

WEEKLY WORD

September 12 and 13, 2009

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Fall Activities Start Today

Take time and review the opportunities that are available this week:

Children: Grace Place and Faith Alive

Grace Place - Saturdays from 5:50-6:30 p.m. (Starts Sept. 12)

Sundays from 9:20-10 a.m. and 10:50-11:30 a.m. (Starts Sept. 13)

Grace Place offers age-appropriate educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5. Families are welcome to worship together before children are invited to Grace Place.

Faith Alive - Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Families can begin the evening worshipping together in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Children ages 2 through grade 5 will then head to their specific classes where they will experience music, story reading, crafts and Bible lessons.

Junior High: Castaway and Confirmation

Castaway - Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Starts today. Youth are welcome to worship with their family before being invited to Castaway, a high-energy, multi-sensory active learning environment.

Confirmation - Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Grades 6-8 are invited to our educational time. See page 9 for more details.

Senior High: Bible Study and The Point

Bible Study - Sundays from 9-10 a.m. (Starts Sept. 13)

Join us for one of our small group studies that will touch on relevant issues for high school youth in room 114.

The Point - Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Join us Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. for a multi-sensory active learning time in the Youth Center. See page 9 for more details.

Adults: Bible Studies and Care Night

Lifelight Bible Study - Sundays from 9:20-10:20 a.m. in rooms 131-133

Starts Sunday, Sept. 13. We will have an in-depth journey through the Bible using materials from the Lifelight series.

In the Dust of the Rabbi - Sundays at 9:20 and 10:30 a.m. in rooms 135-137

Starts Sunday, Sept. 13. This powerful DVD will explore what it meant to follow Jesus in the first century and what it means to follow him today.

Women's Bible Connections a.m. and p.m.

Join us for a "girls" time out starting Monday, Sept. 14. See page 5 for details.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study - Tuesdays from 2:30-4 p.m.

Pastor Robarge will dive into the book of Job on Tuesday afternoons.

Pastor's Bible Study - Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. in rooms 131-133

Join this fun, ongoing group as they study various subjects led by Pastor Robarge. Feel free to join them at anytime.

Men's Bible Study - Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in room 128

Lots of conversation in this study as they gather to study God's Word.

Care Night - Thursdays 8 at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center

If you are facing a difficult or painful situation, this night may prove to be a great asset to your life.

More Opportunities Available

For a complete listing of all the opportunities this fall, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today.

UP & COMING EVENTS

True For You Sermon Series

True for You Sermon Series begins today. See page 2 for more details.

Arts and Craft Fair

Stop by the Arts and Craft Fair table in the narthex to find out where your help is needed to make our 17th annual fair another huge success for missions.

Register Your Children for Grace Place and Faith Alive

If you have not registered your children for our educational times, we have a computer in the narthex and in the resource room (outside of the Gathering Place) for you to use.

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Upcoming Message Series

Beginning this weekend, we will examine how the Bible is relevant to our day-to-day life in a message series entitled, “True for You.” We will look at some of society’s truisms and compare them with scripture. We think you will enjoy the challenge of the comparisons.

Sept. 12-13 : True for You: What is Truth?

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

We begin the first step in fulfilling one of our ministry initiatives from the Strategic Plan—to formulate personal spiritual development plans. In October, all adults (18 years and older), who regularly attend Gloria Dei, will be asked to take the online, anonymous and confidential survey.



Meanwhile, we will address some questions you may have about the survey.

Is the survey anonymous?

Yes, it is completely anonymous, so much so, IP and e-mail addresses and other personal information are not recorded. We desire for individuals to be completely honest and free to respond to the questions with total candor and anonymity.

How does it work?

To access the survey, individuals simply go to our homepage at www.gloriadeionline.com from Oct. 3-17 and click on the Spiritual Life Survey link and follow the instructions. The survey should take about 20-25 minutes.

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.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, the MAT met to discuss the different aspects of the positions. On Tuesday, Sept. 8, the proposed vision of the Music Ministry was shared with the members of the 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.

The MAT discussed several items and recommended the choir and orchestra positions be not 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.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 13 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service is for:



D Dylan James Mulford born on April 5, 2009 to Daniel and Amy (nee Hosler) Mulford. Dylan's spiritual sponsor is Chelsy Dahms.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, September 13 are in celebration of the marriage of June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. on Saturday, September 12.

Want to Hear from Us at Your Home?

We are in the process of 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 do not receive an e-mail by next Sunday and would like one, please e-mail karen@gloriadeionline.com. If you receive an e-mail from us and do not want one, please click on the "unsubscribe" button at the bottom of the newsletter. If you have any questions, contact Karen Kennedy at 278-5544 or at karen@gloriadeionline.com.

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:

Shirley Roberts

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.:
Laura Schwartz

Acolytes (continued):

9 a.m.:
Jordan Nicolet

10:30 a.m.:
Noah Betten

Elders:

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

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:

Isaiah 59:1-4, 14-15 and John 18:33-38 (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 June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. married on Saturday
- For visitors joining us in worship today
- For our Ministry Partners
- For Derek Cook and Laura Still married on Sept. 7
- For Joel Woehler and Suyau Tjandrasa married on Sept. 12

Prayers

- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For the grieving family of Michelle Reinert, who lost her grandfather
- 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 and Faith Alive
- 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.

Congregational Care Notes

by Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care

We are anticipating great things this fall in our support groups and classes. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these groups, please give me a call at 278-5544, ext. 204 or register online today at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Pastor Tim Phillips

Support Groups/Care Night: Thursday

Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. This week's meal: grilled chicken

Our support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. Care Night support groups eat and meet together in an environment that helps bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal that will be offered at no cost. (If you wish to make a donation, you may.) The individual support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m.

Weekly Support Groups

Cancer Support Group

Our 10-week Cancer Support Group reaches out to individuals who are battling cancer. Families are invited.

DivorceCare Support Group

DivorceCare is a 10-week program for people who are experiencing the pain of divorce.

DivorceCare for Children (DC4K)

DC4K is a five-week program for children whose parents are divorcing.

GriefShare

GriefShare, a 10-week program, designed to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

Stepping Stones

Children need to understand the grieving process. This 5-week course will assist children who have lost a loved one.

Life and Support Group Sessions

Military Support

Thursday, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12: This group will offer encouragement to help families adjust to the challenges of having a loved one deployed overseas.

Planning for Retirement

Thursday, Sept. 17: Learn some practical tips that will help plan for the later years in life.

Dealing with Teens

Thursday, Sept. 17: Parents need guidance and tips when raising teens. This session will stimulate ideas and encourage communication.

Register today at www.gloriadeionline.com

Helping Ministry Offers Training

“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 is Monday, Sept. 28.

For more information or to register, contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 or Rev. Erland Asmus at 712-464-3130 or at 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.

LWML Circles

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Myra Willms, 3835 38th St., Des Moines.

Please note date change: Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Anderson, 4801 Dakota Drive, West Des Moines.

Parental Bible Studies

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

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.

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!

Featured Artists



Artist – Barb Schenkelberg

Business Name – Barb's World

Craft/Art – Baby swaddlers, blankets, purses and totes

Description – Beautifully hand-made gifts



Artist – Edna J. King

Business Name – The King's Treasures

Craft/Art – Hand-Made Stuffed Animals

Description – The animals are made of fake fur and fleece and stuffed with only 100% poly fiber fill. They can be customized with different fabrics, textures and designs. Great for kids as nap-time buddies and adults love them too.

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 everyone's
help we can
make it happen.

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.

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 Family Life Center. All are welcome to attend.

Tiny Treasures First Week of School



Last Tuesday and Wednesday, more than 100 preschoolers and their parents walked into the learning and loving environment of Tiny Treasures' fifth year of school. With the exception of a few good-bye tears (from children, but mostly from parents), the week was filled with laughter and fun-learning activities.

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!

Gloria Dei Quilters

We will have our first quilting day for the 2009-2010 year on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and any item you would like to work on. Stay all day or only for a short time—whatever your schedule allows.

Honduras Bake Sale

The Honduras Mission Team will sponsor a bake sale Sunday, Sept. 20 from 8-11:30 a.m.

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.

Meals from the Heartland



Last Sunday, nine youth and three adults from Gloria Dei partnered with Meals from the Heartland to help put together 930 meal packets. In total, the four-day volunteering event produced 3,375,000 dry meal packets to be sent overseas.

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 2-3	Room 134
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 130-134
Grades 3-5	FLC

Music Alive 5:30-6 p.m.

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

Opportunities Throughout the Week

Faith Alive -Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Families can begin the evening worshipping together in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Children ages 2 through grade 5 will then head to their specific classes where they will experience story reading, crafts and Bible lessons.

Midweek Meal -Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Families can enjoy a delicious meal together in the Family Life Center. The menu changes weekly, the cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 per child or youth (2 and under eat free).

Music Alive Wednesdays from 5:30-6 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Children in grades K-5 will learn handbells, vocals and rhythm instruments in an environment which fosters worship and appreciation for music.

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.

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.

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 food and feast on spiritual food!

Questions?

Contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Midweek Meal

Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 5-5:45 p.m.

We hope our mid-week meals will provide a respite from your busy fall schedule.

Sept. 16:

Grilled Hamburger

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

Save these dates

- Family Apple Orchard Event - Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2-4 p.m.
- Family Barn Dance - Sunday, Oct. 11 from 6-7:30 p.m.
- Family Pumpkin Carving Event - Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 6-7 p.m.

For further information, pick up a Fall Opportunities Booklet.

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Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theatres (grades 7-12)

Casting: Sunday, Sept. 13 from 12-2 p.m.
Come and join the cast 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 "splatting" 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

Starts Today: 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. 12-13	He clarified God's rules
Sept. 19-20	He showed true greatness
Sept. 26-27	He stood alone
Oct. 3-4	He followed through

Confirmation Start-up Date

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 6-7:15 p.m.

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 by Wednesday, Sept. 16.

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: Join us beginning Sept. 16 in Youth Center at 6 p.m.

Topic: "A Fresh Look at the New Testament"

Sept. 16	Worry or worship?
Sept. 23	Imitators
Sept. 30	The casket of no fear
Oct. 7	Come together... right now...

Senior High Café 923

Sunday, Sept. 13 from 3-5 p.m.

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. 12-18, 2009

Saturday, Sept. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. Rehearsal
- 2:30 p.m. June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. 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. 13

- 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. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Sept. 14

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education Meeting
- 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.
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	115	
7:45 a.m.	96	80
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	256	138
9 a.m. (FLC)	56	
10:30 a.m.	220	151
Total	743	369

Tuesday, Sept. 15

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 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. 16

- 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. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 10:00 a.m. IDW Stewardship Training
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Dealing with Teens
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Planning for Retirement

Friday, Sept. 18

- 5:00 p.m. Kari Doyle and Joseph Lang Rehearsal

Scripture Base on Giving:

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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,827
First QTD Offering	\$287,805
First QTD Budget	\$280,545

Week of Sept. 19-26, 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
- 9:20 a.m. In the Dust of the Rabbi Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 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.
- 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. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

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. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 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. 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

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

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

Starting Sept. 12 and 13: 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.

Adult

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

Want to join Gloria Dei?

We have opportunities for those who are new to the Lutheran faith and to those who are transferring from another Lutheran church. For more information, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Information Center.

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: John 18:33-38

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

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 (starts Sept. 12-13): Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon