



Living life with a divine purpose

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This week as we continue to look at the book of Acts, we will see a growth pattern emerge from the first-century church. The Word of God was boldly preached, thousands of people believed in the name of Jesus, healings and miracles increased and fierce opposition from the Sadducees multiplied. The cultural climate must have been tense—great deliverance and rejoicing abounded in one group while the other camp bred jealously, control and hatred.



The talk of the town must have ricocheted with questions: “Did you know my cousin believed in the name of Jesus Christ? How about my neighbor’s son, he was sick one minute and then healed the next minute? Those apostles are something, aren’t they? Jesus, is the way, the truth and the life, don’t you want to shout it from your rooftop?”

The first century church sets a great example for us, as believers. Quite frankly, they set a precedent that we should follow as they boldly proclaimed Jesus and lived their lives for him. But in order to emulate their actions, we need to dig deeper into scripture to see what caused such devotion and boldness. Perhaps, the following verse gives us a clue:

Peter and the other apostles replied: “we must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, who God has given to those who obey him.” Acts 5:29-32

The reason behind all their activities and proclamations was their complete obedience toward God. In other words, they obeyed God and as a result, they received the privilege of pursuing the purpose that Jesus had given to them.

As we reflect on God’s Word today, let’s remember and imitate those men and women whose purpose centered around an obedience and devotion to the one worthy of their praise, Jesus.

Are you ready for the Patriotic Concert?

We are excited about this year’s Patriotic Concert Sunday on June 26 at 6 p.m. at Living

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@ 6 p.m.

History Farms. The concert will consist of musical selections from our community-wide orchestra, choir and children’s choir. An ice-cream social will be held after the concert.

Invite your neighbors! Enclosed in this week’s Weekly Word is a postcard invitation, please give it to a neighbor or a friend. See you at the concert!



Patriotic Concert

Help is needed to set up and tear down on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (June 24-26). Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

Immediate need

The Honduras mission team needs children’s chewable vitamins (not the gummy type) by June 22 for their trip. The vitamins can be dropped off in the “Honduras” bin in the narthex.

For information about this year’s trip, see page 4.

Grab a backpack

Help children by grabbing a backpack today. For more information, see page 3.

ABC Party with Me

If you have preschool children, here are three events you won’t want to miss:

Aqua Fun

Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to noon

Be prepared to get wet outside on the grass!

Bounce

Saturday, July 16 from 11 a.m. to noon
Bounce and dance with us.

Create

Saturday, July 30 from 11 a.m. to noon
Make sure your children wear paint clothes to this splashing morning.

2011 Dining Together

Last day to sign-up. A new ministry initiative, Dining Together, begins June 24-26 for anyone interested in meeting new people at Gloria Dei by simply going out to dinner.

There will be Dining Together sign-up sheets on a table in the narthex today. After the sign-up deadline, participants will be divided into groups of six to eight people. A group leader will contact the other participants to assist in deciding when to meet and if the group will meet in a restaurant or in someone's home. You can choose to dine together for breakfast, lunch or dinner. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com or 276-1700, ext. 224.



Prayer Ministry

We have many members who ask how they can help support our ministry at Gloria Dei, but simply can't make the time commitment that many of our activities require. This is an invitation for you to pray for specific ministries at Gloria Dei. As prayer needs arise, a staff member will contact you concerning specific prayer requests. Through this interaction our hope is that our ministry is strengthened, connections are made and relationships are built with the power of prayer at the center. If you are interested in making a prayer commitment, please sign-up at the Welcome Centers.

Gloria Dei Book Club

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room.

Wednesday, July 6 - "Lord, Please Open My Eyes!" by Daniel W. McMartin

His world turned upside down, author Daniel W. McMartin grants you an intimate look at his personal journey through the emotionally devastating experience he faced with the sudden loss of his brother to cancer. Daniel is a member of our congregation and is scheduled to attend the book club meeting in July, so please take the next few weeks read the book and attend the book discussion. If you have any questions, e-mail gloriadeibookclub@hotmail.com.

Wednesday, August 3 - "Divine" by Karen Kingsbury

Wednesday, Sept. 7 - "The Reluctant Prophet" by Nancy Rue

Items needed for summer camps

Summer camps are in need of ice cream buckets with lids, empty paper towel rolls, small metal coffee cans, 1 liter empty pop bottles, 16.5 oz. empty water bottles, and old, clean socks. All items can be brought to the Gathering Place (near the coffee machines in the center of the building) by July 1.



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Thank You

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the outpouring of love expressed by our church family at the time of Bill's recent death. Your kind words and gifts are greatly appreciated.
~ The family of Bill Engel

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures is officially out for the summer, but will continue to plan for their sixth year this fall. Class and registration information can be obtained on the children's page of our Web site. If you have any questions throughout the summer, please leave a message at 278-5544, ext. 305. A staff member from Tiny Treasures will return your phone call as soon as possible.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 19 are provided by Cliff and Babette Marten celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 25 and by Marv and Norma Rohn celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17.

Grab a backpack and help a child

Freedom for Youth Ministries is working in conjunction with Polk County Health Dept. to continue the back-to-school health fair for inner-city children at North High School on August 3. The students will receive school physicals, medical screenings, including dental and vision, and a backpack full of school supplies. A total of 3,000 backpacks will be provided by Freedom for Youth Ministries, to which Gloria Dei has pledged to fill 200 backpacks with the necessary school supplies. Other churches in the Des Moines area have also committed to this project.

We ask that you grab a backpack in the narthex or outside the Family Life Center this week, fill it with items on the list and then return the backpack filled with school supplies by July 10. We also request prayers from you for those receiving the backpacks. If you have any questions or would like to help with the health fair, please contact Lori Martin at 979-5907.



Children's Ministry needs your help

Children's Ministry needs help cutting and assembling pieces for a future project, Advent calendars. If you can help cut and assemble, please pick up a bag of supplies in the Gathering Place, near the coffee machines. All supplies are provided to cut and assemble. The projects are small, but will help them tremendously! All bags of completed items are to be returned no later than July 17. Questions? Please contact DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com. Thanks in advance for your help.



Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Hunter Vontalge

Scripture Readings:
Acts 5:17-42 and
Luke 24:36-49
(NIV)

Hospitality Teams
Northwind (FLC)
Team Four

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Four

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

9 a.m. (FLC)
Craig and Karen Van
Thournout and family

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Four

Let's pray!

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 Cliff and Babette Marten celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 25
- For Marv and Norma Rohn celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17
- For Ted and Joyce Philabaum celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary on June 22

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Shirley Kramer
- Gene Osby
- Jolene Norviel
- Emma Anderson
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Matthew Stavish
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Judy Lind
- Liz Nelson
- Norma Wallace
- Kathryn Hayes

And for:

- Jim and Barb Miles, mourning the loss of Barb's father, David Goeppinger
- All of our military and workers serving in the world
- For those affected by the Missouri River flooding

Prayer team

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

Mission Corner

Honduras



Top: A team member washes a woman's hair. Right: Deb Timmons shares the gospel with a local family.



Work in Honduras

This year's trip: Members from Gloria Dei along with a team from Franklin, Tennessee and Fayetteville, Arkansas will join forces with the World Gospel Outreach (WGO) to help the poor in Honduras between June 24-July 2. Gloria Dei's team consists of Bill Clark, and his daughter, Manda; Bruce and Jennie Ganzer, and their daughter Kara; and Gary Wasko and his daughter, Kristine.

What they plan to do: The team will provide medical, dental and optometry services to an anticipated 1,500 residents of the Tegucigalpa area. Their services will include prescribing and giving medicine; diagnosing ailments; providing eye exams and prescription glasses; cleaning and extracting teeth (if needed); washing children's hair; and sharing the love of Jesus.

In addition to providing medical services, the team will lay cement floors for some of the local residents. According to a recent study, covering dirt floors with concrete leads to a significant reduction in parasitic infestations, diarrhea, anemia and also increases the cognitive development in children as well as an increase in satisfaction with the quality of life for families. The team will also hand out quilts made by members of the Gloria Dei Quilters.

Please keep the team in your prayers as they prepare for their trip.

Honduras Facts

Religion:

Catholic - 97%

Protestant - 3%

Medical

There are about 57 physicians per 100,000 people

Economy

About 50% of the population lives below poverty. According to World Bank, Honduras is the third poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. It is estimated that there are more than 1.2 million people who are unemployed.

Ten Signs of Positive Self-Esteem in Churches

Here is a list of ten signs that may cause us to think about our church. What are your thoughts? E-mail your comments to karen@gloriadeionline.com.

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| 1 | Members feel good about their church | 6 | Members take pride in maintaining their church facilities |
| 2 | Members want others to experience their church | 7 | Members feel their church is something special |
| 3 | Members want to get involved in the life of their church | 8 | Members are constantly affirmed by their leaders |
| 4 | Members look to the future more than the past | 9 | Members set high standards for excellence |
| 5 | Members are willing to take reasonable risks | 10 | Members have vision for the future |



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway: Sunday from 9-10 a.m.
Spring/summer schedule: Castaway will meet this Sunday.
See you there!

Senior high (9-12)

The Point: Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.
Join us for a Bible study and an activity. We will not meet June 22; don't forget about our time at Adventureland!

June 29: Mud sliding
Mud sliding at TK's house! Bring clothes and a towel that can get dirty and wet.

Summer Mission Trip Meeting
Date change - Wednesday, June 22 from 7-8 p.m. This is a required meeting for youth and parents.

Senior High/ Junior High events

Adventureland Amusement Park

Wednesday, June 22: Meet at Gloria Dei by 9 a.m. We will return to Gloria Dei by 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Bring money to the event for food and games. For more information, contact TK today.



A few weeks ago, the youth constructed a shed for Habitat for Humanity. Pictured from left to right: Hailey Kromminga and Brian Gilg.

Summer reading club sign-up

Sign up today for the summer reading club. Read your way through the summer months and earn prizes along the way including a free roller skating party on Wednesday, August 3 from 5-6:30 p.m.



Summer Camps



There is still room in our summer programs! Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Centers or go online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

- Fine Arts Camp
- God's Amazing Creation Camp
- God's Little Princess Camp
- Girls in "Her" Story Camp
- Next Generation Girls in "Her" Story Camp
- Dance, Tumbling and Movement Classes

Vacation Bible School
CONCORDIA'S
BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE
Ages 3-11
A Faith Journey with Jesus
July 6, 13, 20 & 27
6-8 p.m.
A summer journey that shows God's rescue for mankind.
Register today at www.gloriadeionline.com

If you have questions, call DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Week of June 18-25, 2011

Saturday, June 18

- 3:30 p.m. Ryan Kirk and Amanda Kennedy Wedding
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, June 19

- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place

Monday, June 20

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Elementary
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - after noon
- 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - evening
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up

Tuesday, June 21

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Elementary
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling

Tuesday, June 21 (continued)

- 5:45 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement Infant - 2 yrs.
- 6:15 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:15 p.m. Intermediate Tumbling
- 6:15 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement 2-4 yrs.
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:45 p.m. Dance Conditioning for Adults

Wednesday, June 22

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Elementary
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High

Thursday, June 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Preschool
- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Camp - Elementary
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, June 24

- 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Edward Sowder and Claire Spellman Rehearsal

Saturday, June 25

- 8:00 a.m. Patriotic Concert Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Dress Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. ABC Party with Me Family Event
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Edward Sowder and Claire Spellman Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Worship (June 11 and 12)	Attendance
Northwind	127
7:45 a.m.	111
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	246
9 a.m. (FLC)	93
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	232
Total	809

Outpouring of Love (June 11 and 12)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,362
4th QTD Offering	\$316,005
4th QTD Budget	\$355,305

Week of June 25-July 2, 2011

Saturday, June 25

8:00 a.m. Patriotic Concert Rehearsal
 9:00 a.m. Children's Patriotic Choir Dress Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. ABC Party with Me Family Event
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
 4:00 p.m. Edward Sowder and Claire Spellman
 Wedding
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
 Family Life Center with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, June 26

7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
 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. New Member Welcome
 9:00 a.m. Summer Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service
 in Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. New Member Welcome
 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert

Monday, June 27

9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Preschool
 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Elementary
 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up
 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Stepping Up

Tuesday, June 28

6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Preschool
 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Elementary

Tuesday, June 28 (continued)

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
 5:45 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement
 Infant - 2 yrs.
 6:15 p.m. Beginning Dance
 6:15 p.m. Intermediate Tumbling
 6:15 p.m. Parent and Child Music and Movement
 2-4 yrs.
 6:30 p.m. Summer Financial Peace University
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
 6:45 p.m. Dance Conditioning for Adults

Wednesday, June 29

9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Preschool
 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Elementary
 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High

Thursday, June 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Preschool
 9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Elementary
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Introduction Meeting

Friday, July 1

9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
 1:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting

Saturday, July 2

11:00 a.m. Tim Beckwith and Kristy Plummer
 Wedding
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
 Family Life Center

Educational Attendance (June 11 and 12)			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	6	23	11
Elementary	10	11	19
Total Children	16	34	30

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

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our members or stop by the Welcome Center today!

Weekend worship services

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship. Families are encouraged to worship together; children are invited to Grace Place at 5:50 p.m.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children and junior high youth are invited to an educational time at 9:20 a.m.

H-3 Family Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children and junior high youth are invited to an educational time at 9:20 a.m.

Infusion-Contemporary Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music. Families are encouraged to worship together. Children are invited to an educational time at 10:50 a.m.

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.

Weekly Bible reading - Luke 24:36-49 (NIV)

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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

Children's educational times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon