

WEEKLY WORD



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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Go! The Urgency of One Word

by Pastor Kendall Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry

“Kendall Meyer, Iowa District West, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa,” were the words I heard three years ago when I received my call to come to this congregation. As I heard those words, Jesus’ command in Matthew 28, “Go and make disciples,” came to mind.

Go. What a powerful word. Jesus used it before: he said to the blind man, “Go, wash in the pool,” and sight was restored; he said to the lepers, “Go, show yourselves to the priests,” and healing occurred; and he said to the woman caught in adultery, “Go, sin no more,” and forgiveness was received.

Likewise, our reply to Jesus’ “Go” command should mirror those quick responses of the believers in the Gospel. Since Jesus said, “Go,” we need to go—now. People need to hear about our Lord and Savior—this morning. We need to go and get the message out—this afternoon. Let’s not get side-tracked, let’s share Jesus’ love—this evening. There’s much to do and say to all kinds of people about the Good News. Sure, some won’t be receptive, some will be negative, some might even be hostile; but don’t worry, follow Jesus’ lead by going and making disciples.

Go! We need to go to the student who holds defeated dreams. Go! Run to the couple with a barren womb and a collapsing marriage. Go! Seek opportunities to help the man who daily fights with his addictions. Go! Visit the recent family who has felt the sting of death. Since the world is full of people who are hurting, grieving, struggling and confused, we can announce to them what we have found, Jesus Christ! He is the way, the truth and the life. He will fill the gaps in their lives, make their lives sing with wholeness and deliverance. He is the sole answer for mankind.

At times this command seems to be overwhelming, doesn’t it? But with the power of God’s Holy Spirit, we can share the difference he has made in our lives by simply going and talking to the people around us. For we are God created, Jesus Christ redeemed and Holy Spirit empowered, all of which equips us to share the Good News. And similar to the Gospel believers, we are not perfect, and yet we can still “Go” and share his amazing love and mercy.

Collections

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



Help is Needed

There are several avenues to help the victims from the recent tornado that hit northeast Iowa. See page 2 for more details.

Grace Place

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

Starting This 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

Summer Programs

Okay, the children are out of school, now what? Check out our summer programs by picking up a brochure at the Information Center.

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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.



Musicians Needed: 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.

Ministry Partners Needed: We need help setting up and tearing down on Saturday, June 28 from 7 a.m.-noon and on Sunday, June 29 from 3-7 p.m.

If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center or call Terry Woolman at 270-9125.

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Aid to Help Parkersburg

The following donation avenues are easy and direct ways to help the victims of the tornado that ripped through northeast Iowa last weekend.

Lutheran Services in Iowa: Tax-deductible donations can be made to Lutheran Services in Iowa online at: www.lsiowa.org; by mail to: LSI, P.O. Box 848, Waverly, Iowa, 50677; or by phone: 866-584-5293. Please designate your donation with the words "disaster response."

Red Cross: Checks can be made payable to: Hawkeye Chapter American Red Cross, and mail it to: Hawkeye Chapter American Red Cross, 2530 University Ave, Waterloo, Iowa 50701. Please note in the memo: "Parkersburg tornado."

LCMS World Relief and Human Care Ministries: Donations may be addressed to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, marked "tornado relief 2008," and mailed to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, Mo. 63166-6861. To give by secure credit-card gift line, call 1-888-930-4438, or go to https://catalog.lcms.org/givenow/Gift_Input.asp?ID=661.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Invitation

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites the congregations of the Iowa District West to participate in a card shower for Pastor Emeritus Rev. Paul Sohn, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday and 65th anniversary of his ordination. He has requested that no gifts be sent. However, if you would like, please send a card or attend a luncheon at noon on June 8 at St. Paul. Cards can be sent to: Pastor Paul Sohn, c/o St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, Iowa, 50021.

Blood Drive

Gloria Dei will host a blood drive June 14 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 134/136/138. If you are interested, please schedule an appointment by calling Robin Haase at 250-1076 or iowahawkfans@msn.com.

Donors must be generally in good health, weigh at least 110 lbs., eat a good meal prior to donation and be at least 17 years old.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration for:
The 48th wedding anniversary of Bob and Jo Rice.

Nominations 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, Ann Readinger at 274-4359, Shawn Woolman at 270-9125 and Doug Pals at 987-3249.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC):
Steve Kohtz

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Hailey Kromminga
Emily Scott
Andrew McKeighan

Elders:

Terry Woolman
David Graaf
Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Randy Bosworth
Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Dwight Carlson
Marilyn Carlson
Dennis Dean
Mike Collins
Joe Gilg
Kory Meyeraan
Dan Timmons

9 a.m. Sanctuary

Jeff Monson
Don Pevestorf

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16a and Matthew 28:18-20.

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 Wade and Laurie Peterson as they celebrate 14 years of marriage
- For David and Donna Maasen, as they celebrate 40 years of marriage

Prayers

- For the city of Parkersburg
- For Peg Riddle and family, who are grieving the loss of Peg's sister
- For Mike and Beth Mitchell's new son, Thomas William, who is recovering from heart surgery
- 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 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 has been mailed out. If you have not received a copy by June 3, please notify the church office at 276-1700.

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.

Childcare is provided.

Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m.
Room 131/32

Saturday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Wednesday, June 18 at 6 p.m.
Room 131/32

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 14 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

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 at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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 at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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. 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

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.

A Glimpse into One Team Member's Story: Bill Clark's original request to be on the Kentucky mission team in 2005 landed him in a foreign country. After finding out that the Kentucky mission trip was no longer available, he opted to jump on board the team that was headed for Honduras.

"I thought it would be a good adventure at first; but when it got closer, I wondered what I got myself into," says Bill.



Bill Clark

Even though he was hesitant at first, Bill's experiences on his first trip proved to be eye-opening as he had never visited a third-world country before.

"I realized that most of the world doesn't live like we do," says Bill. "But the first day that I helped with the medical brigade, it completely changed my perspective. I wanted to help these people, and in return, they were so appreciative."

Since his first trip, Bill has traveled to El Salvador to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity last year and is slated to help again June 6-15. Five days after he returns, he will travel for the fourth time to Honduras with the team from Gloria Dei.

"I guess what I really enjoy is the simple form of giving that occurs on these trips," says Bill. "We provide the service, and don't expect anything in return."

Like many other individuals from the team, Bill highly recommends for everyone to travel on at least one mission trip, because it helps to change one's perspective of the world.

"I now see how I fit into the world," says Bill. "I see that my life is actually small compared to the need that is out there, but my life becomes bigger as I help those in need."

Please keep Bill in your prayers this week as he begins to travel to El Salvador.



A helper combs a local girl's hair. • A group of children shows off their new bracelets.

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) .

Confirmation Photos

Confirmation pictures and DVDs are in. They can be picked up in the church office Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. On weekends, they will be located at the Information Center in the narthex.

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.



Part-time Position

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Associate of Children's Ministry. This 20-hour per week position will help to oversee and plan the Children's Ministry with DeAnn McCue. A job description is available upon request. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

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.

Free Kindermusik Class

Family Time, Monday, June 9 from 6:15-7 p.m. We have room for six families to participate in our Family Time class for children of any age starting June 9. Pick up and return a registration form at the Information Center today.

Questions?

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

On Behalf of the Children from Tiny Treasures



Tiny Treasures recently ended its third year of offering a Christian-based preschool. Children, who come in all different sizes and shapes with personalities to match, want to thank the members of Gloria Dei for all their support throughout the year. From fund-raisers, to prayer partners, to ministry partners who helped on several community-wide events, they thank you from the tips of their toes to the top of their heads for making this learning environment available. Thank you Gloria Dei! *Photo taken and compiled by Stan Greenwood.*

Tiny Updates

Teaching Position: As our program expands, new staff is needed. We are looking for trained teachers, but would consider someone with experience and training in child development. Applications are available in the plastic racks around the building.

New Class: 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.

Dei Care: Another exciting addition is our pilot after-preschool childcare session Monday-Fridays from 3-5:30 p.m. 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.

For more information, call Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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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 June 9.

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.

June 4: Frito Boats and Chili Dogs

June 11: No Point

June 18: Mini pizza

June 25: No point (Join us at Adventureland)

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

June 18: We are extending our hours for the Point during the summer. Starting June 18, after the Point, we will have open gym from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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. 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. The conference is free, but you need to register 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 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
- 4:30 p.m. Connections Ministry Focus Group
- 5:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 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 Worship

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	109	67
7:45 a.m.	159	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	274	
9 a.m. (FLC)	89	47
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	260	
Total	891	114

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,793
YTD Offering	\$1,421,104
YTD Budget	\$1,448,256

Week of June 8-14, 2008

Sunday, June 8

- 7:00 a.m. MSG High School Conference Departure
- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Informational Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 9

- 10:00 a.m. Fan into Flame Steering Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Fan into Flame Circuit Representative Meeting
- 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
- 7:15 p.m. Men's Softball Game

Tuesday, June 10

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Peek-a-Boo, I Love You
- 6:30 p.m. Zoo Train
- 6:30 p.m. Tell Me a Tale
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

- 4:30 p.m. Connections Ministry Focus Group
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

Friday, June 13

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, June 14

- 7:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care Outing
- 6:30 p.m. Informational Meeting

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.	
All Ages	55
Total	55

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