

WEEKLY WORD



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April 17-18, 2010

Third Sunday of Easter

The “together” Christian walk

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

As we continue to look at the attributes of the men and women who became avid followers of Jesus Christ, we see a common theme that quickly surfaces—they were devoted, dedicated and down-right committed to each other.

This endearing commitment to each other, shouldn't surprise us. After all, their teacher and master, Jesus, strongly intertwined the “together” concept by his example and teachings. He paired the 12 disciples before sending them out and taught them the first commandment to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Then he declared, “The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

These two declarations should govern the very essence of our lives. Everything else, such as careers, ambitions, houses, vacations, hobbies, sports and all other activities that we enjoy should become subservient to these two commandments. In other words, we should always love God and then each other.

Last fall, a friend of mine ran in the Des Moines Marathon. It was his first marathon, his dream—so he intensely trained for it by daily training, running two half marathons (13.1 miles) and three shorter races. He was confident that he could finish the race in less than four hours. At the 18-mile mark, he was significantly ahead of his goal. As he crossed the 18.2 mile mark, his dream abruptly halted—both of his hamstrings cramped up causing excruciating pain to shoot through his body. The pain continued and thoughts of quitting the race quickly dominated his mind.

“You can do it,” said a voice behind him. His friend, who cheered him on during the first part of the race was even louder during the runner's last eight miles. For the next two hours, his friend came alongside him to encourage the pain-stricken runner.

As he wobbled to the finished line with the agony of how his body failed him, a new understanding emerged—God's faithfulness. When the race became too difficult and his body was too weak to finish the race, his friend simply stayed by his side. “The race helped me to see my need to rely on God for everything and the need for a strong brother in Christ as well,” he said.

Isn't that what fellowship is all about? Cheering each other on when things are going great, and lending a hand when troubles arise. We try to do things on our own, with the false belief that our own strength will carry us through. But when obstacles arise, and storms pound our lives, we can take comfort that God has provided a safety net for our lives—each other.

“Devoted to” Message Series

- April 17-18** Devoted to Fellowship
- April 24-25** Devoted to Prayer
- May 1-2** Devoted to Sincere Hearts
- May 8-9** Devoted to Efficiency
- May 15-16** Devoted to Giving
- May 22-23** Devoted to Outreach

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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what's **NEW!** this week!

Dinner Theater

Purchase your tickets today for the youth's dinner theater to be held April 23-25.

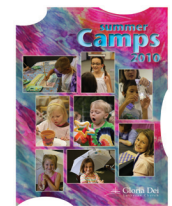
See page 5 for more details.



Summer opportunities

We have lots of activities for your children this summer.

To find out more, turn to page 8.



Family jubilee

Wednesday, April 21 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Since Wednesday ends this year's Faith Alive, we are celebrating with activities for the entire family. You won't want to miss this evening!

For more information, see page 8.

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 (July 2009-June 2010) 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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Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, April 18 are provided by Merle and Ellie Knuth celebrating their fifty-first wedding anniversary on April 18.

LCMS Convention updates

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) will meet in convention July 10-17, 2010 in Houston, Texas and Pastor Burcham will be our regional representative. The LCMS is broken down by Districts and Gloria Dei is part of Iowa District West. The District is then broken down by regional circuits and Gloria Dei is part of the Des Moines West Circuit. In the fall of 2009, the congregations of the Des Moines West Circuit sent one pastoral representative and one member representative to a meeting to elect a pastoral and member delegate to the national convention. Pastor Burcham was elected to be the pastoral representative for our circuit while Dennis Shaltanis from Trinity, Des Moines was elected to the member representative. This will be the third time that Pastor Burcham has represented our circuit at the national convention which meets every three years.

Pastor Burcham was also asked to serve on a floor committee for the convention that will consider recommendations for the restructure of synod. Floor committees have the job of sifting through the many resolutions that are submitted by congregations, circuits, and districts. The floor committee organizes, combines, or writes the final resolutions that will come before the convention. Pastor Burcham has already attended a meeting in January where the initial proposals were presented. This weekend he is in St. Louis for the second meeting in preparation for the convention and will have the third and final meeting from May 21-24.

“It is an honor to be asked to serve on this important floor committee,” said Pastor Burcham. “I believe it is important for us to be mindful and supportive of our national church body and offer leadership when we are asked to do so. It is a large commitment of time, but will benefit the church at large.”

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Philip Robarge

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

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

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

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Philip Robarge

Preacher:
Rev. Philip Robarge

Organist:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.
Ryan Dueker

9 a.m.
Myles Glandorf

10:30 a.m.
Cameron Hay

Elders:

Tom Westby
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus

Ushers
Northwind
Dale Engelken

Scripture Readings:
Acts 4:32-37 and
Matthew 5:21-24
(NIV)

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

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 Merle and Ellie Knuth 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 Jon Carlson, nephew of Dwight and Marilyn Carlson
- For the healing of missionary Steve Lutz
- For the quick recovery of Rev. Herman Kramer, father of Paul and Mark Kramer
- For the recovery of Shirley Kramer, who will be undergoing surgery this week
- For the health concerns of Jerry Willems, Rachel Onsrud's father
- 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 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.

Can I still join? Even though the class began last Thursday, you can still attend this Thursday's class from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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 online at www.gloriadeionline.com. Please indicate if childcare is needed. If you have 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

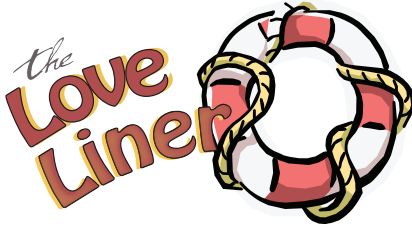
Do you like to smile? Do you like to create a welcoming environment? Then join us at the 10:30 a.m. worship service as we greet our families and our guests into worship.

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.



Tickets on sale for dinner theater



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.)

Tickets can be purchased April 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.

Side dishes and desserts needed

We are in need of families and youth to sign up to bring side dishes and desserts (no peanuts or nut base) for the dinner theater on the evenings of April 23, 24, and 25. Each dish brought needs to be able to serve 12-15 people.

Side dishes: cheesy potatoes, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables

Desserts: chocolate desserts, fruit desserts, bars and cakes

By signing up to bring a dish, you will be helping the Youth Ministry in their fund raising efforts. It is also an opportunity to earn service hours. For those families with children in Confirmation classes, each dish brought is worth one service hour.

Three ways to sign up:

1. Sign up on the sheet on the refrigerator in the church kitchen.
2. Contact Elaine Klinefelter at Elaine@gloriadeionline.com or 278-5544, ext. 218.
3. Contact Lisa Gibson at lisa@gloriadeionline.com or 278-5544 ext. 221.

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, we will witness 25 students who will publicly confirm their faith. Please note: our regular 10:30 a.m. contemporary worship service will be held in the Family Life Center. If you attend the 10:30 a.m. service, please park in the east parking lot, which will allow for more parking places near the Sanctuary for the confirmands and their families. Meanwhile, please keep the confirmands and their families in your prayers.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday's adult Bible study at 9:10 and 10:15 a.m. will resume April 18. If you have any questions, please call Dan Snyder at 343-9590.

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 today. If you have any questions, go to www.addisonsquilt.blogspot.com.

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.



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 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!

Gloria Dei Quilters

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

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

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.

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

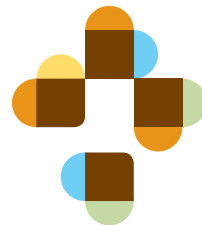
We need help building the house, and making and serving lunches for 50 people. All skill levels needed!

Contact: Bill Clark 515-491-8543 or bill-clark@mchsi.com

Reserve your volunteer spots:
<http://gdmhabitat.volunteerlocal.com/>;
or contact Amber Duimstra, at 515-471-8686, ext. 107 or aduimstra@gdmhabitat.org.

Joppa Homeless

Join Joppa's homeless camp cleanups



Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Please bring your gloves, boots, shovels, rakes and meet at the southwest corner of SW 7th and Martin Luther King Parkway.

Festival Showcase

Come to Connxions Event Center, 3901 121st St., Urbandale on Friday, April 30 at 7 p.m. to hear three local bands. SOS (Saved on Sunday), Tim Cooper and Friends, and Next Crossing. Suggested donation is \$5.



Beth Moore's simulcast

The women of Johnston E. Free Church will host the Beth Moore Simulcast "So Long Insecurity." Kiss your insecurities good-by and discover the joy of living with confidence. Join Beth Moore for a day that will transform and liberate you. The date is Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Johnston Evangelical Free Church, 9901 NW 62nd Ave., Johnston. Tickets are \$20 each and include snacks and beverages. There will be a one hour break for lunch; eat out or bring a sack lunch. Tickets are on sale at the church or through their Web site at www.jefc.org. If you have questions, contact Deanna Richeson at 986-0306 or Deanna.Richeson@jefc.org.

Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will meet at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to help make patterns and assemble packets to be distributed to seamstresses. No experience is necessary. Please come and enjoy the fun while serving a great need. If you have questions, contact Lois Cole at 288-1250 or Michele Banwart at 201-5174 or Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

Meals from the Heartland

Meals from the Heartland, a local nonprofit organization, will package meals to be sent to parts of the world where food is desperately needed. The event is Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. To register, go to their Web site at: www.mealsfromtheheartland.org.

Support our teams

Co-ed Softball: Support the co-ed softball team by coming to one of their games. The games are played at Raccoon River Sports Complex, 2500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines.

Sunday 4/25	7:15 p.m.	Sunday 5/16	5:15 p.m.
Sunday 5/2	5:15 p.m.	Sunday 5/23	5:15 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.
Sunday 5/9	8:15 p.m.	Sunday 6/6	Rain date

Men's Softball: Come and cheer on the men's Gloria Dei softball team at Campbell Recreation Area, 12385 Woodlands Parkway (West of I-35 between Hickman and University off of 123rd Street).

Tuesday 4/20	6:15 p.m. at Field R	Tuesday 5/11	8:15 p.m. at Field R
Tuesday 4/20	7:15 p.m. at Field R	Thursday 5/13	6:15 p.m. at Field R
Monday 4/26	8:15 p.m. at Field R	Monday 5/17	8:15 p.m. at Field R
Monday 4/26	9:15 p.m. at Field R	Monday 5/17	9:15 p.m. at Field R
Tuesday 4/27	9:15 p.m. at Field R	Monday 5/24	9:15 p.m. at Field R
Tuesday 5/4	6:15 p.m. at Field R	Tuesday 6/1	8:15 p.m. at Field R
Tuesday 5/4	7:15 p.m. at Field R	Monday 6/7	8:15 p.m. at Field R
Monday 5/10	9:15 p.m. at Field R	Monday 6/7	9:15 p.m. at Field R

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.

Serve Our Youth

Calling all golfers with a heart for kids! It's time to register for the fifth annual Serve Our Youth Golf Tournament. The



tournament will be held May 11 at Woodlands Hills Golf Course. The cost is \$75, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch. Register online at www.serveouryouth.org by clicking on the "SOY's 5th Annual Golf Outing" link or by calling 641-620-9037.

Country market

Freedom for Youth Ministries will host their second annual summer country market starting July 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The market, located at 2301 Hickman Rd., Des Moines, will run through August 7.

The items being sold are displayed in front of the skills shops that they were made in. Tours are available to give those interested a more in-depth look at the ways God is reaching the teens. Food, smoothies, coffee and live music will also be available. For more information, call 282-4822.

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 soup and other Campbell foods, put your redemption coupons in the Campbell soup display located outside the Tiny Treasures office (east wing). We then will redeem the coupons to purchase items for the preschool. Thank you.

Summer @ Gloria Dei

Summer Camps - June and July

We have a camp for every child this summer. So, whether their interest is fine arts, science and everything in between, we have a camp designed specifically for your child.

Summer Vacation Bible School -July

Wednesdays, from 6-8 p.m. At Planet Zoom, kids will discover a whole new world where little is big! Kids will have a blast as they discover a place where boldbee-lievers ZIP, ZAP AND ZOOM for Jesus. Ages: 3 years old-grade 5. Cost: Suggested donation of \$20 per family.

Summer Grace Place - June and July

Saturdays, 5:50 p.m., Sundays, 9:20 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Join us for summer's Sonshine as we take time to learn about the Savior who lights our world. We will have hands-on learning, crafts and may even venture outdoors for some real sunshine. Ages: 3 years old-grade 5.

Check them out and register today at www.gloriadeionline.com.



Grace Place

May 1-2

School year Grace Place will end.

June 5-6

Summer Grace place will begin.

Faith Alive

April 21

Family jubilee will be held.

Note time and price change!

Midweek meal

Wednesday from 5:30- 7 p.m.

April 21

Grilled Cheese/Hot Dog

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



Summer Reading Program

Calling all children in preschool through sixth grade! Gloria Dei's summer reading program will be held from May 1 to August 1 on Saturday nights from 5-5:30 p.m. or Sundays from 8-11:30 a.m. Sign up with a partner and earn a prize.

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Junior and Senior High

Dinner theater

“**The Love Liner**” Tickets can be purchased April 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:

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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.)

Rehearsals:

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)

Side Dishes and Desserts Needed

We are in need of families and/or youth to sign up to bring specific side dishes and desserts (no peanuts or nut base) for the dinner theater on the evenings of April 23, 24, and 25. Each dish brought needs to be able to serve 12-15 people. Each dish brought is worth one service hour!

Side dishes: cheesy potatoes, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables

Desserts: chocolate desserts, fruit desserts, bars and cakes

Three ways to sign up:

1. Sign up on the sheet on the refrigerator in the church kitchen.
2. Contact Elaine Klinefelter at Elaine@gloriadeionline.com or 278-5544, ext. 218.
3. Contact Lisa Gibson lisa@gloriadeionline.com or 278-5544 ext 221.

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.

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. (Saturday's Castaway will be not be held in April.)

“Get Your But Out of the Way”

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.

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.

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.

Senior High Graduation Recognition

Seniors and families are invited May 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please rsvp by May 2.

Week of April 17-24, 2010

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

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. Lifelight 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

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	243	148
7:45 a.m.	120	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	314	
9 a.m. (FLC)	83	35
10:30 a.m.	314	
Total	1,074	183

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
- 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal (Please note time change)
- 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

Outpouring of Love (April 10-11, 2010)	
General Fund Offerings	\$34,781
Fourth QTD Offering	\$116,097
Fourth QTD Budget	\$116,461

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

Week of April 24 to May 1, 2010

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

Sunday, April 25

- 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
- 9:10 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
- 1:00 p.m. The Wave
- 1:30 p.m. Piano Recital-Lynn Hays
- 4:30 p.m. The Love Liner Dinner Theater
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 26

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, April 27

- 9:00 a.m. All Staff Quarterly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 28

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Team of Thinkers
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, April 29

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, April 30

No Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, May 1

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Educational Attendance (April 10-11 and 14)				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	12	19	14	22
Elementary	28	49	41	97
Total Children	40	68	55	119
Junior High		4	7	91
Senior High				24

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 4:32-37 (NIV)

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

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