

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

April 9, 2006

Palm Sunday

Holy Week, April 9-16

Upcoming Events

Easter is quickly approaching and we have a variety of worship services focusing on our Lord.

Palm Sunday, April 9

Our CSI sermon series will end this week as Pastor Burcham examines the fickleness that occurred on the streets of Jerusalem.

Wednesday, April 12

Faith Alive will not meet.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

This traditional service with communion will explore the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples.

Good Friday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Join us for this family-friendly, interactive, experiential worship service in the Family Life Center aimed at hearing, seeing, smelling and feeling the reality of the Lord's last days. Families will worship together and then explore key events in the passion story as they warm themselves by the fire where Peter denied Christ, pray in the garden of Gethsemane and walk into the tomb carved for Joseph of Arimathea.

Good Friday, April 14 at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

These traditional services will offer choir, organ and hand bells in traditional hymns. The theme "Who are You Buried With?" will have a unique twist as we examine the events leading to and entering into the tomb of Jesus.

Easter, April 16

This Easter we will offer five different worship times and styles. Below is an explanation of each service time, style, and location:

7 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Description: Traditional Easter hymns, organ music, and brass.

8:30 a.m. Blended Service in the Sanctuary

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

9 a.m. Contemporary Service in the FLC

Description: Contemporary praise music led by our worship team.

10 a.m. Blended Service in the Sanctuary

Description: Traditional Easter hymns, praise songs, brass, and choir.

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in the FLC

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

Parking

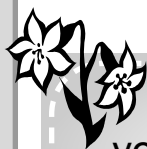
For the convenience of our guests and our members who have difficulty walking, please either car pool or take a shuttle bus from the Urbandale Middle School from 6:30 a.m. to noon. Thanks!

Invitation

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family to church, so extend a hand to those around you this week.

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Don't forget to ask
your friends to join you
this Easter



Ablaze heats up again
See page 2 for details

Ablaze

The Fires Heats Up April 22-23



**Phase II, Refuel,
begins in two weeks**

Phase II of *Ablaze*, Refueling the Fire, begins the week after Easter. We will spend four weeks looking how to keep the fire of faith burning brightly in our hearts. 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: What do we think the life of a Christian should look like? Our expectations may differ from what the scriptures declares.

Change of Attitude: 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: 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: 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.

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 at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Daily Devotions

Enjoy a short devotion everyday via e-mail or pick up written copies at the Information Center. If you are interested, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

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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 by Mark and Tammy Pierson and family in honor of Arlyn and Alice Hesse's 50th anniversary.

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 about Easter Sunday.

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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 8:00 a.m. service is for:



Grace Elizabeth Hudson, born February 21, 2006, to Andrew and Susan (nee Anderson) Hudson. Grace's spiritual sponsors are Mike Dahlhauser and Kara and Brandon Marshall.

Thanksgivings

- For our nation and military
- For our families
- For our teachers and helpers in Sunday school and Faith Alive
- For John Griffiths' father, Joe, who had successful open heart surgery

Prayers

- For Mark Lowman, who is hospitalized
- For the grieving family of Trudy Beattie
- For the grieving family of Alec Freese
- For the health of John Dixon
- For Kent Siems, who left for Iraq
- For our upcoming Easter services
- 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.

Servers

<p>Elders: Joe Gilg David Graaf Vic Kesse</p> <p>Northwind Rich Johnson Dale Engelken</p> <p>8 a.m. Scott Ammann Case Fluegge Brent Handel Patti Handel Rick Johnson</p>	<p>Doug Mertz Richard Rinderknecht Devin Wren David VanAhn</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bruce Bjustrom Duane Haas Mike Hildreth Merlin Siefken Chad Smith Dean Kleckner</p>	<p>11 a.m. Jim Kellenberg David Miller Bill Clark</p> <p>Organist: Shirley Roberts</p> <p>Acolytes: Kaitlin Boettcher Ben Clausen Kristine Wasko</p>
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Gloria Dei Adult Happenings

The Da Vinci Code

Reading the book is not required.

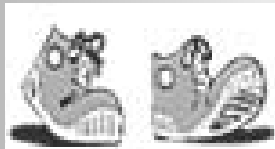
Pastor Meyer will explore the contents of best-selling book, "The Da Vinci Code," starting Sunday, April 9 at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. No prior knowledge of the book is required. Since its publication in 2003, conversations in the workplace, at social occasions, and in churches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

If you have any questions, call Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

SilverSneakers Program

The nation's leading exercise program, SilverSneakers®, designed exclusively for older adults, will hold an informational meeting Wednesday, April 19 at 10 a.m. in room 135/137. This program is offered free through partnering health plans across the U.S. The SilverSneakers Fitness Program offers a fitness center membership, group fitness classes, a senior advisor at each fitness center to help with your individual needs and questions, social events and gatherings every month, and access to over 1,500 fitness centers across the nation. For more information, check the program on online at www.silversneakers.com.



Ablaze Small Groups

In two weeks, *Ablaze* will begin again. 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.

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.



New Small Groups to Meet

The ChristCare group, Couples with Young Children, is assisting and forming a new small group focusing on couples with young children. Join us for a casual gathering in room 131/133. Sunday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. to answer any questions about joining a small group. A potluck dinner will be provided. Kids are welcome too! Please RSVP to Tamara Smith at 987-8072.

Mission Central Day Trip

Adults are invited to tour Mission Central, Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship as we travel to Mapleton on a charter bus; lunch will be provided. To register, contact Pastor Meyer, 278-5544, ext. 224. Cost is \$30.



Activities & Meetings

Spring into Sisterhood Night

Mark Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. for our "Spring into Sisterhood" night. This fun night of fellowship will include selecting the recipient of our Craft Fair proceeds, playing a rousing game of bunko followed by dessert.

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 13, at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Drive, West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barbara Miles, 6180 Terrace Drive., Johnston.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet at Panera Bread Thursday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mikki Kinning, 4532 49th Place, Des Moines.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Nancy Junge, 6427 Harbor Oaks Drive, Johnston.

Family Holy Week Devotions

Family devotions are available at the Information Center. These devotions will help explain the events of Holy Week to children using a magnetic puzzle piece for each devotion.

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.

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.

Louisiana Disaster Recovery, Phase II

The Louisiana mission team consisting of Al and Rachel Crandall, Ron Oolman, Mark Pier-son, Marv Rohn, Diane and Stephanie Young returned home safely March 18. The prayers and financial support from Gloria Dei members made the trip a success—thank you! Significant work was completed at the home of Chad and Donna Bailey, LCMS tent city and other dam-aged homes in the St. Bernard Parish. The hos-pitality of Village Lutheran Church in Lacombe and several college students from eastern Iowa made this mission trip even more rewarding.

Much work remains to be completed in the New Orleans area. Please give prayerful consideration to joining the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Phase III mission trip planned for later in 2006. In addition, a local disaster recovery team that could respond to events in central Iowa is also being explored. Watch the *Weekly Word* for more information.

God's Blessings,
the Louisiana Mission Team

Top right: The team gets ready to hit the road.

Middle: Chad and Donna Bailey pose with a few of the team members.

Bottom l to r: Bailey's home, inside, back and front needed complete restoration.



Seamstresses Needed

Since Tiny Treasures' enrollment has increased next year, we will need preschoolers to share cubbies. We want to give them school bags because their backpacks are too big. The bag is very simple. If you can sew, please pick up a sack of bags (5 school bag materials in each sack) and sign the sheet at the Information Center. Thanks for sharing your talents. Deadline is the end of May. If you have questions, call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.



First-Quarter Giving Reports

In a cost-saving effort, first-quarter giving statements will not be mailed this year. If you want to review your first-quarter reports, please call Bill Wishman at 276-1700 to request a statement. Thanks!

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.

Tool Shoppe

Are you thinking of Easter and Confirmation yet? Come and shop! Our hours are Sundays from 9-11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m..

Check out the following gift ideas:

- Books always make great gifts!
- Easter, Confirmation, sympathy, get well cards
- Confirmation gifts
- Easter gift ideas
- Music for kids and teens
- Napkins
- Jewelry
- New shirts for spring and summer (coming soon)

Camperships

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



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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:** Various studies by grade level

April 16: Easter-No classes

April 23: Ablaze studies: Expectations

Grades 9-12 **Today:** Camp Okoboji Presentation and

Solitude, Finding Peace in Chaos

April 16: Easter-No classes

Wednesday Studies at 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation: Grade 6

No class this week, final test for all grades Wednesday, April 19.

If you did not receive a study guide, see Tim today.

Confirmation: Grades 7-8

No class this week, final test for all grades Wednesday, April 19.

If you did not receive a study guide, see Tim today.

High School: Grades 9-12

No class this week, next class will be April 19.

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

No class this week, next class will be April 19.

Passion of Christ

We are going to offer an opportunity to watch the "Passion of the Christ" for all teens (grades 7-12) and their parents on Good Friday, April 14 after the 7:30 p.m. service. All teenagers who are not accompanied by their parent and are under 17 must bring a signed note indicating that they have their parent's permission to view the movie. We will have stations set up in the Youth Center for personal reflections and discussions following the movie.

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. He was featured at the Iowa District youth gathering last November. Watch for more information.

Junior High Youth

Teen Band Rehearsal

No band rehearsal today

Senior High Youth

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

We will practice from 12:30-2:30 p.m. for all scenes.

Wednesday

Band and voices will practice from 7-9 p.m.

Café 923

Come join us Sunday, April 9 from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

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.

Saturday matinee added!

Dinner Theatre

April 27-29

- Friday and Saturday evening sold out!
- Thursday evening, 6:30, available
- Saturday matinee, noon, available

Go Back in Time

Come and join us as we take a trip to the '50s for an evening of food, music and fun.

Dinner Theatre Tickets

Get your tickets today at the display table. We offer free babysitting for children 8 and under.

- \$15 adult
- \$10 kids 12 and under
- \$10 seniors (50 and over)

'50s Memorabilia

Please Help! We are in need of '50s decorations especially playable records (45's) or album covers. Please call Brenda Plagge at 986-1123 by April 9 if you have any memorabilia we can use.



Gift Baskets

We will be having a raffle during the performance for gift baskets. If you are interested in putting together a theme basket or you're a business owner who would like to donate a basket or gift certificates/products, please call Peg Riddle, 225-6111, Tammy Pierson, 278-2019, or Vicky Larimer, 254-0357. A sample basket is displayed at the ticket table. All cast members need to pick up a basket sheet. All baskets need to be at the church by April 23.

Upcoming Midweek, Grace Place and Sunday School Schedule

Wednesday, April 12

No Midweek

Saturday, April 15

No Northwind and Grace Place

Sunday, April 16

No Sunday School

Wednesday, April 19

Faith Alive

Saturday, April 22 and 29

Grace Place

Sunday, April 23 and 30

Sunday School

Wednesday, April 26

Last day of Faith Alive

Saturday, May 6

Grace Place

Sunday, May 7

No Sunday School (Confirmation)

Sunday, May 14

Last day of Sunday School

Please note:

Grace Place will continue throughout the summer.



Kindermusik

Register today!

Pick up a Kindermusik brochure at the Information Center
or go online at 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 mos 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 mos 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

Children up to age 7 along with their parents

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

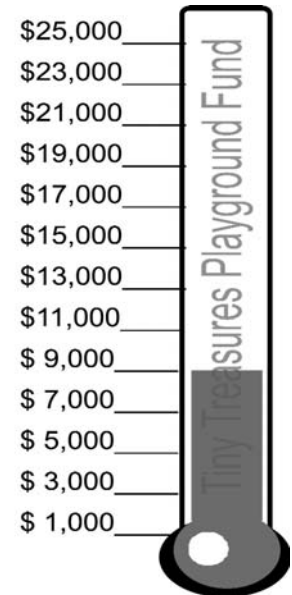
Through storytelling, your child will develop an early awareness of rhythm, movement, singing, and drama. Each lesson features a new tale from around the world, explored through multi-instrument and multi-cultural elements. Taught by Angie Gage.

- **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 \$9,000.



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.

Good Friday Family-friendly Worship Service

On Good Friday, April 14, a family-friendly worship service event will take place in the Family Life Center. All families with children are invited to attend the 4:30 p.m. service. This worship service will be experiential and exciting as we travel through (literally) the events of Holy Week. Special tactile learning stations will help families talk about and experience the events of Holy Week. Children and parents will be engaged throughout the service through the use of music and movement.

Summer School

Summer Camps are filling quickly!

Be sure to register early for summer camps because some camps are filling up. Be sure to pick up a brochure in the Information Center. The brochure has a complete listing of all summer camps and activities for children.

Week of April 9-15

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 8:00 a.m. Honduras Mission Team Bake Sale
- 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. Discovery 101
- 10:45 a.m. DaVinci Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 5:30 p.m. Café 923 Sr. High
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball

Wednesday, April 12

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Assoc. of Adoption Agencies
- 5:00 p.m. No Midweek Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. No Faith Alive or Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

Office Closed

- 4:30 p.m. Good Friday Family Service
- 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 15

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 9:00 a.m. Stained Glass Work
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik

Outpouring of Love for the Lord	
General Fund Offerings	\$33,224
YTD Offering	\$941,880
YTD Budget	\$906,555

Attendance			
Northwind	248	Lent, April 5	271
8:00 a.m.	211		
9:30 a.m.	284		
11 a.m.	178		
Total	921		

Week of April 16-22

Sunday, April 16

Easter

- 7:00 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Blended Service, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service, FLC
- 10:00 a.m. Blended Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service, FLC
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning MAT
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball

Wednesday, April 19

- 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

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- 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 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 6:00 p.m. Assimilation MAT
- 6:30 p.m. LWML Action Team
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - Rm 139
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

Friday, April 21

- 6:00 p.m. Mertz/Palmer Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 22

- 8:00 a.m. Tour of Mission Central
- 4:00 p.m. Mertz/Palmer Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion

Grace Place, Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance

Sat., Early Childhood	26	Sun., Early Childhood	44	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	31
Sat., Grades 1-5	18	Sun., Grades 1-5	55	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	85
Junior High	16	Sun., Grades 6-12	60	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	105
Total	60	Total	159	Total	221

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Northwind

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

"Let the Praises Ring"

"You are Holy"

"Breathe"

Confession and Forgiveness

"More of You Jesus"

"Word of God Speak"

Old Testament Reading

(NIV) Zechariah 9:9-10

"Word of God Speak"

Gospel Reading:

(NIV) John 12:12-19

Children are Invited to Grace Place

Offering: *"Indescribable"*

Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

"Rescue"

"Amazed"

"Grace Flows Down"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessing

Welcome and Announcements

8:00 a.m.

Musical Offering: *"Hosanna"*

Offered by Music Alive, Grades 1-5

Welcome

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LW 106, 2 Vs.

Call to Worship

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LW 106, 1 Vs.

Accompanied by the Music Alive Band

Confession and Forgiveness

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" TLH 160, 2 Vs.

Old Testament Reading:

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Gospel Reading:

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Apostles' Creed

"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty," TLH 162, 2 Vs.

Sermon: Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor

"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty," TLH 162, 1 Vs.

Offering: *"Here He Comes"*

Offered by the Alleluia Ringers

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LW 115, 3 Vs.

9:30 a.m.

Musical Offering: *"Hosanna"*

Offered by Music Alive, Grades 1-5

Welcome

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LW 106, 2 Vs.

Accompanied by the Music Alive Band

Call to Worship

"Here I Am to Worship"

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.