

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

## Lenten Worship

Wednesday Feb. 27

Traditional at 12:15 p.m.

Blended at 6 p.m.

Contemporary Interactive  
at 6:45 p.m.

Faith Alive will meet at  
6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Junior and senior high  
ministry will meet during the  
Contemporary Interactive  
Worship at 6:45 p.m. in the  
Family Life Center.

## Mid-week Meal

### Baked Potato Bar

Join us from 5-6:15 p.m.  
The cost is \$5 per adult and  
\$2.50 per child.

## VBS

March 18-22  
from 9-11:30 a.m.



The excitement is building  
as we plan for this year's  
Kingdom Rock VBS.

See page 5 for more details.  
Register online today!

## 30 Hour Famine

Registration is due by  
Sunday, March 3.



*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

## No Ordinary Man: The Birth of the King

Martin Luther told us that the Scriptures bleed Jesus, and we have certainly seen this throughout our reading in the Old Testament. Let's recap:

- In Genesis, he is the Promised Seed of the woman.
- In Exodus, he is the Passover Lamb.
- In Leviticus, he is the High Priest.
- In Numbers, he is the Star to rise out of Jacob.
- In Deuteronomy, he is the two Laws.
- In Joshua, he is the Lord of Hosts.
- In Judges, he is the Angel named Wonderful.
- In Ruth, he is the Redeemer.
- In Samuel, he is the Root and Offspring of David.
- In Kings, he is Greater than the Temple.
- In Chronicles, he is the King's Son.
- In Ezra and Nehemiah, he is the Rebuilder.
- In Esther, he is the Savior of God's people.
- In Job, he is the Conversation.
- In Psalms, he is the Song.
- In Proverbs, he is the Wisdom of God.
- In Ecclesiastes, he is the One among a thousand.
- In Song of Solomon, he is the Bridegroom.
- In Isaiah, he is Jacob's Branch.
- In Jeremiah, he is our Righteousness.
- In Lamentations, he is the unbelievers' Judgment.
- In Ezekiel, he is the true Shepherd.
- In Daniel, he is the Stone that became the Head of the Corner.
- In Hosea, he is the Latter Rain.
- In Joel, he is God's Dwelling in Zion.
- In Amos, he is the Raiser of David's Tabernacle.
- In Obadiah, he is the Deliverer on Mount Zion.
- In Jonah, he is our Salvation.
- In Micah, he is the Lord of Kings.
- In Nahum, he is the Stronghold in the time of trouble.
- In Habakkuk, he is our Joy and Confidence.
- In Zephaniah, he is our mighty Lord.
- In Haggai, he is the Desire of the Nations.
- In Zechariah, he is our Servant, the Branch.
- In Malachi, he is the Son of Righteousness.

And today, we see Jesus entering the world as an infant in the town of Bethlehem, the eternal promise fulfilled in God's redemptive story.



## Ever Wondered about the Times Between the Old Testament and New Testament?

We understand that there were 400 silent years from Malachi's passing until Jesus' birth. However, history is not silent concerning the tumultuous times that occurred in Jerusalem in those 400 years.

Our own Sue Wilson has written an article that describes the historical and political environment that preceded Jesus' birth. Below is an excerpt:

The Jews were barely comfortable back in Jerusalem after Malachi's passing when things in the world turned upside down. But this time the Jews had little political pull or power. They were washed back and forth by the rest of the world...

...Greek culture flooded into the area of Jerusalem along with Alexander. The Jews were appalled. Hellenism (Greek culture) was very man-centered. Their gods were just like men and women. The Jews rejected all of what the culture upheld.

After Alexander's death in 323 B.C. his heirs were killed and his four generals divided up the empire. Palestine fell to Ptolemy.

The Ptolemys and Jews coexisted peacefully. This continued when a second general's family, the Selucids took over rule in 195 B.C. Though there was no actual religious persecution in these years, the silent imbedding of Greek culture went on...

To read the entire article, please go to our Web site and click on "Week 22."

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## Holy Week Schedule

### Maundy Thursday, March 28

Traditional Worship with Communion at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Traditional Worship with Communion at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Blended Worship with Communion at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### Good Friday Services, March 29

Traditional Worship at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Contemporary Worship at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center  
Traditional Worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Blended Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

## Easter Worship Schedule

### Easter Worship Saturday, March 30

Contemporary Worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center  
Blended Worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### Easter Worship Sunday, March 31

Traditional Worship at 8 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Blended Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Contemporary Worship at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center  
Contemporary Worship at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

## Men's Softball League

Let's play ball and have fun! Join us for the men's league (age 16 and over). League starts Monday, April 15; all games played on Monday nights. It's a 14-game season; the cost is \$25. If interested, sign up with TK by March 10 at tim@gloriadeionline.com. No experience necessary.

## Book Club

Due to Lenten services, the March book club will not meet. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cry Room, and will discuss "Danger in the Shadows" by Dee Henderson.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



**M** Maelyn Margaret White born on January 16, 2013 to Dylan and Holli (nee Hemesath) White. Maelyn's spiritual sponsors are Aaron and Dana White.

## Senior Adult Ministry - A Matter of Balance

**Mondays and Wednesdays, April 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 and 29, from 1-3 p.m.**

A Matter of Balance can help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults.

This eight-session class is facilitated by staff from the Polk County Health Department. Cost is \$20. Space is limited, so register early. To register, contact Diane at [diane@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:diane@gloriadeionline.com) or at 276-1700, ext. 220.

**Space fills quickly, so register today!**

## Remember the 30 Hour Famine Deadline

**Deadline: Sunday, March 3**

Parents: please remind your teens to sign up for the 30 Hour Famine, which will be held Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. In the last eight years, more than 350 teens have been challenged to fight for children who live in poverty. More information can be found at the Youth bulletin board or by contacting Kim Phillips at [tnk4jc@msn.com](mailto:tnk4jc@msn.com).



## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

**5:30 p.m. (FLC)**

Rev. Phil Robarge

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Rev. Phil Robarge

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Rev. Phil Robarge

**10 a.m. (FLC)**

Rev. Tim Phillips

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Rev. Phil Robarge

### Preacher

Rev. Phil Robarge

### Organ

Kathy Brammeier

### Acolytes:

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Taylor Gutierrez

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Brandon Timmerman

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Danny Kramer

### Hospitality Teams

**5:30 p.m.(FLC)**

Team Two

**8 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team Two

**9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team Three

**10 a.m. (FLC)**

TBD

**11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

Team Two

### Scripture verses:

John 1:1-14 (NIV)

## Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in 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 the health of

- Lawrence Knief
- Tanya Richards
- Elna Lindgren
- Carol Petersen
- Christine Watson
- Lyle Lawson
- Donna Smitly
- Brenda Barron
- Steve Crouthamel

## And for:

- Safe travels for the Project 52 Dominican Republic Mission Team
- Syria and other countries that are troubled by war and violence

## Prayer ministry

To join the prayer team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

# Welcome new members!

*Welcome! We pray that by making Gloria Dei your church home you will grow in your faith and continue to be strengthened in the Lord.*



Brian and Heather Eilts



Scott Gabrilson



James and Paula Harle



Matthew and Stacie Justus



Clementine Karl



Beverly Lewis



Brian and Dena Luksetich



Donna McClure



Ben Puttmann



Rev. John and Jan Schenck



Jennifer Schwartz and  
Jordan (14)



Dylan and Holli White  
Maelyn (6 wks.)

*Not pictured: Mike and Kristi Driscoll, Mitchell (7), Logan (5) and Cooper (9 mos.)*

## Operation Barnabus

**Sunday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m.** Operation Barnabus will hold a freedom banquet for veterans, current military and their guests at the Pavilion at Camp Dodge. The cost is a minimum donation of \$10 per person. The proceeds from the event will be donated to the Des Moines Veterans' Hospital. For reservations, contact Linn Hayden at 664-7359.

## Quilters

**Saturday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

We've got just a few months left before we send quilts off to their new homes but that's plenty of time to get a start and finish a quilt or two. Beginner lessons are available. And if you're bored with squares and rectangles, learn how a couple of special rulers can add more zip to the design without complicated math calculations.

## Scrapbook fellowship

**Friday, March 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by March 6 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

## **Gloria Dei Youth Ministry**

### **Castaway**

Sundays at 9:50 & 11:20 a.m. Join us as we discuss "The Story."

### **Junior High Small Groups**

Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 6:45 p.m. Join us for Contemporary Interactive Worship in the FLC. Our small groups will meet during the service. This week's topic: The Gate, John 10:7-10

### **Confirmation Retreat**

Apostles' Creed - Friday, March 1-2 If you have signed up, join us at 5 p.m. for dinner. We end at noon on Saturday.

### **30 Hour Famine**

"What to Bring" meeting on Sunday, March 10 from 9-9:30 a.m. Meet in the Youth Center for a short meeting. **The deadline for registration is March 3.**

### **Dinner Theater**

April 19, 20 and 21 - Scenes 7-10 will rehearse Sunday, Feb. 24 at 12:15 p.m. Cast lunch to be served at noon (\$2.50 per person).

### **High School Bible Study**

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Join us in "The Story" discussion.

### **The Point**

Wednesday, Feb. 27 Join us for Contemporary Interactive Worship in the FLC at 6:45 p.m. Our small groups will meet during the service. Read John 10:7-10 before you come.

## **Spring Break at Gloria Dei!**

### **Before Care**

Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 7-9 a.m.

We will provide a safe, and fun environment for your children from 7-9 a.m. If interested, contact DeAnn at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com).

### **Vacation Bible School**

Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 9-11:30 a.m.

This is a time of great fun and learning more about who God is! There will be singing, arts and crafts, Bible stories and games. Register online today!

### **Spring Break Camp**

Monday-Friday, March 18-22 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Each day we'll focus on a different theme: Get in the Game, Metropolitan Museum of Art, God's Amazing Creation, Walk of Fame, and I'm Bored! Please register for this camp by clicking on the registration link on the right column of our Web site [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com). The cost is \$50 per child. Remember to bring your own lunch.

For children ages 3-5th grade

**KINGDOM ROCK**  
Where Kids Stand Strong for God

Register at  
[www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

**VBS March 18-22**  
9-11:30 a.m.

Before care (7-9 a.m.) & camp (11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.) available.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church | 8301 Aurora Ave. | Urbandale, Iowa

# Week of February 23-March 2, 2013

## Saturday, February 23

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, February 24

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. White's Baptism Dinner
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 1:30 p.m. Germans from Russia Club Meeting

## Monday, February 25

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

## Tuesday, February 26

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Worship (Feb. 16-17)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	200	
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	98	83
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	321	228
10 a.m. (FLC)	81	
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	179	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>425</b>

## Wednesday, February 27

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Lenten Contemporary Interactive Worship in the Family Life Center
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1 (off-site)

## Thursday, February 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share

## Friday, March 1

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 3:30 p.m. Archery Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Apostles' Creed Retreat
- 6:00 p.m. Cole Kirstein and Jennifer Larsen Wedding Rehearsal

## Saturday, March 2

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1
- 4:00 p.m. Cole Kirstein and Jennifer Larsen Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love (Feb. 16-17)	
General Fund Offerings	\$28,603
General Fund Offering Budget	\$25,000
3rd QTD Offering	\$197,029
3rd QTD Budget	\$216,000
YTD Offering Total	\$1,124,426
YTD Offering Budget	\$1,172,000

Wednesday (Feb. 20)	Attendance
12:15 p.m. (Sanctuary)	57
6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	206
6:45 p.m. (FLC)	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>

# Week of March 2-March 9, 2013

## Saturday, March 2

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1
- 4:00 p.m. Cole Kirstein and Jennifer Larsen  
Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the  
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, March 3

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in  
Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in the  
Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the  
Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the  
Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. GirlZ of Faith

## Monday, March 4

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 12:00 p.m. Iowa Dept. of Education
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

## Tuesday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

## Wednesday, March 6

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Blended Worship  
in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Lenten Contemporary Interactive  
Worship in the Family Life Center
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1 (off-site)

## Thursday, March 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share

## Friday, March 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

## Saturday, March 9

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study: 33 Series, Vol. 1
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the  
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Items needed

**Urbandale Food Pantry** needs feminine hygiene products during the month of February. Please place your donation in the "Urbandale Food Pantry" bin that is located in the Narthex.

<b>Children's Attendance</b>	<b>Saturday 5:50 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 8:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 9:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 10:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday 11:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
Preschool	8	2	12	7	8	15
Elementary	26	0	45	15	19	61
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>76</b>

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

**Please note:** We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

## **5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

## **8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

## **9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary**

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

## **10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center**

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshipers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

## **11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

## **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.

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## **Weekly Bible reading - John 1:10-14 (NIV)**

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## **Educational times**

**Children** (ages 2- grade 5)

### **Grace Place**

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,  
10:20 & 11:20 a.m.

### **Faith Alive**

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

### **Youth** (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

### **Adults**

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

## **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.