

# WEEKLY WORD



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## God Sends Light

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

*The Lord sent Nathan to David. 2 Samuel 12:1*

These powerful six words were written in the aftermath of King David's secret successful of killing Bathsheba's husband, Uriah. By all worldly appearances, David was about to get away with murder—until the Lord sent an agent of light into David's life, an unknown prophet named Nathan.

It is not the only time in David's life that God sent light into a dark situation. During his years of escaping from Saul's sword, God sent another prophet, Gad, to help David avoid Saul's murderous plot. How about other life preservers that God threw to David? Didn't his friend Jonathan help? How about the tip from David's first wife, Michal "to run for your life tonight, or tomorrow you'll be killed?"

Grim circumstances, whether warranted or not, are no match for God as we see in David's life. God's ultimate desire is to rescue individuals from the darkness that surrounds them. David began to understand this truth as he wrote Psalm 18:28.

*You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.*

It is easy to look at David's life and to say, of course God rescued him. After all, he was God's anointed, the king and the slayer of Goliath. But when you put yourself into the story, it reveals a powerful God who miraculously and personally worked in lots of individuals to bring David into the light. From all Bible indicators, he wants to do the same for us. He sent his Son, his Word and oftentimes, other Nathans to help us live in his light. So, who are the Nathans in your life? Who are you a Nathan to?

## Bible Studies

Need a lift during the week? Why not join one of our Bible studies? They are designed to help apply God's Word into your everyday life within the safety net of a small-group environment. Here are studies you won't want to miss:

### Women's Bible Connections a.m. and p.m.

*Starts Monday, Sept. 14 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.*

Connect with other faith-filled women on Monday mornings and evenings for devotions, fellowship and Bible studies. See page 3 for more details.

### Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

*Starts Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 2:30-4 p.m. (Bible study from 3-4 p.m.)*

You are invited to gather for coffee before heading to a Bible study on the book of Job led by Pastor Robarge.

### Pastor's Bible Study

*Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.*

Join this fun, ongoing group on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Led by Pastor Robarge, they will focus on Galatians. Feel free to join them this week.

### Men's Bible Study

*Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in room 128*

Don't let the early morning hour scare you away. There is lots of coffee and great discussion and study centering on the Gospel of John that will keep you awake throughout the morning.

## UP & COMING EVENTS

### Grace Place

Don't forget to register for Grace Place this fall. See page 8 for more details.

### Faith Alive

We are gearing up for Faith Alive starting Sept. 16. If you have not registered, please go to our Web site.

### Golf Outing

Like to golf? Like to help our community? We have a hole-in-one event for you. See page 5 for more details.

### Fall Opportunities

Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today.

### Sermon Series: Famous Failures

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.



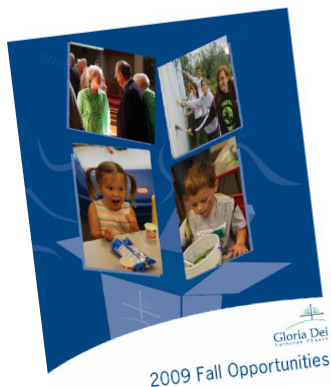
### Reveal/Spiritual Life Survey

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 Willow Creek's attendance and membership were 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 23 are provided by: Andrew and Marilyn Varley in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23.

## Women's Bible Connections

Lots of great studies are being planned for the fall. So please join us as we "sample" our Women's Connections' offerings on Monday, Sept. 14 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. You can expect to study topics that are relevant to your life and to meet women who are interested in learning how to become more like Jesus. Childcare will be provided at both sessions. Specific class offerings will be published in an upcoming Weekly Word. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robarge at 278-5544, ext. 224.



## Blood Drive

Thank you to all those who helped with the blood drive on August 15. The response of the 36 donors and the collection of the 23 units of blood met a great need in our community. Thanks!

**Save the date:** We will hold another blood drive in support of Zach Duncalf on Oct. 24 from 8-11:30 a.m. More information will follow.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Philip Robarge

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

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

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Organist:**  
Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

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

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Ryan Dueker

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

### Elders:

Terry Woolman  
Jim Miles  
Vic Kesse

### 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:

2 Samuel 12:1-13 and Matthew 4:12-17 (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 Andrew and Marilyn Varley celebrating their 50th anniversary
- For Laura and Koen Luinstra married on Saturday
- For visitors joining us in worship today
- For Dick and Elaine Mueller's 43rd anniversary on Aug. 20
- For the upcoming marriage of Dawn Dickey and Chad Kestner on August 29

## Prayers

- For the Hoveland family on the loss of Heather's fiancé, Chris Hawkins
- For the comfort and peace of Melinda Hubbard's uncle, Bob Divine
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For Richard Fastenau, who is recovering from health issues
- For Les Worley battling cancer
- For Mark Elming and family mourning the death of his father, Bernard Elming
- For Stacy Love mourning the death of her father, Gordon Bergquist
- For the health of Don Zimmerman
- 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 additional short-term support groups to Care Night. 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 & 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Starts Sept. 13)*  
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

**Last day to register!  
Pick up registration  
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 runs through Sunday, August 23. Pick up your registration forms at the Information Center.

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 development 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.*

### Meals from the Heartland

Meals from 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. If interested, please go to [www.MealsfromtheHeartland.com](http://www.MealsfromtheHeartland.com).

### Washer and Dryer Needed

Due to water damage in their basement, Agape Pregnancy Center, located at 2550 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway needs an electric washer and dryer. If you are upgrading your appliances, and would like to donate your gently-used electric washer and dryer, please call 255-0243.

### 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.

### Walk a Mile in Their Shoes

Hope Ministries is holding its 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).



**Gloria Quilters**  
Showing Jesus' love one stitch at a time.

We will have our first quilting day for the 2009-2010 year on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and any item you would like to work on. Stay all day or only for a short time—whatever your schedule allows. We look forward to getting together to share our love of quilting with each other and ultimately, with the the people of Honduras. Save the date: We will have another quilting time on Oct. 3 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Care Night

**Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Care Night will begin Thursday, Sept. 10 and run through Nov. 19. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal before heading to the following groups: GriefShare, Stepping Stones, DivorceCare, DC4K and Cancer Support. More specific details are outlined in the Fall Opportunities booklet.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this supportive and caring evening, please contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.



## Crayons Needed!

The 2010 Honduras Team needs 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!

## Save these dates

### Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2-4 p.m.

We're traveling to the Center Grove Orchard, Cambridge, for some apple-picking and farm-playing fun. The cost is a few dollars a person.

### Sunday, Oct. 11 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a Barn Dance! We'll gather at the Simpson Barn in Johnston (Merle Hay Road north to Northglenn Drive.) There will be a band and a square dance caller. Refreshments will be served.

### Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 6-7 p.m.

We will carve pumpkins, eat a snack and hear about letting God's light shine through. Faith Alive will not be held.

## Fall Updates

### Grace Place

Summer Grace Place will not be held from August 22 - Sept. 6. Join us as we kick off another terrific school year on Sept. 12 and 13.

### Faith Alive

#### Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Families can begin the evening worshipping together as a family in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Children ages 2 through grade 5 will then head to their specific classes where they will experience music, play, story reading, crafts and Bible-based lessons.

### Faith Alive Meals

#### Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Enjoy a meal for \$4 per adult and \$2 per child or youth (under 2 eat free).

### Music Alive

#### Wednesdays from 5:30-6 p.m. (Starts Sept. 16)

Children in grades K-5 will learn handbells, vocals and rhythm instruments in an environment which fosters worship and appreciation for music.

### Want to Help?

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! Contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or Penny at 278-5544, 215.

### Kindermusik

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

### The Wave

The Wave, a ministry to students in 4th and 5th grades, is rolling in Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-2:30 p.m. If you would like to help with this new ministry, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207 or Penny at 278-5544, 215.

## Register online today!

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

Registration for all children's activities is required.



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## Fall Plans Grades 6-12

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

### Junior High (grades 6-8)

- **Castaway**  
Starts Saturday, Sept. 12 at 5:50 p.m.  
and 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.  
(No Point on Sept. 2 and 9)
- **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

#### 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 in the Family Life Center:

#### 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 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 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.

### Meal from the Heartland

**Sunday, Sept. 6 from 11:45 a.m.**

We will meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. and will travel to Hy-Vee Hall to package meals for the starving and malnourished people around the world. We will return at 3 p.m. If interested, sign up on the bulletin board or contact Tim at 278-5544, ext. 212.

# 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
- 4:00 p.m. Shining City Orphanage Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Tuesday, August 25

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, August 26

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - Summer 2010 Planning Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 11:30 a.m. National Association of Church Business Administrators

## 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

Scripture Base on Giving:

*Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19*

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	138	
7:45 a.m.	114	101
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	283	214
9 a.m. (FLC)	49	
10:30 a.m.	316	209
<b>Total</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>524</b>

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$28,111
First QTD Offering	\$200,201
First QTD Budget	\$196,414

# Week of August 29-Sept. 5, 2009

## 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

## Sunday, August 30

- 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
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in  
Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m. Youth MAT Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, August 31

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

## Tuesday, Sept. 1

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, Sept. 2

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation for Eighth  
Grade Students
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Alive Ministry Partner  
Orientation
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation for Seventh  
Grade Students

## Thursday, Sept. 3

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:30 p.m. Grace Place Ministry Partner  
Orientation
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Parent Orientation

## Friday, Sept. 4

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
- 5:30 p.m. Jody Schroeder and William Horstman  
Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

## Saturday, Sept. 5

- 4:00 p.m. Jody Schroeder and William Horstman  
Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in  
Family Life Center

Last Week's Educational Attendance			
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.
Preschool	10	13	13
Elementary	6	21	35
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>48</b>

# 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**

**Starting Sept. 12 and 13:** 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:** We will resume on Sept. 12-13 as we offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 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 directly to the classrooms.

## **Youth**

**Castaway:** Our junior high youth in grades 6-8 are invited to a high-energy educational time starting Saturday, Sept. 12 at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:20 and 10:50 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**

We have a plethora of opportunities for adults. Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today.  
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## **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: 2 Samuel 12:1-6; 7a; 11-13**

The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'" Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

**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