

# WEEKLY WORD



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Resurrection Finances

by Karen Kennedy, staff

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.” (Matthew 6:19)

If you have been a Christian for any length of time, you realize God’s perspective on money differs from the world’s.

The world says: The person who has “the most toys wins.”  
God says: “Our life does not consist in the abundance of things we possess.” (Luke 12:15)

The world says: You need to hoard all of your possessions for future rainy or stormy days.  
God says: “Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.” (Luke 12:22-23)

The world says: Your neighbors’ grass is always greener.  
God says: “If we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.” (1 Timothy 6:8)

The world’s contrary beliefs are blasted through commercials, books and articles that propound the world’s economic creed. No wonder we wrestle and find it difficult to live with God’s version of economy – not to mention our self-centered tendency to engage in the life-long pursuit of worldly goods.

Jesus was not oblivious to man’s struggle with finances. In Luke 12, Jesus was in the midst of teaching some spiritual lessons, i.e., salvation and the reality of persecution, when someone in the crowd blurted out an untimely and unrelated request: “Teacher, tell my brother to divide his inheritance with me.” (Luke 12:13)

Jesus did not ridicule the person’s absurd selfish appeal, but rather took the opportunity to expound on some important financial truths.

Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

Jesus didn’t stop with that truth; he then told a parable of a rich man whose harvest was so plentiful that his barn could not hold his entire crop. The farmer’s thoughts began to track with the world’s system of finances: Let’s make more room for our goods, so that we can live happily ever after. A logical and thought-out plan, but one that Jesus did not endorse. In fact, he concluded that this method leaves one empty because he is not “rich toward God.”

God’s picture of money and finances is further elaborated in the subsequent verses describing the attributes of the lilies of the field:

“God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!” (Luke 12:29)

God wants to show us in every realm of our life that he is our provider. Money is not our sufficiency. We need to bury the crusty old world’s doctrine in its proper container, where the moth and rust will destroy it, and reach for God’s ample and abundant supply.

## Confirmation

Our Confirmation service for 31 eighth graders will be held Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. To graciously host the confirmands and their families, the following changes will be made:

### Sunday, May 4

#### Sanctuary

7:45 and 9 a.m.

Traditional services

10:30 a.m.

Confirmation service

#### Family Life Center

9 a.m.

Family-focused service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary service

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

## Don't Miss These!

### Musical Offering

(with a kick):

Rumor has it: There will be lots of stomping today in the Family Life Center at 9 a.m.

What’s all the ruckus? Come and see our elementary school children sing “Jesus Loves Me” using garbage cans, brooms, and sticks for their musical instruments.

### Dinner Theatre:

April 25-27

Buy your dinner theatre tickets today. For more information, see page 5.

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## Hand In Casseroles

Please remember to turn in the baked casseroles for the Salvation Army to Katie Gilg and Allissa Rice between services in the narthex on Sunday, April 20.



*Katie Gilg and Allissa Rice*

## Envelopes for Food Drive

Gloria Dei is sponsoring a spring food drive for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council. In previous years, specific food items have been collected, but recently we have decided to collect only cash donations. Last year, we collected more than \$7,000 to help DMARC purchase food for families in need.

Since DMARC will buy in bulk, they can purchase items from a warehouse at a reduced rate, thus obtaining more items. For example, if an individual from Gloria Dei bought five cans of spaghetti, DMARC could possibly purchase seven. In addition to DMARC's buying power, Gloria Dei will not be faced with the workload of collecting, storing and transporting the items to the food bank. We believe that more will be accomplished by cash donations than by specifically collecting food items.

**How to get involved:** If you are interested in giving a cash donation, please make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line. Please make sure that your offering envelope number is written on your check. The checks can be placed in the mail or in the offering plate today and next week using the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

## 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.

### **House Locations:**

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

### **For more information or to volunteer:**

Contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or Brendalyn Shird at 471-8686 or bshird@gdmhabitat.org.

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## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are from Arlyn and Alice Hesse in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mark and Tammy Pierson.

## Moving Ahead with the Strategic Planning

The Strategic Plan that the congregation approved in March is moving forward with the formation of a Ministry Action Team to oversee its implementation. The Strategic Plan Implementation Ministry Action Team will have 10 members working in four areas: Ministry Destination, Future Facilities, Finance and Communication. One staff member and one ministry partner (member of Gloria Dei) will be assigned to lead each group, which will include additional ministry partners to help accomplish the Strategic Plan. In addition, this SPI MAT will have a recording secretary and project manager.

In future articles we will explore the work of each of these teams on the SPI MAT. In the meantime, the most important step is laying a strong infrastructure so we can implement the Strategic Plan in an organized and deliberate manner. Currently, no further action has been taken to select land for the congregation to consider for our relocation. An investigation of possible sites will be conducted early this summer. Informational meetings will be held about the sites and input from the congregation will be gathered. The congregation will need to approve any purchase of land through a vote; the date of that vote has not been set.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

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9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

### Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

### Organist:

Shirley Roberts

### Acolytes:

Emily Brush

Emma Wenndt

Brant Christensen

### Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

### 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 Linqvist

Chris Warwick

Scripture Readings: II Corinthians 9:6-15 and Matthew 6:1-4; 19-21

## 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

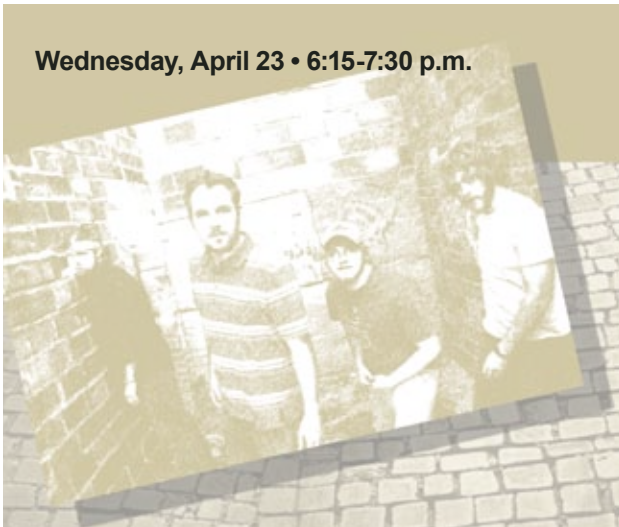
## Prayers

- For Becky DeVries 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 the safety of Ted Rives as he gets deployed to Iraq
- For Travis Petersen as he recovers from surgery
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For the health of Barb Thompson, daughter of Bob and Mary Kuefner
- 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.

Wednesday, April 23 • 6:15-7:30 p.m.



## Free Rock Concert

“Not About Us,” a band from Fort Dodge, will be performing at the Family Life Center on Wednesday, April 23 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Please feel free to join us and don't forget to ask a friend to come with you.

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 games will be played at Clive softball fields, 12385 Woodlawns Parkway, Clive. For more information, please contact Tim Kightlinger or Pastor Kendall Meyer at 276-1700.

### Schedule:

April 22	8:15 p.m.	May 19	7:15 p.m.
April 24	6:15 p.m.	May 27	8:15 & 9:15 p.m.
April 29	6:15 p.m.	June 5	7:15 & 8:15 p.m.
May 6	6:15 & 7:15 p.m.	June 9	7:15 p.m.
May 12	6:15 p.m.		

## Fryers Needed

We need turkey fryers for the upcoming dinner theatre. If you are able 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.

## Blood Drive

Donate blood on Saturday, June 14 from 8 a.m. to noon at Gloria Dei.

If you are interested in donating blood or assisting with the blood drive, contact Robin Haase at [iowahawkfans@msn.com](mailto:iowahawkfans@msn.com) or 250-1076.

## Music Inventory

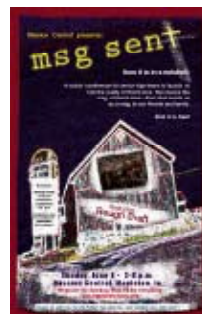
We are in the process of completing the inventory of all the music for the church. We are asking for you to look around your home, office and car for any music that might not have been turned in. Please return it to the Information Center or the church office by Sunday, May 4, so that an accurate count can be made. Thanks for your assistance.

## 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.

## High School Conference

The high school youth will travel to an interactive conference that includes a concert and practical tips on how to minister to family and friends.



### Date:

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

### Cost:

Free

### Location:

Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa

### Contact:

If you are interested, sign up today at the youth bulletin board.



Next week!

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.

## Ministry Partners Needed

We are looking for adults to operate the deep fryers and grills for our upcoming dinner theatre.

In addition, we need vintage '50s paraphernalia, such as Coke glasses and straw dispensers, etc.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Michelle at 276-1700, ext. 221.

## 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 for a class, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).

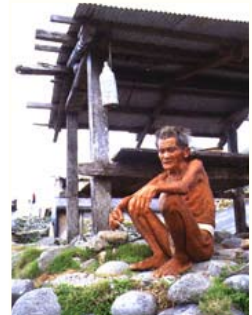
### All are Welcome:

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.

# Mission Corner



Please continue to pray for the work in Taiwan.



## 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

### More Facts about Taiwan

Located 100 miles from the Chinese mainland, the mountainous island of Taiwan is home for 23 million people. Ancestors of the modern-day Taiwanese are Han Chinese, who migrated from the mainland two to three centuries ago and today make up 97 percent of the population. After the fall of the Chinese mainland to the Communist Party in 1949, Taiwan became the refuge of the Nationalist Chinese government.

On September 30, 2007, Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive Party approved a resolution asserting a separate identity from China and called for the enactment of a new constitution for a "normal country." It also called for general use of Taiwan as the island's name, without abolishing its formal name, the Republic of China.

Taiwan is one of the most densely populated countries in the world: 1,500 persons per square mile. Three of four Taiwanese are city-dwellers. Whereas 40 years ago, agriculture contributed about half the nation's wealth; today industry and commerce account for 75 percent. Taiwan's dynamic capitalist economy makes it the 13th largest trading power in the world.

More than 68 percent of Taiwan's people practice Chinese folk religions, a blending of Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism, with traditional religion. A strong emphasis is on the veneration of ancestors and the worship of many gods. Most people follow traditional religious practices out of respect for their culture and family. However, the youth are secularists and have abandoned family religions.

### LCMS Work

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod began work in Taiwan in 1951. The China Evangelical Lutheran Church Taiwan (CELC) became an LCMS partner church in 1966. In 1967, Concordia Middle School opened and continues to educate middle school and high school youth. Each year, 200 graduating seniors enter the highly competitive university system of Taiwan.

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



*Top to Bottom:*

- A coastal village is home to many nationals who earn their living by fishing.
- A local man enjoys the breeze off the ocean.
- A man relaxes in a courtyard, a place for family gatherings.
- Taipei, a large city, has become a tourist destination.

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## Junior & Senior High Youth

### Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

#### Sunday, April 20:

Technical rehearsal for all scenes from 4:30-6 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 23:

Dress rehearsal from 7:30-9 p.m.

#### Adults:

We are looking for adults to operate the fryers and grills.

#### Youth

We need youth to serve the food. Please wear '50s attire.

### Coffee with Tim

**Monday, April 21** 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.

### 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, (Sports Plex West, bowling and ice skating), food and transportation for the night. Register by signing up at the youth bulletin board by May 4.

### Concert: This Wednesday

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. All are welcomed.

### Junior High Grades 6-8

#### Sunday: Castaway

We 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 and discussion about relevant topics for high school teens.

#### 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.

### MSG High School Conference

**Sunday, June 8 from 2-7 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 the church at 7 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The conference is free, but you need to register by signing your name at the youth bulletin board.

## Gotta Join the Fun



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

**Register today!**

## Midweek Meal Menu:

April 23  
Cook's Choice  
April 30  
Deli Night

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.**

## Family-focused Service Relaunch

In the last year, we have introduced a worship service for families during the 9 a.m. service in the Family Life Center. Many families have enjoyed this new form of worship experience which gives them an opportunity to worship as a family in an inviting and interactive atmosphere.

"This service is so exciting," said Mark and Ann Betten. "We would love to see it thrive and grow beyond the capacity of the Family Life Center."

"I love the energy in the worship," said Jodi Rusch. "My children didn't need activities to keep them occupied because they were actively participating in worship."

After reviewing our first year experience, we are doing some things to enhance this worship experience for families attending. Specifically, we are going to expand the educational avenues of worship through art, theatre and movement. In addition, we are also going to create a more inviting entrance, which will include families greeting, ushering and serving together throughout the worship service. We will also be offering a summer Grace Place program as an educational opportunity for children attending this service.

### **We need your help.**

The newly designed family friendly service will kick-off on Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We need help in the following areas:

**Missionary Families:** We need families to commit as missionaries to this service for six months. They will serve as ushers, greeters and helpers who create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

**Summer Grace Place Teachers and Helpers Needed:** We need people to commit to leading or helping with a Grace Place class during the summer.

We are excited about the changes ahead with this service and view it as a great opportunity to serve not just the members of our congregation but as a great opportunity to reach out to the community with a service they can enjoy with their children.

If you would like to help with this exciting opportunity, please contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com). What a wonderful opportunity we have to help our families worship together and experience the good news of Jesus Christ in a new and exciting way.





## Tiny Treasures Help Children with Cancer



Last week, Tiny Treasures participated in a St. Jude Trike-A-Thon. The children brought their trikes, bikes and big wheels to show support for children with serious conditions helped by St. Jude. They collected more than \$2,000. 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.



## Summer Reading Coming Soon

The sign-up for the children's summer reading program will begin Sunday, May 4 at the children's library.

# 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
- 4:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre Tech Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## 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. 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
- 7:00 p.m. Women on a Mission Craft Fair Meeting
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game

## 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. 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 Ministries MAT
- 7:30 p.m. Foreign Mission 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
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game
- 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

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	161	104
7:45 a.m.	170	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	363	
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	81	62
10:30 a.m.	329	
Total	1104	166

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,562
YTD Offering	\$1,266,230
YTD Budget	\$1,267,224

## Week of April 27-May 3, 2008

### Sunday, April 27

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  
 10:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Being an Effective Christian  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 10:50 a.m. Castaway  
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place  
 1:00 p.m. Piano Recital – Lynn Hays' Students  
 6:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Performance  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, April 28

3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball  
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections

### Tuesday, April 29

7:00 a.m. Special County Wide Election  
 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class  
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands  
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Men's Softball Game

### Wednesday, April 30

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. The Point  
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Pictures and Rehearsal  
 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive  
 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells

### Thursday, May 1

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

### Friday, May 2

9:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM  
 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class  
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923  
 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

### Saturday, May 3

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service  
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

### 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	5	31	34	24	Music Alive
Elementary	14	58	35	73	52
<b>Total</b>	19	89	69	97	Wed. Meal
Junior High		22		74	120
Senior High		7		22	

# 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.