

WEEKLY WORD

October 24 and 25, 2009

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

The Left and Right to Suffering

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

Today's message may be painful to hear because it involves suffering, definitely not on the top-ten list of conversations around the dinner table. And yet the Bible tells us to expect and even rejoice in those afflictions.

Recently, my right arm and shoulder started to ache. On a suffering scale, it cannot compare to a major tragedy, a terminal illness or being persecuted for following Jesus, but during those days, suffering would have been an appropriate word to describe the sleepless nights and the difficulty performing even the simplest everyday tasks.

Obviously, this was a short-term time of suffering. But what happens when suffering becomes long-term with no end in sight. When sleepless nights turn into sleepless weeks? Or when grief and despair overshadow your entire life and the thought of taking one more step is unbearable?

The answer to dealing with turbulent times lies to our left and to our right—each other. In God's infinite wisdom, he has provided the body of Christ to help carry the burden of the agony of suffering.

Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2

In the Old Testament, we see a remarkable example of how Aaron and Hur helped Moses as his strength waned in the midst of a battle:

So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. Exodus 17:10-13

When we see someone's strength decreasing because of the load of affliction on their shoulders, we can hold them up by providing encouraging words, a warm smile, or a listening ear. Besides, you may be surprised at who you will also meet in your efforts to help—Jesus, who is already at work helping the afflicted.

Spiritual Life Survey

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

After the first of the year, we will report the findings to the congregation. The Ministry Action Team will work to review the findings and make recommendations that will help move the church forward.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Want to join Gloria Dei?

Sunday, Oct. 25, we have an interactive membership class that you won't want to miss. See page 2 for more details.

Turn Back the Clocks



Set back your clocks Saturday evening, Oct. 31 as we return to Central Standard Time on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Flu Clinic

Check out the flu clinic Sunday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 to noon. See page 5 for more details.

Pumpkin Carving Time

Carve a pumpkin with us this Wednesday. See page 8 for more details.

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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 join 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.



A Little Bit About a Lot of Things



Bill Jesse

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

What an October!

An important facet of the Gloria Dei's G.R.A.C.E. Vision is to be an equipping center. Gloria Dei's facility is one of the largest in Iowa District West. As a result, Gloria Dei is asked to host many district events along with the events of the congregation.

You may be amazed to know the number of large-scale events and activities held here this month. Recently, we hosted the LWML annual Arts and Craft Sale, the Iowa District West Pastoral Conference, the LWML Fall Rally, the Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale, and the Iowa District East and Iowa District West Lutheran School Teachers Conference.

All of the activities are large-scale activities involving many people visiting Gloria Dei. This requires a large commitment of time and energy by the staff and ministry partners to make Gloria Dei Lutheran Church an equipping center and quite frankly, “we do it very well!”

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Oct. 24 following the 5:30 p.m. worship service will be held in the Sanctuary for:



N Nathan Dwight Newcomb born on July 4, 2000 to Chris and Teri (nee Collicott) Newcomb. Nathan's spiritual sponsors are Brett and Tami Trotter, and Mark and Lisa Wayman.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of:

- The birthdays of Joyce Larson on Oct. 27 and Glenn Larson on Oct. 31.
- The wedding of Jennifer Fenstermacher to Micah Youngquist on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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.

Schedule an appointment today by calling 250-1076.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Philip Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Philip Robarge

Preacher:

Rev. Philip Robarge

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.:

Marisa Mueller

9 a.m.:

Marisa Mueller

10:30 a.m.:

Natalie Pace

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

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 Readings:

1 Peter 3:13-18; 4:12-19 (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 Joyce and Glenn Larson celebrating their birthdays

Prayers

- For the health of Alice Wegner
- For the comfort of Minnie Baker, mother of Jane Meythaler
- For the health of Diana Cook's mother
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For the health of Elsa Lind
- For the health of Richard Fastenau
- For the health of John McKeighan
- For special concerns of Steve Lutz
- For Devin Wren recovering from a fall
- For Julie DenHerder's father, Gary
- For the health of Michelle Ingersoll

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

DMARC: Helping the Needy

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a fall food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. DMARC will purchase, package, follow the dietary guidelines and transport the non-perishable food items to the Urbandale Food Pantry and to others in need.

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

Monthly Item Donation

Don't forget about our monthly Urbandale Food Pantry donation drive. This month's request of laundry detergent can be placed in the Urbandale Food Pantry bin in the narthex.

Change in Youth Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

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



Lisa Gibson

Book Club

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

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

Dec. 2: “A Promise to Remember” by Kathryn Cushman

Books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe. If you have any questions, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or at hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

Reformation Hymn Fest



A Reformation Hymn Fest Service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. You are invited to join the bring-your-own-soup potluck at 5:30 p.m. and then join the service at 7 p.m. Call Debbie Bennett at 223-0599 for more information.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the \$1,000 donation to the Urbandale Food Pantry. Your generosity continues to help us serve our neighbors in need.

~ The Urbandale Food Pantry

Ways to Support Lutheran School Students

The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO), which was adopted by the thirty-seventh convention of Iowa District West of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has been established to assist families who want a Lutheran education for their children. Your generous donation can help bring the benefits of a Lutheran education to many children. For every \$1,000 that an Iowa taxpayer donates to ILSTO, an Iowa tax credit of \$650 is given. In addition, the \$1,000 may be used as a charitable gift deduction on their Federal Income Tax form. This year, C-corporations are also eligible for the 65 percent Iowa tax credit.

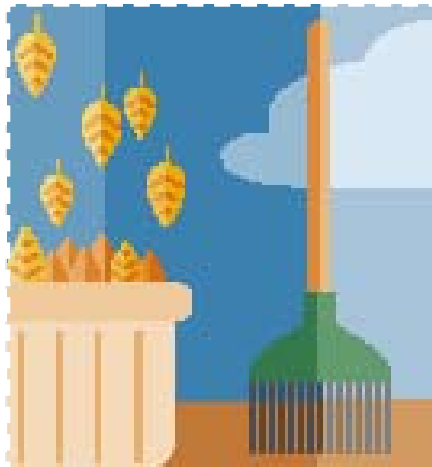
To date, the ILSTO reports:

- The gifts more than doubled - \$142,357 to \$307,110.
- The number of families applying for aid nearly doubled - 176 to 332 families and 290 to 511 children.
- Their goal is to increase the donations from \$307,000 to approximately \$400,000.

As you think about living out your faith, please consider donating this year. The deadline for the 2009 contributions is Dec. 31, 2009. For questions, contact Dewey Torkelson, Iowa District West Program Manager for ILSTO, at 712-260-2991 or check out their Web site at www.iowalutheransto.org.

Women of Faith Conference

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



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.

Community Events Medicare Part D Check Up

Medicare Part D Check Up will be held Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Urbandale Senior Center. Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors will be available to help compare Medicare Part D plans for 2009. Appointments are required by calling 800-351-4664.

Urbandale Caring Corps

Help Urbandale residents get ready for the winter by raking, trimming and general clean-up of their yards. Meet Saturday, Nov. 4 at 8 a.m. at Lions Club Park Shelter House. Bring gloves and rakes; breakfast is provided. To volunteer, call 278-3999.

Flu Clinic

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

A flu clinic will be held Sunday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in rooms 109 and 111. Visiting Nurse Services will be on-site to provide flu immunization to individuals ages 6 months and older. Children 6 months to 17 years of age need to be accompanied by a guardian. Cost is \$20 per shot.

Medicare will cover the cost in full. All other participants need to bring cash or a check payable to Visiting Nurse Services.

The Walk of the Duncalf Family

After a few unusual symptoms, Monica Duncalf insisted that her 9-year-old son, Zachary, be seen immediately by the doctor. At first the nurse said tomorrow, but recanted because of Monica's persistence. Five hours later, the medical scans determined a cancerous mass was growing at such a high rate around Zac's heart that it would have easily crushed his heart by the end of the night. There would have been no more tomorrows for Zac.

"Words cannot express what I felt when the doctor gave the prognosis and the possibilities of my son running out of time," says Monica.

Since that time, Zac has been diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma and has spent weeks in the hospital and countless hours in the outpatient clinic. He currently is on chemo therapy for another three years and will begin whole-brain radiation as an outpatient.

The Duncalfs, Jake and Monica, along with their two other children, Cael, 7 and Walker, 4, have bonded together in their efforts to help and support Zac.

Monica spends most of her time monitoring Zac's health to make sure that he is getting the proper medical attention. For example, she checks his body for unusual bruising or looks at his eyes to see if a blood transfusion may be needed. Because of the toxic waste from the chemo therapy, she daily cleans all of his bed sheets and clothing.

On good days, Zac attends Rolling Green Elementary as a fourth grader, which he is happy about. "My friends at school are nice—when I wake up, I say 'yippee' I can play with my friends at school today," says Zac.

Zac also tells the story of how his classmates from last year donated \$100 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation from making jump ropes and selling them.

Likewise, Monica has an overwhelming flood of support from the church family which has helped bring dinners, watched their other two children and have given them grocery and restaurant gift certificates that have helped to free their budget to be spent on "non-formatted" drugs and other items for Zac not covered by their insurance. When Zac was first diagnosed, the Duncalfs were in the midst of remodeling the lower level of their home, which became vital because Zac would need his own room. "It was amazing, three men from church finished our remodel project while we were busy at the hospital," says Monica.

When asked what the church can do to help, she replies that everything helps. The hospital warned them of not only the expense of the medical treatment (which is mostly covered by their insurance), but the other incidental expenses, such as eating out at the hospital and extra gas expense.

"It is hard to ask people for help even when they ask," said Monica. "It is so appreciated though."



Zachary and Monica Duncalf

Monica acknowledges that her prayers have become a lot more simple in the last few months. "I just thank God for the day and thank him for strength for tomorrow," she says. "Every day is such an awesome gift."

Ways to help

Tiny Treasures plans to donate the proceeds from their annual cookie dough fund raiser to the Duncalf family. Cookie orders and payments can be placed at the display in the Family Life Center and the narthex on Nov. 7-8 and Nov. 14-15. The cookie dough will be available for pick-up Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you would like to help in other ways, please call the church office at 276-1700 for more information or contact persons.

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.



Job Opening

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

Part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

The part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant will work morning hours in the office. Excellent computer skills in Microsoft Office are 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.

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.

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.

Beacon of Blessings

Beacon of Blessings will be collecting donations in the narthex today 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 an \$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 uncondi-

tional love, support and hope for the homeless. So, stop by the table today and donate to the Share the Heat Campaign.

In the First Light

"In the First Light" is the theme for the 8th annual Advent by Candlelight which will be held Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. GodZ GuyZ will present a musical program of song and scripture. Ladies of the congregation are invited to host a table for this annual event.

Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. As a hostess, you decorate a table in the Family Life Center, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join you for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and preparation for the Advent season. Each hostess is asked to pay \$10 to help defray expenses. Stop by the display in the narthex and sign up for your table today! If you have questions, contact Lynn Hays at 278-1502 or pal4075@msn.com.

LWML Circles

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

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

Thank You

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

Beginning Bibles for 3-year-olds

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

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 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.

Children's Basketball Program

We are seeking ministry partners to help coach children in basketball skills. The program will run Saturdays Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Interested in helping?

Contact: DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Pumpkin Carving

Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 6 to 7 p.m.

We'll supply the pumpkins, you supply the carving tools. Join us for the opening at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary before heading into the Family Life Center for family pumpkin-carving time.

Parental Bible Studies

Parenting Families Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m.

(Starts Nov. 4)

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

Midweek Meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

Oct. 28

Deli Night

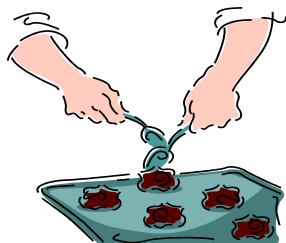
Nov. 4

Bacon Cheeseburger
Rollup

\$4 per adult and

\$2 per child or youth

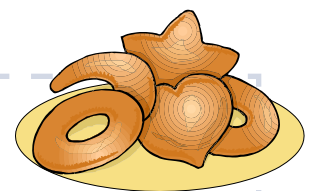
(2 and under eat free).



12-Doughs of Christmas

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

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



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Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theaters (grades 7-12)

Rehearsal Sunday, Oct. 25
from noon to 2 p.m.

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

Tickets on Sale

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

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. We only
have a few spots remaining.
The cost is \$610; a \$50 nonre-
fundable deposit is due now!

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

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

Topic: Give Me A "J"

Oct. 25: John Mark

Nov. 1: Judas Iscariot

IDW Gathering

We will meet at 9 a.m. at the church on Oct. 31, and will return
Nov. 1 by noon.

Junior High Blitz

Join approximately 300 youth at the Blitz 09 starting Friday, Nov.
13 at 8 p.m. to Saturday, Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. They will have 12
hours of dynamic talks, galaxy bowling, broomball, rock climb-
ing, roller skating, eating, go-carting and much more.

Cost is \$40; sign up by youth bulletin board and pay Tim by
Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Mornings

Sundays from 9-10 a.m.

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

The Point

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

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

Theme: Discover Who You Are

Oct. 28: Protect Your Identity

Christmas Program Grades 8-12

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

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

Week of Oct. 24-31, 2009

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

Sunday, Oct. 25

- 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
- 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
- 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. Discovery 201
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Oct. 26

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

Tuesday, Oct. 27

- 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
- 6:15 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
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 28

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M & M Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Family Pumpkin Time
- 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. 29

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

Friday, Oct. 30

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, Oct. 31

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

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	155	
7:45 a.m.	131	110
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	335	248
9 a.m. (FLC)	73	
10:30 a.m.	272	169
Total	966	527

Outpouring of Love Second Quarter (Oct.-Dec.)	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,545
First QTD Offering	\$111,022
First QTD Budget	\$104,856

Week of Nov. 1-7, 2009

Sunday, Nov. 1

Junior High Iowa District West Youth Gathering
 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 8:30 a.m. Flu Vaccine Clinic
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:10 a.m. Adult 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. Adult Bible Study
 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
 1:30 p.m. Christmas Program Set Building
 5:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Nov. 2

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

Tuesday, Nov. 3

9:00 a.m. Regular City Election
 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Village
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That

Tuesday, Nov. 3 (continued)

6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov. 4

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

Thursday, Nov. 5

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

Friday, Nov. 6

9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
 4:00 p.m. Amy Phillips and Jerod Luetje Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Cafe 923
 6:30 p.m. Amy Phillips and Jerod Luetje Wedding
 7:00 p.m. Wedding Reception

Saturday, Nov. 7

8:00 a.m. Fall Outdoor Cleanup
 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	6	22	16	24
Elementary	22	48	38	105
Total Children	28	70	54	129
Junior High		20	9	91
Senior High		13		27
Total Youth		33	9	118

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

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekend Worship Services

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service

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

Traditional Worship Service

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

Traditional Worship Service

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

H-3 Family Worship Service

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

Contemporary Worship

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

Other Important Items

Nursery

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

Cry room

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

Activities throughout the Week

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

Weekly Bible Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-17

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

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