

WEEKLY WORD

October 10 and 11, 2009

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Have You Taken the Survey?

Six days left to take the survey.

Saturday, Oct. 17 is the last day to take the survey. We ask all adults (18 years and older), who regularly attend Gloria Dei, to take this online, anonymous and confidential survey. The findings from this survey will help us understand what we need to offer in helping individuals grow in their faith. If you have questions, please call Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Access the survey by going to www.gloriadeionline.com today.

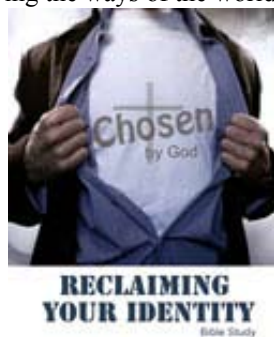
Reclaiming Your Identity

Message Series: “Reclaiming Your Identity” message series begins this weekend. This series will focus on the truths in I Peter that explain our true identity in Christ and how we are a chosen people who live in a fallen world, but can rest in hope because our Lord is coming back.

- Oct. 10-11: “Reclaiming Your Identity: It’s All About Hope”
- Oct. 17-18: “Reclaiming Your Identity: Show So You Can Tell”
- Oct. 24-25: “Reclaiming Your Identity: This Might Hurt”
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1: “Reclaiming Your Identity: Amazing Grace”

Where has our identity gone?

In today’s world many Christians have lost their identity and principles by adopting the ways of the world. The distinctions between Christian and worldly conduct have become blurred beyond recognition. The number one threat to the Christian is not persecution by the world, but rather its seduction. The world lures us in by focusing on areas of human “need” which, if satisfied, will result in the “full life.” Perhaps unknowingly, we gradually begin to believe these falsehoods. This is a long-standing problem, but it is now rapidly changing the way Christians think. The world today has adopted a pluralized view of God that many paths lead to the same place. The Church has been stripped of its authority.



Today’s Message “Reclaiming Your Identity: It’s All About Hope” Peter begins the epistle by writing about the great reality that Christians have—the hope of spending eternity with the Lord.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you. I Peter 1:3-4

Bible Study: We have written a more in-depth study, which can be picked up at the Information Center or can be accessed online at www.gloriadeionline.com. These lessons take you into the text and ask questions within the framework of a small group of friends, family, co-workers or individually.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Worship Service Location Change

The worship service Saturday, Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. will be in the Sanctuary; it will resume in the Family Life Center Oct. 17.

Family Barn Dance

Join us Sunday, Oct. 11 for a fun-stomping barn dance. See page 8 for details.

Women’s Bible Connections

Women’s Bible Connections a.m. and p.m. will not meet Monday, Oct. 12, but will resume Oct. 19.

In the Dust of the Rabbi

In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible study will not meet Sunday, Oct. 11, but will be back Oct. 18.

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Iowa District West Pastoral Conference

Gloria Dei will host the Iowa District West Pastoral Conference Monday, Oct. 12 and Tuesday, Oct. 13. Approximately 200 pastors are expected to attend the conference. Due to the conference, all Monday church activities will be cancelled. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 276-1700.

Beacon of Blessings

Beacon of Blessings members will be in the narthex today collecting donations for the Share the Heat Campaign. Your donations will provide heat for the homeless in the Des Moines vicinity. For example, a \$20 donation will provide one week's heat and a \$80 donation will provide one month's heat.



All donors will receive a tax deductible receipt for their donations from Joppa, a local non-profit organization created to foster a community of unconditional love, support and hope for the homeless.

Last winter, Joppa's Founder and Executive Director, Joe Stevens, provided propane gas for

50 dwellings, but the cost became more than what he anticipated. This year's projection is \$8,000 for the propane and heaters.

So, stop by the table today and donate to the Share the Heat Campaign.

Come and listen. Everyone welcome! Joe will speak about the ministry to the homeless at Gloria Dei Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

Consignment Sale

Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17

Tiny Treasures will host a fall consignment sale Friday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (half-price items are for sale from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.). This sale will help Tiny Treasures purchase equipment and supplies. A seller flier is available at the Information Center.



Clean out your closets. The consignment sale accepts children's, teen's and maternity clothing, accessories and bedding, décor, toys, books, videos, equipment and furniture. Items must be clean and in excellent condition. If you have any of these items to sell, please go to Tiny Treasures' page on our Web site and click on the fall consignment sale brochure link. For further questions, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy, Director of Tiny Treasures at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Invite your friends and neighbors

Friday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Oct. 11 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



A Aidan Michael Seeber born on August 25, 2009 to Brad and Shea (nee Clements) Seeber. Aidan's spiritual sponsors are Jon and Cindy Young.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

New to the Lutheran Faith?

Starts Thursday, Nov. 5: Join us for Discovery 101 starting Thursday Nov. 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in room 135/37. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. To register, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the "register today" link. If childcare is needed, please indicate so on the online registration form. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 276-1700.



Want to become a member of Gloria Dei?

Sunday, Oct. 25: If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided. To register, please go to our Web site and click on the "register" link or call the church office at 276-1700.

Don't forget to register online today!

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Philip Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.:

Evie Kammeyer

9 a.m.:

Ross Miller

10:30 a.m.:

Tyler Junge

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Dale Engelken

Dave Giesselmann

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann

Brent Handel

Justin Handel

Dean Mohr

9 a.m.

Tom Feldotto

Casey Fluegge

Dean Kleckner

Mark Kramer

Rob Steuber

Jared Nicol

10:30 a.m.

Phillip Bax

Jim Kellenberg

Chris Warwick

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 1:1-12 (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 visitors joining us in worship today

Prayers

- For the Kendra Weingart's uncle, who has cancer
- For the health of Diana Cook's mother
- For the health of Ronna Herzberg's Uncle, Robert Williams
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For the health of Deb Mertz's mother, Shirley Daib
- For the health of Jody Bass' father, Gary Eyerly
- For the health of Elsa Lind
- For the health of Richard Fastenau
- For the health of John McKeighan
- For the healing of Mike Atkins diagnosed with cancer
- For our country

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.



Ministry Partner Highlight

Woodworking Hobby Leads to Many Opportunities

Since we encourage our members to give outside of our campus, when we hear about individuals who do so, we try to highlight their endeavors. Our thinking is that it will inspire others to freely share the gifts and talents that God has given them.

Mo Grotheer, member of Gloria Dei, volunteers at Freedom for Youth Ministry by conducting wood classes for men who have recently been released from prison. Mo enjoys working with the men because of their eagerness to learn the wood craft and how it opens avenues to foster relationships.

“At first they appear very apprehensive, but after a few classes, they seem to open up,” said Mo. “These men have had so much negative in their lives that any positive activity on their part needs to be encouraged and applauded,” said Mo.

In addition to his work with the wood class, Mo has made three wooden gospel bowls in the last nine months. One such bowl, he gave to the director of Freedom for Youth Ministry, who used it to share the Gospel. Mo explains about the bowl:

“In this bowl the struggle between good and evil is represented by light (maple) and dark (black walnut) wood. Beginning at the base of the bowl, the strips of white, black, red and brown wood represent all the people, races of the world. They are all living under sin, darkness and eternal death represented by the dark wood at the lower portion of the bowl. When the Holy Spirit calls individuals by the Gospel, they come to faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, from sin and eternal death. The four crosses represent the Gospel; everything Jesus did, he lived, suffered, died and rose from the dead for forgiveness of our sins. With faith in Jesus Christ we live enlightened lives and enjoy the grace of our Lord and Savior. The light upper portion of the bowl represents our lives with Christ. The extra dark black walnut crosses represent the deepest darkness of the world’s sins borne by Jesus on the cross. “

The bowl is signed by Mo and reflects the poem, “Trees,” written by Joyce Kilmer: “wood is turned by guys like me, but only God can make a tree.” The bowl can be viewed at the church office during the weekdays.



Retirement Workshop

First Church, 1001 Pleasant Street, Des Moines will hold a workshop entitled “Keys to Successful Retirement” Saturday, Oct. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. For more information, go to www.dmfirstchurch.org.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Wesley Acres Community Hospice, 3520 Grand Ave., Des Moines, is seeking volunteers to help provide support for their patients. For those not previously trained, training is available Thursday, Oct. 15, 22 and 29 from 6-9 p.m. For more information, contact Alyssa Englund, Volunteer Coordinator, at aenglund@wesleylife.org.

Medical Trip

Mercy Medical Team for LCMS World Relief and Human Care is taking applications for November’s trip to provide medical care to the people in Kenya. If you are interested, please e-mail Jacob Fiene, Manager, Medical/Material Resources at Jacob.Fiene@lcms.org.

Flu Updates

In every area of ministry at Gloria Dei, we are committed to take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of any communicable disease. To date, we have placed postcards throughout the building reminding us to fight the flu by the three C's: Cover your cough. Clean your hands. Contain the germs.

Another important issue to address within our church is handshaking, which we are encouraging people not to do until the threat of spreading the flu is over. We have also provided hand sanitizers throughout the building. In addition, we continue to disinfect tables, toys, doorknobs, and routinely disinfect public areas such as the classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, Family Life Center and Sanctuary.

A Ministry Action Team is being formed to study the issues associated with communicable diseases within our church environment. "We are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of all of our members at Gloria Dei by taking the necessary steps as prescribed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)," said Bill Jesse, Executive Director.

OSHA Flu Guidelines

The United States Department of Labor has issued some simple guidelines:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or with a hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve. Dispose of tissues in no-touch trash receptacles.
- Wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- Avoid shaking hands and always wash your hands after physical contact with others.
- Keep frequently-touched common surfaces clean (for example, phones, computer equipment, etc.).



Blood Drive

Save the date: We will hold another blood drive in support of Zach Duncalf on Oct. 31 from 8-11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. To register, contact Robin Stewart at 515-250-1076 or at iowahawkfans@msn.com.

LWML Circles

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kay Readinger, 4210 132nd Street, Urbandale.

Scrapbook Fellowship

It's that time again! Join us for Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, Oct. 16 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 131/33. Come and go as your schedule allows.

Childcare: If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.



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.

Urbandale Pantry Update

In 2008, Pastor Burcham was involved with the startup of the Ministerial Alliance of Urbandale and the City of Urbandale to create a DMARC food pantry for the local residents in need. Gloria Dei's Beacon of Blessings soon became involved with overseeing monthly collections earmarked for the pantry and Naomi Circle collected monetary donations twice a year.



The following is an update from the Urbandale Food Pantry Coordinator, Eileen Boggess:

“As the months have progressed, so has the need for services. When we first opened our doors, we supplied approximately 125 families (350 individuals) from Urbandale and Windsor Heights with a five-day emergency supply of food each month. During the month of July, we provided approximately 160 families (469 individuals) with an emergency supply of food. We have also provided each of these families with a personal product bag that contains shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, toilet tissues, feminine hygiene products, diapers and laundry soap.”

Please feel free to volunteer or visit the pantry, located at 7611 Douglas Ave. Suite 31, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call at 251-6688.

We are thankful for the service that the pantry provides to those in need. We will continue to support them by our monthly donations of requested items and by our monetary donations. (Please note: Naomi Circle will provide DMARC envelopes in the Weekly Word later this fall.) Meanwhile, feel free to drop off October's suggested item of laundry detergent in the Urbandale Food Pantry box in the narthex.

Holiday Cheer Box

For many, the onset of the holidays brings excitement and happy memories. For families facing the first holiday without a loved one, they dread the thought. With your help, Amanda the Panda will send a surprise holiday cheer box to families they have served who have experienced a recent death. A holiday cheer box is in the narthex. Helping is very simple—just fill the box with gifts for young children, teens or adults. A suggested gift list is located next to the box. Thank you for your support.

Hand painted bottles from China

A Christian Chinese man, affectionately called “The Bottle Man,” hand paints bottles from the inside using a tiny brush. These amazing bottles can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

This Christian man has been very important to the work in China including the construction of two churches funded by Gloria Dei. However, his livelihood has been threatened when the local government raised the rent on his shop, which made it impossible for him to remain open. And without the shop, his livelihood is severely limited. Shining City Foundation wants



to help “The Bottle Man” market his art work in the hope of helping him earn some money.

Items Needed

• **Toothbrushes • Toothpaste**

The Honduras 2010 Mission Team is collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for the month of October. A Collection bin will be located in the narthex.

Honduras Mission Team

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.



Gloria Dei Job Openings

We have several part-time positions open; the hours are somewhat flexible, the work environment is supportive and conducive to achieving success in the specific job responsibilities. Details of each job description can be found on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Part-time Choral Director

The candidate will lead worshippers into God's presence through vocal music in both traditional and contemporary styles. A degree in vocal music and experience in leading and conducting large ensembles are required. This position will require less than 20 hours per week with required weekend hours.

Part-time Administrative Assistant

The part-time administrative assistant will work with the Youth Ministry and the Youth Director. The successful candidate must have a desire to work with the youth ministry in the afternoon hours and will be responsible for providing administrative support to the Youth Director. Excellent computer skills in Microsoft Office is required along with the ability to be detail minded. Duties may also include answering telephone calls, filing, data entry and performing other administrative tasks as needed.

Part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

The part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant will work morning hours in the office. Excellent computer skills in Microsoft Office is required along with the ability to be detail minded. Duties will include answering telephone calls, filing, data entry, providing excellent customer service to congregation members and visitors, completing the daily scheduling signage, and other administrative tasks as needed.

Music MAT Updates

The Music Ministry Action Team met Wednesday, Sept. 30 to continue their assistance in helping form the orchestra and choir segments of the Worship ministries. They have recommended the following:

Chorale: On Wednesday, Oct. 14, the Gloria Dei Chorale will begin rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. At this time, the choir will be directed by Gale Webb, who has accepted the role of the interim Gloria Dei Chorale Director until a permanent replacement is found. Gale will continue to serve as the Assistant Director of Worship, a position she has held since early July.

Orchestra: In an effort to allow individual's musical talents to be used, members of the Gloria Dei Orchestra will be enhancing the worship experience of the Gloria Dei services with solos, duets, and small chamber groups of musicians under the coordination of Gale Webb and Kathy Stange. Rehearsals will be scheduled as needed by individuals and small groups. If you are interested in offering your musical talents, please contact Gale Webb at 278-5544, ext. 201.

LWML Rally



Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

All women are invited to LWML's Fall Zone Rally Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at Gloria Dei; registration begins at 1:30. Deborah Timmons, Executive Director of Shining City Foundation, will speak on the three orphanages they support. Cost is \$4.50; tickets can be purchased the day of the event. Please bring children's gloves and mittens for the orphanages.

Lutheran Colleges

College-bound students and their parents are invited to attend Lutheran Colleges' Fair and Workshop Sunday, Oct. 18 at Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave., Clive.

- 6:45 p.m. Registration
- 7 p.m. Financial Aid Seminar
- 7:30-9 p.m. College Fair

For more information, go to www.lutherancolleges.org/events.

Third Grade Bible Highlighting

Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. until Oct. 21.

Third grade students and parents are invited to take a journey through the Bible, highlighting important scripture passages on Wednesdays. Bibles will be presented Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The Wave Rolls In

Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1-2:30 p.m.

All 4-5 graders (and their friends) are invited to come to The Wave. We're making sack lunches for the homeless in Des Moines. Each student should bring a box or bag of prepackaged snacks, granola bars, cereal bars or crackers. We'll hear Joe Stevens talk about ministry to the homeless in Des Moines at 2 p.m. We'll have some fun and make some new friends! Questions? Contact DeAnn McCue 278-5544, ext. 207.

Christmas Rehearsal Schedule

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 rehearsing 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."

This six-week DVD series is based on the parenting concept originated by Dr. David Ludwig, a leading Christian psychologist and author and is produced by Lutheran Hour Ministry. Childcare is provided.

Midweek Meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

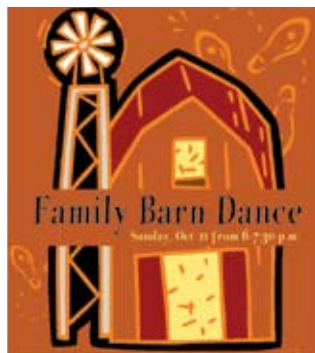
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Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Hot Dogs-Chili

Oct. 21

Walking Taco

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



Family Barn Dance

Sunday, October 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Get your dancing shoes on! Families and friends are invited to a fun-stomping barn dance Sunday, October 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Simpson Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive, Johnston. A live band and a square dance caller will lead the evening. No admission charge to this event; we ask that each family bring a snack to share. Hot and cold apple cider will be served along with coffee and ice tea from Rich's brew.

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Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theaters (grades 7-12)

Rehearsal Sunday, Oct. 11
from noon to 2 p.m.

Rehearse for "Christmas at Uncle Phil's" showing on Nov. 20-22.

Summer 2010 (grades 8-12)

Registration for next summer's trips has started. Information packets can be picked up by the youth bulletin board.

National Youth Gathering, July 17-21, New Orleans, La

Teens in grades 8-12 can meet up with approximately 35,000 teens and adults to grow in their faith. The cost is \$900; a \$100 non-refundable deposit and registration are due Oct. 14.

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/improvements on homes of the poor and elderly. The cost is \$610; a \$50 nonrefundable deposit and registration are 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"

Oct. 11: Joshua

Oct. 18: Jonah

Oct. 25: John Mark

Nov. 1: Judas Iscariot

Junior High Service Opportunities Reminders

- Pastor's conference setup: Sunday, Oct. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Teacher's conference setup: Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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 Youth Center at 6 p.m.

Oct. 14: Concert by the Andrew Witt Band (formerly known as Rough Draft.).

Senior Youth Gathering

"The Impact" is the theme for the Senior Youth Gathering from Nov. 27-29 at Embassy Suites, Des Moines. Cost is \$145 and is due by Wednesday, Oct. 14. Forms are available next to the youth bulletin board.

Senior High Café 923

Come and hang out with us Sunday, Oct. 11 from 3-5 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 Saturday, Dec. 12 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Week of Oct. 10-17, 2009

Saturday, Oct. 10

Junior High Omaha Urban Plunge
 8:30 a.m. Annual Arts & Craft Fair
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Sunday, Oct. 11

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. Lifelight 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
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 3:00 p.m. Senior High Café 923
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Oct. 12

8:00 a.m. Iowa District West Pastor's Conference

Tuesday, Oct. 13

8:00 a.m. IDW Pastor's Conference
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten & 2nd Grade Girl Scouts
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Village
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That

Tuesday, Oct. 13 (continued)

6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 14

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
 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. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
 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. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale Setup

Thursday, Oct. 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale Setup
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
 6:00 p.m. Care Night
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
 6:30 p.m. Newborn Support
 6:30 p.m. Managing Money Through Christ

Friday, Oct. 16

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, Oct. 17

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 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

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	176	
7:45 a.m.	151	115
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	321	228
9 a.m. (FLC)	76	
10:30 a.m.	330	194
Total	1054	537

Outpouring of Love Second Quarter (Oct.-Dec.)	
General Fund Offerings	\$26,400
First QTD Offering	\$54,502
First QTD Budget	\$55,591

Week of Oct. 18-24, 2009

Sunday, Oct. 18

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. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
 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. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 1:00 p.m. The Wave
 1:30 p.m. LWML Zone Fall Rally
 2:00 p.m. Joppa Presentation
 6:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Meeting
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Oct. 19

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

Tuesday, Oct. 20

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 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
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct. 21

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 4:00 p.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers' Conference Setup
 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. Third Grade Bible Highlighting
 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

Thursday, Oct. 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:00 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers' Conference
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
 6:00 p.m. Care Night
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, Oct. 23

8:00 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teachers' Conference
 5:00 p.m. Jennifer Fenstermacher and Micah Youngquist Rehearsal

Saturday, Oct. 24

11:00 a.m. Jennifer Fenstermacher and Micah Youngquist 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

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	10	22	18	28
Elementary	27	62	36	137
Total Children	37	84	54	165
Junior High	5	21	7	37
Senior High		15		96
Total Youth	5	36	7	133

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

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

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.

Families worship together

Families are encouraged to worship together before children and youth are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.



Children

Grace Place: We will offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are invited for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children directly to the classrooms.

Youth

Castaway: Our junior high youth in grades 6-8 are invited to a high-energy educational time Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high students: Our senior high youth are invited to a Bible study that will touch on relevant issues Sundays at 9 a.m. in room 114.

Adults

We have a plethora of opportunities for adults, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Information Center.

Want some more information?

Feel free to visit our Information Centers, located in the narthex and outside the Family Life Center.

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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.

Weekly Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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