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July 3-4 2010 | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Freedom for all

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." - Declaration of Independence

Today we take time to recognize the importance of the freedom that we enjoy in our country and the men and women who have fought relentlessly to ensure it. We worship at church, picnic with friends and family and watch fireworks without any reprisal. We are certainly a blessed people and nation who understand the beauty and importance of freedom.

But we also understand that freedom has a hefty price tag and constantly needs to be defended. Last weekend at the Patriotic Concert the veterans in the audience were asked to come forth to receive a flag and recognition. As they introduced themselves, it became apparent that their dreams and aspirations became much larger than when they originally signed up for the military years and sometimes, decades ago. Yes, individually they signed; but collectively they became the force that has kept our country free. So, when you see a veteran, thank them for their service and the freedom that we richly enjoy.

Patriotic concert paid tribute to our soldiers











Last Sunday evening, we paid tribute to those who served or are serving in the military at the Patriotic Concert at Living History Farms. The orchestra, choir and children's choir performed "The Home of the Brave," a musical celebrating America's courage and commitment. An honor field displayed 78 flags representing the Iowans who have lost their lives in the War on Terror. In order to help these grieving families, a hospitality tent was set up to provide a place where they could meet and talk to a Stephen Minister if needed. Please keep these families in your prayers and the more than 3,000 men and women who will be deployed in the upcoming months from Iowa.

Dr. Stephen Oliver to visit

Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver and their two children, Isaac and Gary will visit Gloria Dei on July 10-11. Dr. Oliver will preach at each worship service and everyone is invited to a dinner reception for the Olivers 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.

The Olivers serve as career missionaries in Taiwan, where Stephen is the Asia theological education facilitator and New Testament professor at China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan.

VBS

Riddle: What is coming to Gloria Dei this Wednesday for an unbeelievable time?

Answer: Vacation Bible School, Planet Zoom!

Ages: Children ages 3 through grade 5 will discover a whole new world where little is big. To register and for more information, go to our Web site.

Staff Updates

Penny Schramm will serve in a different capacity

Penny Schramm, Associate Director of Children's Ministry, will be accepting a new position as Assistant Director of Contemporary Worship starting August 1. Penny has served in Children's Ministry for two years and taught at Tiny Treasures for three years. This new position will require her to work less hours; thus, allowing her to spend more time with her husband, Kory, their two boys, Kanaan, 8, and Kindrek,7, and their newly adopted 2-year-old daughter, Elexia.

As Assistant Director of Contemporary Worship, Penny will provide support to the three current contemporary services as well as explore possibilities for continued growth for contemporary worship. She will continue to spearhead the H3 worship service, which she has been coordinating for almost a year.

"Serving at Gloria Dei has been such a blessing," said Penny. "I'm excited for the changing adventure and the chance for more hours to be a mommy—the best of both worlds!"

Throughout the summer, plans are underway to fill the Associate Director of Children's Ministry position. More details will follow. Meanwhile, when you see the Schramms in the hallways, congratulate them on their new addition.

Tim Kightlinger accepted in leadership program

Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry, has been accepted for an 18-month leadership KINDLE training. The training begins in September and will help to equip Tim with the necessary leadership skills to move the youth ministry into the future. Part of the training will focus on how to train and equip ministry partners with leadership skills before releasing them to serve our youth.

"I am excited and honored at this opportunity," said Tim. "I believe that it will not only help our youth grow in the faith but will help me grow as well."

Scrapbook

Join us Friday, July 9 between 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131/133. This is a great time to finish those graduation albums or to work on other projects. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324. If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, July 7 at 306-4352 (text or phone) with the date, times (start and finish), as well as the number of children.

Quilters

Quilters will meet Saturday, July 10 at 8:30 a.m. to take individual and group photos of their quilts made for the children in the orphanage in Tibet. After photos and quilts are displayed, the group will travel to Grinnell for lunch and visit Grinnell Fiberworks. All ladies of the congregation are invited; make your reservation today by calling Norma at 253-0523.

Book Club

Join us Wednesday, July 7 at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room for a discussion on "A Murder, Mayhem and A Fine Man" by Claudia Mair Burney.



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For a complete staff listing: go to our Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com

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!

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Pastor Burcham travels to convention

Pastor Burcham will be our regional representative when the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) meets in convention 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 out of town 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 some 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 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 will need to arrive at the convention three days early and is likely to 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."

Servers Officiant/Liturgist: **Acolytes:** 7:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): 5:30 p.m. (FLC): Bruce Amendt Rev. Tim Phillips Rustin Aufdenkamp Dave Disney Arlyn Hesse 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): 9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Jim Johnson Rev. Ron Burcham Jacob Thomas Dick Mueller 9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Elders: 9 a.m. Rev. Ron Burcham Tim Mueller Greg Haessler Steve Junge Rich Johnson 9 a.m. (FLC): Tim Radig Doug Kumm Rev. Philip Robarge Jim Miles Ushers 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Jeff Monson Northwind Rev. Tim Phillips David Morrison Mike Mazza Chad Oehlert Tim Mueller Preacher: Dan Johnson Jim Riddle Rev. Tim Phillips Peg Riddle 10:30 a.m. **Organist:** Doug Bass Kathy Stange Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 and Luke 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 the freedom in our country
- For our military

Prayers

- For the health concerns of Jolene Norviel
- For the health concerns of Marilyn Newman
- For Lynn Hays' recovery from surgery
- For the health concerns of Don Rasmussen
- For Paul Smith, father of Tonya Bowman
- For Paul and Mark Kramer's dad, Herman
- For the health concerns of Elaine Klinefelter's sister, Patricia
- For Marsha Fries following knee replacement surgery
- For Vicki Larimer's upcoming surgery on July 8
- For the health concerns of Wendell Dickey
- For the health concerns of Alice Wegner
- For the health of Shirley Kramer
- For the health concerns of Dale Readinger
- For the Honduras team

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!

Vacation Bible School

Join us this week!

Wednesday, July 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6-8 p.m.

Ministry partners are needed. If interested, call DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Learning how to ZIP & ZOOM for Jesus

To register and for more information, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com

Family Night at Clive Aquatic Center

We've rented 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 Clive Aquatic Center is Saturday, July 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Open to any family.

CHILDREN GEAR UP AT CAMP

Preschool and elementary children took things apart and put things together at the Gadgets and Gears Camp last week. Among all the wheeling activities, the elementary children each built a life-size custom-made go-cart and the preschool children designed their own inventions.







More photos on our Web site.







M&M's

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the M&M Fundraiser. The youth raised nearly \$1,200 to help with the expenses on the upcoming National Youth Gathering trip.

National Youth Gathering

Blessing: A blessing for the adults and youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be 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 4 - No Castaway July 11 - "Value Pac: Self Control"

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 7 - "God is Able" After The Point, we will go bowling at Merle Hay Lanes. Cost: \$1 night - \$1 games, \$1 shoe rental, \$1 hot dogs, \$1 drinks. **Time:** Pick up around 9 p.m. at Merle Hay Lanes.

July 14 - God is in control" After The Point, we will go to the Kightlinger's for mud sliding fun. **Time:** Pick up at 9 p.m. at TK's.

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 Thrivent Builds

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is helping a low-income Des Moines mother open the door to a new life through affordable home ownership—and you can help! They need individuals and groups to help build Matilda's home at 1318 Mondamin, Des Moines. No experience required. Gloria Dei has designated Saturday, July 10 to help. If you are interested, please contact Amber Duimstra at aduimstra@gdmhabitat.org or at 471-8686 ext. 112.

National Night Out

Urbandale Police Department will sponsor a National Night Out on August 3 from 5-7 p.m. in front of their facility at 3740 86th Street. Free food, games, prizes, and bike rodeo will be in the mix for the evening.

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 3-10, 2010

Saturday, July 3

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center

Sunday, July 4

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

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary with Communion

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 5

Office Closed Due to Holiday

1:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Supervision (Cancelled)

6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers

6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Supervision (Cancelled)

6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, July 6

9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Preschool9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Elementary

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 7

9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Preschool9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Elementary

6:00 p.m. Summer Point 6:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs

6:00 p.m. Summer Vacation Bible School

6:15 p.m. Book Club

Thursday, July 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Preschool9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Elementary

10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, July 9

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Preschool9:00 a.m. God's Amazing Creation - Elementary

Saturday, July 10

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center with Communion

5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	118	73
7:45 a.m.	97	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	310	
9 a.m. (FLC)	119	55
10:30 a.m.	225	
Total	869	128

Outpouring of Love		
General Fund Offerings	\$18,482	
Fourth QTD Offering	\$393,299	
Fourth QTD Budget	\$413,125	

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

Week of July 10-17, 2010

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center with Communion

5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

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

Monday, July 12

9:00 a.m. God's Little Princess Camp
9:00 a.m. Girls Llttle Her Story Camp
9:00 a.m. Girls Her Story Camp
9:00 a.m. Girls 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 Community

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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 Camp9:00 a.m. Girl's Little Her Story Camp9:00 a.m. Girl's Her Story Camp

9:00 a.m. Girl's Next Generation Her Story Camp

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling

6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

6:00 p.m. Governing Board

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. Girl's Little Her Story Camp 9:00 a.m. Girl's Her Story Camp

9:00 a.m. Girl's Next Generation Her Story Camp10:00 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. Girl's Little Her Story Camp

9:00 a.m. Girl's Her Story Camp

9:00 a.m. Girl's Next Generation Her Story Camp

10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Girl's Little Her Story Camp 9:00 a.m. Girl's Her Story Camp

9:00 a.m. Girl's Next Generation Her Story Camp6:00 p.m. Scott Sheeder and Amanda Radig

Rehearsal

Saturday, July 17

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center

5:50 p.m. Grace Place

4:00 p.m. Scott Sheeder and Amanda Radig

Wedding

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 Verses

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NIV)

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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.

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Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

July 3-4: Grace Place and Castaway will not be held.