

# WEEKLY WORD



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**August 15 and 16, 2009**  
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

## God's Conversions of Failures

by Rev. Philip Robarge, Director of Adult Ministry

Today, we will examine Paul's life as we continue to investigate the "Famous Failures" of the Bible.

We first meet Saul (who later is named Paul) in Acts 8 when "he agreed completely" with the killing of a man named Stephen who spoke boldly about Jesus Christ. In Philippians 3, we gain more insight into this Saul of Tarsus. His lineage, training and obedience to the Jewish law were impressive. In fact, he even admits that he was a "real Hebrew if there ever was one!" His mission in life was to protect the true faith of his forefathers, so it is not surprising new Christians were on his personal hit list.

So Saul continued to spearhead a house-to-house hunt to throw men and women into prison. Christians avoided him knowing that Saul had the power to kill or destroy them or their loved ones. By all Christian standards, Saul's life was in total opposition to God. After all, he destroyed the people whom God highly valued—the church, the body of believers who believed in his Son. The church's situation was grim—no litigation committees or advocates were on the horizon to help tame or control this beastly man, named Saul.

But Saul's life soon became a remarkable example of the redemptive power of Jesus Christ when his "killing the Church" agenda was interrupted by a bolt of light and an unexpected voice:

*"Saul, Saul, Why are you persecuting me?"*

*"Who are you, lord?" Saul asked.*

*And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." Acts 9:4b-6*

In the verses that follow we see how God changes a ruthless killer into a chosen "instrument" to take God's message to the Gentiles, to the kings, as well as to the people of Israel.

As we are aware, Paul not only became the leader of the first century church, but wrote thirteen letters that we use daily to understand the very Lord that Paul persecuted. And to think these letters were written by the hands that once killed.

As we look around at those we meet, do we see people who, by all practical purposes, have no hope of recovering from their failures or mistakes? Are their sins so unforgivable and unredeemable? If it weren't for the God I know, I would say yes, but the God I know, who revealed himself to Paul, says no. God can and will redeem individuals for his glory to build his church. What will God do with the failures of those around us? How about our own failures?

## UP & COMING EVENTS

### Grace Place

Grace Place will hold its final summer session today. See page 8 for details.

### Castaway

Castaway will hold its final summer session today. See page 9 for more details.

### Fall Opportunities

We have a wonderful array of opportunities available for the entire family. Pick up the Fall Opportunities booklet at the Information Center.

### Sermon Series: Famous Failures

**August 15-16**  
Saul/Paul

**August 22-23**  
David

**August 29-30**  
Sarah

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## Fall is Packed with Possibilities

This fall, we continue toward the fulfillment of our Strategic Plan by planning for our normal ministry programs, such as Faith Alive, Grace Place, Castaway, Care Night and Discovery 101 and 201. We are equally excited to start a few new Ministry Destination initiatives to add to our lineup of possibilities at Gloria Dei.



### Reveal/Spiritual Life Survey

We begin the first step in fulfilling one of our ministry initiatives from the Strategic Plan—to formulate personal spiritual development plans. In October, all adults (18 years and older), who regularly attend the church, will be asked to take the online, anonymous and confidential survey that will help us understand what we can do to help foster spiritual growth.

The survey was first developed and tested by Willow Creek Community Church in Barrington, Ill. Although the Willow Creek's attendance and membership was steadily increasing throughout the years, they wanted to assess the spiritual growth and needs of their very large congregation. In other words, they wanted to find out if members who were involved in the church were actually growing in their faith. And so they developed a unique research method, now known as the Reveal Survey, officially known as the Spiritual Life Survey, which utilizes state-of-the-art research to capture spiritual behaviors, attitudes, beliefs and felt-needs of churchgoers in a completely confidential way. The survey moves beyond reviewing the standard membership numbers and starts to look at the unseen elements of spiritual growth, such as how individual's spiritual attitudes, needs and motivations align with spiritual behaviors, and what activities and experiences catalyze growth. More details of the survey will follow in the upcoming weeks.

### The Wave

The Wave is a chance for pre-teen kids (grades 4 and 5) to come together for some fun, energetic fellowship and Bible time! The Wave will roll in every third Sunday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. (For more upcoming possibilities, continue to page 4)



**For a complete listing of the activities coming up at Gloria Dei, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet at the Information Center today.**

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## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, August 16 are provided by: Scott and Laura Ammann in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary on August 12; and by John and Diane Schmidt in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary on August 19.

## Tiny Treasures Updates

Tiny Treasures is getting ready for more than 100 children as they prepare for their fifth year of preschool starting Tuesday, Sept. 8. They are currently seeking the following teacher:

**Lead teacher:** We are seeking a lead teacher for 3-year-old classes meeting Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Applicant must have teaching and child development education and experience.

**Application:** If interested, contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy, Director of Tiny Treasures, at 278-5544 ext. 305 or fax an application and resume to her attention at 276-5939. A job description and application can be found on our Web site.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

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

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

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

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

### Preacher:

Rev. Philip Robarge

### Organist:

Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Natalie Larimer

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Natalie Larimer

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Hannah Brunsen

### Elders:

Devin Wren  
Ken Meythaler  
Gary Wasko

### Ushers:

**Northwind**  
Jeff Eckhoff

### 7:45 a.m.

Ken Andresen  
Carol Andresen  
Bob Knief  
Ken Peterson Sr.  
Ken Wunsch

### 9 a.m.

Norm Rinderknecht  
Bruce Brock  
Dan DeVries  
Don Franzen  
Bob Kuefner  
Kurt Kromminga  
Ron Oolman

### 10:30 a.m.

Gabe Nelson  
Todd Schwartz

### Scripture Readings:

Acts 9:1-6, 19-22 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (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 Scott and Laura Ammann celebrating their 20th anniversary
- For John and Diane Schmidt celebrating their 20th anniversary
- For Tim and Ronda Mueller celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary
- For Tom and Joyce Westby celebrating their 40th anniversary

## Prayers

- For Nathan McGinnis, who is recovering from surgery
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For Richard Fastenau, who is recovering from health issues
- For our upcoming plans for the fall
- For our college students and their families
- For our schools and teachers as they prepare for this upcoming year

## 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.

## Fall is Packed with Possibilities (continued from page 2)

### Care Night Life Sessions

We have added one-night life and support groups to on-going Care Night support groups. Participants are invited to join us for dinner before the sessions.

#### CPR/First Aid

*Thursday, Sept. 10, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12 from 6:30-8 p.m.*  
Come and learn the basic CPR and First Aid skills.

#### Military Support

*Thursday, Sept. 10, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12 from 6:30-8 p.m.*  
This group will offer encouragement to help families adjust to the challenges of having a loved one deployed overseas.

#### Planning for Retirement

*Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6:30-8 p.m.*  
Learn some practical tips that will help plan for the later years in life.

#### Dealing with Teens

*Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6:30-8 p.m.*  
This session will stimulate ideas and encourage communication to parents who are raising teens.

#### Managing Money Through Christ

*Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6:30-8 p.m.*  
Learn how to manage money using basic principles found in the Bible.

#### Newborn Support

*Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6:30-8 p.m.*  
Meet other new parents as they learn how to care for their infants.

#### Surviving the Holidays

*Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m.*  
This session will help those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one navigate through the holidays.



### Bible Studies

We have a full array of Bible studies to help with every area of life.

#### New Baby Parent Bible Study

*Sundays (Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4 and 11) from 9:20-10 a.m.*  
Parents with a new baby are encouraged to come to this unique four-week Bible study. Parents will be renewed through the study of God's Word and through new friendships. Babies are welcome!

#### Help! I Have a Toddler at Home! Bible Study

*Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (Starts Sept. 22)*  
Parents with toddlers are invited to this fun and relaxed Bible study. Gain insights into the life of a toddler, what's normal and what's just plain funny! Childcare is provided.

#### Parenting Families Bible Study

*Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Nov. 4)*  
Parents with children of any age should attend this fun video-based Bible study offered during Faith Alive. Gain powerful insights on how to turn "me" into "we." Childcare is provided.

#### In the Dust of the Rabbi

*Sundays from 9:20-10:20 and 10:30-11:30 a.m.*  
This powerful DVD will explore what it meant to follow Jesus in the first century and what it means to follow him today. Starts Sunday, Sept. 13. Childcare is provided.



**For more details of all of our fall activities:  
Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today!**





# GYM Golf Outing

Saturday, August 29  
Willow Creek Golf Course

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.  
Shotgun – Tee-off at 8 a.m.

\$50 per adult includes cart, lunch and prizes!  
Hole prizes and giveaways after everyone finishes.

**Registration deadline, Sunday, August 23.**

Sign up at the Information Center.

Proceeds go toward purchasing Bibles for Serve Our Youth Network and for groceries to make lunches for the homeless.

## Support the Youth and Golf

**Pick up registration and sponsor forms today at the Information Center.**

Our third-annual Golf Outing at Willow Creek Golf Course is in motion for Saturday, August 29 at 8 a.m. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes prizes, giveaways and lunch. Individual and team registration begins today and runs through Wednesday, August 19. Pick up your registration forms at the Information Center.

**Sponsors:** We are looking for people to sponsor individual holes for \$50. For more information, contact Michelle Reinert, Assistant to the Youth Director, at 278-5544, ext. 221. Proceeds from the outing will go toward purchasing Bibles for Serve Our Youth Network and for groceries to make lunches for the homeless.



## 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 Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.

**New to the Lutheran Faith?** Join us Thursday, Sept. 10-Oct. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. Discovery 101 is an introduction to the central teaching of Scripture and Gloria Dei. In addition to learning the basics of our beliefs, you will be encouraged to develop your faith in God. This informal class is for all who are new to the Lutheran faith. If childcare is needed, please indicate this when you register.

**Want to become a member of Gloria Dei?** If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3-6:30 p.m. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided.

### To Register:

To register, please go to the adult ministry page on our Web site or call the church office at 276-1700.

## Walk with Jesus

Lutheran Church of Hope located at Ashworth Road and Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, invites you to a spiritual formation conference featuring John and Nancy Ortberg on Friday, Sept. 4 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept 5 from 8:30 to noon. The cost is \$15 per session/\$25 for both if registered by Aug. 31. To register online or for more information, visit [www.hopewdm.org/ortberg](http://www.hopewdm.org/ortberg).

The Ortbergs are passionate about how people can become more like Jesus. During their time at Hope, John will focus on the many aspects of developing to be like Jesus in his teaching entitled "The Future of Spiritual Formation," and Nancy will discuss "Looking for God." Their teachings bring Scripture alive to all types of audiences and include practical applications and warm humor.

## Invitation

You are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Andrew and Marilyn Varley, Sunday, August 23 from 12-2 p.m. The open house will be at Earlham Community Center, 150 E. First St., Earlham (corner of Chestnut and First Street). No gifts please. Please RSVP to Marilyn or Andrew at 833-2637 or [amvarley@fbx.com](mailto:amvarley@fbx.com).

## Arts and Craft Fair

The 17th annual Arts and Craft Fair sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, October 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If interested in participating, please contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360 or visit our Web site at: [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) and go to the Art and Craft Fair 2009 link. Please inform any of your neighbors and friends who may be interested.

# Ways to Get Involved in the Community

*We value the community we live in and encourage our members to get involved in any way they can. Here are a few community opportunities that may help you to reach out to people who are outside these walls.*

## Parenting Class

Agape Pregnancy Center, 2550 ML King Jr. Pkwy., is hosting a parenting class on Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 3. This free eight-week class is designed for first-time expectant moms and dads, as well as new parents who recently gave birth to their first child. Topics will include: ABC's of pregnancy, infant choking and CPR, labor and delivery and bonding with your baby. For more information call Agape at 255-0243.

## Meals for the Heartland

Meals for the Heartland, a non-profit organization, is organizing an event for volunteers to package and ship million of meals to starving and malnourished people around the world from Sept. 3-7 at Hy-Vee Hall, Des Moines.

Working in teams of eight to 10 people, volunteers are needed to work in two-hour shifts to assemble, weigh, seal and pack meals for the needy overseas. If interested, please go to [www.MealsfromtheHeartland.com](http://www.MealsfromtheHeartland.com).

## Walk a Mile in Their Shoes

Hope Ministries is holding their first annual walk-a-thon for the homeless on Saturday, September 5. As you walk you will see statistics about homelessness displayed along the walk path, and you will be invited to visit a homeless tent camp and hear the story of a former resident. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. For complete details including registration, sponsor and pledge forms, contact the office at 265-7272 or [www.hopeiowa.org](http://www.hopeiowa.org).

## Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry requests deodorant for August. Please place the items in the boxes in the narthex or by the Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone who brought toothbrushes in July.

## Diana's Angels

Calling all scrapbook hobbyists. Diana's Angels will create memory boxes filled with special mementos and remembrances for grieving parents who recently lost an infant.

If you are interested, please join them Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 3857 E. 42nd St., Des Moines at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Lois Cole at 288-1250 or Michele Banwart at 201-5174 or Ann Carrick at 789-9504.

## Community Chorus

The Drake University/Community Chorus, which is open to all interested singers, without audition, will join the Drake Choir to perform Mahler's Second Symphony (Resurrection) with the Des Moines Symphony this fall. Singers interested in participating in this project may do so by attending the first rehearsal on Tuesday, August 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Harmon Fine Arts Center. For further information, contact Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier at 271-2841 or [aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu](mailto:aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu).



## Crayons Needed!

The 2010 Honduras Team will need crayons to give to the children of Honduras during next year's mission trip. Since now is a great time to buy crayons on sale, please consider buying an extra box and place it in the Honduras box located in the narthex. Gracias!

## August Grace Place

**August 15-16 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.**

Today is the last day for August Grace Place. Join us as we travel the globe! We will travel to Southeast Asia and to Guatemala! We'll learn about the region, learn how God is working through missionaries in those regions, play a game, do a craft and even learn a little about their languages.

## Fall Updates

**Please note:** Summer Grace Place will not be held from August 16 - Sept. 6. Join us as we kick off another terrific school year on Sept. 12 and 13.

### Grace Place and Faith Alive

We'd like to visit with you about helping with Grace Place or Faith Alive this fall! We've got lots of openings and need lots of ministry partners!

### Kindermusik

New Kindermusik classes are forming now! Check out Gloria Dei's Web site for more information and class fees.

### The Wave

The Wave, a ministry to students in 4th and 5th grades, is seeking great parents to help coordinate this fun new ministry!

### Questions? Want more information?

Contact DeAnn or Penny at 278-5544, ext. 207.

## Register online for Grace Place and Faith Alive

**Registration for all children's activities is required.**

We are gearing up for lots of multi-sensory activities that will help children learn about Jesus during Grace Place, which begins Sept. 12 and 13.

We are equally anticipating our mid-week time, Faith Alive, which starts Sept. 16. Families are welcomed to enjoy a meal together from 5:15-5:45 p.m. before heading off to Faith Alive's worship opener in the Sanctuary from 6-6:15 p.m. Children ages 2 through grade 5 will then travel to their specific classes where they will experience music, play, storyreading, crafts and Bible-based lessons. And if that isn't enough: Music Alive will have its own special time from 5:30-6 p.m.

**Register online at [www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)**



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## Fall Plans Grades 6-12

We are gearing up for fall. Here are some of the opportunities that you can expect:

### Junior High (grades 6-8)

- Castaway  
Starts Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.
- Confirmation  
Starts Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 6-7:15 p.m.
- Junior High Café 923  
Friday, Sept. 4 from 6-9 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 2 from 6-9 p.m.
- Junior High Youth Gathering  
Saturday, Oct. 31 and Sunday, Nov. 1

### Senior High (grades 9-12)

- Bible Study  
Starts Sunday, Sept. 13 from 9-10 a.m.
- The Point  
Continues Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m.
- Senior High Café 923  
Sunday, Sept. 13 from 3-5 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 11 from 3-5 p.m.
- Senior High Youth Gathering  
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29
- Mission Trip Sign-up  
Informational Meeting Wednesday, August 26  
from 6-7:30 p.m.
- National Youth Gathering  
Informational Meeting, Wednesday, August 26  
from 6-7:30 p.m.

## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Sunday: Castaway

**Please note:** Summer Castaway is offered at 9:20 a.m.

**Topic:** Parable of the Prodigal Son

**August 16:** Will I Be Like My Dad?

**August 23, 30 and Sept. 6:**

No Castaway but please be prepared for a rocking time on Sept. 13 as we unfold our fall opportunities.

### Confirmation Orientation

Parents and youth are required to attend one of our sessions:

**Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.**

Eighth Grade

**Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.**

Seventh Grade

**Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.**

Sixth Grade

**Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.**

All Grades (Attend only if you were unable to make the other meetings.)

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### The Point

Wednesday evenings during the first two weeks of August will be a time when senior high students can gather with friends and study some hot topics from the Bible and then enjoy a fellowship activity following the study.

**Bible study: Join us in the Youth Center at 6 p.m.**

**August 19:** What's the Difference?

**August 26:** No Bible study, meeting instead.

Join us for the summer 2010 planning meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center on August 26. We'll discuss mission opportunities and the National Youth Gathering.

**Fellowship Opportunity: 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 19** Mud sliding at Tim's house

**For more detail information about the fall, pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today!**

# Week of August 15-22, 2009

## Saturday, August 15

- 8:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Summer Grace Place

## Sunday, August 16

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, August 17

- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

## Tuesday, August 18

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, August 19

- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers

## Friday, August 21

- 5:00 p.m. Laura Haukom and Koen Luinstra Rehearsal

## Saturday, August 22

- 4:00 p.m. Laura Haukom and Koen Luinstra Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

Worship (August 1-2)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	135	
7:45 a.m.	129	113
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	288	220
9 a.m. (FLC)	75	
10:30 a.m.	253	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>505</b>

Worship (August 8-9)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	142	96
7:45 a.m.	127	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	279	
9 a.m. (FLC)	78	27
10:30 a.m.	262	
<b>Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>123</b>

Scripture Base on Giving:

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10-11*

Outpouring of Love (August 1-2 and 8-9)	
General Fund Offerings	\$63,530
First QTD Offering	\$172,090
First QTD Budget	\$177,323

# Week of August 22-29, 2009

## Saturday, August 22

- 4:00 p.m. Laura Haukom and Koen Luinstra Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

## Sunday, August 23

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, August 24

- 11:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Preschool Teachers Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Tuesday, August 25

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Children
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, August 26

- 6:00 a.m. Senior High - Summer 2010 Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitches

## Friday, August 28

- 5:30 p.m. Dawn Dickey and Chad Kestner Rehearsal

## Saturday, August 29

- 8:00 a.m. GYM Golf Outing
- 4:00 p.m. Dawn Dickey and Chad Kestner Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center

# 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 with 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 southwest 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:** Join us for the last August Grace Place today. Grace Place offers educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. 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**

**Castaway:** For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9:20 a.m.

**Senior high students:** Lots of activities are planned for our senior high youth this fall, see page 9 for all the details.

## **Adults**

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact the church office at 276-1700.



## **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.

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## **Weekly Bible Reading: Acts 9:1-6; 19-22**

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." After taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

## **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

**Summer Grace Place:** Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon