

# WEEKLY WORD



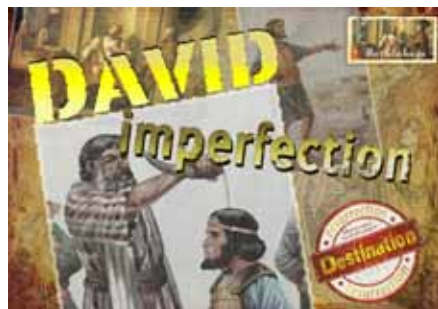
**Daylight Savings Time**  
**March 13, 2011**

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March 12 and 13, 2011 | First Sunday in Lent

## God uses the imperfect to fulfill his work

David was the least likely of Jesse's sons to be anointed king; in fact, he was left to watch the sheep while the rest attended the sacrifice. Yet this was the one whom God chose to



do mighty things in his name. In the gospels, Jesus used a child to illustrate that the least among them will be the greatest. The heart of the small shepherd boy and the faith of a child—those are the powerhouses from God's perspective. It has been said that God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called.

Today, we will see how he uses the imperfect and frail to do his work.

## Enjoy the variety of Lenten Services

We continue with our preparation for Easter by offering Lenten services Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. We pray you will join us as we focus on the events leading up to the Lord's ultimate sacrifice. Worship offered at 12:15 p.m. will be traditional. The 6 p.m. Lenten worship service will vary—a variety of liturgy and worship samplings from all of our worship venues, including traditional and contemporary musical offerings, theater and video presentations will be sprinkled throughout the Lenten experience.

**Wednesday, March 16 at 12:15 and 6 p.m.** "Were You There? When He Was Denied"

This week we explore the experience of Peter during the passion of Jesus. Peter is known for his impulsive behavior, his bold proclamations and willingness to die with Jesus if need be. That is what makes his denial so tragic.

Children from Vacation Bible School will sing during this Wednesday's evening worship service. A special note to parents: Since all educational times for children and youth will not be held, children will remain in the Sanctuary for the duration of the worship service. No midweek meal will be served this Wednesday.

### Upcoming Lenten Worship Services:

**Wednesday, March 23:** "Were You There? When He was Accused"

**Wednesday, March 30:** "Were You There? When He was Condemned"

**Wednesday, April 6:** "Were You There? When He was Crowned with Thorns"

**Wednesday, April 13:** "Were You There? When He Was Crucified"

## Your input is requested

We are seeking worshipper input related to worship services. Each worshipper is asked to fill out a short, simple survey. If you choose to use the paper survey, surveys are available at the Welcome Centers in the narthex or the Family Life Center. There will be pencils on the tables near the Welcome Centers for your convenience. Collection baskets will be placed at the Welcome Centers for the completed surveys. If you choose, you can also complete the survey online by accessing the church Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and clicking on the link provided. Please take a few moments to complete a survey today; your input is valuable. Surveys will be accepted through Sunday, March 13.

Mar.  
19-20 **Hint**

### Next week's destination

*Hint:*

**Sin separated God's people, but his plan remained. How often do we get in God's way?**

*Write your answer here.*

## Spring Break Schedule

**March 12-13 and March 19-20**

Grace Place, Castaway and Senior High Bible Study will not meet.

**March 16**

Faith Alive, Jr. High Small Groups and The Point will not meet.

No midweek meal will be served.

## Vacation Bible School

**March 14-17 from 9-11:30 a.m.**

Children ages 3-11 are invited to join the fun at this week's VBS.

If you have not registered, please arrive at the Family Life Center Monday at 8:45 a.m.

## Lenten Devotions

Pick up a Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten devotion at the Welcome Center today. Enjoy!

## Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest members into the Gloria Dei family at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services in the Sanctuary. For more information, see pages 6-7.

## The Iowa Prayer Breakfast

The fiftieth annual Iowa Prayer Breakfast with state and community leaders will be held Thursday, April 21 from 7:15-8:45 a.m. at the Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Ave., Des Moines. Brannon Howse will speak on "Put Your Beliefs To the Test." For breakfast registration information or questions call 515-223-1500 by April 13. Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$20 for adults.

## Comfort Foods Ministry

Have you ever had someone drop off a tasty meal when you really needed it? Maybe you had your hands full with a new baby or had just moved into your house. Maybe you were recovering from surgery and found it difficult to go shopping or prepare a meal. We are beginning an organized ministry to provide meals to those who are in such a circumstance. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Pastor Phillips at [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) or call the church office at 276-1700. If you would like to prepare a meal, stop by the display in the narthex and pick up a small casserole pan with instructions.

## Mission opportunities

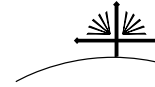
**Saturday, June 25 -Saturday, July 2, 2011:** Gloria Dei is once again forming a team to help with evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry, and pharmacy to the impoverished in Honduras. Work may also include optometry and chiropractic services if those medical professionals join the team. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

## Scouting awards



*Pictured from left to right: Michael and Samuel Schmidt and Kanaan Schramm.*

Three Gloria Dei children received a special emblem of faith during the Johnston Cub Scouts Pack 244 awards banquet. Samuel Schmidt and Kanaan Schramm earned the God and Me medal. Michael Schmidt earned his religious designation for scouting, the God and Family medal. Gloria Dei sponsored the three children in their efforts.



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Web site at: [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

## Mount Olive Lutheran School

Make a reservation to attend the Mount Olive Lutheran School Fundraising evening April 9 at 5 p.m. at the Johnston Lion's Club, 6104 Merle Hay Road, Johnston. The theme for this year's event is "Growing Students for Christ." Proceeds will be used to enhance the educational experience for the students at Mount Olive. The evening will include a BBQ dinner catered by "When Pigs Fly," tasty blue ribbon desserts, musical entertainment and exciting live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$15 (individual) or \$100 for a table of 8. To make reservations, donate items, advertise in the auction program or give financial support call Mount Olive at 277-8349.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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



**B** Barrett Matthew Schiesel born on December 5, 2010 to Luke and Lacey (nee Hash) Schiesel. Barrett's spiritual sponsors are Lexie Hash and Dallas and Kristen Schiesel.

## Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday Bible class has been studying world religions and will visit the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center in Madrid, Iowa on Friday, March 18. If you are interested, please meet at the church at 9:50 a.m. to carpool together. If you have questions, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

## Tiny Treasures' Consignment Sale

Friday, April 15 from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 from 7:30-11 a.m.

Twice a year Tiny Treasures holds a consignment sale that sells gently-used items for children. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors.

**Sellers:** Sellers can print a registration form online or pick up a form at one of the Welcome Centers.

**Volunteers:** Lots of volunteers are needed for the sale.

If interested, sign up at the sheet posted on the window of the preschool office.



## LWML

**Ruth Circle** will meet Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Dr., Urbandale.

## Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Rev. Phil Robarge

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

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

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

**Preacher:**

Rev. Ron Burcham

**Organist:**

Sue Jesse

**Acolytes:**

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Sophia Vogeler

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Haley Ness

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):  
Anna Miller

**Hospitality Team**

**Northwind**  
Team Two

**7:45 a.m.**  
Team Two

**9 a.m.**  
Team Two

**9 a.m. (FLC)**  
Richard and Laura Valle  
and Family

**10:30 a.m.**  
Team Two

**Scripture Readings:**

1 Samuel 16:1, 7-13 and Luke 9:46-47 (NIV)

## 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 our families

## Prayers

**For the health of:**

- Addison Blythe
- Charlene Stewart
- Brandon Smith
- Gene Osby
- Faith Quinlan
- Randy Quillen
- Paul Lussman

**And for:**

- Greg and Brenda Cushing and family on the loss of Greg's step-father, Harry Watts
- Families and friends who are traveling during spring break
- All of our military and workers serving around the world specifically for Tom Kennedy, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price, Joe Phillips, Jeremy Strachan, Scott LeClair, Eric Lampe, Chad Stone, Craig Scott, Joshua Phillips and Trent Lumley

## Prayer team

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



## VBS registration

If you have not registered your children, you can register them Monday, March 14 at 8:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

If your children are registered, please check them in anytime after 8:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

## VBS donations

### Snack bags

Children will have the opportunity to reach out to other children by decorating snack bags and filling them with non-perishable items to be given to the Urbandale Food Pantry.

We are collecting non-perishable nutritional snacks such as fruit cups, granola bars, cheese and cracker packs, etc.

### Books, towels, blankets and hats

During VBS, we will be serving our community by collecting gently-used children's books (preschool and elementary), towels, blankets, hats and mittens.

Please drop off all items to the "Children's Ministry" bin in the narthex. For further questions, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.



Groups  
**PANDA MANIA**  
Where God is Wild about You!  
Psalm 139  
Vacation Bible School  
March 14-17  
9-11:30 a.m.  
Ages 3-11  
Invite your friends and neighbors for the spring break VBS fun.

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## Promise House

Freedom for Youth provides a transitional home for homeless boys ages 18-21 known as the Promise House. At the Promise House the boys experience structured living, a loving environment free of the chaos and uncertainties of past living arrangements. A typical stay is 12-18 months. The boys hear the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information, contact Tony Didlo at [tdidlo@freedomforyouth.org](mailto:tdidlo@freedomforyouth.org).

Present needs for the Promise House:

2 twin beds (frame, mattress and box springs)

George Forman type of indoor grill (large)

6 chest of drawers

3 shower curtains

3 vacuum cleaners

Patio set (outdoor)

Crock pot (large)

## 2011 Holy Week and Easter services

Even though Easter is late in April, you may be thinking about making Easter plans with your family. We thought the following information about Holy Week and Easter worship services may be helpful as you make plans with your friends and family.



### Worship Services on Maundy Thursday, April 21

- 12:15 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
- 6 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)

### Worship Services on Good Friday, April 22

- 12:15 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. H3 (Family Life Center)
- 6 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)

### Easter Worship on Saturday, April 23

- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary (Family Life Center)
- 7 p.m. Contemporary-blend (Sanctuary)

### Easter Worship on Sunday, April 24

- 8 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. H3 (Family Life Center)
- 11 a.m. Contemporary (Sanctuary)

## Diana's Angels meeting

Diana's Angels will meet Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran, 1100 SE Sharon, Ankeny. They will make patterns and assemble packets. No experience is necessary. Seamstresses are still needed for the baby clothes; knitters and crocheters are needed for booties, caps and blankets. Please come and enjoy the fun or stop by and pick up some yarn or a packet of material to complete. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Buttery at 963-1232 or Michele Banwart at 201-5174 or Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

## Mission banquet

Need outreach ideas? Plan on attending the 2011 Iowa District West Missions banquet on Sunday, April 10, 5-7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll! To register for this free evening, contact Sue Light at 515-576-7666, sue.light@idwlcms.org, or go to Iowa District West's Facebook page. Register by Tuesday, April 5.

## Join the spring party

Tiny Treasures invites you to:  
**Under the big top  
 spring party**  
 Friday, March 25  
 5:30-8 p.m.  
**\$10 per family**  
 (includes everything—food, admission,  
 entertainment and games)  
**food! games! prizes!**  
 Comedian/magician Ben Ulin will perform at 7 p.m.

Tiny Treasures cordially invites all families at Gloria Dei to a spring party March 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. The cost is \$10 per family and includes admission, food, entertainment and games.

# Welcome new members!



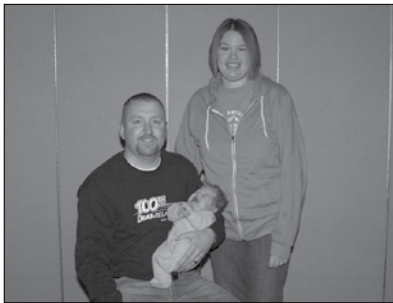
Tyler Abels and Laura Hoffman



Safia Beshir



Ashley Blake



Shane and Karen, Anna (5 weeks)  
Brix



Michelle Dahle



Tyler Dern



Craig and Rebecca Friedrichs



Craig and Lauren Grundmeier



Jeremy and Danielle Heefner





Kyle and Katie Hessel



Gary Huedepohl and Debbie Buschon



Jonathan and Jennifer Jaschen



Scott Jordan and Michelle Holtkamp



Bill and Darlene Klages



Brian and Anna, Alaina (11) Lampe



Jon and Dawn Pittmann  
(Not pictured Kylah, 9 months)



Gary Rasmussen



Aaron and Abby Rector  
(Not pictured Logan, 2 years old)



Marc and Diana Wilson

*Welcome! We pray that by making Gloria Dei your home church you will grow in your faith and continue to be strengthened in the Lord.*

## Youth begin to prepare for 30 Hour Famine in April

The youth are beginning to prepare for the 30 Hour Famine held in April. Funds raised will help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe and nationally. Recently, a governmental grant was issued matching tenfold any 30 Hour Famine donations. Consequently, the youth's goal to raise \$15,000, would equate to \$150,000. In the last five years, Gloria Dei youth have been the number one fundraiser for World Vision in the state of Iowa.



Under the direction of Kim Phillips and several ministry partners, 60 youth will begin a fast starting April 8 for 30 hours, spend the night at church, travel to SportsPlex West in Waukee and participate by:

Playing interactive games about the various tribes in Haiti.

Attending a presentation from missionaries, who recently served in Haiti.

Helping Joppa Ministries clean homeless camps.

Listening to a speaker from Freedom for Youth Ministries.

Assembling approximately 200 sack lunches for JOPPA Ministries.

Canvassing Urbandale for canned goods to be taken to Freedom for Youth.

Please consider donating to the 30 Hour famine in the narthex and the Family Life Center April 2-3 and April 9-10.

## HUNGER FACTS

*“Poverty often deprives a man of all spirit and virtue; it is hard for an empty bag to stand upright” ~ Benjamin Franklin*

**FACT: Hunger kills another child every 10 seconds.**

Every day, nearly 8,000 kids under age 5 die because of hunger-related causes. Some starve. Some get sick because their hungry bodies are too weak to fight. In all, more than 24,000 kids lose their lives each day, most of them to poverty, disease and hunger. The biggest tragedy? Almost all of these deaths are absolutely, 100 percent preventable.

**FACT: More than 1 billion people go hungry every day.**

There are more than 6 billion people on the planet. One in six will go to bed hungry tonight. Why so many? For some families, the only food they have is whatever they grow. One drought or flood can wipe out a year's harvest. When it does, there's no supermarket or food bank they can turn to.

**FACT: Hunger traps people in poverty.** The poor spend most of their money trying not to starve. According to recent statistics, 40 percent of the world lives on \$2 a day; more specifically, around 1.4 billion people live on less than \$1.25 a day. In sharp contrast, the average American spends \$90 a day to live (this includes food, transportation, health-care costs and living expenses, etc.)

**FACT: Hunger hurts children.** Even if hunger doesn't kill, it can have lasting effects on a child's well-being. Hunger starves the brain. Malnourished kids often miss school, or do poorly, because they're unable to concentrate. Without good nutrition, a child's heart literally shrinks, their immune system weakens, leaving them more vulnerable to disease. Kids who are even moderately underweight are four times more likely to die from disease. In other words, 145 million hungry children — 1 in 3 kids in developing countries — are at risk of dying.

**We can stop hunger in its tracks.** There's enough food in the world. There are enough resources and know-how. There are enough of us who can raise our voices to fight hunger. The question is: Will we? At Gloria Dei, we can help those who do not have enough food by giving money to the youth's 30 Hour Famine Campaign on April 2-3 and 9-10.



## Gloria Dei Youth Ministry



### 30 Hour Famine

Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9

Registration forms and checks are due Sunday, March 13.

**Mandatory Meeting - Sunday, March 27 from 10-10:20 a.m.**

This meeting is for youth signed up for the 30 Hour Famine and their parents. Information on what to bring and what will happen during the event will be given at this time. If you have questions, contact Kim Phillips at [tnk4jcl@msn.com](mailto:tnk4jcl@msn.com).

**Dinner Theater - "Family Camp" - March 26-27 and April 1-2**

Dinner theater practices will be held Sunday, March 13 and 20 from 12-2 p.m.

**Summer Mission Trip (Grades 8-12)**

Ripley, Tennessee from July 10-16, 2011. Cost is \$650. We will join 400 other teens/adults from around the United States to form work groups to perform home repairs, and improvements on homes of the poor and elderly. If interested, contact Tim.

## Junior high (6-8)

**Sunday: Castaway:** Due to spring break, Castaway will not be held March 13 and 20. We will resume March 27.

**Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.**

All Wednesday evening activities will not be held March 16; we will resume March 23.

## Senior high (9-12)

**The Point:** The Point will not be held March 16; we will resume March 23.

**Senior High Bible Study:** We will not meet March 13 and 20. We will resume on March 27.



## Buy your tickets today!

The Youth Ministry dinner theater will transport us back to an old-school Christian campground where colorful characters and laughter abounds.

Tickets will be sold after services on the weekends of March 12-13 and 19-20. Tickets will also be available at the office between the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 27 at 12 p.m.**

**Friday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Ticket Prices: \$10 - adults; \$8 - under 10 and over 55.**

## Items needed

**Urbandale Food Pantry** - Please consider donating Kleenex and paper towels to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

**Honduras Mission** - Please drop off hair pretties, combs, hair gel and hair detangler to the "Honduras" bin in the narthex.

**Eyeglasses** - The Honduras team is also collecting eyeglasses to take with them. Place them in the Honduras bin in the narthex as soon as possible so the optometrist can determine their strength.

## Help wanted

Due to the increased number of infants and children on Monday mornings, the nursery is in need of additional staffing. Hours are Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a paid position and other hours may be available. There are also some hours available for teens 14 years or older. Please contact Carol Wenndt in the nursery Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, at 515-306-4352 or email her at [kewenndt@att.net](mailto:kewenndt@att.net).

# Week of Mar. 12-19, 2011

## Saturday, March 12

- 10:00 a.m. Baby Shower
- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

## Sunday, March 13

### Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 9:00 a.m. New Member Welcome
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 p.m. New Member Welcome
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School Setup
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Practice
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop

## Monday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble

## Tuesday, March 15

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 12:15 p.m. Midday Lenten Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

## Thursday, March 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

## Friday, March 18

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study Trip to Madrid

## Saturday, Mar 19

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

### Scripture on Giving:

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians:9:6-9*

| Worship (Mar. 5-6) | Attendance | Communion  |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Northwind          | 187        |            |
| 7:45 a.m.          | 130        | 122        |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 304        | 226        |
| 9 a.m. (FLC)       | 66         |            |
| 10:30 a.m.         | 288        | 164        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>975</b> | <b>512</b> |

| Lenten Worship (Mar. 9) | Attendance | Communion |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 12:15 p.m.              | 87         | 83        |
| 6 p.m.                  | 362        | 214       |

| Outpouring of Love (March 5-6) |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund Offerings         | \$38,260  |
| 3rd QTD Offering               | \$295,586 |
| 3rd QTD Budget                 | \$300,000 |

# Week of Mar. 19-26, 2011

## Saturday, March 19

- 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in  
 Family Life Center

## Sunday, March 20

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 with Communion  
 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice  
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 with Communion  
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center  
 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study  
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service  
 with Communion  
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Practice  
 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus of Urbandale

## Monday, March 21

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study  
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs  
 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - afternoon  
 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #806  
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs  
 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Tech Night  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - evening  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training  
 7:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble

## Tuesday, March 22

- 6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood  
 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting  
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study  
 4:50 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child  
 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness  
 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice  
 5:15 p.m. Carilloneurs  
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance  
 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time

## Tuesday, March 22 (Continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University  
 6:40 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That  
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, March 23

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study  
 12:15 p.m. Midday Lenten Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal  
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive  
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service  
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups  
 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point  
 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale  
 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

## Thursday, March 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers  
 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir  
 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice  
 6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice  
 6:30 p.m. Care Night  
 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, March 25

- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Spring Fling

## Saturday March 26

- 1:00 p.m. Bridal Shower  
 3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in  
 Family Life Center with Communion  
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place  
 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Performance

| <b>Children's Attendance</b> | <b>Saturday 5:50 p.m.</b> | <b>Sunday 9:20 a.m.</b> | <b>Sunday 10:50 a.m.</b> | <b>Wednesday 6:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Youth Attendance</b> | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Wednesday 6:15 p.m.</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Preschool                    | 15                        | 24                      | 13                       | 20                         | Junior High             | 24            | 91                         |
| Elementary                   | 20                        | 48                      | 44                       | 80                         | Senior High             | 12            | 30                         |
| <b>Total Children</b>        | <b>35</b>                 | <b>72</b>               | <b>57</b>                | <b>100</b>                 | <b>Total Youth</b>      | <b>36</b>     | <b>121</b>                 |



# 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 member or stop by the Welcome Center today!

## Weekend Worship Services

Please note: All educational times for children and youth will not be held March 12-13 and 19-20. We resume on March 26-27.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## 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.

## 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 Samuel 7-13 (NIV)

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."

So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

## 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 (March 26-27):** Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon