

WEEKLY WORD

October 31 and November 1, 2009

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

God's Amazing Grace

Excerpt from "Reclaiming Your Identity," by Pastor Philip Robarge

Grace is the underlying framework of I Peter. It is this grace of God that holds us firmly in our identity. It is this grace that helps us through the times of sorrow and suffering. It is this grace that will be most evident to those who live in unbelief. It is by God's grace that we are here and it is God's grace that will see us home.

Peter says exactly this in 1 Peter 5:10:

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

How can we, as Christians, maintain our identity that has been given to us by the grace of God? Peter talks about some ways that the life of a Christian can be lived out:

The Christian can humble himself under the mighty hand of God. This phrase is common in the Old Testament and is most commonly used when God delivered his people from the land of slavery. The idea here is that God's hand is upon the people. After all the experiences Joseph had in his life he could still say, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Genesis 50:20). A Christian should not resent the experiences of life or rebel against them, because God's mighty hand is upon him.

Rely on God. Have you seen the acronym F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God)? This is what Jesus has asked us to do when he said, "cast all your worries upon the Lord and he will give you rest." The reason we do this is because God has said that he cares for us. God has given us our identity and we can Fully Rely On God (F.R.O.G.)

We must be watchful. Just because we cast everything on God does not mean we sit back and do nothing until he returns. Our identities have called us to something much greater. When we see injustice we should stand up. When God's name is being trashed, we should stand up. There is action involved in this reclaimed identity.

We must resist temptations. As we have seen, it is easy to give in to the world and everything it has to offer us. The devil is prowling like a lion, but looks like a lamb, so we believe him to be harmless against us. When our identity is firmly in place, the threats and temptations of the devil can and will be resisted through the strength we have in Jesus Christ.

We will endure suffering. After the Christian has gone through suffering, God will restore, establish, strengthen and settle him. Suffering can lead a person to bitterness and despair which can strip a person of his faith in God. But if it is known that God never causes a needless tear, then out of suffering come things that the simple and easy will never bring.

Even when we try to do our best to live up to these benchmarks, at times, we will stumble and fall. Our insecurities, bad habits, imperfections and weaknesses tend to surface. Yet our God is so great and so mighty that he gives us more than enough grace to live our lives. And so we continue to drink from his well of grace that never runs dry and is always there for us.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Flu Clinic

Check out the flu clinic Sunday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. See page 3 for more details.

Uncle Phil's Christmas

Tickets are on sale in the narthex for the youth's dinner theater. See page 6 for more details.

Fall Cleanup

Saturday, November 7 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Grab your family for some outside work and fun.



Christmas at Gloria Dei

Pick up a Holiday Opportunities booklet today in the back of the Sanctuary or Family Life Center.

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Spiritual Life Survey

A hearty thank you to those who took the Spiritual Life Survey. In order to gain an accurate assessment of where we are in providing spiritual growth, the recommendation was for 35 percent of the adult population of our congregation to take the survey. We set a goal for a 40 percent response rate and are pleased to report that we exceeded that goal with 45 percent.



After the first of the year, we will report the findings to the congregation. The Ministry Action Team will work to review the findings and make recommendations that will help move the church forward. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

A Little Bit About a Lot of Things

If you haven't noticed, our church continues to change. As we offer a variety of



Bill Jesse

activities for every age group in our congregation, every area of ministry is busy making the activities happen. This column written by Bill Jesse, Executive Director, gives an account of some of the specifics that are handled in the church office. Our hope is that it will inform you of some of the essential, and oftentimes, fun details of running the church. Besides, it may cause you to smile and think, "Wow, I didn't know that!"

Planning for Weekend Services

Did you know there are approximately 25 touch points to be met to make the five worship services happen each weekend? This does not include the planning and work of the pastors for each service. The 25 tasks are split up between eight staff members, who diligently perform their individual tasks to make the service happen.

Worship services are planned nearly two weeks in advance to ensure all the touch points are met and the worship experience is positive for the members and visitors at Gloria Dei.

In-House Audit Review

During the month of October, work has begun for an in-house audit review of the church's finances.

Two members of the Strategic Planning Finance Focus Group agreed to review the last three budget years and provide an outside perspective of the church's finances. The audit report will provide recommendations for sound business practices and procedures, and provide a clearer picture of the finances of the church.

It is very important to do everything possible to ensure that we are good stewards of the tithes and gifts of the congregation and that those tithes and gifts are being used wisely for God's service. Highlights from the audit will be reported in the Weekly Word.

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Flu Clinic This Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon

A flu clinic will be held Sunday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in rooms 109 and 111. Visiting Nurse Services will be on-site to provide seasonal flu immunization (not the H1N1 vaccine) to individuals ages 6 months and older. Children 6 months to 17 years of age need to be accompanied by a guardian. The cost is \$20 per shot and \$30 for mist vaccines. The clinic runs on a first-come, first-serve basis until supplies run out. Medicare will cover the cost in full. All other participants need to bring cash or a check payable to Visiting Nurse Services.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made the 17th annual Arts and Craft sale a success. More than \$6,000 was raised for our mission projects and will be supplemented by \$1,600 of matching funds from Thrivent. Once again, our vendor spaces were sold out with unique handmade arts and crafts. The café offered freshly baked cinnamon rolls as well as several lunch choices. We are very grateful for the generous donations of baked goods and fresh produce. Special thanks to Gloria Dei's youth ministries and the rest of the crew who transformed the building, the drivers of the golf carts who transported our guests and to Dan Snyder who does so much for us every year. ~ LWML of Gloria Dei

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Philip Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Philip Robarge

Preacher:

Rev. Philip Robarge

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.:

Joe Bryson

9 a.m.:

Jordan Nicolet

10:30 a.m.:

Noah Betten

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind

Brett Hosch

7:45 a.m.

Gordon Dahlby

Bob Kollmorgen

Merle Knuth

9 a.m.

Tom Feldotto

Dennis Appelhons

Bryan Flanigan

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bill Kramer

Shane Love

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

Paul Rusch

10:30 a.m.

Doug Fuller

Clayton Linqvist

Ed Mautz

Scripture Readings:

1 Peter 5:6-11; Mark 10:17-27 (NIV)

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For harvest blessings

Prayers

- For the health of Alice Wegner
- For the comfort of Minnie Baker, mother of Jane Meythaler
- For Sheila Oolman, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- For the care of Fred Sturdevant
- For Marvin Vinsand, health problems, knee replacement
- For Brad Gage recovering from surgery
- For the health of Mike Denhart
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For the health of Richard Fastenau
- For the 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.

DMARC: Helping the Needy

If you haven't given your DMARC envelope, please do so today. Gloria Dei is sponsoring a fall food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. DMARC will purchase, package, follow the dietary guidelines and transport the non-perishable food items to the Urbandale Food Pantry and to others in need.

Last fall and spring, we collected \$5,755 to help DMARC purchase food for families in need. Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line and write your offering envelope number on your check. Envelopes can be picked up at the Information Center. We appreciate your help in helping those in need. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Monthly Item Donation

Don't forget about our monthly Urbandale Food Pantry donation drive. November's request of bars of soap can be placed in the Urbandale Food Pantry bin in the narthex.

Change in Youth Ministry

Michelle Reinert has decided to step down as Administrative Assistant to the Youth Director. Her keen eye to detail along with her love for the church have been vital for the growth of the youth ministry. Michelle and her family have moved to Pleasant Hill and will continue attending Gloria Dei's midweek activities, and worship services.

In the last few weeks, we searched diligently for a replacement and are excited to announce that Lisa Gibson has joined our staff. Lisa grew up in Norwalk, Iowa before attending Iowa State University, where she received a Bachelor of Science in human development and family studies. While at an agronomy meeting, Lisa met Lance, an agronomy student, and married a year later. While Lance was studying for his master's and doctorate's degrees, they lived in Kansas, North Carolina and then landed back in Ames for five years before accepting a job at Pioneer last November.

Currently they live in Johnston with Caleb, 14, their ninth-grade son at Johnston Middle School and Sarah, 9, their fourth-grade student at Wallace Elementary.

"I am excited to help promote not only the youth activities, but also all the other activities at Gloria Dei," Lisa said.

Lisa is already familiar with the youth ministry because of her son's involvement. She is an avid reader and enjoys a huge span of books ranging from fiction to non-fiction. As a family, they enjoy biking and visiting their immediate families, who live in close proximity to the Des Moines area.

When you see Lisa in the hallways, please warmly welcome her.



Lisa Gibson

Book Club

Pick up a good book, start reading, then join the book club for discussion. They meet in the cry room the first Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

Nov. 4: "Cry in the Night," by Colleen Coble

Dec. 2: "A Promise to Remember" by Kathryn Cushman

Women of Faith Conference

Women of Faith "Over the Top" conference will be held at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, March 12-13, 2010. We have a block of discounted tickets, contact the church at 276-1700 for more details.

Voices Needed

It is not too late! The Gloria Dei Chorale is looking for individuals who would lend their voices to the chorale.

The chorale members meet every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. for an hour of practice and fellowship in the Sanctuary of Gloria Dei under the direction of Gale Webb.

The Chorale performs once or twice a month, worshipping God with musical selections selected to enhance the sermon themes. Rehearsals are also beginning to focus on music to be performed at the Christmas Cantata to be held Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

Please consider joining the Gloria Dei Chorale for the year. If you are unable to commit for the entire year, please consider joining them through the Christmas Cantata.

Cookie Dough

Stop by the display in the narthex Nov. 7-8 and Nov. 14-15. to order cookie dough from Tiny Treasures. Proceeds will go toward helping the Duncalf family as Zac continues treatment for leukemia and lymphoma.

Tiny Treasures Treats



Lots of small angels, super heroes, pirates, butterflies and other memorable characters from Tiny Treasures visited the church office this week to pick up treats from the staff.



Fall Cleanup

Saturday, November 7 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Riddle: How can the family have fun and help the church at the same time?

Think no longer! Join us outside as we rake and clean our grounds before winter arrives. Bring your rakes, pruning shears, gloves, etc.

It just got better: Donuts, bagels, coffee and pizza will be served.

Questions? Contact Brandon at 710-5483.

Christmas at Gloria Dei

Take time to read about our wonderful opportunities available for the entire family at Gloria Dei in the upcoming months. The Holiday Opportunities booklet can be picked up in back of the Sanctuary or Family Life Center today. To begin your Christmas season in a bright light, plan on attending the following activities:



Youth ministry presents:

Christmas at



*Friday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m.*

Tickets on sale in the narthex.

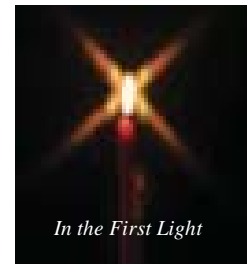
Adults: \$10

Children (ages 12 and under): \$5

Free childcare available.

In the First Light

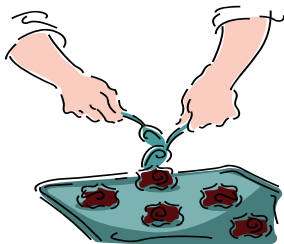
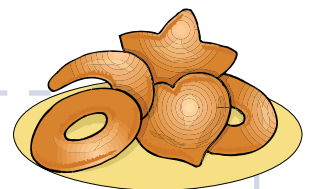
Plans are underway for the Advent by Candlelight, "In the First Light," to be held Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Ladies of the congregation are invited to host a table for this annual event. As a hostess, you decorate a table in the Family Life Center, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join you for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and preparation for the Advent season. Each hostess is asked to pay \$10 for their table to help defray expenses. A musical program will be offered by GodZ GuyZ with songs and scripture that reflect on the Advent season. The Alleluia Ringers will also provide handbell music for the evening. Stop by the display in the narthex and sign up for your table today! If you have questions, contact Lynn Hays at 278-1502 or pal4075@msn.com.



Advent Services

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, and 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Entire families are encouraged to join us as we prepare our hearts for Christmas at our Advent midweek worship services in the Sanctuary.

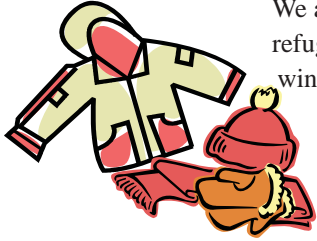


12-Doughs of Christmas

Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9-11:30 a.m.

All ages are invited. Register now, space is limited to 12 families. This baking time will be fun and productive as you make 12 different doughs that you can take home and freeze. In total, you will have approximately 24 dozen cookies. Please note: peanuts will be used in some of the recipes. Space is limited, so register today by sending your contact information along with a \$40 materials fee to Gloria Dei: Attention DeAnn.

Clothing Needed



We are sponsoring a clothing drive for refugee families who are facing their first winter in Iowa. All gently-used clothing for infants through adults are needed. Please drop off the clothing in the "clothing for refugee families" box in the narthex. If you have any questions, call Norma Rohn at 250-6825.

Offering Counters Needed

Gloria Dei is in need of volunteers to count the Sunday offering following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you are interested, please contact Bill Jesse at 276-1700.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support and prayers the last three years. We thank God for granting a remission of John's leukemia and for the wonderful friends we have made at Gloria Dei.
~ Thank you, John, Melodi, Alex and Andrew McKeighan

Scrapbook Fellowship

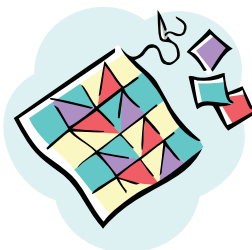
Saturday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 13



It's that time again! Join us for Scrapbook Fellowship on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 13 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Come and go as your schedule allows. Childcare: If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Join us Saturday, Nov. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and any item on which you would like to work. Stay all day or only for a short time—whatever your schedule allows. For more information, contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523.

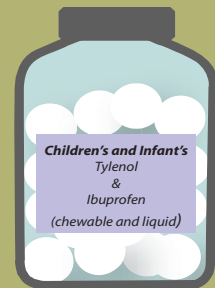


Honduras News Mission Meeting

Is God tugging at your heart to help those in a foreign land? Why not check out the possibilities of going to Honduras June 26 to July 3, 2010. An informational meeting for the 2010 Honduras trip will be Wednesday Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at church.

November's collection

The Honduras mission team is collecting children's and infant's Tylenol and ibuprofen (chewable and liquid). Please drop them off in the Honduras mission trip box in the narthex.



LWML Circles

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westtown Parkway, West Des Moines.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Rd., Des Moines.

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. in the home of Hazel Schroedel, 5212 Cody Dr., West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the home of Kim Walker, 1800 SE Jacob St., Grimes, 986-5370.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the home of Lois Appelhons, 4519 96th St., Urbandale.

Beginning Bibles for 3-year-olds

If you haven't received the Beginner's Bible for your 3-year-old at Faith Alive, please stop by the Information Center in the narthex. The Bibles are a gift from the church to help build some amazing parent/child bonding time and opportunities to help your little ones grow in their faith.

Rehearsal Times Begin Sunday

All preschoolers and elementary children are invited to participate in our Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 and 5 p.m.

Program Times:

All preschool and elementary children who have last names A-L will be in the 3 p.m. program.

All preschool and elementary children who have last names M-Z will be in the 5 p.m. program.

Rehearsal Times: Rehearsals are: Sundays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 12.

Elementary Rehearsal Times: 12-12:45 p.m. for Last Names A-L

K-2nd grades rehearse in room 130.

3rd-5th grades rehearse in the FLC.

Elementary Rehearsal Times: 12:45-1:30 p.m. for Last Names M-Z

K-2nd Grades rehearse in room 130.

3rd-5th Grades rehearse in the FLC.

Preschool:

12-12:45 p.m. – All preschoolers rehearse in Youth Center.

Parental Bible Studies

Parenting Families Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Nov. 4)

Parents with children of any age should attend this fun video-based Bible study offered during Faith Alive. Gain powerful insights on how to turn "me" into "we."

Midweek Meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

Nov. 4

Bacon Cheeseburger Rollup

Nov. 11

Deli Night

\$4 per adult and

\$2 per child or youth

(2 and under eat free).

Family Carving Time



Last Wednesday, families enjoyed carving pumpkins in the Family Life Center.

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Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theaters (grades 7-12)

Rehearsal Sunday, Nov. 1 from
1:30-3 p.m.

Don't forget the rehearsal for
"Christmas at Uncle Phil's" showing
on Nov. 20-22.

Tickets on Sale

Tickets on sale Oct. 31-Nov. 15
in the narthex; adults - \$10 and
children - \$5. Childcare is available
for free.

Showtimes

Friday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m.

Summer Mission Trip, June 12-19, Rushville, Ind.

Teens in grades 8-12 will join
other teens and adults to form work
groups to perform home repairs/im-
provements on homes of the poor
and elderly. We only have a few
spots remaining.

The cost is \$610; a \$50 nonrefund-
able deposit is due now!

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Saturdays
at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth
Center.

Topic: Give Me A "J"

Nov. 1: Judas Iscariot

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Mornings

Sundays from 9-10 a.m.

Join us as we discuss and study relevant issues for high school
youth. Meets in room 114.

The Point

Wednesday evenings will be a time when senior high students
can gather with friends and study, discuss, and experience
some hot topics from the Bible that are relevant to teens today.

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

Theme: Building Wise Habits

Nov. 4: Hang Out with God

Propane Outreach

Friday, Nov. 6 from 6-9 p.m.

The senior high youth will meet at the church at 6 p.m. to deliver
propane tanks to the homeless with Joppa. We will return to the
church at 9 p.m.

Christmas Program Grades 8-12

Our Christmas program will be Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 and 5 p.m.

Rehearsals will be Sundays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6 and Sat-
urday, Dec. 12 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Week of Oct. 31-Nov.7, 2009

Saturday, Oct. 31

- 8:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 8:00 a.m. Disaster Response Seminar
- 9:30 a.m. Junior High IDW Youth Gathering
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Sunday, Nov. 1

- Junior High IDW Youth Gathering
- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Flu Vaccine Clinic
- 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. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 11:15 a.m. Christmas Program Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Practice
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Set Building
- 1:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Nov. 2

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connection a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connection p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1

Tuesday, Nov. 3

- 9:00 a.m. Regular City Election
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	126	83
7:45 a.m.	145	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	326	
9 a.m. (FLC)	70	30
10:30 a.m.	325	
Total	992	113

Tuesday, Nov. 3 (continued)

- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov. 4

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M & M Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Parenting Families Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Nov. 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, Nov. 6

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 4:00 p.m. Amy Phillips and Jerrod Luetje Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Amy Phillips and Jerrod Luetje Wedding
- 6:30 p.m. Senior High Propane Outreach

Saturday, Nov. 7

- 8:00 a.m. Fall Outdoor Cleanup
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. 12 Doughs of Christmas
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Outpouring of Love Second Quarter (Oct.-Dec.)	
General Fund Offerings	\$21,348
Second QTD Offering	\$132,370
Second QTD Budget	\$140,741

Week of Nov. 8-14, 2009

Sunday, Nov. 8

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study - God Heard Their Cry
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study - God Heard Their Cry
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 11:15 a.m. Christmas Program Lunch
 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Practice
 1:00 p.m. Special Wave
 1:30 p.m. Christmas Program Set Building
 1:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Nov. 9

9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connection a.m.
 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connection p.m.
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1
 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 10

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice

Tuesday, Nov. 10 (continued)

6:00 p.m. Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Girl Scouts
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov. 11

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 5:30 p.m. M & M Bells
 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:00 p.m. Parenting Families Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
 7:30 p.m. Honduras Mission Informational Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 12

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
 6:00 p.m. Care Night
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
 6:30 p.m. Military Support Group

Friday, Nov. 13

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 5:00 p.m. Jennifer Reiter and Scott Froehlich Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Junior High Event - The Blitz

Saturday, Nov. 14

8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Reiter and Scott Froehlich Wedding
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:15 p.m. Tiny Treasures Fundraiser for Duncalf Family
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	4	19	22	(pumpkin
Elementary	10	53	30	carving night)
Total Children	14	72	52	75
Junior High	3	19	11	40
Senior High		15		21
Total Youth	3	24	11	61

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! 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.

Weekend Worship Services

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship, and an educational time for the children and youth at 5:50 p.m.

Traditional Worship Service

Sundays at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all three liturgies from the new Lutheran Service Book. Children and youth are invited to a 9:20 a.m. educational time.

Traditional Worship Service

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns. Approximately 20 minutes into the service, children and youth are invited to an educational time.

H-3 Family Worship Service

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: This casual atmosphere where families are encouraged to worship with lively hymns and praise music. Approximately 20 minutes into the service, children and youth are invited to an educational time.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music. Approximately 20 minutes into the service, children and youth are invited to an educational time.

Other Important Items

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Activities throughout the Week

We have lots of activities for the entire family throughout the week and would love for you to join us. Please check our Web site for the activities and times.

Weekly Bible Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

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

Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon