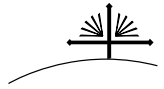


WEEKLY WORD SUMMER EDITION



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July 10-11 2010 | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Bringing Jesus Christ
to people for the first time
and for a lifetime.

A Witness to the Chinese

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. Romans 1:16

This weekend Dr. Rev. Stephen Oliver will preach at each worship service. Dr. Oliver and his wife, Maggie, serve as career missionaries in Taiwan, where he is the Asia theological education facilitator and New Testament professor at China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan. For several years, Gloria Dei has helped to support their work.

Dr. Oliver will describe the work that God had begun in China centuries ago. Unfortunately, the Gospel was rejected and Christians were persecuted for centuries until the last 30 years when a major breakthrough occurred as thousands of Chinese began to accept Jesus as their Savior. As we listen to today's message, let's remember God's ultimate desire for the world to be "saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Vacation Bible School



Last Wednesday, the Family Life Center and the classrooms were transformed into a "Planet Zoom" environment where 76 children learned how to zip and zap for Jesus before zooming into action. More than 55 adults showed and taught the children about God's unique design for their lives and how they are "sweeter than honey." Summer VBS runs every Wednesday throughout July. It's not too late to join the zooming fun, register at our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Saturday's Reception

Please join us for a dinner reception for Dr. Oliver following Saturday's worship service. The church will provide sloppy joes, chips and drinks. For those attending, please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

National Youth Gathering

A blessing will be given at Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service for the 11 youth and three adults who are headed off to the National Youth Gathering held in New Orleans, July 17-21. The Gathering is an event held every three years for the LCMS youth to spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers:

Youth: Rachel Corell, Kara Ganzer, Katie Gilg, Brian Gilg, Caleb Gibson, Hailey Kromminga, Kayla Linscheid, Betsy Schmidt, Samantha Schmidt, Jacob Snyder and Emma Wenndt
Adults: Tim Kightlinger, Cheryl Gilg and Diane Schmidt

Pastor Burcham travels to convention

Pastor Burcham is our regional representative at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) convention from July 10-17 in Houston, Texas. He was also asked to serve on the floor committee for the convention that will consider recommendations for the restructure of Synod. Floor committees have the job of sifting through the many resolutions that are submitted by congregations, circuits and districts. The floor committee organizes, combines, or writes the final resolutions that will come before the convention. Pastor Burcham has attended three meetings in the last few months to work on the tasks of the floor committee.

A Blue Ribbon Task Force has been working for five years on recommendations to restructure the Synod to be more sensitive to the needs of congregations and to work more efficiently. The LCMS has not had a major restructure since its inception over 150 years ago. In those years the Synod has grown from 14 congregations to over 6,000, and boards and commissions have been added to the structure.

“The result is that we currently have a very cumbersome system that has duplication and very unclear lines of accountability,” said Pastor Burcham. The floor committee that Pastor Burcham is on has gone through the recommendations from the Task Force, agreed with some, disagreed with others, and made changes to some. They then crafted over 30 resolutions for the convention to consider. Because of the magnitude of this work, Pastor Burcham arrived at the convention three days early and is likely to be busy with the work of the floor committee the entire convention.

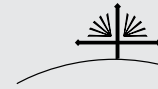
“The decisions on the recommendations from this floor committee will be historic, whether adopted or defeated. This will be one of the more defining conventions for our church body,” said Pastor Burcham. “The good news for this convention is that there are no controversial doctrinal issues that will be debated. We in the LCMS enjoy incredible unity on doctrinal issues, more than most main line denominations.”

Please keep Pastor Burcham and the convention in your prayers this week.

Tiny Treasures staff updates

Jo Lynn Yeutsy, Director of Tiny Treasures, attended a 40-hour course to obtain her National Administrator Credential, through the National Child Care Association. The National Administrator Credential (NAC) is recognized as a mark of excellence that designates individuals who have demonstrated the knowledge essential to managing a child care center or preschool.

Jane Meythaler, a teacher in Tiny Treasures' Pre-K classroom, was recently awarded her Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The Child Development Associate (CDA) program is designed to offer training opportunities for early childhood staff who want to enhance the quality of child care and early education they provide by defining, evaluating, recognizing, and implementing the competencies established by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. Jane has worked very hard to complete 120 hours of training and to successfully pass her verification visit.



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Web site News

Did you know?

- Online payments are now available.
- All of our calendar events are updated daily.
- Up-to-date news.
- Supplement resources for the current message series.
- All children's, youth and adult activities are online.
- Registration for all of our events is easy and fast.

Check us out today!

www.gloriadeionline.com

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 11 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



C Cassidy Ann Felton born on March 3, 2010 to Jeff and Lisa (nee Dekruyff) Felton. Cassidy's spiritual sponsors are Ryan and Julie Sanderson.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, July 11 in the Sanctuary are provided by Dan and Sarah Petrak in celebration of their fifteenth wedding anniversary on July 8.

One In Christ Singles Coffee Night at Smokey Row Coffee Shop

All singles are invited to a night of Christian fellowship at Smokey Row Coffee Shop on Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Hopefully this will be the beginning of a monthly night of great conversation and new friendships. If you have any questions, contact Michael Callison at Mcall78869@aol.com or 270-8555.

Christian Music Festival

A free family-friendly music festival featuring Christian artists from around the country will be held August 6 from 11 a.m to 11 p.m. and August 7 from 5-11 p.m. at Jordan Park Camp, 2251 Fuller Road in West Des Moines. For more information, go to www.spiritmidwest.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Dr. Rev. Stephen Oliver

Organist:

Sue Jesse

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Ian Ksiazak

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Josh Dueker

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Michael Schmidt

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

9 a.m.

Greg Haessler
Rich Johnson
Doug Kumm
Jim Miles
Jeff Monson
David Morrison
Chad Oehlert
Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.

Doug Bass

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 3:11-15; Romans 9:3-8 and John 8:53-58 (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 Dan and Sarah Petrak celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary
- For all missionaries

Prayers

- For the health concerns of Jolene Norviel
- For Melinda Hubbard's friend, Matt Williams, who has been diagnosed with ALS
- For Janet Brock's cousin, Peggy Anderson, who was hospitalized for a stroke
- For the health concerns of Marilyn Newman
- For Kate Stange, who is recovering from a motorcycle accident
- For Paul and Mark Kramer's dad, Herman
- For Vicki Larimer following surgery
- For the health concerns of Wendell Dickey
- For the health of Shirley Kramer
- For the health concerns of Dale Readinger
- For those who are affected by a job loss
- **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.

Summer is filled with lots of fun!

Ages 3-grade 5

Vacation Bible School



It is not too late to join us!

Wednesday, July 14, 21, 28 from 6-8 p.m.

VBS Mission:

This year's VBS offering will be used to purchase bees for farmers in El Salvador. For \$90, 30 bees will be given to a farmer. Those bees will pollinate 1,000 acres and provide honey for the farmer to sell.

Summer Grace Place

Summer Grace Place has moved all of its classrooms to the east end of the building. See you there!

Family Night

We've rented the Clive Aquatic Center for some great fun early in the evening! Beat the crowds and play in the water with your family! This no-cost family event will cool you off and keep you laughing!

Family Night at the Clive Aquatic Center is Saturday, July 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Open to any family.

SCIENTISTS SEE GOD'S CREATION

Preschool and elementary children learned about God's amazing creation during last week's camp. The budding scientists learned about how to explore, quantify, probe and experiment with the physical items from God's creation. So, be careful where you sit, it may have been used as an experiment.



More photos on our Web site.





Confirmation Pictures

Confirmation pictures, DVD's, and Testimony Books will be available in the narthex by the Information Center this weekend. For those who ordered an extra DVD, please pick them up at the Toolshoppe.

National Youth Gathering

Blessing: A blessing for the adults and youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be given Sunday, July 11 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Meeting: There will be a meeting in the Youth Center July 11 at 11:30 a.m. for those going to the Gathering.

Current grades 5-7

Please sign up to be an acolyte this summer. The sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. You may also contact Lisa at 276-1700, ext. 221 or lisa@gloriadeionline.com. This will serve as service hours for next year's Confirmation.

Junior high grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Castaway will be held in July at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

July 11 - "Value Pac: Self Control"

July 18 - "Value Pac: Forgiveness"

Senior high grades 9-12

Wednesday evening - The Point

The Point will meet Wednesdays throughout the summer at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center. Summer focus: "What is God Really Like?"

July 14 - "God is in Control:" Meet at Kightlinger's for the Point and mud sliding fun. **Pick-up time:** 9 p.m. at TK's.

July 21 - "God is Merciful:" After The Point, we will go to a movie at Wynnsong theater. **Pick-up time:** After the movie at the theater.

July 28 - "God is Not:" After The Point, we will play miniature golf at the Dome. **Pick-up time:** 8:30 p.m. at the Dome.

Senior High Leadership Meeting

Senior High Leadership meeting will be Sunday, July 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Community board

Diana's Angels

Please plan to join the Diana's Angels current members on Tuesday, July 13 at 6 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines. Diana's Angels provides burial clothes to families that have lost an infant in childbirth. Learn about ways that you can be of service or offer ways that could be implemented to provide baby clothes to those in need. For questions or to respond that you will attend, contact Michele Banwart at 201-5174 or Lois Cole at 288-1250.

Freedom for Youth Ministries

Freedom for Youth Ministries, 2301 Hickman Rd., Des Moines, will host a Country Market starting Saturday, July 10 through Saturday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hand-crafted items made by the youth will be for sale along with home-made rolls, lunch and fruit smoothies.

PAX Academic Exchange Program

Open your home and share your life with a student from abroad. International exchange students arrive in August and need American families to share their home and life for the academic year. All PAX students speak English, have full medical insurance and arrive with their own spending money. For more information, contact Shannon Lerda at 319-504-1672 or visit www.pax.org.

Week of July 10-17, 2010

Saturday, July 10

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Reception for Dr. Oliver

Sunday, July 11

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 11:30 a.m. National Youth Gathering Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Leadership Team Meeting

Monday, July 12

- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Little Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Her Story Camp
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 13

- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Little Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Girl's in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Her Story Camp

Tuesday, July 13 (Continued)

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 14

- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Little Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Her Story Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, July 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Little Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Her Story Camp
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, July 16

- 9:00 a.m. Little Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Girls in Her Story Camp
- 9:00 a.m. Next Generation Her Story Camp
- 6:00 p.m. Scott Sheeder and Amanda Radig Rehearsal

Saturday, July 17

- 4:00 p.m. Scott Sheeder and Amanda Radig Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	88	
7:45 a.m.	106	94
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	271	206
9 a.m. (FLC)	cancelled	(July 4)
10:30 a.m.	216	139
Total	681	439

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,075
First QTD Offering	\$31,075
First QTD Budget	\$30,000

End of Fiscal Year Report (July 2009-June 2010)	
Fiscal Year Offerings	\$1,546,773
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$1,700,000

Week of July 17-24, 2010

Saturday, July 17

- 4:00 p.m. Scott Sheeder and Amanda Radig
Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, July 18

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus of Urbandale
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 19

- 9:30 a.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond
Yourself
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Afternoon
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Evening
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond
Yourself
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 20

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 21

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, July 22

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, July 23

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, July 24

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Family Time at Clive Water Park

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Information Center today!

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 the service begins. Grace Place will not be held.

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 the service begins. Grace Place and Castaway will not be held.

H-3 Family Worship Service: Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members. Children and youth will be invited to an educational time 20 minutes after the service begins. Grace Place and Castaway will not be held.

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 the service begins. Grace Place and Castaway will not be held.

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.

This Week's Bible Reading

John 8:53-58 (NIV)

Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

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 June and July: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. • Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon