

# WEEKLY WORD



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Body Versus Body

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Recently, I rode in a charity 15-mile bike ride. As I woke up Saturday, I thought of last year's experience and the ease of keeping up with the group, which consisted of young families. Throughout the month, I thought of training, but I knew it would not be needed. After all, last year's group went slow, actually really slow, which was a great pace for me. Surely, this year would be the same.

As I approached the starting point, I immediately noticed a considerable demographic shift from last year. What happened to all the women and children? As I looked around, people were wearing official team bike wear; you know, the type of clothing Lance Armstrong wears. Survival now became my goal with one small caveat—I did not want to finish last.

I failed from the start. As soon as we began, the entire group biked at warp speed and advanced to at least a three-block lead. For a while, the only reminder of being part of the bike ride was the police car that was responsible for the last rider's safety, which was me. As I approached the bike trail, the police motioned to me that I was on my own until the route surfaced back on the streets. A moment of panic struck—I did not know the exact bike route. But before despair completely settled in, my husband appeared on the horizon.

A few minutes later, another friend of mine was waiting and profusely, apologized. "I thought you were ahead of us, I would have never left you on your own," she said. Another person, whom I did not know, expressed the same sentiment. This small group, my husband, my friend, and the stranger, formed into my support system throughout the ride as they encouraged and matched my slow, but steady pace.

Isn't that what the body is supposed to do?

I do not mean the physical body. We all experience the frailties and the weakness of the flesh on a daily basis. We want to get up early, and sleep in. We want to be kind to our friends, and we take out our frustrations on them. Paul talks about this fleshy conflict in Romans 7 and concludes that the only viable rescue from this vicious cycle is "through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Great conclusion, awesome truth, but how do we practically live it? Should we expect the Lord to physically rescue us in all of life's predicaments? Although a great scenario, I know life does not always involve "miraculous" divine moments. That is why I am glad for the other body God has given me, the body of Christ.

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.  
1 Corinthians 12:27*

Personally, I am thankful to be a part of the body of Christ, knowing God has provided brothers and sisters to help me when I am slow or behind and to help keep me in the race.

Oh yes, to let you know, I did reach my goal during the race. I survived and did not finish last—thanks to my husband who graciously motioned for me to go ahead of him right before the finish line.

## TONIGHT

### Missionary Presentation

Please join us tonight in the Family Life Center as we learn firsthand from a couple who serves in China.

- Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

## FUTURE

### Schedule

- **April 15-18**  
Tiny Treasures Trike-A-Thon
- **April 25-27**  
Youth Dinner Theatre
- **April 30**  
Last evening of Faith Alive
- **May 4**  
Confirmation
- **May 9-10**  
Eighth Grade Welcoming Event
- **May 18**  
Discovery 201

## Enjoy!

In celebration of the Week of the Young Child, Tiny Treasures will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday.

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## Two Youth Head Up Salvation Army Project

Take two girls, mix in the love of Jesus, pour in the desire to help people and add the goal to achieve the Gold Award of Girl Scouts, and what do you have?

Two dedicated young teens.

Katie Gilg, 15, and Allissa Rice, 16, will be in the narthex Sunday, April 13 between services to hand out simple recipes and pans for casseroles to be made for the Salvation Army. Their goal is to provide 500 casseroles for the Salvation Army to take out to those in need in our community each week. Each casserole feeds ten people; 125 casseroles are used weekly at different locations throughout the city.

The girls have been involved in Girl Scouts for years. According to the Girl Scout Web site, the Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouts, which focuses on a 14- to 18- year-old Girl Scout's interests and personal journey through leadership skills, career exploration, self-improvement and service.

### Salvation Army

For the past 111 years, the Salvation Army has worked hand-in-hand with many Des Moines area churches to help meet the needs of the disadvantaged. The following are some of the ways that the Salvation Army and churches have merged together to help those in need:

- Approximately 900 households received emergency assistance for their rent or mortgage payments.
- Mothers in need received more than 1,300 cans of infant formula and nearly 41,000 disposable diapers on an emergency basis.
- More than 60,000 hot breakfasts were served last year.
- More than 1,000 families received food boxes at Christmas time.

### Help today

Stop by today and pick up the recipe and pan to assist the girls and the Salvation Army in helping those in need.



*Katie Gilg, and Allissa Rice demonstrate the ease of making a casserole for the Salvation Army.*

#### April 13

- Pick up recipe and pans
- Drop off frozen casseroles

#### April 20

- Drop off frozen casseroles

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## Thank You

Many people made our Easter celebration soar as we welcomed more than 1,800 members and guests to our five worship services. Thank you for using your gifts to serve the Lord!

### Building of Stage:

Terry Woolman  
Allan Crandall  
Bill Kickbush  
Denny Spark  
Duane Haas

### Safety Bar:

Brad Gage

### Musicians:

The Gloria Dei Chorale  
The Gloria Dei Orchestra  
Alleluia Ringers  
The Contemporary  
Worship Teams  
Lynn Hays

### Stage Draping:

Mina Woolman

### Ministry Partners

#### Breakfast:

Sarah Circle

### Easter Coordinator:

Dan Snyder

## Anne Graham Lotz to Speak

Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, will speak at a conference for women at Wells Fargo Arena on Friday, April 18 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The "Just Give Me Jesus" conference is free, with no registration.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

### Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

### Organist:

Lynn Hays

### Acolytes:

Signe Bamsey

Kaytlin Rice

Brant Christensen

### Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

### Ushers

#### Northwind

Dale Engelken

Mike Martens

Shawn Woolman

### 7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann

Casey Fluegge

Brent Handel

Jordan Handel

Justin Handel

### 9 a.m. Sanctuary

Tom Feldotto

Randy Fleming

Dean Kleckner

Mark Kramer

Doug Pals

Rob Steuber

### 9 a.m. FLC

Bob Loch

### 10:30 a.m.

Phillip Bax

Bill Clark

Lesli Clark

Jim Kellenberg

Clayton Linquist

Chris Warwick

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 139:13-18 & I Corinthians 6:18-20

## 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 our families

## Prayers

- For Diana Cook as she recovers from surgery
- For Val Ehlers, grandmother of Ryan and Elizabeth Glade, as she enters hospice care and for God's peace to reign
- For Travis Petersen as he recovers from surgery
- For the easy transition as Ruth Luecht moves out of town
- For the healing of Carol Dickey's mother, Elna Lindgren
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

## 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.



## Calling all Lutherans

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity and members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite you to help three families achieve their dreams of owning a home.

### Thrivent Builds Week – April 29-May 3:

Gather each morning during the week at 1611 11th Street for a faith, fellowship and house building time. We'll have a hospitality tent at the John R. Grubb YMCA.

- All skill levels welcomed.
- Construction crew leaders needed.
- Help build, provide lunches, lead prayer, offer hospitality, and more.

### Quick Facts:

- In 2008, together we will complete three homes.

### House Locations:

- 1544 10th St.
- 1700 11th St.
- 1631 12th St.

### Spring and Summer Workdays:

Volunteer any Wednesday or Saturday; please call at least two weeks in advance to sign up and verify the building schedule.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or Brendalyn Shird at 471-8686, or [bshird@gdmhabitat.org](mailto:bshird@gdmhabitat.org).

## Camp Okoboji

Camp Okoboji has several camps for all age groups and interests. For more information, go to [www.campokoboji.com](http://www.campokoboji.com).

## Craft Fair

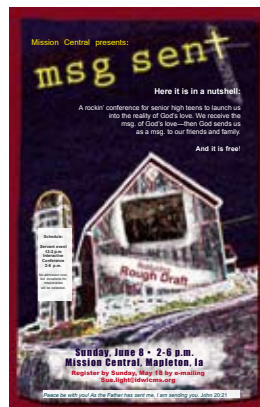
Mark your calendars for the 16th annual Craft Fair at Gloria Dei on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, go to our Web site at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or call Deb Timmons at 289-0360.

## LWML

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Pl., Des Moines.

## Youth's Opportunities Flourish

Several opportunities are available for the youth or the young at heart in the next few months. If you know a youth that would be interested in our youth-friendly activities, please contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.



### MSG High School Conference

#### Date:

Sunday, June 8 from 2-6 p.m.

#### Cost:

Free

#### Location:

Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa

#### Details:

An interactive conference for high school youth that includes a concert and practical tips on how to minister to family and friends.



### Not About Us Concert

#### Date:

Wednesday, April 23 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

#### Cost:

Free

#### Location:

Family Life Center

#### Details:

An alternative rock concert with a positive message.

## Softball

Take me out to the ballpark! Gloria Dei men's softball team is gearing up for this year's softball league. Here is what they need: lots of men, 16 years and older, no softball experience required; and a \$40 registration fee. The first game is Thursday, April 17 at 7:15 and 8:15 p.m. at the Clive softball fields, 12385 Woodlawns Parkway, Clive. For more information, please contact Tim Kightlinger or Pastor Kendall Meyer at 276-1700.

### Youth presents:

**Badger Homecoming Banquet 1957**

*Join us as we rock around the clock in '50s style.*

**Menu:**  
Gourmet Hamburgers  
& Chicken Sandwiches

**Details:**  
April 25, 26 & 27 at 6:30 p.m.  
(Doors open at 6 p.m.)

**Cost: \$10 per person**  
(childcare provided)

Tickets can be purchased between services or during office hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Profits go toward faith-developing trips.

## Wish to join Gloria Dei?

### Discovery 101:

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information on the next class, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

### Discovery 201:

**Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.**

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or have completed Discovery 101, please come to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

### First-time Visitors:

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center. If you are interested in joining our church family, please check out our Discovery classes.

### Sign-up:

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

### All are Welcome:

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei's activities.

## Kindermusik Portrait



Parents and children take time to snap a photo after a session of Kindermusik. Kindermusik is a program designed to help parents and children connect to each other through music and movement.

## Michael W. Smith to Perform

Grammy winner Michael W. Smith will perform Thursday, August 7 at the Iowa State Fair. Special guests will include Natalie Grant and Matthew West.

Michael W. Smith is one of the most influential and best-selling artists in Christian contemporary music. His 25-year career has amassed three GRAMMY Awards and 40 GMA Dove Awards with songs such as "Place in this World," "Escape Your Love," "Healing Rain" and "Stand."

Get tickets before they go on sale to the public through an exclusive pre-sale, which will run April 7 at 10 a.m. through April 11 at 10 p.m. Tickets will be available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); access code is "heaven." All tickets are \$25, plus a service charge. For groups of 10 or more, tickets must be ordered by calling 515-242-1888. For additional information, call 800-545-FAIR.

## Pans Needed

We need turkey roaster pans for the upcoming dinner theatre. If want to lend us one, please drop it off by Wednesday, April 23 in the kitchen with your name written on it or call Elaine Klinefelter or Michelle Reinert at 276-1700.

## Contest

Iowa Right to Life Committee is hosting an oratory contest May 3 at St. Theresa's School, 5810 Carpenter Ave., Des Moines for juniors and seniors in high school. For more information, e-mail: [committee@IRLC.org](mailto:committee@IRLC.org).

## Quilters

**Saturday, April 19**

**8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Rooms 132-34**

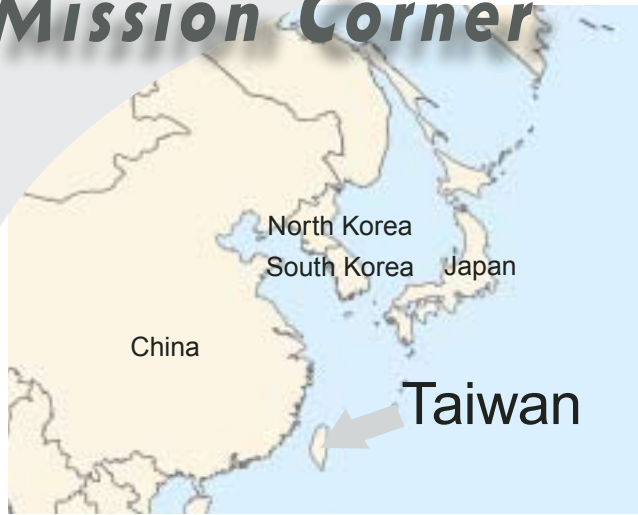
All skills and levels of quilters are invited as we make quilts for our upcoming Honduras trip.

Bring whatever supplies are needed and a sack lunch if you stay during lunch.

If you are a new quilter and will need instruction and tools, please call Connie at 987-1516 or Norma at 253-0523.

**Please note:** Quilts to be sent to Honduras need to be turned in by Saturday, May 31. All quilters are encouraged to attend the final meeting where labels will be sewn inside the quilts and individual photos will be taken. Due to a special request from past recipients, photos will be included with the quilts as they go to their new homes in Honduras.

# Mission Corner



*Top left: The first school in Taiwan teaches Mandarin Chinese and English as second language. Top right: Taiwan is noted for its mountains. Bottom left: Local women make rice dumplings for a festival.*

## Work in Taiwan

Since part of our vision is to be courageous in outreach, we support many ministries throughout the world. This month we will highlight the work and the culture of Taiwan where Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver serve. Last year, Gloria Dei gave \$7,000 from our mission envelope offerings to help their work in Taiwan.



*Maggie, Stephen and Isaac Oliver*

### The Olivers

Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver serve as career missionaries in Asia, where Stephen is the Asia theological education facilitator and New Testament professor at China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan. He teaches New Testament courses to Chinese students who are preparing to be pastors, counselors, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, directors of Christian education and pastor's wives to grow in their faith and service. In addition, as LCMS World Mission's Asia Theological Education Coordinator, Dr. Oliver facilitates mutual support, interaction, visits, and communication among the seminaries to build upon their efforts to train indigenous servants of the cross to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and to shepherd Jesus' flock.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., Stephen grew up in Japan and in the southern and western sections of United States. He graduated from Concordia University, Portland, Ore., and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Stephen then served as pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Carlisle, Iowa. He met his wife, Maggie, in Taiwan. In 2006, Maggie earned a Master of Arts in counseling from China Lutheran Seminary. Last year, Isaac joined the family on May 13, 2007.

"My main prayer request," Stephen said, "is that I would learn the Bible and Chinese well with a heart that is pleasing to the Lord (I Corinthians 13:1). I pray that God will give me his love for Chinese people so that through this ministry, the Spirit will work fruitfully in many people's lives."

## Taiwan Fact Sheet

**Population:**

23 million

**Size:**

13,900 square miles (approximate size of Maryland and Delaware combined)

**Average Income:**

\$14,000 per year

**Economy:**

Industry and Commerce

**Religion:**

Chinese folk religion 93%  
Christians 4.5%

**Language:**

Mandarin (official)  
Taiwanese

**Government:**

Multi-party Democracy

**Literacy:**

96%

**Climate:**

Tropical

**Life Expectancy:**

77 years

*Information supplied by the Web sites of LCMS and Wikipedia.*

## Gotta Join the Fun



We have lots of summer fun planned for children this summer. Please stop by the Information Center to pick up the summer's brochure and join the fun.

**Register today!**

## Midweek Meal Menu:

April 16  
Walking Tacos

Cost: \$2.50 per person.  
Children under 3 eat free.  
Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.  
in the Family Life Center.

*Please note:*

**Faith Alive's last session is April 30.**

## Tiny Treasures Help Children with Cancer

**The Week of the Young Child.** This week Tiny Treasures will participate in the Week of the Young Child. The week, established in 1971, is an annual celebration focusing public attention on the needs of young children and their families and the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The program is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association.

**St. Jude Trike-A-Thon.** Tiny Treasures Preschool will celebrate by participating in the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon. This Tuesday and Wednesday, children will bring their trikes, bikes and big wheels to show support to children with serious conditions helped by St. Jude. The preschoolers are collecting donations that will be sent to St. Jude Hospital after the Trike-A-Thon. If you would like to donate to St. Jude, please give your donations to the preschoolers who are in the narthex today or to Terry Steinke. All cash donations are tax deductible.



*Tiny Treasures will participate in St. Jude Trike-A-Thon*

St. Jude is the largest childhood cancer research center in the world. Since it opened in 1962, it has treated children from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families do not pay for treatments that are not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. The hospital's daily operating costs are \$1,216,247. St. Jude operates the world's largest pediatric bone marrow transplant program. Through research, St. Jude has brought survival rates for childhood cancers from less than 20 percent to more than 70 percent overall.

## Thank You Family Fun Night

Thanks for all the behind the scenes help that made the Family Fun Night a great time Thursday, April 3.

We not only raised \$3,000 for Tiny Treasures, but families were able to enjoy themselves in a fun environment. Thanks again for all the ministry partners who helped.

– Terry Steinke,  
Director of  
Tiny Treasures Preschool





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## Junior & Senior High Youth

### Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

#### Sunday, April 13:

All scenes from 7-9 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 16:

All scenes from 7:30-9 p.m.

**Ministry Partners:** We are looking for youth to serve and parents to help in the kitchen. Sign up at the youth bulletin board.

### Coffee with Tim

**Monday, April 14** from 3:30-6 p.m.

Join Tim at Starbucks, 5250 86th Street, Urbandale, for a cup of coffee and a chance to talk. If you cannot make it on Monday, give him a call at 779-3995 to set up another time and place to meet.

### Concert

The "Not About Us" rock band from Fort Dodge, Iowa will offer a free rock concert on Wednesday, April 23 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

### Eighth Grade Welcoming Event

**Begins Friday, May 9 at 10 p.m. at the church**  
**Ends Saturday, May 10 at 7 a.m. at the church**

All current students from grades 8-12 are invited to join us for an all-night event that will focus on building relationships. The cost is \$30 and covers all the events, food and transportation for the night. Register by signing up at the youth bulletin board by May 4.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

### Wednesday: Confirmation

April 23: Concert "Not About Us."

April 30: Eighth Grade Confirmation photos; rehearsal from 6-8 p.m.

April 30: Grades 6-7 class closing and pizza party

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Sunday: Bible Study

Join us Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

### Wednesday: The Point

Join us Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions. April's Focus: Handling Peer Pressure.

### Senior High Café 923

Come and hang out with us on Sunday, April 20 from 6-8:30 p.m.

### MSG High School Conference

**Sunday, June 8 from 2-6 p.m.**

Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, is hosting a "MSG Sent" interactive conference for high school youth. It will include a concert, and practical tips on how to minister to family and friends. We will leave from the church at 7 a.m. and return around 9 p.m. The conference is free; but you need to register by signing your name at the youth bulletin board.

# Week of April 13 -19

## Sunday, April 13

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with communion
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 5:00 p.m. Community Group
- 7:00 p.m. China Mission Presentation
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal

## Monday, April 14

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive Team Leaders Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Family Focus MAT

## Tuesday, April 15

- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. CareCallers
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child

## Wednesday, April 16

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

## Friday, April 18

- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 5:30 p.m. Gale Wilson and Stephen Webb Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

## Saturday, April 19

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Gale Wilson and Stephen Webb Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	144	
7:45 a.m.	170	148
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	309	299
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	96	
10:30 a.m.	334	198
Total	1053	645

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$32,098
YTD Offering	\$1,229,678
YTD Budget	\$1,237,052

## Week of April 20-26

### Sunday, April 20

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. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center  
 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study  
 9:20 a.m. Castaway  
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place  
 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight  
 10:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Being an Effective Christian  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion  
 10:50 a.m. Castaway  
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place  
 2:00 p.m. Piano Recital by Julie DenHerder's Students  
 6:00 p.m. Care Callers  
 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Café 923  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal

### Monday, April 21

3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger  
 6:00 p.m. 5th Grade MAT Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball  
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections  
 7:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Tech Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

### Tuesday, April 22

10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class  
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands  
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community  
 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

### Wednesday, April 23

9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)  
 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study  
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal  
 5:30 p.m. Music Alive

5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells  
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice  
 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101  
 6:00 p.m. The Point  
 6:15 p.m. Confirmation  
 6:15 p.m. "Not About Us" Concert  
 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive  
 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells  
 7:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Stephen's Ministry MAT

### Thursday, April 24

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews  
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music  
 5:00 p.m. Piano Recital Rehearsal  
 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community  
 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Friday, April 25

11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class  
 5:30 p.m. Wendi Cuthbert and Leon Canada Wedding Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre Performance

### Saturday, April 26

10:00 a.m. Wendi Cuthbert and Leon Canada Wedding and Reception  
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion  
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place  
 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre Performance

### Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 a.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	16	31	22	23	Music Alive
Elementary	13	57	30	78	53
<b>Total</b>	29	88	52	101	Wed. Meal
Junior High		30	4	74	114
Senior High		8		24	

# Welcome to Gloria Dei!

## Welcome

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.

## Weekends at Gloria Dei

### 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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

### Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

#### Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

#### Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

### Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



### Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

### 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 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.

## Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary  
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon  
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary  
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.