

WEEKLY WORD

SUMMER EDITION

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Aug. 21 and 22, 2010 | Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



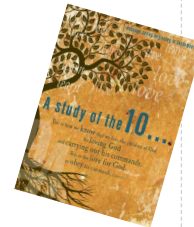
Message: "You Can't Handle It All"

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

You are burning the candle at both ends and seriously thinking about lighting up the center as well. You have more demands placed on you than a hostage negotiator and you think that if you try harder, sleep less, and manage your time better you can get it all done! It is time to figure out that busyness does not equal godliness! Today's message will focus on the importance of coming to Jesus to find margin and rest; thus learning how much you can really handle.

Gearing up for the fall

We are anticipating great connections as we prepare to launch our fall line-up. Please take time to review some of our fall opportunities. Additional opportunities can be found on our Web site or in our Fall Opportunities booklet.



Message Series: Starting Sept. 11-12, we will take an in-depth look at the Ten Commandments in the message series, "A Study of 10..." We see how God set the stage set and how the commands were to be followed, not out of blind obedience, but out of a response for the love and grace that God has for his people.

Children: Get ready for fun!

Tiny Treasures: Our preschool opens its doors for the sixth year starting Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Grace Place: Starting Sept. 11 and 12, we will gear up to learn about the Ten Commandments and how they apply to everyday life.

Faith Alive: Families will worship together in the Sanctuary beginning Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. before children head to their respective classrooms. Midweek meal begins Sept. 15 from 5-5:45 p.m.

Parenting Bible study: "The Truth Project" will begin Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Kindermusik and Dance: Join us for one of our classes beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Youth: Catch us if you can!

Junior High: Expect great times during the weekends, Wednesdays, and throughout the week.

Senior High: If you are in grades 9-12, special times and events are planned just for you.

Adults: Fasten your seat belts for upward growth!

Care Night: Care Night begins Thursday, Sept. 9 from 6-8 p.m. offering DivorceCare for adults and children, GriefShare for adults and children and weekly sessions on health and fitness for adults.

Financial Peace University: This course starts Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Small Groups: Small groups are vital to us, so we will be forming fall groups starting next week.

Fellowship Groups: Ranging from sports to quilting, we have something for you.

Discovery 101: New to the Lutheran faith? Attend our sessions starting Thursday, Sept. 16.

Discovery 201: Want to make Gloria Dei your church home? Check out this interactive event on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 3-6:30 p.m.

Bible Studies: A plethora of Bible studies are available for women and men of all ages starting in September.

Flood relief

Last week, we issued a request for prayer, gift cards and clothes. The response was truly amazing. Thank you for your support.

Teachers needed

We need teachers and assistants to teach our children. If interested, call DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Meals from the Heartland

Sign up to package meals Friday, Sept. 3 or Saturday, Sept. 4. The meals will be sent to impoverished communities around the world. See page 2 for more details.

Financial Peace University

Check out the previews of the upcoming financial class after each worship service today. See page 3 for details.

Twitter and Facebook

Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/GloriaDeiOnline>.

Twitter? Facebook?

In September, we will be holding 30-minute sessions about these communication pathways. Specific times and dates to be announced.

Want more information?

Go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com or pick up a Fall Opportunity booklet today.

Executive Director's overview

In the office, we are intentional about overseeing and managing all of the resources that God has blessed us with at Gloria Dei. Below is a summary of the main accomplishments for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010:

- In order to have a clearer picture of the financials, a quarter-based accounting procedure was implemented to acknowledge the income and expense fluctuations between periods.
- A Financial Control Policy was written and put in place.
- The \$15,027 preschool loan was paid off in February 2010.
- Due diligence was done on the remaining two loans for the church, and we are getting the best possible interest rate at this time.
- Tiny Treasures' budget was folded into the Gloria Dei budget.
- Of the \$1,710,360 total income for the year, \$1,546,773 was from giving.
- Total expenses were \$1,746,570, of which \$75,000 was allocated for future strategic planning.
- Upon review of the church's building, property and worker's compensation insurance policies against other companies for coverage, liability and cost, we are remaining with our current carrier.
- The "L" project, moving the portable walls from the preschool rooms to the "L" section of the building, was completed in June 2010, to establish a children's ministry area.
- Preventative maintenance on the land and building is timed to avoid future large expenditures.

If you have questions, please call Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 276-1700, ext. 207.

Meals from the Heartland

What if we could feed someone who does not have the means to feed himself?

Meals from the Heartland, a local non-profit organization, has responded to this question by heading up a community-wide event in September at Hy-Vee Hall, 730 Third St., Des Moines.



Gloria Dei will partner with them by forming teams to package meals that will be distributed throughout the world. Team dates:

- Friday, Sept. 3 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Friday, Sept. 3 from 1-3 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 4 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 4 from 1-3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 4 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining Gloria Dei's team, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com or to the Information Centers.



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

Web site News

Did you know?

- Online payments are now available.
- All of our calendar events are updated daily.
- Up-to-date news.
- Supplement resources for the current message series.
- All children's, youth and adult activities are online.
- Registration for all of our events is easy and fast.

Check us out today!

www.gloriadeionline.com

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Aug. 22 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:

A Amaya Jocelyn Wright born on July 6, 2010 to Tyler and Jenalee (nee Pook) Wright. Amaya's spiritual sponsors are Eric and Jen Pook and Molly Wright.

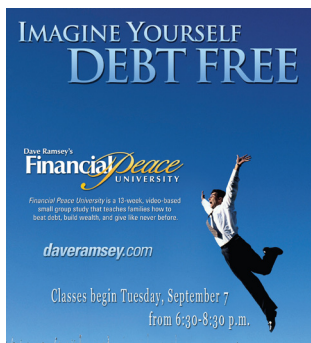
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Aug. 22 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:

B Brody Thomas Hittenmiller born on July 6, 2010 to Todd and Trisha (nee Burke) Hittenmiller. Brody's spiritual sponsors are Irwin and Tricia Oltmanns and Stacey Burke.

Preview Financial Peace University today

Fall class begins Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Imagine yourself debt free. Imagine making your money work for you instead of you working for your money. Learn how to be the best stewards of the resources God has given you by applying sound financial wisdom to all your finances. The goal of Financial Peace University extends beyond information—it's about transformation.



Preview the class today: If you want to get a glimpse of what this class offers, come to our 30-minute preview session after each worship service on August 21-22 in rooms 131/33.

If you are interested, register today by going to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Sue Jesse

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Eddie Steinfeldt

9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Bailey Swift

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Natalie Larimer

Elders:
Jim Miles
Terry Woolman
Vic Kesse

Ushers
Northwind
Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.
Ken Andresen
Bob Knief

9 a.m.
Bruce Brock
Bob Kuefner
Kurt Kromminga
Ron Oolman
Norm Rinderknecht

10:30 a.m.
Don Franzen
Gabe Nelson
Todd Schwartz
Dan DeVries

Scripture Readings:
Exodus 18:13-18 and Matthew 11:28-30 (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 our families
- For Tim and Ronda Mueller celebrating their 21st anniversary

Prayers

- For health concerns of Louise Crosser, mother of Ronda Mueller
- For the health concerns of Cindy Ellis
- For 3-year-old Ronan Thompson
- For health concerns of Jolene Norviel
- For the grieving family of Matt Williams
- For a quick recovery from surgery for Don Boesch
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For those affected by the floods
- For all of our military serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy and Nat Wunsch

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.

Calling all crafters and creative people

Creative? Like art? Like projects? We have a perfect spot for you. To gear up for the fall, we have a day set aside to work on special art projects that will support the upcoming message series, "A Study of 10..." You can expect great team atmosphere and unusual (and fun) projects that need to be built. Families with children are welcome to join us! **Saturday, August 28 from 8 a.m. to noon.**

One in Christ singles night

Calling all singles! Our next coffee night will be Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at Smokey Row. All Gloria Dei singles are invited to come, please feel free to invite a friend. For more information, please contact Michael Callison at Mcall78869@aol.com or 270-8555.

Book Club

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room. Upcoming read and discussion:

Wednesday, Sept. 1 - "The Surrogate" by Kathryn Mackel

For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at hlschmitz@mchsi.com.

Discovery 101: New to the Lutheran Faith?

Thursday, Sept. 16 through Oct. 7 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Our fall session of Discovery 101 runs Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. This informal four-week class is for those new to the Lutheran faith. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com. If you need childcare, please indicate this when you register.

Orphan Grain Train

In the past, we have supported Orphan Grain Train, a relief organization that gives aid to those impacted by disasters, such as the Haiti earthquake. To read more about their relief efforts, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the missions link.

Offering counters needed

Thank you to all the ministry partners for all your work! You have been a blessing to work with. Gloria Dei has six teams of counters that count about nine times per year. We are currently in need of more ministry partners. If you would like to volunteer in this ministry, please contact Shari Smith at 515-276-1700 ext. 202.

Thank you

Thank you to those who donated food for Dale Readinger's funeral. We appreciate your help! Please don't forget to pick up your dishes in the kitchen. ~ Alice Wegner

We extend our sincere thanks to our Gloria Dei family for your overwhelming support of us with kind words, memorial gifts, food and companionship. Dale loved this church very much—your demonstrations of love prove why. Your thoughtfulness made this difficult time easier to bear. God bless you! ~ Kay Readinger and family

Stephen Ministry Workshop

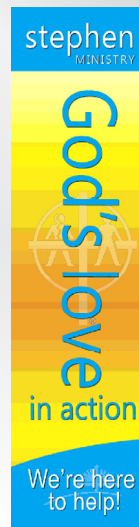
Do you know of people who have a heart for the hurting? Stephen Ministry workshops are half-day regional events where people receive a sample of Stephen

Minister training, deepen their vision for care and outreach, and learn how they can bring the life-changing benefits of Stephen Ministry to their congregations. The workshop will be held Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Registration begins 8 a.m.) at Gloria Dei. The cost is \$15 per person or \$50 per congregation. This workshop is for members of Gloria Dei or for all denominations that are interested in providing one-on-one care to those in need.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this workshop, please go to our Web site and click on Stephen Ministry link or call Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sign up for workshop today!





Confirmation

Orientation meetings:

Parents and students are invited to attend one of these meetings in the Family Life Center:

Eighth Grade -

Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.

Seventh Grade -

Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

Sixth Grade -

Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

All Grades Make up (Attend only if you missed one of the above meetings) -

Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

Junior high grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway resumes Sept. 12

Come expecting fun times as we unveil an improved Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Junior High Café 923

Sunday, Sept. 12 from 5-8 p.m. This is an unique evening for junior high youth to hang out with each other, play games and have fun. Bring yourself, money for snacks, pizza and lots of friends.

Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. starting Sept. 15

Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics relevant to their lives.

Senior high grades 9-12

Wednesday evening - The Point

The Point will meet Wednesdays throughout the summer at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Aug. 25 - Baby shower for Dan and Tina Morton. Games, food and fun! Bring one of the following gifts to help celebrate the new Morton life: diapers, baby lotion, wipes, baby shampoo, baby powder or gift cards.

Sundays from 9-10 a.m. Starting Sept. 12

Join us as we discuss relevant issues for high school youth.

Scrapbook Fellowship

School's back in session. It's time to start that graduation album you need for next May or to scrap all the fun things you did this summer with your kids! Join us Friday, Aug. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. or Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and go as your schedule allows. We meet in rooms 131/133. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Urbandale Food Pantry

The Urbandale Food Pantry is requesting toothbrushes and toothpaste during the month of August. Please place your donations in the food pantry bin in the narthex.

The Real You: a Time for Mothers and Daughters

Special Wave: Sunday, Aug. 29 from 2-4 p.m.

Girls in grades 3-5 and their moms are invited to attend this special Wave. We'll look at God's purpose for each of us and how marvelously he has made us. We will learn about real beauty and return home with great ideas and gifts. Mothers and daughters must register at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Women's Bible study

Please join us for a Women's Bible study every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. in the Cry Room. Currently the book of Isaiah is being studied.

Week of Aug. 21-28, 2010

Saturday, August 21

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University Informational Preview

Sunday, August 22

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Financial Peace University Informational Preview
- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University Informational Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Financial Peace University Informational Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Senior High Leadership Retreat

Monday, August 23

- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, August 24

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 25

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:30 p.m. Junior High Ministry Partner Training Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, August 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, August 27

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, August 28

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	103	
7:45 a.m.	107	104
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	224	183
9 a.m. (FLC)	50	
10:30 a.m.	221	162
Total	705	449

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$29,078
First QTD Offering	\$194,923
First QTD Budget	\$189,000

Scripture 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 Aug. 28-Sept. 4, 2010

Saturday, August 28

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Sunday, August 29

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. The Real You - A Time for Girls and Moms

Monday, August 30

- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision-Afternoon
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision-Evening

Tuesday, August 31

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 1

- 6:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:00 p.m. Seventh Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting

Thursday, September 2

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Preschool Parent Orientation

Friday, September 3

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:30 p.m. Mark Moeller and Michelle Isaacson Rehearsal

Saturday, September 4

- 3:00 p.m. Mark Moeller and Michelle Isaacson Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

Community board

Steward's Journey

Stewardship author and teacher, Ron Chewning, will speak about life-long principles on stewardship on Wednesday, August 25 at 7 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines. For more information, contact Rev. Bob Riggert, Executive Assistant, Iowa District West, at 515-576-7666.

Hope begins with you

Join Hope Ministries in a walk-a-thon on Saturday, Sept. 4 at Copper Creek Lake in Pleasant Hill. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. For more information go to www.hopeiowa.org.

Life and Liberty

Join guest speaker, Bob Morrison to consider how Christians can defend life and liberty, be a servant in two kingdoms and honor God on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ankeny. Bob Morrison is Senior Fellow for Policy Studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C.

Serve Our Youth Mentoring Orientation

The one-hour "Orientation to Mentoring" is a basic overview about Serve Our Youth Network. Attendees will receive a brief overview of mentoring and its rewards and benefits, as well as, basic requirements for mentors, application, screening and the selection process. For detailed information about the schedule and to register, call 321-5077 or go to www.serveouryouth.org.

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

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Information Center today!

Weekend Worship Services

Families are encouraged to worship together and enjoy the entire worship service during the month of August. Grace Place and Castaway will not meet in August, but will resume on Sept. 11 and 12. For a complete listing of all of our fall activities, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today at the Information Centers.

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 the divine services and hymns 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: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members.

Infusion-Contemporary Worship: 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.

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.

This Week's Bible Reading

Exodus 18:13-18 (NIV)

The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"

Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws."

Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.

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

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon