

WEEKLY WORD

February 27 and 28, 2010

Second Sunday in Lent

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The Prodigal God

Last week, Pastor Burcham laid a foundation for “The Prodigal God,” by examining the two different audiences that Jesus was speaking to, along with looking at the parable through biblical cultural lenses instead of our 2010 ones. In doing so, we begin to see that the parable contrasts and compares two sons who are both alienated from their father. Ultimately, the parable points to and reveals the father’s heart to welcome both sons into a relationship with him.

This week’s message, “He Welcomes Sinners,” will look at the two other parables in Luke 15, the lost sheep and the lost coin. Both parables conclude with the same “rejoicing” conclusion—when something is lost and then found, there is a celebration in heaven.

We see this welcoming theme echoing through scripture. God welcomes the lost in whatever form they are. Are they dirty? Clean? Broken? Rich? Important? Insignificant? Do they have a long list of accomplishments? Or have they messed up everything their hands have touched? Does everyone approve of them? Or are they social outcasts? Their specific conditions do not alter or repel God’s love toward individuals—he only desires to embrace them all into his family.

In “The Prodigal God” book, Keller writes:

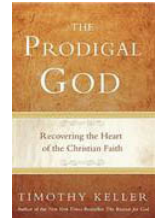
The gospel is distinct... In its view, everyone is wrong, everyone is loved, and everyone is called to recognize this and change. Page 45

If we look at life from our Father’s perspective, we definitely see another point of view; thus changing our own thoughts. We begin to see a Father whose love and grace has no boundaries and whose only desire is to wrap his arms around each individual, no matter how they look or act. He is searching, longing to lovingly say, “Welcome home, I have been waiting for you. Come in, I have prepared a place for you.”

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. Ephesians 2:14-16

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. Childcare provided. If you have not registered and would like to attend, please call 278-5544, ext. 224.



Message series

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”

Lenten Worship

Worship with us this Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Worship Ministry Updates

We have been blessed with gifted individuals in Worship Ministry who love to worship and serve the Lord.

We are also pleased to announce a new Director of Worship.

See pages 2 and 7 for more information.

VBS

Spring break Vacation Bible School will be here in two weeks, see page 8 for more details.

Worship Ministry Updates

We are pleased to announce Steve Kowbel as Director of Worship Ministry at Gloria Dei. Steve has served as Interim Worship Leader since last September. He has been working with the members of our praise teams and Gale Webb, who at that time was our Associate Director of Worship. Together they began to foster a vibrant worship experience at Gloria Dei and create opportunities for more people to be involved.

The last six months: When a vacancy for the Director of Worship Ministry occurred, Gale took on additional responsibilities to see us through the vacancy. In addition, members of the praise teams stepped up to lead our contemporary worship. “A word of gratitude needs to be expressed,” said Pastor Burcham, “to all of the people involved in the Worship Ministry for giving an extra effort during the vacancy of the Director of Worship position.

We simply could not have made it through the transition without them!”



The position of Interim Worship Leader was formed as part of a three-phase approach to filling the Director of Worship position. Phase one included finding an Interim Worship Leader, a Choir Director, and Orchestra Directors. A Worship Ministry MAT was formed to handle the priorities of the Choir and Orchestra Directors and decided to ask Gale if she was willing to add the duty of Choir Director and to coordinate musicians for the traditional services. Meanwhile, members of the praise teams, Bill Jesse, and Pastor Burcham set out to find an Interim Worship Leader.



The staffing committee: Last month, a staffing committee was formed from the members of the original MAT along with representatives from the Governing Board and Elders to examine the merits of a nationwide search for a permanent Director of Worship and to examine the merits of the current Interim Worship Leader with the ultimate goal to hire a Director of Worship. After

Steve Kowbel and Gale Webb have accepted two essential positions in Worship Ministry.

discussion and reviewing the job descriptions and qualifications, the staffing committee along with Pastor Burcham unanimously recommended offering the position to Steve Kowbel. The Director of Worship will oversee all aspects of the Worship Ministry with a special emphasis on contemporary worship.

In addition, Gale’s position was further refined to Assistant Director of Worship Ministry. Gale will serve the church by creating and developing opportunities for God’s people to express their faith, specifically in regards to the coordination and direction of all the traditional worship services.

“I am thrilled to see the both positions filled,” said Pastor Burcham. “We now have the staff to encourage and support all of our different types of worship.”

For more detailed information about Steve and Gale, please go to page 7.

Full-time staff:

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Feb. 28 during the 7:45 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



M McKayla Lynn Sands born on December 22, 2009 to Justin and Jennifer (nee Ohlfest) Sands. McKayla's spiritual sponsors are Lafe Nelson, Sara Ellis, and Scott and Rena Sands.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Feb. 28 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



G Grant Christian Curtis born on June 24, 2009 to Greg and Crystal (nee Griffin) Curtis. Grant's spiritual sponsors are Sarah McCurdy and Edie and David Bogaczyk.

Lenten Devotions

Two separate Lenten devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available at the Information Center in the narthex and in the Family Life Center. The first, "From the Mount of Transfiguration to Mount Calvary," written by LCMS Pastor and Chaplain Vern Gundermann uses the theme of journeying to communicate the message of God's long-delivered promise of salvation coming to fulfillment through the work of his Son's earthly ministry. The second, "Walking with Jesus," LCMS educator and author Chuck Strohacker adopts a conversational approach to his devotion that addresses the ministry and mission of Christ's life. Enjoy one or both, or better yet—pick up three and give one to a friend.

Servers

Feb. 27 and 28

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Philip Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m.

Tyler Steuber

9 a.m.

Bailey Swift

10:30 a.m.

Jacob Nichols

Elders:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

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 15:1-10 (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

Prayers

- For the health concerns of Jessica Kramer
- For John Baker and his family, brother to Jane Meythaler, whose wife passed away after a six-year battle with cancer
- For the peace and strength of Mike Atkins, the uncle of Kendra Weingart
- For Clifford Bax, the father of Phil Bax, having surgery and treatment
- For Michelle Johnson, niece of Bob and Darcy Bowers, receiving treatment for cancer
- For the health concerns of Wendell Dickey
- For the health of Alice Wegner
- For Addison Blythe, daughter of Dustin and Cheryl Blythe
- For the nephew of Roxi Evans-Guiloz, Troy, who is battling cancer
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers
- For missionary Steve Lutz

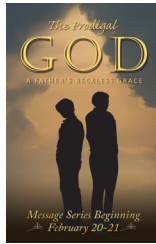
Prayer ministry team

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.

Small group updates

There are still a few groups that have room for additional people. If you have not signed up for a small group, please call Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

- **Sunday 9:20 a.m. at church (open):** Chuck and Beth Corell
- **Sunday 10:15 a.m. at church (open):** Dan Snyder
- **Sunday 5:30 p.m. at church (full):** Steve Junge
- **Sunday 6:30 p.m. at Rowley's house (Urbandale) (open):** Mark and Terry Rowley
- **Sunday 6:30 p.m. at Phillips' house (Des Moines) (full):** Tim and Kim Phillips
- **Monday 6:30 p.m. at church (full):** Devin Wren/Bill and Sue Jesse
- **Monday 7 p.m. at church (open):** Gary Wasko/Vic Kesse
- **Tuesday 2:30 p.m. at church (open):** Ken Wenndt and Meri Mohr
- **Tuesday 6:30 p.m. at church (open):** Rod Serbus/Ken Meythaler
- **Tuesday 7 p.m. at church (full):** Jane Lamfers/Sarah Hensel
- **Wednesday 9:30 a.m. at church (open):** Lisa Scherer
- **Thursday 7 p.m. at Kightlinger's house (Urbandale) (open):** Tim and Julia Kightlinger
- **Friday 6:30 p.m. at Schramm's house (Johnston) (full):** Penny and Kory Schramm
- **Friday 6:30 p.m. at John and Diane Schmidt's house (Urbandale) (full):** Philip and Heather Robarge
- **Saturday 10 a.m. at church (open):** Jim Miles

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.

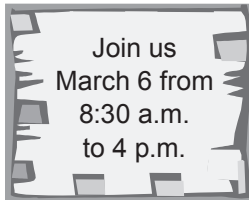
“I begin painting as a submission in prayer,” said William. “I seek direction from God’s Word as the foundation for the visual expression in each painting. The entire creation process is soaked in prayer and worship with inspiring music. This process guides my hands, my thoughts, and my motivation for 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 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. If you have any questions, please contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523

Scrapbook Fellowship

Join us on Friday, March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. or Saturday, March 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Scrapbook Fellowship. Bring your scrapbook or other craft project. This is a great chance to dedicate time to feed your creative soul. Come and go as your schedule allows. We meet in rooms 131/133. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

If you need childcare, contact Carol Wemndt by Wednesday, March 3 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Meals from the Heartland



Last week, approximately 90 children, youth and adults from Gloria Dei helped Meals from the Heartland (MFTH), a local non-profit organization, package meals to be sent to Haiti.

Honduran Mission

March's List

Please drop off hair pretties, combs, hair gel and hair detangler.

Thank you for your support, the little things make a huge difference!

Iowa Prayer Breakfast

Iowa Prayer Breakfast will meet Thursday, April 1 from 7:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m. (doors open at 6:45 a.m.) at Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. This year's keynote speaker, Mark Cahill, will challenge believers in their witness and unbelievers in their walk as he shares "One Thing You Can't Do in Heaven." Admission price is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Register by RSVP by Wednesday, March 24 at www.iowaprayerbreakfast.com or by calling Diana at 223-1500.

New this Year: an evening youth seminar

Youth are invited to an evening Youth Seminar, Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Iowa Historical Building Auditorium, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines. Admission is free, reserve your seat at DTurnball@fca.org.

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@mchsi.com.

Spiritual Life Survey Update

In October 2009, the people of Gloria Dei took the online Spiritual Life Survey with the idea that the results would reveal our current state as well as highlight areas needing growth and improvement. We were pleased to have 382 people take the survey, which is 48% of the average adult weekly attendance. This number was more than sufficient to get a good representative read of the congregation as a whole. Respectfully submitted, The Spiritual Life Survey MAT

The reason behind the survey: Creating a survey to find out a congregation's spiritual strengths and needs can be a very daunting task. A quick look at attendance numbers can be misleading and doesn't reflect spiritual growth of individuals or the congregation as a whole. When it comes to spiritual growth, we wanted to catch a glimpse of people's attitudes, thoughts and emotions.

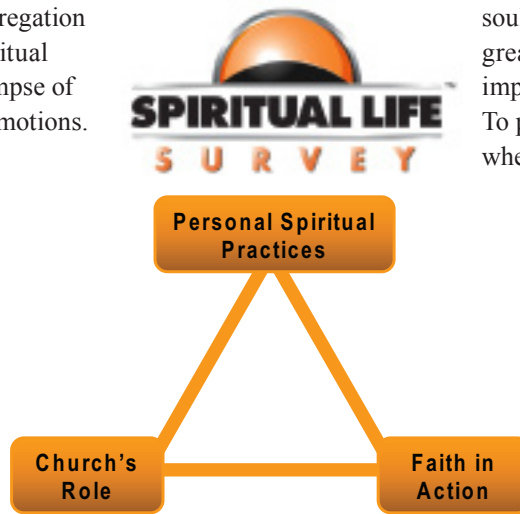
The Ministry Action Team: A Ministry Action Team (MAT) was established to pore over the survey information, which was received in December. Since that time, they have been working diligently, together and apart, to decipher the significance behind all the data. The MAT members are: Casey Fluegge, Jim Tysse, Karen Hoff, Michelle Haessler, Scott Snyder and heading up the group is Barb Miles with Pastor Philip Robarge overseeing the MAT activities.

The survey and other churches: We were compared with 428 churches from all geographic regions of the United States. Out of those 428 churches, 28 percent or 120 churches were of the same sample size (500 – 999). The sample size of our weekly attending members is 880. (Please note: this number only includes adults and does not include children and youth attending worship.) Just 4 percent of the 428 were Lutheran churches, 31 percent were non-denominational and 22 percent were Baptist. Other denominations listed were Methodist, Presbyterian, Association of Vineyard, Assembly of God, Evangelical Free and a category of "others."

More about Personal Spiritual Practices: The Spiritual Life Survey was able to find a spiritual continuum that would predict spiritual growth. That is why the survey spent a lot of time asking about personal practice of prayer, Bible reading, serving, evangelism and especially your love for God. This continuum is highly predictive, which means all people will fit into one of the categories based upon their thoughts and answers to the specific questions on the survey. *(continued to page 7.)*

The overall survey method: When looking at our congregation, we begin with a baseline for spiritual growth. We find it in Matthew 22:37-39 when Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" To put it simply, spiritual growth is occurring when your love for God and other people increases. Simply attending church activities alone will not drive spiritual growth.

The results from the survey will focus on three areas, which are represented in the triangle to the left. When looked at together it gives us what is called the Spiritual Vitality Index. This shows an overall measure of the spiritual well-being of our church and focuses on three major elements:



Personal Spiritual Practices. This area measures the level of engagement with spiritual disciplines, such as reflection on Scripture and prayer, that advance the level of spiritual maturity and intimacy with God (Mark 1:32-38).

Faith in Action. This measures spiritual behaviors that mark a Christ-follower, such as evangelism and serving those in need, as well as attitudes of surrender to Christ (Philippians 2:2-8 and James 2:14-18).

Church's Role. This measures the effectiveness of the church's role in helping its congregation grow spiritually (Ephesians 4:12-13).

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More about Personal Spiritual

Practices We realize there could have been dozens of ways to label the information in this continuum, but the Spiritual Life Survey names four segments: Exploring Christ, Growing in Christ, Close to Christ and Christ Centered.

Please note: we believe people can fall into any of these segments at multiple times in their life. It is not a hierarchy or level of being a better Christian; rather it identifies a starting point from which we can provide the necessary tools to nurture spiritual growth. This information helps us to see what will move people from segment to segment, which allows us to make informed decisions about future ministry initiatives.

The goal of this first article is not to go into depth about the thoughts and feelings found in the survey, but to share how the continuum will come into play later. As we explain more about the continuum, it may be helpful for you to figure out where you land on the continuum, so as to figure out the best ways to nurture your own spiritual growth.

Information to follow: In the next couple of weeks, we will further explain what the data from the survey revealed. Please allow us a few weeks to paint the whole picture. After we have shared the findings, we will present our recommendations based on these findings. We pray and hope that these recommendations will help Gloria Dei grow to new heights, both as individuals and as a congregation. At the end of the series of reports, we will do our best to answer all your questions; however, please feel free to talk to any of the members of the MAT at anytime for further information.

Let's Meet the Worship Directors

Director of Worship

Steve comes to Gloria Dei with a long history of experience in music and worship. He became a fan of Christian contemporary music in 1994 when he listened to Delirious "Out of the Can." A few years later, he started to play guitar. Steve has led worship in several churches in the past years and has also served as a consultant to churches to help, equip and expand their worship ministries

When Gloria Dei offered the position to him, he called Stephanie, his wife of 20 years, to ask if she thought it was a good idea and if she



*Steve Kowbel,
Director of Worship*

would be willing to participate in the ministry at Gloria Dei. Without hesitation, she said, "yes." Her response solidified what was already on his heart—to accept the work that God has placed before him.

"I am looking forward to our continued development of the entire Worship Ministry," said Steve. He is also looking forward to introducing his recently rebuilt Fender Squire 51 electric guitar to Northwind.

Steve and Stephanie plan to become members along with their two children, Micaela, 16 and Micah, 14. As a family, they love sport activities, such as volleyball and basketball, and family gatherings.

One of Steve's favorite quotes is "Seek to understand before being understood." This quote has helped him as he makes the transition to his new role at Gloria Dei. Since he is relational at heart, he welcomes and desires questions and ideas. "I love to listen to new artist's work and explore different venues where God is at work to reveal himself through worship," said Steve.

Assistant Director of Worship Ministry

Gale brings a strong music background and also managerial experience to the position. She has a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Central Arkansas and a master's degree in music from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Gale has been involved in the choir, bell choir, led services on the Northwind service praise team and served on the technology team as well. She also performs for the Central Iowa Symphony.



*Gale Webb, Assistant
Director of Worship*

"I am excited to develop the traditional services by getting as many people to participate as possible," said Gale.

Gale and her husband Stephen are expecting their first child in May. She hopes that her child will have the same love for music and worship that she enjoyed throughout her childhood and adult life.



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.



Register online today at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Midweek meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

March 3
**Grilled Cheese
Hot Dog/Chili Dog**

March 10
Pizza Pockets

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

Spring Party



Friday, March 26 from 5:30-8 p.m. Join us at the 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.

Ministry partners needed: We need help in the kitchen and with games, call Jo Lynn at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Memories in Photos



Top left: Last Sunday, the Wave scored high points as families bowled together. Top right and bottom right: Everyday Sunday and Swen and Dean rocked the building last Wednesday. Bottom left: Tiny Treasures raised money to purchase three computers.

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Junior and Senior High

Dinner Theater

Rehearsals:

(Lunch is available for \$2.)

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

Sunday, March 7 from 12-2 p.m.

Sunday March 21 from 12-2 p.m.

Sunday March 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.

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 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, Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Castaway is a high-energy, multi-sensory active learning environment.

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Feb. 27-28: “He Welcomes Sinners”

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March 27-28: “The Feast of the Father”

Café 923

Friday, March 5, 6-9 p.m. Come hang out, have a good time, eat, play games, and bring your friends.

Service opportunity

VBS helpers needed March 15-18. Helping will count towards your service hours. If you would like to help please contact DeAnn at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Wednesdays: Confirmation

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

Confirmation Parent Meeting, Wednesday March 3 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in rooms 131/133.

This is an informational meeting for parents of 8th grade Confirmation students. We will be detailing the Confirmation process and the events leading up to Confirmation day.

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 that will revolve around the Prodigal God message series. 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.

March 3: “The Prodigal God-Part I”

March 10: “The Prodigal God-Part II”

March 24: “The Prodigal God-Part III”

Week of Feb. 27 to March 6, 2010

(For listings of "The Prodigal God" small groups, see page 4)

Saturday, Feb. 27

- 6:00 a.m. Merle Hay-Urbandale Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 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. 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
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 1

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. VBS Ministry Partner Orientation
- 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, 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
- 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
- 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 a.m. Lead GD
- 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
- 8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 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. 13-14)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	185	
7:45 a.m.	174	105
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	337	276
9 a.m. (FLC)	82	
10:30 a.m.	342	218
Total	1,120	599
Lenten (Feb. 24)	155	

Last Week's Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$21,773
Third QTD Offering	\$224,499
Third QTD Budget	\$245,472

Week of March 6-13, 2010

(For listings of "The Prodigal God" small groups, see page 4)

Saturday, March 6

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 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, March 7

- 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. 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 with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Third Grade Girl Scouts-Troop 659
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 8

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, March 9

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten and Second Grade Girl Scouts-Daisy and Troop 806
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 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. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 10

- 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. 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 11

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. Honor Guard Practice

Saturday, March 13

- 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

Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	11	31	21	
Elementary	29	64	41	family night
Total Children	40	95	62	and
Junior High	7	14	13	concert
Senior High		8		
Total Youth	7	22	13	

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 and youth 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: Luke 15:1-8 (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."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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