

WEEKLY WORD



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Special abbreviated edition

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Dec. 26, 2010 | First Sunday after Christmas

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

Today's message

"Small Clan - Big Plan" The prophecy of Micah talked about the great things God would do through the small clan of Bethlehem Ephratha. Today we take time to wonder at the miracle of Jesus' birth in the stable near Bethlehem and how that tiny child changed all of humanity for eternity.

January opportunities

Yes, there is life after Christmas! And we are excited to offer opportunities that will keep us growing and warm in the cold of winter. Here are a few:

Message series

"Destination-Resurrection: Where am I in God's plan?" We will embark on a 16-week journey through the Bible starting Jan. 8-9, 2011. Travel with us through the Bible, making stops in the Old Testament as well as in Jesus' life. We will arrive at our final destination—the resurrection on Easter Sunday, with a new understanding of the majestic, omnipotent hand of God seen throughout the ages and in our lives as well.

2011 Honduras mission trip

Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 131/133. An informational meeting will be held for those interested in obtaining more information about our mission trip to Honduras from June 25-July 2, 2011.

CareNight

Starts Thursday, Jan. 6 from 6-8 p.m. The evening will begin with a fellowship meal before heading to the following groups: GriefShare, Stepping Stones, DivorceCare and DivorceCare4Kids. Register on our Web site.

Financial Peace University

Tuesday, Jan. 11 to Apr. 12, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. Register today on our Web site.

Pre-marriage Class

Tuesday, January 18 to February 22, 2011 from 6:30-8 p.m. Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the upcoming year must take a six-week pre-marriage class. For more information, please call 276-1700 during office hours M-F 8-4 p.m.

Discovery 101

Thursday, Jan. 13 to Feb. 3, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for the winter session of Discovery 101 on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran Faith. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

Worship Schedule

Today's worship schedule is:

7:45, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
in the Sanctuary.
(Northwind and H3 will not be offered)

We will resume our regular schedule next weekend:

Saturday, Jan. 1:
Northwind at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 2
7:45, 9 and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9 a.m. (H3) in the Family Life Center

Educational times

Weekend education times will not meet:
Dec. 26 and Jan. 1-2

Midweek educational times will not be held:
Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5

All educational times resume:
Jan. 8-9 and Jan. 12, 2011

Church Christmas office hours

Please note our holiday hours:

Monday, Dec. 27
Office closed

Tuesday-Thursday,
Dec. 28-30
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 31
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If an emergency arises when the office is closed, leave a message by calling 276-1700, ext. 4. A pastor will return your call.

For more information about these events, or to register, visit:

www.gloriadeionline.com

or call the church office at 276-1700.

Stewardship notes

Year-end giving. All offerings received in the church office or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 31 will be processed with the 2010 giving statements. Offerings received after Friday, Dec. 31 in the offering plate or postmarked Jan. 1, 2011 will be processed with the 2011 giving, even if the check is written in 2010.

Please note: For your convenience, the church office will be open Friday, Dec. 31 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to receive 2010 donations.

Giving envelopes to be picked up. Giving envelopes for next year can be picked up in the room adjacent to the Gathering Place. Please note: your envelope number changes each year, so please use the new envelopes starting Jan. 1, 2011. If your envelopes are not on the tables, please contact Shari Smith at 276-1700, ext. 202.

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

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

All youth mark your calendars for the “30 Hour Famine” kick-off meeting to be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Winter Kindermusik

Winter Kindermusik classes begin on Jan. 18, 2011 and will be held on Tuesdays.

Young Child for ages 5-7 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 4:50-5:20 p.m.

Village for newborn to 18 months meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 8 from 5:30-6 p.m.

Our Time for ages 18 months to 3 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 6:05-6:35 p.m.

Imagine That for ages 3-4 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 6:40-7:10 p.m.

Tiny Treasures 2011 updates

Tiny Treasures Registration for 2011/2012 school year will begin for Gloria Dei families on Saturday, Jan. 8. Registration is as easy as 1-2-3! Simply go to our Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the Tiny Treasures' link.

Tiny Treasures Workshop: Want a healthy start to 2011? Dr. Heather Yost will offer a workshop, “Feed Me!: Changing Your Child’s Future with Healthy Food,” Thursday, Jan. 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in rooms 130-132. Registration requested by signing up at the preschool office or e-mail jolynn@gloriadeionline.com Free and open to all.

Tiny Treasures Playgroup: Playgroup for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 year olds will begin Feb. 1 and is offered on Tuesday or Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

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

Discovery 201

Sunday, February 20, 2011 from 3-6:30 p.m. If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Make a 2011 resolution to work on your scrapbook! Join us on Friday, Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 15 from 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. for conversation, inspiration and room to spread out! We meet in room 131/133. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Dec. 26 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



J Jacob Scott Froehlich born on Oct. 27, 2010 to Scott and Jennifer (nee Reiter) Froehlich. Jacob's spiritual sponsors are Matt Reiter and Michelle Reiter.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Dec. 26 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



E Eli James Thompson born on Sept. 7, 2010 to Jeremy and Shae (nee Fandel) Thompson. Eli's spiritual sponsors are Nicole Umbarger, Jessica Thompson and Jennifer Noto.

Weekly Bible Reading

Micah 5:2-4 (NIV)

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Therefore, Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

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

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

9 a.m. (FLC):
No H3 Worship Service

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Beth Wilson

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Becca Lehman

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jacob Nichols

Elders:

Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus
Tom Westby

Ushers:

Northwind
Dennis Dean
Brad Gerke
Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Mike Collins
Joe Gilg
Randy Heiden
Kory Meyeraan
Dan Timmons

9 a.m.

Stan Bonta
John Brown
Jeff Johnston
Dick Larimer
Chris Uglum
Don Zimmerman
Sandy Zimmerman

10:30 a.m.

Dean Miller

Scripture Readings:

Micah 5:2-4, Hebrews 1:1-6 and Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

Let's pray!

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

Thanksgivings

- For our families

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Gene Osby
- Mark Anderson
- Don Steuber
- Mark Gerken
- Janet Tysse

And for:

- Jennette Morrison, a senior at Concordia University, Seward, Neb., traveling to serve the people of Haiti
- Safe travels
- Paul and Stacy Sams, who are in the process of adopting a child
- Sarah Bennum and family
- All of our military and workers serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price, Joe Phillips, Jeremy Strachan, Scott LeClair, Eric Lampe, Chad Stone, Craig Scott, Joshua Phillips and Trent Lumley

Prayer team

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

Week of Dec.26, 2010-Jan. 8, 2011

Sunday, December 26

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. **No H3 Worship Service** (please note: H3 will resume Jan. 2, 2011)
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, December 27

Office Closed in Observance of Christmas

Tuesday, December 28

No Scheduled Activities

Wednesday, December 29

No Scheduled Activities

Thursday, December 30

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

Friday, December 31

- 8:00 a.m. Office will close at 2 p.m.

Saturday, January 1

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Team Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service

Sunday, January 2

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	159	
7:45 a.m.	144	131
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	335	244
9 a.m. (FLC)	110	
10:30 a.m.	292	182
Total	1040	557

Monday, January 3

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, January 4

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 5

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. 2011 Honduras Trip Meeting

Thursday, January 6

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Game
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Nutrition Class
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 7

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, January 8

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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$39,425
Second QTD Offering	\$376,724
Second QTD Budget	\$439,000

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Preschool	5	22	11
Elementary	18	59	34
Total Children	23	81	45