

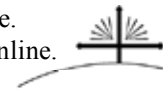
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Nov. 6 and 7, 2010 | Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Why Should I Give?

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

By Pastor Ron Burcham

Over the years I have addressed the topic of stewardship in various ways. However, this year we are still feeling the effects of the recession, which experts say has ended. People are still without jobs and budgets are tight. So, how can we think about stewardship and giving to the church?

I believe giving back to God is one of the greatest blessings he gives to us. This weekend we begin a three-week series on giving back to God, answering the basic question "Why Should I Give?" with three solid answers from Scripture.

November 6-7 - I Give in Response

We give in response to what God has given to us. When we realize that all we have comes from him and that he has entrusted it to us, we are motivated to give a portion back. Scripture tells us that we are to give willingly, not out of guilt or obligation, for then our offering is acceptable.

November 13-14 - I Give to Make a Difference

We give to make a difference in the lives of our congregation, our community, and around the world. We could not continue the ministry of Gloria Dei, of bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime, without the offerings of our members.

November 20-21 - I Give to Receive a Blessing

When we trust God with our finances and give back to him first, we begin to see how he cares for us, both in things that happen in our lives and in the things that don't happen.

Please make every effort to join us each weekend to hear from Scripture on this important topic. I pray that God will open your heart and mind to the truth of his Word.

Thanksgiving Worship and Outreach

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

Worship Services

In the midst of our busy schedules, why not take time to reflect on God's blessings? We offer a Thanksgiving worship service in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. or Thursday, Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m. that will help direct our thoughts to our God.

Outreach

Families are encouraged to bring food items to create a thanksgiving meal for the families served by with the Urbandale Food Pantry. Items to be included are: canned beans, canned corn, stuffing mix, gravy, corn bread, mashed potatoes (fresh or instant), and canned ham or frozen turkey (10 pounds or less). Please bring the items to the church by Sunday, Nov. 14. We will assemble and deliver the baskets that afternoon. A sample basket is on display near the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544 ext. 207, or by e-mail at deann@gloriadeionline.com. Thank you for helping our community during this Thanksgiving season.

Giving Tree

The Giving Trees are decorated in the Narthex and the Gathering Place. Please take time to read the informational sheets inserted in the Weekly Word that outlines all the details of this year's Giving Tree.

Go Green

Don't forget to bring your old electronic equipment to Gloria Dei's parking lot on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Money collected will go the families of the Giving Tree. For more information, see page 5.

The Wave

Grades 3-5 are invited to a service project at church Sunday, Nov. 7 from 1-2:30 p.m. See page 9 for details.

Holiday Opportunities

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas celebrations at Gloria Dei.

Pick up a booklet today at the Welcome Center.



Gloria Dei
2010 Holiday Opportunities

Tithes and offerings

In the next three weeks, we will have articles concerning a few of the aspects of our budget. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 278-5544, ext. 217.

Where Tithes and Offerings Come From

In order to be good stewards of your tithes and offerings, a “Giving” budget is prepared each year based on historical data, pledge commitments and online and Simply Giving projections. Although there are many ways to give, we group the tithes into four distinct categories: weekend and special service offerings; Simply Giving offerings, online giving offerings and midweek offerings.

Weekend and special service offerings include all offerings put in the offering plates for all services. Simply Giving offerings include all electronic fund transfers (EFT’s) set up through members’ checking accounts. Online giving offerings include all EFT’s set up through members’ credit card accounts. Midweek giving offerings include all other offerings, including but not limited to: mailed-in checks, bill payments, stock sales and payroll deductions. For the first quarter ending September 30, 2010, the percentage of total giving was divided as follows:

- 67% Weekend and special service offerings
- 26% Simply Giving offerings
- 2% Online giving offerings
- 5% Midweek offerings

Vanco, our provider for the Simply Giving and online giving programs, has a secure Web site to access your account of tithes and offerings processed online at any time during the year. In addition, we will send a comprehensive year-end statement that totals all of your giving by January 30, 2011.

It is important that we have a realistic estimate of the giving in order to complete the budget. If you are asking yourself why the offering budget is so important, the answer will be in next week’s Weekly Word article on “Where Tithes and Offerings Go.”

Military personnel

We are planning to update our Web page for Gloria Dei’s military personnel. Please send us the name of any member presently serving in the military, where they are serving and a picture if one is available. If you have any questions, contact Karen Kennedy at karen@gloriadeionline.com.

Donations accepted

The teachers for the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at First Christian Church are planning another clothing drive for the refugees and immigrants in their classes. They will accept clean, gently worn, warm, clothing for both adults and children, housewares and bedding now through November 15. If you can donate, please leave your items in the designated box in the Narthex.



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Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com

Web site

Did you know? We have the following online:

- All children’s, youth and adult activities
- Sermons available Monday morning
- Midweek meal menus
- Mission trip updates
- Registration for Grace Place and Faith Alive
- Outreach opportunities
- Giving options

Check us out today!
www.gloriadeionline.com

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Nov. 7 in the Sanctuary are provided by Jim and Barb Miles celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary on Nov. 7 and by Jared and Mary Walter celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary on Nov. 21.

A focus change for the Board of Elders

Due to the tremendous growth that has occurred at Gloria Dei, the Board of Elders examined its role in the last few months. Currently, they are responsible for every service; finding ushers, getting baptisms and communion ready, checking the temperature of the building and setting up the coffee station. Their duties worked well when there were two services; however, with five services the work became more than what was anticipated.

As a group, they came up with two viable options: double the size of the Board of Elders to help distribute the workload or transfer some of their current duties to Worship Assistants. After much discussion, they decided on the latter, which would allow them to refocus their efforts to study doctrinal issues facing the congregation and to provide spiritual support for the pastors. They also decided to reduce the group to five instead of 12. All current elders were given a chance to be an elder under these new guidelines and four chose to do so.

In the future, the Governing Board will appoint all new elders based upon the written qualifications that were adopted by the current Board of Elders and in consultation with the Senior Pastor. If you would like to view these qualifications, go to the elders page on our Web site. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Pastor Burcham at 276-1700, ext. 206 or at rburcham@gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Phil Robarge

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Hannah Brunsen

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Dylan Elder

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

Elders:
Devin Wren
Gary Wasko
Ken Meythaler

Ushers:
Northwind
Randy Bosworth
Brett Hosch

7:45 a.m.
Gordon Dahlby
Merle Knuth
Bob Kollmorgen
Andy Varley

9 a.m.
Bryan Flanigan
Eric Hoffman
Jason Hoffman
Bill Kramer
Shane Love
Doug Mertz
Keith Nicolet
Paul Rusch
Dave Schramm

10:30 a.m.
Greg Cushing
Doug Fuller
Clayton Linquist
Ed Mautz
Jason Subbert

Scripture Readings:

II Corinthians 8:8-12 and Luke 12:22-34 (NIV)

Let's pray!

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 Jim and Barb Miles celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary
- For Jared and Mary Walter celebrating their 46th anniversary

Prayers

For the health of:

- Addison Blythe
- Steve Kammeyer
- Ben Schlagle
- People of Haiti

And for:

- Trent Lumley, who is leaving for Afghanistan
- Ruth Ebke and family who are grieving the loss of Ruth's mother
- The Depew family
- Paul and Stacy Sams, who are in the process of adopting a child
- All of our military and workers serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy, Greg Olson, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price and Joe Phillips

Prayer 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.

Ways to help us be more welcoming

When it comes to growth, God has blessed Gloria Dei tremendously in recent years. The past decade we have witnessed our congregation moving from two Sunday services to five services that cover both Saturday and Sunday. Each service has enabled us to be a beacon to the community, bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime in unique and distinctive ways. With growth, however, has come a few challenges, but with Christ's guidance we are able to view each hurdle as an opportunity. One such opportunity is to review our approach to greeters, ushers and elders. Our approach to these congregational "ambassadors" has not changed for years, thus with over twice as many services on a given weekend, our teams are often stretched thin.

For years, the Board of Elders has been talking about some possible solutions to our current obstacle. (Read about their final solutions on page 3.) Earlier this summer, Pastor Robarge formed a Ministry Action Team to take a fresh look at each unique worship experience at Gloria Dei. The team not only examined the role of the elders, but looked at how greeters, ushers, the welcome center, parking and security/emergency response could play a vital role in helping both first-time visitors and long-standing members feel welcome at each worship service (and throughout the week).

One exciting item stemming from the discovery process is the creation of a new group called Worship Assistants. Each Worship Assistant will be assigned to one specific worship service and will be responsible for helping with the distribution of communion and aiding the pastors in all baptisms. A few of the elders from the past board were charged with the task of writing the qualifications for this new group. The Worship Assistant qualifications are:

- A male member of Gloria Dei for at least one year.
- Regular attendance at worship services.
- Involved or willing to become involved in bible studies and other church activities.
- Willing to attend periodic meetings/training sessions and continuing education.
- Willing to commit to one year of service.

In addition, each service will have an identified team of greeters, ushers, and welcome center leads who regularly attend that particular service. There will also be a separate team of parking assistants and security/emergency response personnel. This new approach will open up a variety of ministry opportunities to more individuals and families.

Ways to help

Ushers

The primary duty of an usher is to maintain an atmosphere of reverent worship and respect during the entire worship service. Specific tasks include helping individuals find seats, distributing service handouts, handling offering and communion dismissal and assisting with individual needs that may arise during service.

Greeters

The primary duty of a greeter is to welcome everyone to Gloria Dei. This includes opening the external entry doors appropriate to each service, assisting the elderly, the handicapped or children being dropped off at a main entrance, and directing visitors to the worship location and Welcome Center.

Welcome Center/hospitality

The primary duty is to provide a welcoming environment for Gloria Dei attendees and to encourage fellowship among members and visitors alike. These individuals will be encouraged to be familiar with class locations within the church, the church calendar and be prepared to point individuals to specific information. Following a service, hospitality may work with other team members to provide impromptu tours for visitors.

Parking

The first touch of hospitality begins in our parking lot when our parking ministry welcomes people by offering rides to and from their vehicles, answering questions and thanking people as they exit the service.

Security/emergency response

It is impossible to predict every type of security or emergency situation. We want to put everyone at ease by having a plan in place. We will identify people who will be trained and knowledgeable with this plan if an emergency situation should occur.

Take time to pray

Please take time to ask God about serving on one of the above teams. It takes all of us to reach out to create a welcoming environment. The possibilities are endless when hundreds of worshippers are looking for ways to bless and encourage each other. So, please commit this to prayer today. To sign up, contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224 or probarge@gloriadeionline.com.



As a beacon to our community, we have given Christmas presents to families in need. This week, the Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex and Gathering Place. The following are some of the notes we received last year:

Thank you so much for the gifts and things that we received on Christmas. These things helped out so much. I am a single mom who has three kids and is struggling to make ends meet. Two weeks before the holiday, I found out that I was losing my job.

Without your help, there would have been no Christmas for these kids. I have seen God work in mysterious ways in my life and he always seems to come through. I wish you could have seen the smiles on my angels' faces when they saw that they had presents under the tree. Thank you for your help and know that when we get on our feet, we will do the same for others as you have done for us. We will pay it forward, so your gifts will keep on giving for years. ~ *A 2009 Giving Tree Family*

Thank you for your heartfelt generosity with the wonderful items you gave to the families we serve. You made all of our families' holiday a little brighter and it was much appreciated. ~ *Lutheran Services in Iowa*

Pie auction

Buy a pie here. Help a family there. A pie auction will be held at Colby Park Community Center (6900 School Street, Windsor Heights, behind Wal-mart) on Sunday, Nov. 21 at noon. A slice and slice lunch (pizza and homemade pie) will be served at noon for \$5 per person. At 12:30 p.m., Carl Jackson, a professional auctioneer will begin the auction. All proceeds will be given to help the impoverished families in Mexico. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Harder at 554-1880.



Surviving the Holidays

Thursday Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m.

If you are grieving or going through a divorce, we invite you to an evening of support, which includes a meal and small groups. To register, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com. For more information, please call Pastor Phillips at 275-5544, ext. 204.

Advent by Candlelight

My soul praises the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
Luke 1:47

Join us for Advent by Candlelight Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This evening offers a great opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ.

Hostess information: Please stop by the display in the narthex to sign up for a table, pick up an informational packet and place the \$10 registration fee in the envelope provided. As a hostess, you will decorate a table, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join you for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and a musical program. Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have any questions, contact Jill Hosch at 270-2402 or jbhosch@dwx.com; or to Brenda Plagge at 986-1123 or Plagge86@msn.com.



GINGERBREAD TEA

CHILDREN AND THEIR FAVORITE ADULT(S) ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A GINGERBREAD TEA AT GLORIA DEI SATURDAY, DEC. 4 AT 10 A.M.

Each family will decorate a gingerbread house to take home. Tickets are \$35 per family and can be purchased at the Information Center. Christmas attire requested.

Family highlight

Last weekend we welcomed new members into the Gloria Dei family. We're excited to get to know each of these families and celebrate their uniqueness that they bring to Gloria Dei.

Let's get to know the Ness Family

David and Angie Ness live in Johnston with their four children; Haley, 11, Owen, 9, Noah, 7 and Garrett, 3. They enjoy boating, camping and traveling to attend athletic and extracurricular activities of their children. David is a police officer in Des Moines and Angie is a nurse for Lakeview Surgery Center in West Des Moines.



The Ness family has recently made Gloria Dei their home.

Their family first experienced Gloria Dei through summer camps for young children.

David and Angela were both raised Lutheran and have been active members at St. John's Lutheran for the past twelve years. They sought a congregation closer to home where "we could worship and learn with friends and classmates. The stronger relationships and shorter commute have allowed us to participate in church activity beyond Sunday morning. We are excited that Gloria Dei offers so many opportunities to grow in our faith."

When you see the Ness family, please welcome them to Gloria Dei.

Creative entities joining forces

Friday, Nov. 12 from 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m
in rooms 131/133 and 130/132/134

The Gloria Dei Quilters are teaming up with the Scrapbook Fellowship to offer a monthly weekend time to work on their specific projects.

Scrapbook Fellowship: With Christmas approaching, why not make a special project to give to a family member. If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children. Contact: Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

Gloria Dei Quilters: Whether you're making a quilt for someone special or donating it to a mission project, you'll be amazed at how much you can get done with friends. Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655.

LWML

Mary Esther will meet Thursday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. at the home of Louise Grotheer, 3808 Melanie Circle, Urbandale.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Donna Osby, 8923 New York Ave., Urbandale.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westown Pkwy, West Des Moines. Please try to attend; they will discuss December activities.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th Street, Clive.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Jo Miller, 4725 71st Street, Urbandale.

Mission opportunities

Honduras 2011 Medical/Evangelism Trip

Saturday, June 25 -Saturday, July 2, 2011: Gloria Dei is once again forming a team to help with evangelism, children's ministry, general medical, dentistry, and pharmacy to the impoverished in Honduras. Work may also include optometry and chiropractic services if those medical professionals join the team. For more information, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Project 52 Dominican Republic 2011

Tuesday, Feb. 15- Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011: Project 52 will spend nine days in Los Alcarrizos, Dominican Republic building a new house and moving a family into the new home. They have openings for 20-25 individuals to join the team. If interested, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or at bill@project52online.org. Project 52 is a faith-based organization whose main focus is missions. They provide hands-on opportunities through local, regional, and international programs. They seek to plant seeds of hope, wanting their lives to impact others for now and for eternity.

LifeLight Bible study

A new LifeLight Bible study is in progress at 9:20 a.m. in room 135 to study the book of Isaiah. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

“God Heard Their Cry” study

Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan in a five-week DVD presentation and Bible study starting Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the board room. Each lesson will illuminate the historical, geographical and cultural context of the time when the Israelites were in Egypt. This casual, interactive and informative group is open to anyone in the congregation. If you have any questions, contact Jim Miles at 251-7939.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign begins Friday, Nov. 12. Bell ringers will ring bells throughout the metro area. The donations collected will help to fund the work of the Salvation Army, which has served the Des Moines area since 1887 by providing:

- Rent and utility assistance
- Diapers, formula and other items to families in need
- Breakfast each Tuesday and Friday morning.
- Nutritious Christmas meals
- Emergency disaster services
- Day camps, basketball league and summer camps
- Senior care programs

So, please support the Salvation Army by placing your coins into one of red kettles throughout the metro area.

Agape boutique sale

The Agape Pregnancy Center is having its annual boutique fund raiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at Zion Lutheran Church, 4300 Beaver Ave. The event is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the pregnancy center, and money will be used to install carpeting and do refurbishment at the center.

The boutique will sell clothing for men, women and children, housewares, toys, games, puzzles, books, Christmas decorations and collectibles. For more information, call 255-0243.

One in Christ Singles

All singles are invited to a morning of Christian fellowship with an expanding group of friends at Friedrichs Coffee Shop, 4632 86th St., Urbandale on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. Please feel free to invite a friend. If you have questions, please contact Michael Callison at Mcall78869@aol.com or 270-8555.

Tiny Treasures' service project

One of the service projects that Tiny Treasures is participating in this school year is sending a care package each month to a soldier in Afghanistan. Nathaniel (Nat) Wunsch is a member of Gloria Dei and is in the Army National Guard.



Each child's class is collecting items to send to Nat. The children are drawing pictures, sending candy, black pens, gum, lip balm or holiday items. The children are excited to send a little joy to a special friend in another part of the world!



In addition, the children and their families are praying for Nat and his parents, Ken and Lora Wunsch, who are members of Gloria Dei.

Please keep our military in your prayers.

Grocery list items

Each month we collect items to help those in need. All items can be dropped in the designated bins in the narthex. Thanks for your support!

- Children's and Infant's Tylenol and Ibuprofen
- Laundry detergent for the Urbandale Food Pantry

Community fall clean-up

Saturday, Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to noon

Volunteers are needed to help elderly and disabled Urbandale residents get ready for winter by raking, trimming, and general clean-up. Meet at the Lion's Park Shelter House, 72nd and Prairie, Urbandale. Volunteers need to bring their own work gloves, rakes and trimmers. If you would like to volunteer or receive assistance, please call 278-3999.

Diana's Angels

Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Diana's Angels is a women's ministry providing burial clothing for infants who die and by offering Christian support and comfort to the grieving families. They meet at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd St, Des Moines on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. to help make patterns and assemble packets to be distributed to seamstresses. No experience is necessary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lois Cole at 288-1250.

Midweek meal

Nov. 10-Bacon Cheeseburger Roll-up: Enjoy a delicious meal for \$4 per adult and \$2 per child or youth on Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.



Apostles' Creed Confrimention Retreat (6-8)

November 12-13: If you have signed up for the retreat, meet at church Friday, Nov. 12 at 5 p.m.

Paintball (6-12)

Sunday, November 7: Meet at Gloria Dei at noon; we will return by 5 p.m. Cost is \$35, which includes field fee, rentals and 500 paintballs. Additional paintballs are \$20 for 500. Sign-up by Wednesday, Nov. 3 on the youth bulletin board.

Revolve Tour (8-12)

Revolve Tour: Feb. 4-5, 2011 in Kansas City: Join the thousands of girls in celebration of their identity in Jesus. Sign-up on the youth bulletin board. Cost is \$50.

Junior High (6-8)

Sunday: Castaway: Come expecting fun times during our Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.: Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics relevant to their lives.

Senior High (9-12)

Wednesday evening - The Point: Join us this Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Youth Center for praise, large-group Bible study and small group discussion.

Sundays from 9-10 a.m. - Join us in room 138.

Mission Trip (8-12)

We will join hands with hundreds of teens to help those in need by painting, repairing and building projects. There are openings available for our mission trip to Ripley, Tenn. from July 10-17. Cost: \$650. Sign-up with Tim Kightlinger by giving a \$50 deposit.

Bibles for 3-year-olds

All 3-year-olds and their families are invited to H3 worship on Sunday, November 14 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. During this worship service, 3-year-olds will receive a Bible.

Veggie Tales live – “Sing Yourself Silly”

Bob and Larry and lots of their friends will be live on stage at First Federated Church in Des Moines on Monday, November 15 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. For more information, call First Federated Church at 255-2122.

The Wave (Grades 3-5)

The Wave will meet Sunday, Nov. 7 from 1-2:30 p.m. We'll be assembling food bags and polishing wood in the Sanctuary. Join the fun! See you Sunday! Bring your family and friends! No cost for this event!

Christmas program schedules

Christmas program schedules have been posted on the calendar and on our Web site. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext 207, or by e-mail deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Week of Nov. 6-13, 2010

Saturday, November 6

- 8:00 a.m. Fall Church Clean-Up
- 9:00 a.m. 12 Doughs of Christmas
- 1:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Webelos II
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 7

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Junior High Castaway
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 1:00 p.m. The Wave
- 1:30 p.m. Daisy Troop #379

Monday, November 8

- 9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Annual Retreat
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #806
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball

Tuesday, November 9

- 9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Annual Retreat
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness

Tuesday, November 9 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 10

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. The Truth Project Parenting Bible Study
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, November 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Take Control of your Health and Fitness
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, November 12

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, November 13

- 8:00 a.m. Go Green (Parking Lot)
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard their Cry"
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	62	n/a
7:45 a.m.	116	Fifth
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	282	Sunday
9 a.m. (FLC)	92	
10:30 a.m.	367	
Total	919	

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,645
Second QTD Offering	\$132,925
Second QTD Budget	\$151,000

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Saturday, November 13

- 8:00 a.m. Go Green (Parking Lot)
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard their Cry"
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 14

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Junior High Castaway
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:25 a.m. Christmas Program Practice Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 12:15 p.m. Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Girls Scout Troop #659
- 2:00 p.m. The Wave
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Cafe 923

Monday, November 15

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball

Tuesday, November 16

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 17

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. The Truth Project Parenting Bible Study
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs
- 7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

Thursday, November 18

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Take Control of Your Health and Fitness
- 6:00 p.m. Surviving the Holidays
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Care Night

Friday, November 19

- 11:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures' Family Feast

Saturday, November 20

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Midweek
Preschool	1	28	22	25
Elementary	5	51	55	82
Total Children	6	79	77	107

Youth Attendance	Sunday 9 a.m.	Midweek
Junior High	33	95
Senior High	13	33
Total Youth	46	128

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

Children are encouraged to worship with their parents at each service before being invited to Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. For youth in grades 6-8, an invitation to Castaway will be extended on Sunday at 9:20 a.m.

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns.

H-3 Family Worship Service: Sunday 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.

Infusion-Contemporary Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music.

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

Luke 12:22-34 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

Children's Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon