



WEEKLY WORD

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March 19 and 20, 2011 | Second Sunday in Lent

Learning from the divided kingdom

Today, we land in the midst of a major dispute within the history of Israel. King Solomon,



who ruled for 40 years had recently died. In an effort to achieve direction and clarity, the leaders of Israel summoned two key “boam” men to Shechem, a city located in central Israel. The first to arrive was Rehoboam, Solomon’s son, who was the rightful heir to the throne of the twelve tribes of Israel. However, before Solomon’s death, the prophet Ahijah announced Rehoboam would only reign over the southern tribe of Judah.

The second to arrive at the meeting was Jeroboam, who served as a leader under Solomon’s rule and was to be appointed king over the other tribes of Israel according to the prophet Ahijah, but under these conditions:

If you do whatever I command you and walk in obedience to me and do what is right in my eyes by obeying my decrees and commands, as David my servant did, I will be with you. I will build you a dynasty as enduring as the one I built for David and will give Israel to you. I Kings 11:38

Needless to say, tensions mounted as both men converged to the meeting that not only will determine their future, but their nation as well. Similarly, both men had their specific assignments and guidelines from the prophet Ahijah. In other words, if both men would listen and obey God’s words spoken by Ahijah, the transition of leadership and the future of the Israel nation would have flourished.

Unfortunately, both men struck out immediately. Rehoboam, discounted the wisdom of his older counselors and ruled with a heavy hand, which caused the northern ten tribes to completely sever their ties with him. Meanwhile, the newly crowned King Jeroboam, quickly made two golden calves for the people to worship.

We certainly landed in a mess this week, didn’t we? In the south, Judah was ruled by a heavy-handed ruler, Rehoboam; and in the north, Israel was ruled by an idolatry-calf worshipper, Jeroboam. Today, Pastor Burcham will help us extract some of the important life lessons from this divided kingdom ruled by the notorious “boam” men.

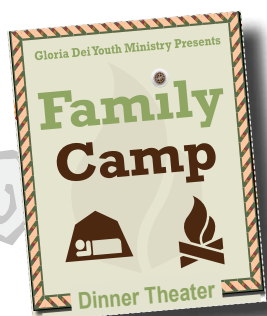
Dinner theater runs next weekend

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.

The Youth Ministry dinner theater, “Family Camp,” will transport us back to an old-school Christian campground where colorful characters and laughter abounds. Tickets will be sold after today’s worship services and will also be available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the church office.

Tickets prices: \$10- adults; \$8 under 10 and over 55.



Mar. 26-27 **Hint**

Next week’s destination

Hint:

What happens when we move further away from God? Destruction...then and now.

Write your answer here.

Spring Break Schedule

March 19-20

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

Spring Party

Tiny Treasures’ spring party begins Friday, March 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. See page 9 for more information.

Lenten Worship

Join us Wednesday, March 23 at 12:15 and 6 p.m.

“Were You There? When He Was Accused”

In the trial of Jesus the Pharisees recruited some nameless individuals to falsely accuse Jesus. Since Jesus was not guilty, all accusations were false.

All worshippers are invited to our midweek meal (bacon cheese-burger rollup) from 5-5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Adults eat for \$4 and children and youth eat for \$2. Children under 2 eat free.

Relief work for Japan

President Harrison announced that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will send \$200,000 to two Japanese Lutheran church bodies. He also encourages every LCMS individual to respond by prayer and financial support. To donate, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the “to help” link.

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.

Habitat for Humanity

Monday, May 2-Saturday, June 11, 2011: Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity will build a home with our friends at Thrivent and members of the Lutheran community. Our 2011 Thrivent Lutheran building opportunity begins with a Raise the Roof week starting Monday, May 2, and we invite you to join the fun. Friday, May 6 is the day designated for Gloria Dei to help, but you can serve anytime during the week. Please take a look at the available volunteer opportunities and sign up at: <http://gdmhabitat.volunteerlocal.com>. After selecting your opportunity, make sure to open your confirmation email. This is a critical step in the registration process. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

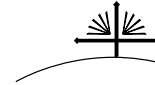
AGAPE update

AGAPE Pregnancy Center again provides Christ-centered counseling services and support for women who have an unplanned pregnancy. Tracy Stetzel, an experienced pregnancy counselor from Lutheran Family Service, will serve at the AGAPE Pregnancy Center, 2550 Martin Luther King Junior Parkway, Des Moines, each Monday and Thursday from 12:30-6:30 p.m. She is also available Saturdays by appointment. Tracy is committed to sharing the love of God and the forgiveness he offers through his Son, Jesus Christ. The resumption of the faith-based pregnancy counseling is a joint venture between AGAPE Pregnancy Center and Lutheran Family Service. If you have questions, please call AGAPE at 255-0243.

It’s time for softball

Spring will shortly be upon us, which means softball season is right around the corner. We are organizing a fun, winning Gloria Dei team.

Are you in yet? Most games are played on Mondays or Tuesdays with a few Thursdays scattered throughout the season. Cost will be determined based on the number of players who want to play. If interested, notify Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com immediately.



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Web site at: 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.

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.

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.



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 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.

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Brett Foreman

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Sophia Nelson

Hospitality Team
Northwind
Team Three

7:45 a.m.
Team Three

9 a.m.
Team Three

9 a.m. (FLC)
Dan and Becky Thomas
and Family

10:30 a.m.
Team Three

Scripture Reading:
1 Kings 12:16-20

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
- Brandon Smith
- Gene Osby
- Faith Quinlan
- Randy Quillen
- Paul Lussman

And for:

- Robin Stewart and family who are grieving the loss of Robin's mother, Charlene Stewart
- For the people of Japan and Libya
- 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 with your name, e-mail address and phone number.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry Presents

Family Camp

Dinner Theater

Saturday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Sunday, March 27 at 12 p.m. (Doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

Friday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Buy your tickets today!

Tickets will be sold after today's worship services and will also be available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the church office.

Tickets prices: \$10- adults; \$8 under 10 and over 55.

Menu: Mostacholi meal.

Help needed: If you love to bake, we need special desserts for our dessert auction. Please contact Elaine Klinefelter at elaine@gloriadeionline.com.

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.

Present needs for the Promise House:

6 chest of drawers	3 shower curtains	3 vacuum cleaners
Patio set (outdoor)	2 twin beds (frame, mattress and box springs)	
Crock pot (large)	George Forman type of indoor grill (large)	

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.

Kids Radio Mania

Kids Radio Mania will celebrate its 10th anniversary of all-weekend children's music with a free party Saturday, April 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Iowa Machine Shed restaurant. Prizes include CDs, Iowa Cubs tickets, DVDs, State Fair tickets, books and a pool birthday party for ten at the Wildwood Lodge. Every child gets one prize and those that bring this church bulletin get two prizes while supplies last. Kids Radio Mania plays family music like VeggieTales all day Saturday and Sunday until 6 p.m. on 88.1 FM.

Information Changes

If you have recently moved or decided to discontinue use of your landline phone and use only your cell phone as your primary number, please notify Diane Schmidt at diane@gloriadeionline.com.

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)

Housekeeping News

Ministry partners needed: Being gracious hosts is a priority for all of our Easter services. Ushers and greeters are always needed. If you would like to help one of our Hospitality Teams, please contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriadeionline.com.

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)

Meals from the Heartland

For me to say “thank you” doesn’t begin to share what is in our hearts at Meals from the Heartland. We all praise God and thank him for your support that has allowed for the feeding of millions of people. With the help of more than 14,000 volunteers coming together, we were able to package 4,490,640 meals over four days! That equals 20,790 boxes of food that were stacked on 315 pallets and filled 15 3/4 containers to send to hungry children here and around the world.

I thought that you may want to know where the food was given that you sponsored:

- 5 containers were shipped to Lifeline Christian Mission for distribution in Haiti (1,425,600 meals)
- 1 container to Promise for Haiti/Pignon, Haiti (285,120 meals)
- 5 containers to Food for the Poor for Jamaica (1,425,600 meals)
- 2 containers to Food for the Poor for Haiti (570,240 meals)
- 1 container to Community Pantry in Gallup, New Mexico (2nd poorest county in the U.S.)
- 1.75 containers are in temporary storage for Blessman Ministries, South Africa (498,960 meals) one container to be shipped early October, and a 2nd container in December
- Over 1,100 non-perishable food items donated to Des Moines Area Religious Council to aid local families.

Please know that your support does make a difference in the lives of thousands of children. At Meals from the Heartland, our vision and hope is that every meal reaches a child who may not have food to eat. Our mission is “empowering people to feed the starving,” which with your contribution we are able to help children one life at a time. Again, please accept our deepest thanks! Blessings, Mark Aeilts, Chairman, Board of Directors, Meals from the Heartland

VBS rocked!



Our PandaMania Vacation Bible School was an arena for more than 230 children to learn about how wild God is for them. Each day began in the Family Life Center for hand-clapping and toe-tapping worship before heading to their age-appropriate classrooms for Bible stories, arts and crafts, and games. More than 65 ministry partners, including some of our youth and children, helped to host this spring break Vacation Bible School. As far as reaching out to others, VBS children collected 100 witness bracelets, \$150 for Bibles, 50 hats and mittens, 30 towels and blankets, 300 books, 500 snack items for Urbandale Food Pantry, 25 blankets for Joppa and 18 prayer pouches.



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

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

Registration forms and checks are due. 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.

Dinner Theater - "Family Camp"

March 26-27 and April 1-2

Dinner theater practices will be held Sunday, March 20 from 12-2 p.m.; Monday, March 21 from 7-9 p.m.; and dress rehearsal Wednesday, March 23 from 7:30-9:30 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 20. We will resume March 27.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. All Wednesday evening activities resume March 23.

Senior high (9-12)

The Point: The Point will resume March 23.

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

Join the spring party



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.

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.

Camp Okoboji

Camp Okoboji has been blessed by God through the Thrivent Financial Associates of the Great Plains Region to host its second Thrivent Community Camp Adventure Friday, April 8-Sunday, April 10. The weekend consists of fellowship, servant opportunities, meals and worship. If interested, please contact Lanette Falk at 712-239-0880.

Week of Mar. 19-26, 2011

Saturday, Mar 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
- 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. Stephen Ministry Supervision - evening
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Tech Night

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
- 6:30 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 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

Outpouring of Love (March 12-13)	
General Fund Offerings	\$33,340
3rd QTD Offering	\$328,926
3rd QTD Budget	\$337,000

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
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsal

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. Strategic Plan MAT Meetings
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, March 25

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

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

Worship (Mar. 12-13)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	159	102
7:45 a.m.	95	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	219	
9 a.m. (FLC)	49	21
10:30 a.m.	245	
Total	767	123

Lenten Worship (Mar. 16)	Attendance
12:15 p.m.	65
6 p.m.	173

Week of Mar. 26-Apr. 2, 2011

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

Sunday, March 27

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:45 a.m. H3 Worship Practice
- 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. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Performance
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659

Monday, March 28

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs
- 3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble

Tuesday, March 29

- 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

Tuesday, March 29 (Continued)

- 5:15 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:05 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 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 30

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, March 31

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 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, April 1

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Performance

Saturday, April 2

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

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.	Youth Attendance	Sunday	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool					Junior High	No educational times	
Elementary	No educational times due to spring break.				Senior High	due to spring break.	
Total Children					Total Youth		

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 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 Kings 12:16-20 (NIV)

When all Israel saw that the king refused to listen to them, they answered the king: "What share do we have in David, what part in Jesse's son? To your tents, O Israel! Look after your own house, O David!"

So the Israelites went home. But as for the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah, Rehoboam still ruled over them. King Rehoboam sent out Adoniram, who was in charge of forced labor, but all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam, however, managed to get into his chariot and escape to Jerusalem. So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

When all the Israelites heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. Only the tribe of Judah remained loyal to the house of David.

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