

WEEKLY WORD

May 6, 2007
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Congratulations to the 2007 Confirmation Class



Take some time to congratulate the following confirmands: Shelby Aufdenkamp, Eric Burr, Danielle Christensen, Rachel Corell, Alana DeVries, Ally Drake, Rachel Dubas, Eli Egger, Megan Fellows, Katie Gilg, Jake Hermanson, Rachel Kelley, Zach Kightlinger, Peyton Kueny, Andy Lovejoy, Spencer Macklin, Kofi Manteaw, Kelle Marsh, Maggie McClelland, Alex Meyer, Brandon Miller, Nick Miller, Sarah Mueller, Anthony Nelson, Sarah Nichols, Amy Patterson, Leslie Peyton, Grace Phillips, Ian Pierson, Konnor Plagge, Emily Raecker, Leney Roberts, Cole Scavo, Alex Sibert, Tressa Steuber, Becca Strachan, Nikkie Sturdevant, and Max Wissler.

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Worship Changes

In an effort to reorganize our summer efforts, the Board of Elders has decided to move the 10 a.m. contemporary service from the Family Life Center to the 10:30 a.m. contemporary service in the Sanctuary starting May 20. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Budget and Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for these two important meetings:

- The budget hearing will be Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- The annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Executive Director Position

In the last several years, Gloria Dei has had a steady increase in attendance and membership. For example, our average worship attendance in the last three years has increased by 214. As we begin to develop into a larger congregation, the Governing Board has recommended adding a staff position of an Executive Director, which will help with the upward growth trend of our congregation. As they reviewed the trend, our staff and the current structure of Gloria Dei, it became apparent that a full time position is needed to help monitor and oversee the daily activities and details of Gloria Dei. Therefore, the administrative responsibilities currently held by Pastor Burcham will be transferred to this new position. Thus, it will allow Pastor Burcham to focus all his energy and time on the vision and ministry of Gloria Dei.

“I believe the new position will help us to become better stewards of what God has given to us,” said Pastor Burcham. “It will allow me to develop and help Gloria Dei with the big picture of where we are going and why.”

Applications are being accepted for this position until Monday, May 7. The qualifications are as follows:

- Degreed, preferably in business administration.
- Accepts the core beliefs and values of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.
- Has a minimum of five to ten years experience in business management and organizational leadership.
- Has a proven leadership style which motivates and brings out the best in people.
- Possesses excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrates a passion for the mission of the Church.
- Is or is willing to become a member.

For more information or to submit a resume, please go to our Web site and click on job-posting link.

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276-1700

Worship Outlines

In an attempt to go paperless and to save printing costs, we have ceased printing the worship outlines. As always, the complete service will be projected on the screen. In addition, large-print service bulletins will be available with the ushers for those who need them.

Communion

Due to Confirmation this week, communion will be offered at the 7:45 a.m. service and 10:30 a.m. Confirmation service in the Sanctuary only.

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.

Servers

Officiant:

Rev. Kendall Meyer
(Confirmation)

Preachers:

Rev. Ron Burcham
(7:45, 9 & 10:30 a.m.)

Rev. Timothy Phillips
(Confirmation)

Organists:

Kathy Stange
(7:45 & 9 a.m.)

Lynn Hays
(Confirmation)

Acolytes:

Kaytlin Rice

Brian Gilg

(Confirmation)

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

Ushers:

Northwind

Brad Gerke

Brett Hosch

7:45 a.m.

Gordon Dahlby

Rick Johnson

Bob Kollmorgen

Merle Knuth

9 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons

Bryan Flanigan

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bill Kramer

Shane Love

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

10:30 a.m.

Ed Mautz

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 Confirmation class
- For the 30th wedding anniversary of Paul and Connie Cook

Prayers

- For the healing of Shirley DeVries, mother of Dan DeVries
- For the Valle family, who is grieving the loss of their father, Juan Valle
- For Max Eklund, who has leukemia
- For recovery of Justin Kightlinger
- For the tests results for Walker Duncalf
- For the Michelle and Loretta Ingersoll
- For the healing of Diane Mahaffey
- For Norma Willems, mother of Rachel Onsrud
- For the healing 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.

New 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 call the office at 276-1700.



Mission Statement

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as an effective and innovative mission center, brings Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.



Vision Statement

It is our vision that Gloria Dei will be a place of abundant grace.

Gloria Dei will be a growing, relationship-centered church, serving as a beacon to our community, courageous in sharing the love of God with all people and equipping them to deal with the challenges of life and becoming leaders in the kingdom of God.



Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us for Discovery 101, a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church; and Discovery 201, a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. If you have questions, contact the church office at 276-1700.



Upcoming Class!

Discovery 201

Sunday, May 20 from 3-7 p.m.

Dinner and childcare are provided.

Sign up today at the Information Center
or call 276-1700.



A Snippet of Gloria Dei for the Entire Family

Nursery

Located below the narthex, the nursery is professionally staffed during all worship services, and midweek classes for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Preschool Children

We have Grace Place, our educational time during the school year on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. In addition, we have Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool during the week for young children.

Elementary Children

We have Grace Place, our educational time during the school year on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. In addition, we have summer camp programs and Vacation Bible School during spring break.

Youth

We have lots of activities and educational time for our youth throughout the week.

Adults

Lots of small groups, Bible studies, fellowship opportunities and support groups are available throughout the week for adults.

Interested in Learning More?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information. See you there!

Sign Up to Smile

Sign up for a photo session for the pictorial directory today in the Family Life Center. You can also register at Gloria Dei's Web site, www.gloriadeionline.com. If you have any questions, please e-mail Deb Timmons at ameskids@mchsi.com.

Upcoming Small Groups

Women's Connections Summer Edition

Women's Connections summer edition will start Monday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 130-132. We will explore Beth Moore's "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place." This summer edition will be shorter in time; no specific worship or fellowship times will be offered, only the Bible study from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In addition, it will require little outside work because the emphasis will be on the watching and discussing the video, not the daily reading assignments. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Mothers with Young Children Group

Mothers with small children will meet Wednesday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cry Room. Please join us for an enriching time of study and fellowship. If you have questions, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Couples with Young Children Group

If you are interested in joining a small group, which supports couples with young children, please call Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Men's Bible Study

Please join the Thursday evening Bible study as they begin a study on 1st Corinthians at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 130-132. The study will compare the issues that confronted the Corinthians to the issues that confront us. Likewise, solutions will be examined and discussed. If you have any questions, contact Fred Spath at 254-2561 or spathfamily@msn.com.

Bulletin Board

- **Last Day of Saturday's Grace Place**
Saturday, May 5
- **Last Day of Sunday's Grace Place at 9:20 a.m.**
Sunday, May 6
- **Confirmation**
Sunday, May 6
- **Media Bake Sale**
May 5-6 & May 12-13
- **Pancake Breakfast**
Sunday, May 20
- **Honduras Bake Sale**
Sunday, May 20
- **Discovery 201**
Sunday, May 20
- **Beginning Dance**
Starts Monday, June 4
- **Preschool Movement Camp**
Starts Monday, June 11

Update Sheets

Thank you for filling out a membership update form last week. We had almost 300 turned in. We greatly appreciate your help!

If you weren't able to be with us last week, please grab a blank update form at the Information Desk and take a few moments to fill one out (one per household) and leave it in the marked folder at the desk. As always, please feel free to phone the church office at 276-1700 or e-mail Marsha@gloriadeionline.com with any changes to your household (i.e., address, phone number, email, etc.).



Meetings

Mary-Esther Circle

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, May 10 at 9 a.m. at the home of Lou Grotheer, 3808 Melanie Circle, Urbandale.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barbara Koepp, 808 48th Street, West Des Moines, 226-9181.

Please remember to bring diapers, diaper wipes, and other paper products for the Bidwell Center.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, May 10 at 1130 a.m. at Bravo's in the Jordan Creek Mall.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet in the Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lois Applehons, 4519 96th St., Urbandale.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet in the church kitchen on Monday, May 14 at 6 p.m.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Monday, May 14 at 6:45 p.m. at the new Legends restaurant, 640 S. 50th St., Suite 2110, West Des Moines. We will have dinner with our regular meeting. Please RSVP Kim Brienzo at 278-8310. This will be our last meeting until September, so we hope to see you there.

LWML Directory

Please pick up the new LWML directory today at the Information Center.

DMARC Envelopes

If you haven't mailed your donations for our spring food drive for DMARC, please do so this week by sending the pre-printed envelopes to the church or drop them off at the office. Don't forget to write "DMARC" on the memo line. Thank you for your support.

Helping Hands

The Southwest Polk County chapter has received money for adult and youth projects; the first three churches that send in an application for a project will receive money. For more information contact Faith Spark at Dfptsark@msn.com.

Thrivent Builds

We are looking for helpers to work on building sites, prepare and serve lunches and work at the tent on Friday, May 18. The houses are located at the following locations: 1818 11th Street, 1822 11th Street, 1818 12th Street and 1820 12th Street. For more information go to www.gdmhabitat.org or contact Bill Clark at 276-2517.

Fundraiser

The media ministry will be selling baked goods and Chris Onsrud's famous homemade Chex-mix after the worship services on May 5-6 and May 12-13. All proceeds will go toward replacing the failing video switcher.



tiny treasures
lutheran preschool

all you can eat!

Sunday, May 20
8 to noon

featuring the "pancake" man



Pancake Breakfast celebration

\$5 adults and children ages 10 and up

\$3 children ages 3 - 9

children under 2 eat free

all profits go toward Tiny Treasures

Scrapbook Fellowship

Another chance to get some pages done or some pictures organized! Scrapbook Fellowship will meet on Friday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m to 11 p.m. in room 131/133 next to the kitchen.



Come when you can; leave when you need to. We have a lot of fun visiting and watching "chick flicks" while we work. We'd love for you to join us!

For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Gloria Quilters

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 19 as the final day on which to turn in your quilts for Honduras. We will meet at 8:45 a.m. at the church and have individual as well as a group photo taken and sew labels into our quilts. We will then carpool to Winterset to visit Fons and Porters Quilt shop, have lunch, tour the Adel Drygoods store and be treated to a "trunk show." We should return to Gloria Dei by 4:30 p.m.

Reservations are a must; e-mail Norma at mrohn@aol.com or call at 253-0523 no later than Thursday, May 17.

Consignment Sale Update

Tiny Treasures' second annual consignment sale was a big success; 30 sellers participated with a total income of over \$3,500. The preschool's share came to approximately \$1,000. Thrivent Financial will also contribute \$800. Thanks for all the help and contributions from the sellers, workers and customers. The third annual sale is in the planning stages, so please save your baby, childrens and maternity things for next year.

Summer Story Time

During June and July we will be reading stories to children in the library after the 7:45 and 9 a.m. services. Children can relax and enjoy a few stories while their parents enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with each other. Children will be gathered in the narthex immediately following each service and can be picked up at the library.

We need ministry partners, who can read their favorite stories and gather the children. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet at the Information Center or call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor	Home
Tuesday, May 8	6:15 p.m.	GDLC	Aldersgate
Monday, May 14	7:15 p.m.	GDLC	Westview
Monday, May 14	8:15 p.m.	MDRC	GDLC
Monday, May 21	6:15 p.m.	Hope	GDLC
Tuesday, May 29	7:15 p.m.	CA	GDLC
Monday, June 4	8:15 p.m.	MDRC	GDLC
Monday, June 4	9:15 p.m.	LCOH	GDLC
Tuesday, June 12	7:15 p.m.	GDLC.	CA
Tuesday, June 12	8:15 p.m.	GDLC	UPB

Summer Reading Program

The summer reading club will take a ride on the reading railroad! Registration will begin in May. The summer reading club is open to all children ages 3 to grade 6. In addition, volunteers are needed to help tally points earned in the summer reading club. If you can help this summer, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

All Aboard!

Building Cubbies for Tiny Treasures



Mo Grotheer, Duane Haas, Scott Anderson, (pictured), and Bruce Boettcher and Rich Steinke built more cubbies for Tiny Treasures Preschool. If you would like to paint or sand these cubbies, please call Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Youth Experience Hunger



Last weekend 60 youth participated in the World Vision 30-hour Famine. They watched videos of children in third-world countries, helped prepare quilts to be sent to Honduras, cleaned up the garbage in a nearby park, painted, weeded, packaged dry food to be sent to those in need, collected more than 1,000 food items from the neighborhood and raised \$10,600 (\$600 more than their original goal).

The event's success was due to the many who helped. A thank-you goes to Maureen Graber, Tim Kightlinger, Adam Onken, Jen Peter, Traci Peterson, Pastor Kendall Meyer and

Pastor Tim and Kim Phillips, who supervised the teens throughout the weekend; Bruce Ganzer, Kurt Komminga, Phyllis Cahpman, Dean and Sandy Miller, Rob Steuber, Rita Schau, Shelly Kueny, Mile Mahler, Connie Egger, Leslie Clark, Karen Collins, Beth Corell, David Morrison, Debbie Burke, Julie Pace, Karen Dierenfield, Becky DeVries, Janice Scavo and Dave Engelken, who drove the youth; Becky DeVries, who coordinated the food effort along with Jennie Ganzer, Sue Richards, and Debbie Burke; and Tom Westby, who counted the money.

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Castaway

May 5: Last Saturday Castaway

May 6: Last 9:20 a.m. Castaway

May 5 and 6 Topic:

Topic:

“Are You Going to Take a Vacation?”

Confirmation

Congratulations to our confirmands!

National Youth Gathering

If you are going to the youth gathering in Orlando, Fla., the second payment of \$100 is due Sunday, May 6. We will be staying at the Double Tree Castle. For more updates, go to www.lcmgathering.com and click on “Caitlin.” In addition, please turn in your medical release form as soon as possible.

Eighth Grade Lock-in

We are going to have a sleepover at the church that will welcome our eighth grade youth into our senior high youth program on Friday, May 18 at 9 p.m. until Saturday at 7 a.m. Watch your mailbox for more details.

Senior High

The Island

May 6

No Island today.

Paintball

Junior and Senior High Youth

Join us Sunday, May 20 from noon to 5:30 p.m. for some paintballing fun. Sign up by May 13. Cost is \$15 per person; \$10 if you have your own equipment; \$20 for 500 paintballs. See you at noon at Gloria Dei.

Parents: If you are interested in driving, please meet us at noon.

Lincoln Urban Plunge

June 29-July 1

Take the Omaha Urban Plunge with Christ for the City International and experience nine different inner city ministries in one weekend. Go to jail, feed the homeless, help sort and hand out clothes, and six other activities. This weekend will not only serve the poor, but will help you discover and use your gifts. Open to all current students in grades 8-12. The cost is \$25 for the weekend and covers your meals, lodging and guide. There is limited space (16 teens and 4 adults), so check your calendar and contact Tim Kightlinger for a registration form, which needs to be turned in by May 13.

Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 20 at the 9 a.m. worship service

Join us as we recognize our seniors; a front pew will be reserved for the graduates. Following the service we'll gather in the Youth Center at 10 a.m. and participate in the Tiny Treasures Preschool pancake breakfast. The church will cover the cost for the graduates and their immediate family. Seniors need to turn in their information cards to Michelle Reinert as soon as possible.

Week of May 6-12

Sunday, May 6

Confirmation Sunday

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-blend Worship Service in Family Life Center

Monday, May 7

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection Summer Edition

Tuesday, May 8

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Near and Far
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group MAT

Thursday, May 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 11:30 a.m. Pastoral Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT

Friday, May 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, May 12

- 3:00 p.m. Helle and Hanish Wedding
- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Last Week's Attendance	
Northwind	226
7:45 a.m.	195
9 a.m.	381
10 a.m.	46
10:30 a.m.	190
Total	1038

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,714
YTD Offering	\$1,184,859
YTD Budget	\$1,152,830

Week of May 13-19

Sunday, May 13

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, May 14

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection Summer Edition
- 7:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Near and Far
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

Wednesday, May 16

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 7:00 p.m. S.H.A.P.E

Thursday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 19

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Educational Attendance					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:20	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	12	26	20	Faith Alive	Music Alive
Elementary	10	44	25	will be held	N/A
Junior High		18		again in the fall!	Wed. Meal
High School					N/A
Total	22	88	45		

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional-blend • 10:00 Contemporary • 10:30 Contemporary-blend
 Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m • Staffed Nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Contemporary
 Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed Nursery from 5:15 p.m.