

WEEKLY WORD



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Third Sunday of Easter

We Don't Look the Same

by Pastor Kendall Meyer

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

To continue with our series of messages about how our perspective changes because of the accomplishment of our Lord and Savior, we will look at our spouses. Okay, if your spouse is seated next to you, please intently look into his or her eyes. I am sure that you will agree, they are not the same as when you first said, "I do." Before I get into too much trouble; I better explain what I mean.

The reason our spouses are not the same is because we are able to view them through the lens of the cross. The good news of this equation is our spouses should also see us differently. We are the beloved of God almighty; therefore, by his blood he has made us his "workmanship," which means a complete "makeover" of our old sinful ways. Thus, we are not the same because of what he has made us.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. Ephesians 1:4

Apostle Paul gives foundational teachings on marriage and family, which are helpful guidelines whether you are single, married or divorced. But today we focus on the spouse. Paul talks about mutual submission. Most people think submit means to obey, but through our Easter moment, we see submit means to serve. In a marriage, neither person should dominate the other. The relationship should be based on unconditional love, which requires reciprocal submission and viewing each other the way that God views us. To make the relationship work, we need to make decisions that are best for the other person. That kind of submission calls for servant leadership. Jesus said, "Let him who would be greatest among you be as a servant."

The ultimate servant, Jesus, submitted himself to the punishment, insult and injury to the point of being nailed to the cross. In the midst of great pain and affliction, he was concerned about those around him. In fact, in the last minutes of his life, he wanted to make sure his mother was taken care of. Likewise, we should view and treat each other with that type of love, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

April 5-6 "I'll Never See my Spouse the Same"

April 12-13 "I'll Never See my Body the Same"

April 19-20 "I'll Never See Money the Same"

April 26-27 "I'll Never See Sunday the Same"

Today is Undy Sunday



The first Sunday of the month is officially "Undy Sunday." Socks, underwear, T-shirts in all different sizes that have not been opened can be placed in the white-wire baskets found in the north doorway of the narthex and in the east entrance of Family Life Center. Cash donations to cover the shipping cost (\$5 per box) can be left in the secured box on the wire collection box.

Forgot your undy donation this week? No problem, you can drop them off throughout the week.

Missionaries to Visit

Please join us next week 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.

Summer Programs

Don't forget to pick up the children's summer program brochure today at the Information Center.

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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 6 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.



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

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.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 6 after the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Ethan Tucker Engelbarts born December 31, 2007 to Gary and Sara (nee Brinkman) Engelbarts. Ethan's spiritual sponsors are Ron and Jill Engelbarts, and Jeff and Jill Haugen.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the birthdays of Janet Hasstedt and Marilyn Varley.

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. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 5:21-33

Luke 22:24-27

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Signe Bamsey

Kaytlin Rice

Brant Christensen

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

Ushers

Northwind

Dale Engelken

Mike Martens

Shawn Woolman

7:45 a.m.

Scott Ammann

Casey Fluegge

Brent Handel

Jorden 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

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 the upcoming surgery for Diana Cook
- For the health of John Miller
- For the health concerns of Inez Rudge
- For Fred and Ethel Sturdevant
- 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
- For our college students as they prepare for finals
- For our high school seniors as they make plans for next year

Prayer ministry team

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



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.

Camp Okobojo

Camp Okobojo has several camps for all age groups and interests. For more information, go to www.campokobojo.com.

Urban Plunge

Last weekend, 16 youth and adults traveled to Omaha, Neb. for the Urban Plunge, a weekend opportunity to serve the poor by connecting with eight different ministries. The weekend consisted of various activities, such as roller skating with children, serving food and praying for the homeless, learning about juvenile detention centers, sorting clothes and food items, handing out food to low-income families, walking along city streets and silently praying for those who live there, and worshipping God in two different types of services.

“God definitely took all of us out of our comfort zones,” said Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry. “It was amazing to see how God took these ordinary teens and adults and used them in great ways for his kingdom. They prayed with people they didn’t even know, they talked with and communicated the Gospel to those who needed to hear about his love for them. They experienced what it meant to be Jesus to others. A few of them even asked, “Tim, when are we doing this again. I’m signing up now.”

“Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to learn what it means to minister to others. Everyone grew closer to God and to each other throughout this event,” said Tim.



Last weekend, 16 youth and adults traveled to Omaha, Neb. to serve in urban ministries.

LWML

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 10 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Dr., West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barb Koepp, 808 48th St, West Des Moines.



Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday April 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Riddle, 1661 NW 96th St., Clive.

Ruth Circle

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

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will Tuesday, April 8 at 6:45 p.m. in room 139 at the church.

Craft Fair

The date has been set for the 16th annual Craft Fair at Gloria Dei for 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 or call Deb Timmons at 289-0360.

Scrapbook Fellowship

It's time for scrapbooking again! Join us Friday, April 11 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. in rooms 131 and 133. Come and go as it fits



your schedule. Complete one page or 20 pages—every page counts! For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Discovery 101:

The next class April 9.

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, 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.

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; 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.

Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will host a free thank-you brunch at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. To register, please contact Lois Cole at 288-1250.

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.

Quilters

Saturday, April 19

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

Rooms 132-34

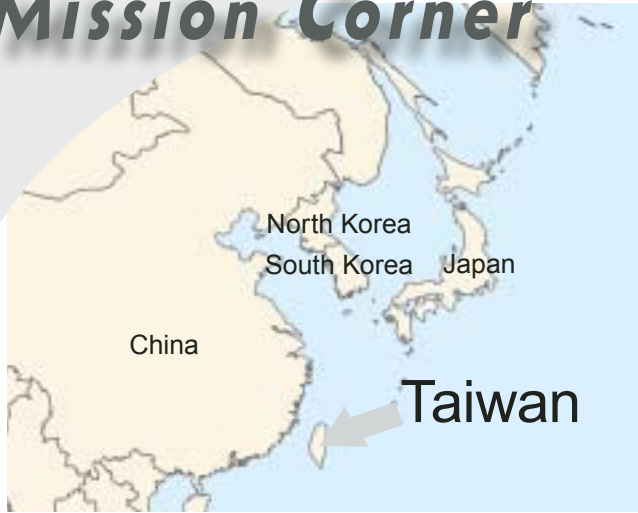
All skills and levels of quilters are invited as we make quilts for our upcoming Honduras trip.

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 9

Bacon Cheeseburger Roll-up

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.

Family Fun Night



Friends and families of Tiny Treasures Preschool celebrated last Thursday in the second annual Family Fun Night. Families from the preschool and the community came to eat pizza, play carnival games, jump in the bounce house, and bid on almost 50 silent auction items. Items and food were donated, so the evening brought in a profit of almost \$3,000. Approximately 100 volunteers gave their time and energy for this evening of fun for our little ones.



Thank You Family Fun Night

Thanks for all the behind the scenes help that made the Family Fun Night a great time last Thursday. We not only raised money 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

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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

Sunday, April 6:

All scenes from 12-2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9:

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 7: No coffee with Tim.

Concert

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

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

Junior High Ministry Opportunity

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.



Dinner Theatre Coming to Town!

Uncle Phil's Diner, Part 2

April 25, 26 and 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m. • Childcare provided

Ticket sales begin today after worship..

\$10
per person

Week of April 6 -12

Sunday, April 6

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 7

- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection

Tuesday, April 8

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. CareCallers
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. DivorceCare Fellowship Meal

- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:45 p.m. Sara Circle Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 9

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Assoc. of Adoption Agencies
- 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. Stephen's Ministry MAT

Thursday, April 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Naomi Circle Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 5:00 p.m. Kindergarten Girl Scouts
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Ministry Focus Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, April 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Ballet Class
- 5:00 p.m. Krista Ferguson and Nick McCleish Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

Saturday, April 12

- 10:00 a.m. Angie Gage's Student's Recital
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Krista Ferguson & Nick McCleish Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

| Worship Service | Attendance |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Northwind | 216 |
| 7:45 a.m. | 142 |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 348 |
| 9 a.m. (Family Life Center) | 64 |
| 10:30 a.m. | 337 |
| Total | 1107 |

| Outpouring of Love | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund Offerings | \$31,417 |
| YTD Offering | \$1,196,109 |
| YTD Budget | \$1,206,880 |

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; Lighthouse
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 12:00 p.m. Uncle Phil's Diner 3 Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. China Mission Presentation
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

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 Connection
 7:00 p.m. Family Focus MAT

Tuesday, April 15

9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
 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

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

3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
 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

Last Week's Educational Attendance

| | Sat. 5:30 p.m. | Sun. 9:20 a.m. | Sun. 10:20 p.m. | Wed. 6:15 p.m. | Misc. |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Preschool | 14 | 25 | 26 | 30 | Music Alive |
| Elementary | 22 | 53 | 35 | 94 | 51 |
| Total | 36 | 78 | 61 | 124 | Wed. Meal |
| Junior High | | 25 | | 74 | 137 |
| Senior High | | 12 | | N/A | |

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.