

WEEKLY WORD



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April 1, 2007

Palm Sunday

Upcoming Events

Palm Sunday, April 1 Sermon: Hope Heightened

“Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt. John 12:15

These prophetic words from Zechariah concerning Jesus’ entry gave Jerusalem something they desperately needed—hope. The Jerusalem onlookers were oppressed by the Roman government. One author, J.C. Ryle gives insight into these words, “Fear not, be not cast down or depressed. Low and depressed as your condition may be now, there will be a day when you shall have a King again.”

Today, Pastor Meyer’s message will cover how we need to lift up our eyes beyond the hope that this world gives and trust in the hope that our Lord brings.

Maundy Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

We will offer a traditional service in the Sanctuary and a contemporary service in the Family Life Center. Communion will be offered at both services; the sermon will be simulcast from the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Grab your little ones and join us for this family-friendly interactive worship service in the Family Life Center as families worship together and explore the key events in the passion story.

Good Friday, Contemporary, April 6 at 6 p.m.

Description: Contemporary worship service will be offered in the Family Life Center with a simulcast sermon from the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, Traditional, April 6 at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Description: Traditional services will offer choir, organ and hand-bells in the Sanctuary.

Easter

We are excited to offer the following services for Easter. Pastor Burcham will conclude the “Encounter Jesus” sermon series with a teaching about Thomas, “Defeating Doubt.”

Easter, Saturday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Description: High energy contemporary worship led by our worship team.

Easter Sunday, April 8

7:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Description: Traditional Easter hymns, organ music, brass, choir and hand-bells in the Sanctuary.

9 a.m. Traditional Worship

Description: Traditional Easter hymns, organ music, brass, orchestra and choir in the Sanctuary.

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Description: Contemporary praise music led by our worship team in the Family life Center with a sermon simulcast from the Sanctuary.

10:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Description: Easter hymns, praise songs, orchestra and worship led by the worship team in the Sanctuary.

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Description: High energy contemporary worship in the Family Life Center led by our worship team with a sermon simulcast from the Sanctuary.

Easter Parking

For the convenience of our guests and members who have physical limitations, please either carpool or take a shuttle bus from the Urbandale Middle School from 6:30 a.m. to noon. Thank you!

REMINDERS

Due to Holy Week, Faith Alive, Music Alive and Midweek meal will be cancelled on Wednesday, April 4. We will resume on April 11.

Grace Place will not be held on April 7 and 8.

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Visiting Today?

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

Discovery 101: Wednesdays, starting April 11 at 6 p.m.

Discovery 101 is a four-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided.

Discovery 201: Sunday, May 20 from 3-7 p.m.

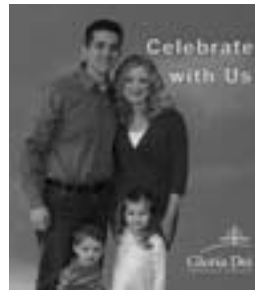
Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Emergency Pastoral Care

We now have an option for the congregation to contact a pastor anytime in the event of an emergency. When the church office is closed, you can call the 276-1700 and select option 5 for "pastoral care" and leave a message. A pastor will get back to you as soon as possible.

Easter Invitations

Easter invitation cards are available at the Information Center. Please feel free to take some to hand out to your friends and neighbors. Please do not mail these cards; the paid-postage is void on individual mailings.



Problems to Possibilities



The "Problems to Possibilities" sermon series is now available at the Tool Shoppe for \$10. This DVD contains a teaching on prayer, focusing, trusting and refining. Buy one today—it will be a great resource for you, your friends and neighbors. The Tool Shop is open Saturday evening from 6:30-7 p.m. and Sunday mornings.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 1 is for:



Maxwell August Perkins born January 23, 2007 to Ben and Nicole (nee Hodson) Perkins. Maxwell's spiritual sponsors are Jennifer Perkins and Renae Martin.

Easter Flowers

If you have placed an order for Easter flower plants that will be displayed during our Easter services, please pick them up after 11:30 a.m. on Easter. If you have any questions, contact Marsha at 276-1700.

Worship Service Ministry Partners

We are thankful for our helpers today who assist in providing a great place to worship.

Elders

Devin Wren
Ken Meythaler
Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind
Dale Engelken
Mike Martens
Shawn Woolman

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann
Casey Fluegge
Brent Handel

Jorden Handel
Justin Handel
Morey Juhlin

9 a.m.

Tom Feldotto
Randy Fleming
Dean Kleckner
Mark Kramer
Jade Olson

Doug Pals

Rob Steuber
10 a.m.
Clayton Lindquist
Jared Nicol

10:30 a.m.

Philip Bax
Bill Clark
Leslie Clark
Jim Kellenberg
Chris Warwick

Organist

Kathy Stange

Acolytes

Shelby Aufdenkamp
Eric Burr
Rachel Kelly

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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For Jane and Ken Meythaler's daughter, Laurie Mullins and her improved health
- For our Vacation Bible School

Prayers

- For the Kammeyer family, who is grieving the loss of Steve's mother, Cheryl
- For Dave Elbert, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- For the Richards' family as they continue to grieve the loss of Tom's brother, Tim
- For positive healing results for Diane Mahaffey
- For the healing of John McKeighan

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.

The Gloria Quilters

A new small group, The Gloria Quilters, has been formed to offer Christian fellowship and fun while supporting missions throughout the United States and the world by making and donating quilts. The group will meet one Saturday per month. Each meeting will consist of devotion, prayers, instruction and of course, quilting time.

The group is open to novice or experienced quilters, and to both members or non-members.

If you are interested, contact Norma Rohn at mrohn@aol.com or 253-0523 or Connie Cook at sewjazzy@mchsi.com or 987-1516.

Diaper Changing Stations

Since we have so many little ones on the weekends and throughout the week, we have installed new diaper changing stations in the men and women's bathrooms at the east end of the building. So, men be prepared to do some changes!

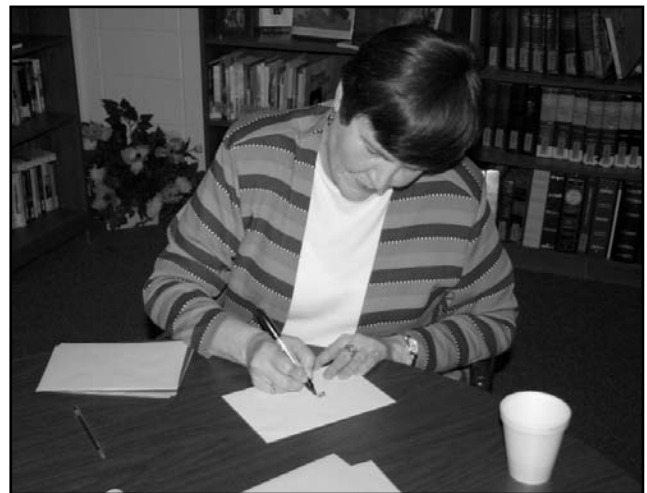
Purpose Driven Bible Study

The Purpose Driven Bible Study will meet the fourth Tuesday of every month starting in April instead of the second Monday of the month. If you have any questions, contact Melva Wenndt at 225-7511.

Summer Reading Club Helpers

Helpers are needed for each open library time during our summer reading club. The library will be open for tallying points and prizes after each worship service on Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Helping Hands Continue to Help



The Tuesday afternoon Bible study, the Helping Hands, helps with various projects twice a month at the church. Last Tuesday, they assembled items for the family-friendly Good Friday service. We are thankful for their help along with the many others who support and make ministry happen.



Meetings

Mary-Esther Circle

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 12 at 9 a.m. at the home of Joanie Kickbush, 13942 Oakbrook Drive, Urbandale.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 2839 86th Street, Urbandale.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sheila Manteaw, 6100 Trace Court, Johnston.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Place, Des Moines.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Becky Flugge, 1213 Scenic Circle, West Des Moines.

Picture Directory

Smile! We are in the process of producing a church photo directory to be published this year. Watch for details in the mail in the next few weeks.

Deaf Lutheran Missions

Deaf LITES, supported by Concordia Seminary, is hosting a seminar to teach and train people to work with deaf individuals on July 8-13 at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. or July 8-13 in Mequon, Wis. For more information, pick up a brochure at the Information Center.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Scrapbook Fellowship will meet Friday, April 20 in rooms 131-133 from 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. This is an opportunity to finish pages with plenty of space to spread out, to get inspired with new ideas and to fellowship with other scrappers. Please note the date change to accommodate the dinner theater. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207.



Broadcasts

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour will be broadcasted on WHO Radio, 1040 AM, on Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

Walking in the Light

Tune to PRAISE Radio, 940 AM, next Sunday at 10 a.m. as Pastor Baldwin shares a special Easter message on "Walking in the Light."



Forty-sixth Annual



Iowa Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, April 5, 2007

7:15 - 8:45 a.m. (doors open at 6:45 a.m.)

Polk County Convention Complex
501 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tom Osborne

Dr. Tom Osborne is a former head football coach for the Nebraska Cornhuskers and a former Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Nebraska's 3rd congressional district. Dr. Osborne has written three books, "More than Winning," "On Solid Ground," and "Faith of the Game."

Adults \$20/Students \$10

RSVP by Wednesday, March 28 at www.iowaprayerbreakfast.com
or phone Karen at 515-334-8247.

Comedy Column

Things you never hear in church.....

- Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time.
- Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
- I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the junior high Sunday school class.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
- Since we're all here, let's start the service early.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!
- I couldn't find space to park outside. Praise God!
- I would rather go to church than to a half-price sale at the mall.



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will team with Habitat for Humanity, and local congregations to build 3 houses in the Des Moines Habitat Homes this summer.

Volunteers are needed to help at the work sites this summer. Sign up on April 14 and 15.

April 14 & 15
Buy a 2X4 in the narthex and sign it.
\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 donations accepted.

Buy the Wood Build a Home

Contact:
Darwin Bartels: 276-4611
Bill Clark: 276-2517

Confirmands and Parents

A meeting for confirmands and their parents will be Wednesday, April 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Center. Attendance is required.

Youth Presents

Mayhem in Mayville



This weekend, the Family Life Center was transformed into a small American town, Mayville, where the audience found clues that unlocked the mystery of the killing of Buc, Mayville's local idol.

If you missed the event, don't panic, the youth will be performing the show again April 13-14. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 for adults up to age 55, \$10 for adults ages over 55 and children ages 12 and under at the table or at the office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Childcare with meal for children ages 8 and under is provided.

Child Ministry Happenings

Grace Place Evaluation



Parents please pick up and return a Grace Place evaluation form. They are located in the following locations: at the Gathering Place, near the coffee area; in the hallway outside the preschool and kindergarten rooms; on top of the cubbies; and on a table in the hallway near the elementary classrooms. Please take some time to fill out the registration forms; your input will be valuable to us as we assess Grace Place.

Have you seen the summer schedule for camps?

The summer camp brochure is out! Camps are beginning to fill up! Register today. Pick up a summer camp brochure at the Information Center, or go online at www.gloriadeionline.com to see what's happening in May, June, July and August.



Schedule Changes

Faith Alive will not be held Wednesday, April 4, but will resume on April 11, 18 and 25. Grace Place will not be held during any of the Easter services on Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8, but will resume on April 14 and 15. The last day of Grace Place will be May 5 and 6.

Items Needed for Summer



Our summer programs are in need of some items to help cut costs. We need gently used school supplies, crayons, markers, scissors, pens, glue, and new or nearly new beanie babies (any size).

Thank You! VBS was Fabulous!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a huge success! We had more than 200 children attend this year's program, with more than 50 volunteers making it happen! More than 50 percent of the children attending were not members of Gloria Dei. Thank you to those who donated polyfill for one of our projects!

Tiny Treasures
Lutheran Preschool

**CONSIGNMENT
SALE**

**Friday, April 20
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 21
8 a.m. to noon**
(Items will be half-price
starting at
10 a.m. on Saturday.)

If you are interested in participating in the Tiny Treasures preschool consignment sale, either as a seller or a volunteer worker, please pick up a brochure at the Information Center.

Sellers need to fill out a form on the brochure in order to get a seller number.



All proceeds will benefit
Tiny Treasures.

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Junior High Wednesdays

April 4

Holy Week - no class

April 11

Sixth grade topic: "My Christian Faith"

Seventh grade topic: "Test time"

Eighth grade topic:

"Lord's Supper and Sacraments"

Café 923

April

We will not have Café 923 in April; we will resume in May.

Castaway

April 1

Topic: "But They Told Me To: Media Influences"

April 8

Easter - no class

Senior High Sunday Morning Senior High Bible Study

April 1

Large-group Bible study begins at 10:20 a.m. on Sundays in the Youth Center.

Topic: "Holy Spirit, Our Power Source"

April 8

Easter- no class

The Island

April 1 at 5:30-8 p.m.

Small group topic: "My Struggles are about Him."

Large group topic: "Flame, the Truth about Love."

April 8

Easter- no class

The Point

Let's get to the point on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Senior high youth will gather for fellowship, a large-group teaching time, and a 20-minute small-group discussion.

April 4

Holy Week- no class

April 11

Topic: "How to Talk to your Parents"

Confirmands and Parents

A meeting for confirmands and their parents will be Wednesday, April 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Center. Attendance is required.

30-Hour Famine

If you were unable to attend the March 25 meeting, contact Kim Phillips as soon as possible at 254-1036 or tnk4jc1@msn.com. The famine dates are April 27-28. "It's All about Saving Lives."

Week of April 1-8

Sunday, April 1

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Castaway
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:20 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 3:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. The Island
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 2

- 6:15 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night Planning Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, April 3

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ - Machine Shed
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, April 4

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, April 5

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship in the FLC

Friday, April 6

- Good Friday Office Closed
- 4:30 p.m. Family-friendly Good Friday Worship in the Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Good Friday Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Good Friday Worship in the Family Life Center
- 7:30 p.m. Traditional Good Friday Worship in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 7

- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Easter Service

Outpouring of Love (March 25)	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,234
YTD Offering	\$1,040,684
YTD Budget	\$1,018,780

Attendance for March 24 and 25			
Northwind	194	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	140	5:30 p.m.	116
9 a.m.	360	10:00 a.m.	52
10 a.m.	84		
10:30 a.m.	234	Lenten Services	
		Traditional Service	212
	1012	Contemporary Service	85

Week of April 8-14

Sunday, April 8

Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in FLC
- 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in FLC

Monday, April 9

- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, April 10

- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, April 11

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, April 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir

Friday, April 13

- 6:00 p.m. Doors open for Dinner Theatre
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre

Saturday, April 14

- 6:00 a.m. Caring Corp Pancake Breakfast
- 3:30 p.m. Dance Class
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Infusion Worship Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:00 p.m. Doors open for Dinner Theatre
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre

Educational Attendance					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:20	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	16	24	22	25	Music Alive
Elementary	21	32	19	75	66
Junior High	2	16	13	91	Wed. Meal
High School				9	90
Total	39	72	54	200	

VBS Captured the Fun



photos by Brad Gage and Marsha Sly

While some families left Iowa during spring break, many families stayed and enjoyed our Vacation Bible School. More than 200 children and 50 ministry partners traveled through the scriptures on a quest for truth, and of course, treats and friends were found along the way.



Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional-Blend • 10:00 Contemporary • 10:30 Contemporary Blend
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. • Staffed Nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed Nursery from 5:15 p.m.