

April 4 and 5, 2009

Palm Sunday

A Week to Remember

Holy Week this year focuses on the humility of God the Almighty through the death and resurrection of Jesus his Son. We will celebrate the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and gather around the table as we recall the last supper and the events following.

Maundy Thursday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Communion on the night we recall Jesus' betrayal and his last meal with his friends.

Good Friday H3 Worship (Young Families) in the Family Life Center at 4:30 p.m.

We will feature puppets and practical elements for young family members to grasp and understand why Jesus died on the cross.

Good Friday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Recall the message of the two thieves as one mocks our Savior while the other repents and joins Jesus in paradise. This service will feature treasured hymns, bells, choir and soloists.

Easter

We will hear our Savior's dying breath and celebrate the gift of life on Easter. Each service features special music, hymns, worship songs and a relevant message that will stir us to move from an admirer to a devoted follower of Jesus.

Housekeeping News

To be gracious guests on Easter Sunday, we ask you to park at Urbandale Middle School and ride the shuttle to and from the services. The shuttle runs continually from 6:30 a.m. to noon. And for our younger riders, there will be surprises from our fun-loving shuttle drivers.

Easter Saturday Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center at 5:30 p.m.

Explore the meaning of what it means to be a follower of Jesus with upbeat Easter hymns and praise songs.

Easter Saturday Contemporary-blend in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

This candlelight service will feature hymns and contemporary praise songs that will help flame the embers of our faith.

Easter Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:30 and 9 a.m.

This high festival service will feature bells, choir and orchestra along with grand traditional Easter hymns, brass ensemble and banners. Celebrate the joy of Easter with the grandeur of Word and music.

Easter Sunday H3 (Young Families) Worship in the Family Life Center at 9 a.m.

Celebrate the joy of Easter as a child. Sing, dance and rejoice for the Lord is risen! This service will feature puppets, upbeat songs to move to and a simulcast sermon.

Easter Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate the message of the risen Savior with the praise team and worship band. This service will feature upbeat praise songs as well as some beloved hymns with renewed spirit.

Invite a Friend: Easter is a great time to invite family, friends and co-workers to church. If you need extra Easter postcards, please pick one up at the Information Center or see one of the ushers today. We have a style of service for everyone to celebrate and rejoice in the knowledge that the chain of death has been broken. We are no longer slaves to sin because we have been paid for by the life of Jesus Christ.

what's
NEW!
this week!

Dates

Faith Alive will not meet April 8.

Grace Place will not meet April 11-12.

For more dates, see page 8.

Breakfast

Check out Sunday's fund-raiser breakfast. See page 2 for more details.

Famine

The youth will be in the narthex collecting donations for their upcoming 30-hour Famine event.

Concert

AriSon will perform Saturday, April 18 in the Family Life Center. See page 8 for more details.

Couples

Take time with your spouse at Gloria Dei's first marriage workshop on April 24 and 25. For more details, see page 5.

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Palm Sunday

Strategic Plan Updates

Ministry Celebrations

Youth Dinner Theaters: Last week the youth offered live entertainment to more than 200 individuals at three dinner theater performances. The dinner theaters provide our youth an opportunity to develop speaking, acting and team skills. The funds raised help the youth attend events throughout the year. See page 7 for photos of the stellar performances.



New Beginnings: New Beginnings continues to offer career support to those who have been displaced from their current employment. Individuals are finding encouragement through the weekly support meetings. In addition, they are learning practical knowledge that will help them navigate through this time period. Last Thursday, Tracy Barton, a DMACC professor, shared how to write a strong resume. A group of human resource individuals were on hand to personally assist the participants with their resumes.

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Land Selection Updates

As you may be aware of, the Facilities Focus Group has been diligently searching for parcels of land that will meet the criteria and the assigned weights in the site selection matrix completed with member feedback from last fall's town hall meetings. They have been working alongside the architects at SVPA to determine which available site would best meet the needs of the ministry at Gloria Dei. Several parcels of land have been identified as potential sites and initial communication with the land owners has begun. Although the process is slower than anticipated, the Facilities Focus Group is developing a recommendation for review by our members that will be available at cottage meetings as soon as all details unfold. Please continue to keep this process in your prayers.

Hungry? Come to Breakfast

This Sunday: The Honduras mission trip team will host the second annual Palm Sunday breakfast Sunday, April 5 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the kitchen and rooms 131-33. Eggs, ham, bakery items, juice, milk and coffee will be available for a free-will donation. All profits will go toward the mission team trip. The SW Polk County Chapter #31170 of Thrivent Financial For Lutherans will also provide funds.



In addition, the team will set up a trunk for the following donations: Tylenol and vitamins (adult and children), hair pretties (bows, pony tails, etc.), hair detangler and hair gel. Thank you for your support.

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Good Friday

As we have done in the past, our office will be closed on Good Friday to allow the staff the opportunity to personally prepare themselves for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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.

Audio CDs

Do you know someone who would benefit from the New Beginnings series of messages? If so, the Media Ministry will have an audio CD set of all the messages. The cost is \$5 for the set, which will be available in the Toolshope in April.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

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

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Rev. Ron Burcham

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

Preacher:
Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Dylan Elder

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

Elders:
Terry Woolman
Vic Kesse

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 Readings:

Philippians 2:5-11 and Matthew 21:1-11 (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

Prayers

- For Ryan Zitritsch's father, Mike, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- For David Beggs and family, who are grieving the loss of his mother
- For the continued health of Evelyn Ruhnke
- For Bob and Sharolyn Thenhaus, who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- For the health of Ed Mautz
- For Thomas Mark Hueser
- For taking care of Paul and Jessica Kramer's family
- 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
- For our upcoming Holy Week and Easter celebrations

Prayer ministry team

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

LWML Circles

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 9 at 9 a.m. at the home of Lou Grotheer, 3808 Melanie Circle, Urbandale.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barb Koepf, 808 48th St., West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the church for a short devotion before carpooling to Freedom for Youth. See adjacent article for more information.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sheila Mantaw, 6100 Trace Court, Johnston.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Pl., Des Moines.

LWML Spring Rally, “Grow in His Love,” will meet Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 1701 West Jester Drive, Polk City. Registration begins at 1:45 p.m.; complimentary desserts and beverages will be served.

Freedom for Youth

Naomi Circle invites the congregation to join them as they visit Freedom for Youth, 2301 Hickman, Des Moines. They will meet at the church April 9 at 9:30 a.m. for a devotion before carpooling to the Freedom for Youth, a ministry aimed at helping inner city youth. They will collect the following items to be donated at the Freedom Store:

- Canned soup (ready to eat — not concentrated)
- Canned meats
- Hamburger/tuna/chicken helpers
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit (no fruit cocktail)
- Canned vegetables
- Rice
- Boxed cereal
- Diapers
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Bars of soap

Additional service opportunities: Freedom for Youth is looking for tutors to help with Freedom Quest (teen after-school program on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays), Whiz Kidz (elementary program on Monday nights and Saturday late mornings) and other activities. For more information, contact Melanie Wise, Volunteer and Whiz Kidz Coordinator, at 282-4822.

Ministry Partner Highlight

It started as a simple request to help a friend and it ended with a major library overhaul. Member Meri Van Ahn volunteered to help Sue Davis with creating a spreadsheet for Gloria Dei’s library. Even though Meri does not have use of her arms and hands and is wheelchair bound due to cerebral palsy, she wanted the challenge.

“I volunteered because I’m good on the computer,” Meri said.



Meri Van Ahn helps on the library project.

With the use of a mouth stick, Meri diligently typed in an inventory database, which was used as a launch point for a complete library overhaul that is currently being accomplished by women from Women’s Connections and the Gloria Dei Book Club.

The library project is only one of Meri’s pleasant memories at Gloria Dei. With the help of Patty Wright, she was able to study the confirmation material and was confirmed. She also enjoys Saturday evening worship and takes pleasure in the dinner theaters.

In her spare time, Meri likes to send e-mails to her friends, view Facebook entries, shop, scrapbook, play computer games and watch movies and TV. Meri especially likes to play with her golden retriever, Dolliemae.

When you see Meri, please thank her for the help she gives to Gloria Dei.

Scrapbook Fellowship

April 17 and 18

Join us as we work on scrapbooks Friday and Saturday. Friday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will meet in rooms 130-132. Come and go as you like. Saturday will include childcare, but it must be reserved by contacting Laura Ammann at 778-9161 before Wednesday, April 16. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

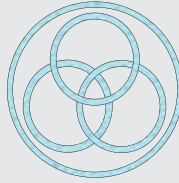
Three-Ring Marriage Workshop

Friday, April 24 from 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Marriage, similar to life, requires lots of attention and skill. Join Dr. Daniel Earle, Psy.D with a strong LCMS background and Dr. Cora Schuhmacher Majors, Psy.D from Glen Haven Counseling Resources in West Des Moines, as they hold an interactive 2-day workshop teaching important skills for your every day married life.



Couples will learn how to:

Improve communication skills

Recall the importance of your marriage vows

Increase their love for each other

The cost is \$90 per couple, which includes snacks, breakfast and lunch. Register by contacting Diane Schmidt, Front Desk Administrative Assistant, at diane@gloriadeionline.com or 276-1700.

Childcare Provided • Register Today

Prayer Breakfast

The 48th annual Iowa Prayer Breakfast will be held Thursday, April 9 from 7:15 - 8:45 a.m. (doors open at 6:45 a.m.) at the Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. Ron "Gus" Gustafson will speak on "From Setbacks to Comebacks." Gus was a standout basketball player in high school in spite of having lost his right arm and shoulder in a tragic accident. After a knee injury ended his collegiate basketball career, he was devastated. But, once again, his faith and courage sustained him. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (student seminar from 9-9:45 a.m.).

Accounting Manager

Gloria Dei is looking for a part-time accountant/bookkeeper who has a passion for all business aspects of Gloria Dei. Work will include payroll, budget preparations and management of the budget. Attention to detail, good communication skills and a love of numbers are a must for the position. For further details, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool

**Consignment
Sale**

Friday, April 17

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

8 a.m. to noon

10 a.m. to noon (items half price)



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The Tiny Treasures spring consignment sale will be held April 17 and 18. Baby, children, teen and maternity clothing, furniture, books, strollers, riding toys, games, etc. will be sold Friday, April 17 from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m.–noon. Informational brochures can be picked up at the Information Centers. If you have questions, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Camera Club

For all you photo buffs, get your cameras out and join us Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. for a preliminary meeting about forming a camera club. Come with your ideas! For further information, contact Chris Onsrud at 278-5544, ext. 300.

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.

Youth to Help World Hunger

Each day more than 26,000 children under the age of five die from preventable diseases such as malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea, and acute respiratory infections. Malnutrition is associated with over half of those deaths.

Our teens wanted to help solve the devastation caused by hunger, so they joined forces with World Vision's 30-hour Famine. By pledging to go without food for 30 hours, participants gain an understanding of how it feels to experience hunger.

Under the direction of Kim Phillips and the help of several ministry partners, weekends have been planned to help bring awareness and support to fight hunger. The youth not only fast, but they spend the night at church, participate in group activities, such as games that help to educate about hunger, help with community service projects, and collect funds and canned goods in the neighborhood.

"The support has been overwhelming. It has grown bigger than I ever dreamt," said Kim. "It's been thrilling to see how the youth have grabbed onto this mission and to see the incredible support from the church."

According to David Hunter Pitts, 30-Hour Famine Church and Youth Marketing Director, Gloria Dei has placed first out of 100 churches in the state in raising funds in the last three years. Gloria Dei's contributions are as follows:

2005:	\$5,551
2006:	\$8,236
2007:	\$11,247
2008:	\$12,297

Once again approximately 70 youth will participate in 30-hour famine on April 17-18. This weekend they will be in the narthex, collecting donations for their mission. Please help them and pray for them as they help battle the poverty in our world.



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, billclark@mchsi.com or Brendalyn Shird at Habitat for Humanity (471-8686 or bshird@gdmhabitat.org).

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Retro Dinner Theater Recap in a Contemporary Format



Last weekend the youth presented “In Praise of Miss Brown,” a heart-tugging play about the impact that one teacher had on a group of students.

More than 200 people attended the three performances. The admission charge, the live auction and matching Thrivent funds raised approximately \$5,000 that will be used to help supplement the upcoming Montana outreach trip, Urban Plunge and youth gatherings.

As with any major event, it takes a host of ministry partners to make the theater run smoothly. A thank you to the kitchen help, the servers, the bakers, the cooks, the actors, the parents, the nursery, the construction and the set-up/tear-down crew for their help and support.



Clockwise starting top left: Megan Kightlinger and Jessica Mueller • Kayla Kightlinger; Christine Setsodi, Emma Wenndt and Caroline Pace • Alec Trainer; Jessica Mueller; Alex McKeighan, Todd Jensen, Christine Setsodi, Justin Kightlinger; Emma Wenndt, Calvin Corell and Tim Kightliner • Emma Wenndt, Jessica Mueller and Christine Setsodi • Eric Fluegge, Calvin Corell and Alec Trainer. Not pictured: Olivia Pace and Evan Jorgenson

Must See Concert

Only a few weeks until we can enjoy AriSon, the group from Nashville. The free concert is Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited. Bring your neighbors, relatives and friends. If you want to “get ready” for the concert, CDs are available for purchase (\$10 each) at the Information Centers, the preschool office and the Toolshoppe. All profit will help pay for the concert.

Gloria Dei has been enjoying AriSon music for years. Worship team, Music Alive groups, Tiny Treasures preschoolers have sung “You are Unique,” “God is Great,” “Fireflies,” “Talkin’ About Jesus,” “All I Have to Do Is Pray,” “Mary’s Lullaby” and many more. We are thrilled to be able to host this live concert. Don’t miss it.

In addition to Saturday’s concert, AriSon will sing during the Saturday night service April 18 and during the Sunday services the following morning.



Upcoming Children’s Opportunities

Good Friday H3 (Young Families) Worship

Worship designed with children in mind will be offered on Good Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Sometimes the events of Good Friday are frightening from a child’s perspective. Through hands-on activities, puppets, video and music, children and their families will talk about what Jesus experienced. Join us for this hands-on worship experience.

Summer Grace Place: Saturdays at 5:50 pm, 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 today online.

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.

New Summer Dance Class (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.

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.

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, April 8
No Meal

Wednesday, April 15
Pizza Pockets

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

Important Dates:

Faith Alive will not meet
April 8.

Faith Alive ends April 29.

Grace Place will not
meet April 11 and 12.

School-year
Grace Place
ends May 2 and 3.

Summer Grace Place
begins May 16 and 17.

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.



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Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

Join us Sunday for Castaway at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

April 5:

The World's Greatest Lover - I John 3:16

April 12:

No Castaway

Caring Corps Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 18 8 a.m.-Noon

Meet at the Lions Park shelter house at 8 a.m. for breakfast and end with a lunch at noon. You will be raking yards and doing various clean-up work outside. If you'd like to participate sign-up on the youth bulletin board. We will not be traveling to this event as a group.

WILL STARVE FOR FOOD!

Friday, April 17: Fasting begins at 12:30 p.m.

Registration begins at the church from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Bring your pledges and \$25 for the registration fee.

Sat., April 18: 6:30 p.m. Famine ends with a meal.

Join us as we strive to raise money to prevent world hunger and help local ministries in the Des Moines area. Three out of the past four years we have been the number one church fundraiser in Iowa for World Vision. This year our goal is to raise \$13,000. For questions contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or at tnk4jc1@msn.com.

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. Get on robes, and corsages and boutonnieres

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

What's Next

Parents of eighth grade confirmands are invited to a two-week study on helping your teenager grow spiritually. Join us in the narthex Wednesday, April 15 and 22 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

9-Hour Blast

April 24-25

A fun filled evening welcoming 8th graders into senior high!

Begins at the church Friday at 10 p.m. and ends Saturday at 7 a.m. at the church. The evening's activities will include Sportsplex West, bowling, activities at the church and food!

The cost is \$30 which includes transportation, activities and food. Sign up by on the youth bulletin board by Wednesday, April 22.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

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

April 12: No Class

Wednesday: The Point

April 8: No Class

April 15: Cutting

Café 923

Sunday, April 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and play games or just hang out with your friends. Join us for a meal!

Week of April 4-10, 2009

Saturday, April 4

- 8:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup
- 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, April 5

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Honduras Mission Trip Breakfast Fundraiser
- 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. Lifelight Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 6

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education Monthly Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 7 (Continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, April 8

- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 5:00 p.m. Easter Music Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion

Friday, April 10

Good Friday Office Closed

- 8:00 a.m. Police Honor Guard Practice
- 4:30 p.m. Good Friday H3 Family Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

Scripture Base on Giving:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Malachi 3:10-11

Worship	Attendance
Northwind	157
7:45 a.m.	150
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	343
9 a.m. (FLC)	206
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	322
Total	1178
Lenten (April 2)	91

Outpouring of Love- (March 21-22)	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,686
YTD Offering	\$1,167,078
YTD Budget	\$1,275,166

Week of April 11-18, 2009

Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Easter Saturday Worship Service in Family Life Center
 7:00 p.m. Easter Saturday Contemporary-blend Worship in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 12

6:30 a.m. Bells Warm-up
 6:30 a.m. Choir Warm-up
 6:30 a.m. Orchestra Warm-up
 6:30 a.m. Easter Ministry Partners' Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 13

9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss: Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

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. Sacraments Class What's Next?
 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, April 16

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale Setup
 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 5:30 p.m. 30-hour Famine

Saturday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 7:00 p.m. AriSon Concert in Family Life Center

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday
Preschool	7	34	19	24
Elementary	14	73	31	78
Total Children	21	107	50	102
Junior High		18	13	88
Senior High			9	
Total Youth		18	22	

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: Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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