

May 29-30, 2010

The Holy Trinity

Two sides of faith

by Pastor Philip Robarge, Director of Adult Ministry

We are naturally inquisitive people. We like to know why $A + B = C$. Perhaps this can be further illustrated when we think about riddles.

1. What English word is nine letters long, and can remain an English word at each step as you remove one letter at a time, right down to a single letter. List the letter you remove each time and the words that result at each step.
2. A man had twelve toothpicks in front of him. He took one away. Now he had nine in front of him. How is this possible?
3. A farmer was going to town with a fox, a goose and a sack of corn. When he came to a stream, he had to cross in a tiny boat, and could only take across one thing at a time. However, if he left the fox alone with the goose, the fox would eat the goose, and if he left the goose alone with the corn, the goose would eat the corn. How does he get them all safely over the stream?

As we try to figure things out, sometimes we come to a place where the answer eludes us, causing us to either work harder to find the answer or accept the dilemma that is set before us by throwing caution to the wind and jumping in. Isn't that what Peter did in the gospel when he walked on water? His initial jump defied the law of physics—people naturally do not walk on water. It was an irrational leap in the dark with the view that somehow God would keep him afloat. Hebrews 11 gives evidence to this leap-of-faith state of mind:

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

On the other hand, Christian faith is not opposed to reason or evidence. In the book of Acts, a eunuch was sitting in a chariot reading from the book of Isaiah. He was a bit confused about a few verses until Philip (love that name!) explained the scripture and preached about Jesus.

This weekend we are taking a look at the Trinity. The subject of the Trinity has been linked with this whole concept of irrational leap of faith. However, the Trinity is not without evidence and reason. The three persons of the Trinity are fully God, but there is only one God. In God's Word he reveals just enough for us to have evidence and yet still have the whole concept remain a mystery because we can't quite fathom the how and why. Listen with an open mind and heart and over time we will see what God can do.

Oh yea, the answers to the riddles can be found on page 11.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day commemorates the U.S. men and women who died while in military service. As we enjoy the holiday, please keep the families of those who have recently lost their sons or daughters in the war against terrorism in your prayers. And while you are at it, please keep the men and women who are currently being deployed to serve our country also in your prayers.

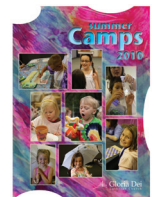
what's
NEW!
this week!

Summer Grace Place begins next weekend!

Summer Grace Place begins June 5-6. Teachers and helpers are needed, see page 8 for additional information.

Summer Camps

Summer Camp booklets can still be picked up at the Information Center.



Castaway

Castaway begins June 6 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m..

Hats on!

Don't forget to wear a hat, any hat to this week's H3 worship service at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center.



Upcoming
Message
Series:

Journaling
June 5-6

Meditation
June 12-13

Worship
June 19-20

Fasting
June 26-27

To read more about
this series,
see page 5.

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Annual report and meeting

Annual Report: Each year the Executive Director oversees the preparation of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year which starts in July. A detailed report covering the financial and ministry projections for the next fiscal year was mailed last week to members. If you have not received your copy, please pick one up at the Information Center.



Annual Meeting: Sunday, June 13 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us for the Annual Meeting where we will vote on the proposed budget and elect three Governing Board members. Members and non-members are invited to the meeting, but only members who are 18 and older will be able to vote. Information about this year's candidates can be found on page 6.

LCMS Convention Updates

2010 National Offering: In July, the 64th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be held in Houston, Texas. Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, LCMS President, has asked us to respond to the following request:

Your prayers and support for our beloved Synod are essential. As the decline of Christian influence in our communities is becoming more obvious, it is more important than ever to help people live confidently for Christ and embrace people with his love.

Toward this goal, I am encouraging the greatest gathering of gifts for the mission and ministry of our church that has ever been witnessed through a special National Offering. "Sharing Christ's Love" is our offering theme to support the living presence of Christ's love to everyone, no matter their need or season in life.

Your National Offering gift will be used where needed most in support of our church-wide vision by providing trustworthy resources faithful to the Word and a ministry network accountable for equipping local congregations.

National Offering envelopes will be inserted into the Weekly Word on June 6 and June 13. Please prayerfully consider giving to this effort. If you prefer to give online, go to our Web site and click on the "LCMS National Offering" link.

New summer Bible study

Beth Moore's study, "Living Beyond Yourself" will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. starting June 7 and ending August 16. This two-hour study and discussion will investigate the supernatural aspects of the fruit of the Spirit. Beth will make a challenge to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself. Childcare is available. For questions, please contact Lisa Scherer at 440-2131.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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



C Carter Robert Kruse born on January 9, 2008 to Brent and Melissa (nee Wilson) Kruse. Carter's spiritual sponsors are Sheryl Moore and Scott Parker.



E Evelyn Marie Kruse born on June 4, 2009 to Brent and Melissa (nee Wilson) Kruse. Evelyn's spiritual sponsors are Sheryl Moore and Scott Parker.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, May 30 in the Sanctuary are provided by Les and Sue Davis in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on June 1.

Embroiders Needed

We are in need of individuals with embroidery experience who wish to help make the Baptismal napkins. If you are interested, please contact Sheila Oolman at 986-3158 or at smtoolman@gmail.com.

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.

Jacob Thomas

10:30 a.m. (FLC)

Grant Ganzer

Elders:

Terry Woolman

Jim Miles

Vic Kesse

Ushers

Northwind

Brad Gerke

Brett Hosch

7:45 a.m.

Gordon Dahlby

Bob Kollmorgen

Merle Knuth

Andy Varley

Ken Wunsch

9 a.m.

Bryan Flanigan

Bill Kramer

Doug Mertz

Keith Nicolet

Dave Schramm

10:30 a.m.

Jason Subbert

Clayton Linquist

Ed Mautz

Dean Miller

Scripture Readings:
Exodus 3:13-15 and John 8:48-59 (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 Les and Sue Davis celebrating their 25th anniversary
- For Stan and Diane Greenwood, who are celebrating 42 years of marriage on June 2
- For the parents of June Reed Kombrink, Ray and Betty Keiper, who are celebrating 69 years of marriage

Prayers

- For the health of Jolene Norviel
- For health, continued strength and peace of Dennis Marten, Joan Birk's brother,
- For the health concerns of Bev Bellile
- For the health concerns of Wendell Dickey
- For the health of Charlene Stewart
- For Janet Tysse, who is recovering from back surgery
- For Charlotte Rasmussen, who is recovering from back surgery
- For the recovery of Zac Jahn
- For Dave and Donna Maasen's friend, Charlie
- For the health of concerns Alice Wegner
- For the health concerns of Shirley Nuzum
- For the health of Shirley Kramer
- For Korea and our military serving there
- For those affected by the oil spill in the gulf

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.

Financial Peace University

Gloria Dei will host the Financial Peace University class starting Tuesday, June 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Applying God's Word can radically change your life. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's

Dave Ramsey's



plan for your life. This course is for everyone—from the financially secure to the financially distressed. More than 650,000 families and individuals have attended Financial Peace University.

On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program! The class is \$90, which can be paid in full the first night of the class. Register today at www.gloriaideionline.com.

DMARC: Helping the needy

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a spring food drive for Des Moines Area Religious Council. DMARC will purchase, package, follow the dietary guidelines and transport the non-perishable food items to the Urbandale Food Pantry. In 2009, we collected \$3,262.

If you have not received an envelope, please pick one up at the Information Center. Please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line and write your offering envelope number on your check. The envelope and check can be placed in the mail or in the offering plate. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Thank You

Once again our Peace Officer's Memorial Service is past. It was a good evening together, and I thank you for hosting and being a part of the service. While during the National Police Week, we emphasize the contribution that Law Enforcement brings to our communities, we also remember those who have counted the cost and given their lives in the line of duty.

Please accept our sincere thanks for being a part of the program. It was good to be together, develop further relationships within this special community of the Law Enforcement family, and to realize that working together, there is "this" team that stretches across our nation whether federal, state, county or municipal.

~ Lt. Terry Nielsen, Staff Services Commander, Urbandale Police Department

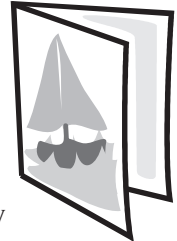
Food Pantry

June's requested item: feminine hygiene products

Don't forget about our monthly Urbandale Food Pantry donation drive. All items can be placed in the Urbandale Food Pantry bin in the narthex.

Father's Day cards

Shani Fjelsted will be selling cards the weekends of June 5 and 6 and June 12 and 13. This is a great opportunity to buy a Father's Day card or any other special occasion card you may need. A portion of the proceeds raised will go toward the Youth Ministry.



Book Club

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the cry room. Upcoming summer reads and discussion:

Wednesday, June 2 - "Divine Appointment" by Jerome Teel

Wednesday, July 7 - "A Murder, Mayhem and A Fine Man" by Claudia Mair Burney

Wednesday, August 4 - "The Surrogate" by Kathryn Mackel

Volleyball

Are you looking for a summer outside activity and like to play volleyball? If so, there is a great opportunity to join a volleyball team and play at the Family Sports Complex in Des Moines. A free session will be held Monday, June 14 at 5:45 p.m., which includes one hour of volleyball, pizza and prizes. If you have any interest, contact Pastor Robarge at probarge@gloriaideionline.com.



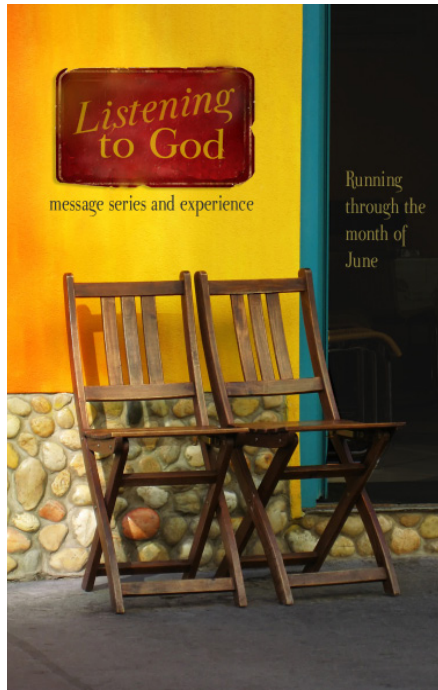
“Listening to God” series begins in June

Journaling
June 5-6

Meditation
June 12-13

Worship
June 19-20

Fasting
June 26-27



Hold onto your chair as we move our message series out of the Sanctuary and Family Life Center to a hands-on and personal interactive experience throughout the month of June. Each week our journey will begin by worshipping and listening to the message that will enable us to listen to God more acutely. After all, God is patiently waiting to show us his goodness. As with every journey, instruction and knowledge are not enough to incorporate all details into a daily itinerary, so we will practice the message and suggestions in a transformed space commonly referred to as rooms 135/137.

A bit out of the norm? Certainly, but we believe that by participating in each week's worship service and in the experiential space, the entire time will help us to be more sensitive to hear God's gentle and loving voice. Please note: If your children are old enough to benefit from the experience, they are welcome to join you in rooms 135/137. If not, the nursery will be open for children of all ages.

Rooms 135/137 Hours:

Saturdays 5 to 7:30 p.m. • Sundays 8 a.m. to noon
Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. • Fridays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Patriotic Concert 2010 Updates

Join us for the Patriotic Concert at Living History Farms on Sunday, June 27 at 6 p.m. as we pay tribute to those who have served or are serving our country. The concert will consist of musical selections from our community-wide orchestra, choir and children's choir. An ice-cream social will be held after the concert. For your convenience, free parking will be available at Living History Farms with a shuttle service to transport you to the concert. If you would like, bring lawn chairs to view the concert.

Gold Star Families: We will display individual flags and plaques for the men and women from Iowa who have given their lives in the war against terrorism. This year, we will host a hospitality tent where families of the fallen soldiers (the military calls these families Gold Star Families) can gather and converse with each other. Stephen Ministers will be present at the hospitality tent to lend a listening ear and a caring hand if needed. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Help Needed: In order to make the Patriotic Concert a success, we need lots of help to set up and tear down risers, chairs and music stands. Please sign up at the Information Center in the narthex or at the back of the Family Life Center for helping at various time periods on Saturday morning, June 26 or Sunday, June 27.



Let's Meet the Governing Board Candidates

The Governing Board at Gloria Dei is comprised of men and women who work hours behind the scenes to help keep the church aligned to its mission and vision. A board member serves a three-year term and can only serve for two consecutive terms. In July, Laurie Peterson, Doug Pals and Mark Pierson will complete their terms. When you see them in the hallways, please thank them for their service to the church. Since there will be three vacancies on the Board, the following individuals are candidates who will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, June 13 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Casey Fluegge

Casey and Rebecca Fluegge have been married for 14 years and have two children, Eric, 12, and Emily, 10. Casey works as an advertising copywriter for Integer Midwest. He enjoys biking, reading, fishing, and following Oregon Ducks football. Casey has been a member of Gloria Dei since 2003 and has served as an usher and assisted with Sunday School and helped with the set design for the children's Christmas play.



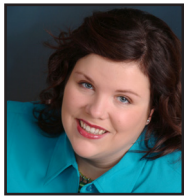
What do you like about Gloria Dei? *I enjoy the traditional church worship style, the Christ-centered youth programs for my kids, men's weekly Bible study and the way so many talented and musically inclined people enhance the worship experience.*

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? *I am passionate about the preservation of scripture and adherence to the gospel as the spiritual compass for modern Christians.*

Why serve on the Governing Board? *I desire to help support the church's mission to care for its members and continue its outreach locally and abroad to those who haven't found Christ.*

Pamela Henkel

Pamela has lived in Des Moines for 12 years and works as a technical writer on the Corporate Manuals team for Wells Fargo Financial since July 2003. She has been a member of Gloria Dei since 2001 and has participated in music, small group and children's ministry, helped to plan the 2008 LeadNow simulcast and served on the LCMS Ablaze campaign and the Strategic Planning Communication Focus Group. She enjoys reading, baking, needle/yarn crafts, walking her dog, and keeping in touch with friends and family.



What do you like about Gloria Dei? *No matter how much we've grown over the last several years, Gloria Dei has always felt like a family – a true church home where I feel welcome to learn, worship and grow. I appreciate Gloria Dei's clear vision and passion for bringing Christ to others in the community.*

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? *I am passionate about learning to share my faith and inviting others to know Christ's love. (And growing spiritually in the process!)*

Why serve on the Governing Board? *To apply and develop my leadership skills, help Gloria Dei carry out its mission and strategic plan, and continue to get to know my church family better.*

Barbara Miles

Barbara and Jim Miles have been married for 22 years and have five children and eight grandchildren. Barbara has been a member of Gloria Dei since 2003 and has served in Stephen Ministry, Naomi Circle, New Life Children's Ministry and the Spiritual Life Survey MAT. While her number one hobby is spending time with her grandchildren, she enjoys working on scrapbooks, taking piano lessons and participating in the British Car Club.



What do you like about Gloria Dei? *The opportunity to be with Christian friends and take part in its programs that allow my faith to grow.*

In your service to God, what are you most passionate about? *I want my family, friends and strangers to see my faith in Jesus through how I live in every situation.*

Why serve on the Governing Board? *After Pastor Robarge's sermon on "Devoted to Giving" I knew it was God's plan for me.*

Re:fuel this summer

Come to the fountain of living waters, you won't go away thirsty. Join us for a variety of worship styles during the "Listening to God" message series. We will begin Friday evenings starting June 11 from 7:03 to 8:08 p.m. in the Sanctuary. (June 25 will be held in the Family Life Center.) This experiential and free-form worship experience called Re:fuel will be a time for children, adults, and youth to be refueled by the presence of God. To add to this worship time, spend some time in the "Listening to God" rooms (135/137) before or after Refuel.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Friday, June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Scrapbook Fellowship is open to anyone who wants to dedicate time to organize and assemble their pictures into scrapbooks (even digital). They meet in rooms 131-133. Childcare will be available to those who schedule it with Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, June 9 at 306-4352. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

Gloria Quilters

Gloria Quilters will meet Saturday, June 5 at 9 a.m. Both individual and group pictures of the quilters and their quilts will be taken. The quilts will be taken to Honduras by the mission team. After the quilters display the quilts in the narthex, a lunch is planned in Pella that is open to any woman in the congregation. If you are interested in going, contact Norma Rohn at mrohn@aol.com. Looking forward to spending time with you.

Youth Fundraiser

We have 14 individuals signed up to go to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 17-21. Our youth will gather with 30,000 other Lutheran youth and adults to celebrate that "We Believe" and what "We Believe." The cost per youth to attend the Gathering is \$900. To help offset the cost, we will have a M&M's trade-in fundraiser. The weekend of June 12 and 13 the youth will be handing out M&M's bags to the families and individuals as they are coming out of worship. If you wish to help, enjoy the M&M's, then bring back the M&M's bags filled with cash, coins, or checks by the weekend of June 26 and 27. The youth will have a table set up during weekend services where you may return the M&M's bags. Thanks for your help!



**Saturday, Oct. 9
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**ARTS
& CRAFT** Show

The 18th annual Arts and Craft Show sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. If interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360 or check the Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the Arts and Craft Show link on the left margin. Feel free to pass this information to your friends and neighbors who might be interested.

Women on a Mission - vote today!

Please stop by the table in the back of the narthex and vote on the recipients for the profits from this year's Arts & Craft Show to be held on Oct. 9. Ballots and a ballot box are located on the table.

Vote now, so we will be prepared for this year's show. Results will be announced in a future Weekly Word.

The clock is ticking toward summer



Patriotic Concert

Come and join the Patriotic Children's Choir as we sing a special tribute song to honor those who are or have served in the military. Rehearsals will have a camp-like feel. **Rehearsal Dates:** Wednesday, June 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 6-7 p.m. and Saturday morning, June 26.

Summer Grace Place - Starts next week!

Saturday, June 5 at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday, June 6 at 9:20 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Join us this June and July for Grace Place as we learn "Even the Wind and the Waves Obey Him." We'll search the Bible to hear of amazing lessons of when God changed the weather or other natural elements! **Ages:** 2 years old-grade 5.

Summer VBS - July

Starts Wednesday, July 7 from 6-8 p.m.

At Planet Zoom, kids will discover a whole new world where little is big! Kids will have a blast as they discover a place where bold bee-lievers ZIP, ZAP AND ZOOM for Jesus. **Ages:** 3 years old-grade 5. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$20 per family.

Summer Camps - June and July

Our camps cover fine arts, science and everything in between. So, check it out by picking up a Summer Camps booklet today.

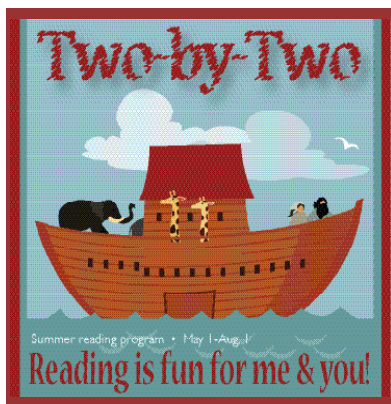
Summer Needs

Ministry Partners: Can you help for a week or two this summer? We need teachers to help us during one of our summer Grace Place times. We will provide all the materials, so preparation time is small, but the rewards are huge.

Clocks: We need wind-up clocks for our summer camps. They do not need to be in working condition and will not be returned. If you have one, please drop it off at the Information Center.

Register today at www.gloriadeionline.com
or call DeAnn at
278-5544, ext. 207 or
Penny at 278-5544,
ext. 215

Read a book with a friend this summer



Calling all children in preschool through sixth grade! Gloria Dei's summer reading program will be held May to August on Saturday nights from 5-5:30 p.m. or Sundays from 8-11:30 a.m. Sign up with a friend and earn a prize.

Tiny Treasures update

Tiny Treasures' last day of school will be celebrated with a picnic on June 1 and 2.

Although a lot of our sessions are closed for next year, we do have a few afternoon sessions open. For more information, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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All grades

30-Hour Famine

The 30-hour Famine rewards are in! Please stop by the Youth Center May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon to pick up your items.

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Fifth graders

Those students who are completing fifth grade, start watching your mail for your invitation to join Sunday morning Castaway starting in June.

Current grades 5-7

Please sign up to be an acolyte this summer. Sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. You may also contact Lisa at 276-1700, ext. 221 or lisa@gloriadeionline.com.

Junior high grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

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

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. Those students currently in 8th grade are welcome to join the senior high Wednesday night activities. Summer focus: "What is God really like?"

Senior High Leadership Team

Students in grades 8-11 can apply to be on the Leadership Team. If interested, contact Tim for an application packet. Applicants must possess the following attributes:

1. A love for God and desire to grow closer to him.
2. A commitment to Gloria Dei Youth Ministry's vision and purpose.
3. A desire to lead others closer to God and others.
4. A willingness to learn and grow your leadership skills.

Week of May 29-June 5, 2010

Saturday, May 29

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

Sunday, May 30

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, May 31

- Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, June 1

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Confetti Days
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Creatures in My Backyard

Wednesday, June 2

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Children's Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, June 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Peek-a-Boo, I Love You
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal

Friday, June 4

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:00 p.m. Kristi Stoutner and Peter Brock Rehearsal

Saturday, June 5

- 4:00 p.m. Kristi Stoutner and Peter Brock Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Listening To God Rooms Open
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	113	79
7:45 a.m.	122	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	270	
9 a.m. (FLC)	91	44
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	240	
Total	836	123

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,247
Fourth QTD Offering	\$272,142
Fourth QTD Budget	\$283,121

Scripture on Giving:

Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19

Week of June 5-12, 2010

Saturday, June 5

- 4:00 p.m. Kristi Stoutner and Peter Brock Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Listening To God Rooms Open
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Sunday, June 6

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Listening To God Rooms Open
- 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
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, June 7

- 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. Summer Bible Study - Living Beyond Yourself
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Supervision - Evening
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance

Tuesday, June 8

- 7:00 a.m. Polk County General Elections
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Mommy and Me Movement and Tumbling
- 5:45 p.m. Beginning Tumbling
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Confetti Days
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Creatures in My Backyard
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Jazz Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Intermediate Tumbling

Wednesday, June 9

- 5:30 p.m. Listening To God Rooms Open
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Point
- 6:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Children's Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, June 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Peek-a-Boo, I Love You
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, June 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 6:30 p.m. Listening To God Rooms Open
- 7:03 p.m. Experiential Worship

Saturday, June 12

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Listening To God Rooms Open
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

Answers to riddles from page 1.

1. The word is "startling." Remove the "l" and it becomes starting. Then remove the "t" and it is starting. The rest of the changes are as follows: string - sting - sing - sin - in - and finally, I.

2. The remaining 11 toothpicks were arranged to spell the word NINE.

3. He takes the goose across first, then comes back. Then he takes the fox across and brings the goose back. Then he takes the corn over. Finally he comes back alone and takes the goose across.

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. Educational times for children will not be held in May, but will resume in June.

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. Educational times for children and youth will not be held in May, but will resume in June.

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. Educational times for children and youth will not be held in May, but will resume in June.

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. Educational times for children and youth will not be held in May, but will resume in June.

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.

John 8:48-59 (NIV)

The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. 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!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

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. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon