

WEEKLY WORD

August 29 and 30, 2009

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Fall's Packed with Possibilities

Message Series: As we finish up our last message on "Famous Failures of the Bible," it is both encouraging and practical to realize that men and women in the Bible were indeed made out of the same mold as you and I with the similar propensity to go against God's wishes and will. Thankfully the story doesn't end there. From a heavenly perspective, their lives teach us that God is more faithful, loving and forgiving than any sin or failure that they encountered.

In September, we will continue to examine how the Bible is relevant to our day-to-day life in a message series entitled, "True for You." We will examine some of society's truisms and compare them with scripture. We think you will enjoy the challenge of the comparisons.

Sept. 12-13 : True for You: What is Truth?

Sept. 19-20: True for You: As Long As You're Happy

Sept. 26-27: True for You: As Long as You're Sincere

Oct. 3-4: True for You: As Long As it Doesn't Hurt Anyone

Bible Studies: We understand you may need more of God's Word during the week to sustain your daily life. Here are some studies that may help you:

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.

Help Us: Register Online Today

We want to be ready for you in the fall; therefore, we are streamlining all of our registrations to an easy-to-follow online registration format. If you plan on attending Grace Place, Faith Alive, Music Alive, Pre-marriage Class, Discovery 101, Discovery 201, Dance Class, Kindermusik, or Care Night, please register today by going to our Web site (www.gloriadeionline.com) and click on the "Register today" link.

If you do not own a computer or have any difficulties registering, please contact Karen Kennedy at 278-5544, ext. 225. Thank you!

UP & COMING EVENTS

ELCA Ruling

President Kieschnick responds to the recent ELCA ruling. See page 4.

Grace Place & Faith Alive

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



Fall Opportunities

Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today.

Meet the Tiny Treasures Staff

Read about the incredible team which is preparing for the opening of Tiny Treasures on Sept. 8. See pages 6-7.

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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; and by starting a few new initiatives. Pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet today to read about all of the upcoming possibilities at Gloria Dei.



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 Gloria Dei, will be asked to take the online, anonymous and confidential survey.

Meanwhile, we will address some questions you may have about the survey.

What is all this talk about the Spiritual Life Survey?

In Max Lucado's book, "Just Like Jesus," he says, "God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you that way." In every aspect of life, God wants us to become more like his Son, Jesus.

Since part of our G.R.A.C.E. Vision is to grow spiritually, we want to gain a glimpse into how individuals grow in their relationship with Christ. As we looked into what was available, we discovered The Spiritual Life Survey. This survey takes a serious look at some of the central issues in a person's heart. From these findings, we will be able to plan for more effective strategies to help facilitate spiritual growth.

Where to find out more? Check out our Web site and click the Spiritual Life Survey link.

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 our Web site and click on the "register today" link or call the church office at 276-1700.

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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, August 30 are provided by: Dawn and Chad Kestner in celebration of their marriage on August 29.

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.



Tiny Treasures Preschool



Tiny Treasures currently has openings for students in the afternoon 4-year-old (meets Mon., Wed. and Friday) and pre-kindergarten (meets Mon. - Fri.) classes; hours are 12:30-3 p.m. If you are looking for a Christ-centered, quality preschool or know someone who is, please contact Jo Lynn Yeutsy at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

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

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Philip Robarge

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

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Eric Fluegge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Meredith Toebben

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Allison Klein

Elders:

Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind
Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.

Ken Andresen
Carol Andresen
Bob Knief
Ken Petersen 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:

Genesis 18:10-15 and Matthew 19:23-26 (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 Dwight and Marilyn Carlson who celebrated their 48th anniversary on Aug. 27
- For visitors joining us in worship today
- For our Ministry Partners
- For Dawn Dickey and Chad Kestner married on Saturday

Prayers

- For Melinda Hubbard and family as they grieve the loss of their uncle, Bob Divine
- For the Hoveland family as they grieve the loss of Chris Hawkins
- For the continued health of Zachary Duncalf
- For Richard Fastenau, who is recovering from health issues
- For Les Worley battling cancer
- For the health of Brenda Reckrodt, niece of Babette Marten
- For Cliff and Babette Marten as they grieve the loss of Cliff's sister, Luella Brown
- For the health of Jim Johnson
- For our students and teachers as they begin or return to classes

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.

President Kieschnick's Response to the ELCA Ruling

Last week, delegates to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) voted to lift the ban on non-celibate homosexual serving as ministers. The following statement was issued by President Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in response to the assembly's ruling:

August 24, 2009

The two largest Lutheran church bodies in the United States are the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) with 4.8 million members and The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) with 2.4 million members.

On Friday, Aug. 21, the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America voted to open the ministry of the ELCA to gay and lesbian pastors and other professional workers living in "committed relationships." In an earlier action, the assembly approved a resolution that commits the ELCA "to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships."

The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod has repeatedly affirmed as its own position the historical understanding of the Christian church that the Bible condemns homosexual behavior as "intrinsically sinful." It is therefore contrary to the will of the Creator and constitutes sin against the commandments of God (Lev. 18:22, 24,20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; 1 Tim 1:9-10; and Rom. 1:26, 27).

Addressing the ELCA assembly on Saturday, Aug. 22, I responded to their aforementioned actions, stating: "The decisions by this assembly to grant non-celibate homosexual ministers the privilege of serving as rostered leaders in the ELCA and the affirmation of same-gender unions as pleasing to God will undoubtedly cause additional stress and disharmony within the ELCA. It will also negatively affect the relationships between our two church bodies. The current division between our churches threatens to become a chasm. This grieves my heart and the hearts of all in the ELCA, the LCMS, and other Christian church bodies throughout the world who do not see these decisions as compatible with the Word

of God, or in agreement with the consensus of 2,000 years of Christian theological affirmation regarding what Scripture teaches about human sexuality. Simply stated, this matter is fundamentally related to significant differences in how we [our two church bodies] understand the authority of Holy Scripture and the interpretation of God's revealed and infallible Word."

Doctrinal decisions adopted already in 2001 led the LCMS, in sincere humility and love, to declare that we could no longer consider the ELCA "to be an orthodox Lutheran church body" (2001 Res 3-21A). Sadly, the decisions of this past week to ignore biblical teaching on human sexuality have reinforced that conclusion. We respect the desire to follow conscience in moral decision making, but conscience may not overrule the Word of God.

We recognize that many brothers and sisters within the ELCA, both clergy and lay, are committed to remaining faithful to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, are committed to the authority of Holy Scripture, and strongly oppose these actions. To them we offer our assurance of loving encouragement together with our willingness to provide appropriate support in their efforts to remain faithful to the Word of God and the historic teachings of the Lutheran church and all other Christian churches for the past 2,000 years.

Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President, The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod

"Transforming lives through Christ's love ... in time ... for eternity ..." John 3:16-17

Please Note: A complete draft of President Kieschnick's address to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly is posted on the LCMS Web site at www.lcms.org.

Calling Women!



Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Anderson, 4801 Dakota Drive, West Des Moines. Please note date change.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the church in rooms 131-33.

Notes of Thanks

Thank you to our church family for their prayers, cards, memorials, hugs and kind words during the loss of my mom, Florence Ramsey. ~ Sincerely, Dave and Donna Maasen

Thank you to all those who prayed for Nalalie's brother, Gene, who at this time is returning to good health. We thank the Lord that we have the spiritual connection with him in prayer. ~ Dean and Natalie Kleckner

Thank you for all your prayers and cards during the time of the death of my dad. ~ John and Marolyn Carstens

Worship Etiquette

We offer the following guidelines to the two often-asked questions:

When is it appropriate to leave and re-enter the Sanctuary during worship?

If you find it necessary to leave during a worship service, it is better not to return to your seat during the quieter times of the service, such as the confession and absolution, special choir music, the Scripture readings, the prayers and the benediction. Wait for a time for congregational singing to re-enter the service. If you must leave and re-enter during the sermon, please be considerate to those worshipping with you.



Is it okay to bring my small children into worship?

Absolutely yes! We encourage the entire family to worship together. However, if your children become a distraction to those worshipping around you, please excuse yourself and go to the cry room, located outside the Sanctuary. The cry room is equipped with comfortable seats and toys for you and your child to enjoy while still being able to listen and participate in worship.

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 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: Grief-Share, Stepping Stones, DivorceCare, DC4K and Cancer Support. More specific details are outlined in the Fall Opportunities booklet.



If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204. To register, go to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the "register today" link.

Let's Meet the Tiny Treasures Team

The Tiny Treasures teachers and helpers are preparing the classrooms for the long-awaited first day of school. Here's a short clip into the lives of these wonderful women who have a heart for our preschoolers.



Susan Battani

Lead Teacher - 3-year-olds

(M/W and T/Th/F mornings)

Susan has taught first grade in West Des Moines for five years before joining the team this year. She enjoys spending time with her family and reading. She is married to Jason and has three children; Jessica, 11, Emily, 9, and Kyle, 6.

"I am excited to meet the children and lead them through their learning experience," said Susan.



Barb Kramer

Administrative Assistant and Substitute Teacher

Barb has assisted at Tiny Treasures in many capacities for three years. She enjoys gardening and traveling. She is married to Lyle and has five children and 12 grandchildren.

"I am excited about the interaction with our young preschool friends and parents," said Barb.



Jane Meythaler

Assistant Teacher - Prekindergarten

Jane has helped in the classrooms for three years. She enjoys reading, boating, gardening and biking. She is married to Ken and has two married children; Laura, who is married to Dan Mullins and Jeremy, who is married to Melissa.

"I am most excited to meet and get to know the incoming students," said Jane.



Tracy Hoffman

Assistant Teacher - 4/5-year-olds

(M/W/F mornings and afternoons) and 3-year-olds (T/Th mornings)

Tracy has taught at Tiny Treasures for three years. She enjoys walking, biking, scrapbooking and reading. She is married to Anthony and has two children; Hannah, 12, and Joseph, 8.

"I love working with the children and getting to know all their different personalities," said Tracy.



Cyndee Kusy

Lead Teacher - Prekindergarten

(M-F mornings and afternoons)

Cyndee has 25 years in preschool experience. She enjoys golfing, singing, and spending time at Lake Panorama. She is married to Bill and has three children; Becca, sophomore at University of Iowa; Kyle, junior at Urbandale High School; and Julia, 10.

"I am most excited about spending time with the children and watching them grow into independent little people," said Cyndee.



Susie Mitchell

Assistant Teacher - 3-year-olds

(M/W and T/Th/F mornings)

Susie has been teaching at Tiny Treasures for three years. She enjoys volleyball, working out, scrapbooking, playing cards and games. She is married to Mark and has two children; Cameron, 10 and Crayton, 8.

"I am excited to work with the new staff and meeting and getting to know the new children," said Susie.



Martha Raecker

Administrative Assistant

Martha has provided support at Tiny Treasures for four years. She enjoys golfing, journaling, and cheering her children on in all their activities. She is married to Scott and has two children; Emily, 16, and Max, 13.

“I am excited to start the new school year meeting lots of new friends and seeing new faces,” said Martha.



Holly Warnke

Lead Teacher - 4/5-year-olds (M/W/F mornings and afternoons) and 3-year-olds (T/Th mornings)

One of our newest staff members, Holly, has taught at Urbandale Schools and has tutored language arts to preschool and elementary children. She likes to travel, camp and be with her friends and family. She has exciting plans for May—marrying her fiancé, Steve.

“I am excited to meet with my students and get to know them,” said Holly.



Jo Lynn Yeutsy

Director

Jo Lynn recently joined the Tiny Treasures team as the Director. She has taught in preschool, elementary schools and directed a childcare facility. She enjoys reading, scrapbooking and spending time with her family. She is married to Matthew and has three children; Brenna, 11, Amber, 7, and Lydia, 4.

“I am really excited to meet our children and their families,” said Jo Lynn.

Arts and Craft Fair

The 17th annual Arts and Craft Fair sponsored by LWML (Women on a Mission) will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Got talent? They have a few available spaces to show-

case your creative projects and talents. For more information, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360 or visit our Web site’s home page and click on the Arts and Craft Fair 2009 link on the left column. Please inform any of your neighbors and friends who may be interested.



Reserve your space today:
www.gloriadeionline.com

Scrapbook Fellowship

It’s that time again! Join us for Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, Sept. 11 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in rooms 131/33. Come and go as your schedule allows. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324.

Childcare: If you need childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Gloria Dei’s Book Club

Get your books ready to read! Join others who enjoy reading and discussing some great (and not so great) Christian fiction books. They meet in the cry room the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9: “In the Company of Secrets,” by Judith Miller

Oct. 7: “Cry in the Night,” by Colleen Coble.

Books can be purchased at the Toolshoppe. If you have any questions, contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875 or at hlschmitz@mchsi.com.



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 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 (2 years and under 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

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**
Starts Wednesday, Sept. 16 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

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

August 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, discuss, and experience some hot topics from the Bible that are relevant to teens today.

Bible study: Join us beginning Sept. 16 in Youth Center at 6 p.m.

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 29-Sept. 5, 2009

Saturday, August 29

- 8:00 a.m. GYM Golf Outing
- 10:00 a.m. Christopher Hawkins Memorial Service
- 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
- 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

Scripture Based on Giving:

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	151	83
7:45 a.m.	152	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	294	
9 a.m. (FLC)	79	38
10:30 a.m.	258	
Total	934	121

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$26,407
First QTD Offering	\$226,608
First QTD Budget	\$215,223

Week of Sept. 5-12, 2009

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

Sunday, Sept. 6

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Training
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, Sept. 7

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, Sept. 8

- 7:00 a.m. Urbandale School Elections
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten - Second Grade Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Board

Wednesday, Sept. 9

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation for Sixth Grade Students
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation for Sixth to Eighth Grade Students

Thursday, Sept. 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. CPR/First Aid Class
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Military Support

Friday, Sept. 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, Sept. 12

- 8:00 a.m. Glorious Dei Gardeners
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. Rehearsal
- 2:30 p.m. June Reed and Keith Kombrink, Sr. Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 5:50 p.m. Castaway

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. 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. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

Weekly Bible Reading: Genesis 18:10-15

Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh."

But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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