

WEEKLY WORD



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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Excitement Builds for the Fall

Celebration Weekend: Packed with Possibilities

Riddle: What's outside with hundreds of feet walking and running?

Answer: The children, youth and adults celebrating God's blessings during celebration weekend.

Okay, a not-so-great riddle but a great event for the entire family. Join us as we celebrate God's many blessings upon this congregation on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7.

We will have pizza on Saturday evening, breakfast pizza on Sunday morning (all meals are \$3 each; \$2 for children ages 6 and under). After eating, everyone is invited to yard games and other fun activities outside. Stay as long as you wish and invite as many friends, family members and neighbors as you want.



Fall Opportunities

As we begin to work toward the fulfillment of the Strategic Plan, we are excited to announce some new initiatives from the Ministry Destination. Below are a few highlights of our fall lineup:

Connections Ministry

Connections Ministry has lots of avenues to help people connect, one of which is a small group study called "Motivation for Mission" beginning Sept. 14. For more information, see page 5.

Thursday Care Night

Starting Thursday, Sept. 11, we will have a night designed for individuals facing some of life's challenging situations. Meals, devotion and support groups are integral to the evening's schedule. See page 4 for more details.

Faith Alive - Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.

Children ages 2 to fifth grade are invited to join us for fun on Wednesday evening as we incorporate family worship, Music Alive and Faith Alive in one powerful time slot starting at 6 p.m. See page 8 for details.

A complete listing of all the fall opportunities:

A Fall Opportunities brochure will arrive at your house by Monday, Aug. 25. If you are not on our mailing list and would like a brochure, please pick one up at the Information Center.

what's
NEW!
this week!

Concert

Are you daring and like to rock and roll? Then join the youth on Sunday in the Family Life Center at 5:30 p.m. for Remedy Drive, a contemporary Christian rock group. Cost is \$5 at the door; concert starts at 5:30 p.m.

Fall Previews

Sept. 9

Premarriage Class (see page 4)

Sept. 11

Care Night (see page 4)

Sept. 13 and 14

All fall programs and Bible studies (see page 5 and 8)

Sept. 17

Faith Alive and Pastor Meyer Bible Study (see pages 5 and 8)

Sept. 22

Women's Connections (see page 5)

Sermon Series: Layers of Love

August 23-24
Love Is about Commitment

August 30-31
Love Is about All We Do

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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.

Sermon Series

Pastor Burcham will share in a series of messages starting Sept. 6-7 on “Laying the Foundation.”

“This is such an important and exciting time in our congregation,” said Pastor Burcham. “It is my prayer that our members would clear their schedules and commit to hearing all five messages as they introduce and then lay the foundation from God’s Word for our future.”

Sept. 6 and 7: Celebration Sunday: Laying the Foundation

The future is packed with possibilities when we put our trust and faith in God. God’s Word repeatedly shows the impossible to be possible. The same is true with our lives and with the life of our church. The Strategic Plan for our congregation is packed with possibilities, but those possibilities will not become a reality unless it is built on a good foundation. The next four messages will lay that foundation.

Sept. 13 and 14: Dependence upon God

As we move forward as a church we must make sure we depend upon God and his blessings. We must go about our Father’s business with the acknowledgement that all we do is for God’s vision, for God’s glory and done by God’s people.

Sept. 20 and 21: Committed to God’s Mission

God’s desire is for all people to be saved through the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. The task of spreading the news of his salvation has been given to us, so we should commit to this mission. We need to know our God and his work, have a passion for reaching people and the willingness to be his hands and feet.

September 27 and 28: Sacrifice

The work God gives us is rarely easy; normally it requires sacrifice. Any major accomplishment in life, usually comes at a cost. But because of the sacrifice, the accomplishments are much more sweet. There will be sacrifices made to accomplish God’s work among us, but the accomplishments made available from God through us will outweigh the sacrifice.

October 4 and 5: Unity

God has called us to be one in him and in our purpose. Together, as God’s people and by his power, we can accomplish much! We will need to trust and respect one another in Christian love. We also need to work together if the work is to be accomplished. The Strategic Plan is bold and it will require that all of us participate in the ministry that God has given us.

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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of:
The 25th wedding anniversary of Mark and Karen Jobst.

2008 Fall Sign-Up

As the Worship Ministry prepares for this year's musical offerings, Julie DenHerder and Angie Gage invite all new or returning members to be a part of the Choir, Orchestra, or Alleluia Ringers (adult group) and the Resonators (junior and high school group). The season starts Wednesday, Sept. 17: the Resonators will meet from 5:30-6 p.m.; the Choir will meet from 6-7:20 p.m.; the Orchestra and Alleluia Ringers will meet from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

If you or a friend are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministries, at 276-1700 or at steve@gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

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. Tim Phillips

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

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Christopher Timmerman
Katie Hermanson
Kara Ganzer

Elders:

Terry Woolman
David Graaf
Vic Kesse

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 Reading:

1 John 4: 9-16 (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 Mark and Karen Jobst celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary

Prayers

- For the health of Rich and Terry Steinke's grandson, Jacob
- For Amy Jo Wiese, who lost her grandmother
- For Brandon Simpson and family, who are grieving the loss of their grandmother, Mildred Simpson
- For Aimee Carlson, who lost her brother
- For the quick recovery for Dave Graaf, who had shoulder surgery
- For Alice Hesse's health
- For Scott Raecker's father, who is recovering from cancer surgery
- 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 with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Congregational Care Notes

by Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care

In the last several months, we have been working on several new initiatives that we believe will help to provide individual care to our members. Please take some time to read what will be available in the fall. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these groups, please give me a call at 278-5544, ext. 204.



Pastor Tim Phillips

Stephen Ministries

Beginning in September, Gloria Dei will begin the Stephen Series, a sequence of steps to implement the lay caring ministry system commonly referred to as Stephen Ministries. Earlier this year, Gloria Dei enrolled in Stephen Ministries joining 9,000 congregations worldwide. In September, we will begin training about a dozen Stephen minister candidates recruited from our congregation. The candidates will attend rigorous training in the fall and winter months and then be commissioned in the spring as Stephen ministers.

Who are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen ministers are lay people who receive 50 hours of Christian care-giving training in the congregation. Stephen ministers typically have one care receiver at a time and meet with that person once a week for about an hour. In addition, they gather with their Stephen leaders twice a month for supervision and continuing education.

Interested in Stephen Ministries, Pre-marriage class or Care Night?

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

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.

Care Night

On Thursday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m., we launch our Care Night where support groups will eat, worship and meet together in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to those in need for the first time and for a lifetime. All classes meet ten times unless otherwise indicated. We will begin the evening with a meal, then devotion time before heading for our support group meetings.

Cancer Support Group

Breast Cancer Survivor Group reaches out to women who are going through breast cancer.

Caregiver Care

Caregiver Care is for adults who are now in the role of being caregivers for their parents or spouses. We will be going through "Caring for Your Aging Parents," by Barbara Deane, which can be purchased the first week for \$12.

DivorceCare Support Group

DivorceCare is a program for people who are going through the pain of divorce.

GriefShare

GriefShare is a program to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative.

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is a program designed especially for children up to 10 years old who have experienced the death of a close relative or friend.

Self-Defense Class

This six-week class is taught by a self-defense/martial arts instructor and will teach you how to protect yourself; cost is \$25.

Spanish for Caregivers/Teachers

Instruction in beginning Spanish will be provided for caregivers and teachers for four weeks.

True Value

This support group will equip women who are or have been in abusive relationships by learning about the healing power of Christ.

Connections Ministry

by Pastor Kendall Meyer

Sign up today for fall's community group study:
 "Motivation for Mission" at www.gloriadeionline.com.

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 "Motivation 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 or call Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224



Pastor Kendall Meyer

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 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 that 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.

Diana's Angels

Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines

Diana's Angels is made up of volunteers who sew and package garments in four sizes and styles, which fit tiny infants. Each set includes an outfit for the baby to wear, a cap, a blanket and booties. A card is also placed in each box with Psalms 121 printed on the inside. These items are donated to area hospitals and funeral homes where they are given to families facing the death of an infant.

If you are interested in helping, please attend their first workshop or contact Lois Cole at 288-1250.

Serving at Freedom for Youth

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.

Thank you in advance for helping with this ministry.

Meals from the Heartland

Members of Gloria Dei have been invited to a massive meal packaging event at Hy-vee hall beginning Wednesday, Sept. 3 to Sunday, Sept. 7. Churches, corporations, schools, and individuals will partner with Embrace Iowa and the Food Bank of Iowa to package 3 million meals during the week. The food packages will be sent to Haiti, a few countries in Africa and possibly Central America. Christian organizations receive the food for distribution to those in need. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Melissa Aeilts at 229-0047.

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

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.

Bible Study

Tuesday afternoon Bible study (Helping Hands) will meet Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. in room 129. This year's plans include Bible studies and a monthly opportunity to provide administrative help to the church. If you are interested in this fun and faithful group, please call Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

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.

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.



DeAnn McCue

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 or at the Information Center today. A name tag will be created for them.

We look forward to working with your children this fall!

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. Last week the new staff met to prepare their rooms, get to know each other and train on the many aspects of our preschool.

Happy Times

Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures Preschool, has authored the October 2008 issue of *Happy Times*. The monthly magazine is published by Concordia Publishing House and contains Christ-centered stories, poems, activity pages and special projects for children ages 3-5. The topic for the October issue is pumpkins. There will be several copies located in the narthex for your enjoyment.



Grace Place & Faith Alive

Today is the last day of summer Grace Place.

Thank you for joining us this summer. We had a great time and are looking forward to the our time together in the 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.

Seamstresses Needed

We are excited about the real baby boom at Gloria Dei. To welcome these infants to our family, we provide baby bags for the new parents. This year we have made changes to the bags, so we need seamstresses to make the new bags. If you are interested in helping, pick up a kit with materials and directions for five bags. Please complete bags as soon as possible and return them to Terry or the church office.



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Cafe 923

Junior High, Friday, Sept. 5 from 6-9 p.m.

Come, hang out and play games with your friends in the Youth Center and Family Life Center.

Senior High, Sunday, Sept. 7 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Invite your friends to this fun, casual night of games and free food.

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 on 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. 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. 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.

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 24-30, 2008

Sunday, August 24

- 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 the 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
 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
 7:00 p.m. Craft Fair Meeting

Wednesday, August 27

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool Teachers Class
 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
 5:30 p.m. The Point
 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Parent Orientation
 7:00 p.m. BCS Ministry Action Team

Thursday, August 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Facility Focus Group Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
 6:00 p.m. GriefShare Training
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
 6:30 p.m. Community Group Facilitator Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Ministry Focus Group Meeting

Saturday, August 30

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

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	161	
7:45 a.m.	157	135
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	277	193
9 a.m. (FLC)	86	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	260	170
	941	498

Outpouring of Love:

Please note: Our interim business manager is on vacation; therefore our offering will be published the first week of September. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

Week of August 31-Sept. 6, 2008

Sunday, August 31

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. MSG Sent
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 1

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (Helping Hands)
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Focus Group Interview
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 6:00 p.m. 6th Grade Confirmation Informational Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Focus Group Interview
- 6:30 p.m. Grace Place and Faith Alive Teachers and Helpers Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation Informational Meeting

Thursday, September 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Focus Group Interview
- 6:30 p.m. Community Group Facilitators Informational Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Audio/Visual Meeting

Friday, September 5

- 8:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923

Saturday, September 6

Celebration Weekend!

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

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.	
Ages 2, 3 and 4	12
Age 5 and K	14
Grades 1 and 2	12
Grades 3, 4 and 5	6
Total	44

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

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.

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 with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

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.

Children

Last Day of Summer Grace Place - preschool and elementary children We offer Summer Grace Place, an educational time for children ages 2 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.

Youth: Junior

Junior High: Castaway: 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 students: Starting Sept. 14, our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming for the fall. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

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.

Weekly Bible Reading: John 4:9-16

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Time: 9:20 • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary