

# WEEKLY WORD



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## Current Sermon Series: **Starting the Conversation**

by Pastor Kendall Meyer

Today concludes the sermon series, "Starting the Conversation." We have explored the religions of Scientology, Church of Latter Day Saints, Buddhism and now today, Islam. We have learned that people believe in things contrary to God's Word. However, in light of their beliefs, we need to loving respect and engage them in a conversation. In other words, we need to love them with the love that has been given to us by Christ.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV*

Now that doesn't mean that respecting and engaging them in conversation shows that we somehow approve of their beliefs. It doesn't mean that we are sending a message to others that what they believe is acceptable. It does mean that we are willing to meet people where they are in their lives and start a conversation that could lead them to where they need to be.

That's exactly what Jesus did. Max Lucado, when describing Jesus and his presence here on earth says it best when he states that the tax collectors and prostitutes didn't run away from Jesus, instead they ran toward Jesus. Jesus wants us to be comfortable enough in who we are in him, that we can boldly proclaim what he has done for all people. We do that by conversing, building relationships, and genuinely caring for those who are walking a different path; not by being stand-offish, uncaring, or uninviting. Paul himself says it best when he states:

*I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22*

So, let's start the conversation, whether the person is a Scientologist, Mormon, Buddhist or Muslim, so that we may win some for the Gospel.

what's  
**NEW!**  
this week!

## Fall Previews

Here is a snippet of September's happenings:

**Sept. 6 and 7**  
Celebration Weekend  
(see page 2)

**Sept. 9**  
Pre- marriage Class  
(see page 5)

**Sept. 11**  
Care Night  
(see page 2)

**Sept. 13 and 14**  
All fall programs and  
Bible studies  
(see page 7 and 8)

**Sept. 17**  
Faith Alive and  
Pastor Meyer Bible  
Study  
(see page 7 and 8)

**Sept. 22**  
Women's Connections  
(see page 7)

**Need more details?**  
Expect the Fall Opportunities brochure at your home or at the Information Center no later than Aug. 25. This brochure will reveal all of the fall's possibilities at Gloria Dei.

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## Next Week's Sermon Series: Layers of Love

August 23-24 Love Is about Commitment

August 30-31 Love Is about All We Do

## Strategic Plan Updates

### Facilities Focus Group:

The facilities focus group has been busy establishing a set of criteria for selecting potential sites with SVPA, the newly selected architectural firm. This fall they will hold town hall meetings to report their updates and to gather feedback from the congregation. For questions, please feel free to contact Merlin at [sms\\_llc@mchsi.com](mailto:sms_llc@mchsi.com).

### Ministry Focus Group:

Last week Gloria Dei's directors and ministry partners met to set criterion for prioritizing the necessary benchmarks for the fulfillment of the Ministry Destination.

"We are excited to map out how we are going to fulfill all the different components that were set forth in the Ministry Destination section of the Strategic Plan," said Pastor Burcham.

### The Staff:

The staff has been gearing up for all the fall programs and activities. They are excited to begin the journey toward the fulfillment of the Strategic Plan, so they want to celebrate God's provisions this fall. You are invited to join in their celebration on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7. So far a Saturday dinner, a Sunday breakfast, an inflatable bounce house and yard games are slated for this weekend of celebrating God's blessings. More information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars today.

## Fall Plans

Fall is just around the corner! We are looking for ministry partners to help with Grace Place on Saturdays and Sundays, and Faith Alive on Wednesdays. We have more than 250 children who need over 100 ministry partners to help teach the Gospel to them. Please pray about becoming involved! If you would like to help, please contact DeAnn McCue at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com) or Penny Schramm at [penny@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:penny@gloriadeionline.com) or call us in the church office at 276-1700.

## Fall's Care Night

Our support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. On Thursday, Sept. 11 from 5:30-8 p.m., we will launch our Care Night where support groups will eat, worship and meet together in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. We will offer the following support groups: Cancer Support Group, Caregiver Care, Divorce Care for adults, GriefShare for adults and children, Self-Defense Class, Spanish for Caregivers/Teachers and True Value More information will be forthcoming, but if you have any questions, please call Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, ext. 204.

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## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of:  
The 35th wedding anniversary  
of Lee and Katie Echtenkamp.

## LeadNow Simulcast

We are hosting the LeadNow simulcast on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is open to the community and is a national conference to help equip, energize and unleash 20- to 30-year-olds to partner with God in what he is doing in the world.

We need people to help plan; please contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212 by Aug. 16.

## Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*9 a.m. (FLC):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)*  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

**Preacher:**

Rev. Kendall Meyer

**Organist:**

Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**

Christopher Timmerman  
Katie Hermanson  
Kara Ganzer

**Elders:**

Devin Wren  
Ken Meythaler  
Gary Wasko

**Ushers:**

**Northwind**  
Jeff Eckhoff

**7:45 a.m.**

Carol Andresen  
Ken Andresen  
Bob Knief  
Ken Peterson, Sr.  
Norm Rinderknecht  
Ken Wunsch

**9 a.m. Sanctuary**

Bruce Brock  
Dan DeVries  
Paul Drake  
Don Franzen  
Bob Kuefner  
Kurt Kromminga  
Ron Oolman

**10:30 a.m.**

Gabe Nelson  
Todd Schwartz

**Scripture Readings:**

Colossians 1:15-23 and John 14:6-14 (NIV)

## 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 with your request.

## Thanksgivings

- For Lee and Katie Echtenkamp who are celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary
- For Carter Edmund Dammen, son of Jason and Mindy, born on July 31
- For Rich and Terry Steinke's new grandson, Jacob Browning
- For Tyler and Jennifer York's new baby, Genevieve Hope

## Prayers

- For Peggy Riddle's health
- For Alice Hesse's health
- For Scott Raecker's father, who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- For Jim Riddle, who is recovering from ankle surgery
- For the comfort of Mildred Simpson, who is at Kavanaugh House
- For the health of Bob and Mary Kuefner's daughter, Barb Thompson
- For John McKeighan's health
- For the healing of Ken Anderson

## Prayer ministry team

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

## The Basic Core Beliefs of Muslim (Islam)

In an effort to understand the Islam religion and its impact on today's society, we have composed a summary of their basic beliefs.

### History

An individual who believes in and consciously follows Islam is called a Muslim. Islam is a monotheistic Abrahamic religion originating with the teachings of the prophet Muhammad.

### Central Belief

Muslims believe that God revealed the Qur'an to Muhammad, God's final prophet, and consider the Qur'an to be the literal word of God. It is the central religious text of Islam. Islam means acceptance of and submission to God, and believers must demonstrate this by worshipping him, following his commands, and avoiding polytheism. Although Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet, they reject the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, comparing it to polytheism.

### Belief in Deity

Allah is the proper name for Almighty God. Muslims believe that since Allah alone is the Creator, it is he alone that deserves our devout love and worship. The basic beliefs of Muslims fall into six main categories, known as the Articles of Faith, which consist of faith in the unity of God, in angels, in prophets, in books of revelation, in an afterlife, and in destiny/divine decree.

### Concept of Sin

In Islam, faith and good works go hand-in-hand. A mere verbal declaration of faith is not enough, for belief in Allah makes obedience to him a duty. A person commits a sin if he knowingly goes against the law of God or against his own fundamental goodness.

A sin is a conscious and willful action that violates a commandment of God or the right of a fellow being.

### Salvation

Muslims believe that the Day of Resurrection is preordained by God but unknown to man. The Muslim doctrine of salvation is unbelievers and sinners will be condemned, but genuine repentance results in Allah's forgiveness and entrance into Paradise upon death.

### Religious Practice

A mosque is a place of worship for Muslims. Although the primary purpose of the mosque is to serve as a place of prayer, it is also important to the Muslim community as a place to meet and study. Muslims consider everything they do in life to be an act of worship, if it is done according to Allah's guidance. There are five formal acts of worship which help strengthen a Muslim's faith and obedience. They are often called the Five Pillars of Islam, which consist of testimony of faith, prayer, almsgiving, fasting and pilgrimage.

### After Death

The Qur'an emphasizes bodily resurrection and states that resurrection will be followed by the gathering of mankind, culminating in their judgment by God. If Muslims are genuinely repentant and seek the forgiveness of God, they will be pardoned and so there is no question of their suffering an eternal and tormenting punishment in hell.



*Muslims performing salah prayer*



*"Allah" in Arabic*

### Date Founded:

622 CE

### Place founded:

Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

### Founder

Thomas S. Monson

### Adherents

1.3 billion

### Size:

Second largest religion in the world

### For further information:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam>  
[www.islamabout.com/basic-beliefs](http://www.islamabout.com/basic-beliefs)  
[www.islamonline.com](http://www.islamonline.com)

## Thank-You Notes

Gloria Dei Members: Thank you for your prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent surgery and rehab. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are truly appreciated.

— Donald Pevestorf

Thank you from the Iowa National Guard Officers Association Auxiliary for your Patriotic Concert contribution. A special thanks to Julie DenHerder for organizing this event, which paid tribute to the men and women who gave their lives during the war on terrorism and to those men and women who served our country in other wars.

— God bless you all. INGOA Auxiliary

## Serve a Meal at Freedom for Youth Ministries

Our local missions team Beacon of Blessings has signed up our congregation to serve meals on the first Monday of every month beginning Oct. 6 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Freedom for Youth Ministries, 2301 Hickman (west of MLK Parkway), Des Moines. They will serve at-risk kids and their mentors as part of the Whiz Kids program, which means they are now inviting groups from Gloria Dei to sign up to serve a meal to 6-12 year olds and their mentors. If you are interested, please follow the four steps below:

1. Recruit a team of around six members to serve a meal.
2. Plan your meal with children in mind. Think about what is on the children's menu in restaurants.
3. Bring the meal and drinks, paper plates, plastic cups and silverware to Freedom for Youth Ministry.
4. Select a date from the calendar by contacting Kory Schramm at [KSchramm@ITAGROUP.com](mailto:KSchramm@ITAGROUP.com).

Thank you in advance for helping with this ministry.

## Super Scrub Day

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is hosting a Super Scrub Day for the King Irving and Modamin Presidential neighborhoods on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers from Des Moines will pick up trash, mow, trim bushes in the alleys of these two neighborhoods. Please wear work clothes and meet at the Evelyn K. Davis Park (16th and Forest) at 8 a.m. before dividing into teams. Drinks, snacks and lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Clark at [BillClark@mchsi.com](mailto:BillClark@mchsi.com) or at 491-8543.

## Book Club

Looking for a good read for the summer? Join us as we talk about how the examples found in great Christian literature apply to our lives. Read the book and then join us for a time of conversation and prayer. All books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe.

**Wednesday, September 3 from 7-8 p.m.**

“White Chocolate Moments,” by Lori Wick

**Location:** Church

## Pre-marriage Class

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the upcoming year must take a six-week pre-marriage class starting Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 109. To sign up, contact Pastor Phillips 276-1700 ext. 204 [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) or Marsha at 276-1700.

## Book Sale

Iowa Right to Life's (IRLC) book sale will be held Sept. 9-13 at the 7-Flags Event Center, 2100 NW. 100th, Clive. Proceeds from the sale will be directed toward pregnancy centers and pro-life education.

**Donate Items:** Please drop off gently used books, curriculum materials, craft magazines, CDs, DVDS, games, puzzles, sheet music and cookbooks in the bin near the Information Center by Sunday, Sept. 7.

**Volunteers:** IRLC has an ongoing need for book sorters and help at the sale. For more information, please contact Rhonda Phillips at 515-205-8024 or at [rhondie27@aol.com](mailto:rhondie27@aol.com) or visit the IRLC Web site at [www.IRLC.org](http://www.IRLC.org).

## LWML

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines. Everyone is invited.



# Mission Corner

## Honduras



### Honduras Team 2009

We are currently organizing next year's trip to Honduras from June 27 to July 4. If the Lord is tugging at your heart to help with the team or to be on the team, please contact Bill Clark at [BillClark@mchsi.com](mailto:BillClark@mchsi.com) or at 491-8543.

**Date:**

June 27-July 4

**Cost:**

Approximately \$1800, which includes airfare, lodging, translators, ground transportation and meals.

**Goals:**

To serve others and to have a once in a lifetime experience.

**Activities:**

Giving free medical dental and optical care to Hondurans as well as sharing the story of Jesus with children and adults.

**Who can get involved?**

Anyone 16 years and older may attend. Our team from Gloria Dei can total up to 25 members.

**Expectations:**

A great week!

**Any words of encouragement?**

"Can I say the need is greater in Parkersburg and the suffering greater there than with the cyclone in Burma or the earthquake in China? No, I can't. The reality is there's a lot of need in this world. There's a ton of good people can do. I just hope people do something."  
Aaron Kampman



### Who and where are Honduras' poor rural people?

The country's poor rural people include farmers, rural women, landless people and laborers, some of whom belong to ethnic and indigenous groups.

Women and indigenous groups are among the poorest people in Honduras. Women who are heads of households make up about 9 percent of the country's small farmers. They work long hours and bear the double burden of working the land and taking care of their families, in which there are an average of seven children. The income of households headed by women in hillside areas is about 30 percent less than that of households headed by men, and they receive less than half the level of government transfers. As many as 70 percent of rural women are illiterate, and only 20 percent have had secondary level schooling.

Honduras has nine recognized indigenous and African American minority groups comprising about 70,000 families, or about 6.5 percent of the population. Communities of indigenous origin include small subsistence farmers and temporary rural workers. Many of them are landless. Indigenous peoples have substantially higher poverty rates. An estimated 71 percent of indigenous people live below the poverty line.

Poverty is prevalent in central hillside areas in the interior highlands of Honduras, which are home to about 75 percent of the rural population, including indigenous groups. The highest concentration of rural poverty is found in the western region, which also has the greatest concentration of extreme poverty.

### Why are they poor?

Lack of access to land, together with fragile social conditions, a vulnerable environment and low agricultural productivity are among the problems at the root of poverty in the country.

The country is prone to hurricanes and flooding, particularly in the areas close to the Caribbean coast. Hurricane Mitch, which hit Honduras in late 1998, caused widespread destruction of basic economic and social infrastructure, rural housing and food crops.

## Connections Ministry

by Pastor Kendall Meyer

We are excited about the upcoming plans for Connections Ministry. Before we unveil all of our fall plans, let me explain the heart behind it all. The purpose of this ministry is to travel on life's path together for the first time and for a lifetime. Connections Ministry seeks to forge a PATH by :

- Providing spiritual opportunities
- Attending to other's needs
- Telling of God's love
- Helping each other travel down life's faith path

In light of this PATH, we will offer community (small) groups, Bible studies, social gatherings and other opportunities. You will receive a comprehensive listing of everything we offer in the Fall Opportunities brochure that will be mailed to your house no later than August 25. Until then, here is a sampler of what will be available in the fall.

### Community (Small) Groups

Do you desire to build close, personal relationships with other Christian people? This fall, starting the week of Sept. 14, community groups will meet to study "Motivated for Mission." The groups will explore: Why are we here on this earth? What is our purpose? If this sounds like something for you, check out our Web site or call Pastor Meyer today.

### Bible Studies

Starting in the fall, we will have lots of Bible studies throughout the week in different locations. We will offer on-campus Sunday Bible studies starting Sunday, Sept. 14, Lifelight from 9:20-10:20 a.m. and Life and Ministry of the Messiah from 9:20-10:20 and 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Women's Connections starting Monday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m.; Pastor's Bible Study starting Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 10-11:30 a.m.; MOST Bible Study for Moms on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; and Men's Bible study on Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

### Social Groups

We have lots of great plans to help people connect in social settings, such as XYZ fellowship group, LWML circles, men's basketball, co-ed volleyball, Gloria Dei quilters and much more.

### Other Opportunities

Whether you are a new Christian, new to the Lutheran faith or new to the church, we are thankful for you. Starting in the fall, we have lots of great classes and sessions that will help you grow in the faith.

**New to the Lutheran faith:** Join us Thursday, Sept. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. for a seven-week class. We will journey along with Apostle Paul as we will experience where God meets us in our lives. As we go through the six chief parts of Luther's catechism (10 Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and Lord's Supper) we will see how they pertain to and help with our daily faith-life journey. Childcare is provided.

**Transferring from another Lutheran Church:** We will hold an interactive experience for everyone joining on Sunday, Nov. 9. Come meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei, and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Childcare and a meal are provided.

## Questions?

Go to [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or call Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224

## Excitement Builds for Fall

by DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry

After an exciting summer of camps, summer Grace Place, summer Reading Club and lots of sun and fun, we are looking forward to this fall's activities, including Grace Place and Faith Alive.

Some have asked what the difference is between Grace Place and Faith Alive. While the stories may be similar, the structure of the times is different. Wednesday evening's Faith Alive program is casual, come-as-you-are attire, filled with hands-on experiences for each class. There are as many as five different stations, which will allow children to experience the story and be able to tell it in a way that makes sense to them. Faith Alive this fall will also include Music Alive time, not outside of class time, but included in it.

Grace Place is a more formal class time on the weekends. While hands-on activities are still used, so are other means, such as songs, puppets, drama, and discussions. Each week is unique and different.

In each educational opportunity, we believe children should be called by name. Please take the time to register your child for Grace Place and Faith Alive by registering online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or at the Information Center today. A name tag will be created for them.

We look forward to the working with your children this fall!

### Grace Place

- Saturday, Sept. 13  
5:50-6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 14  
9:20-10 & 10:50-11:30 a.m.

### Faith Alive

- Wednesday, Sept. 17  
6-7:30 p.m.

## Tiny Treasures Updates

Things are buzzing around the preschool these days as teachers begin to prepare their rooms and lessons for the first days of school in September. One assistant teacher is still needed for Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you know someone for this part-time, but amazingly fun job, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305 today.

## Youth Help Community



*Left:* Recently, the youth packed 20 caregiver boxes that will allow people to minister to HIV/Aids victims in Africa through World Vision ministries. Pictured from left to right back to front is Justin Nicolet, Justin Kightlinger, Zach Kightlinger, Olivia Pace, Alex McKeighan, Kayla Kightlinger, Meredith Pace and Ryan Lanham



*Right:* They also built a shed for one of the Habitat for Humanity homes. Pictured from left to right back to front is Larry Baak, Bogdan Gilmudinov, Kayla Kightlinger, Alex McKeighan, Ryan Lanham, Olivia Pace, Elizabeth Altemeier, Meredith Pace, Justin Kightlinger, Tim Kightlinger, Justin Nicolet and Zach Kightlinger. Not pictured is Zach Bruce.



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## Junior High Event

**Sunday, Aug. 17**

### Bowling and Dinner:

For those who have registered, we will leave the church for Merle Hay Lanes at 3 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. We will grab a bite at the mall; please bring \$15-20 that will cover bowling and supper.

## Confirmation Orientation

The following is a gentle reminder for parents and students to attend their scheduled Confirmation meetings:

### 6th Grade:

Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center

### 7th Grade:

Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center

### 8th Grade:

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### Can't make one of the above meetings?

All grades can join us for Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

Join us every Sunday for Castaway from 9-10 a.m.

Main Topic: How to be a Player

Aug. 17: Focus: I Give Up

Aug. 24: Focus: Gee, Thanks

Aug. 31: No Castaway

Sept. 7: Focus: Getting Our Hands Dirty

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Wednesday: The Point

**Topics: Fruit of the Spirit**

Aug. 20: 3 P's Party: Pizza, Planning and Play

Aug. 27, Sept. 3 and 10: No Point

Our fall kick off will be Wednesday, Sept. 17.

### Yes I Am Conference

**Sunday, Aug. 24 from 1-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center**

### New and Different Focus and Events

Senior high youth are invited to a conference focusing on purity in today's world. Even if you have attended in the past, we encourage you to attend again as the focus and events have changed. We will have guest speakers, a concert, games and dinner. Cost is \$20, which includes all activities and food. Register by this Sunday, Aug. 17.

### MSG Sent Conference

**Sunday, Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.**

Join us Sunday, Aug. 31 as we travel to Mapleton, Iowa for a conference that focuses on sharing the message of God's love to our family, friends, and neighbors. Cost is free, but you will need money for lunch. We will leave from the church at 10 a.m. and return by 10:30 p.m. Anavox will perform during the conference. Sign up by Aug. 24 on the Youth bulletin board.

## Week of August 17-23, 2008

### Sunday, August 17

- 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. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 3:00 p.m. Jr. High Dinner and Bowling
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, August 18

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Teachers Return
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, August 19

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Preschool Staff Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday, August 20

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 5:30 p.m. The Point

### Thursday, August 21

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 11:00 a.m. Metro Area Network of Youth Workers

### Friday, August 22

- 6:00 p.m. Rachele Johnson/Tim Bonert Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, August 23

- 10:00 a.m. Finance Focus Group Interviews
- 3:30 p.m. Rachele Johnson/Tim Bonert Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 6:15 p.m. Grace Place Leaders Meeting

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$32,674
YTD Offering	\$173,217
YTD Budget	\$201,342

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	127	98
7:45 a.m.	121	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	259	
9 a.m. (FLC)	83	38
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	223	
<b>Total</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>136</b>

## Weeks of August 24-30, 2008

### Sunday, August 24

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Grace Place Leaders Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:00 a.m. Grace Place Leaders Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. "Yes I Am" Youth Conference and Concert
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, August 25

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Care Callers Training

### Tuesday, August 26

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Focus Group Interviews
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

### Wednesday, August 27

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faith Alive Leaders Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Parent Orientation
- 7:00 p.m. Elementary Faith Alive Leaders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. BCS Ministry Action Team

### Thursday, August 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Community Group Facilitator Meeting

### Friday, August 29

### Saturday, August 30

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

<b>Summer Grace Place Attendance</b>	
<b>Sundays at 9:20 a.m.</b>	
Ages 2, 3 and 4	10
Age 5 and K	12
Grades 1 and 2	7
Grades 3, 4 and 5	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

# 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

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

### Summer Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Summer Grace Place, an educational time for children ages 3 to fifth grade at 9:20 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place at both 9 a.m. services. If you attend another service, please feel free to bring your children to the educational wing at 9:20 a.m.

### 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 a.m.

### Senior high and adults

**Senior high students:** Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to The Point, an evening of food, fun, teaching and interactive discussions on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

**Adults:** There are lots of community groups for adults meeting in the summer; for more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



### 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 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary  
Summer Educational Time: 9:20 • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon  
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary