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Life lessons from the streets of Me.



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May 14 and 15, 2011 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Love Your Enemies

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

The young man walked through the streets of Me where two fighting men there happened to be.

"Sir, help us out! We're enemies, you see. I don't like him, and he doesn't like me."

Shaking his head, the young man said, "Love your enemies. When will you learn?"

He touched his heart and softened his voice,

"Think about anger it builds and it grows.

Hate becomes evil - takes all that you know.

Love and friendship disappear while hate and resentment live in here."

Excerpts from "The Streets of Me" narrative by Laura Rath

ve your Enemies

Let's do a short quiz on loving your enemies. Fill in the blanks and circle the correct answer(s):

- has caused me much harm by: a.) slandering my name b.) promising things that were never delivered
- c.) stealing from me d.) being unfaithful e.) physically hurting me
- g.) all of the above h.) other

If you named one offender and circled at least one offense, you are not alone. After all, life is full of situations that warrant us to love those who have hurt us. The question is not if we should love our enemies; the question is how to love someone who has hurt you. Isn't that counterintuitive or upside-down thinking?

Thankfully, scripture is full of real-life examples of loving your enemies. Take for example, David and Saul. Saul purposely set out to destroy David by deceit, slander and murderous plots. And yet, when David was inches away from Saul, he chose not to end his life. When Saul was killed by another man's sword, David did not rejoice. Instead he honored Saul's life by providing a statesman-like funeral for the man who had tormented him for years.

Are there people in your life who you need to love and forgive? There is in mine. Romans 5:21 declares: "Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good." The only antidote God gives us for evil is love. Any other response does not honor God. After all, hate builds into resentment and bitterness, while love glorifies and reflects God, heals the victim, and could possibly change the offender. It boils down to this—do I allow love or hate to rule my life? God always chooses love and so should I.

Graduating Seniors

We will recognize our youth who are graduating from high school during worship this weekend. Please pray and congratulate them when you see them.

DMARC

Please read about how to help DMARC by using the enclosed envelopes.

See page 3 for more details.

Patriotic Concert

Sunday, June 26 at 6 p.m. **Living History Farms**

Vocalists and instrumentalists of all ages are invited to join us.

Rehearsals start

Wednesday, May 18

Choir

6-7 p.m.

Children's Choir 6-7 p.m.

Orchestra

7-8:30 p.m. For more information,

go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com



Annual report and meeting

Annual Report: Each year the Executive Director oversees the preparation of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year which starts in July. A detailed report covering the financial and ministry projections will be mailed by May 20. Please take time to review the information.

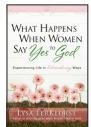
Annual Meeting: Sunday, June 5 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us at the Annual Meeting where the proposed budget will be voted on and Governing Board members will be elected. Members and non-members are invited to the meeting, but only members who are 18 and older will be able to vote. Information about this year's candidates can be found on page 4.

Online women's Bible study

Ever thought of participating in a Bible study in the comforts of your home? An online Bible study, "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God" by Lysa TerKeurst will run from June 5-July 2. Laura Rath will lead the study by posting thoughts relevant to the book twice a week at www.laurarath.blogspot. com. Women are then invited to comment on the book and how God is working in their lives.

What are the advantages of an online Bible study?

Quite simply, the schedule is completely determined by each individual woman. Even though a loose reading schedule is suggested, it's up to you when you read or comment on the blog. And greater yet—you can read, pray, or post comments with PJs on and hair uncombed!



What is the book about?

"Total obedience to Christ can transform an ordinary life into a remarkable journey. This is the hope found in the liberating message of "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God." Lysa shares inspiring stories from her own life, along with compelling biblical insights, as she describes what it means to partner with God in all decisions and actions. This book reveals how honoring God produces a life of deep joy and great purpose. It is an invitation to seek God and boldly ask for and expect more from the Christian life." ~ Lysa TerKeurst's blog

How to get involved?

- Sign up for the "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God" study by sending an email to: laurajrath@gmail.com with your name, e-mail address, and city and state (so we can see God at work by bringing women together). By signing up you will receive updates and information throughout the study.
- 2 Purchase the book locally or online. For a list of online vendors go to our Web site or Laura's blog.
- 3. Mark the reading schedule from the blog to your calendar.
- 4. Start reading and enjoy the study with an online community of women who have a desire to put God first in their lives.

Exciting news:

You can still read the book and follow the blog without signing up, but...here's the exciting news...those who sign up before Wednesday, May 18 will be entered in a drawing to win a free copy of the book.

Additional Information:

If you want more information about the book or the online study, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com, or Laura's blog at www.laurarath.blogspot.com.

Summer Bible study at church

Women are invited to join a new Bible study Monday, June 6 through Monday, July 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. in rooms 136-38. The study will be based upon Beth Moore's book, "Stepping Up, A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent." Lisa Scherer will lead the group. Books can be purchased the first night of the class for \$17. If you need childcare, or have questions, please contact Lisa Scherer at 490-4108 or scherer family@q.com.





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For a complete staff listing: go to our Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com

Project 52 golf tournament

Project 52 is excited to announce the Treye Blythe Memorial Golf Tournament Friday, June 3 at the Woodward Golf and Country Club in Woodward. The tournament, 4-person-best shot, will fund the programs of Trees to Remember and the Treye Blythe Gymnasium to be dedicated in February 2012 in the Dominican Republic. The fee is \$75 per person or \$300 a team, and includes golf, cart rental, gift bag, hole prizes, drink tickets and dinner. Registration begins at 12 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. For additional information, contact Bill Clark at BillClark@ mchsi.com or Project 52 at inspire@52.org.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary Sunday, May 15 are provided following the marriage ceremony on Saturday, May 14 of Safia Beshir and Justin Nielsen.

DMARC: Helping the needy

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a spring food drive for Des Moines Area Religious Council. DMARC will purchase, package, follow the dietary guidelines and transport the non-perishable food items to the Urbandale Food Pantry.

Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line along with your offering envelope number. Your offering can be placed into the enclosed envelope and put in the offering plate for the next two weeks. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821. Thank you for helping those in the community who are in need.

Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Sunday, June 5 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register on the adult page of our Web site.

DivorceCare

A summer session of DivorceCare will be held Thursday, June 2-August 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If interested, please go to the congregational care page of our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Servers **Hospitality Teams** Officiant/Liturgist: Organist: 5:30 p.m. (FLC): Lynn Hays Northwind (FLC) Rev. Ron Burcham Team Three **Acolytes:** 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary) Rev. Tim Phillips Team Three Natalie Larimer 9 a.m. (Sanctuary): 9 a.m. (Sanctuary): 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) Rev. Tim Phillips Anna Miller Team One 9 a.m. (FLC): 9 a.m. (FLC) 10:30 a.m<mark>. (Sanctu</mark>ary): Rev. Phil Robarge Allison Piper Kory and Penny Schramm and Family 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) Scripture Readings: Team Three Preacher: Romans 12:17-21 and Rev. Ron Burcham Matthew 5:43-48 (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 Safia Beshir and Justin Nielsen married on May 14
- Ken and Rosalie Petersen celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- · Gene Osby
- · Jolene Norviel
- Eloise Petersen
- · Quinn Sanford
- Marjorie, Penny and Patricia Peters
- · Sarah Fries
- Jennifer Dehnert
- Janet Tysse
- · Ken Meythaler

And for:

- For our world
- The grieving family of Marjorie Meseck
- The grieving family of Leona Standridge
- All of our military and workers serving around the world

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.

Let's meet the Governing Board candidates

The Governing Board of Gloria Dei is comprised of men and women who work hours behind the scenes to help keep the church aligned to its mission and vision. A board member serves a three-year term and can serve for two consecutive terms. At the end of June, Lorrie Graaf and Scott Snyder will both complete their second terms; Marv Rohn will complete his first term. When you see them in the hallways, please thank them for their service to the church.

The following candidates will be up for election at the Annual Meeting, June 5 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Marv Rohn is up for re-election to a second-term on the Board. Wendi Canada and Ann Zimmermann are candidates to fill the vacancies on the Board as first-term Board members. Bruce Amendt is up for election to fulfill the two remaining years of former board member Pamela Henkel's term, who resigned due to relocation.

Bruce Amendt



Bruce and Janna Amendt have two adult children, Jennifer and Kathryn. Bruce works at Johnston Community School District as an Executive Director of Academic Services. He enjoys reading and walking. Bruce has been a member of Gloria Dei since 2000 and has served in the music ministry, Katrina Relief MAT and on several nominating committees.

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? "I think our mission statement truly provides the focus of my passion—bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime."

Wendi Canada



Wendi Canada is married to Leon and has four step-children, Akilah 17, Jordan, 15, Leon Jr., 13 and Natasha, 11. Wendi works at Horizon Elementary School in Johnston as an Elementary School Counselor and enjoys decorating her home for each season and holiday, reading and spending time with family and friends. She has been a member of Gloria Dei since 2006 and has served in the areas of hospitality, offering counter, usher and greeter.

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? "I am most passionate about helping others who are going through a rough time in their life!"

Mary Rohn



Marv and Norma Rohn have four children, Doug, 48, Greg, 46, Kurt, 42 and Shonda, 40; and eight grandchildren. Marv is retired, but is a contract long-distance driver for Willis Auto. He enjoys traveling, fishing, NASCAR racing, and spectator sports. He has been a member of Gloria Dei since 1989 and has served as a member and a treasurer of the Governing Board.

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? "Helping others to maintain the true faith for the benefit of others."

Ann Zimmermann



Ann and Kurt Zimmermann have three children, Tommy 22, Nina 22 and Sergei, 21. Ann works at Principal Financial Group as a Senior Client Relationship Coordinator in Retirement Investor Services and enjoys gardening, reading and decorating. She has been a member of Gloria Dei for 18 years and has been involved in midweek, the mission MAT, choir and the senior high youth gathering committee.

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? "I like helping others and I would like to spend more time focused on mission work."



Summer mission trip meeting Sunday, May 15 from 10-10:30 a.m.

This required meeting for youth and parents will discuss all the details of this summer's mission trip.

If you have not registered, you can do so by attending the meeting. Both youth and parents need to attend.

30 Hour Famine nrizes

For those who earned prizes, the prizes are in the Youth Center. Please pick up your prizes that have your name on it.

Acolytes needed

There are many opportunities to acolyte this summer. Please check out the schedule and sign up on the youth bulletin board.



Junior high (6-8)

Please note: If you are going to be in grades 6-8 next fall, please join us this summer.

Castaway: Sunday from 9-10 a.m.

Spring/summer schedule:

May 15, 22 and 29 - Castaway will not meet.

June 5 - Castaway will resume.

Senior high (9-12)

Please note: If you are going to be in grades 9-12 next fall, please join us this summer.

The Point: Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.

Join us in the Youth Center as we discuss and journey through God's Word and how it applies to the lives of teenagers.

May 18: "Today: Living Toward the Future"

May 25: "Busy: Saying Yes to Life"

Senior high Bible study: Sunday from 9-10 a.m. We will meet this Sunday and run through May 23.

Seniors

Rachel Kelley

We recognize our seniors today and pray for their future plans. May God direct their individual pathways so that they can grow and get to know him better everyday.

Amanda Akers	Zac Kightlinger	Grace Phillips
Shelby Aufdenkamp	Peyton Kueny	Ian Pierson
Eric Burr	Andy Lovejoy	Konnor Plagge
Akilah Canada	Spencer Macklin	Emily Raecker
Danielle Christensen	Kofi Manteaw	Leney Roberts
Rachel Corell	Maggie McClelland	Cole Scavo
Alana DeVries	Alex Meyer	Andrew Schultz
Jordan Donner	Brandon Miller	Keegan Schwartz
Rachel Dubas	Nick Miller	Tressa Steuber
Eli Egger	Sarah Mueller	Becca Strachan
Megan Fellows	Tony Nelson	Nikki Sturdevant
Katie Gilg	Sarah Nichols	Max Wissler
Jake Hermanson	Amy Patterson	

Leslie Peyton

Children's Ministry

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 Grace Place starts June 4-5: Join us for Hometown Nazareth as we discover what life was like in Jesus' time.

Help Needed for summer Grace Place: Can you give us one hour this summer? All materials are ready for you when you help!

Summer fun: There is still room in our summer programs! Sign up today!

Children's Patriotic Choir starts May 18: Join us for some great patriotic fun as we learn songs about America, and do some great crafts!

For more information or to sign up, contact DeAnn 278-5544, ext. 207...

Week of May 14-21, 2011

Saturday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters

3:30 p.m. Justin Nielsen and Safia Beshir

Wedding

3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center

Sunday, May 15

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. Senior High Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Summer Mission Trip Meeting

10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary with Communion

2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus of Urbandale

2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop

Monday, May 16

9:30 a.m. Mom's 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

Tuesday, May 17

6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness5:00 p.m. Police Memorial Service

5:30 p.m. Carilloneurs

6:00 p.m. Police Memorial Reception

Worship (May 7 and 8) **Attendance** Communion Northwind 116 70 7:45 a.m. 158 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) 339 9 a.m. (FLC) 66 34 10:30 a.m. (FLC) 274 **Total** 953 104

Wednesday, May 18

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble

6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High

6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Children's Choir Rehearsal

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6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Leaders' Meeting

Thursday, May 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, May 20

5:30 p.m. Vaugn Miller and Lauren Katch

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 21

3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice4:00 p.m. Vaugn Miller and Lauren Katch Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the

Family Life Center with Communion

Scripture Based on Giving:

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new

wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Outpouring of Love (May 7 and 8)		
General Fund Offerings	\$19,265	
4th QTD Offering	\$181,732	
4th QTD Budget	\$203,305	

Week of May 21-28, 2011

Saturday, May 21

3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice4:00 p.m. Vaugn Miller and Lauren Katch

Wedding

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion

Sunday, May 22

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. Stephen Ministry Commissioning9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life

Center with Communion

9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary

1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659

Monday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs

1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

3:30 p.m. Next Step Meeting

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - The Patriarchs

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, May 24

6:30 a.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice

5:30 p.m. Carilloneurs

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 25

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Bell Ensemble

6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Children's Choir Rehearsal

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Thursday, May 26

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
6:00 p.m. Infusion Practice
6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, May 27

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, May 28

3:45 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion

Items needed

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating shampoo in May to the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in May for the Honduras mission are children's ibuprophen (liquid and chewable for all ages). Please place items in 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.

Benefit Dinner

A benefit dinner to help Natalie Masson, daughter of Bruce and Mary Grimm will be held Saturday, June 4, from 5-8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 103 W. Harrison, Jefferson, Iowa. Natalie has been diagnosed with breast cancer. All funds raised will go to help defray medical costs and lost wages. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please call Meggan Naberhaus at 712-790-3991.

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 encourage to worship together. Please note: Children's Grace Place will resume June 4-5.

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 encourage to worship together. Please note: Children's Grace Place will resume June 4-5.

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 encourage to worship together. Please note: Children's Grace Place will resume June 4-5.

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 encourage to worship together. Please note: Children's Grace Place will resume June 4-5.

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

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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. (Starting June 4-5)

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon