynne Austin

Location: Shani Fjelsted, 6520 NW 95th Court, Johnston, 259-4099.

Wednesday, September 3 from 7-8 p.m.

Book: "White Chocolate Moments," by Lori Wick

Location: Church

Envelopes for Food Drive

Naomi Circle is sponsoring a spring food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. We would like to give our donation to DMARC as soon as possible; therefore, please place your donation in the mail or the offering plate today. Make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" and your offering envelope number written on the memo line. If you need an envelope, please pick one up at the Information Center. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Register for Summer Reading

Go for the Gold!

Sign up for the Olympic summer children's reading program today at the children's library.



JEWS F☆R JESUS *presents:*

THE LIBERATED WAILING WALL

Come and Join us for gospel music and drama.

This Friday!

The Liberated Wailing Wall has recorded 12 albums and has toured nationally and internationally, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ with a *Jewish* accent!

Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

Admission Cost:

Free-will offering



Family Life Center

Come & Bring A Friend

Gloria Dei will host The Liberated Wailing Wall on Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The Liberated Wailing Wall, a mobile evangelistic music team from the Jews for Jesus organization, has been bringing Jewish gospel music, testimony and drama to churches, college campuses and city streets for more than 30 years. Besides their national and international tours, they have recorded 12 albums, including their latest, "Never Forget." Their unique Jewish gospel music sounds like a blend of Israeli folk and "Fiddler on the Roof." It is joyous, upbeat and lively. When the Liberated Wailing Wall sings, expect to find yourself tapping your toes, clapping your hands and singing along.

Join Us

Please bring your friends and family to this musical event. The admission cost is free; a free-will offering will be collected for the performers.

Mission Corner

Honduras



Top: A team member washes a woman's hair. Right: Deb Timmons shares the gospel with a local family.



Work in Honduras

The Reason for the Trip: For several years, members from Gloria Dei and other churches have joined forces with the World Gospel Outreach (WGO) to help the poor in Honduras. In June, 21 members from Gloria Dei and six members from Lord of Life Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota will once again partner with this organization. The team, led by Pastor Phillips, will provide medical, dental and optometry services to an anticipated 1,500 residents of the Tegucigalpa area. Their services will include prescribing and giving medicine; diagnosing ailments; providing eye exams and prescription glasses; cleaning and extracting teeth (if needed); washing children's hair; and sharing the love of Jesus. In addition to providing medical services, a small group from the team will help with the WGO's construction of a dormitory for homeless children. The team will also hand out quilts made by members of the Gloria Dei Quilters.

A Glimpse into One Team Member's Story: What started as a casual observation over 11 years ago has become a lifelong passion for one member of Gloria Dei. In 1997, Cheryl Gilg and her husband, Joe, attended a medical mission workshop. Cheryl, a registered nurse, commented that she would participate if Gloria Dei ever hosted such a trip. Her casual remark was challenged eight years later when Pastor Phillips announced the plans to travel to Honduras to provide medical services to the impoverished people of Honduras.

"At this point, I remembered my words and knew I had to go," says Cheryl.

Since the first trip, Cheryl has become a regular member of each yearly mission team. She declares that the experience has completely changed her perspective because she saw the Hondurans' great appreciation in the midst of their abject poverty.

"It's amazing; the people are incredibly patient as they wait in lines for hours to receive medical services, and yet they are so appreciative," said Cheryl. "Similarly, when they hear the Gospel, they are like sponges soaking up every word."

Cheryl has also gleaned from the culture's emphasis on family and friends. She explains that when people wait in line, they are not looking at their watches like Americans do; instead, they are chatting and laughing with each other about their families and their lives. Oftentimes, the mothers will not only bring their own children to these medical brigades, but will also bring their neighbor's children.

"Their family and neighbors are so important to these people," said Cheryl.

Cheryl encourages everyone to participate in at least one mission trip. She believes great growth occurs in viewing a foreign culture and seeing God work in the midst of an unfamiliar and sometimes, uncomfortable, setting.

"I have been stretched in many ways on these trips," said Cheryl. "But I have never been outstretched to a place where God did not meet me. God has never left me and has been there to help."



Cheryl Gilg

Team Facts

Team Members:

Tim Phillips, Gary Wasko, Jennie Ganzer, Norma Rohn, Stephen Webb, Gale Webb, Jason Nesheim, Cheryl Gilg, Bill Clark, Mary Grimm, Deb Timmons, Vera Voss, Laurie Page, Nick Bass, Jody Bass, Dustin Blythe, Jane Lamfers, Julia Kightlinger, Megan Kightlinger, Patty Wright and Howard McDaniel



Items of Urgency:

Eye glasses (any size, prescription will work).

Other Items:

Children's and adult vitamins and Tylenol, baby shampoo, hair pretties, hair gel and detangler, and Zip-loc bags (sandwich and gallon size) .

Nomination for Governing Board

The Governing Board is accepting nominations for members who are interested in running for election to the board. If you would like to learn more or would like to nominate someone, please contact Ken Wunsch at govboard@gloriadeionline.com or contact one of the other Nominating Committee members: Mark Pierson at 278-2019, Laurie Peterson at 440-1859 and Ann Readinger at 274-4359.

Quilters

The Gloria Dei Quilters will meet Saturday, May 31 from 9-11:30 a.m. in rooms 130-32 for pictures and a complimentary brunch. Please bring your quilts, so we can take a photo that will be sent to Honduras with your quilt. Immediately following the brunch, the group will car-pool to the Quilt Connection in Ames. We plan to return to Gloria Dei around 4 p.m. Please RSVP to Norma Rohn no later than Thursday, May 29 at 253-0523.

Women's Connections

Women's Connections is gearing up for their six-week summer Bible study on Monday, June 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 131-33. They will study the book of Acts and discuss the challenges and similarities of the members of the early church to those of today. No homework is required; just bring your Bible.

Items Needed

As you work on your home this spring, there is an easy way to support the mission of Habitat for Humanity—by visiting the ReStore. This large warehouse is a discount home improvement center selling new and used materials at reduced prices to the general public.

If you would like to purchase or donate materials, such as carpet, cabinets, doors and tiles, please go to the ReStore, 2341 2nd Ave., Des Moines (across from North High School) on Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. All proceeds support the mission of Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Gibbins, ReStore Outreach Coordinator at 309-0224, ext. 116.

MOST Bible Study

The Wednesday morning M.O.S.T. Bible study will continue to meet throughout the summer from 9:30-11 in room 139. We will study "A Women's Heart, God's Dwelling Place," by Beth Moore. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Shani Fjelsted at 259-4099.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Discovery 101:

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information on the next class, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 201: Today!

Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or have completed Discovery 101, please come to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

First-time Visitors:

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center. If you are interested in joining our church family, please check out our Discovery classes.

Sign-up:

If you have any questions or want to register for a class, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224 or kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com.

All are Welcome:

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei's activities.

Families Invited

**It is a new name with new opportunities.
Head, Heart, and Hands (H³)**

Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Come and join us this Sunday. In the last year, we have introduced a worship service for families during the 9 a.m. service in the Family Life Center. After



reviewing our first-year experience, we are doing some things to enhance this worship experience for families attending. Specifically, we are going to expand the educational avenues of worship through art, theater and movement. In addition, we are going to create a more inviting entrance, which will include families greeting, ushering and serving together throughout the worship service. We are also offering Summer Grace Place at 9:20 a.m.

“We are so excited to help families enrich their worship experience by using energetic movement,” said Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministry. “We pray that this time will help bring families into a worship that will transform their lives.”



SUMMER FUN

Summer Grace Place Teachers and Helpers Needed

Can you help a week or two this summer? There are openings for teachers and helpers for Summer Grace Place! Please sign-up on the board in the Grace Place hallway, near room 117.

Items Needed for Summer Camps

We are in need of some items for camps this summer. We need plastic and metal coffee cans, plastic gallon ice cream buckets with lids, glass flower vases, baby food jars with lids (both plastic and glass), gently used plastic table cloths, old buttons, and dried, pressed flowers. Items can be placed at the Information Center.

Summer Camps

There is still room in most of our summer camps! Pick up a brochure in the Information Center!

Join the Patriotic Choir

Bring a friend or two with you! All children from ages 5 to 12 years old are invited to sing with the children's Patriotic Choir. We will rehearse Wednesday evenings, May 28-June 25, from 6-7:30. We will sing, play instruments, learn, have fun, eat a snack, meet new friends and celebrate America! The Patriotic Concert will be Sunday, June 29 at 6 p.m. at Lions Park.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

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Junior & Senior High Youth

Coffee with Tim

Mondays from 3:30-6 p.m. Join Tim at Starbucks, 5250 86th Street, Urbandale. Please note: Tim will not be at Starbucks on May 26.

Summer Registration Form

We have lots of fun summer activities planned, but we need your help. You have received a registration in the mail, so please turn it in as soon as possible. If you need an extra registration form, please pick one up outside the Youth Center.

Parents interested in participating as ministry partners at these events, please contact Tim at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Clean Socks Tour

Featuring: Ever Stays Red and This Great Escape

Wednesday, June 18
Doors Open at 6:15 p.m.
Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$2 and a clean pair of socks to donate.

Check out:
www.myspace.com/everstaysred
www.myspace.com/thisgreatestescape

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Castaway will be offered throughout the summer Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study and discussion about relevant topics for high school teens.

Wednesday: The Point

New Schedule: The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions.

Meal and hang-out time from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Join us for a free home-cooked meal in the Youth Center.

May 21: Hamburgers and Brats

May 28: Sloppy Joes

Praise, teaching and interactive discussion from 6:15-7:30 p.m. May's Focus: Spiritual Growth.

Senior High "Urban Plunge" mission trip June 20-22

The participants sleep at the Turning Point campus, visit the jail, feed the homeless, sort and hand out clothes, and attend a church where they hand out groceries to the poor. The Plunge can be a catalyst for people to discover their passion and gifting and join God where he's working in our world. Register by June 1. Cost \$75 or use money from your GYM account.

MSG High School Conference

Sunday, June 8 from 2-7 p.m.

Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, is hosting a "MSG Sent" interactive conference for high school youth. It will include a concert and practical tips on how to share God's message of love to family and friends. We will leave the church at 9 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The conference is free, but you need to register by signing your name at the youth bulletin board.

Week of May 18-24, 2008

Sunday, May 18

- 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. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 19

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game

Tuesday, May 20

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. On the Road
- 10:00 a.m. Zoo Train
- 5:30 p.m. The Point

Thursday, May 22

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, May 23

- 5:30 p.m. Ashley Schellpepo and Brian Adrianse Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Jews for Jesus Concert

Saturday, May 24

- 4:00 p.m. Ashley Schellpepo and Brian Adrianse Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care Outing

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	154	111
7:45 a.m.	125	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	331	
9 a.m. (FLC)	71	36
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	318	
Total	999	147

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$29,938
YTD Offering	\$1,376,774
YTD Budget	\$1,387,946

Week of May 25-31, 2008

Sunday, May 25

- 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 the Family Life Center
with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 26

Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 27

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball
- 9:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball

Wednesday, May 28

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. On the Road
- 10:00 a.m. Zoo Train
- 5:30 p.m. The Point

Thursday, May 29

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music

Friday, May 30

- 5:30 p.m. Amy Terrazzino and Curtis Giesking
Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 31

- 9:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Amy Terrazzino and
Curtis Giesking Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care Outing

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

Welcome

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.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

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.

Starting Next Week: Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Summer Grace Place, an educational time for children ages 3 to fifth grade at 9:20 a.m. on Sundays starting May 18. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place at both 9 a.m. services. If you attend another service, please feel free to bring your children to the educational wing at 9:20 a.m.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sunday at 9 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study this Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38.

Adults: There are lots of community groups for adults meeting in the summer; for more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544 ,ext. 224.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Summer Educational Time: 9:20 • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.