

February 20 and 21, 2010

First Sunday in Lent

The Prodigal God series begins

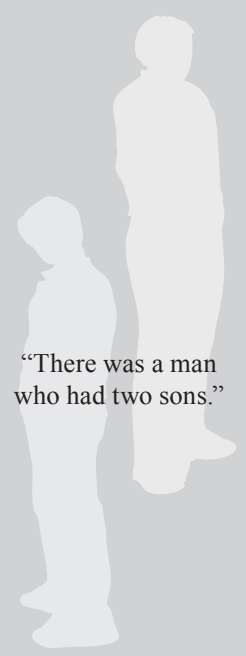
The word “prodigal” does not mean “wayward,” but according to Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary means “recklessly spendthrift.” So it means spend until you have nothing left. Timothy Keller in “The Prodigal God” book writes: “Jesus is showing us the God of Great Expenditure, who is nothing if not prodigal toward us, his children.”

This weekend we kick off our six-week series looking at the three parables in Luke chapter 15 with a special emphasis on the third one, traditionally known as the “Parable of the Prodigal Son.” This week we will discover that a more accurate title comes straight from the words of Jesus in Luke 15:11: “There was a man who had two sons.” Jesus does not emphasize one son over the other. In fact, we will discover that both sons were separated from their father and in need of reconciliation. In a similar manner, Jesus shared the parable to two different groups: the “tax collectors and sinners” and the “Pharisees and teachers of the law.” Both groups are in need of the love of the father, in the same way that you and I are in need of our father’s love.

I am praying that each one of you will be enlightened by this fresh look at a familiar story of Jesus. I am asking that you would make a commitment to read “The Prodigal God” book with me, to hear the message each week, to make an application in your own life through discussion in a small group and to talk with your family about what Jesus is teaching us through this story. I believe you will be blessed by this effort and grow in your faith and relationship with Christ.



Pastor Burcham



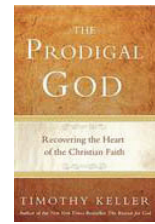
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Ways to get involved:

- 1. Listen to the weekly message.** If you missed or would like to review the message again, please go to our Web site. We now have three options: written, audio and the newest capability—video messages.
- 2. Purchase and read the book “The Prodigal God.”** The book can be purchased for a discounted price of \$14 in the narthex, Family Life Center and the Toolshoppe. If you have pre-ordered a book, pick it up by showing your online receipt.
- 3. Participate in a small group.** Enclosed is an one-page study to be used in your small group. Additional copies can be found at the small-group tables in the narthex and Family Life Center. If you have not signed up for a group, it is not too late. Check out page 4 for a complete listing of the small groups.
- 4. Talk about the weekly message** with your family.



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”

Daily devotions

Sue Wilson has written daily devotions that parallel to The Prodigal God message series.

If you currently receive our e-mail newsletter, you will automatically receive the link to the blog in the next few days.

If you do not receive our e-mail newsletters, please e-mail karen@gloriadeionline.com.

An artist portrays the message

Throughout the message series, a brief video of a local artist’s interpretation of “The Prodigal God” will be shown during each worship service.

See page 4 for more information.

Lenten and Easter Worship Services

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

Invite your friends for a rockin' concert

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

FREE Concert

Swen & Dean

EVERYDAY SUNDAY

Wednesday, Feb. 24
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
8301 Aurora Avenue • Urbandale, Iowa
A free-will offering will be taken.

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

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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; 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.

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.

Baptisms and Weddings

If you would like to schedule a baptism or wedding, please contact the church office at 276-1700 or e-mail Diane Schmidt, Front Desk Administrative Assistant, at diane@gloriadeionline.com. We will try our best to accommodate all of our baptism and wedding requests.

Servers

Feb. 20 and 21

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

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9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Philip Robarge

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

Zach Rague

9 a.m.

Noah Eggers

10:30 a.m.

Allison Klein

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

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:

Luke 15:1-2; 18:9-14 (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 Michelle Johnson, niece of Bob and Darcy Bowers, receiving treatment for cancer
- 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 Doug Wright's health concerns
- For Rev. Curt Foreman 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

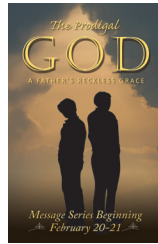
Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com 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 Wasco (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)

Daily Devotions

The daily devotions on “The Prodigal God” will focus on the previous weekend sermon. We hope to give you an opportunity to revisit and ponder a part of Pastor’s message each day. The devotion will be in “blog” format, so please feel free to toss in comments and questions.

If you currently receive our e-mail newsletter, you will automatically receive the link to the blog. If you do not receive our e-mail newsletters, please e-mail Karen Kennedy at: karen@gloriadeionline.com.

An artist's portrayal

Recently, Gloria Dei asked William Butler, a local artist to visually portray “The Prodigal God” message series. Each week, we will see a video showing bits of the painting in progress as he starts with a blank canvas and finishes with a painting that will be unveiled at the end of the series.

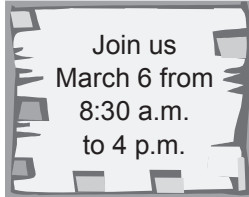
“I begin painting as a submission in prayer,” said William. “I seek direction from God’s Word as the foundation for the visual expression in each painting. The entire creation process is soaked in prayer and worship with inspiring music. This process guides my hands, my thoughts, and my motivation for creating art. It is my hope and prayer that God will receive all glory, honor, and praise through the works of my hands and the words of my mouth.”



Local artist, William Butler, uses his paintings to portray God's heart. William's paintings are exhibited locally at such places as GuideOne Insurance, Connixions Event Center and East Village. His work has also received national acclamation.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Gloria Dei Quilters will meet on Saturday, March 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in rooms 130-134. Bring a sack lunch and any item you would like to work on. Stay all day or only for a short time—whatever your schedule allows.



Gloria Quilters has elected to broaden their mission to sponsor two quilting events for the year 2010. In addition to making quilts for the Honduran Mission

Team to take to Honduras in June, the group is also planning to make quilts for China. There are about 35 children at an orphanage in Lhasa who need a quilt to keep them warm and comforted as well as to demonstrate Jesus' love. We invite all ladies of the congregation and community to join us in making these mission projects. If you have any questions, please contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523

Meals from the Heartland



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 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.



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.

Book club

Gloria Dei's book club is an informal discussion group of Christian books, which meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the cry room.

March 3 - "The Long Way Home" by Andrew Klavan

Want to know more? Contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or hlschmitz@mehsi.com.

Stephen Ministry

From time to time, we all face difficult times that we shouldn't face alone. So whether you are facing loneliness, loss of a spouse, retirement changes, unemployment, discouragement, childbirth, hospitalization, divorce, grief, terminal illness or being a shut-in, we have trained Stephen Ministers who can walk beside you.

If you need help, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204. With your permission, he will assign you a caring Stephen Minister. All conversations are completely confidential.



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."

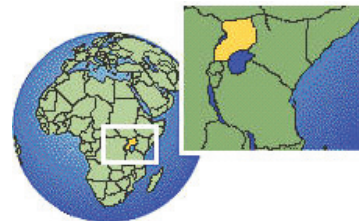
Yeko continues, "Life in the seminary is a blessing since you have made my study of theology, which is the primary goal, a possibility but has also been a great challenge in terms of daily needs." Due to his limited source of income, he faces financial hardship to meet basic daily needs. In addition,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

Did you know of Uganda's turbulent past?

The colonial boundaries created by Britain to delimit Uganda grouped together a wide range of ethnic groups with different political systems and cultures. These differences prevented the establishment of a working political community after independence was achieved in 1962. The dictatorial regime of Idi AMIN (1971-79) was responsible for the deaths of some 300,000 opponents; guerrilla war and human rights abuses under Milton OBOTE (1980-85) claimed at least another 100,000 lives. The rule of Yoweri MUSEVENI since 1986 has brought relative stability and economic growth to Uganda. During the 1990s, the government promulgated non-party presidential and legislative elections. In January 2009, Uganda assumed a nonpermanent seat on the UN Security Council for the 2009-10 term.

Source: The World Factbook by CIA

Ministry Partner Needed

We are in need of an individual who would be willing to run some rehearsals for an instrumental group for Easter services. You don't have to pick the music, just help put it together! If you're interested, contact Gale Webb at gale@gloriadeionline.com or call 276-1700, ext. 201.

Teachers Invited

Public and parochial school teachers: Evolution statements conflict with the truth of Scripture. The health curriculum makes statements that are not consistent with Christian values. Teenagers in your classroom discuss abortion as an option. How does the Christian teacher respond to those situations and others?

The "Vocation Celebration for Teachers" addresses those real-life situations. Public and Lutheran teachers (and friends) are invited Sunday, March 7 from 2-4 p.m. to support, explore, and learn how to serve others legally, creatively and courageously at Denison High School, 819 North 16th Street, Denison, Iowa.

If you would like additional information, please go to www.idwlcms.org and click on the four options under the vocation celebration heading.

Camp Okoboji

Since you are indoors as the snow lingers, why not make some plans to attend one of Camp Okoboji's events? Camp Okoboji is the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Camp located on a 29-acre wooded peninsula on West Lake Okoboji in Milford, Iowa. This year's camps are girls basketball/volleyball, aquatic, kids, high school, and family retreats, plus much more. For more information, go to www.campokoboji.org.

Got a question?

An information center has been established to help individuals understand the beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), to which Gloria Dei belongs. Members and nonmembers are encouraged to call 888-843-5267 or e-mail infocenter@lcms.org to ask any question. So, please take advantage of the center and call today.

Kitchen Fundraiser

If you ordered items from Pampered Chef, please pick them up in the kitchen this weekend. Your generous support has helped to purchase a new kitchen countertop. Thanks! Elaine Klinefelter

Serve Our Youth

Serve Our Youth Network is offering two training sessions. Each session is free and includes dinner and training materials.

Mentoring Children of Promise training will be held Thursday, Feb. 25



from 6-9 p.m. at Polk County Youth Services, 1548 Hull Ave., Des Moines. This training is for prospective mentors in our programs.

Attendees will learn about our community-based mentoring programs, requirements for being a mentor, what mentors do, characteristics of children of promise and other high-risk youth, expectations for mentors, how to connect with their mentee, and activities that you can do with your mentee.

Second Chance Mentor Training will be held Thursday, March 11 from 6-9 p.m. This training is for prospective mentors in our Second Chance Juvenile Mentoring Initiative. Attendees will learn about Second Chance, requirements for being a mentor, what mentors do, characteristics of youth in the juvenile justice system, overview of juvenile justice system, expectations for mentors, how to connect with your mentee, and facilitating mentoring groups.

More information can be found at www.serveouryouth.org.



Vacation Bible School help needed!

March 15-18 from 9-11:30 a.m. All hands on deck as we prepare for spring break's VBS. We need adults and youth to help with all aspects of the journey. So whether you like to lead, teach, direct, welcome or help, we need you. To find out more information or to register, go to our Web site or contact Penny Schramm at 278-5544, ext. 215.

Upcoming Events

Family Game Night: Join us Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship led by the group Swen 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.



High Seas Expedition
VBS
March 15-18
9-11:30 a.m.
For all children: ages 2 - 5th grade

Register online today at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Midweek meal
Wednesdays from
5-5:45 p.m.
Feb. 24
Baked Spaghetti
March 3
**Grilled Cheese
Hot Dog/Chili Dog**

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

Tropical Spring Party



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.

Learning at Tiny Treasures



Tiny Treasures' classrooms were busy with lots of activities this week. From a pajama-sharing time, to a 100-day school marshmallow activity to an arts and crafts time, the children were engaged with learning through hands-on activities.

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All Youth and Families

Free Concert

Invite your friends to hear Swen and 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. If you signed up to help at the Emeritus Nursing Home Sunday, Feb. 21, please plan to meet at 2 p.m. at the nursing home at 8525 Urbandale Ave, Urbandale.

Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theater

Rehearsals: (Lunch is available for \$2.)
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.

A mandatory informational meeting for youth and parents will be held Wednesday, March 10 from 7:10-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Meals from the Heartland

Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

There are still spots available to help assemble meals to send to Haiti. Sign up on the youth bulletin board. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and plan to be picked up at church at 8:30 p.m.

Junior and Senior High

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.

“The Force”

Feb. 21: “Don’t be the Norm”

Feb. 28: “You Gotta Team Up”

Wednesdays: Confirmation

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

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday mornings

Senior High Bible Study
Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in room 114.

Kim Phillips will teach this study. Relevant topics to teens are discussed with application to God’s Word toward each situation. Lively discussions and homemade treats are enjoyed each week!

The Point

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

Feb. 17: “The Reality of Lent”

Feb. 24: Concert

March 3: “The Prodigal God”

Leadership/NAGU Meetings:

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

Week of Feb. 20-27, 2010

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.
- 2:00 p.m. Church Office Closed-Staff at Meals from the Heartland
- 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
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Fellowship/Concert Event
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 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

Worship (Feb. 13-14)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	191	120
7:45 a.m.	145	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	258	
9 a.m. (FLC)	55	33
10:30 a.m.	247	
Total	896	153
Lenten (Feb. 17)	271	218

Last Week's Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,580
Third QTD Offering	\$202,726
Third QTD Budget	\$215,929

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

Week of Feb. 27 to March 6, 2010

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

Sunday, Feb. 28

- 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. 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
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 1

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 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
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, March 2

- 9:00 a.m. Extra Years of Zest Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesday, March 2 (continued)

- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Practice
- 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. SPI MAT Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 3

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. The Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Parenting Families Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

Thursday, March 4

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

Friday, March 5

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Cafe 923

Saturday, March 6

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

Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	12	16	16	20
Elementary	28	36	25	105
Total Children	40	52	41	125
Junior High	3	10	11	79
Senior High		10		
Total Youth	3	20	11	

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.

Weekly Bible Reading: Luke 15:1-2; 18:9-14 (NIV)

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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.

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