

WEEKLY WORD



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Second Sunday of Easter

Ablaze Heats Up

Join us today as we embark on phase II of *Ablaze, Refueling the Fire*. We will spend the next four weeks looking at faith-building elements. Often when we start living out our faith, it requires change on our part; therefore, the sermon series will concentrate on areas that may need change:

Change of Expectations, April 22 and 23

What do we think the life of a Christian should look like? Our expectations may differ from what the scriptures declare. For example, sometimes we believe that as long as we are faithful, God will bless us and nothing will go wrong. In reality, Christians are not exempt from trials and temptations because we live in a fallen world; however, we can expect God to be at our side during every moment of our lives.

"...for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."
Deuteronomy 31:6 b

Change of Attitude, April 29 and 30: Scripture says that we are to have the same attitude as Jesus. What was Jesus' attitude and how can we adopt it?

Change of Habits, May 6 and 7: Habits have a way of shaping who we are and what we do. Are our habits helping our faith and testing it?

Change of Community, May 13 and 14:
What influence do our friends have on us?

Age-Appropriate Curriculum

The children, youth and adults will follow the sermon series with curriculum made especially for them to help incorporate the truths into their everyday life. After worship, ask your child if they learned any "hot" truths today.

Small Group

Small groups are an integral part of *Ablaze*. "Coming together in small groups is a God-centered and God-directed ministry. The Bible from beginning to end has in its understanding that people need to be part of a community in order to grow," said Pastor Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry. "It is out of this very nature and purpose that we are encouraged to form small groups. Just as God lives in community, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

we are created in his image and can demonstrate who God is through gathering in small groups. "

If you would like to be in the same small group from phase I, please call the group leader; if you would like to be in a new small group, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Ablaze Studies

This Week

Change of Expectations

Next Week

Change of Attitude

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Uncle Phil's Diner
this week!

See page 11 for more details.

Summer Camps

Grab a brochure at the Information Center and register for one of our summer camps today!

Strategic Planning Information

Each member should have received a mailing containing the initial recommendation from the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team (MAT). If you did not receive this mailing, extra copies are available at the Information Center.

The MAT is requesting approval from the Governing Board to proceed with detailed research into the feasibility of relocating the church facility to enable expanded ministries and to bring more people to Christ as stated in our mission statement and in the commission given us by Christ himself in Matthew 28.

The Governing Board wants to hear from you before they act on the recommendation at their May 16 meeting. Please take advantage of one of the following opportunities to ask questions and give your feedback:

1. Visit with or call a Governing Board member.
2. Send an e-mail to govboard@gloriadeionline.com.
3. Attend a one-hour discussion on one of the following dates:
 - Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center
 - Sunday, April 30 at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center
 - Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. (location to be determined)
4. Invite representatives from the MAT and Board to attend your group gathering by contacting the Board at govboard@gloriadeionline.com or calling Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

Ablaze: Questions of the Week

What are my expectations from God?

Do I need to change my expectations?

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship
8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Classes
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Staffed Nursery
8 a.m.-noon

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Today's flowers are placed on the altar in celebration of the 10th wedding anniversary of Bill and Lesli Clark and the wedding of Kyle Mertz and Amanda Palmer.

Walking in the Light



Tune in next Sunday morning at 10 a.m. on AM 1150 KWKY for "Walking in the Light" as Pastor Baldwin shares "Testify Boldly," a teaching about Peter.

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 Pennie in the church office, 276-1700, or contact 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.

Thank You

We wish to thank our pastors and our Gloria Dei family for their prayers, cards and words of encouragement. It means so much to us.
– Family of Harold Mindermann

Tool Shoppe

Come and check out our new spring items! We also have great Confirmation gifts. Our hours are Sundays from 9-11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Servers

We are thankful for our volunteers today who help to provide a great place to worship.

Elders:	Doug Mertz	11 a.m.
Tom Westby	Richard Rinderknecht	Jim Kellenberg
Marvin Deer	Devin Wren	David Miller
Randy Walford	David VanAhn	Bill Clark
Northwind	9:30 a.m.	Organist:
Rich Johnson	Bruce Bjustrom	Lynn Hays
Dale Engelken	Duane Haas	Acolytes:
8 a.m.	Mike Hildreth	Kaitlin Boettcher
Scott Ammann	Merlin Siefken	Ben Clausen
Case Fluegge	Chad Smith	Kristine Wasko
Brent Handel	Dean Kleckner	
Jordan Handel		
Rick Johnson		

Thanksgivings

- For our nation and military
- For our families
- For our teachers and helpers in Sunday school and Faith Alive
- For Merle and Ellie Knuth's brother, Dick Knuth, who is recovering nicely from heart surgery.

Prayers

- For Bucholz family, who is grieving the loss of their father
- For Kent Siems, who left for Iraq
- For the preparations for our Confirmation students

Prayer Ministry Team

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

Adult Happenings

Contact Information:
 Pastor Kendall Meyer
 Director of Adult Ministry
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The Da Vinci Code

Reading the book is not required.

Pastor Meyer will explore the contents of best-selling book, "The Da Vinci Code," Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. No prior knowledge of the book is required. Since its publication in 2003, conversations in the workplace, at social occasions, and in churches have brought to light questions most people are unprepared to answer:

- Was Jesus really married?
- Was Mary Magdalene really Jesus' wife?
- Did the early church destroy every gospel that proved Jesus was married?

Ablaze Small Groups

It is not too late to join an *Ablaze* small group. If you would like to be in the same small group from phase I, please call the group leader; if you would like to be in a new small group, contact Pastor Meyer.

Iowa District West

Iowa District West has many opportunities for individuals or groups to be involved this summer.

Witness Bracelets

Making and/or distributing witness bracelets at the Iowa State and/or Spencer Fair. These will be a great outreach to share Jesus with people during the fairs.

Louisiana Trip Planned

A mission trip to help hurricane victims in the Lacombe, Louisiana is being planned for June 18-23. In addition, entire groups are needed to work in the area throughout the summer.

Los Angeles and Mexico Mission Trips

A summer mission trip to Los Angeles and Mexico is slated for July 15-29.

If you are interested, contact Ellie Menz, IOWAY Director, at 515-386-8420.

Golf Outing

Gloria Dei's annual Golf Outing is Saturday, August 26 at 8 a.m. at Willow Creek Golf Course in Des Moines. The

cost for the outing is \$50 per person.

Fee includes:

18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch and prizes. All profits will benefit Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool. A registration form is available in the Information Center.



Softball

Softball season is in full swing. If you have any questions, please call Bill Clark at 276-2517.

Upcoming Schedule:

Monday, April 24, 6:15 p.m.

Away: WEFC, Home: GDLC

Monday, April 24, 7:15 p.m.

Away: Union Pk., Home: GDLC

Tuesday, May 2, 6:15 p.m.

Away: GDLC, Home: Pt. Grace

Tuesday, May 2, 7:15 p.m.

Away: GDLC, Home: First. Fed.

Monday, May 8, 6:15 p.m.

Away: Aldrsgate, Home: GDLC

Thursday, May 18, 7:15 p.m.

Away: Westview, Home: GDLC

Thursday, May 18, 8:15 p.m.

Away: GDLC, Home MDRC



Thank you's

Honduras Bake Sale

Thank you for the great support of the Honduras bake sale. Your financial contributions and prayers for the success of our efforts are much appreciated.

– The Honduras Mission Team



Church Clean-up Day

Thank you for your help during the spring clean-up day. Your hard work is appreciated. Thanks!

– Larry Rix



Hope Ministries

I would like to thank you for the two large boxes of socks and soap and two boxes and two bags of crochet blankets. Donations like these are highly valued, reduce our overall operating costs and allow us to direct cash contributions to other areas of need throughout the ministry.

– David L. Burrier, Chief Development Officer, Hope Ministries



Let's Share Our Bread with the Hungry

Naomi Circle is collecting food donations for the Des Moines Area Religious Council food pantry by the first Sunday of each month. Each month, they will suggest several items that the pantry needs to assist the estimated 10,500 Des Moines residents who need food and other items.

For the next two weeks in April, please bring the following items to the narthex.

- Canned fruits (especially applesauce, 15 oz.)
- Canned meals (chili, stew, etc.)
- Canned meats
- Canned soups (no Ramen noodles)
- Canned vegetables/beans (15 oz)
- Cereal (hot or cold)

In addition to donating items, checks can be written to Gloria Dei with "food pantry donation" written on the memo line and placed in the offering plate.



Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check "wish to join Gloria Dei." All who wish to join must attend the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101: Basics of the Christian Faith

Next Class Today at 9:30 a.m.

Discovery 101 is a nine-week class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For the next class, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Next Class June 11 from 3-7 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a one-day class for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Come to meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Dinner and childcare is provided.

Sign up

Please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com

Let's Get to Know the Governing Board Series:

Let's Get to Know Deb Kesse

Deb Kesse's passion for Gloria Dei began the first day she attended in 1978. She soon made Gloria Dei her home church when she married Vic a year later in the original sanctuary, which is now the Youth Center. Their children, David, now 23, and Sarah, now 22, were both baptized and confirmed here. Throughout the years, Deb has worn many volunteer hats such as serving on the Board of Education, and on the church council, chairing the 1999 building committee, organizing the Scrapbook Fellowship group, and serving on the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team and Governing Board.

"I like the energy and excitement; people care about others here," said Deb. "I also like that we continue to welcome our friends and neighbors to our ever growing large church family."

Even though Deb admits that she is not an up-front evangelizer, she is passionate about making sure that "Gloria Dei's doors are opened to anyone who wants to come in and experience God's

love." Her recent role as president of the Governing Board allows her to use her gifts of organization, meticulousness, gentleness and an ability to view things from a big-picture perspective.

"I enjoy being behind the scenes helping, making sure that everything is working correctly, so that ministry can happen," says Deb.

Deb values lifelong friendships that begin at home. She grew up in Ogden, a small, friendly town in central Iowa with three younger brothers. Her parents received college degrees during Deb's childhood and then her mother taught elementary school and her father formed a small accounting firm before he launched his banking

career. Deb graduated with a secondary teaching degree in English and math from Concordia University in Seward, Neb. She taught at Lutheran High in New Orleans for a year, before studying computer and accounting classes at the University of New Orleans. She currently designs data structures for Individual Life, Disabilities, Annuities and Marketer systems at Principal Financial Group, where she has worked for 28 years.

Deb's involvement with the Scrapbook Fellowship allows her to track her family and lifelong friendships

while establishing new friendships. Her albums are full of rich traditions of family and friends, such as photos of her vacations with extended family, friendships formed and cultivated from a Lamaze class 25 years ago, and, of course, the recent photos of David's wedding to Lisa last September at Gloria Dei. She also loves to make scrapbook albums for her nieces and nephews for their senior graduation.



Deb Kesse tracks a rich tradition of friends and family through scrapbooking.

Between work, family, and church, Deb always finds time to read fictional novels, cross-stitch, quilt, and is currently addicted to Sudoku number puzzles. She jokingly says that she is comfortable in living inside the box, "I even eat in chain restaurants, I don't even try local ones. And even then, I usually eat at the same ones."

When asked about the hat she will wear after her term expires on the Governing Board, she frowns and says, "This has been such a great fit. I'm not sure what I'll do after my term expires, but I do hope to stay involved in the strategic planning effort and use my gifts where they are needed."

Mission Updates

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

The following items are needed for the Honduras mission trip. Please bring the items to the narthex as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

- Lice shampoo
- Hair combs
- Hair Pretties (barrettes, clips, etc.)
- Children's Motrin
- Children's Tylenol
- Children's chewable vitamins (30,000 for 1 week)
- Cash donations for Spanish bibles and to defray costs
- Ziploc bags (to repack the pills for travel)

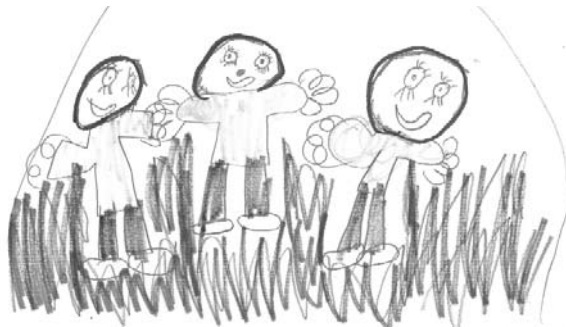
APPALACHIAN MISSION TRIP

June 17-25

Junior, senior high students and adults are invited to join us as we team with Habitat for Humanity in southeast Kentucky. No construction experience is needed; there is room for everyone. If you are interested, contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036.

A Child's Rendition of a Biblical Reality

A few weeks ago, the children were asked to draw the fire scene of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The artist of this priceless masterpiece is Molly Peter.



Bulletin Board

- **Uncle Phil's Diner**
April 27-29
- **Last Day of Faith Alive**
Wednesday, April 26
- **Confirmation**
Sunday, May 7
(No Sunday School)
- **Celebrating Family Banquet**
Friday, May 12
- **Last Day of Sunday School**
Sunday, May 14
- **Grace Place**
Held throughout the summer
- **Discovery 201**
Sunday, June 11
- **Waffle Breakfasts**
Sunday, May 21
Saturday, July 1

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

Gardening Group

The Garden group will meet Saturday, April 29 at 8:30 a.m. to do some spring planting. If you have questions, call Janet Hasstedt at 276-1237.



Summer Family Get-away

by Julie Kammeyer

Seven years ago, very good friends of ours invited us to join them for a few days of rest and relaxation at a place called Camp Okoboji. They had been going to something called “Family Camp” for more than 25 years and wanted us to join them. We decided to go even with our two small children.

From the minute our car rattled across the wooden bridge at the entrance to camp, we felt at home. Within a day, we made new friends and when we left, it was like leaving family. Each year since, we have returned to Camp Okoboji for Family Camp and renewed old friendships and formed new ones.

Ever since that first trip, we have stayed for the entire week.

Now, seven years later, we are blessed to be the leaders of Family Camp and we want to extend the same invitation, which was extended to us seven years ago. Come join us at Family Camp. Our mornings are filled with the study of God’s Word, our afternoons and evenings are filled with activities like boating, swimming, volleyball, ping-pong tournaments, talent shows and golf. And if none of that appeals to you, there is the option of a long and relaxing nap. For the most part, there are no phones, no TV’s and no interruptions and nobody misses them!

This year, Pastor Kendall Meyer will be leading the adult study at the Family Retreat II with “Debugging the Da Vinci Code.”

Camp Okoboji is located on the shores of West Okoboji Lake. There is more than a mile of shoreline to enjoy. Camp Okoboji is owned by the members of the congregations of the Iowa District West and offers many different types of programs for children, youth, adults and families—all in a beautiful setting, which is full of God’s glory.

We’d love to have you join us—whether it is for a few days or for the entire week. We want to warn you—you’ll get hooked and will come back! If you would like to learn more about Camp Okoboji Family Retreat II or other camp programs, call Julie and Steve Kammeyer at 278-5141. You can also check out their Web page at www.campokoboji.org.



Camp Okoboji

Spring volunteer weekends at Camp Okoboji will be April 28-30 and May 5 and 6.

Meals, lodging and children activities will be provided.

The weekend in April will also include evening activities and a church service on Sunday, April 30 with a dinner to follow. To make reservations, call 712-337-3325 or e-mail lorene.camp@idwlcms.org.

LWML District News

The LWML district convention will be held June 22-24 at Camp Okoboji. Gloria Dei is responsible for name tags as part of the registration committee. If you can donate any of the following, we would appreciate it.

- Yarn: whole or partial skeins
- Backpacks: New or slightly used
- School supplies: notebooks, pencils, crayons, erasers, rulers and calculators
- New toys: unwrapped toys in the \$5-10 range for infants to 14-year-olds.

A box will be in the narthex for the items. Thank you!

Camperships

If your children are between 9-12 years old, they may be eligible for a scholarship to camp. For registration forms, please go to the Information Center.

The Drake Choral Program

The Drake choral ensembles will perform at the Cavalcade of Choirs concert on Thursday, May 4 at 8 p.m. in Sheslow Auditorium on the Drake campus. The performance will feature a wide variety of sacred and secular music, including works by Bernstein, Schubert and Brahms, as well as folk songs, spirituals and a piece in gospel style. There is no admission charge for this concert.

Last Service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Audobon

After 125 years, Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS, Audubon, Iowa, will hold its closing service May 7 at 2 p.m. All former members, family and friends of Trinity are invited to attend. The members are thankful that Trinity Lutheran Church is going to be preserved at Heritage Park, in Manning, Iowa, where it will join other exhibits of German Heritage. Moving expenses are costly; therefore, Thrivent Financial will supplement the free-will offering at coffee time following the service. The "Discovery Channel" is filming the move and the last service conducted by Rev. Robert Riggert, Education and Youth Executive of Iowa District West.

Loving Arms Children Center

Loving Arms Children's Center in Johnston, a mission of Iowa District West, is seeking loving and caring individuals to work with children ages infant to five years. Previous day care experience preferred, but will train the right person. Candidates must love children and be dependable. Part-time positions are available. Please call 270-0150 and ask for Cheryl or Linda.

Pork Supper

Come and enjoy lean pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, apple sauce, sauerkraut and pie at Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School, 5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines, Saturday, April 29 from 5-6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 277-8349; adults \$6, children \$2.50 and pre-k free. Proceeds will go to fund the Garden Club programs.

Mentoring Seminar

If you would like to learn about mentoring, come to the Carrollton Inn Motel, Carroll, Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10, which includes the noon meal in the Carrollton Inn. Register by contacting Shirley Hardcastle at the Iowa West District Office at shirley.hardcastle@idwlcms.org or call 515-576-7666.

Homiletical Reflections

Trinity Lutheran Church, 605 N. Church St., Algona, will host the Web-cast of Concordia Seminary's Day of Homiletical Reflection, Wednesday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The event costs \$20 and is designed for pastors, students involved in homiletical education and others interested in the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world.

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, the Bandy Distinguished Professor of Preaching and New Testament, emeritus, at the Candler School of Theology, will be the main presenter, speaking on "Are We Preaching to Post-Moderns?" and "Enabling Listeners to Speak."

For more information about the Web-cast or if you plan to attend, please contact Pastor Steve Turner at 515-295-3518 or at steve.turner@idwlcms.org.



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Information:

Tim Kightlinger,
278-5544, ext. 212 or
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Bible Study Today at 9:30 a.m.

Grades 6-8 **Today:** Ablaze studies: Expectations

April 30: Ablaze studies: Attitude

Grades 9-12 **Today:** Too Busy Not to Pray, Part I

April 30: Too Busy Not to Pray, Part II

Wednesday Studies at 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation: Grade 6-8

End of year party, pizza games, and hang out in the Family Life Center.

High School: Grades 9-12

Ablaze small group studies for the next four weeks.

Parents' Bible Study/Support Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Discussion on important topics that affects families and teenagers.

Parents

Pick up the newest edition of "Plugged-in," a magazine focusing on the media-culture of our teens, on the rack by the kitchen. This month features Jamie Fox.

Celebration for Families Banquet

Mark your calendar for May 12 from 6-10 p.m. We are hosting a Celebration for Families banquet. This night will feature a world class illusionist, Dave Horsager, and newest comedian improv, the Burckites. Tickets go on sale this week by contacting Tim by phone or e-mail.

Junior High Youth

Cafe 923

Friday, May 5 from 6-9 p.m.

Senior High Youth

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals Sunday

Band and Singers:
12:00-1:00 p.m. for all scenes.

Clean out the Youth Center
4-6 p.m.

All Scenes
6-9 p.m.

Monday

Technical
7-9 p.m.

Tuesday

Dress Rehearsal
7-9 p.m.

TICKETS ON SALE TODAY

CELEBRATING FAMILY banquet

Halo 2 Tournament!

Grab the family



Join the evening of fun:

- Dinner • Remote-Control Car Races
- Dance, Dance, Revolution Contest
- Illusionist David Horsager

HALO 2
4 person per team

Friday, May 12 from 6-10 p.m.
Cost: \$20 per person or \$75 per family
Registration: Call 278-5544, ext. 212



Coming this week!

Dinner Theatre
April 27-29

Thursday, Friday,
and Saturday
6:30 p.m.

Gift Baskets

Don't forget to drop off your baskets in the kitchen by Sunday, April 23. Thanks.

Children and Parents Learn Together



*left to right:
Daniel Snyder hammers the nail in the cross.*

Jennifer Mumm prays with her children, Makenna and Karsen in the Garden of Gethsemane station.

The Family Life Center was transformed into a tactile schoolroom during the early Good Friday service. Stations were set up for children to use all of their senses to experience some of the elements of Good Friday. The service concluded by giving children a chrysalis that would symbolize the transformation of Good Friday to Easter Sunday.

photo supplied by Stacy Love





Kindermusik

Register today!

Pick up a Kindermusik brochure at the Information Center
or at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Peekaboo, I Love You!

Ages newborn to 18 months

This camp makes the best of the honeymoon period between a parent and new baby by exploring and expressing their new relationship. Taught by Steve Kohtz.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **Time:** 6:30-7:15 p.m. • **Cost:** \$50

Zoo Train

Ages 18 months to 3 years

This camp combines two of the toddler's most absolute favorites—animals and the train. Tag along this summer with a traveling exhibit of exotic animals in the zoo. Taught by Julie Den Herder.

- **Date:** Tuesdays, May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
- **Time:** 10:00-10:45 a.m. • **Cost:** \$50

Creatures at the Ocean

Ages 18 months to 3 years

Parent and child are introduced to many waterfront friends through music, movement, dance, storytelling and instruments. Taught by Carol Wenndt.

- **Date:** Saturdays, June 3, 10, 17, July 8, 15
- **Time:** 9:30-10:15 a.m. • **Cost:** \$50

Family Zoo Train

Children up to age 7 along with their parents

This camp, for families, combines two absolute favorites—animals and the train. Tag along this summer with a traveling exhibit of exotic animals in the zoo. Taught by Penny Schramm.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **Time:** 6:30-7:15 p.m. • **Cost:** \$50

Confetti Days

Ages 3-5

This camp is inspired by children, songs, play and celebrations. Music is woven throughout with movement, art, drama, play and storytelling. Songs and activities represent ways children around the world celebrate the joy of simply being children! Taught by DeAnn McCue.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. • **Cost:** \$50

Tell Me A Tale

Ages 4-7

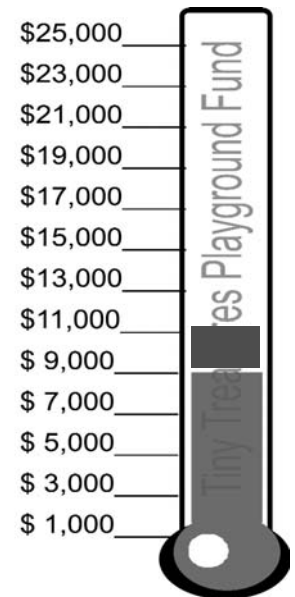
Through storytelling, your child will develop an early awareness of rhythm, movement, singing and drama. Each lesson features a new tale from around the world, explored through multi-instrument and multi-cultural elements. Taught by Angie Gage.

- **Date:** Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- **Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. • **Cost:** \$50

Put the Preschool Playground Puzzle Together



The temperature of money raised is \$11,200.



Check out the giant puzzle of the new preschool playground to be located at the east end of the building. Each puzzle piece contains a part of the playground. Perhaps you and your family or your small group could finance an entire piece of equipment. Prices are indicated on the pieces. As pieces are donated, the playground puzzle will start to take shape. Our goal is to install the playground in early August. Donations can be placed in the offering basket. If you have any questions, contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Seamstresses Needed

A few weeks ago, Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool asked for volunteers to sew school bags for the preschoolers. The response has been great. A big round of applause to all the helpers making this project happen—thanks. Please remember to return the bags by the end of May.



Faith Alive Meal

This week's meal:

- Baked Potato
- Ice Cream Bar

Thank you Carla Anderson for all your help with the meals this year.

Week of April 23-29

Sunday, April 23

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 9:30 a.m. Da Vinci Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lighthouse-Gospel of Luke
- 9:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Forum (FLC)
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible Says About Parenting
- 10:45 a.m. DaVinci Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Strategic Planning Forum (FLC)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, April 24

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition

Tuesday, April 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, April 26

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra

- 6:00 p.m. Visitation Action Team
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 6:15 p.m. 10 Keys to Unlock the Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 6:15 p.m. Chorale and Chapel Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, April 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Dinner Theatre
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

Friday, April 28

- 10:30 a.m. McBride Wedding
- 6:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Dinner Theatre

Saturday, April 29

- 8:30 a.m. Garden Group
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service
- 6:30 p.m. Uncle Phil's Dinner Theatre

Outpouring of Love for the Lord	
General Fund Offerings	\$28,268
YTD Offering	\$999,616
YTD Budget	\$953,045

Holy Week and Easter Attendance			
7 a.m.	194	Total for Easter	1814
8:30 a.m.	621	Maundy Thursday	353
9:00 a.m.	155	Good Friday, 4:30 p.m.	177
10:00 a.m..	635	Good Friday, 6 p.m	373
10:30 a.m.	209	Good Friday, 7:30 p.m	286

Week of April 30- May 6

Sunday, April 30

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 9:30 a.m. Da Vinci Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lighthouse-Gospel of Luke
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible Says About Parenting
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101
- 9:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Forum (FLC)
- 10:45 a.m. DaVinci Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Strategic Planning Forum (FLC)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Hospice
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, May 1

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition

Tuesday, May 2

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Mtg.
- 6:00 p.m. BSF

Wednesday, May 3

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 6:15 p.m. Chorale and Chapel Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Forum
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures MAT
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

Friday, May 5

- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Cafe 923
- 6:00 p.m. Oil Painting Rm. 135-37

Saturday, May 6

- 8:30 a.m. Confirmands Arrive
- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

Grace Place, Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance					
Sat., Early Childhood	N/A	Sun., Early Childhood	N/A	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	38
Sat., Grades 1-5	N/A	Sun., Grades 1-5	N/A	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	88
		Sun., Grades 6-12	N/A	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	70
		Total	N/A	Total	196

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April 22 and 23, 2006 • Change of Expectations

Northwind

"Halleluiah" (Your Love is Amazing)

"My Redeemer Lives"

"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises"

"Holy is the Lord"

Confession and Forgiveness

"Worthy is the Lamb"

"Draw Me Close To You"

Old Testament Reading

(NIV) Daniel 3:1-30

"Draw Me Close to You"

Children are invited to Grace Place

Offering: *"My Reward"*

Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

"Grace Flows Down"

"Sweeter"

"Friend of God"

Blessing

8:00 a.m.

Welcome

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LW 264, 3 Vs.

Confession and Forgiveness

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LW 264, 2 Vs.

Old Testament Reading

(NIV) Daniel 3:1-30

Gospel Reading:

(NIV) Matthew 10:5-22

Apostles' Creed

"What is the World to Me," LW 418, 3 Vs

Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor

"What is the World to Me," LW 418, 1 Vs

Offering: *"Alive Alive"*

Offered by the Music Alive Grades 1 and 2

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LW 444, 3 Vs.

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LW 264, 3 Vs.

Confession and Forgiveness

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The Celebration of Holy Communion

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.