

WEEKLY WORD



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April 10-11, 2010

Second Sunday of Easter

The talk of the town

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

In the next seven weeks, we will study in detail some of the attributes of the men and women who became avid followers of Jesus Christ. This Jesus, who recently underwent a horrendous torture and death and after three days was raised from the dead, was the talk of the town. First-hand accounts of how this man healed the lepers, restored sight to the blind, enabled the lame to walk, eradicated evil spirits lurking in a variety of situations, and fed thousands with only five loaves and two fishes topped the everyday conversations of the weather, family and who's getting married to whom.

Stories of him had been rippling through their culture for years in every imaginable professional and societal class. Even prostitutes and social outcasts talked about him. An entire town became aware of his presence after he talked to a woman at a public well about the private details of her life and the wellspring of water that is available. The entire town was so engaged with his words that they urged him to stay with them longer.

Of course, the town's religious leaders had lots to say about this Jesus. Even though they began to prohibit any public talk about this "King of the Jews," heated debate behind closed doors ensued about how to deal with the man who was hanging out with sinners, not keeping their perceived idea of the law and tradition, and healing people from a multitude of sicknesses and infirmities.

Let's not forget about the disciples who spent hours with Jesus. Their everyday conversations would have revealed the miracles and healings of their "Master and Lord." Dinner table conversations probably revolved around Jesus' teachings concerning the new hierarchy of "the kingdom of heaven." After all, his teachings completely rearranged and eradicated most of their established traditions by simply replacing them with "Love God" and "Love your neighbor." These disciples soon became labeled as "his followers."

But my favorite witness of Jesus was by an unnamed young man who miraculously received sight during an encounter with Jesus. The healing caused quite a ruckus in the community. As the healed man faced the Pharisees, he simply stated "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

Personally, I can relate to this blind man, I may not be able to understand every detail of my Lord and Savior, but I do know one thing, I was blind, but now, by God's grace I can see. So before we even study the attributes of these men and women, let's emulate what consumed their everyday lives—Jesus. And let's talk about who he is, what he has accomplished and how he has changed our lives.

Message Series

April 10-11:	Devoted to the Apostles' Teachings	May 8-9	Devoted to Efficiency
April 17-18	Devoted to Fellowship	May 15-16	Devoted to Giving
April 24-25	Devoted to Prayer	May 22-23	Devoted to Outreach
May 1-2	Devoted to Sincere Hearts		

what's
NEW!
this week!

30 Hour Famine

The youth will be collecting donations this weekend for the 30 Hour Famine.

See page 5 for more details.

Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale

Tell your friends and neighbors about the consignment sale on April 16 and 17.

For more information, see page 5.

God has blessed us, so let's give

We have lots of ways to give this spring, see pages 5-7.

Dinner Theater

Mark your calendar for "Love Liner" voyage performed by the Youth Ministry April 23-25.

For more information, see page 7.

Message Series Discussion Guides

Enclosed in this week's Weekly Word are discussion guides that can be used individually or in small groups.

For information on how to connect to a small group, call Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

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Financial Report

God has blessed our congregation with great abundance that we, in the church office, take seriously. We work hard at ensuring that we steward the finances that members of our church freely give. Likewise, we strongly believe that we need to communicate a realistic snapshot of our finances on a quarterly basis; thus, this current fiscal year's third quarter (Q3) and year-to-date report. It is our prayer that it will help members see how their offerings are utilized in the best possible way.

What we look at: When we take a look at the church's finances, we look at the amount of giving, total income and expenses. We then compare them to the following three things:

- The same quarter of the previous year.
- Year-to-date numbers from the previous year.
- The current fiscal year's budgeted numbers.

Third Quarter Giving: As of the end of the current Q3, there is a decrease in both giving and total income for the third quarter and year-to-date as compared to last year and to the budgeted amounts.

Actual giving for Q3 of this year fell 7.15 percent from actual giving during the previous year and was 18.43 percent lower than budgeted. In actual dollars, Q3 was \$28,588 behind last year. The shortfall to cover budgeted income was \$83,837.

Due to the fact we had a positive first quarter (Q1) for this fiscal year, the year-to-date giving, compared to last year, is only down 2.18 percent or \$26,235. Comparing the year-to-date giving to the current year budgeted amount, the giving is down 8.60 percent or \$110,691.

Third Quarter Income: Total income, made up of giving, tuition, building usage fees, interest income, and the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority lease, follows a similar pattern. Since giving makes up most of the total income figure and the trend shows a decline, total income will also be down as other revenue is not enough to offset the shortfall in giving. Total income for Q3 is down 5.59 percent or \$25,149 when compared to last year and Q3 total income is down 16.51 percent or \$84,065 compared to what was budgeted for the current year.

Compared to the previous year, the present year-to-date total income is down .82% (less than 1 percent) or \$10,769 and the year-to-date total income is down 7.72 percent or \$108,862 when compared to what was budgeted for the current year.

Third Quarter Expenses: There is better financial news when the expenses of the church are examined. During the current Q3, expenses were slightly higher than Q3 of last year by .33 percent (less than 1 percent) or \$1,547, but significantly lower than the amount budgeted for Q3 for the current fiscal year. The Q3 expenses were 2.51 percent or \$11,953 less than budgeted.

The present year-to-date expenses compared to last year's year-to-date expenses are 2.59 percent or \$34,197 less and the year-to-date expenses are 6.98 percent or \$96,701 less than the budgeted amount.

Summary: Giving and total income are down not only in the Q3 but for the entire year. The fourth quarter financials will be extremely important for the church. Giving and income will need to increase while at the same time expenses will need to be closely monitored to keep them in line in order to meet the church budget.

There will be additional weekly information to track the year-to-date giving in the Weekly Word. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Bill Jesse, Executive Director, at 278-5544, ext. 217.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, April 11 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



P Peter John Deacon, born on January 20, 2010 to Peter and Pamela (nee Johnson) Deacon. Peter's spiritual sponsors are Nick and Elizabeth Deacon.



R Riley May Deacon, born on January 21, 2010 to Peter and Pamela (nee Johnson) Deacon. Riley's spiritual sponsors are Deb and Jeff Huftalin.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, April 11 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



R Reilly Christopher DeVries-McCabe, born on January 12, 2010 to Rick McCabe and Alana DeVries. Reilly's spiritual sponsors are Maria Tyler, Kayla Kightlinger and Les and Carla Kirchert.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, April 11 are provided by Jerry and Barb Koepp celebrating their thirty-third wedding anniversary on April 16.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

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

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

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

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.
Brittany Meyer

9 a.m.
Myles Glandoff

10:30 a.m.
Dylan Elder

Elders:
Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig

Ushers
Northwind
Dale Engelken

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann
Zach Ammann
Brent Handel
Justin Handel

9 a.m.

Terry Ebke
Randy Fleming
Casey Fluegge
Dean Kleckner
Mark Kramer
Rob Steuber
Kurt Zimmermann

9 a.m. (FLC)
Jared Nicol

10:30 a.m.

Phillip Bax
Jim Kellenberg
Chris Warwick

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:42-47 and Luke 24:36, 46-49 (NIV)

Prayers

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 Jerry and Barb Koepp celebrating their wedding anniversary

Prayers

- For Brian Peter's grandmother, Ruth Clayberg
- For an easy transition for Leona Standridge as she moves to Minnesota
- For the grieving family of Elaine Gebhardt
- For the grieving family of Adella Molloy
- For the quick recovery of Rev. Herman Kramer, father of Paul and Mark Kramer
- For the recovery of Pat Klinefelter
- For the health concerns of Jerry Willems, Rachel Onsrud's father
- For the grieving families of the miners in West Virginia
- For Reese Ladwig, a 3-year-old, who is at Mayo Clinic
- For health issues of Mel and Rose Kramer, brother and sister-in-law of Lyle Kramer and Bill Kramer
- For Addison Blythe, daughter of Dustin and Cheryl Blythe
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers

Prayer ministry 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.

Visiting Today?

If you are visiting us today, we warmly welcome you. Please take time to check out all of our upcoming classes and activities. If you have questions, contact the church office at 276-1700. Here are two classes you won't want to miss!

Discovery 101: Beginning the Journey

Beginning the Journey is an introduction to the central teaching of Scripture. In addition to learning the basics of our beliefs, you will be encouraged to develop your faith in God. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the



Lutheran faith. Childcare is provided. Register by calling the church office at 276-1700. Please indicate if childcare is needed. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Philip Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

When does it start? Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning April 15 and ending May 6.

Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Welcome to Gloria Dei (for those who already have a Lutheran background or following Discovery 101) will be an introduction to Gloria Dei, the staff and the programs offered. Our mission, vision and the current organization of Gloria Dei will be presented. At the end of the class you will have the opportunity to become members. This class, held on a Sunday afternoon, includes a meal and childcare. Register by calling the church office at 276-1700. Please indicate if childcare is needed. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Philip Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

When is it? Sunday, May 23 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Information Center

Stop by the Information Center, which is located outside the Sanctuary or in the back of the Family Life Center. We would love to get to know you and provide brochures of our activities and events throughout the year. See you there!

Check out our Web site

www.gloriadeionline.com

Need more information and resources? Check out our Web site for additional information and updates. We post weekly sermons, newsletters, information about our children, youth and adult programs and much more.

Baptisms and weddings

If you would like to schedule a baptism or wedding, please contact the church office at 276-1700 or e-mail Diane Schmidt, Front Desk Administrative Assistant, at diane@gloriadeionline.com. We will try our best to accommodate all of the baptism and wedding requests.

Spruce up your Spring

Spring is a great time of renewal, so consider putting yourself into new situations by helping in the following ways.

Cart Drivers

With April comes spring showers, so we are once again in need of volunteers to drive the carts. If you wish to volunteer, please call Dan DeVries at 276-4132.

Greeters

Do you like to smile? Do you like to create a welcoming environment? Then join us at the 10:30 a.m. worship service as we greet our families and our guests into worship.

Even though the time commitment is short—twice a month—the reward multiplies as you meet and welcome people.

If you are interested, please contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.



Ask the youth about their 30 Hour Famine weekend

Take time to talk with the youth this weekend about their experience in raising awareness of the world's hunger problem, specifically in regards to the famine that has robbed thousands of Ethiopians of basic necessities.

Under the direction of Kim Phillips and several ministry partners, 63 youth began fasting on Friday for 30 hours. During the fast, they attended a presentation from Drake students, who recently served in Ethiopia, played interactive games about the various tribes in Ethiopia, listened to a homeless man share his life experience, made bracelets to support a Ghana mission project, put together health-care kits to be sent to Haiti and canvassed the Urbandale area for canned goods to be taken to Bethel Mission in Des Moines and the Urbandale Food Pantry.

Their efforts conclude this weekend by collecting financial donations in the narthex and the Family Life Center. Funds raised will help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe and nationally. Recently, a governmental grant has been issued matching tenfold any 30 Hour Famine donations. Consequently, the youth's goal to raise \$15,000, would equate to \$150,000. Thank you for your support.



Spring consignment sale

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

**Consignment
Sale**

Friday, April 16

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Items half price)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
5301 Astoria • Urbandale, IA
proceeds to benefit Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool
This event is sponsored by the 509th South Central District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**Friday, April 16 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and
Saturday, April 17 from 7-11 a.m.**

Invite your friends and neighbors! 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. The items are top-quality and extremely affordable. This year's profits will go toward purchasing portable sinks for the classrooms.

Men's breakfast

Iowa District West is hosting "From One Generation to Another," a men's breakfast Saturday, April 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 520 North Garfield, Algona, Iowa. The cost is \$10 and is payable at the door. Please register by April 13 by contacting Sue Light at 515-576-7666 or sue.light@idwlcms.org.

Address change

Leona Standridge, a long-time member of Gloria Dei, is moving to Minnesota. Her new address is 563 County Road B, Apt. 208, Roseville, Minn. 55113. Please take time to pray and write a note to Leona.

LWML Circles

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Place, Des Moines.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at Barbara Koepp, 808 48th Street, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Westown Parkway in West Des Moines. They will be working on the DMARC envelopes. For questions, call Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Spring Rally

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will hold its annual Spring Rally on Sunday, April 18 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 6270 Merle Hay Rd., Johnston. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the program begins at 2 p.m. The cost of \$4 covers the program and refreshments. For more information, please contact Marolyn Carstens at 262-3249.

Monthly donations

Since we desire to be a beacon to our community, we have three bins in the narthex dedicated to collect items for local ministries and for our Honduran mission team. Remember it is the little things that we can all do that make a huge difference.

Urbandale Food Pantry

Gloria Dei seeks to be a beacon to our community by providing services or items that will help our neighbors; therefore, we partner with the Urbandale Food Pantry. Your monthly donations of the suggested items help those in our community. April's item, toilet paper, can be placed in the bin in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Honduras

In April, the Honduras mission team is collecting adult vitamins, calcium and vitamin D.

Also, thank you to all who made the Honduras breakfast a huge success!

Refugee families

We will collect clean and gently-used spring and summer clothing from April 11 through April 25. We will also accept household items and linens. We are hoping to do a clothing give-away on April 28. Thanks so much!

Chile earthquake relief

Due to the February 27 earthquake and tsunami in Chile, the death toll has reached 800 and an estimated 500,000 homes were destroyed.

Upwards of 2,500 displaced Chileans are living in six-by-eight-foot wooden structures at one government-run refugee camp in the coastal city of Constitucion. In the weeks following the earthquake, the local pastors have gone door-to-door assessing how people are doing and identifying their needs. With fewer than 10 church workers, their manpower is limited. The pastors and church members are providing vital assistance as quickly as they can and ask that the LCMS keep them in prayer.

Materials are readily available in Chile, but members of the local churches are in need of financial assistance to purchase the materials that are needed to assist the individuals impacted by the earthquake and living in refugee camps.

To make a gift, call toll-free 888-930-4438, mail donations marked "Chile Earthquake Relief:" to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861, or visit <http://givenowlcms.org>.

Addison's quilt

We are making a prayer quilt to give encouragement for Dustin and Cheryl Blythe's two-year-old daughter, Addison, who has leukemia.

Please purchase a fat quarter (18 by 22 inches) of 100 percent cotton fabric, not washed. On a 6 by 6 inch card, write a special message or prayer for Addison and glue a small piece of your fabric to the card. Don't forget to sign the card.

Then drop the fabric and card off on the shelf above the water fountain outside the narthex by April 17. If you have any questions, go to www.addisonsquilt.blogspot.com.

Gloria Dei Quilters

*Join the mission of helping individuals
thousands of miles away!*

In order to accomplish the huge task of making quilts for the Honduran and China missions, an additional session has been added. Invite a friend. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523.

Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Save the date

Activity: 2010 Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity
Help Build a Home and Transform our Community

Date: May 26-28

Time: 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m. daily as scheduled, RSVP required

Place: 1318 Mondamin, Des Moines, Iowa

Contact: Bill Clark 515-491-8543 billclark@mchsi.com

We need help building the house, and making and serving lunches for 50 people. All skill levels needed! Reserve your volunteer spots at <http://gdmhabitat.volunteerlocal.com/>; or contact Amber Duimstra, aduimstra@gdmhabitat.org or 515-471-8686, ext. 107.

Stephen Ministry

From time to time, we all face difficult times that we shouldn't face alone. So whether you are facing loneliness, loss of a spouse, retirement changes, unemployment, discouragement, childbirth, hospitalization, divorce, grief, terminal illness or being a shut-in, we have trained Stephen Ministers who can walk beside you. If you need help, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204. With your permission, he will assign you a caring Stephen Minister. All conversations are completely confidential.



Let's play ball!

Co-ed Softball: Dust off your glove and stretch those sedentary muscles and then join the men and women in the riveting game of softball this spring. The games will be Sundays from 4:15 to 10:15 p.m. at Racoon River Sports Complex in West Des Moines starting April 22. The cost will be approximately \$30 per person. If interested, contact Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com or Robin Stewart at iowahawkfans@msn.com.

Men's Softball: Men are invited to join the Gloria Dei softball team. Games are on Tuesdays at Campbell Recreation Area in Clive starting April 19. The cost will be approximately \$30 per person. If interested, contact Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Join us Friday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. for allocated time to organize your memories through scrapbooks. Stop by room 131/33 after you hit the consignment sale. For more information, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207. Childcare is available by calling Carol Wennedt by Wednesday, April 14 at 306-4352 with the times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.



Tickets on sale for dinner theater

Tickets can be purchased starting April 10-11 and 17-18 before and after worship and Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the office. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 and adults over 50. The price includes a buffet with dessert. Free childcare for children up to 5 years old is available. Theater dates and times:

Friday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.
(Boarding begins at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.
(Boarding begins at 6 p.m.)

Sunday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m.
(Boarding begins at 4 p.m.)

After school program help needed

Mount Olive Lutheran School is looking for someone to supervise the After School Program. Hours for the program are Monday through Friday from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. with After Care beginning earlier on days that we have early dismissal. Duties include supervising children, helping students with homework, arts and crafts, and preparing a snack. If you are interested in this position, please contact Shelly Dirksen in the office at 277-0247.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday's adult Bible study at 9:10 and 10:15 a.m. will not meet April 11, but will resume April 18. If you have any questions, please call Dan Snyder at 343-9590.

Family jubilee celebration

We will have a Family Jubilee at church Wednesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. Everyone (children, youth, parents) will start in the Sanctuary for a lively, praise-filled opening. We'll move down the hall for games, inflatables, food, art, and tons of fun! Plan to attend with your family. Food will be available for purchase, \$2 per person for grilled cheese or hot dog, chips, cookie and drink.

The Wave

The Wave (grades 3, 4 and 5) will meet Sunday, April 25 from 1-2:30 p.m. at church. We'll learn some cool kite flying techniques, try our hand at flying different types of kites, take a kite home to fly, make a kite from a garbage bag and have a great time fellowshiping with others! This event is open to any 3rd, 4th or 5th grader and their family. Let's go fly a kite, and send it soaring! This will be our final Wave event for the 2009/10 school year. The cost is \$5 per student.

Campbell soup labels

Please remember Tiny Treasures and clip the small, colored stamp and UPC symbol on the can or box items. After you enjoy delicious soup and other Campbell foods, put your redemption coupons in the Campbell soup display located outside the Tiny Treasures office (east wing). When we redeem the coupons we are given the opportunity to purchase items for the preschool. Thank you.

Summer Camps information

Summer Camps have been posted on the web and printed in a brochure. Browse the web or pick up a printed copy. Spaces are limited in some of the camps. Register today at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Young children learn about the risen Christ



Our H3 Good Friday and Easter services were a hit this year as children and their families related to the Easter story through hands-on activities, lively worship and interactive time with each other.

Grace Place

May 1-2

School year Grace Place will end.

June 5-6

Summer Grace place will begin.

Faith Alive

April 14

Faith Alive will meet.

April 21

Family jubilee will be held.

Midweek meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

April 14

Deli Night

\$4 per adult, \$2 per child or youth
(2 and under eat free)

April 21

Grilled Cheese/Hot Dog

\$2 per adult, child or youth
(2 and under eat free)

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Junior and Senior High

Dinner theater

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(Boarding begins at 4 p.m.)

Rehearsals:

Sunday, April 11 from 12-2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14 from 7:30 p.m.
(*"Dancing Queen"* & *"I'll Stand by Her"* scenes)

Sunday, April 18 from 12-2 p.m.

Monday, April 19 from 6:30-9 p.m.
(Tech Night)

Thursday, April 22 from 6:30-9 p.m.
(Dress Rehearsal)

World's of Fun Event Grades 8-12

Ignite World's of Fun Event begins Friday, May 14 at 5 p.m. and ends midnight Saturday, May 15. Cost is \$35. Flyers with permission slips are available by the youth bulletin board. Permission slips and money are due by April 28.

30 Hour Famine- April 9-10

More than 60 youth participated in the 30 Hour Famine this year. They will be in the Family Life Center and narthex to collect financial donations and to talk about their weekend fasting experience.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Castaway is a high-energy, multi-sensory active learning environment. (No Saturday Castaway in April)

"Get Your But Out of the Way"

April 11: *"But I'm too Young"*

April 18: *"But I Can't"*

April 25: *"But I'm Afraid"*

Wednesdays: Confirmation rehearsal and pictures

Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m.

Please do not wear jeans or tennis shoes. Guys may want to wear a collared shirt. Remember to bring your picture and CD order forms.

"What's Next Bible Study"

Wednesday, April 14 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in rooms 131/133. Parents of 8th grade confirmation students are invited to the Bible Study that will focus on how to keep your child's faith active after Confirmation.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday mornings - Senior High Bible Study

Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in room 114.

Join us as we dig into today's topics and what God's Word says.

Wednesdays - The Point

Join us Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center.

April 7: *"Living Like Jesus"*

April 14: *"Living Like Jesus"*

End of year party

A time of jubilee will be Wednesday, April 21 from 6-7:30 p.m. Inflatables, games, food (\$2) and good times will be the mix for the evening.

Week of April 10-17, 2010

Saturday, April 10

- 12:00 a.m. 30 Hour Famine
- 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

Sunday, April 11

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsals
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 12

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 2
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, April 13

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten and Second Grade Girl Scouts - Daisy and Troop 806
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. DivorceCare

Tuesday, April 13 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 14

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. What's Next? Meeting for Parents of Confirmands
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale Drop Off
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal

Thursday, April 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale Set-up
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, April 16

- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, April 17

- 7:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love (April 3-4, 2010)	
General Fund Offerings	\$48,709
Fourth QTD Offering	\$81,316
Fourth QTD Budget	\$82,389

Scripture Base on Giving:

Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in

the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19

Week of April 17-24, 2010

Saturday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, April 18

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
 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Lighthouse Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 1:00 p.m. Third Grade Girl Scouts - Troop 659
 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Piano Recital-Lisa Merfeld

Monday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 2
 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, April 20

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
 6:30 p.m. Committee Meeting Cub Scouts Pack 206
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 6:00 p.m. Family Jubilee (all grades)
 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, April 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
 12:00 p.m. Lupus Foundation Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, April 23

6:30 p.m. The Love Liner Dinner Theater

Saturday, April 24

8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 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
 6:30 p.m. The Love Liner Dinner Theater

Maundy Thursday Services	Attend	Comm
6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	203	160
7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	124	100
Total	327	260

Good Friday Services	Attendance
4:30 p.m. (FLC)	150
6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	432
7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	153
Total	735

Educational Attendance Wednesday, April 7	
Preschool	21
Elementary	102
Junior High	76
Senior High	35

Easter Worship Services	Attendance
5:30 p.m. (Family Life Center)	179
7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	120
7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	271
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	871
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	156
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	577
Total	2,174

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. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekend Worship Services

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. Families are encouraged to worship together; children will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after worship begins.

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. Families are encouraged to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after worship begins.

H-3 Family Worship Service

Sundays 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. Children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after worship begins.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music. Families are encouraged to worship together; children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after worship begins.

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: Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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