

# WEEKLY WORD

February 13 and 14, 2010

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

## Transformation

The story of Jesus' transfiguration is familiar to many Christians. In that wonderful vision on the mountain, Peter, James and John had a life-changing experience. What they saw helped them to grasp the Lord's true identity as the Son of God and the promised Messiah. Witnessing this glimpse of his glory gave the three disciples a powerful and intimate bond with Jesus. This bond was critical in sustaining their faith through the coming passion of the Christ. No matter what happened, they could always reflect back to those moments on the mountain and have faith that somehow everything would work out. Today, we will further see how looking at Jesus can have life-changing transformation.

## The Prodigal God Message Series

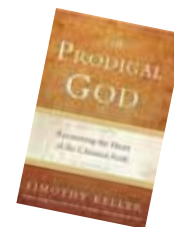
Next week, we begin a six-week look at the three parables in Luke 15 with a special emphasis on what is commonly called the "Parable of the Prodigal Son."

Even though most of us are familiar with this parable, we may need a refresher. Let's look at the parable through the eyes of Nolan Scherer, a 5-year-old boy, who reiterated the story to his mother after hearing it at Tiny Treasures:

There was a dad with two sons and the youngest one of the sons said, "I want all the money that I get for working." The dad gave him the money, so the son left. The dad told the son, "Be wise. Be Smart. Use the money for food and clothes." But the son used it for clothes, candy and parties for his new friends. And all of sudden, his money was all gone and he was hungry. So, he went to a pig farm to get more money, but he was afraid to tell his dad. And then he knew that he needed to go home. When the dad saw the son walking to his house, the dad came outside. When the son finally came to the dad, they both hugged. The dad said, "Welcome home!" He had a big party for the son. The son learned that his dad loved him. He was afraid to come home and tell his dad what he had done, but he did the right thing anyway. And that is the end of the story.

As a church, let's look at Luke 15 through new lenses, similar to those that Nolan used. Perhaps by doing so, we can more vividly see what Jesus intended by these parables. We ask that you begin the journey in prayer and also participate in the following ways:

1. Listen to the weekly message.
2. Purchase and read the book "The Prodigal God."
3. Participate in a small group. One-page studies will be handed out each week to help you apply the message to your life.
4. Talk about the weekly message with your children or grandchildren.



**Pick up your book today:** "The Prodigal God" book can be purchased for a discounted price of \$14 this weekend in the narthex and outside the Family Life Center. If you have pre-ordered a book, please pick it up by showing your online receipt. After this weekend, books can be purchased in the Toolshope.

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

### Discovery 201

If you are interested in joining the church, check out page 3.

### Small Groups

Small groups are being formed for our upcoming message series beginning Feb. 20-21. Check out page 4.

### Ash Wednesday

Worship with us this Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### The Prodigal God Message Series

**Feb. 20-21:**  
"Introduction"

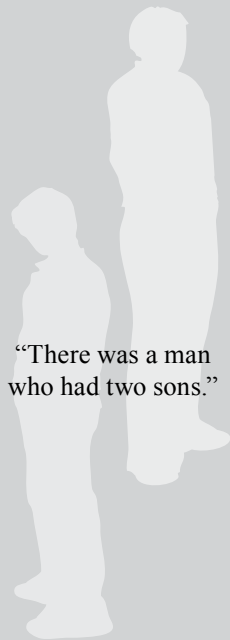
**Feb. 27-28:**  
"He Welcomes Sinners"

**March 6-7:**  
"The Two Lost Sons"

**March 13-14:**  
"The Elder Brother"

**March 20-21:**  
"The True Elder Brother"

**March 27-28**  
"The Feast of the Father"



"There was a man who had two sons."

The Prodigal God message series begins Feb. 20-21.

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## Lenten and Easter Worship Services

### Ash Wednesday, February 17

7:30 p.m. Traditional Service with Communion

### Wednesday Lenten Worship, Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24

7:30 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

6 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Contemporary Blend Service in the Sanctuary

### Good Friday, April 2

4:30 p.m. H3 in the Family Life Center

6 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Contemporary Blend in the Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 3

5:30 p.m. Contemporary in the Family Life Center

7 p.m. Contemporary Blend Service in the Sanctuary

### Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

9 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

9 a.m. H3 Service in the Family Life Center

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Sanctuary

## Registration for VBS

Monday, March 15 - Thursday, March 18 from 9-11:30 a.m.



Invite your friends and neighbors! Registration for spring break Vacation Bible School is open. Simply go to our Web site and click on the VBS registration link.

## Tiny Treasures invites you

Friday, March 26 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Do not fret, spring is almost a month away. To entice you with the possibilities of warmer weather, we invite you to an evening of Tropical Treasures at Tiny Treasures Preschool's spring party on Friday, March 26, from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The cost is just \$10 per family.



## Notes of thanks

To the members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your prayers and support these past weeks. Thank you. Sincerely, *Paul Enger*

Thank you so much for your continued support in these difficult times. *Sarai Schnucker Rice, Executive Director, DMARCC*

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## Flower arrangements

The flower chart for 2010 is on the LWML table located in the narthex. If you wish to provide an arrangement for a given Sunday and occasion, please sign the book; the cost is \$50 for an arrangement. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 276-1700.

## Discovery 201

**Sunday, Feb. 28 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.

Register online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com); go to the adult page. Childcare is provided. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

## 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](mailto:diane@gloriadeionline.com). We will try our best to accommodate all of our baptism and wedding requests.

### Servers

**Feb. 13 and 14:**  
**Officiant/Liturgist:**

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

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

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Tim Phillips

**Organist:**  
Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**  
*7:45 a.m.*  
Jake Griffiths  
*9 a.m.*  
Rustin Aufdenkamp

*10:30 a.m.*  
Danielle Wright

**Elders:**  
Tim Mueller  
Steve Junge  
Tim Radig

**Ushers:**  
**Northwind**  
Jeff Eckhoff  
Leon and Wendi  
Canada

**7:45 a.m.**  
Ken Andresen  
Bob Knief  
Dean Mohr

**9 a.m.**  
Bruce Brock  
Eric Hoffman  
Jason Hoffman  
Rich Johnson  
Bob Kuefner  
Kurt Kromminga  
Ron Oolman  
Paul Rusch

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

**Scripture Readings:**  
**Exodus 24:12, 15-18 and Matthew 17:1-9 (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 blessings received
- For our families

### Prayers

- For the health concerns of Jessica Kramer
- For the surgery of Michelle Everitt, friend of Tim and Sandy McClelland
- For the health concerns of Wendell Dickey
- For the health of Alice Wegner
- For Jody Bass recovering from surgery
- For John Brown recovering from surgery
- For the recovery and healing of the people and the land in Haiti after the earthquake
- For the nephew of Roxi Evans-Guilloz, Troy, who is battling cancer
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers
- For missionary Steve Lutz

### Prayer ministry team

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

## “The Prodigal God” small groups

**We have a challenge for you.** Why not explore the message series with a group of other Christians? Oftentimes, discussions will help you discover another point of view or further solidify the message in your heart and life.

**What can I expect?** You can expect a time to get to know each other, a time in the Bible and a time to discuss how to apply the message to your life. You can also expect courtesy, love and confidentiality.



**What happens if it isn't a good fit?** No worries, we only ask that you try your best to continue in the group for the six weeks. Oftentimes, it takes a few times for the group to synch together. But if that is not possible, please call Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

**How do I find a group?** Review the list below and then simply sign up on our Web site or in the narthex for the one that fits into your schedule. We will notify you with additional information.

### Sign up for a small group

- **Sunday 10:15 a.m. at church:** (starts Feb. 21)
- **Sunday 5:30 p.m. at church:** Steve Junge (starts Feb. 21)
- **Sunday 6:30 p.m. at Rowley's house (Urbandale):** Mark and Terry Rowley (starts Feb. 21)
- **Sunday 6:30 p.m. at Phillips' house (Des Moines):** Tim and Kim Phillips (starts Feb. 21)
- **Monday 6:30 p.m. at church:** Devin Wren (starts Feb. 22)
- **Monday 6:30 p.m. at church:** Bill and Sue Jesse (starts Feb. 22)
- **Monday 7 p.m. at church:** Gary Wasko (starts Feb. 22)
- **Monday 7 p.m. at church:** Vic Kesse (starts Feb. 22)
- **Tuesday 2:30 p.m. at church:** Ken Wenndt and Meri Mohr (starts Feb. 23)
- **Tuesday 6:30 p.m. at church:** Sarah Hensel (starts Feb. 23)
- **Tuesday 6:30 p.m. at church:** Rod Serbus (starts Feb. 23)
- **Tuesday 7 p.m. at church:** Ken Meythaler (starts Feb. 23)
- **Tuesday 7 p.m. at church:** Jane Lamfers (starts Feb. 23)
- **Wednesday 9:30 a.m. at church:** Lisa Scherer (starts Feb. 24)
- **Wednesday 1:30 p.m. at church:** Terry Woolman (starts Feb. 24)
- **Thursday 7 p.m. at Kightlinger's house (Urbandale):** Tim and Julia Kightlinger (starts Feb. 25)
- **Friday 6:30 p.m. at Schramm's house (Johnston)** Penny and Kory Schramm (starts Feb. 26)
- **Friday 6:30 p.m. at Robarge's house (Des Moines):** Philip and Heather Robarge (starts Feb. 26)
- **Saturday 10 a.m. at church:** Jim Miles (starts Feb. 27)

## The power of a small group

*The following excerpt is from “Courageous Leadership,” written by Bill Hybels, senior pastor of Willow Creek church, one of the most attended churches in North America.*

I had just finished presenting my weekend message at Willow and I was standing in the bullpen, talking to people. A young married couple approached me, placed a blanketed bundle in my arms, and asked me to pray for their baby. As I asked what the baby's name was, the mother pulled back the blanket that had covered the infant's face. I felt my knees begin to buckle. I thought I was going to faint. Had the father not steadied me I may well have keeled over. In my arms was the most horribly deformed baby I had ever seen. The whole center of her tiny face was caved in. How she kept breathing I will never know.

All I could say was, “Oh my...oh my...oh my.”

“Her name is Emily,” said the mother. “We've been told she has about six weeks to live,” added the father. “We would like you to pray that before she dies, she will know and feel our love.”

Barely able to mouth the words, I whispered, “Let's pray.” Together we prayed for Emily. Oh, did we pray. As I handed

her back to her parents I asked, “Is there anything we can do for you, any way that we as a church can serve you during this time?”

The father responded with words that still amaze me. He said, “Bill, we're okay. Really we are. We've been in a loving small group for years. Our group members knew that this pregnancy had complications. They were at our house the night we learned the news, and they were at the hospital when Emily was delivered. They helped us absorb the reality of the whole thing. They even cleaned our house and fixed our meals when we brought her home. They pray for us constantly and call us several times every day. They are even helping us plan Emily's funeral.”

Just then three other couples stepped forward and surrounded Emily and her parents. “We always attend church together as a group,” said one of the group members.

Where, I wondered as they left, would that family be, where would they go, how would they handle this heartbreak, without the church? There is nothing like the local church when it's working right. Its beauty is indescribable. Its power is breathtaking. Its potential is unlimited. It comforts the grieving and heals the broken in the context of community.



## LWML Circle

### Naomi Circle

**Please note date change:** Naomi Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 22 to package meals for the Meals from the Heartland. If you have not signed up, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360.

## Soup Supper and Pottery Sale

DMARC Emergency Food Pantry is hosting a Soup Supper and Pottery sale on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 600 6th Ave, Des Moines. Ticket price is \$10, which includes a hand-crafted bowl while supplies last. For additional information call 277-6969 or go to [www.dmreligious.org](http://www.dmreligious.org).

## Honduras Mission

### Christmas cards

Please bring in your recycled religious Christmas card fronts to be used for evangelism for the Honduras Mission trip.

### Topical Creams/Ointments

Please drop off anti-fungal, diaper rash, vaginal, hemorrhoidal and hydrocortisone creams or ointments to the Honduras bin in the narthex.

Thank you for your support, it helps to improve the health of the children and women in Honduras.

## Meals from the Heartland's volunteer updates



*Pastor Robarge presents the check to Scott Brunscheen from Meals from the Heartland. The check for \$2,000, will purchase the ingredients for 13,333 meals.*

Approximately 90 children, youth and adults from Gloria Dei have registered to help Meals from the Heartland (MFTH), a local non-profit organization, package meals to be sent to Haiti. To date, MFTH have received enough funding to package over one million meals.

In order to allow the staff the opportunity to work together to help in this relief effort, the church office will be closed Monday, Feb. 22 from 2-4 p.m.

### It is not too late to help in relief effort.

**Volunteer or donate:** If you would like to donate or to volunteer, please go to Gloria Dei's Web site and click on the Meals from the Heartland link.

**Peanut butter needed:** We will have a bin in the narthex for non-glass jars of peanut butter until Feb. 28. The peanut butter is a nutritious supplement for the Haitians.



### Testimony from Haiti

Following is a MFTH e-mail received from a missionary with Joy In Hope, a non-profit organization dedicated solely to working in Haiti:

“My name is Leann Pye and I am a missionary living in Jacmel, Haiti. In December we were given about 100 boxes of food from your organization. We were planning on using it towards VBS and a soccer tournament we had planned. However, as you know, an earthquake devastated many parts of Haiti. Jacmel is one town that has been hit hard. The road from Jacmel to Port-au-Prince is impassible with cars, tap-taps, and trucks. There are no supplies coming in and we don't know when the road will be fixed. We have been able to feed hundreds of people daily since the earthquake because of your food. I can't express my gratitude enough. May God bless you and your ministry.”

## Uganda seminary student update

In 2006, Gloria Dei committed to support Yeko Waako, an Ugandan who desired to attend seminary. He was passionate



*Yeko Waako*

about the opportunity to gain knowledge that would match his desire to share God's love and grace. He has now completed three years of his seminary and will soon commence his fourth year as a vicar in Uganda.

In a recent correspondence to Pastor Burcham, Yeko writes, "I sincerely appreciate all you and the church have done for me. I pray that you pass my thanks to all the brothers and

sister in Christ over there."

Yeko continues, "Life in the seminary is a blessing since you have made my study of theology, which is the primary goal, a possibility but has also been a great challenge in terms of daily needs." Due to his limited source of income, he faces financial hardship to meet basic daily needs. In addition, his visa recently expired and must be renewed.

To renew it, he must submit a medical certificate, police clearance, repatriation and the visa fee itself. His application is made to the South African embassy which is inundated with numerous requests because of the 2010 World Cup.

Yeko has requested additional funds to cover some of the necessary expenses for his last year of seminary. He also inquired about obtaining a used computer to assist him in his final year at seminary and in future ministry assignments.

Since Gloria Dei is committed to being courageous in outreach and we want to support Yeko in his godly pursuits, we have granted all his requests.

Please keep Yeko in your prayers. Life in Uganda is quite a bit different than in America where we have so many luxuries at our fingertips. God is faithful on both continents, so pray for Yeko's family, his final year of seminary, his needs being met and that he continues to see God's mighty hand upon his life and ministry.



### Uganda Fact Sheet:

**Population:** 29.9 million

**Life expectancy:** 50 years

**Adult literacy rate:** 67%

**Official Language:** English

**Secondary Language:** Luganda

**Religions:** Christian and Muslim

**Government:** Democratic Republic

**Economy:** Services sector; previously agriculture; also recent discovery of oil and natural gas

*Source: Careinternational.org.uk*

## Invite your friends for this rockin' concert



We have lots of activities planned for the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 24:

**Option One:** Join us Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the children's worship opening led by the group Swen and Dean. Afterwards, family games and snacks will be in the center wing until we go to Family Life Center at 6:45 p.m. to hear more of Swen and Dean.

**Option Two:** Join us at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center to listen to Everyday Sunday, followed by Swen and Dean at 6:45 p.m.

## Valentine's dinner and dance

Spirit Midwest Ministries is presenting its first annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance Sunday, Feb. 14 from 6-10 p.m. at Connxions, 3901 121st St., Urbandale. The evening will include a delicious meal, beautiful music and dancing with professional instructors to teach ballroom and swing dancing—all for only \$20 per person. The menu will include a mixed green salad followed by glazed chicken breast, chive mashed potatoes, garlic buttered asparagus, baguette bread and chocolate raspberry cake. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance at Connxions or by calling 577-8035. Proceeds will benefit the orphanages and feeding kitchens in Tijuana, Mexico.

## Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will meet at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E 42nd St., Des Moines on Tuesday Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. to help make patterns and assemble packets to be distributed to our seamstresses.

If you would like to offer your time and talents to Diana's Angels as a seamstress, please contact Lois Cole at 288-1250 or Michele Banwart at 201-5174.

## The Giving Tree response and blessing

Last November and December, two trees were displayed with tags for the congregation to purchase items for families in need. Once again the generous response from the members of Gloria Dei was evident as the following list indicates:

Lutheran Services of Iowa - 11 families (18 adults and 34 children)

Urbandale Food Pantry - one family (1 adult and 4 children)

Saydel Schools - 11 families (29 children)

Twenty emergency gift baskets for individuals in need who called the church.

### Notes of thanks

I am truly amazed at the response from Gloria Dei in providing all the wonderful gifts for the families in need. Thank you for shining the light of God's love at Christmas!  
*Lori Martin, Coordinator of the Giving Tree*

I had the privilege of delivering the gifts that were donated to the families. First, I want to thank everyone who donated, and second to thank the people who took the time to organize the donation drive. The gifts and time were much appreciated by the families. On delivery day, I witnessed tears of joy. After Christmas I heard the cheer in the stories of a wonderful Christmas. Thank you! *Cathy Prescott, Lutheran Services in Iowa*

Thank you so much for sponsoring 11 families with a total of 29 children. Your kindness is so much appreciated. Special thanks to Lori Martin for all her help with organizing this wonder project. *Cindy Cahill, Saydel Community Schools*

Because of the generosity of people like you in our community, all families and individuals that applied were assisted. *Eileen Boggess, Urbandale Food Pantry Coordinator*

It was such a blessing to have gifts under the tree. We used the gift cards to make a special Christmas dinner. We watched movies and played with new toys. Thanks again for all the nice things you gave us. *A Giving Tree Family*

We had never been sponsored/adopted before; and we had never received so many gifts for Christmas. Thank you so much and I hope to one day be able to meet you in person to say thank you.  
*A Giving Tree Family*

The gifts under the tree helped make our Christmas brighter. The gift cards were also much appreciated.  
*A Giving Tree Family*

It really helped my family out! To see my kids' faces opening their gifts from you showed me the love of God. Thanks again! *A Giving Tree Family*

I wanted to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful Christmas that you provided to my family. *The Sprague Family*

Thank you so much for all your help and all the gifts and cards at Christmas! The kids were so thankful for all the gifts. I hope God blesses you in so many ways! We can't thank you enough. *Shawna Gillman*





## Playgroup in full swing



Tiny Treasures Playgroup began with 16 children playing on either Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Rochelle Haas and Barb Kramer lead the playgroup with the goal to provide a positive first-time school experience for these young ones and to acclimate them to preschool and kindergarten.

## Upcoming Events

**Family Game Night:** Join us Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship led by the group Sean and Dean. Afterwards, we will play family games and eat snacks in the center wing until the concert in the Family Life Center at 6:45 p.m. begins.

**The Wave** plans to bowl Sunday, Feb. 21 from 12:30-2 p.m. at the Merle Hay Lanes and you are invited! Meet us at the Merle Hay Lanes; cost is \$8.



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

### Midweek meal

Wednesdays from  
5-5:45 p.m.

Feb. 17  
**Taco/Enchiladas**

Feb. 24  
**Baked Spaghetti**

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



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## All Youth and Families

### Free Concert

Invite your friends to hear Swen & Dean, and Everyday Sunday on Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 6-7:30 p.m.

### Mission opportunity

For grades 6-12 and families

**Sunday, February 21 at 2 p.m.** Meet at the Emeritus Nursing Home at 8525 Urbandale Ave, Urbandale to help Pastor Phillips with a worship service. Sign up by Feb. 14 on the youth bulletin board.

## Junior and Senior High

### Dinner Theater

Rehearsals:

(Lunch is available for \$2.)

Sunday, Feb. 14 from 12-2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21 from 12-2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28 from 12-2 p.m.

### 30 Hour Famine

This event held April 9-10, 2010 helps us to understand the plight of hunger in the world. Registration is required; register today to receive your packet. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 10.

An informational meeting for youth and parents will be held Wednesday, March 10 from 7:15-7:30 p.m.

### Youth Lock-in for grades 6-12

If you have signed up for the Youth Lock-in at Incredible Pizza Company meet at Incredible Pizza Friday, Feb. 19 at 11 p.m.

## Junior and Senior High

### Meals from the Heartland

Meals for the Heartland, Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There are eight spots available to help assemble meals to send to Haiti. The first eight people to respond will get the spots. If more are interested, we will look into adding another team.

Sign up on the youth bulletin board. Meet at church at 6:30 p.m. and plan to be picked up at church at 8:30 p.m.

### Omaha Urban Plunge - March 26-28

**Grades 8-12:** Sign-up on the youth bulletin board and fill out the forms located next to the sign-up sheet. Turn forms into Tim by March 10. Senior high students may also sign-up for this trip by filling out the form and bringing in \$50.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Castaway is a high-energy, multi-sensory active learning environment.

"Risky Business - Life is too Short to Play it Safe"

Feb. 14: "Me, Myself, and I"

Feb. 21: "The Force: Don't be the Norm"

Feb. 28: "The Force: You Gotta Team Up"

### Wednesdays: Confirmation

Confirmation sessions meet Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m.

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Sunday mornings

Sundays from 9-10 a.m. Join us as we discuss and study relevant issues for high school youth.

### The Point

**Feb. 17:** "The Reality of Lent"

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

### Leadership/NAGU Meetings:

Feb. 14 from 5-7:30 p.m.

Feb. 21 from 5-7:30 p.m.

Feb. 28 from 5-7:30 p.m.

# Week of Feb. 13-20, 2010

## Saturday, Feb. 13

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Outreach Workshop
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, Feb. 14

- 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. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 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
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, Feb. 15

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 2
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

## Tuesday, Feb. 16

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice

## Tuesday, Feb. 16 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, Feb. 17

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Families Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion

## Thursday, Feb. 18

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 12:30 p.m. Urbandale Community School District
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. GodZ GuyZ Practice

## Friday, Feb. 19

### No Scheduled Events

## Saturday, Feb. 20

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

Worship (Feb. 6-7)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	175	
7:45 a.m.	117	107
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	290	215
9 a.m. (FLC)	79	
10:30 a.m.	327	207
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>529</b>

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 23-24)	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,677
Third QTD Offering	\$171,145
Third QTD Budget	\$181,473

Scripture Based on Giving:  
*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits 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

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## Saturday, Feb. 20

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

## Sunday, Feb. 21

- 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. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 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. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. The Wave
- 4:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 206 Awards Ceremony
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, Feb. 22

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 2
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

## Tuesday, Feb. 23

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice

## Tuesday, Feb. 23 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, Feb. 24

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Family Game Night
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Fellowship/Concert Event
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Alleluia Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Gloris Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

## Thursday, Feb. 25

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Celebration Choir
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:45 p.m. Health and Healing

## Friday, Feb. 26

**No Scheduled Events**

## Saturday, Feb. 27

- 6:00 a.m. Merle Hay - Urbandale Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- 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. Stephen Ministry Training

Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	12	28	19	24
Elementary	19	50	33	109
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>133</b>
Junior High	4	15	18	79
Senior High		11		30
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>109</b>

# 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. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. 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: This casual atmosphere where families are encouraged to worship with lively hymns and praise music. Families are encouraged to worship together; 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: Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV)

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

## 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