

WEEKLY WORD



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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Trust Versus Suspicion

by Bill Jesse, Executive Director

“What’s the matter, don’t you trust me?”

This question has been raised countless times between children and parents, wives and husbands, employees and managers and countless other groups. Many times a trust has been kept, but unfortunately trust has also been broken.

In my experience supervising large groups of people, I have found a useful life lesson when I ask this question: Should I fill my thoughts with trust or suspicion? The time between what I expect and what actually occurs creates a gap—do I fill it with trust or suspicion? Each has its consequences. When I fill the gap with trust, the strength of that relationship increases, but when I fill it with suspicion, the exact opposite happens and the strength of that relationship wanes.

As believers, we have been called upon to trust. Apostle Paul wrote a very familiar passage in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 calling Christians to trust: “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects (here it comes!) always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

So if the Lord has given us the call to trust, why is it so difficult to fill the gap with trust? Past experiences may be one factor. When there is a disconnect from what a person promised and what they delivered, it becomes very difficult to trust that person in the future. When an individual’s actions do not live up to their words, trusting becomes very difficult.

When a person has proven to be untrustworthy, what can you do? Perhaps, an honest conversation would be a good start where you and the “trust” offender can talk about the issue and come to an amiable resolution.

But what happens if a person has never committed an offense against us? Do we automatically default to filling the gap with suspicion? And if so, why not try to give them the benefit of the doubt? When they say “I will call you,” why not believe them and trust that they will call?

Are there people in your family, group, or organization that you have a difficult time trusting? Is it your issue or theirs? Were you trustworthy? Did your words match up to your actions? Is there anything that you can do to help fill in the gap with trust? What conversations need to be started? Who do you sense has a difficult time trusting you? Why? What can you do about it?

Let’s take some time this week to examine whether we are filling in the gaps with trust or suspicion. And in doing so, we will identify a few steps to help us build strong and trustworthy relationships.

The Prodigal God Message Series

Starting Feb. 20-21, we will begin a six-week message series revolving around Luke 15 and based on the book, “The Prodigal God” by Timothy Keller. See page 4 for more details.



Haiti Relief Effort

We are actively helping to relieve the suffering from the earthquake in Haiti. See pages 7 for details on how to get involved.

Discovery 201

If you are interested in joining the church, check out page 6.

Small Groups

Small groups are being formed for our upcoming message series beginning Feb. 20-21. Check out page 5.

Adult Ministry Highlight

Read about the heart behind the Adult Ministry. Check out page 5.

Soles for Souls

Tiny Treasures is collecting shoes for Haiti. See page 8.

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Think Spring

As the cold continues, we thought publishing the schedule of our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter worship services would warm you up.

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

A little bit about a lot of things

This column written by Bill Jesse, Executive Director, gives an account of some of the specifics that are handled in the church office. Our hope is that it will inform you of some of the essential, and oftentimes, fun details of running the church. Besides, it may cause you to smile and think, "Wow, I didn't know that!"

Ministry partners are the lifeblood for the activities and programs at Gloria Dei. Opportunities to serve are plentiful and can appeal to a wide variety of talents and skills. All of Gloria Dei's directors are passionate about engaging members in ministry. Below is a list of some of the ways members are serving:

Did you know nearly 25 people serve the middle school and high school youth programs? Did you know it takes 115 ministry partners to serve in Grace Place, Faith Alive, and Music Alive programs for the children ages preschool through fifth grade? In addition, it takes 20 ministry partners each week to help serve in the kitchen, 55 ministry partners to support Vacation Bible School and 75 to make the Christmas program such a success.

On a monthly basis, it takes 80 ushers for all of our worship services, 42 media technicians to provide the sound, lights and projection and 29 offering counters. There currently are 12 ministry partners working as proofreaders and special projects workers and 25 people assisting the business office with various administrative work.

This is not to mention, all the teams in the Worship Ministry, the Care Night leaders, Bible study leaders, Stephen's Ministers and Leaders, transportation, nursery workers and greeters. And this list is not comprehensive! There are many opportunities to serve, we encourage you to jump in to use your God-given gifts, to further his kingdom.

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Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, February 7 are provided by Dan and Jill Schultz in celebration of their son's, Andrew, eighteenth birthday on February 11.

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.

Registration for VBS opens

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



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

Servers

Feb. 6 and 7:
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:
Lynn Hays

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m.
Jake Griffiths

9 a.m.
Eddie Steinfeldt

10:30 a.m.
Carly Kinning

Elders:
Terry Woolman
Jim Miles
Vic Kesse

Ushers:
Northwind
Jeff Eckhoff

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:

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 and Matthew 5:21-26 (NLT)

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 surgery of Michelle Everitt, friend of Tim and Sandy McClelland
- For Paul Enger, who is recovering from surgery
- For the health of Tom Westby
- For Cara Setsodi, who is recovering from surgery
- For the health concerns of Carol and Wendell Dickey
- For the health of Alice Wegner
- For Jody Bass recovering from surgery
- For John Brown recovering from surgery
- For the strength and growth of baby Brady Aben
- 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.

What's all the talk about The Prodigal God?

A six-week in-depth look at the three parables in Luke 15 with a special emphasis on the Parable of the Prodigal Son starts Feb. 20-21 through a church-wide campaign.

Most of us are familiar with this parable and how the younger son leaves home and squanders away his inheritance while his father watches for him to return home. The parable hits a crescendo when the father runs to meet his son on the road and prepares a “welcome home” celebration.

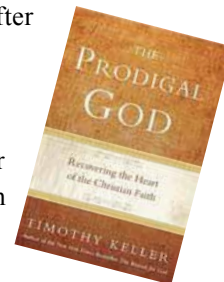
However, we are not very familiar with the older son. Since the parable begins with “There was a man who had two sons,” are we missing half of the story? What can we learn from the elder son?

And how about the father? We know that he was patiently waiting and forgiving when his younger son returned home. But is there more to the story than meets our 21st-century eyes? Do we understand the cultural implications of the father dividing up his estate? How about the father’s fixation on waiting for his son? Or the father’s plea to the older brother to join in the celebration?

We ask that you join us as we look at these questions and many more during the six weeks. **To receive the maximum benefit, we suggest:**

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.

Order your book today. “The Prodigal God” can be ordered at a discounted price from the church for \$14 at our Web site. After payment is submitted, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. Please print this e-mail. These pre-ordered books can be picked up in the narthex Feb. 13 or 14 by showing your printed receipt. If you prefer not to order through our Web site, the books can also be purchased for \$14 in the narthex on Feb. 13 and 14 or at the Toolshoppe starting Feb. 17.



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”

To order “The Prodigal God” go to:
www.gloriadeionline.com

Let's get to know the heart behind the Adult Ministry

The Adult Ministry aligns itself to Gloria Dei's G.R.A.C.E. Vision, specifically in regards to growing spiritually: Gloria Dei will be a place of tremendous growth. Through dynamic relevant worship, excellent teaching, and the countless opportunities that come from an ever-growing congregation, people will grow in their faith and commitment to God.

Pastor Robarge is on a quest—he wants all adults to grow in the Lord, and he isn't resting until he sees the Adult Ministry landing in the growth path. Besides the adult opportunities that are already in place, he is exploring different and creative ways to help adults get there. Take this month for example, he has been collecting information to help people easily get involved in a small group, organizing Women's Bible Connections, teaching Tuesday and Wednesday Bible studies, overseeing other adult social opportunities, writing the Constructive Conflict discussion questions and preaching a couple of sermon messages.

"I want people to build relationships here at Gloria Dei," said Pastor Robarge.

"Relationships are what build strong ties and create a strong community of believers. This is foundational to our understanding of church.

"I also want to see people utilize their God-given talents and abilities in service to God. I am encouraged by the amount of selfless giving that goes on during the week. We have multiple ministry partners who are here every day, helping in the office, kitchen, preschool and so many other places. I appreciate how this church is powered by people who do the vital work to keep it running smoothly.



Pastor Robarge working to create opportunities that help adults grow in their faith.

A native of Arizona and a son of a Lutheran pastor, Pastor Robarge was installed at Gloria Dei last July as Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor. He loves being with his family—his wife Heather, Kaitlyn, 9, Tyson, 7; and his adopted-daughter, Laura, and her husband, who are expecting their first child. "They love and encourage me in everything that I do. Spare time is spent with them and we try to do something fun together. So we play games, take walks, laugh and joke with each other," said Pastor Robarge.

As an avid reader, he enjoys books such as "Axiom," by Bill Hybels, and "The Prodigal God" by Tim Keller. Of course, his main focus is reading the Bible, especially when questions are raised from his reading that cause him to thoroughly search the Scriptures. Recently he read "Sticky Church," by Larry Osborne, which had a profound effect on him because of Osborne's compelling explanation of the benefits of small groups—to produce authentic relationships that help people grow in their faith. This thought has further ignited him in his efforts to provide more small group opportunities.

"I am excited to see God energize his church and to see his people grow spiritually," said Pastor Robarge.

Prodigal God small groups

Give it a try. Six-week commitment.

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 if you really connected to a group? You may find a group that encourages honest and open discussion and where your life can be transformed by the loving and supportive interaction within the group.

How do I find a group? A list of available groups are in the narthex and on our Web site. Simply sign up for the one that fits into your schedule.

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.



Gloria Dei Chorale needs you!

The Gloria Dei Chorale, a choir which sings during the traditional services, is looking for more voices. They also sing during Holy week and Easter services. They have fellowship and fun as they lift their voices to God. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please e-mail Gale Webb at gale@gloriadeionline.com.

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.

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 is provided. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com; go to the adult page.

Scrapbook Fellowship

It's that time again! Join us for Scrapbook Fellowship Friday, Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 131/133. Come when you can; leave when you must. We go out for lunch about 11 a.m. and supper about 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

Childcare: If you need childcare, contact Carol Wemndt by Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.



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.



LWML Circle

Prayer Service

The combined Des Moines East and Des Moines West Circuits will have a LWML prayer service on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3900 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the service will begin at 10 a.m.

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wemndt, 3601 Western Hills Drive, West Des Moines.

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. More information will follow.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines.

Haiti Relief Efforts

Since the earthquake in Haiti, we have encouraged people to pray, give financially and to volunteer. So far, the response has been incredible as we see the church stepping up to help those in need. Here are two immediate ways to help:

Volunteer: Meals from the Heartland (MFHL), a local non-profit organization, will package meals to be sent to Haiti in February. We are currently organizing members to sign up to

be on teams to help package the meals on Monday, Feb. 22. If you are interested in joining Gloria Dei's team, go to our Web site to register no later than Sunday, Feb. 7. We will contact you with more specific information as soon as it unfolds.



Donations needed: Since MFHL only purchases ingredients based on available cash funds, they are requesting cash donations for the Haiti relief fund. A gift of \$25 will provide 166 meals or feed approximately 8 children for a month. Since we firmly believe in supporting this local effort, Gloria Dei has donated \$2,000 (totaling 13,333 meals) from their mission fund to help purchase ingredients. If you are also interested in donating for February's packaging event, please go to Gloria Dei's Web site and click on the Meals from the Heartland link.

30 Hour Famine

On April 9-10, Gloria Dei's youth will be joining the efforts of hundreds of thousands of young people all over the nation who will set aside the usual "stuff" that fills their daily lives. Instead, they will go without food for 30 hours to get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face everyday.



This year, the youth have set a goal to raise more than \$15,000. They will be collecting monetary donations in the narthex March 27-28 and April 10-11.

How to be involved today:

Youth and parents: Turn in your registration by Tuesday, March 9.

Adults: If you are interested in helping during the event, contact Kim Phillips at tnk4jcl@msn.com.

Pray: Keep the youth and adults in your prayers as they organize for this powerful spring event.

Give online today: We now have the capability to receive 30 Hour Famine donations online, simply go to our Web site and click on donate now button.

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.

Women of Faith Conference

Women of Faith "Over the Top" conference

will be held at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Friday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We



have discounted tickets for \$79 (regular price is \$99), which includes lunch on both days.

To register, simply go to our Web site at gloriadeionline.com and click on the Women of Faith link to:

1. Register for the conference.
2. Wait to receive a confirmation e-mail.
3. Log in again to pay for the conference.

Register today to reserve your ticket. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

Spring Break Vacation Bible School

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

High Seas Expedition is awash with fun. Each day, kids participate in small groups, called Crews, and dive into the Bible! Not only will they experience amazing Bible adventures but they'll also watch for God in everyday life. You and your kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that his fingerprints are everywhere!



High Seas Expedition is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the High Seas Expedition activities that help faith flow into real life. Get ready to embark on a journey that will change your children.

Register today: All children ages 2 - fifth grade are invited to join the fun. Please invite your neighbors and friends. We are suggesting a \$20 donation for each family.

Ministry partners needed: We need lots of help to create this ocean of fun and learning. To sign up, go to our Web site today!

Register online today at www.gloriadeionline.com.

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.

Soles for Souls in Haiti

A note from Jo Lynn Yeutsy, Director of Tiny Treasures Preschool

I'm sure we would all agree that we have had our share of rough times this winter, but seeing all of the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Haiti, certainly puts things in perspective. During times like this, we have a desire to help, but don't always know how. Soles for Souls is a shoe charity that donates shoes to adults and children in need. The charity has committed to donating one million pairs of footwear to victims of the earthquake in Haiti.



If you have used children's or adult's boots or sneakers, please consider donating them to Soles for Souls. We will have a large box in the entry way of the preschool where you can place your used shoes. We will then deliver to a collection site that will send them to Haiti. We will also be talking to the children about the importance of helping those in need. Thank you.

Midweek meal

Wednesdays from
5-5:45 p.m.

Feb. 10
Deli Night

Feb. 17
Taco/Enchiladas

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

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All Youth and Families

Dinner Theater

"The Love Liner," an interactive dinner theater will be held April 23, 24 and 25. Join the youth as they cruise the Hawaiian islands in this sizzlin' hot play.

Rehearsals:

(Lunch is available for \$2.)

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

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

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

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

Adults needed: Adult help is needed with set construction and costuming as we transform the Youth Center into a cruise liner; and the cast into pirates, nuns, and ship personnel. Anyone interested, please contact Tim by Sunday, Feb. 7.

Junior and Senior High

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. You must turn in your registration in order to receive your packet. The deadline to register is Tuesday, March 9. If you are interested or have questions, contact Tim Kightlinger or Kim Phillips.

Youth Lock-in for grades 6-12

Join the youth lock-in at Incredible Pizza Company Friday, Feb. 19 at 11 p.m. to Saturday Feb. 20 at 6 a.m. Cost is \$25. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Wednesday Feb. 10. Adults are welcome to sign up and come along too!

Junior and Senior High

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 for the residents. Sign up by Feb. 14 on the youth bulletin board.

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. 7: "Joshua"

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

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

Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center is a time when senior high students can gather.

Feb. 10: "Reflect"

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. 6-13, 2010

Saturday, Feb. 6

- 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. 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, Feb. 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 Training
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, Feb. 9

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice

Tuesday, Feb. 9 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball 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, Feb. 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 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
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Feb. 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 a.m. Christ for the City Meeting
- 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. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, Feb. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Honor Guard Practice

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

Worship (Feb. 6-7)	Attendance
Northwind	152
7:45 a.m.	139
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	361
9 a.m. (FLC)	93
10:30 a.m.	326
Total	1071

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 23-24)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,778
Third QTD Offering	\$148,468
Third QTD Budget	\$153,860

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. 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. 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
- 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 Stitches
- 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

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

Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	6	22	23	19
Elementary	16	56	41	97
Total Children	22	78	64	116
Junior High		15	8	80
Senior High		9		25
Total Youth		24	8	105

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: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NLT)

If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn't love others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without love I would be no good to anybody. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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