

Double Issue

WEEKLY WORD



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Fourth Sunday of Advent and First Sunday after Christmas

Christmas and New Year's

We are excited about celebrating the birth of our Savior and welcoming in the new year at Gloria Dei. Here is a snippet of what to expect in the next couple of weeks:

December 19-20: "Christmas Playlist: I'll Be Home for Christmas"

Whether you are a soldier who is stationed overseas or a college student on campus, everyone dreams of being home for Christmas to experience the familiarity, the warmth and the relationships. As Christians, we long for a more permanent home—one with our Savior in heaven. Christmas is a time to remember his birth, life and death and how we will have an eternity at "home."

Thursday, Dec. 24: "Christmas Playlist: Mary Did You Know?"

Christmas Eve's message will feature the song, "Mary, Did You Know?"

What were the thoughts of Mary? Could she really envision what God was going to do through her son? Could she have known all that he would suffer? Like all parents she may have had other ideas for her son, but God had his own plans. Join us as we explore together the magnificent birth that changed our entire world.

H3 Christmas Eve service at 3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

This family-oriented worship service, H3 (head, heart and hands), will feature the sights, sounds and exploration of the first Christmas with an emphasis on helping children understand the importance of Jesus' birth.

Traditional Candlelight Services at 4, 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

This traditional candlelight worship service in the Sanctuary offers a rich legacy of the traditional hymns and liturgy.

Blended Candlelight Service at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

This blended candlelight worship service in the Family Life Center will help direct our hearts to the real reason for Christmas—Jesus.

Childcare in the nursery is provided at all services.

Christmas Day Service, Friday, Dec. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

"Joy for All People." No matter who you are, the birth of Christ gives you access to the greatest joy of heaven. This message will compare the experience of temporary joy on this earth to the eternal joy that comes from knowing Jesus. Come, let us adore him!

December 26-27: "Is Christmas Over Already?"

Let's not put away the meaning of Christmas with all of our other Christmas decorations. Instead, let's continue to focus on the eternal ramifications of Jesus being born into this world.

New Year's Eve Service Thursday, Dec. 31 at 6:30 p.m.

"Second Chances." Join us as we worship together to welcome in the New Year. Many times in life we would like a second chance. This message focuses on moving from regrets to rejoicing.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Cantata

Experience the wonder of Christmas at "Glorious Impossible," Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

Tiny Treasures Program

Join the preschoolers for their program, "Joy for the World," Monday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Grace Place

Grace Place will meet Dec. 19-20.

Grace Place and Faith Alive Christmas break will be Dec. 23-Jan. 6

Grace Place resumes Jan. 9-10.

Faith Alive resumes Jan. 13.

Castaway

Castaway will not meet Dec. 19-20.

Castaway will resume Jan. 9-10.

Winter Opportunities

We have lots of opportunities to warm you up this winter, see page 5.



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Stewardship Notes

Giving statements mailed

Year-to-date giving statements were mailed Dec. 4 to those who made a 2009 giving pledge. This is a record of all giving through Dec. 4 and will give an accurate total of giving with one month left in the year. A final record of giving will be mailed after the first of the year for income tax purposes. If your year-to-date statement was not received or if you have questions, please call Shari Smith at 276-1700, ext. 202.

Simply Giving

It is not too late to sign up for the Simply Giving program. Simply Giving is a program through Thrivent which allows you to have your offerings automatically deposited in the church's bank account on a schedule you choose. It is an efficient and accurate method that also saves the church time and money in counting, recording and depositing funds. For those already using the program: if you have changed your pledge amount for 2010, please remember to turn in an updated Simply Giving form.

Gifts of stocks and other securities

There is still time to make donations of stocks and other securities before the end of the year. This can be an effective method of making your donation from a tax perspective. Because of processing times required, we encourage members to have these transactions initiated by Dec. 18 in order to make sure they get processed for year-end. There is also time to take advantage of special IRS rules allowing gifts from IRA accounts for certain individuals.

Year-end giving

All offerings received in the church by Thursday, Dec. 31 will be processed with the 2009 giving statements. Offerings received after Thursday, Dec. 31 will be processed with the 2010 giving.

Debit and credit cards and pay-by-check options

In a response to inquiries about payments online, Gloria Dei now has the capability of collecting giving offerings by using debit cards, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and online pay-by-check. The process is easy and secure. All you need to do is to go to our Web site and click on the online giving link. This takes you to Vanco's secure Web site, the same provider of our Simply Giving electronic funds transfer program.

Giving envelopes to be picked up

Giving envelopes for next year can be picked up near the north entrance of the narthex during our weekend worship services. If you want to pick up your envelopes during one of our Christmas services, they can be picked up in rooms 131-133. Please note: your envelope number changes each year, so please use the new envelopes starting Jan. 1, 2010.

Questions

As always, we are willing to help in any way we can. We encourage you to visit with your tax advisor about specific issues related to your own situation. For other questions, feel free to contact Bill Jesse at 276-1700, ext. 217.

Thank You

To all of our friends and family at Tiny Treasures and Gloria Dei. Thank you so much for everything you have done for our family and Zac. There are really not enough words to express our most sincere appreciation for all of you. We are truly blessed to be part of a wonderful community here at preschool and church. We are surrounded by the overwhelming support...Thank you! ~ Love and blessings, The Duncalf family

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Altar flowers



The poinsettias on the altar during the Advent season were donated by the church and the following members of the congregation:

Jackee Brienzo	Janet Tysse	Jim and Barb Miles
Kay Clark	Judy Bunz	David Goeppinger
Lacey Schiesl	Sandy Jackson	Nancy Junge
Kim Walker	Lori Martin	Phil and Marsha Bax Julie Kammeyer

Lost and wanted to be found

If you have borrowed Bible studies from the church, please return them this week to Pastor Robarge in the church office. Thank you.

Servers

Dec. 19 and 20

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

Ryan Lillard

9 a.m.

Ian Ksiazak

10:30 a.m.

Dylan Elder

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

Dec. 26 and 27

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Philip Robarge

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7:45 a.m.

Rustin Aufdenkamp

9 a.m.

Sarah Smith

10:30 a.m.

Alisha Giesselmann

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind

Randy Bosworth

Dennis Dean

Brad Gerke

Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Mike Collins

Joe Gilg

Kory Meyeraan

Dan Timmons

9 a.m.

Stan Bonta

Dick Larimer

Don Pevestorf

Chris Uglum

Don Zimmerman

Sandy Zimmerman

10:30 a.m.

Jeff Johnston

Kory Schramm

Scripture Readings:

Dec. 19-20:

Zephaniah 3:17-20 and
2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NIV)

Dec. 26-27:

Luke 2:22-40 and
Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For blessings received
- For our families
- For the birth of Joshua and Maggie Miller's firstborn son, Miles
- For Bridget and Tony Jaeger and their triplets, Blake, Kenley and Lane

Prayers

- For Terry and Mary Rowley, as they prepare to go on a mission trip
- For peace in the world
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers
- For missionary Steve Lutz in Papua, New Guinea
- For our country
- For our military men and women who are serving in foreign countries during Christmas

Prayer ministry team

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

Gloria Dei worship ministry presents:

SIMPLY WORD'S

Glorious IMPOSSIBLE

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

No admission charge!

Join us as we celebrate the wonder of
Christmas through music.

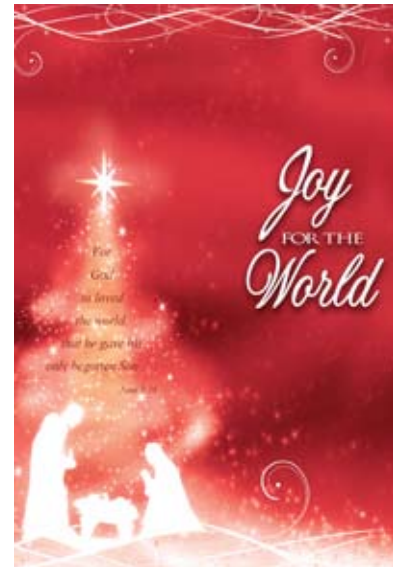
Invite a friend to join you for this year's Cantata, "Glorious Impossible." This musical presentation will feature the beautiful sounds that represent the complete delight of the glorious birth of Jesus, the Messiah.

Help needed Christmas Eve

Please consider helping us in the following ways:

- **Ushers:** Usher at one of the five services.
- **Greeters:** Do you like to smile? This is a great opportunity to show off your pearly whites and to warmly greet our members and guests.
- **Cleanup Crew:** We need 4-5 people for 30 minutes after 8:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve to help clean up for the Christmas morning service.
- **Touch Up Crew:** Since we have so many guests, we need help tidying up the church between each service.
- **Snow Crew:** In case of snow, we need 3-4 people to help clear the pathways to church.
- **Prayer Individuals:** This job involves praying during the week that the meaning of Christmas, Jesus, touches the hearts of all.

Can't wait to help? Sign up now at the Information Center, call the church office at 276-1700, text Dan Snyder at 967-4190, or e-mail Dan at drs301@msn.com.



Tiny Treasures Program

Monday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Joy for the World. Our seven preschool classes will join together in the Sanctuary to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas joy. The entire congregation is invited to this program offered by our little ones.

LEAD Gloria Dei

LEAD Gloria Dei is a six-week course, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13 to Feb. 17 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. It is designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how Gloria Dei functions as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church our size. The topics include: the Vision of Gloria Dei, understanding church life and the Synod, the demographics of our community, policy-based governance and our Strategic Plan.

If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information, please contact Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, at 278-5544, ext. 200 or e-mail her at laura@gloriadeionline.com.

Iowa Homeless Memorial

A candlelight vigil will be held on Monday, Dec. 21 from 5:30-6 p.m. at West Capitol Terrace at the State Capitol to remember those who died homeless.

Book Club

The details of the Club: Take time during this Christmas season and enjoy a thrilling book, “Blink of an Eye” by Ted Dekker; then join the discussion Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the cry room.

An overview of the book: Miriam is a Saudi princess promised to another, a pawn in a political struggle that could shift the balance of power in the Middle East.

Seth is a certified genius with a head full of numbers, a life full of baggage and an attitude born on the waves of the Pacific.

Cultures collide when they find themselves thrown together as fugitives in a high-stakes chase across Southern California. A growing attraction and a search for answers fuel their fight to survive . . . but with no sleep and a massive manhunt steadily closing in, their chances of surviving any future are razor thin.

Contact Information: Contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875.

Women’s Bible Connections

Lots of great studies are being planned for the winter. So please join us as we “sample” our Women’s Connections’ offerings on Monday, Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. You can expect to study topics that are relevant to your life and meet women who are interested in learning how to become more like Jesus. Childcare will be provided at both sessions. Specific class offerings will be available at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Care Night Winter Session

Care Night’s winter session starts Thursday, Jan. 7 from 6-8 p.m. The evening begins with a fellowship meal before heading to the following groups: GriefShare, Stepping Stones, DivorceCare, DivorceCare4Kids and Cancer Support.

For more information call Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 or register at: <http://ezregister.com/promoters/171/>.

Membership classes

If you are visiting and would like to join the Gloria Dei family, please check out the following classes:

New to the Lutheran Faith? Join us on Thursday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:30-8 p.m.

We will cover the basics of our beliefs and be encouraged to develop our faith in God. If childcare is needed, please indicate this when registering. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Want to become a member? Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 from 3-6:30 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, join us for an interactive event. You’ll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Honduras news

December’s collection



The Honduras mission team is collecting adult Tylenol and Ibuprofen. Please drop them off in the Honduras mission trip box in the narthex.

Christmas Cards

Please bring in your recycled religious Christmas card fronts to be used for evangelism for the Honduras Mission trip.



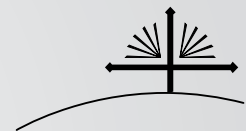
Thank You

Thank you for your generous support of the Honduras bake sale. The proceeds will be used toward the 2010 mission trip.

It is not too late to join us on the trip! See Bill Clark or Pastor Phillips for details.

Bottles from China

The Toolshoppe has received more of the hand-painted bottles from China. They can be purchased Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings.





Savior of the Nations!



Thanks could go around the world

Our entire building was transformed into an international setting on Dec. 13 when the children and youth presented the "Savior of the Nations" Christmas program.

Of course, an event like this takes hundreds of ministry partners who donate their time and talents. A special thanks goes to everyone who helped make this year's Christmas programs wonderful! Thank you parents for bringing your child each week to rehearsals; thank you leaders of each program for working with the children and youth; thank you art leaders for teaching us how to make ornaments from other countries and for helping us paint the back drops; thank you to those who made costumes; thank you to those who helped children in and out of their costumes; thank you to the music leaders and instrumentalists who helped create the feel of the country through music; thank you to those who organized, and who brought the food to the International Taste of Christmas; thank you to those who spent time setting up and cleaning up; and thank you to those who helped design program sets. And of course, thank you to those who supported the children and youth by attending this year's program. Jesus is the Savior of the nations! Penny, Tim and DeAnn





January's children's ministry opportunities

To help brighten your days, we have some activities planned for you and your family.

Winter Kindermusik: Starts the week of Jan. 10. With a bang, a jingle, and a smile, we will sing our way through the winter months. See our Web site for more details.

Winter Creative Dance: Starts Monday, Jan. 11 at 6:45 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to dance the cold away.

Winter Beginning Ballet and Creative Movement: Starts Monday, Jan. 11. at 6 p.m. Want to take care of that extra energy? Come to a fast-moving class for children ages 3 to 5.

Winter Youth Basketball: Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to a basketball camp Saturday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9-10 a.m. The cost is \$10. Love children and basketball? We need ministry partners to help.

Family Event: Sunday, Jan. 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. Sled near Lakeview pond, enjoy potluck snacks and hot cocoa at the church.

The Wave in December: The Wave (4th and 5th Graders) will meet on Sunday, Dec. 20 from 1-2:30 p.m. We'll play games, eat great snacks and hear the Christmas story in a new way!

Parenting Bible Study: Another session of "Parenting from Me to We" will begin Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, to register or to pay for any of these events, go to our children's page on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Tiny Treasures updates

As we prepare our children for Christmas, we have the privilege to share about its true meaning. We love to see the excitement in our preschoolers as we unfold the story about where Jesus was born and why he came to earth—to save us. We pray your Christmas is also filled with the knowledge of knowing the complete story behind Christmas. Merry Christmas.

~ The staff at Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool



Christmas Program

We have had a blast preparing for this year's Christmas program, "Joy for the World," which will be presented Monday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. We hope you can join us!

Fall 2010 Registration

It's hard to believe that it's almost time to register for the 2010-2011 school year! Registration for our current preschool families will begin on Monday, Jan. 4 at 9 a.m. Registration will be open to Gloria Dei families on Saturday, Jan. 9, and to the public on Tuesday, Jan. 12. We will host an open house for prospective families on Monday, Jan. 11 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Please spread the word! If you have questions, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Playgroup

Tiny Treasures will offer a playgroup for children who will be old enough for the regular preschool in the fall of 2010. This playgroup has proved to be a great feeder program for preschool classes because it allows children the opportunity to be comfortable in a school setting.

The two classes will meet on Tuesday or Thursday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. from February through May. Registration materials are available in the plastic racks. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 15, 2010 and toilet trained. Tuition is \$40 each month; a registration fee of \$10 must accompany the form. Class size will be no more than eight children with two teachers.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.



The youth broadcasted from the John Channel 4 news room during the Christmas program Dec. 13.

Junior and Senior High 30 Hour Famine

The event will be held April 9-10, 2010.
Sign up at the youth bulletin board today.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. starting Jan. 9 and 10.

Classes will not meet Dec. 19-20, 26-27 and Jan. 3-4, but will resume Jan. 9 and 10. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Service opportunities

Sunday, Dec. 20 from 9-10 a.m. Join us in the Youth Center as we assemble the Christmas Eve candles and dry cookie dough bags.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday mornings

Sundays from 9-10 a.m. Join us as we discuss and study relevant issues for high school youth on Jan. 10.
No Bible studies Dec. 20, 27 and Jan. 3; resumes Jan. 10.

The Point

Wednesdays in the Youth Center at 6 p.m. Wednesday evenings will be a time when senior high students can gather with friends and study, discuss and experience some hot topics from the Bible that are relevant to teens today.
The Point will resume on Jan. 13.

Senior High Urban Plunge

January 8-10. Sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is Dec. 20.



Week of Dec. 19-26, 2009

Saturday, Dec. 19

- 8:00 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Grades K-2 Girl Scouts
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Sunday, Dec. 20

- 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. Youth Servant Event
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 1:00 p.m. Third Grade Girl Scouts
- 1:00 p.m. The Wave - Christmas Celebration
- 7:00 p.m. Cantata
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Dec. 21

- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Preschool Program
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, Dec. 22

- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec. 23

- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 24

- 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve H3 Service in Family Life Center
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service in Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Blended Candlelight Service in Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, Dec. 25

Office Closed

- 9:30 a.m. Christmas Service in Sanctuary with Communion

Saturday, Dec. 26

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	145	94
7:45 a.m.	153	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	364	
9 a.m. (FLC)	87	45
10:30 a.m.	310	
Total	1059	139
Advent-Dec. 16	135	

Scripture Based on Giving:

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits 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 (Dec. 12-13)	
General Fund Offerings	\$58,219
QTD Offering	\$363,594
QTD Budget	\$404,899

Weeks of Dec. 26-Jan. 9, 2009

Saturday, Dec. 26

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center with Communion

Sunday, Dec. 27

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
9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Dec. 28

6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, Dec. 29

5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec. 30

6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 31

6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship Service

Friday, Jan. 1

Office Closed

Saturday, Jan. 2

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center

Sunday, Jan. 3

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
9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
Sanctuary with Communion
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Jan. 4

8:00 a.m. Iowa Dept of Education
9:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Staff In-service Day
6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, Jan. 5

9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 6

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

Thursday, Jan 7

10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
6:00 p.m. Care Night
6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, Jan. 8

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Saturday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center with Communion
5:50 p.m. Grace Place
5:50 p.m. Castaway

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

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekend Worship Services

Please feel free to visit any of our worship services. For the specific times of the educational opportunities for the children and youth, see page one.

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship.

Traditional Worship Service

Sundays at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all three liturgies from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service

Sundays 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

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: This casual atmosphere where families are encouraged to worship with lively hymns and praise music.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays 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.

Activities throughout the Week

We have lots of activities for the entire family throughout the week and would love for you to join us. Please check our Web site for the activities and times.

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: Zephaniah 3:17-20

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. The sorrows for the appointed feasts I will remove from you; they are a burden and a reproach to you. At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you; I will rescue the lame and gather those who have been scattered. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they were put to shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes, says the LORD.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon