

August 2/3 and 9/10, 2008

The Twelfth and Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Current Sermon Series:

# Starting the Conversation

by Karen Kennedy, staff

If everyone was like me, it would be easy to reach them. Conversations would revolve around my likes, dislikes, passions and beliefs. Of course, I would talk about art, photography, books, biking, my disdain for eggs, and my love for God. Unfortunately, not many people fit into that demographic mold; neither do they fit into your unique mold. So, what do we do when we want to share the gospel with people who are different than us? And how about those people who completely oppose everything we believe in? Or who deny the name of Jesus Christ?

How can we reach people who are different than ourselves?

Paul sets a great example of how to approach this dilemma when he reveals his heart in I Corinthians 9:22:

*To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.*

Deep down in Paul's heart was a desire to reach people with the life-saving message of Jesus. He understood that in order to reach people, he would have to relate to them in a loving and genuine way. Take how he handled the idolatry found in Athens in Acts 17. Paul could have walked away or belittled their beliefs, instead he began a conversation concerning one of their common icons of the day—an idol labeled “unknown God.”

*For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. Acts 17:23*

Paul intentionally placed himself in the midst of a situation that required insight, empathy, and understanding of the people that he wanted to reach. Shouldn't we do the same?

This week let's look around at the people surrounding us. More than likely, their beliefs will be different than ours. But let's see if we can imitate Paul by lovingly finding a common point that could possibly point to the lover of all mankind, Jesus.

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

## Fall Previews

The fall plans are underway and we are excited. Whatever stage of life you are in, we have opportunities for you.

For children's activities, see page 8.

For youth activities, see page 9.

Young adults, check page 5 for the LeadNow simulcast.

Want to study the Bible? See page 5.

Need support? See page 7.

## Lost & Found

Please check the lost-and-found shelf located in the coat racks near the narthex. All remaining items will be given away by Aug. 10.

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## Sermon Series: Starting the Conversation: What do you say?

August 2-3    What do you say to a Mormon?

August 9-10    What do you say to a Buddhist?

August 16-17    What do you say to a Muslim?

## Strategic Plan Updates

Over the past several months, the Strategic Planning MAT and its four topical focus groups have been working hard to implement the components of the recently ratified Strategic Plan. The facilities focus group is tasked with exploring sites that may be suitable for relocation. The decision was made to involve an architectural firm in the earliest stages—including establishing a set of criteria for selecting potential sites and then identifying parcels of land that would successfully meet the parameters set forth.

After issuing a “Request for Proposals” to 11 firms, the focus group reviewed the nine proposals they received, narrowing the field to three firms. Each of the three firms was invited for an extensive interview where they described how they would be helpful in the many steps along the way to achieving our end goal. After extensive review, the focus group’s top choice was SVPA Architect, Inc., a well-established local firm since 1953.

SVPA is not a stranger to Gloria Dei—they assisted in the building of the Family Life Center, the educational wing and the parking lot improvements. But our past working experience with them was only a portion of why the focus group chose SVPA. Their extensive experience in worship facility design, effective programming methodology (need identification, analysis and prioritization), and the high recommendations from references made the decision clear.

“We are excited and confident about our selection,” said Merlin Siefken, facility focus group leader. “We firmly believe that SVPA is the right choice to help us accomplish a large component of the Strategic Plan.”

As we begin our journey with this architectural firm, we will keep you informed of the progress, the thought processes and other important updates as they occur.

For questions, please feel free to contact Merlin at [sms\\_llc@mchsi.com](mailto:sms_llc@mchsi.com).

## Executive Director Position

We are seeking a person with strong leadership skills who will develop and coordinate the staff to effectively implement the ministry of Gloria Dei. This unique position will appeal to the seasoned leader who wants to dedicate his/her talents to the mission and vision of Gloria Dei. If you are a decisive self-starter and a good communicator who can handle multiple projects simultaneously and enjoy seeing them come to fruition, please check out our Web site ([www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)) for more information.

## 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.

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Aug. 10 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



**D**rake Lee Parker born March 18, 2008 to Ryan and Stacia (nee Cosner) Parker. Drake's spiritual sponsors are Michael and Lael Herten and Lisa and Joe Casey.

## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar for Aug. 3 are in celebration of:  
The 32nd wedding anniversary of Joe and Lim Kaiser.

## Servers

### Aug. 2 and 3

**Officiant/Liturgist:**  
*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

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

*9 a.m. (FLC):*  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Organist:**  
Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**  
Christopher Timmerman  
Katie Hermanson  
Kara Ganzer

**Elders:**  
Tim Mueller  
Steve Junge  
Tim Radig

### Aug. 9 and 10

**Officiant/Liturgist:**  
*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

*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

**Organist:**  
Shirley Roberts

**Acolytes:**  
Christopher Timmerman  
Katie Hermanson  
Kara Ganzer

**Elders:**  
Tom Westby  
Marvin Deer  
Rod Serbus

### 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:

August 2 and 3: Ephesians 2:6-10 and John 15:13-17 (NIV)

August 9 and 10: Romans 5:1-8 and John 10:7-10 (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 Joe and Lim Kaiser who are celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary

## Prayers

- For Peggy Riddle's health
- For a successful surgery for Richard Bunch, Elaine Klinefelter's brother-in-law
- For Lou Grotheer, who is recovering from two hip surgeries
- For Jim Riddle, who is recovering from ankle surgery
- For the continued recovery for Jared Walter
- 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 Mormonism

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

### History

Mormonism is an ancient religion that was restored in the early 1800s. Mormonism is an unofficial name used to refer to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (also called The Mormon Church). Mormonism refers to the doctrines taught by Joseph Smith and the succeeding prophets and leaders of the church, but those doctrines are believed to be eternal and part of the original gospel preached by Jesus Christ. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the fourth largest Christian denomination in the United States. The church is headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has established congregations and temples worldwide, reporting approximately 13 million members.

### Central Belief

Mormonism is defined as a branch of Christianity, encompassing numerous religious denominations, but is generally associated with the theology and subculture of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### Belief in Deity

The term "Mormon" derives from "The Book of Mormon," which was published in 1830 and recently subtitled "Another Testament of Jesus Christ" to highlight the importance of the information about the Savior that is contained in the book. The Book of Mormon is accepted by the LDS as scripture along with the Bible.



*Mormons believe Christ visited the Americas after his resurrection.*

### Concept of Sin

The concept of sin is down-played. Sin is evil because of what it does to the person, not because of what it does to God. If sin can be rationalized into something else, it is no longer a sin. Five major sins of Mormonism are murder, apostasy, sexual immorality, breaking the Word of Wisdom and refusal to bear children.

### Salvation

Mormonism diminishes the role Jesus played in providing eternal life and teaches that Christ's atoning sacrifice results in physical resurrection thus 'opening the door' to eternal life. The word atone is seen as meaning 'at-one' with God, not 'to make amends.'

### Religious Practice

In Mormonism, faith is twofold: acceptance of the Mormon plan of salvation through works, rather than of salvation itself and the power God gives to resist sin and perform works, thereby working the plan to become perfect and saving oneself. The power of faith is bestowed in proportion to the righteousness one demonstrates through obedience to God's laws.

### After Death

Justification and sanctification must be earned through life-long obedience and working to fulfill all requirements. After Mormons spend this life and the next spiritual life striving to "do all they can do," if they were good enough, Jesus makes up the difference and grants them eternal life. Mormons cannot be sure of their eternal fate, because it is based on what they have yet to do.



- Salt Lake Temple is the centerpiece of the 10 acre Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- A statue commemorating Mormon handcart pioneers represents their pilgrimage to Utah.

### Founder:

Joseph Smith, Jr.

### Leader:

Thomas S. Monson

### Geographical Area:

176 nations/territories

### Congregations:

27,827

### Members:

13,193,999

### Missionaries:

52,686

### For further information:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mormonism>

## GodZ GuyZ at the State Fair

GodZ GuyZ will perform at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. on the Knapp Stage. They will share a concert filled with old favorites and music from their last CD. Please join them for a morning of worship and praise.

## Thank You

I wish to thank all of the many folks who have extended prayers, sent cards and given wonderful words of encouragement prior to and following my recent surgery. A special thanks to the pastors for taking time to meet with me prior to the surgery, as well as being at the hospital to pray with me and then being with my family for a time during the surgery. It is wonderful to be part of such a wonderful fellowship of believers. — Jared Walter

## 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 or visit the IRLC Web site at [www.IRLC.org](http://www.IRLC.org).

## Scrapbook Fellowship

Take a break—just for you—for a few hours and work on your scrapbooks! Come anytime; leave when you need to. We meet in rooms 131-133 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and would love to have you! Join us for lunch and/or supper or bring your own. For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

## Items to be Collected

The first Sunday of every month is “Undy Sunday” for the people in Uganda. Please bring 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.

## 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, August 6 from 7-8 p.m.**

**Book:** “A Woman’s Place,” by Lynne Austin

**Location:** Shani Fjelsted, 6520 NW 95th Court, Johnston, 259-4099.

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

“White Chocolate Moments,” by Lori Wick

**Location:** Church

## September Study

Starting Sunday, Sept. 7, we will begin a new six-week Bible study called Motivation for Mission. This interactive Bible study and fellowship will explore each individual’s purpose and the overall purpose of the church.

If you would like to participate in a group, register today at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com).

Want to host a study at your home? Please e-mail Pastor Meyer at [kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:kmeyer@gloriadeionline.com).

## 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.

## Summer Reading Program Ends

The summer reading program has encouraged children to go for the gold in reading books this summer. The final submission for books read is Sunday, Aug. 3 at the library.

# Mission Corner



As reported a few weeks ago, the team from Gloria Dei experienced many great things during their recent trip to Honduras. In an effort to educate all of us about the great need in Honduras, we have composed the following article:

Honduras is the third poorest country in Latin America and the second poorest country in Central America. Although the government has achieved a degree of economic stability since 2000, it has not improved living conditions or reduced poverty for the country's huge proportion of poor people. Poverty levels have remained essentially unchanged since 1997. The population is evenly divided between urban and rural areas, but poverty is essentially a rural problem. About 74 percent of the country's poor people, and 86 percent of the extremely poor, live in rural areas.

### 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.

*The mission team helped the Hondurans with many of their life's basic necessities.*

**Total population:**  
7.0 million

**Rural poor:**  
1.6 million

**Rural population below the poverty line:**  
51 percent

**GNI per capital:**  
\$970 (USD)

**Population living below \$1 a day:**  
20.7 percent

**Population living below \$2 a day:**  
44 percent

**Population living below the national poverty line:**  
53 percent

**Source:**  
*World Bank  
IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development)*

Please continue to pray for the people in Honduras.



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## Local Outreach Opportunity for Gloria Dei

by Kory Schramm, member of Gloria Dei

Several months ago, Gloria Dei's Beacon of Blessing committee said a prayer asking our Lord to identify unique opportunities for our congregation to serve the community. One of the answers given loud and clear was Freedom for Youth Ministries, an organization that happened to be saying their own prayers in hopes of being led to a congregation like Gloria Dei.

To get a sense of Freedom for Youth Ministries, one needs only to read their mission and vision statements.

**Mission:** Freedom for Youth Ministries offers the love of Jesus Christ to homeless and at-risk youth which empowers them to break bondages of their lives, discover their God-given purpose and lead a life filled with faith, hope and love.

**Vision:** To unite the Christian community to reach out to our lost and hurting youth in Des Moines and empower them to demonstrate their love for Jesus through sharing their time and talents with the youth we serve.

A 6-acre area located in Des Moines' inner city, the Freedom Center Campus serves as a sanctuary for teens and young adults to learn new skills (ranging from woodworking and welding to music and dance), enjoy a meal and be encouraged through the scriptures. The organization's Promise House offers a Christ-based transitional housing program for young men ages 18-22 (a similar program for young women is in design). And this fall, Whiz Kids will be introduced for 6- to 12-year-olds providing an opportunity for mentors to read, feed and invest in the lives of dozens of children.

### Turning to the Christian Community

Being firmly based in Christian ministry, Freedom for Youth Ministry receives little or no support from government entities and the general Des Moines business community. Success centers on the prayers and support of local churches, bible study and youth groups, and individuals.

So how can Gloria Dei help? The organization has identified the following opportunities for consideration:

**Small groups** willing to serve a hot meal once a month throughout the school year. The biggest needs are a specific Monday (1st, 2nd, etc.) for the 6- to 12-year-olds and a specific Saturday for the teens.

**Mentors** for the 6- to 12-year-olds who would each be committed to a student for a school year and responsible for transporting them to and from campus (with another mentor), reading with them for 45 minutes, enjoying a devotional time and dinner. This commitment would be roughly 1.5 hours a week.

**Groups** willing to do an afternoon of manual labor to help improve the campus.

**Individuals** interested in becoming a Prayer Warrior for Freedom Youth Ministries.

For more information about the Freedom for Youth Ministries, visit [www.freedomforyouth.org](http://www.freedomforyouth.org); for ways to become involved, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

## Care Night Scheduled this Fall

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, True Value and Lugandan for Missionaries. More information will be forthcoming, but if you have any questions, please call Pastor Phillips.

## Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Whether you are a new Christian, new to the Lutheran faith or new to the church, we are thankful that you are here today. Starting in the fall, we have lots of great classes and sessions that will help you grow in the faith. Here is a snippet of what will be available. For further information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

**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 in the hopes that 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.

For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-544, ext. 224

## Tiny Treasures Updates

### Reach for the Stars

Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures Preschool, recently attended a meeting/reception to celebrate the Quality Rating System (QRS) and received a poster designed for the occasion, which is displayed in the preschool hallway. The QRS is a state-sanctioned system that encourages preschools to go beyond the licensing requirements.



### New Improvements

The Polk County Empowerment and Visiting Health Nurse Services Healthy Starts program awarded Tiny Treasures a \$3,000 grant for improvement of health and safety; consequently, four security cameras were installed to make all the entrances to the preschool more visible on a monitor located in the preschool office.

A special thanks to Bill Clark, Duane Haas and Chris Onsrud who helped install the cameras.

The other addition from the grant is a hand-washing sink installed in the entry to the bathrooms.



## Excitement Builds for Fall

After an exciting summer of camps, we are looking forward to the fall's enriching activities.

Grace Place will begin Saturday, Sept. 13 at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Faith Alive will begin Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.

We will have several Meet Your Teacher Family Events for Grace Place and Faith Alive. On Saturday, Sept. 6 immediately following worship, on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 8:30 and 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.

More information will be forthcoming, but we wanted families to mark their calendar.

Please register your child today by going to [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or at the Information Center.



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## Junior High Event

Sunday, Aug. 17

### Bowling and Dinner:

We will leave the church at 3 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. for Merle Hay Lanes. We will grab a bite at the mall; please bring \$15 that will cover bowling and supper.

Register by signing up on a sheet on the youth bulletin board by Sunday, Aug. 10.

## Golf Tournament

On Saturday, July 26, the youth held a golf tournament that raised \$900 to purchase a shed for Habitat for Humanity.



*The winning team takes a shot at stardom during the golf tournament; pictured from left to right: Larry Grund, Steve Kightlinger, Tim Kightlinger and Greg Olson.*

## 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. 3: Focus: A Person God can Use

Aug. 10: Focus: Risky Business

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. 6: Topic: Gentleness  
Bowling following (\$3.25 a game)  
Food: Sloppy Joes

Aug. 13: Patience  
Café 923 following  
Food: Hamburger and Brats

Aug. 20: Pizza Party

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

### Mission Des Moines

**August 8-9:** Gloria Dei Youth Ministry will be partnering with Texas Roadhouse to build a shed for Habitat for Humanity. Building begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 8. Texas Roadhouse will be furnishing lunch. Other service opportunities will take place after the shed is built, such as putting together care kits for World Vision. Teens will be sleeping at the church.

Saturday, we will be delivering the shed, sodding, and planting trees. The event will end at 7 p.m. on Saturday with dinner. Anyone with basic carpentry skills or just a willingness to help is welcome to join us. Contact Tim Kightlinger 278-5544 ext. 212 for more information.

### Yes I Am Conference

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

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. We will have guest speakers, a concert, games and dinner. Cost is \$20, which includes all activities and food. Registration forms will be coming in the mail.

# Week of August 3-9, 2008

## Sunday, August 3

- 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 the 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
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, August 4

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Tuesday, August 5

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

## Wednesday, August 6

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 6:30 p.m. H3 Family Event

## Thursday, August 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

## Friday, August 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mission Des Moines – Sr. High Youth
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Dragon & JHawk Cheerleading Practice

## Saturday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. Mission Des Moines – Sr. High Youth
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	118	85
7:45 a.m.	130	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	252	
9 a.m. (FLC)	93	43
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	209	
<b>Total</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>128</b>

Outpouring of Love (July 27)	
General Fund Offerings	\$36,341
YTD Offering	\$118,840
YTD Budget	\$134,228

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
<b>Sundays at 9:20 a.m.</b>	
Ages 2, 3 and 4	12
Age 5 and K	13
Grades 1 and 2	14
Grades 3, 4 and 5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

## Weeks of August 10-23, 2008

### Sunday, August 10

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Host Home Informational Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, August 11

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dragon & JHawk Cheerleading Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, August 12

- 11:00 a.m. UHS Private Instrumental Lessons
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

### Wednesday, August 13

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Interviews
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 6:30 p.m. Foreign Mission MAT
- 6:30 p.m. Host Home Informational Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923

### Thursday, August 14

- 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. Host Home Informational Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Ministry Focus Group Meeting

### Friday, August 15

- 5:00 p.m. Katherine McCaskey/Anthony Kanne Rehearsal

### Saturday, August 16

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Katherine McCaskey/Anthony Kanne Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

### 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 the 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. Junior High Bowling and Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, August 18

- 8:00 a.m. Preschool Teachers Return
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, August 19

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Metro Area Network of Youth

### Friday, August 22

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

### Saturday, August 23

- 3:30 p.m. Rachele Johnson and 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

# 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