

# WEEKLY WORD

September 19 and 20, 2009

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## As Long as You Are Happy

We will continue to examine how the Bible is relevant in our day-to-day life in this message series entitled, "True for You." We will look at some of society's truisms and compare them with scripture.

Today we will look at the topic of happiness and how the world is in search of it. There are thousands of commercials and books which will help individuals with their pursuit of happiness. After all, our forefathers grouped the pursuit of happiness with the other unalienable rights of life and liberty in the Declaration of Independence. We all deserve to be happy, right? Should happiness be our ultimate goal? And if not, what should be our ultimate goal as Christians? What exactly is the scriptural view of happiness?

From a cursory look, it is easy to realize that happiness is not the primary focus of our Lord. But if we stopped there, we would be rather depressed because happiness is pleasant. But what would happen if God provided us with something better than happiness?

### True For You Sermon Series

Sept. 19-20: True for You: As Long As You're Happy

Sept. 26-27: True for You: As Long as You're Sincere

Oct. 3-4: True for You: As Long As it Doesn't Hurt Anyone

## Spiritual Life Survey

Today you will receive a question and answer sheet about the upcoming Spiritual Life Survey available from Oct. 3-17. 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 to understand what we need to offer to help individuals grow in their faith. If you have further questions, please call Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



## Tiny Treasures Awarded Accreditation

The National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) has recently awarded Tiny Treasures accreditation. This high honor signifies Tiny Treasures fulfilled the strict NLSA standards and links the preschool to nearly 700 Lutheran schools. A formal presentation will be given at the Tiny Treasures Open House Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.



## E-mail Communications

We are working on the ability to e-mail the congregation on a weekly basis with a newsletter. At this point, we will be using the e-mails that we currently have in our records. If you did not receive an e-mail from us last week and would like one, please e-mail [karen@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:karen@gloriadeionline.com).

## UP & COMING EVENTS

### Honduras Bake Sale



Stop by the table in the narthex on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 8-11:30 a.m. for some delectable baked goods.

### The Wave Games Day

All 4-5 graders (and their friends) are invited to come to The Wave on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-2:30 p.m. We'll play games and learn lots.

### Women's Bible Connections

It is not too late to join the women on Mondays. See page 5 for more details.



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## Ministry Destination Celebrations

Since it takes lots of planning, resources, staff and ministry partners to make each of our Fall programs happen, we are extremely thankful for each of them.

### Grace Place and Castaway

We were excited to see the children and youth at last weekend's educational times. The curriculum has been written by our staff. Grace Place curriculum explores Bible stories. Castaway and the Senior High Bible Study are tailored to the relevant issues for our junior and senior high youth.



### Wednesday's Faith Alive and Confirmation

We were thrilled to once again open our doors to Wednesday's educational times by providing a meal, worship time and specific learning opportunities for children and youth. See page 7 for a photo montage of the evening.

### Thursday Care Night

Care Night, an evening designed for individuals facing some of life's challenging situations consist of meals and support groups. This year we added another component, one-evening sessions, which focus on different areas of life, such as working with teens or supporting families whose loved ones are in the military.

## Music Ministry Action Team

A music ministry action team has been formed to assist and provide input in the hiring of an Orchestra Director and a Choir Director for the coming year. Joe Gilg, Dave Graaf, Floyd Sturgeon, Laura Valle, Amy Jo Wiese, Gale Webb, Sarah Petrak, Bill Jesse and Pastor Burcham have been invited to serve on this MAT.

Consensus was to proceed with the hiring process keeping the overall vision for Music Ministry in mind as the process works. It was recommended that candidates be asked in the hiring process if they can support the vision of the Music Ministry. In essence the vision is as follows: One large Music Ministry working together as one team recognizing and appreciating its separate parts.

The MAT discussed several items and recommended the choir and orchestra positions not be combined. The MAT also discussed the start dates for choir and orchestra and the Christmas Cantata.

The MAT members present suggested the hiring of the positions continue to move quickly but deliberately. This means the start of rehearsals and performances may be delayed until the process has a chance to work and the positions are filled.

## Thank You

I want to thank Gloria Dei for the package I received while in Iraq on my third tour. What a nice surprise! So many great items. What an uplift that was! Sincerely, Jason Zanley, nephew of Marolyn Carstens

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Sept. 19 during the 5:30 p.m. worship service is for:



**K** Kora Marie Ladd born on August 6, 2009 to Bryan and Kelli (nee Nelson) Ladd. Kora's spiritual sponsors are Loren and Pam Nelson.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 20 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service is for:



**N** Nadya Caroline Peter born on July 15, 2009 to Anya Peter. Nadya's spiritual sponsors are Katelyn Drake and Alyssa McNeeley.

## Wish to join Gloria Dei?

**New to the Lutheran Faith?** Join us for Discovery 101. This informal class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. For information on the next class, please check our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

**Want to become a member of Gloria Dei?** 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 3-6:30 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 today" link or call the church office at 276-1700.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

*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.:*  
Lachlan Kelley

### Acolytes (continued):

*9 a.m.:*  
Ross Miller

*10:30 a.m.:*  
Noah Betten

### Elders:

Tom Westby  
Jim Miles  
Vic Kesse

### Ushers:

**Northwind**  
Mike Cobb  
Sandy Junge  
Tom Junge

### 7:45 a.m.

Wendell Dickey  
Bruce Grimm  
Alan Grunst  
Bill Kickbush  
Jeff Littschwager  
Tim Radig

### 9 a.m.

Randy Bamsey  
Bruce Boettcher  
Paul Cook  
Randy Dickey  
Duane Haas  
Mark Jobst  
Dave Morrison  
Jay Plagge  
Bruce Brock  
Dan DeVries  
Don Franzen  
Bob Kuefner  
Kurt Kromminga  
Ron Oolman

### 10:30 a.m.

Dave Miller  
Jimmy Hanselman

### Scripture Readings:

1 John 2:15-17 and John 12:23-28 (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 Kari Doyle and Joseph Lang married on Saturday
- For visitors joining us in worship today
- For our Ministry Partners
- For Amanda Gates and Chad Godfrey married Friday

## Prayers

- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For Meri Van Ahn grieving the loss of her grandmother
- For the health concerns of Marv Vinsand
- For the health of Richard Fastenau
- For a good outcome of John McKeighan's bone marrow biopsy and for the remission of his leukemia
- For the healing of Steve Lutz, who is recovering from brain cancer surgery
- For the unemployed
- For the homeless
- For our Grace Place, Faith Alive and Castaway
- For our country

## Prayer ministry team

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

## Share a Warm Meal

Gloria Dei is stepping up to the plate again this year to serve meals the first Monday of each month (October-May) at Freedom for Youth Ministries. The meals are for students and adult volunteers attending the WhizKidz program, an after-school service partnering Christian mentors with young children. The purpose of the program is to provide a reading partner and adult mentor to roughly 15-20 children who may have little structure at home, and is just one of the many Christ-centered programs offered at FYM. Meals are served at FYM starting at 5:30 p.m., and volunteer groups of three to six individuals provide the meal and serve until 6 p.m. If your group or family is interested in signing up to serve a meal, contact Kory Schramm at [kschramm@itagroup.com](mailto:kschramm@itagroup.com) or 986-5806. To learn more about Freedom for Youth Ministries and see what other volunteer opportunities are available, visit [www.freedomforyouth.org](http://www.freedomforyouth.org).

## Diana's Angels

Diana Angels will be meet at Hope Lutheran Church, 3857 E 42nd St, Des Moines Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. to prepare packets for our seamstresses. Those packets will contain infant outfit patterns to be given to seamstresses and then given to grieving families whose infant has recently died. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lois Cole at 288-1250 or Michele Banwart at 201-5174 or Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

## Beacon of Blessings

Gloria Dei's Beacon of Blessings have met to find ways to help the poor and needy in the Des Moines area. After researching various possibilities, they have decided to partner with Joppa Outreach, 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, the Beacon of Blessings formulated a plan to help Joppa.

The Share the Heat Campaign will begin the weekend of Oct. 3-4 in the narthex where Beacon of

Blessings members will show how a \$20 donation will provide one week's heat or how a \$80 donation will provide one month's heat for a homeless individual. All donations will receive a tax deductible receipt from Joppa.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any of the Beacon of Blessings members: Kory Schramm, Jacquelyn Brienzo, Kim Walker, Alice Wegner, Paula Spark, Allison Brienzo, Kim Phillips and Pastor Phillips.

If you have a heart for helping the poor and the needy in the Des Moines area, please call Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

## Training for When Disasters Hit

Would you like to be a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) member for Gloria Dei? LERT is a hands-on, helping ministry organized by Iowa District West. It's nothing more than ordinary people helping others when bad things happen (tornadoes, floods, fires, storms, etc.). Volunteers are people who are trained to help in a compassionate and correct way.

A list of talents/abilities that could make you a valuable "LERT" volunteer:

- Lifting, general cleaning, carrying
- Handling a shovel, axe, hammer, saw, initial fixing and repair of roof, walls, windows
- Meal planning, cooking for the group
- Compassion - the gift of patient listening to victims' stories, allowing them to grieve, cry and get a bearing again in their life.

Free training will be held at Gloria Dei on:

**Saturday, Oct. 31  
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Deadline for registration:  
Monday, Sept. 28.**

For more information contact Marv Rohn at 253-0523 or Lorrie Graaf at 270-1045.

To register, contact Rev. Erland Asmus at 712-464-3130 or at [idwcares@mchsi.com](mailto:idwcares@mchsi.com).



Join us this Monday.

## Women's Bible Connections

Make it your time ~ a.m. or p.m.

Women can gather, pray, study and connect with each other in the mornings and the evenings. Childcare will be provided at both sessions.

### Women's Bible Connections a.m.

Meets on Mondays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Each session will begin with an opening devotion before splitting into the following groups:

**Facing Your Giants by Max Lucado:** Since our lives are filled with daily struggles, we will study David of the Old Testament, who teaches us how to face our fearful giants in a God-equipping way.

**The Gospel of John:** The Gospel of John offers a wide variety of depth and meaning, which points to Jesus Christ as indicated by John's own words: "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore:** The story of Esther portrays a woman of courage and contains many modern parallels for today's women as we see how God was in Esther's corner.

### Women's Bible Connections p.m.

The evening sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore:** The story of Esther portrays a woman of courage and contains many modern parallels for today's women as we see how God was in Esther's corner.

**Every Woman's Marriage:** This study offers insights for nurturing a dynamic, intimate relationship between you and your husband.

**A New Song: Psalms of the Messiah:** This series will help you to weave God's Word into the unique melody of your life.

**Change Your Habits, Change Your Life by Danna Demetre:** This study invites you to embark on a 40-day journey toward being "transformed by the renewing" of your mind.

**Women of the Bible by Sue Wilson:** Each week a woman in the Bible will be highlighted so that we can glean principles from their lives to help us live in today's world.

### Who is invited?

All women members and non-members, whether you are young, middle-aged or one blessed by many years, are invited to join us in the mornings or evenings. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

## Parental Bible Studies

**New Baby Parent Bible Study**  
Sundays from 9:20-10 a.m.  
(Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4 and 11)

**Starts this Sunday!** Parents with a new baby are encouraged to come to this unique four-week Bible study. Parents will be renewed through the study of God's Word and through new friendships. Babies are welcome!

**Help! I Have a Toddler at Home! Bible Study**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (Starts Sept. 22)

Parents with toddlers are invited to this fun and relaxed Bible study. Gain insights into the life of a toddler, what's normal and what's just plain funny! Childcare is provided.

**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." Childcare is provided.

## Book Club

Get your books ready to read! Join others who enjoy reading and discussing some great (and not so great) Christian fiction books. They meet in the cry room the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 7:** "Cry in the Night," by Colleen Coble.

## Arts & Craft Fair Corner

Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The subcommittees of the LWML (Women on a Mission) are diligently working on all the aspects of the upcoming Arts and Craft Fair. The fair will consist of at least 65 vendors, a coffee bar and café. This year they have added new artists to the lineup of the already popular vendors. These new artists create items dazzling with a fine arts flair. In the upcoming weeks, we will feature these new vendors and their work. So, come to the fair expecting to see your favorite popular vendors along with meeting some new ones.

### Baked goods and more!

Pull out your favorite recipes and select what you'd like to contribute to the annual Arts and Craft Fair this year. Cookies, pies, brownies, breads—all go fast! When you choose your mouth-watering baked good recipe, there are labels at the table in back of the narthex along with a sign-up sheet. If nuts are included in the ingredients, please note on the package. We'll start wrapping on Friday night, but will gladly accept your donations up until noon on Saturday. Baking not really your specialty? Fresh fall produce and preserves are also welcome and add an attractive element to the tables. The apples just flew out of here last year!

### Arts and Craft Fair Proceeds!

Each year the proceeds of the fair have been allocated to organizations or causes. This year, the LWML have decided on: Freedom for Youth, Hope Family Center, Shining City Foundation and Gloria Dei Youth; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide matching funds.

### Featured Artists



**Artists** – Lee and Tara Bird

**Business Name** – Birdy Boots

**Craft/Art** – Baby and toddler shoes and wooden toys

**Description** - The baby/toddler soft-soled shoes and boots are made by Tara using her own patterns and are eco-friendly.

They are created from small remnants of high quality, designer fabrics that might otherwise be thrown away. Even the micro-

suede, non-skid soles are made from small pieces of new material.

The wooden toys, rattles and teethingers are hand-crafted by Lee from his original sketches. The toys are finished with flax-seed oil or are painted with a milk-based paint – both safe for children's little hands and mouths.



**Artist** – Mabeth Oxenreider

**Business Name** – Mittens

**Craft/Art** – One-of-a-kind mittens

**Description** - These one-of-a-kind lined mittens from felted wool sweater. They are the warmest mittens in the world. They are mismatched pairs for the adventurous or alike pairs for the less adventurous. Any color combination, including Hawkeye and Cyclone mittens.

We need lots  
of people!

Stop by the  
Arts and Craft  
Fair table in  
the narthex to  
sign up for a  
time to  
volunteer.

With every-  
one's help we  
can make it  
happen.

## Bells

Interested in sharing your musical gifts through handbells? Want to be a member of a musical ensemble? Join the Alleluia Ringers in room 139 this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome!

## Pecans

Pecans from the Valparaiso University Guild are available to order starting today by signing up at the Information Center. Orders will be picked up Sept. 27; delivery will be made by Oct. 31.

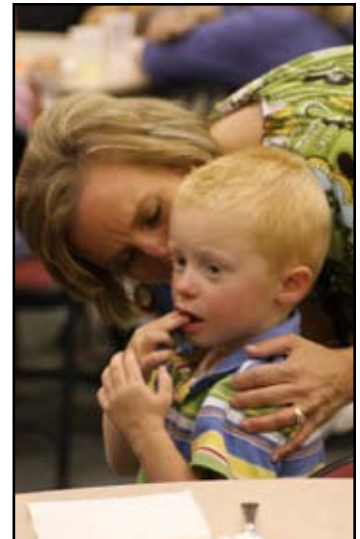
## Financial Seminar

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans presents “Finding money to Save, Budget and Net Worth” Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave., Clive. Come and enjoy refreshments while learning how to make your money go farther in challenging economic times. Please RSVP to Brendalyn Shird at 964-3832.

## Golf Tournament

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Woodland Hills Golf Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Shotgun start and four-person scramble starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$75. If you are interested, contact Cory Emily, at 865-8403 or [cory.emily@molcs.org](mailto:cory.emily@molcs.org).

## Excitement Builds as Midweek Rocks



Lots of excited children, youth and adults filled the hallways for our midweek educational opportunities. If you could not join us last week, feel free to jump on board this Wednesday.

## Where is My Classroom?

We are excited to have your children at our educational times. If you have any difficulties, please contact DeAnn McCue or Penny Schramm at 278-5544, ext. 207 or 215.

### Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Preschool	Room 119/121
Grades K-2	Room 134
Grades 3-5	Room 136/138

### Sundays at 9:20 a.m.

Preschool 2's	Room 126
Preschool 3's	Room 123/125
Pre-Kindergarten	Room 119/121
Kindergarten	Room 122/124
Grade 1	Room 136/138
Grade 2	Room 134
Grade 3	Room 132
Grades 4-5	Room 130

### Sundays at 10:50 a.m.

Preschool 2's & 3's	Room 123/125
Pre-Kindergarten	Room 119/121
Grades K-1	Room 136/138
Grades 2	Room 134
Grades 3	Room 132
Grades 4-5	Room 130

### Wednesday Faith Alive 6-7:15 p.m.

Preschool 2's & 3's	Room 123/125
Pre-Kindergarten	Room 119/121
Kindergarten	Room 122/124
Grades 1-2	Room 130-138
Grades 3-5	FLC

### Music Alive 5:30-6 p.m.

Grades K-2	Room 138
Grades 3-5	FLC
Preschool	Included in

## Family Event to Center Grove Apple Orchard



We'll meet at Center Grove Orchard at 2 p.m. for some apple-picking, corn-mazing, hay-bale mazing, corn-pool, farm fun! The cost is \$7.95 per person. Join the fun!

**Directions:** They are located just north of Ankeny and south of Ames, 5 miles east of I-35 on Highway 210 (Exit 102, Cambridge). Then, north 1/8 mile on 610th Ave.

**For more information, go to**  
[www.centergroveorchard.com/index.php](http://www.centergroveorchard.com/index.php).

## Fall Fun

### Third Grade Bible Highlighting

All third graders and a parent are encouraged to attend Bible highlighting Wednesday, Sept 23 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will start with the opening in the Sanctuary, then move to rooms 131/133 for Bible highlighting time. We will highlight together for five weeks.

### The Wave Games Day - Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-2:30 p.m.

All 4-5 graders (and their friends) are invited to come to The Wave. We'll play games, have open gym time, eat and feast on spiritual food!

### Dance Classes Starting

We offer two dance classes for children ages 3 to grade 5. Classes meet Monday evenings. For more information or to register check our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

### Kindermusik Classes Starting

We offer six different Kindermusik classes at Gloria Dei. Class days and times vary. For more information or to register check our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

### Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or email: [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com).

## Midweek Meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

Sept. 23

Taco/Enchiladas

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



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## Junior and Senior High

### Dinner Theatres (grades 7-12)

**Casting: Sunday, Sept. 20 from 12-2 p.m.**  
Rehearse for "Christmas at Uncle Phil's"  
showing on Nov. 20-22.

### Paintball (grades 7-12)

**Sunday, Sept. 27 from 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
Come for some "splating" fun at Action Jack's Paintball. Sign up by Wednesday, Sept. 23 on the youth bulletin board. Cost is \$30. Adults: Chaperones needed; contact Tim.

### Summer 2010 (grades 8-12)

Registration for next summer 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 nonrefundable deposit and registration is 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 is due Oct. 4.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway

We offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center. Castaway is a high-energy, multi-sensory active learning environment. Families are encouraged to worship together before youth are invited to Castaway.

### Topic: "Dead Man Walking"

Sept. 19-20	He showed true greatness
Sept. 26-27	He stood alone
Oct. 3-4	He followed through

### Eighth Grade Urban Plunge

Join the Urban Plunge from Oct. 9-11 in Des Moines. Turn in your registration form if you are attending this event.

### Junior High Youth Gathering

"The King's Keys" is the theme for the Junior High Youth Gathering from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 at Marriott Downtown Des Moines. Payment of \$90 and registration is due now.

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Sunday Mornings

#### Sundays from 9-10 a.m. (Starts Sunday, Sept. 13)

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.

### Topic: "A Fresh Look at the New Testament"

Sept. 23	Imitators
Sept. 30	The casket of no fear
Oct. 7	Come together... right now...

### 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 with registration by Wednesday, Oct. 7.

# Week of Sept. 19-25, 2009

## Saturday, Sept. 19

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Kari Doyle and Joseph Lang Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

## Sunday, Sept. 20

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Honduras Mission 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
- 9:20 a.m. New Baby Parent Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi 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 Theatre Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. The Wave
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, Sept. 21

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.

## Monday, Sept. 21 (Continued)

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

## Tuesday, Sept. 22

- 9:30 a.m. Help! I Have a Toddler at Home Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 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. Pre-Marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, Sept. 23

- 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. 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

## Thursday, Sept. 24

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

## Friday, Sept. 25

- 5:00 p.m. Valerie Lewis and Timothy Rosser Rehearsal

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	146	101
7:45 a.m.	151	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	362	
9 a.m. (FLC)	118	55
10:30 a.m.	313	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>156</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$36,131
First QTD Offering	\$323,936
First QTD Budget	\$316,868

# Week of Sept. 26-Oct. 3, 2009

## Saturday, Sept. 26

- 4:00 p.m. Valerie Lewis and Timothy Rosser 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, Sept. 27

- 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. New Baby Parent Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi 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
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 11:45 a.m. Junior and Senior High Paintball
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, Sept. 28

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Village
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. IDW Teachers' Conference
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet/Creative Movement
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance 1

## Tuesday, Sept. 29

- 9:30 a.m. Help! I Have a Toddler at Home Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 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. Pre-Marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, Sept. 30

- 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. 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

## Thursday, Oct. 1

- 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, Oct. 2

- Tiny Treasures closed
- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

## Saturday, Oct. 3

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Wedding of Annie Schwartz and Trevor Redlin
- 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	6	28	23	28
Elementary	25	83	34	147
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>175</b>
Junior High	2	24	10	95
Senior High		11		34
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>129</b>

# 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 starts Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday 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 on Sunday 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 John 2:15-17**

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

## **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