

# WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

April 25 and 26, 2009

Third Sunday of Easter

stephen  
MINISTRY

One-to-one ministry  
by a trained, caring friend

#### Ministering to Those Who are Experiencing:

- Loneliness
- Loss of a spouse
- Retirement changes
- Unemployment
- Discouragement
- Childbirth
- Hospitalization
- Divorce
- Grief
- Terminal illness
- Being shut-in

#### We are Here to Help:

If you are experiencing a challenging time, contact Pastor Phillips. With your permission, he will assign you a caring Stephen Minister. All conversations are completely confidential.

#### Stephen Ministers:

A Stephen Minister is a Christian who has received extensive training to help those in need.

Contact: Pastor Phillips  
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Please pick up  
the Stephen Ministry  
bookmark as  
you enter or leave  
worship today.

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## Stephen Ministers Commissioning

We are excited to commission 16 individuals from our congregation to be Stephen Ministers at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services in the Sanctuary. Together they have received extensive Stephen Ministry training for the purpose of helping those who are experiencing a difficult situation in life.

"I am excited to have a great group of people who have dedicated their time and gifts to help others," said Pastor Phillips, Director of Congregational Care and Associate Pastor. "I am confident that many will be blessed through their work."

Stephen Ministry is a not-for-profit, trans denominational, religious and educational organization founded in 1975. The St. Louis-based staff of 45 includes five pastors. The organization is in more than 10,000 congregations representing 150 Christian denominations in all 50 states and 25 countries. More than 500,000 people have been trained as Stephen Ministers. Consequently, more than a million people have received care from a Stephen Minister in a formal one-to-one caring relationship and millions of others have received care from Stephen Ministers in informal ways.

In 2008, Pastor Phillips formed a Ministry Action Team to discuss how to provide more care for hurting people. Stephen Ministry surfaced because of its extensive training program and success in other congregations. Last April and May, candidates from Gloria Dei were interviewed and recruited to be involved with this ministry. A few months later, training began in a series of 18 sessions. Each 2.5 hour training session focused on how to help people navigate through various circumstances. Trained as Stephen Leaders, Pastor Phillips, Fred Spath and Janet Tysse provided training and ongoing oversight of the ministers.

"I am excited because I believe the Stephen Ministers will improve and strengthen our Congregational Care Ministry at Gloria," said Pastor Phillips.

In the next few months, a second wave of Stephen Ministers will be recruited and trained with the goal of another commissioning in April 2010.

**Need Help?** If you are experiencing a challenging time, contact Pastor Phillips. With your permission, he will assign you a caring Stephen Minister. All conversations are completely confidential.

## Confirmation Next Week

**Our Confirmation Service will be held Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

#### Please note:

**Our regular 10:30 a.m. contemporary service will be held in the Family Life Center next week.**

what's  
**NEW!**  
this week!

## Seminary Candidate Selected

A seminary candidate was called to be Gloria Dei's Director of Adult Ministry. See page 2 for more details.

## Stephen Ministers

To get a glimpse at our newly commissioned Stephen Ministers, see pages 6-7.

## Dates

Faith Alive ends  
April 29.  
School-year Grace  
Place ends May 2  
and 3.  
Summer Grace  
Place begins May  
16 and 17.

## Strategic Plan Celebrations

**30-hour Famine:** As a congregation we strive to be courageous in outreach. Last weekend, 61 youth pledged to go without food for 30 hours in an effort to gain an understanding of how it feels to experience hunger. They spent the night at church, participated in group activities and helped with community service projects. They also surpassed their goal in raising money by collecting \$13,332. More details will be forthcoming in next week's Weekly Word.



**AriSon Concert:** Gloria Dei was privileged to host AriSon, a group from Nashville last weekend. The Saturday evening concert was attended by

approximately 200 adults and children. The group of three sang an array of songs that delighted all ages. In addition, AriSon offered a sprinkling of their songs at our Saturday night service and at the H3 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services.



*AriSon singing last week.*

## Director of Adult Ministry Called

Candidate Philip Robarge has been assigned to Gloria Dei as Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor.

"I am ready to start," said Candidate Robarge. "Since I interviewed with Gloria Dei, I had researched and read about the ministry. I was so thrilled to hear the Call. It is exciting to be a part of a thriving and active congregation."

Candidate Robarge and his wife Heather, have three children: an adopted daughter, Laura, 21; Kaitlyn, 8 and Tyson, 6. An installation service will be at Gloria Dei in mid to late July; more information will follow.



*Philip and Heather Robarge*

The service on Wednesday evening was held on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in the chapel of St. Timothy and Titus. The chapel was packed with candidates awaiting their assignments, family, friends, faculty, District presidents, and the president of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Gerald Kieschnick. Pastor Burcham and Bill Jesse, Executive Director were also at the service. After a sermon directed to the candidates asking them what kind of Jesus they will preach and teach to their congregations, the Calls were handed out.

## Gloria Dei Member Called

Rod Serbus, a member of the congregation and the son of Rodney and Betty Serbus of Gloria Dei received his first Call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher, IL. (About an hour south of Chicago). Rod's wife, Phaedra, who is a commissioned Deaconess, received a call from Trinity along with Rod. It was a surprise and special blessing for them to both receive Calls to the same congregation so that they can do ministry together.

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## Upcoming Messages

- April 25-26:** Stephen Ministry Commissioning  
**May 2-3:** Followers of Jesus Pay the Price  
**May 9-10:** Followers of Jesus Ask Questions  
**May 16-17:** Followers of Jesus are His Representatives  
**May 23-24:** Followers of Jesus are Fishers of Men

## What's On Your Mind

Got questions? We may have the answers.

A message series “What’s on Your Mind” will begin in June. Your help is needed. We need to know what is on your mind. Take a few minutes and think about some questions or concerns that you have always pondered. Hold those thoughts until you can write them on our survey sheets located at the Information Centers. After the sheets are completed, drop them off at the “What’s On Your Mind” boxes by April 30. All entries are anonymous. We will then explore and select some of the “What’s on Your Mind” questions for the upcoming message series.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*9 a.m. (FLC):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Tim Phillips

**Organist:**  
Lynn Hays

### Acolytes:

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)*  
Grant Smith

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Dylan Elder

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rae Gathercole

### Elders:

Devin Wren  
Ken Meythaler  
Gary Wasko

### Ushers:

**Northwind**  
Dale Engelken  
Mike Martens

### 7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann  
Brent Handel

### 9 a.m.

Tom Feldotto  
Randy Fleming  
Casey Fluegge  
Dean Kleckner  
Mark Kramer  
Jared Nicol  
Rob Steuber

### 10:30 a.m.

Phillip Bax  
Bill Clark  
Jim Kellenberg  
Chris Warwick

**Scripture Reading:**  
Ephesians 2:11-22 (NIV)

## God's People in Prayer

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 our church
- For our families
- For our country
- For our graduating seniors

## Prayers

- For Ryan Zittritsch's father, Mike, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- For Sandy Zimmerman's sister-in-law, who is undergoing treatment for spinal tumors
- For Jane Meythaler's aunt, Maxine Lage, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
- For Mitch Golay's father, Randall Golay, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For God's help with all the aspects of the Strategic Plan
- For our summer programs
- For those who are unemployed
- For those in the military

## Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## Getting to Know Us

If you are visiting us today, we warmly welcome you. Please take time to check out all of our upcoming classes and activities. If you have questions, contact the church office at 276-1700. Here are two classes you won't want to miss!

### Discovery 101: Beginning the Journey

Beginning the Journey is an introduction to the central teaching of Scripture. In addition to learning the basics of our beliefs, you will be encouraged to develop your faith in God. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. Childcare is provided. For information on the next class, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700, ext. 204.



### Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Discovery 201 (for those who already have a Lutheran background or following Discovery 101) will be an introduction to Gloria Dei, the staff and the programs offered. Our mission, vision and the current organization of Gloria Dei will be presented. At the end of the class you will have the opportunity to become members. This class, held on a Sunday afternoon, includes a meal and childcare. Register by calling the church office at 276-1700. Please indicate if childcare is needed. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim Phillips.



**When is it?** Sunday, June 14 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

### Information Center

If you are visiting today, stop by the Information Center, which is located outside the Sanctuary or in the back of the Family Life Center. We would love to get to know you and provide brochures of our activities and events throughout the year. See you there!

### Check out our Web site

[www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)

Need more information and resources? Check out our Web site for additional information and updates. We post weekly sermons, newsletters, information about our children, youth and adult programs and much more.

## Thrivent Builds

**Join us Wednesday, April 29 to Saturday, May 2.**

Get ready to raise the roofs! "Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Raise the Roofs Celebration" on the 1200 block of 10th Street, Des Moines. The dates are Wednesday, April 29 through Saturday, May 2. Their goal is to frame and enclose two two-story houses, plus set the trusses. As the houses are side-by-side, it will be exciting to work with one another and the Habitat home buyers to see the houses take shape!

### Help Needed.

They need a group of 10 volunteers from Gloria Dei to work from 8:15 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1. If that date does not work for you, other days are available. No experience is necessary; just a willingness to express your faith through service to others. Lunch will be prepared and delivered by the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity.

Please contact Bill Clark at 515-491-8543 or [billclark@mchsi.com](mailto:billclark@mchsi.com).

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## Cart Drivers Needed

With April comes spring showers, so we are once again in need of volunteers to drive the carts. If you wish to volunteer, please call Dan DeVries at 276-4132.

## Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry requests bars of soap for April. Please drop them off in the boxes in the narthex or by the Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone who brought laundry detergent last month.

## Book Club

Gloria Dei's book club will meet Wednesday, May 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Cry Room. They will discuss "The Convenient Groom" by Denise Hunter, an inspiring tale of enduring love in the setting of a Nantucket beach wedding. For more information, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875.

## Women of Faith

**Friday, May 1 from 7-9:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

If you have ordered Women of Faith tickets, please pick them up at the church office.

Checks need to be payable to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Want to attend? Contact Diane Schmidt at 276-1700; we have three extra tickets (\$75 per ticket) for sale.

## Softball

Come to the field and watch our softball team compete with local churches. All games are at Campbell Fields which is located in Clive between Hickman and University (behind Menards just west of the interstate). For an up-to-date schedule, go to the adult page on our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

## Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body

*"You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body."* 1 Corinthians 6:20

Join us Monday evenings from 6-7:30 as we seek to honor God with a healthy lifestyle. This class includes time for Bible study, encouragement, and exercise! All are welcome whether you are starting or continuing to make healthy lifestyle changes. Currently, we are studying "Managing Your Moods," which can be purchased at the Toolshoppe. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes to the class. If you have any questions, call Paula Spark at 371-7972.

## Gloria Quilters

**Saturday, May 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rooms 130-134**

Join the Gloria Quilters in their mission to make and donate quilts to the people in Honduras. Please bring a sack lunch. No experience is required, just willing hands! For more information, contact Norma Rohn at [mrohn@aol.com](mailto:mrohn@aol.com).

## Scrapbook Fun

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

**Saturday, May 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Scrapbook Fellowship is open to anyone who wants some dedicated 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 Laura Ammann by Wednesday, May 6 at 778-9161. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

## Concert

Heartland Youth Choir invites the congregation to a concert at Gloria Dei Sunday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Heartland Youth Choir's third level, Cantilena will be hosting Ragazzi from The Omaha Children's Choruses in a joint concert. Cantilena is directed by Sandy Miller, who is a member of Gloria Dei.

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is studying the Gospel of John Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in room 128. This thirteen-week study examines background information on the book of the Bible, its author, audience, occasion and purpose. Each week a different section of the Gospel of John will be examined, so participants can join at any time and still be involved if personal schedules demand missing a section. Please feel free to join other men of faith as they study the Gospel of John.



**Jennifer Amendt**

*“It is an opportunity for me to give back to the church.”*

**Fiance:** Joe Eickman

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
Jeremiah 29:11

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Reading, blogging and running

**Favorite Book:** I enjoy reading so I have many favorites.



**Dustin Blythe**

*“After my son Treye was murdered, people helped me deal with my grief. Pastor Tim was most effective so when given the opportunity, I felt this would be a time to “give back” by listening and coming along side others who are facing difficult situations.”*

**Spouse:** Cheryl

**Children:** Grace, 5 and Addison, 2; (Treye deceased August 19, 2006 at age 18)

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
John 15:13



**Carol Dickey**

*“I am excited to share my faith with others and to help others in their time of need.”*

**Spouse:** Wendell

**Children:** Randy and Tammi (daughter-in-law) Dawn (engaged to Chad Kestner)

**Grandchildren:** Haley, 7 and Ryan, 5

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
John 3:16

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Travel, biking, reading and sudoku

**Favorite Books:** Murder mysteries



**Craig Fjelsted**

*“I became involved because of my journey through cancer treatment.”*

**Spouse:** Shani

**Children:** Brenden, 7; Lynsey, 5; and Jeremy 3

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
Psalm 118:8

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Golf, exercise, exploring and family time

**Favorite Book:** “Suzanne’s Diary to Nicholas”



**Sarah Hensel**

*“I became involved because people should not have to struggle through life’s events without a support system. We all need someone to listen and be a reliable source of trust.”*

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
2 Timothy 4:5

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Reading, sewing, wood working projects

**Favorite Books:** Two series: The Secret of the Rose and Mitford Years



**Becky Hoffman**

*“I am excited to see our group of Stephen Ministers as excited as I am in serving God by helping others.”*

**Spouse:** Eric

**Children:** Rachel and Jon

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
John 3:16

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Working outside with my plants and flowers and spending time with our families



**Cheryl Gilg**

*“I am excited to see how God will use Stephen Ministry to assist the members of Gloria Dei in their daily lives.”*

**Spouse:** Joseph

**Children:** Katie, 16 and Brian, 14

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
Joshua 1:9

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Crocheting and reading

**Favorite Books:** Authors: Max Lucado and Karen Kingsbury



**Phyllis Johnson**

*“After retiring from 35 years of teaching, I knew I wanted to find a way to grow in my faith and commitment to others. The invitation to join this care-giving program was like God calling me to put my experiences to work.”*

**Spouse:** Jim

**Children:** Juliana and Kyle

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
1 Peter 5:2 and 1 Peter 5:7

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Gardening, golfing and sewing



**Ken Meythaler**

*"I am excited about the opportunity to use the training and God's direction in meeting the needs of others."*

**Spouse:** Jane

**Children:** Jeremy and Laura Meythaler Mullins

**Favorite Bible verse:**

*2 Corinthians 12:9*

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Boating, fishing and building remote control airplanes

**Favorite Books:** *"How to Listen to God"* by Doug Hill



**Barbara Miles**

*"I was invited to participate to be a Stephen Minister because of my role of a caregiver to my father."*

**Spouse:** Jim

**Children:** Greg, Lori, Katrina, Aaron and Beth

**Favorite Bible verse:**

*Galatians 5:22-23*

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Scrapbooking

**Favorite Books:** *Those selected by Gloria Dei's Book Club*



**Jim Miles**

*"I became involved because of my desire to support the mission of Gloria Dei."*

**Spouse:** Barb

**Children:** Greg, Lori, Katrina, Aaron and Beth

**Favorite Bible verse:**

*John 3:16-18*

**Hobbies/Spare Time:**

*Stained glass, motorcycling, spending time with Barb and the grandchildren*

**Favorite Books:** *Mysteries*



**Norma Rohn**

*"I am excited to walk side by side with others as they experience the joys and sorrows of life."*

**Spouse:** Marvin

**Children:** Douglas, Gregory, Kurtis and Shonda

**Favorite Bible verse:**

*John 3:16*

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Family time, teaching, traveling and quilting

**Favorite Books:** *I read for information as well as pleasure, so I don't have a book that I can say is my favorite.*



**Julia Serbus**

*"I feel like one of the most important needs as humans is to be heard, and I can serve as the ear to meet that need for whoever chooses to be a part of the ministry."*

**Favorite Bible verses:**

*Psalms 63, Romans 8*

**Hobbies/Spare Time:**

*Spending time in the music scene, learning to cook.*

**Favorite Books:** *"Tacky the Penguin"*



**Rodney Serbus**

*"I am always excited when I know God is going to work through me to care for others with a caring heart. This is an opportunity I have to serve the Lord with all that he has taught me through life experiences and teaching from this ministry."*

**Spouse:** Betty Lou

**Children:** Rod, Justin and Julia

**Favorite Bible verses:**

*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

**Hobbies/Spare Time:**

*Building things, mostly out of wood*

**Favorite Book:** *Bible*



**Fred Spath (leader)**

*"The training and opportunity to provide distinctively Christian care intrigued me."*

**Spouse:** Doreen

**Children:** Seth, Adam and Lorena

**Grandchildren:** Milo, 16 months

**Favorite Bible verse:**

*John 3:16 and Ephesians 3:16-21*

**Hobbies/Spare Time:**

*Spending time with family and sharing in their activities and gardening*



**Janet Tysse (leader)**

*"I love the thought and care that has been put into the training so that those called to do so can really give great Christian care to others."*

**Spouse:** Jim

**Children:** Jon Marc and Jennifer Beth Warram

**Grandchildren:** Hannah, 4; Logan, 2; Jack, 3; and Sarah, 11 months

**Favorite Bible verse:**

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

**Hobbies/Spare Time:** Sewing, quilting, crocheting and counted cross stitch

## Fun Night Planned

Thursday, May 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Each year the preschool families with lots of help from Gloria Dei supporters prepare a fun evening for young families in our school, church and community. Although the silent auction is the major part of the fundraiser, the kids enjoy the games with prizes, bounce houses and food. Since we want young families to enjoy the games together, we need ministry partners to fill in. Also, we need homemade cookies (peanut free) to serve at our simple supper. If you would be willing to help with a game or to bring cookies, please let Terry know at 278-5544, ext. 305 or sign up at the Information Center.



This is one great event that gets the preschool families interacting with the congregation. So mark your calendars and plan on attending.

## Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, April 29  
Deli Night

\$3.50 per person  
(children under 2 eat free)

## Dates

Faith Alive ends April 29.

School-year Grace Place ends May 2 and 3.

Summer Grace Place begins May 16 and 17.

## Upcoming Children's Opportunities

### Summer Grace Place: May 16 and 17

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 am.

Summer Grace Place will begin May 16 and 17. We're taking a trip to Rome! We'll visit the Apostle Paul under house arrest and hear from Christians meeting secretly. We'll play Olympic games and complete Bible-time crafts. Summer Grace Place will meet weekends until the end of August. Register online today.

**Summer Grace Place Staff Needed:** We need Summer Grace Place ministry partners. We have lots of options and areas open. Each weekend we will need 34 different ministry partners. We will provide all the materials needed for this summer's adventure. Do you only have a week or two that you can say yes to helping? We have a place for you! Would you like to help more than that? We have a place for you! Interested to know what's available? Contact DeAnn or Penny at 276-1700, ext. 207.

### Summer Camps

Some of our classes are beginning to fill up. Please secure a space today! Pick this year's summer camps brochure up at the Information Center. You can register today by filling out the registration form in the brochure or online. The Next Generation "Her" Story Camp is full.

### Summer Dance Class for Ages 7-12

Another dance class has been added to the summer line up! Liturgical Dance will meet Wednesday evenings starting June 3 from 6-7 p.m. For more information, go to the children's page on our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

### Summer Kindermusik Play Date

Summer play date with Kindermusik has been added to this summer's schedule on Monday, August 10. Check out our Web site for more information.





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## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway

April 26:

Simmer Down - Anger

May 3 (9:20 a.m.):

Simmer Down - Bitterness

May 3 (10:50 a.m.):

Confirmation: No Castaway

May 10):

Mother's Day: No Castaway

May 17:

Simmer Down - Pride

### Café 923

Friday, May 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and play games or just hang out with your friends. Eat pizza for \$1 per slice.

## Confirmation Grades 6-8

### Pictures in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 29, 6-8 p.m.

6 p.m. Opening worship in the Youth Center

6:15 p.m. Put on robes, corsages and boutonnières

6:30 p.m. Photos (Smile!)

### New Date: Blast

Friday, May 8 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Come and welcome the eighth graders into senior high youth group. Cost is \$15; Sign-up by May 6.

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Senior Recognition

Wednesday, May 6 from 6-7 p.m.

Graduates and their families are invited to dinner, program and a commissioning in the Family Life Center. All youth in grades 8-11 are invited to attend and to wish the seniors well.

### Mission Trip Meeting

Wednesday, May 13 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Center

If you signed up, please bring your parents to the required informational meeting. Important information and forms will be presented.

### Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-138.

### Wednesday: The Point

April 29: Eternal Party

May 6: Graduation Recognition Dinner

### Café 923

Sunday, May 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and play games or just hang out with your friends.

## MSG Sent

Sunday, June 7 from 2-6 p.m. in Mapleton, Iowa

Mission Central presents: A rockin conference for senior high teens to launch us into the reality of God's love. We receive the msg. of God's love,



then God sends us as a msg. to our friends and family. Dr. Lo, missionary, will be the featured speaker and Rough Draft will perform. The conference is free. For questions, contact Tim Kightlinger. **Sign up by Wednesday, June 3.**

# Week of April 25 to May 1, 2009

## Saturday, April 25

- 12:00 a.m. 9-hour Blast
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center  
with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, April 26

- 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. Stephen Ministry Commissioning
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Faith Lessons - Prophets and Kings  
of Israel Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in  
Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Commissioning
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, April 27

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 1:15 p.m. Home School Science Education
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Tuesday, April 28

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin'  
Family Time Class
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Police Memorial Meeting

## Tuesday, April 28 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Make Way for Music Family Time Class
- 6:30 p.m. On the Road Day Kindermusik Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 6:30 p.m. Young Child Semester 4
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

## Wednesday, April 29

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Pictures and Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

## Thursday, April 30

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin'  
Family Time Class
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

## Friday, May 1

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

### Scripture Base on Giving:

*Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little." 2 Corinthians 8:13-15*

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	232	
7:45 a.m.	127	106
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	298	215
9 a.m. (FLC)	137	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	303	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>502</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,696
YTD Offering	\$1,288,623
YTD Budget	\$1,409,394

# Week of May 2-9 2009

## Saturday, May 2

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, May 3

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Faith Lessons - Prophets and Kings of Israel Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Service in the Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 1:00 p.m. Omaha Children's Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, May 4

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 1:15 p.m. Home School Science Education
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.

## Tuesday, May 5

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Group at the Machine Shed
- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin' Family Time Class
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## Tuesday, May 5 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Make Way for Music Family Time Class
- 6:30 p.m. On the Road Day Kindermusik Class
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 6:30 p.m. Young Child Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

## Wednesday, May 6

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Graduate Recognition Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Movin' and Groovin' Family Time Class
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 5:30 p.m. Fun Night
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 7:00 p.m. Homeschool Children's Celebration Choir Concert

## Friday, May 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Dietz/Graaf Rehearsal

## Saturday, May 9

- 10:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Adrienne Dietz and Adam Graaf Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	7	31	23	19
Elementary	14	52	32	53
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>72</b>
Junior High		15	5	78
Senior High		5		15
<b>Total Youth</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>93</b>

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

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

## **Nursery**

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is 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.

## **Families worship together**

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

## **Children**

**Grace Place - preschool and elementary children:** We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

## **Youth**

**Junior high: Castaway:** For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

**Senior high students:** Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36 this week.

## **Adults**

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.



## **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.

## **Weekly Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:13-22**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his 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

**Educational Times:** Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon