

November 21-22 and 28-29, 2009

Last Sunday of the Church Year

First Sunday of Advent and Celebration Weekend

First things first

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion; radio story by unknown author

A few years ago, a radio station ran a contest. Disc jockeys invited their listeners to tune in their clock radios. "Just for fun," they said, "when you wake up to the sound of FM-106, call and tell us the first words you spoke when you rolled out of bed. If you're the third caller, you'll win \$106."

It didn't take long for the contest to grow in enthusiasm. The first morning, a buoyant disc jockey said, "Caller number three, what did you say when you rolled out of bed this morning?" A groggy voice said, "Do I smell coffee burning?" Another day, a sleepy clerical worker said, "Oh no, I'm late for work." Somebody else said her first words were, "Honey, did I put out the dog last night?" A muffled curse was immediately heard in the background, and then a man was heard to say, "No, you didn't." It was a funny contest and drew a considerable audience.

One morning, however, the third caller said something unusual. The station phone rang. "Good morning, this is FM-106. You're on the air. What did you say when you rolled out of bed this morning?"

A voice with a Bronx accent replied, "You want to know my first words in the morning?"

The bubbly DJ said, "Yes, sir! Tell us what you said."

The Bronx voice responded, "Shema, Israel ... Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might."

Not sure about you, but those words of praise and adoration were not the first words that proceeded out of my mouth this morning. What did you say when you rolled out of bed today? Did thankfulness and praise flow from your lips? Did your words honor or adore the one who made the day? Or did your thoughts reflect what's on your "to-do" or shopping list?

Whatever your answers, we can't change what has already happened; however, we can change tomorrow's response by thinking about the greatness of our God today. Perhaps these words from the psalmist will inspire you to give God praise and thanks now and first thing tomorrow morning:

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Psalm 118:28

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

UP & COMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Services

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

Messages

Nov. 21-22

"Not What You Make, But What You Do With It."

Nov. 28-29

"Christmas Playlist: Better Watch Out"

Celebration Weekend

We will give back to God by laying our written pledges on the altar Nov. 28 and 29.

We will be mailing the stewardship information sheets on Nov. 23.

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 Message Series:

Join us in the following weeks as we listen to some of our favorite Christmas songs. So, drag out the mistletoe, heat up the hot chocolate, and get ready to listen to the following Christmas tunes:

- Nov. 28-29: "Better Watch Out" • Dec. 5-6: "Blue Christmas" • Dec. 12-13: "Silver Bells" • Dec. 19-20: "I'll Be Home for Christmas" • Christmas Eve: "Mary Did You Know?"

Purchase Poinsettias

Want to purchase a poinsettia to be displayed at church and then in your home? 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 through Sunday, Nov. 22. 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.



DMARC Collection

Thank you for your generous response to the DMARC collection last month. A check for \$1,080 was mailed to DMARC, which will help them buy food for central Iowa's food pantries. Thanks again. ~ Naomi Circle



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!"

Life from rooms 131 and 133 perspective: Hello, we are rooms 131 and 133 of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Most of our fellow rooms have a similar story to tell, but we really want to share our story with you.



Bill Jesse

You can find us in the center wing, next to the kitchen, which gives us a very favorable (and sweet-smelling) position in the church and may help explain why we are so busy.

On a typical week, we change personalities to suit the needs of the congregation. Brandon Simpson, our facility manager, rearranges our tables and chairs, while Diane Schmidt, schedules and manages our impressive popularity.

On Sundays, we do double duty by hosting the Lighthouse adult Bible study before we are transformed to accommodate a practice location for the children as they rehearse for the Children's Christmas program. On Tuesdays, we host a Bible study from 2:30-4 p.m.; on Wednesdays, we have another group in for a Bible study from 10-11:30 a.m.; on Thursdays, we often change from a classroom to a dining area for groups, such as the Urbandale Ministerial Association; and then on Thursday nights, we change back into a classroom for a Care Night session. And those are only our weekly scheduled events. Many times we accommodate a group of ministry partners, who use our tables for special administrative projects, such as stuffing envelopes, etc.

As you can clearly see, we stay busy. If you want to see what all the commotion is about; stop by anytime and check us out. We will try to leave a light on for you.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Nov. 22 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service is for:



K Kenniasty Blanche Carstensen born on Dec. 20, 2008 to Gregory and Jennifer (nee Stotmeister) Carstensen. Kenniasty's spiritual sponsors are Megan Stotmeister and Chad Carstensen.



S Sadie Joel Nicol born on Aug. 29, 2009 to Jared and Toni (nee Christianson) Nicol. Sadie's spiritual sponsors are Jesse and Jenna Vislisel and Jill Christianson.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Nov. 22 are in celebration of:
The 11th wedding anniversary of David and Jackleen Dohlman on Nov. 21 and in loving memory of Jackleen's mother, Waneta Bolyard.

The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Nov. 29 are in celebration of:
The 75th birthday of Andrew Varley on Dec. 2.

Servers

Nov. 21 and 22

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

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9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

Max Raecker

9 a.m.

Tyler Stueber

10:30 a.m.

Alisha Giesselmann

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

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Ryan Foreman

10:30 a.m.

Zoe Wissler

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 Linquist

Ed Mautz

Scripture Readings:

Nov. 21 and 22:

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 and Matthew 12:41-43

Nov. 28 and 29:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 and Mark 13:32-37

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 David and Jackleen Dohlman celebrating their anniversary
- For the marriage of Michael Jones and Meggan Samuelson

Prayers

- For Fred Sturdevant and family as they transition to Fred being in a care facility
- For Shirley Nuzum recovering from a fall
- 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 Chuck, a friend of Dale and Kay Readinger, who is undergoing a difficult treatment for a critical medical problem.

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:

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.

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.

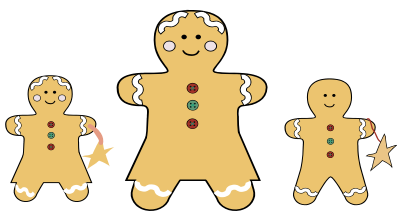
Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-8

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



GINGERBREAD TEA

Sign up today

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.

In the First Light

Hostesses: The Family Life Center will be open Sunday, Nov. 29 from 2-5 p.m. or anytime Monday, Nov. 30 starting at 8 a.m. to set up your table. Please have your table ready by 6 p.m. Monday evening. Programs will be available at set-up time. If you have not paid your hostess fee, please do so before you set up the table. This will be a great beginning to the Advent season with friends, fellowship, food and music.

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 12 from 2-4 p.m.;
Meal at 4:30 p.m.

A great event for the entire family. Wrap the children up in warm clothes and travel with us to houses where we will spread our Christmas joy by singing. After we carol our way in the Urbandale vicinity, we will meet at church for chili and hot chocolate. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.



Christmas Eve Services:

Thursday, Dec. 24

H3 (Family) Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve

4, 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Blended Candlelight Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

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

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

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.



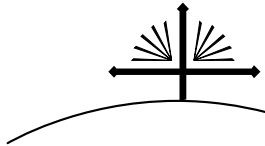
Membership Classes

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.

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.

Volleyball

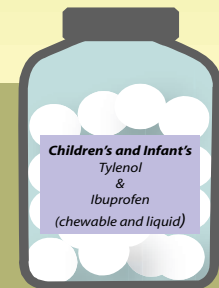
Spike! Bump! Volley! Duck! Enjoy playing volleyball on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center with a group of fun-loving volleyball enthusiasts. No skill is necessary, only a desire to laugh and get a little exercise at the same time. No need to sign up, just show up with your gym shoes and volley with us!

Baked Goods

Leave room in your cupboards for some delicious holiday goodies baked by the ladies of the Naomi Circle. The cookies and candies will be for sale in the narthex Sunday, Dec. 6. All proceeds will be used to purchase food for the four Urbandale area families that Naomi Circle has adopted for Christmas.

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.

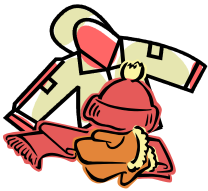
If you have questions, please contact Karen Kennedy at 278-5544, ext. 225.

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.



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, go to 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 ebogges@urbandalecaringcorps.org.

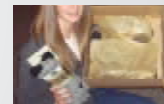
Serve Our Youth

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.

Giving to our community

On Friday, Nov. 6, a few of our youth traveled downtown to give five pairs of insulated boots and socks to those who were living in the winter elements. The items were purchased from the funds raised at this summer's golf outing, which totaled \$1,000.

The remaining money will be spent to purchase Christmas gift needs for Serve our Youth network that serves teens who are incarcerated and ministers to them when they are released.



Youth who distributed boots and socks to those living outside this winter.

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. 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 baked potato bar 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.



**Mark your calendar!
Sunday, Dec. 13
3 and 5 p.m.**

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 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. 25:
No midweek meal

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 Theater

Dinner Theater will run Friday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Limited seating available for walk-ins. *Please bring two cans of food for the food pantry.*

Christmas Program

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

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

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. 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)

Café 923

Friday, Dec. 4 from 6-9 p.m.

Come and hang out with friends.

Mission Opportunities

Saturday, Dec. 5 from 4-6 p.m. at Hope Café located at Bethel Mission in Des Moines.

Saturday, Dec. 19 from 1-3 p.m. at Hope Bargain and Community Outreach Center in Pleasant Hill. Sign up sheets on the Youth Bulletin Board.

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 senior high Bible study will not meet Sunday, Nov. 29.

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.

Nov. 25: No Class

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.

Iowa District West Youth Gathering

We will meet at the church at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27 and return back to the church at 12 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Come, bring a wrapped gift for the white elephant gift exchange party.

Week of Nov. 21-28, 2009

Saturday, Nov. 21

- 4:00 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
- 9:20 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
- 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. 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
- 7:00 p.m. GodZ GuyZ

Tuesday, Nov. 24

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 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

- 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

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

Scripture Base on Giving:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10-11

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	164	
7:45 a.m.	168	138
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	350	256
9 a.m. (FLC)	93	
10:30 a.m.	337	124
Total	1,112	518

Outpouring of Love Second Quarter (Oct.-Dec.)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,604
Second QTD Offering	\$215,293
Second QTD Budget	\$238,371

Week of Nov. 28-Dec. 5, 2009

Saturday, Nov. 28

No Grace Place and Castaway

Senior High Youth Gathering
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Sunday, Nov. 29

No Grace Place and Castaway

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
 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Nov. 30

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connection a.m.
 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connection p.m.
 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight

Tuesday, Dec. 1

9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, Dec. 2

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Special Kindermusik
 11:00 a.m. Cookie Dough Order Pickup
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
 6:15 p.m. Book Club
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
 6:15 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Dec. 3

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

Friday, Dec. 4

9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923
 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Partner Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 5

10:00 a.m. Gingerbread Tea
 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

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	13	33	31	29
Elementary	23	65	39	122
Total Children	36	98	70	151
Junior High	5	19	11	84
Senior High			16	41
Total Youth	5	19	27	125

November 21-22, Weekly Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Week of Dec. 5-12, 2009

Saturday, Dec. 5

- 10:00 a.m. Gingerbread Tea
- 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, Dec. 6

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Naomi Bake Sale
- 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. Third Grade Girl Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Dec. 7

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connection a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connection p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, Dec. 8

- 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. Kindergarten and Second Grade Girl Scouts

Tuesday, Dec. 8 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec. 9

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Special Kindermusik
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Dec. 10

- 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. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, Dec. 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Giving Tree Setup

Saturday, Dec. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Giving Tree Pickup
- 11:15 a.m. Christmas Program Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Practice
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 3:00 p.m. Urbandale High School Choir
- 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

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