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to people for the first time
and for a lifetime.

Listening and teaching

Our last message series “Listening to God” emphasized the importance of being quiet before the Lord by slowing down and cutting out the constant roar of the demands placed upon our lives. We learned about journaling, meditating, worshipping and fasting, which helps us to lower the ambient noise level of our lives so that our ears can be attuned to heaven’s voice.

Jesus modeled this quiet lifestyle into the fabric of his everyday life. Whether he was waking up to a normal day or facing a major decision, he would withdraw from his everyday activities for prayer.

He desired God’s presence, wisdom, and direction above all other ventures of the day. Of course, we see great results emerge from these solitary times, especially in the Garden of Gethsemane when he received strength to endure the path that was set before him at Calvary.

Listening to God is a discipline that we need to cultivate in our Christian walk.

So what happens if we actually slow down and hear God’s voice in our lives? What do we do then?

We obey. We follow his prompting with great humility and thankfulness. And after we receive what God gracefully gives us, we will oftentimes get the privilege to share our divine lesson with those around us. But keep in mind, the same attitude of how we approached and listened to God should transfer to those we are teaching.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Ephesians 4:1-2

Again, we see this reverent attitude displayed in Jesus’ life. When he taught those closest to him, he approached them with great love and humility.

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They are yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. John 17:6-9

For the next three weeks, we will explore the aspects of those “Teachable Moments” when God teaches us, and how we can pay it forward by teaching others. Our daily routine of listening and talking to God becomes fertile ground for God to work.

Message Series - Teachable Moments

July 17 and 18: “Times Set in Stone”

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-12 and John 4:14-21

July 24 and 25: “Times of Celebration”

Scripture: James 1:16-18, John 2:1-11

July 31 and Aug. 1: “Times of Trial, Tribulation and Transition”

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9



Resource table

To supplement the message series, we have devotions and a pamphlet suggesting various reading materials in the narthex, library and outside the Family Life Center. Many of the suggested books can be found in our library. In addition, we have a few give-away items at each location.

If you read other books that have been helpful in raising children, please give your reading suggestions to Tim Kightlinger at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Camps and VBS

Our halls have been busy with the laughter of children in the last several weeks as we offered summer camps and VBS. Their smiles and laughter are contagious as well as inspiring. To get a glimpse of these moments, go to our Web site for a pictorial essay of the fun that has filtrated our campus this summer.

And it is not over, we have two more weeks of VBS on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. You can join in the fun at anytime.

Pastor Burcham travels to convention

Last week Pastor Burcham was our regional representative at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) convention held July 10-17 in Houston, Texas. He also served on the floor committee for the convention that considered recommendations for the restructure of Synod. Pastor Burcham is expected to return to the office Tuesday, July 20. At that time, he will give a brief overview of the convention, which will be published in next week's Weekly Word. For a complete summary of the convention, go to the LCMS' Web site at www.lcms.org.

Golf outing

Grab your golf clubs, your friends and family and join us at Gloria Dei's golf outing held Saturday, August 7 at Willow Creek Golf Course, 140 Army Post Rd. This event designed for all ages and promises to be a great place to fellowship with Gloria Dei's large family. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.; shotgun tee-off starts at 7 a.m. The cost is \$40, which includes cart, lunch and prizes. To register, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.



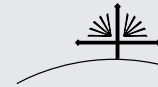
Tiny Treasures bags

Since Tiny Treasures opened the doors five years ago, Gloria Dei members have participated in supporting the ministry in many ways. One special ongoing project is preparing school bags. The bags have changed throughout the years; this year's school bag is complete except for a simple sew-on pocket. If you sew, please consider picking up a packet of eight bags to complete for Tiny Treasures. Deadline for returning the bags is Wednesday, August 11. The basket of bags, with all the materials and directions needed, is located in the narthex.

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

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, July 18 in the Sanctuary are provided by Scott and Amanda Sheeder in celebration of their marriage on Saturday, July 17.

Financial Peace University

Currently we have 20 couples who are in the midst of the summer's Financial Peace University (FPU). Below are some of the comments from people taking the class:

It has helped us because before we didn't have a monthly spending plan and we always seemed to spend everything and did not know where it went.

The class has really helped our marriage because now we communicate better.

To talk about our finances in a way that is not emotionally charged. We don't hurt each other's feeling or take offense so easily.

FPU has helped us to be on the same page with our finances. We get excited when we make progress paying off a debt.

The summer 13-week class finishes on Tuesday, August 31 and a fall class will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, please go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

One in Christ singles coffee night

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.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Philip Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Philip Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Philip Robarge

Preacher:
Rev. Philip Robarge

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Cameron Hay

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Natalie Larimer

Elders:

Devin Wren
Gary Wasko
Ken Meythaler

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:

Deuteronomy 6:4-12 and John 4:14-21 (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 Scott and Amanda Sheeder celebrating their marriage on Saturday
- For Mo and Lou Grotheer as they celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on July 17

Prayers

- For Don and Charlotte Rasmussen's daughter, Lisa Holtorf
- For Craig and Gloria Merry, who are grieving the loss of Craig's dad
- For the grieving family of former Gloria Dei member, Kim Clayton, who died in a tragic bicycle accident
- For Melinda Hubbard's friend, Matt Williams, who has been diagnosed with ALS
- For Janet Brock's cousin, Peggy Anderson
- For the health concerns of Marilyn Newman
- For Paul and Mark Kramer's dad, Herman
- For the health of Shirley Kramer
- For the youth and adults at the National Youth Gathering
- **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 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.

GIRLS IN HER STORY CAMP



More photos on our Web site.



Preschool and elementary girls experienced a major American time period through hands-on activities during last week's camp. The days were filled with fun and learning within a Christian setting.



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

Please keep everyone at the Gathering in your prayers this week.

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 18 - "Value Pac: Forgiveness"

July 25 - "Image is Everything: The Mouth"

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 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.

Community board

Habitat for Humanity

Come join and help build a house at 1318 Mondamin, Des Moines from August 4-6. No experience is required, register now by contacting Amber Duimstra at 471-8686 or at aduimstra@gdmhabitat.org.

2010 National Hope Award

Freedom for Youth Ministries has been nominated for the 2010 National Hope Award. Since 2006, WORLD Magazine has recognized small organizations that work in big ways to help those in need. Go to www.worldmag.com to read profiles and watch videos of the finalists and cast your vote. Voting ends on Aug. 26.

Country Market

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

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.

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

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	118	84
7:45 a.m.	114	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	230	
9 a.m. (FLC)	39	16
10:30 a.m.	260	
Total	761	100

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$26,535
First QTD Offering	\$57,609
First QTD Budget	\$62,000

Week of July 24-31, 2010

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

Sunday, July 25

- 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 with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 26

- 9:30 a.m. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 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 27

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Planning Meeting
- 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 28

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

Thursday, July 29

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 5:00 p.m. Chris Koger and Megan Kightlinger Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, July 30

- 6:00 p.m. Chris Koger and Megan Kightlinger Wedding

Saturday, July 31

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

More photos from the week



More photos on our Web site.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Deuteronomy 6:4-12 (NIV)

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you - a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant - then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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