

WEEKLY WORD

November 14 and 15, 2009

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Message

"Not What you Make, but How You Make It"

In a recent sitcom, two co-workers were trying to outgive each other. One man said, "Let me buy breakfast," while the other man said, "Okay, but I will buy lunch." The charades lasted throughout the day with their true motivations surfacing—to see who could annoy the other the most.

But what would happen in a similar scenario if their motivation was completely different—truly wanting to help each other. It makes a completely different story, doesn't it?

Similarly, our motivation is a key component from God's perspective. In other words, God looks deeper and gets to the heart behind the actions. Today, we will also delve into the behind-the-scenes of our everyday life—why and how we make a living.

Gearing Up for the Holidays



We are in full gear in preparing for all the wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas opportunities at Gloria Dei. Last Sunday, the Bi-Okota group traveled to Gloria Dei to teach a group of students in grades 3-5 how to drum, dance and praise God to an African tempo (top and left photos). Meanwhile, Bill Clark taught children how Christmas is celebrated in Honduras (bottom right). This is part of the preparation for the Savior of the Nations Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 and 5 p.m. in which children and youth will show how three different countries celebrate Christmas. For more information, turn to page 5.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, Nov. 19
We have an evening designed to help people who are recently divorced or who are grieving.
See page 5.

Giving Tree

Pick up a tag today.
See page 4 for more details.



Share with God's people who are in need. Romans 12:13

Thanksgiving

Please mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving services on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Children and Youth Activities

All educational events will not be held Wednesday, Nov. 25, Saturday, Nov. 28 and Sunday, Nov. 29.

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Upcoming special worship services

Take some time and mark your calendar for the opportunity to worship during our Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve services:

Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 26

- Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services: Thursday, Dec. 24

- H3 (Family) Christmas Eve at 3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve at 4, 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Blended Candlelight Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Purchase Poinsettias Today

Want to purchase a poinsettia to be displayed at church and then in your home? For the next two weeks, you can order a burgundy poinsettia in a 5-inch pot for \$4.50, a white poinsettia in a 6.5-inch pot for \$8 and a pink poinsettia in a 7-inch pot for \$13. The plants will be displayed at the church for the entire Christmas season and can be picked up after the Christmas Eve service that you attend. The poinsettia plants can be viewed at the Information Center in the narthex and in the west entrance of the Family Life Center. If interested, please fill out an order form and make the check payable to Gloria Dei with poinsettia written on the memo line. The order form, check or cash can be dropped off at the office, the Information Center, or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Kramer at 274-0745.



A little bit about a lot of things

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!"

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has nearly 48,000 square feet of space in the building. It requires 15 furnaces and cooling units to heat and cool our facility. These



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units are controlled by 18 thermostats. For instance, two units heat and cool the Youth Center, two units are required for the center wing and two units for the narthex. The Sanctuary also has two units and two air handlers to circulate the air.

Thermostats are turned down to 66 degrees in the heating season and turned up to 74 degrees during the cooling season. The church pays nearly \$2,500 a month for gas and electric on the monthly payment plan with yearly adjustments made by the utility company. It is easy to see how our cost could be affected if thermostats are not adjusted correctly or if the weather is unseasonably hot or cold.

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Gloria Dei now accepts online payment

In a response to inquiries about paying online, Gloria Dei now has the capabilities of using a secure online payment process for online giving, missions, building fees; and fees associated with our preschool, Kindermusik, summer camps, dance classes, and other seasonal events. In addition, confirmation, youth gatherings and mission trip fees can now be paid online by using debit cards, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and online pay-by-check.

The process is easy and secure. All you need to do is to go to our Web site and click on the online giving link. This takes you to Vanco's secure Web site, the same provider of our Simply Giving electronic funds transfer program.

For more specific questions, please contact Shari Smith at 278-5544, ext. 202.

Please note: Our online payments and online registrations will need to be filled out separately. For example, if you plan to attend the Gingerbread Tea, you will need to register online and then proceed to the online payment site.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Nov. 15 are in celebration of:
The 39th wedding anniversary of Jim and Janet Tysse on Nov. 21.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Philip Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

Max Raecker

9 a.m.

Jordan Nicolet

10:30 a.m.

Michael Schmidt

Elders:

Terry Woolman

Jim Miles

Vic Kesse

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 Linquist

Ed Mautz

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 4:25-28 and Matthew 25:14-19 (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 Jim and Janet Tysse celebrating their anniversary
- For the marriage of Jennifer Reiter and Scott Froehlich

Prayers

- For the grieving family of Jane Meythaler, who lost her mother Minnie Baker
- For Shirley Nuzum recovering from a fall at Methodist Hospital
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers
- For the care concerns of Len Daib
- For the health of Richard Fastenau
- For missionary Steve Lutz in Papua, New Guinea
- For the grieving families and friends of the Fort Hood victims

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.

Christmas at Gloria Dei

We are excited as we enter into the Christmas season at Gloria Dei. Please mark your calendar for the following events:

Youth ministry presents:

Christmas at - - - - -



Friday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Doors open 30 minutes before show.

Tickets on sale in the narthex.
Adults: \$10
Children (ages 12 and under): \$5
Free childcare available.

Dinner choices: hamburger or
chicken breast sandwiches.

Desserts Needed

Fancy desserts are needed for the dinner theater auction Nov. 20-22. If interested in baking a delicious dessert, contact Elaine at 276-1700, ext. 218.

Giving Tree

Pick up a tag today! We want to give to those in need during the holiday season. Join us by purchasing gifts to be given to families in need.

All you have to do is:

1. Visit our giving trees located in the Narthex and Gathering Place.
2. Pick a tag(s) and purchase the item(s) on the list.
3. Wrap the item(s).
4. Securely attach the tag(s) to the outside of the package(s).
5. Return the item(s) to either tree no later than Sunday, Dec. 6.
6. Pray for families in need.
7. Gather your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers and adopt an entire family!



Share with God's people who are in need. Romans 12:13

If you are interested in adopting an entire family, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Gingerbread Tea

Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center

The Gingerbread Tea is a special celebration for families with children to decorate a gingerbread house and



to have tea together. The cost to attend is \$35 per family, which includes one gingerbread house to decorate. Additional gingerbread houses can be purchased for \$10 each. A light lunch will be

served with the tea. Register and pay online at www.gloriadeionline.com or pick up a registration form at the Information Center. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6-8 p.m. This evening will help those who have recently experienced a death of a loved one or a divorce by providing a warm meal, fellowship and support. Call Pastor Phillips at 275-5544, ext. 204 for more information.

Advent Devotionals

Available now at the Information Center

Pick up your Lutheran Hour Ministries devotionals today. We have two to choose from: "From Nazareth to Bethlehem" is more traditional in nature; and "Who Would Have Thought?" has lots of stories and anecdotes and is perfect for sharing the season with someone who is new in the faith.

Advent Services

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

Let's prepare our hearts for Christmas by participating in the Advent midweek worship services in the Sanctuary. Entire families are encouraged to attend as we reflect on the times leading up to the birth of our Savior.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: The Voices of the Prophets
Foretelling the coming of the Messiah. Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-8

Wednesday, Dec. 9: The Voices of the Angels
Announcing the birth of the Savior. Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, Dec. 16: The Voices of the Shepherds
Sharing the great news of Jesus. Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

In the First Light

We are excited to have all 34 tables reserved for Advent by Candlelight. If you have signed up to be a hostess, please place your table-fee in the envelope provided on the table in the narthex. You may set up your table Sunday, Nov. 29 from 2-5 p.m. or anytime Monday, Nov. 30 starting at 8 a.m. Please have your table ready by 6 p.m. on Monday evening. Questions may be directed to Lynn Hays at 278-1502. Thanks for hosting a table!

Christmas Program



Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 and 5 p.m.

Savior of the Nations. For all ages! Journey with us as children and youth present the Christmas story from an international perspective. The journey begins in the Sanctuary before individual groups travel to Honduras, China and Uganda. Each country will have its own station with children eagerly awaiting to share their country's heritage through narrative, song and dance. As with all journeys, we will end where we began, in the Sanctuary. An international taste of Christmas will follow the program where you can get a sampling of food from each country.

Fabric donations needed: Children's ministry needs donations of fabric in order to costume our preschool children for the Christmas program. Specifically, we are in need of brightly colored solids and patterns in amounts of a yard or more (45 or 60 inches wide). If you would like to donate fabric, please drop it off in DeAnn and Penny's office by Sunday, Dec. 6. If you have questions, please contact Kirsten Illian at 986-1038.

Cantata - Glorious Impossible

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate the wonder of Christmas through music in the Cantata, "Glorious Impossible."

We will see how our imaginations cannot grasp the wonder and our minds cannot explain this divine choice of God arriving on earth as a vulnerable baby.



Tiny Treasures Program

Monday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Joy for the World. Our seven preschool classes will join together in the Sanctuary to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas joy. The entire congregation is invited to this program offered by our little ones.



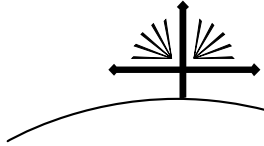
Membership Classes

If you are visiting and would like to join the Gloria Dei family, please check out the following classes:

New to the Lutheran Faith?

Join us on Thursday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:30-8 p.m.

We will cover the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop our faith in God. If childcare is needed, please indicate this when registering. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Want to become a member?

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 from 3-6:30 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, join us for an interactive event. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Cookie dough fundraiser

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



Zac and Monica Duncalf

Blood Drive

On October 31, the Blood Center of Iowa held a blood drive in support of Zac Duncalf; twelve individuals volunteered (five first-time donors). In total, seven units of whole blood and two units of packed red blood cells were collected. A special thank-you to all who helped.

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.

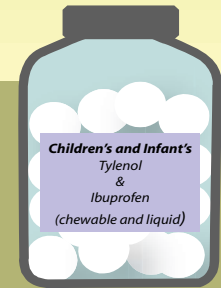
Winter Children's Opportunities

Kindermusik: New Kindermusik classes are forming now for January. Please check out the new schedule online at www.gloriadeionline.com and register today.

Basketball Camp: Come and learn the basics of basketball in a fun, Christian environment Saturday mornings Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 from 9-10 a.m. The camp is open to children ages 3 through grade 5; cost is \$10. Register at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Honduras news 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.



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.

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

Drum Set Needed

The youth ministry is looking for a five-piece drum set for their youth worship opportunities. If you have one that you would like to donate, please contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Professional Directory

Imagine: You are looking for a painter and would like to find someone whom you can trust. Look no further! An online professional directory is being created.

We are excited to create an online directory of the wide range of talents and services of our members. If you have a business or a service that you would like to publish on our Web site, please sign up by clicking on the Professional Directory Link on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

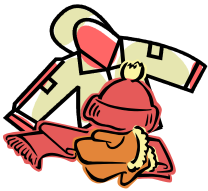
If you have questions, please contact Karen Kennedy at 278-5544, ext. 225.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

We encourage our members to be involved in our community. Below is a listing of events, outreaches and services that you can get involved with during the next month.

Clothing needed

We are sponsoring a clothing drive for refugee families who are facing their first winter in Iowa. All gently-used bedding and 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.



Project 52 Fundraiser

A night of fun and purpose is planned Friday, Nov. 20 from 7-10 p.m. at the Cabaret Night Club, West Glen, 560 South Prairie View Drive, West Des Moines. The evening will consist of finger food, raffles, cash bar, great fellowship and fun. Proceeds will go toward helping three Iowa families with shelter, clothing, utilities and childcare. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, visit www.project52online.org.

Gathering of the Talents

The 65th Annual Gathering of the Talents will be held Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Concordia University in Seward, Neb. The event is designed to give K-8 students the opportunity to exhibit their talents in art, creative writing, drama, dance and music for the glory of God. If you would like to participate, it is necessary to contact Concordia University by Dec. 8. For more information, please call 1-800-535-5494, ext. 7247.

Buy a gift, help a youth

Saturdays Nov. 21 through Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come to the Freedom for Youth gift store, 2301 Hickman, Des Moines, and pick a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork made by inner-city teens and homeless young adults in Des Moines for yourself or a loved one!

All of the profits from the handmade projects will be placed in a college scholarship fund for the youth who are ready to continue their education beyond high school. The scholarship is rewarded to those who have participated in the program and have shown initiative and ambition to finish high school with strong grades and are ready to study at the college level.

Cleaning for a Reason

If you or a woman you know is currently receiving chemotherapy, there is a cleaning service that provides free housecleaning once a month for four months. It requires the individual to sign up and obtain a note from her physician confirming the treatment. For more information, contact Beth McConville at 563-359-4008 or at www.cleaningforareason.org.

Holiday Adopt-a-Family

The Urbandale Food Pantry and Urbandale Caring Corps are seeking sponsors for their Holiday Adopt-a-Family program. The program will provide a Christmas meal and Christmas presents to qualifying residents in Urbandale and Windsor Heights. For more information on becoming a sponsor family, contact the Urbandale Food Pantry at 251-6688 or e-mail eboggest@urbandalecaringcorps.org.

Leaf Drop Off

Urbandale residents may drop off leaves, free of charge, at the Urbandale Public Works Facility, 9401 Hickman Rd., Saturday, Nov. 14 and 21 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Identification is required to ensure you are an Urbandale resident. For more information on this free program, call 278-3950.

Serve Our Youth

Serve Our Youth network is looking for donations for the Polk County Transitional Shelter. For a complete listing of what is needed, please contact Shane Vander Hart at 286-3344, ext. 6828 or shanev@serveouryouth.org.

Christmas program preparations underway

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:

Practices are underway. All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to participate! Sundays, Nov. 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.

Rehearsal Lunch: Please join us from 11:15-12:45 for a hot dog/chili dog lunch. Cost: all ages are \$2

Christmas program art room open

Lots of art will be created for the Christmas Program, including ornaments for multi-cultural trees in room 131/33. Come in and paint, glue, bead, fold and design your artwork before or after program rehearsals. The room is open from noon to 1:30 p.m. for several weeks.

International Taste of Christmas

We are excited to unveil the International Taste of Christmas after both programs on Dec. 13. We will taste a wide array of food from different countries for your enjoyment.

Parents Needed

We need parents to help with the Christmas program in many ways and time slots. We have sewing, set-up, art, painting and clean-up needs. We also need help during the program and rehearsals and much more! Please sign up on the clip boards near rehearsal areas today.



Come & join us
this week!

Children's Ministry Partner Party

All children's ministry partners are invited to a white elephant Christmas party Friday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei. This fun fellowship evening is full of laughter and getting to know one another better. Each person (including spouse or guest) should bring a wrapped white elephant gift. Childcare is provided. Please bring a snack to share.

Music Alive Students Will Sing

Music Alive students in grades K-2 will sing in worship Sunday, Nov. 22 at the H3 service at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Rehearsal begins at 8:40 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Students will sit with their families before singing.

Music Alive students in grades 3-5 will sing in worship next Sunday, Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals begin in room 135 at 8:40 a.m. Students will sit together in worship before singing.

Midweek Meal

**Wednesdays
from 5-5:45 p.m.**

Nov. 18:
Baked Potato Bar

Dec. 2:
Walking Taco

\$4 per adult
\$2 per child or youth
(2 and under eat free).

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Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theaters (grades 7-12)

Rehearsal Times:

- Sunday, Nov. 15 from 1:30-3 p.m.
- Tech Night:
Monday, Nov. 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Dress Rehearsal:
Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Tickets on Sale

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

Dinner Choices

Dinner choices: hamburger or chicken
breast

Showtimes

Friday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5:30 p.m.
Doors open 30 minutes before the show.

Christmas Program

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

Rehearsals will be Sundays, Nov. 15,
22, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 12 from
12-12:45 p.m.

Junior and Senior High

30 Hour Famine Kick Off

We will have a 30-hour Famine kick off Wednesday Dec. 9 during the opening. The actual event is April 9-10, 2010.

Twitter Time

Junior and senior high parents are invited to join Tim on Twitter.

All you need to do is sign up at www.twitter.com and follow the links to either GYM_Jr High or GYM_Sr High.

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.

Main Focus: Once upon a time - Parables of Jesus

Nov. 14 and 15: The Two Houses (Matthew 7:24-27)
Nov. 21 and 22: The Unforgiving Sinner (Matthew 18:21-35)
Nov. 28 and 29: No Castaway
Dec. 5 and 6: The Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20:1-16)

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

Wednesdays in the Youth Center at 6 p.m. 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.

Topic: The "S" Word

Nov. 18: Risky Side of Sex (1 Corinthians 6)
Nov. 25: No Point
Dec. 2: Forgiveness from God (Colossians 2)
Dec. 9: White Elephant Christmas Party

Senior High Urban Plunge

January 8-10. Sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is Dec. 13.

Week of Nov. 14-21, 2009

Saturday, Nov. 14

- 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Reiter and Scott Froehlich
Wedding
- 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. 15

- 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. 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. Lighthouse 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 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
- 1:00 p.m. Special Wave
- 1:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Nov. 16

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connection p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Tech Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1

Tuesday, Nov. 17

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov. 18

- 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. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Families Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Flute Quartet Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov. 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Mental Health Training
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 12:00 p.m. Urbandale Ministerial Luncheon Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Surviving the Holidays

Friday, Nov. 20

- 8:00 a.m. Mental Health Training
- 10:45 a.m. Tiny Treasures Thanksgiving Feast
- 5:30 p.m. Meggan Samuelson and Michael Jones
Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Christmas Dinner Theater

Saturday, Nov. 21

- 3:00 p.m. Meggan Samuelson and Michael Jones
Wedding
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Christmas Dinner Theater

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	138	87
7:45 a.m.	175	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	391	
9 a.m. (FLC)	76	34
10:30 a.m.	312	
Total	1,092	121

Outpouring of Love Second Quarter (Oct.-Dec.)	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,292
Second QTD Offering	\$183,689
Second QTD Budget	\$197,577

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Saturday, Nov. 21

- 3:00 p.m. Meggan Samuelson and Michael Jones Wedding
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Christmas Dinner Theater

Sunday, Nov. 22

- 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. Third Grade Girl Scouts
- 5:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Christmas Dinner Theater
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Nov. 23

- 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 Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1

Tuesday, Nov. 24

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 25

No Midweek Classes

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Flute Quartet Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Nov. 26

Office Closed

- 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service

Friday, Nov. 27

Office Closed

- 4:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Gathering

Saturday, Nov. 28

No Grace Place and Castaway

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	6	26	17	31
Elementary	20	67	41	120
Total Children	26	93	58	151
Junior High		18	12	78
Senior High		16		37
Total Youth		34	12	115

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.

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Weekly Bible Reading: Ephesians 4:25-28

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

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