

WEEKLY WORD

August 30 and 31, 2008

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration Weekend: *Packed with Possibilities*

Saturday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon

Join us as we celebrate God's many blessings upon this congregation next weekend. We will have an assortment of activities starting with



pizza on Saturday evening and then breakfast pizza on Sunday morning (all meals are \$3 each; \$2 for children ages 6 and under). After eating, yard games and two bounce houses will be set up for your enjoyment. Stay as long as you wish and invite as many friends, family members and neighbors as you want.

Fall Opportunities

As we 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 thru 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.

Message Series

Join us next weekend for the first of five messages about the vital components of "Laying a Foundation." See page 2 for more details.

A complete listing of all the fall opportunities

A Fall Opportunities brochure is available at the Information Center.

what's
NEW!
this week!

Grace Place & Faith Alive

We are so excited about this upcoming year. We begin our fall programs Sept. 13, 14 and 17. See you there!

Grace Place

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

Faith Alive

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

This Week's Sermon Series August 30-31

*"Layers of Love:
Love Is About All
We Do"*

Next Week's Sermon Series Sept. 6-7

*"Laying the
Foundation"*

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Strategic Plan Updates

Celebration Weekend:

They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. Psalm 145:7

We are anticipating a wonderful celebration as we prepare for next weekend's festivities. God certainly has blessed us with so many wonderful opportunities that will help us grow closer to him. Praise him for his greatness!

Sermon Series:

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

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 the life of our church. The Strategic Plan for our congregation is packed with possibilities, but those possibilities will not become a reality unless they are 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 sweeter.

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.

Mission Ignition

Gloria Dei will host Iowa District West's Mission Ignition event, a celebration for mission partners of all ages, on Sunday, Sept. 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mission Ignition is an opportunity to praise God for his work of salvation and to bring awareness of mission work accomplished locally, nationally and globally. The children's mission event will include hands-on experiences of mission work and learning/performing a song in a foreign language. Bring your entire family for this fun event.

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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of:
The 50th wedding anniversary of Mike and Bev Bellile.

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. Tim Phillips

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Shirley Roberts

Acolytes:

Christopher Timmerman
Katie Hermanson
Kara Ganzer

Elders:

Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind
Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.

Carol Andresen
Ken Andresen
Bob Knief
Ken Petersen, 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 3: 18-24 (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 Mike and Bev Bellile celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary
- For the new addition to the Kohtz's household, Levi Karl Morgan, born August 26

Prayers

- For Kristy Steele's knee surgery
- Judy Waters' back surgery
- For Pastor Meyer's grandfather, who is gravely ill
- 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.

Register today at:
www.gloriadeionline.com.



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?

Go to our Web site at
www.gloriadeionline.com
or call Pastor Tim Phillips
at 278-5544, ext. 204

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 (\$3.50 for meals), 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 the 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. A comprehensive listing of everything we offer is in the Fall Opportunities brochure that can be picked up at the Information Center.

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 Thursdays 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



Art and Craft Fair

Saturday, Oct. 11 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The 16th annual Art and Craft Fair will be Saturday, Oct. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fair specializes in hand-crafted items, a bake sale, and a cafe and coffee bar. Sign-up sheets for bake sale donations will be available in the narthex in September. We would appreciate your contributions.

Vendor openings still available.

Since 1996, we have donated more than \$60,000 to circle's mission projects. For more information, contact Elaine Anderson at 225-8820 or go online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Circles

We have lots of exciting meetings this fall and would love for you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact one of members.

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. at the home of Hazel Schroedel, 5212 Cody Drive, West Des Moines, 225-0453.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Scheideman, 731 34th Place, West Des Moines, 225-2497.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 4150 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions, please call Meri Mohr at 327-1821.

Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes, 986-3697.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 16 6:30 p.m. at the Club Car Restaurant, 13435 University in West Des Moines/Clive.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Friday, Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The kids are back in school and the air is cooler. It's a great time to 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.

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.

Book Club

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, Sept. 3 from 7-8 p.m.

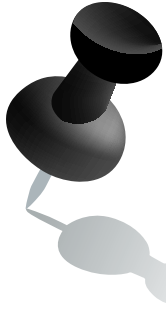
"White Chocolate Moments," by Lori Wick

Location: Church

Projects and Projects

We are looking for individuals to assemble scrapbook pages of some of the highlights from Gloria Dei's history. We are also looking for photos of our congregation.

If you would like to help by scrapbooking or providing photos, please call Karen Kennedy at 278-5544, ext. 225.



Community Involvement

Part of our vision at Gloria Dei is to be a beacon to our community; therefore we will take an active role in our community.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner

Mt. Olive Lutheran School, 5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines, will serve a spaghetti supper on Monday, Sept. 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected for the school's band scholarship fund. Band members will entertain during the event. After the dinner, guests are invited to visit the Mt. Olive's classrooms.

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.

Meals from the Heartland

Members of Gloria Dei are invited to a massive meal packaging event at Hy-vee hall beginning Wednesday, Sept. 3 to Sunday, Sept. 7. 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.

Thank You

As the anniversary of September 11 draws near, I find myself thanking God for courageous leaders and brave people in our military. Thank you for providing an avenue for us to express our gratitude and appreciation to those who sacrifice for the safety and ideals of America during our patriotic concert. In August, we presented a check for more than \$2,600 to the Iowa National Guard Officer's Auxiliary, a charitable organization that supports Iowa military families in time of need.

Thank you again for the part that you played in our tribute to fallen soldiers, veterans, active soldiers and our military families. — Sincerely, Julie DenHerder

Children's Ministry Updates



DeAnn McCue

As we prepare for this year's children's ministry, I am in awe of how the Lord continues to make a way for us to equip our younger members with the life-saving message of Jesus. If you have any questions, please call me at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Grace Place

Starts Saturday, Sept. 13 from 5:50-6:30 p.m.

Starts Sunday, Sept. 14 from 9:20-10 a.m. and 10:50-11:30 a.m.

Grace Place offers Christian educational opportunities for children ages 2 thru grade 5. Each class is grade-level appropriate. Families are welcome to worship together before children are excused for Grace Place, or families are welcome to take their children to the classrooms.

Meet the Teacher

Saturday, Sept. 6 immediately following worship

Sunday, Sept. 7 at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Faith Alive

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

We are incorporating family worship, Music Alive and Faith Alive in one powerful time slot. Families can begin the evening worshipping together as a family in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Children ages 2 thru fifth grade will go to age-appropriate classes where they will experience music, play, story reading, crafts and Bible-based lessons.

Faith Alive Meal

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 5:15-6 p.m.

Join us for a meal for \$3.50 per person. Children under 2 eat free.

Meet the Teacher

Wednesday, Sept. 17 immediately following the 6 p.m. opening.

Teachers and Assistants Needed:

If you love children, we have a great place for you. We have several openings for this year's Grace Place and Faith Alive. If you are interested, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Please register today at www.gloriadeionline.com or at the Information Center.

Happy Times

Terry Steinke, Director of Tiny Treasures Preschool, has



authored the October 2008 issue of *Happy Times*. This 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.

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 the bags as soon as possible and return them to Terry or the church office.

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Our Mission

Our youth ministry is on a mission, so we will follow the GYM acronym:

Grow in our relationship with God
and others,
Yield to Jesus as Lord and Savior and
Minister to others through outreach
and service.

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. 31: No Castaway

Sept. 7: Focus: Getting Our Hands Dirty

Senior High Grades 9-12

Wednesday: The Point

Sept. 3 and 10: No Point

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

Celebration Weekend

Volunteers Needed to Serve Pizza

One adult needed at each time slot
and 3-4 youth.

Saturday, September 6 from:

- 6-8 p.m.

Sunday, September 7 from:

- 8:30-10 a.m.
- 10-11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m.

If you can help, please contact
Cheryl Gilg 278-9423.

Café 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.

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

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ
 12:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 12:00 p.m. Kindermusik for Young Child Semester 1
 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
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3

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
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
 6:30 p.m. Grace Place and Faith Alive Teachers Orientation
 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
 6:30 p.m. Celebration Weekend Begins

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	157	114
7:45 a.m.	133	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	301	
9 a.m. (FLC)	96	43
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	269	
	956	157

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 Sept. 7-13, 2008

Sunday, September 7

Celebration Weekend!

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
in the Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Celebration Weekend Continues
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
the Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service
in the Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Practice
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
the Sanctuary with Communion
- 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, September 8

- 3:15 p.m. UHS Private Instrumental Lessons
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faculty Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training

Tuesday, September 9

- 7:00 a.m. School Election
- 12:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 12:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 1
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 3
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board

Wednesday, September 10

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Informational Meeting

Thursday, September 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. New to the Lutheran Faith Class
(Discovery 101)

Friday, September 12

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, September 13

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.	
Ages 2, 3 and 4	14
Age 5 and K	16
Grades 1 and 2	11
Grades 3, 4 and 5	10
Total	51

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

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

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 thru grade 5. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

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 to 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 and Sundays 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: 1 John 3:18-24

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Educational Times: (starts Sept. 13-14): Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon