

WEEKLY WORD

May 24 and 25, 2008

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Memorial Day Observed

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. It was first observed to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War. After World War I, it was expanded to include those who died in any war or military action. While we can never repay our heroes for their sacrifices, this is a wonderful time for every American to remember and honor them.



Summer Activities Begin

This weekend marks the beginning of summer activities. The following are some upcoming opportunities at Gloria Dei that will be available for you, your family and friends.

Worship Services: In the sanctuary, we will continue our traditional services on Sundays at 7:45 and 9 a.m. and our contemporary service at 10:30 a.m.

In the Family Life Center, we will offer the Northwind service on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and a re-energized family-focused service, H³ (Hands, Heart and Hands), on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Summer Grace Place: Summer Grace Place, our educational time for children ages 2 to grade 5, runs Sundays at 9:20 a.m.

Preschool: We have assorted camps and classes for preschool, such as the Little Princess and Creation Camps, Kindermusik and dance classes. We also have our summer reading program. For more information, pick up a summer brochure at the Information Center.

Elementary: We will offer Fine Arts, Drama, Science and Girls in Her Story Camps, and dance classes. In addition, our summer reading program is a great avenue to engage children in reading activities. For more information, pick up a summer brochure at the Information Center.

Youth: We will offer lots of activities for our youth this summer. For our junior high students, we have Castaway on Sundays at 9 a.m.; we will travel to Adventureland, an Iowa Cubs Game and other fun activities. For our senior high youth, we will offer our Wednesday evening senior high time, and will travel to several conferences. For more detail, contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Adults: Our summer activities are designed to help adults connect to each other in a fun environment. We will offer co-ed and men's softball, Scrapbook Fellowship and basketball. In addition, the XYZ group and many of our Bible studies will continue to meet as well as several of our community groups and support groups. For more details, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224

New Service Continues



Head, Heart and Hands (H³) Sunday, 9 a.m.

Family Life Center

Last week we launched the H³ service in which more than 100 worshippers attended. If you have not attended this service, it may be a fun alternative for the entire family.

Grace Place

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

Today only: All classes will meet in room 130 to watch "Lessons from the Sock's Drawer."

Starting Next Week:

Ages 2 and 3: Rooms 123/125

Ages 4 and 5: Rooms 119/121

Grades K and 1: Room 113

Grades 2 and 3: Room 114

Grades 4 and 5: Room 112

Collections

Don't forget to donate your old eyeglasses for the Honduras trip. For more information, see page 6.



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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 continue to meet to plan for 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 Sunday, May 25 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Brendan Lee Bewyer born February 2, 2008 to Aaron and Carey (nee Baker) Bewyer.

Brendan's spiritual sponsors are Alissa Bewyer and Ozzie Trejo.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration for:
The wedding anniversary of Dan and Hilton Ssozi.

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.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

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

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

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Shirley Roberts

Acolytes:

Ted Spark
Grant Smith
Wil Reynolds

Elders:

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Luke 22:14 and 19-20

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
- For Brian and Jen Peter as they celebrate 15 years of marriage

Prayers

- For our missionary contacts in China and their efforts to help the victims of the earthquake
- For Linda Trobaugh - tests and recovery from surgery
- 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.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Last March, the Governing Board piloted a new voting process by setting up expanded voting times and informational meetings for the Strategic Plan vote. More than 40 percent of our congregation participated in this process, which is a significant increase from the normal Sunday afternoon voter's meeting.

The Governing Board received positive feedback concerning this voting process; therefore, they propose the following title change and amendment addition to the bylaws to be inserted in article II after number 4. These two modifications will be voted on at the annual congregational meeting Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

1. Title Change:

Changing title of Article II from, Meetings of the Congregation, to, Congregational Proceedings.

2. Text Insertion:

5. Voting process: Unless otherwise stated in a procedure to be followed or referenced in other Articles, members may vote by casting ballots at a designated voting location over a designated time period approved by the Governing Board. The use of absentee ballots is acceptable. Those members casting ballots shall constitute a quorum. A vote may only be taken, after the congregation has had opportunities to review information and attend informational meetings on the matter to be voted upon. Proper notification of the informational meetings, voting date(s), which shall include the hours, and voting location, shall consist of written announcement at weekend worship services for at least two (2) consecutive weeks, prior to such events.

This new voting process could be used for the following items in Article I requiring a vote. The first one is the reason for requesting this bylaw amendment; the last two would be affected as they do not have specific procedures in place:

Article I

3. Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property
4. Incurrence of Indebtedness
7. Excommunication of a member of the Congregation

It does not change the existing voting process for the following items in article I that require a vote:

1. Calling a Pastor
2. Removal of Pastor
5. Election or Removal of Members of the Governing Board
6. Ratification of the Annual Budget
7. The Amendment of the Constitution and By Laws

Current bylaws can be located on the Web site on the Governing Board page. The Governing Board is committed to making the voting process as accessible as possible to the congregation because they believe that each vote will provide long-term direction to Gloria Dei.

Informational meetings to review this amendment as well as the budget will be held on June 8 at 10 a.m., June 14 at 6:30 p.m., and June 18 at 6 p.m.

Important Facts

Annual Report

This year's annual report will be mailed in the next few days. If you have not received a copy by June 3, please notify the church office at 276-1700.

This year's annual report contains the proposed budget for the fiscal year (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009), and information about the past accomplishments and future plans for each ministry at Gloria Dei.

Informational Meetings

In previous years, we have held one budget hearing meeting. However, due to the large turnout at the Strategic Plan cottage meetings, the Governing Board has decided to hold three informational meetings.

Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18 at 6 p.m.

At each meeting, the proposed budget, the amendments to the bylaws and the Governing Board election will be discussed.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday June 22 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

Childcare is provided.

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 31 at 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 at 6 p.m.

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

Simple Solutions

The Urbandale Fire Department will offer a 2-hour program to help individuals and families of all ages learn about ways to make a difference in improving safety at home, work and school. The cost is free, but registration is required by calling 278-3970.

Location:

Fire Station #42, 3927 121st Street, Urbandale

Dates:

Saturday, June 7 from 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, June 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Monday, July 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 26 from 1-3 p.m.

Summer Reading

Go for the Gold!



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

Reading is a great summer activity!

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.

"White Chocolate Moments," by Lori Wick

Location: Church

Pastor Phillips Completes CPE Class

Pastor Phillips completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. The class required 50 hours a month divided into class time, on-call time at the hospital and consultation time with CPE supervisors. CPE is a reflective process which includes writing papers and spending time in group sessions discussing the experiences of ministry in a hospital setting. "It was a time of personal and professional growth and I believe the class has helped me to be more effective in my work in Care Ministry at Gloria Dei," says Pastor Phillips. The class began in November and Pastor Phillips served his last on-call shift at the hospital on May 17.

Thrivent Builds Updates

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity are making progress on building houses this year as the eighth house was dedicated Saturday, June 17. Kim Phillips, member of Gloria Dei, read scripture and lead prayers during the dedication. 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.

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) .

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 carpool 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 rooms 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. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Participants for July 4th

Gloria Dei is sponsoring the 2nd annual tribute to our military personnel Sunday, June 29 at 6 p.m. at Lions Park.



We are seeking 100 vocalists, 50 wind and string players and 50 children for the children's choir.

If this strikes a chord for you, please contact Julie DenHerder at 276-1700.

Scrapbook Fellowship

School's out! Don't forget to make some time for yourself. Join us for the day or a few hours at Scrapbook Fellowship. We meet from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131-133 on Friday, June 13. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

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! **Please note:** Our Next Generation Girl camp is full.

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? Contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Tiny Treasures' Updates



Thank you

God continues to bless the ministry of Tiny Treasures. Thank you, Gloria Dei, for all your loving support. We see God's powerful impact upon these children and their families daily.

Updates

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool finished its third year of school this week; 93 preschoolers in the regular program and 15 playgroup children celebrated with their families and classmates at picnics.

As teachers work this week to organize and inventory classrooms, they will also prepare for fall classes. New this fall to Tiny Treasures will be the addition of a Friday class for three-year-olds and a separate prekindergarten afternoon class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Another exciting addition to Tiny Treasures starting in the fall is our pilot after-preschool childcare session Monday-Fridays from 3-5:30 p.m. As we continue to grow this ministry, childcare seems to be the need for many families. This addition might make it easier for more children to come to our afternoon preschool program. The cost for the 5 childcare sessions will be \$45 a week; no registration costs are required. Children participating must be in our afternoon preschool program. After we evaluate this program, we may be able to offer more selections to our after-preschool childcare program.

Spread the Word

As our program expands, new staff is needed. In the past, the best avenue of communication for these job openings has been through Gloria Dei. We are looking for trained teachers, but would consider someone with experience and training in child development. Working with young children is fun and positive and very interesting. Experiencing the newness of life through a preschooler's eyes is an awesome privilege. Applications are available in the plastic racks around the building. Take one to someone you know.

Questions about any of these opportunities?

Please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305

Baptismal Banners

Notice all the baptisms this year? Have you ever considered using your talents to help make banners for those baptisms? It's something you can do in your home during your spare time. If you are interested, call Terry Steinke.

New Life Ministry Partners

Gloria Dei seems to be "busting at the seams" with all the new babies. All these new ones mean lots of activity with the New Life Ministry Action Team. More ministry partners are needed in this growing area to serve as seamstresses, cooks and visitors. If you are interested, call Terry Steinke.

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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

Thursday, June 19
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 the songs and sound:
www.myspace.com/everstaysred
www.myspace.com/thisgreatescape

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

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 28: Sloppy Joes

Praise, teaching and interactive discussion from 6:15-7:30 p.m. May's Focus: Spiritual Growth. June's Topic: What makes Christianity true?

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.

Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 26

Willow Creek Golf Course, West Des Moines

Registration begins at noon

We need ministry partners for registration and to find donations for prizes. We are also looking for individuals, families or companies to sponsor holes for at least \$50 per hole. If you sponsor more than one hole, you will receive one golfer registration free. For more information, pick up a registration form at the Information Center.

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
- 9:20 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. 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
Urbandale Cafe
- 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

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	125	
7:45 a.m.	151	137
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	322	272
9 a.m. (FLC)	106	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	252	153
Total	956	562

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,397
YTD Offering	\$1,400,525
YTD Budget	\$1,418,118

Week of June 1-7, 2008

Sunday, June 1

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 2

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:15 p.m. Family Time – Our Kind of Day
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

Tuesday, June 3

- 7:00 a.m. Primary Election
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Peek-A-Boo I Love You
- 6:30 p.m. Zoo Train
- 6:30 p.m. Tell Me A Tale

Wednesday, June 4

- 10:00 a.m. On the Road
- 10:00 a.m. Zoo Train
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 5

- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game

Friday, June 6

- 9:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM

Saturday, June 7

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.	
Preschool	22
Elementary	38
Total	60

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.

Summer 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. 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 Sundays at 9 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to The Point, an evening of food, fun, teaching and interactive discussions on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

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