

WEEKLY WORD

January 23 and 24, 2010

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Sins of Our Fathers

For many of us, we do certain things without even thinking about them. Take for example, the popular story about cutting the end piece of the ham. When a husband asked his wife about the importance of cutting off a section of the ham before placing it in the pan, the wife states, "I don't know, my mother did it, so I do it." The next day, the wife asked her mother the same question and the response was the same, "I don't know, my mother did it." The next day, they visited the great-grandmother to ask the same question. The great-grandmother replied, "When I was growing up, in the orphanage, and when I was first married we didn't have any dishes big enough to take a whole ham, so we used to cut the end off to fit it in the dish."

As this story indicates, the influence of our family is huge in how we handle situations in life. Some family traditions are quite comical while others can reap devastating effects, especially in regards to how we build relationships. Do our parental examples show us God's love and mercy? Or do they show condemnation and judgement? In today's message, we will examine the importance of our family background, identify those family traditions that need to change, and seek God's help in breaking those negative molds.

Haiti Relief Effort

As more images and the reality of the devastation of Haiti filter in, what can we do to help those in need?

1. Pray

Pray for the coordination and efficiency in the immediate recovery efforts; specifically that water, food and medical treatment reaches those in need.

Pray for the safety of people now living on the streets.

Pray for the families who have had many members die.

Pray for law and order to reign.

2. Give Financially

Other than prayer, the best thing to give at this time is a donation to a reputable organization where they will provide the necessary items of water, food, shelter and medical care. For your convenience, Gloria Dei will accept donations via Vanco, the online bank currently used for Simply Giving and credit card transactions. After funds are collected, we will send a check to LCMS World Relief/Human Care. Please note, your contributions will be reflected on your year-end summary statement and Thrivent will match the funds given. For more giving options, please go to our Web site.

3. Volunteer

Meals from the Heartland, a local non-profit organization, will package meals to be sent to Haiti in February. Go to our Web site for more information.

In conclusion, since the church is to be the light and hope of the world, let's collectively give what we can to help the Haitians who are in desperate need.

what's
NEW!
this week!

Honduras Mission Trip

Have you ever considered serving Jesus in a foreign land? See page 5 for details.

Family Event

Enjoy an afternoon of sledding Sunday, Jan. 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. See page 8.

Women's Bible Connections

Women are invited to a time of fellowship, worship and Bible study on Mondays. See page 6.

The Wave

The Wave (4th and 5th graders) will meet on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. Please see page 8 for details.

Women of Faith Conference

We have discounted tickets for the Women of Faith Conference March 12-13. Check out page 7.



A Haitian receives food.
Photo by Eduardo Munoz/Reuters

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Mid-year financial report

By Bill Jesse, Executive Director

First half of fiscal year financial report July 1-Dec. 31, 2009

The following article is to report an accurate and clear picture of our finances for the first half of the fiscal year. The budget report is divided into three areas: 1.) Total income comprised of offerings and other income. 2.) Expenses. 3.) Cash position. If you have any questions, please call Bill Jesse at 278-5544, ext. 217.

Total income-actual offerings:

The actual offerings were \$805,242, which made up 92 percent of the total income. These offerings were down 1.74 percent or \$14,234 from last year.

Total income-actual other income:

The other income was \$70,473 making up 8 percent of the total income. This comes from tuition, building usage fees, leasing our parking spaces to D.A.R.T and interest income. Other income was much higher than last year by \$28,613 or 72.47 percent.

Total income summary:

In summary, the total income comprised of the actual offerings of \$805,242 plus the other income of \$70,473 equals \$875,715. Total income was slightly higher than last year by \$14,379 or 1.67 percent.

Budgeted total income-offerings and other income:

At the beginning of the budgeting process, we try to determine dollar amounts for both the offerings and the other income based on historical data. We project a figure for each quarter based on the offerings and other income received the previous fiscal year. When we compare the budgeted total income of \$900,512 with the actual total income of \$875,715, we are behind.

Expenses:

Expenses of \$824,433 were down compared to last year's expenses of \$860,177. Expenses were down significantly from this year's budget projection of \$909,254. Expenses were less than the total income received, which shows we are living within our budget. This was not due to any cuts in ministry area programming. Considerable time was spent in the preparation of the budgeted line items of each ministry area to reflect projected actual expenditures.

Cash position:

Our cash operating position is strong and we have not needed to transfer funds from our savings accounts to cover expenses. We are growing our savings accounts. We have financial backing for all of our allocated accounts and are systematically growing our strategic planning account.

Mid-year summary:	Actual	Budgeted
Total Income (offerings and other income):	\$875,715	\$900,512
Total Expenses:	\$824,433	\$909,254

In summation, offerings were down and lower than what was projected in the budget. Other income was up, but less than what was budgeted. Expenses were down and significantly less than what was budgeted. Cash in our operating account is sufficient to meet our financial obligations, and we are systematically increasing our savings accounts.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Jan. 24 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



L Lucas Ragnar Eubanks born on August 9, 2009 to Jeffrey and Lori (nee Pitsch) Eubanks. Lucas' spiritual sponsors are Cathy Seaburg, and Brandon Eubanks by proxy.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Jan. 24 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



M Miles Vernon Miller born on December 4, 2009 to Joshua and Maggie (nee Hegeman) Miller. Miles' spiritual sponsors are Merideth Hegeman and Joseph Miller.

Giving Statements Mailed

The final 2009 giving statements were mailed Jan. 20. If you have not received one or if you have questions, please call Shari Smith at 276-1700, ext. 202.

Servers

Jan. 23 and 24:
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.
Caity Miller

9 a.m.
Caity Miller

10:30 a.m.
Danielle Wright

Elders:
Tom Westby
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus

Ushers:
Northwind
Mike Mazza
Tim Mueller
Jim Riddle
Peg Riddle

7:45 a.m.
Bruce Amendt
Arlyn Hesse
Jim Johnson
Dick Mueller
Ken Wunsch

9 a.m.
Greg Haessler
Rich Johnson
Doug Kumm
Jim Miles
Jeff Monson
David Morrison
Chad Oehlert

9 a.m. (H3)
Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.
Dennis Appelbons
Doug Bass
Kevin Kelley

Scripture Readings:
Genesis 27:1-10 and Ephesians 4:17-28 (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 John Brown as he recovers from surgery
- For the health of Alice Wegner
- For the health of Matt Williams, a friend of Melinda Hubbard
- For the strength and growth of baby Brady Aben
- For the health of Cheryl Gilg's dad
- For the continued health of Norm Reid
- For the health of Leona Standridge
- For the recovery and healing of the people and the land in Haiti after the earthquake
- For the nephew of Roxi Evans-Guiloz, Troy, who is battling cancer
- For Zac Duncalf and his caregivers
- For Randall Golay's recovery from surgery
- For our country

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.

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.

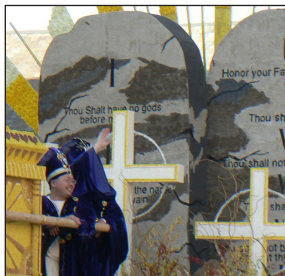
Mission news

The following note is from Terry and Mary Rowley, who recently traveled to California for the Petal Pusher trip led by Ellie Menz from Iowa District West:

We worked on three floats: One day was spent on the Lutheran Hour float, the only Christian float in the parade. Mary had the privilege of putting the flowers behind the crosses. The flowers were magnificent, a great way to appreciate God's creation.

The other aspect of the trip was ministry among the homeless on Skid Row. We fed the homeless and handed out hygiene kits, clothes, and underwear. There was a service so they could hear God's word. We also sang with them. They were so grateful for what we could offer them. It made us appreciate the little things we take for granted.

We appreciate all the people who prayed for us. ~ Terry and Mary Rowley



(Top) Mary and Terry Rowley in front of the Lutheran Hour float. (Bottom) The ten commandments were displayed on the float.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Gloria Dei Quilters want to break the cold cycle by beginning their 2010 quilts for missions on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in rooms 130-134. Invite a friend. Let's all come together to begin our quilts for those who need to be wrapped in the love of Christ. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Norma Rohn at 253-0523.

Thank you

Dear friends of Sharolyn Thenhaus,

The family of Sharolyn would like to thank everyone at Gloria Dei for their cards, prayers and thoughts. The outpouring of your love, prayers and support added comfort at this difficult time.

At one time, we thought we would have a special memorial service for Sharolyn at Gloria Dei; however, due to our grief, we have decided not to hold one. Sharolyn was laid to rest at her hometown of Norfolk, Neb. on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010.

Again, we are extremely thankful for the support that you have given us, it has helped us tremendously. ~ Bob Thenhaus and family

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.

Feb.3 - "Worth a Thousand Words" by Stacy Hawkins Adams.

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

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

LWML Circle

Prayer Service

The combined Des Moines East and Des Moines West Circuits will have a LWML prayer service on February 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 Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Drive, West Des Moines.

Honduras mission trip

The 2010 Honduras mission team is gearing up for this summer's trip from Saturday, June 26 to Saturday, July 3. So far, the team consists of 10 individuals from Gloria Dei, but there is room for 10 more. This is the sixth year that Gloria Dei has partnered with World Gospel Outreach (WGO) to send a medical/evangelism team to provide evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry, and pharmacy services to the impoverished in Honduras.

"The main quality that you need for this ministry is a passion to help others," said Bill Clark, Mission Team Leader. "No special skills are needed."

Teams will reside at the newly constructed mission house, Casa de Esperanza. This comfortable setting has bedrooms, bunk beds, showers and modern restroom facilities. Both American and Honduran meals are served throughout the week. Days usually begin at 6:15 a.m. with daily team devotions.



Casa de Esperanza.

World Gospel Outreach

World Gospel Outreach (WGO) is celebrating 25 years of serving Christ in Honduras. The founders, Allen and Dona Danforth, did not know all that God had planned through this ministry when they recognized his call. Now as they reflect on these 25 years, they are grateful for the opportunity to witness God faithfully carrying out his divine purpose through so many people. They write that God amazes us as we reflect on how:

He has taken the medical/evangelism team experience from one small team in January 1989 and has grown it to almost 800 team members or about 10,000 over the past 19 years.

He touched a small number of Hondurans at the first medical/evangelism brigade, and increased that number to 500,000.

He blessed us with our Rancho Ebenezer property in 1997. The first three families moved there in 2000 and 68 people live there today.

He provided the funding to build Ebenezer Academy for grades PreK-12, so children could receive a well-rounded education.

He helped provide the resources for La Casa de Esperanza, the new facility to house mission teams.

He allows WGO to be his hands and feet to serve people where they need medical, optical and dental care. More than 2,500 Hondurans came to know Christ last year alone.



Last year youth from Gloria Dei helped with children's ministry.

Honduras Mission Team Informational Meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will discuss finances, travel and living arrangements for the team's mission to help the poor by providing medical and evangelism outreaches.

For more information, call Bill Clark at 491-8543.

How to help:

Christmas cards

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

Vitamins

Please drop off children's and prenatal vitamins 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.

Donations

Make a monetary donation to the team.



Honduras facts:

Capital:

Tegucigalpa

Official Language:

Spanish

Ethnic Groups:

Mestizo 90%

Amerindian 7%

Black 2%

White 1 %

GDP (per capita)

\$1,826

(United States is \$47,440)

Reasons for small groups

by Pastor Robarge, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor

Although you can accomplish a lot from listening to the sermon messages or through your own studies, it is within the safety net of a small group that you will be able to more fully learn how to deal with life's complex issues.

Small groups are not a new concept or even a new approach. During the first two centuries of the Christian era, church buildings did not exist. Instead they met in house churches where close relationships flourished, helping them withstand the persecution.

A communal spirit blooms where people are deeply in touch with one another and thriving because of their faithful interaction with one another. Outwardly, members of a congrega-

tion may have little in common; inwardly, they can be touched by the possibility that they have something to learn from each other. Broad friendship, mutuality of purpose and an abiding care for one another are all by-products of a spiritually-grounded community. The way in which members of a congregation reproduce the love of God through genuine hospitality and a love for one another is a great way to display the words of Jesus:

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:35

These are some of the main reasons why I believe in small groups; they are for our benefit. If you are not in a small group and would like to explore the possibilities, please contact me at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Women's Bible Connections

If you were unable to attend last Monday's preview, it's not too late to join the fun this Monday.

Mondays, at 9:30 a.m.

Galatians Study - We will look at Apostle Paul's letter to Galatia that addresses many issues that are facing the church, one of which is not to mess with the Gospel.

Breaking Free by Beth Moore - Best-selling author and popular Bible teacher Beth Moore takes you on a journey to discovering true spiritual freedom.

Fearless by Max Lucado - Max Lucado shows you how life can be lived with confidence and joy, when you replace your fear with faith. Let this inspiring and timely message encourage your heart today!

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Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl by Lysa Terkeurst - Drawing from her own remarkable story, she encourages you to enjoy special time with God and discover the life-changing words of Scripture.

Salt in the Melting Pot - Our own Sue Wilson wrote this study to help us understand what it means to be salt in our culture and community.

Childcare will be provided at both sessions. Questions: please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



30 hour famine

Wars and natural disasters all over the world dominate the daily headlines but behind the scenes and far from the spotlight, hunger and preventable diseases claim the lives of 26,000 of the world's children each day.



Right now, more than 840 million people around the world don't have enough to eat. Annually, more than nine million children under the age of five die from disease and malnutrition as a result of hunger. But world hunger is 100 percent preventable and youth from Gloria Dei are once again ready to be a part of the solution.

On April 9-10, they 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.



Funds raised by 30 Hour Famine participants help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe. Additionally, a portion of funds raised support assist families in need in the United States.

According to 30 Hour Famine organization, Gloria Dei has placed first in the state of Iowa in funds raised in the last four years as shown below:

2006:	\$8,236
2007:	\$11,247
2008:	\$12,297
2009:	\$13,300

This year, the youth have set a goal to raise more than \$15,000. They will be collecting monetary donations in the narthex.



Kitchen ministry

The kitchen ministry partners are hosting a Pampered Chef/Tupperware party Sunday, Jan. 31 from 8 a.m. to noon, to raise funds to replace the countertop on the north side of the kitchen. Order forms are available at the Information Center if you wish to order early.

Mercy Hospice

Mercy Hospice is in need of volunteers during the day to visit with patients, give caregivers a needed respite and occasionally provide transportation to doctor's appointments or assist with errands or household tasks. They also have a crew of volunteers at the twelve-bed hospice in Johnston. If you can imagine yourself listening, you might be a Mercy Hospice Volunteer. If you can imagine yourself lending a hand, you might be a Mercy Hospice Volunteer. If you can imagine yourself speaking words of encouragement, you might be a Mercy Hospice Volunteer. For more information on how you can participate in the rich and deeply satisfying work of helping others live until they die, and die with dignity, contact Mary Kay Casey, Volunteer Coordinator at 643-6147.

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.

SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES

The Wave

The Wave (preteens, grades 4 and 5) is going to Incredible Pizza Sunday, Jan. 24 from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person, which includes food, drinks, bowling, mini-golf, bumper cars and go-karts. We will meet at Incredible Pizza, please use the party entrance. Bring your friends and family!

Family sledding

Join us Sunday, Jan. 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. for an afternoon of sledding, snacks and hot cocoa. We will meet at the church before we walk to the pond on Aurora to sled. We'll walk back for some fellowship, great snacks, and hot cocoa. Each family should bring a snack to share.

Vacation Bible School



It's time to think about spring break and Vacation Bible School (VBS)! We need leaders and helpers for this lively week of fun from Monday, March 15 to Thursday, March 17 from 9-11:30 a.m. Interested in helping? Talk to DeAnn or Penny today. Student registration will be online soon.

Monday, March 15 to Thursday, March 17 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Grace Place special offering

All Grace Place offerings collected will go toward the Lutheran World Relief for aid in the Haiti earthquake. Every penny will help.

Parenting Bible Study on Wednesdays

A new parenting Bible study, "From Me to We," will begin Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6:15 p.m. in the narthex. Brian and Jen Peter will lead this study, which is designed to help parents with the art of raising children.

Basketball camp scores high points

Midweek meal

Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 5-5:45 p.m.

Meatloaf

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



Saturday's basketball camp was met with small enthusiasts who are learning how to pass and bounce the "big orange ball."

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All Youth and Families

Winter Jam 2010

Sunday, Jan. 24

Winter Jam 2010, featuring Newsboys, Third Day and other artists will be held at Vets Auditorium, Sunday, Jan. 24. Meet at the church at 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door. Come ready to jam.

Dinner Theater

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

Rehearsals:

Sunday, Jan. 24, 12-2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 12-2 p.m.

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

Junior and Senior High

Urban Plunge - Jan. 29-31

We have rescheduled the previously cancelled Omaha Urban Plunge for Jan. 29-31. If you were already signed up and can still go, let Tim know. Any 8-12 grader wishing to come can sign up on the youth bulletin board by Sunday, Jan 24.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and 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"

Jan. 23-24: "The Giving Widow"

Jan. 30-31: "Joshua"

Wednesdays: Confirmation

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

Mission opportunity

Saturday, Feb. 6 from 12-2:45 p.m. Join us at the Urbandale Food Pantry, 7611 Douglas Ave., Suite 31, as we help to stock the food pantry's shelves. If interested, please sign up at the youth bulletin board by Jan. 30.

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 with friends and study, discuss and experience some hot topics from the Bible that are relevant to teens today.

Jan. 27: "Activate"

Questions? Comments?

Contact Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com

Week of Jan. 23-30, 2010

Saturday, Jan. 23

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 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
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Sunday, Jan. 24

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 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
- 1:00 p.m. Family Event - Sledding
- 4:00 p.m. The Wave
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Jan. 25

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 3:45 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball 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 Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, Jan. 26

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Planning 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. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 27

- 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. Parenting Families Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 28

- 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. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 29

No Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, Jan. 30

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Worship (Jan. 16-17)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	145	
7:45 a.m.	118	104
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	330	248
9 a.m. (FLC)	81	
10:30 a.m.	309	189
Total	983	541

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 16-17)	
General Fund Offerings	\$18,782
Third Qtr. Offering	\$98,041
Third Qtr. Budget	\$93,497

Scripture Base on Giving:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10-11

Week of Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 2010

Saturday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
 9:00 a.m. Children's Basketball Program
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Sunday, Jan. 31

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 8:00 a.m. Kitchen Fundraiser
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 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
 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
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

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

Tuesday, Feb. 2

9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
 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. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb. 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 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
 6:15 p.m. Book Club
 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, Feb. 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. Care Night
 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, Feb. 5

9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

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
 5:50 p.m. Castaway

Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	10	18	25	Cancelled
Elementary	15	61	38	due
Total Children	25	79	63	to
Junior High	3	13	13	inclement
Senior High		10		weather.
Total Youth	3	23	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: Genesis 27:1-10

When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." "Here I am," he answered. Isaac said, "I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death. Now then, get your weapons—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die."

Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, 'Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.' Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing

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