

Double Issue

WEEKLY WORD



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December 23 and 30, 2007
Fourth Sunday in Advent

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

This time of year we get excited about the beginning of the New Year because it signifies a new start, but actually the new start is not December 31, but December 25.

The birth of Jesus is about new beginnings! We celebrate his birth, God coming to dwell among us, signifying a new beginning. A new beginning for the people of Israel as the long-awaited Messiah had arrived. A new beginning for the world when the angels proclaimed, "We bring good news for all people." A new beginning for us when we realize the infant in the manger is our Savior and Lord. This promised Messiah would live a sinless life, giving his life for all of our sins; thus, guaranteeing us eternity.

New life and a fresh start were given to us when God came into our world. Our mistakes and sins of the past are wiped away in his blood. The power to live transformed lives is given to us through his Spirit. Every morning when we rise and face another day, we have the ancient story of our new beginning, Jesus Christ, by our side.

This Christmas, I pray you experience a new beginning in your life. Take with you the joys from 2007 and leave behind the mistakes and the regrets. Jesus has given us the joy and has forgiven the failures. See the babe in the manger and then see the man on the cross. Gaze upon the love God has for you, a love proven when he came to dwell among us and die for us. A love that guarantees us a new beginning, not once a year, but every day.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year,

Rev. Ronald Burcham

Pastor Ron Burcham



Family-focused Christmas Eve Service

Monday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Contemporary Christmas Eve Service

Monday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Monday, Dec. 24 at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

New Year's Eve Service

Monday, Dec. 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Please note:

The 9 a.m. Family-focused service will not be held Dec. 30.

Grace Place will not be held Dec. 22-23 and Dec. 29-30.

Faith Alive will not be held Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

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Stewardship notes

Giving statements

Giving statements were mailed to all families in the congregation that have made a contribution during the year. These statements reflect giving through November. A final statement for tax purposes will be mailed after the first of the year.

Envelopes for next year

Giving envelopes for next year are located on the tables as you enter or exit the narthex. Please take a minute today and pick up your envelopes.

Simply Giving

It is not too late to sign up for the Simply Giving program. Simply Giving is a program through Thrivent which allows you to have your offerings automatically deposited in the church's bank account on a schedule you choose. It is an efficient and accurate method that also saves the church time and money in counting, recording and depositing funds. For those already using the program: if you have changed your pledge amount for 2008, please remember to turn in an updated Simply Giving form.

Gifts of stocks and other securities

There is still time to make donations of stocks and other securities before the end of the year. This can be an effective method of making your donation from a tax perspective. There is also time to still take advantage of special IRS rules allowing gifts from IRA accounts for certain individuals. Those rules are set to expire at the end of the year.

Year-end giving

All offerings received in the church by Monday, Dec. 31 will be processed with the 2007 giving statements. Offerings received after Monday, Dec. 31 will be processed with the 2008 giving.

Questions

As always, we are willing to help in any way we can. We encourage you to visit with your tax advisor about specific issues related to your own situation. For questions, feel free to contact Steve Kammeyer in the church office at 276-1700, ext, 202.

Caucuses to be held at Gloria Dei

In our continuing effort to be a beacon to our community and to support our community, we are hosting caucuses at our facility on Thursday, Jan. 3. Gloria Dei does not support one party or one candidate and is making no endorsement of a party or candidate. We are opening our doors to both parties and will be hosting both Republican and Democratic caucuses that evening.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday Dec. 23 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Athieno Grace B. Wandera born March 30, 2007 to Apollo and Justine G. Wandera. Athieno's spiritual sponsors are Anthony Ochiche, Susan Stam, Samuel S. Wandera and Sylvia C. Wandera.



Renee Idah Ssozi born June 22, 2007 to Dan Ssozi and Hilton Mbabazi. Renee's spiritual sponsors are Lynette Kohtz, Robert Galabuzi and Jimmy Senteza.

Calendars

Check out the Chinese mission display in the narthex. For every contribution of \$20 to support the current needs of the Lucky Star Orphanage, a 14-month calendar that showcases the spectacular beauty of remote China will be given out.

Handbells

Alleluia Ringers will rehearse on Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 6:45-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are an experienced or new ringer, please join us. For more information, contact Angie Gage at 276-0960 or amgage@hotmail.com.

Servers

Dec. 23

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:

Rev. Kendall Meyer

Scripture Reading:

II Corinthians 5:16-6:2

Matthew 5:21-26

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Emily Brush

Devin Elbert

Emma Wendt

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

Ushers:

Northwind

Randy Bosworth

Brad Gerke

Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Dennis Dean

Mike Collins

Joe Gilg

Kory Meyeraan

Dan Timmons

9 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Steve Brush

Jeff Monson

Don Pevestorf

10:30 a.m.

Derrick Johnson

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Micah 4:1-5

Acts 2:14-18

Matthew 19:28-30

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Emily Brush

Devin Elbert

Emma Wendt

Elders:

Tom Westby

Marvin Deer

Rod Serbus

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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families
- For the birth of Jayden Lee, born to Chelsea Wenndt and Jimmy Palmer

Prayers

- For Phyllis Greenwood's friend, Sandra Regnier, who is continuing with cancer treatments
- For Diana Cook's mother, Elsa, who is beginning chemo treatments
- For the healing of Ed Mautz, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
- For Dave Maasen's father, Don, who has been diagnosed with cancer, and for his mother as she takes care of him
- For the health of Cara Setsodi
- For the health of Ercole Murano
- For the health of Pat Klinefelter
- For Jay McGovern
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For favorable test results for Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

A thank you note for special people

We have a group of individuals who weekly pour out their hearts for our children. With their love and support, we are able to offer our children an education that not only teaches about Jesus, but also demonstrates his great love.

Grace Place Preschool: Anne Sheeley, Tenley Haack, Julie Jordan, Jill Hosch, Jen James, Ron Wheeler, Shani Fjelsted, Roxi Guilloz, Kari Doyle, Angie Meyer, Joy Linquist, Kayla Kightlinger, Alana DeVries, Lori Martin, Becky DeVries, Lynn Meyer, Renee Tooman, Renee Luinstra, James Brunz, Michelle Brunz, Susan Straka, Amanda Christiansen and Kevin Wenndt.

Elementary Grace Place: Rochelle Haas, Sharolyn Thenhaus, Michelle Ingersoll, DeAnn McCue, Chris Fleming, Audra Meyeraan, Jaime Fageroos, Craig Fjelsted, Rachel Onsrud, Monica Duncalf, Sandy Zimmermann, Becky Fluegge, Casey Fluegge, Dan McDowell, Lori McDowell, Lora Wunsch, Aaron Tooman, Vicki Larimer, Zach Larimer, Randy Fleming (superintendent) and Jeff Olson (superintendent).

Midweek Meal: Elaine Klinefelter

Music Alive: Penny Schramm, Sarah Petrak, Tina Kientz, Rochelle Haas, Marsha Fries, Julie Den Herder and Rachel Corell.

Faith Alive Preschool: Jody Bass, Monica Duncalf, Amanda Christiansen, Lori Beeler, Jodie Weeks, Sheryl Woolman, Julie Jordan and Cathy Kramer.

Faith Alive Elementary: Janet Brock, Ann Betten, Sarah Petrak, Cheryl Gilg, Michelle Rice, Mandie Hamaker, Penny Schramm, Tamie Uding, Brian Peter, Jen Peter and Michelle Ingersoll.

Faith Alive Helpers: Becky Thomas, Andrea Morrison, Julie Andrews, Craig McCue, Darla Griffiths, Kim Marsh, Mark Rath, Laura Rath, Derrick Johnson, Robyn Johnson, Shane Love, Stacy Love, Jodi Rusch, Nancy Wiggins and Ann Readinger.

Recycled Christmas Cards

The Honduras Mission team needs recycled fronts of religious Christmas cards for their mission trip to Honduras. Please save your cards and put them in the "donation-card" box located in the narthex in January. Thank you for your assistance!

Scrapbook Fellowship

Start the New Year off with archiving your memories. Please join us for a fun time of talking, laughing and getting work done on scrapbook projects. We will meet Friday, Jan. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131-33.

Preparing For Marriage

Participants for the upcoming Preparing for Marriage class, can pick up their books in the office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dishes

We have several kitchen items brought to the church for funerals and the dinner theatre that are available to be picked up today in the kitchen. Thank you.



Schedule Updates

Wednesday morning Bible study

Wednesday morning Bible study with Pastor Meyer will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

The Thursday morning men's Bible study will resume on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 a.m.

Giving Tree

On Saturday, Dec. 15, the Family Life Center was transformed into a holding warehouse for gifts brought for families in need this Christmas season.

Joy Linquist, a member of Gloria Dei, organized this giving gift effort that provided for more than 30 families.

"It is truly a blessing to get the chance to experience God's miracles through this work," said Joy.

The miracles are numerous. Take for example, the phone call she received two days before the distribution of the gifts. A family from Gloria Dei noticed the remaining tags on the trees and decided to make a substantial financial contribution to purchase all the remaining items for the Giving Tree families.

"God has blessed the Giving Tree families with wonderful gifts, Christian literature, prayers and love from Gloria Dei," said Joy. "Thanks for your time, efforts and financial contributions to this project."

Community Group Notes

With the holiday season in full swing, many of the community groups have decided to stop meeting until January. If a group is looking for studies for the start of the new year, here are a few suggestions:

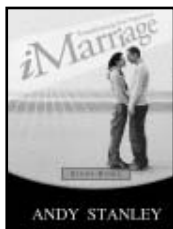


"Groups"

Format: Workbook **Author:** John Ortberg **Length:** 7 Sessions

Relationship: Community with Insiders **Work:** 1 hour per week

Description: Wondering what is so special about being in a community group? In this study, you will explore the amazing potential for spiritual and relational growth found in community groups.

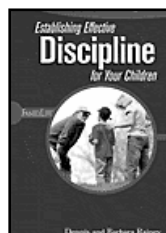


"iMarriage"

Format: DVD **Author:** Andy Stanley **Length:** 6 Sessions

Relationship: Community with Insiders **Work:** 2 hours per week

Description: This study explains how to experience God's design for marriage by transforming your expectations and looking to God for his provisions.

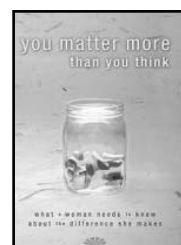


"Establishing Effective Discipline for your Children"

Format: Workbook **Author:** Dennis Rainey **Length:** 6 Sessions

Relationship: Community with Insiders **Work:** 1 hour per week

Description: Examine the basics of why children need discipline and how to raise a child from a biblical perspective.



"You Matter More than You Think: What a Woman Needs to Know about the Difference She Makes"

Format: Book **Author:** Dr. Leslie Parrott **Length:** 236 pages

Relationship: Women's study **Work:** 1 hour per week

Description: Whether you are married or single, restless or content, wounded or strong, this book is designed for every woman who longs to be more than part of the mainstream. Join Leslie on this journey to discover for yourself how all of your quirks, gifts, pains, whims, and wishes can come together.



Tip from Pastor Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry and Associate Pastor:

When looking for a study, check out www.groupcurriculum.org. You can search for DVD-led series, books, workbooks, etc., and a description of the study. When you decide on a study, I encourage you to go to Gloria Dei's bookstore, the Toolshope, to place your order.

Women's Bible Connections

Monday,
January 14

Sample 6 p.m. | Courses 6:45 p.m.

The Gathering Place

(Use the Family Life Center west entrance)

Sample the winter courses

- † BETH MOORE'S A HEART LIKE HIS, PART 2
- † FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S THE TRUTH PROJECT, PART 2
- † NOURISHMENT FOR YOUR BODY & SOUL
- † GETTING A GRIP ON YOUR DAILY LIFE
- † ACTS: MEN AND WOMEN SHARING THEIR FAITH



One woman's reflections on Women's Bible Connections

When I was given a Gerbera Daisy at the end of this summer, I was told of an exciting new endeavor that would bring lots of women together, who were looking for Christian fellowship. This gathering would allow us to relax and unwind while lending us the opportunity to attend one of several different Bible studies and courses that would be offered.

At first I was a little hesitant, thinking a full fledged Bible study wasn't for me right now, as I didn't have time for a lot of "homework." However, as I learned more about this opportunity, I could feel God gently guiding me to step out and make a commitment to feed my soul. Along with my friend, together we made a commitment to attend "Focus on the Family's, The Truth Project." This is a wonderful series of thought provoking videos that encourage discussion within the group about society's views on many things and the age-old question of our ultimate purpose.

I suddenly found myself looking forward to Monday nights with "the girls" and held that as my sacred

time to get re-energized and challenge myself to re-establish my worldview as a Christian and to get to know those in my group a little better. And this could all be enjoyed without needing to do any homework, because this particular course was strictly video/discussion based.

My Mondays with "the girls" delivered thought provoking points that I was able to weave into work discussions when the opportunity presented itself. I learned that I have a common bond with a lot of women in my group, with similar societal concerns about raising children with Christian values, in a sometimes not so Christian world. I learned that each of us has a voice and it's up to us to speak out for what is right and not wait for someone else to do it. I learned that sometimes I have to step out in faith, even when it's not the easy thing to do.

Come join us for "girl's night" in January.

– Ann Zimmerman

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check “wish to join Gloria Dei.” All who wish to join must attend the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101: Wednesday, Jan. 9 - Jan. 30 at 6 p.m.

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 201: Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Sign-up

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

**Register today
for January's
Discovery 101.**



Congregational Care Corner

Starts in January.

Bringing Jesus Christ to the hurting for the first time and for a lifetime.

Contact Information:

**Pastor Tim Phillips, 278-5544, ext. 204
or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com**

Congregational Care, a ministry of Gloria Dei aimed at supporting people in difficult situations, will launch a variety of services in January that will bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. Please feel free to join us at any time for all of our adult support groups; new people are always welcome.

Current Support Groups:

Cancer Support Group

BCS Group: Thursday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Divorce Support Group

DivorceCare: Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Adult Grief Support Group

GriefShare: Thursday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children Grief Support Group

Stepping Stones starts Thursday, Jan 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. If you are interested, please call Lynn Meyer at 986-5653.

January Kindermusik sessions

Please pick up the new Kindermusik brochure at the Information Center.

Kindermusik Village

Kindermusik Village for children newborn to 1 1/2 years old, incorporates the most current research on early childhood development and provides families a special place for learning and connecting with other parents and babies through music and movement.

Instructor: Angie Gage **Cost:** \$70

Date: 8-week session: Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 from 6:30-7 p.m.



Kindermusik Our Time

Kindermusik Our Time is designed for children ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old. Along with an accompanying parent or caregiver, children meet weekly for a 30-minute class and enjoy singing, moving, listening, interacting socially and playing simple instruments.

Instructor: DeAnn McCue **Cost:** \$95

Date: 12-week session: Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to April 1 from 6:30-7 p.m. (No class March 18.)

Date: 12-week session: Wednesdays, Jan. 9 to April 2 from 10-10:30 a.m. (No class March 19.)



Kindermusik Imagine That!

This session takes children ages 3 to 4 years old on an incredible musical journey of discovery and exploration—a journey limited only by the power of imagination.

Instructor: Julie DenHerder **Cost:** \$100

Date: 12-week session: Wednesdays, Jan. 9 to April 2 from 10-10:45 a.m. (No class March 19.)

Kindermusik for the Young Child

Kindermusik for the Young Child is for children ages 4 1/2 to 7 years old and balances activities that integrate listening, vocal development, movement and performing in instrumental ensemble, and introduces your child to the written language of music while cultivating music creativity.

Instructor: Penny Schramm **Cost:** \$110

Date: 12-week session: Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to April 1 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (No class March 18.)

If you have questions, contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Grace Place & Faith Alive dates

**Wednesday,
Dec. 26 and Jan. 2**
No children or youth activities.

**Weekend of
Dec. 22-23 and 29-30**
No children or youth activities.

Tiny Treasures Playgroup

Tiny Treasures Playgroup opens in February. If you have a child or know a child who will be 3 years old by Sept. 15, 2008, please pick up a brochure by the Information Center or near the Tiny Treasures office. The playgroup is a developmentally appropriate playtime to acquaint young children with our school. The children will have group experience away from their parents for a few hours and will make new friends. The class will be held on Fridays, Feb.- May from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Cost is a \$10 registration fee and \$40 monthly tuition. Please don't delay; space is limited. Contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305, if you have questions.



Thank You

Thank you to all the preschool children and parents who participated in this year's Christmas program, "Best Gift of All."

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Junior & Senior High Holiday schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2

Confirmation and the Point will not meet.

Sunday, Dec. 23 and 30

Castaway and the senior high Bible study will not meet.

Mark Your Calendar

We have lots of great activities planned for the beginning of the year.

Casting for Uncle Phil's Dinner 2

Sunday, Jan. 13 at noon in the Youth Center.

Café 923

Friday, Jan. 11 from 6-9 p.m.

Anavox and Kaboose Concert

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Cast Party for the Ugly Duckling

Saturday, Jan. 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center. More information to follow.

Junior High - Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center starting on Jan. 6.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Confirmation held Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. starting Jan. 9.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

No Bible Study on Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

Wednesday: The Point

No Point on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2

January

January 9: Prioritization

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb.

Dare 2 Share's Survive Training Tour will equip senior high youth to live strong and stand firm in a culture of fear due to global and personal uncertainty. Cost is \$25 for the first 20 sign-ups (\$35 thereafter), which includes transportation, food and housing. If you would like more information, contact Tim; registration deadline is in January 13.

Buccaneers Outing

Junior and senior high youth and families are invited to a hockey game on Friday, Jan. 18 when the Buccaneers meet the Sioux City Musketeers. Tickets are \$10 per person; sign up with Tim or at the church office by Jan. 13. We will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and car-pool together.

Buy it today!

Youth Sweatshirts

They are in and they can be bought!

Check out our youth sweatshirts at the Tool-shoppe for \$25.



Week of Dec. 23-29 and Dec. 30-Jan.5

Sunday, December 23

No Grace Place for children and youth
 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lighthouse
 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Family-focused Christmas Eve(FLC)
 4:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)
 6:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)
 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve (FLC)
 7:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas

Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 26

No Faith Alive for children and youth
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, December 27

10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
 2:00 p.m. Home School Music Group
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, December 28

6:00 p.m. Lisa Adkins and Andrew Merfeld Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, December 29

4:00 p.m. Lisa Adkins and Andrew Merfeld Wedding
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
 5:50 p.m. No Grace Place

Sunday, December 30

No Grace Place for children and youth
 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. No Family-focused Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve

6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service

Tuesday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day - Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

No Faith Alive for children and youth
 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, January 3

Tiny Treasures Open
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Group
 3:30 p.m. Democratic and Republican Caucuses
 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, January 4

9:00 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Practice

Saturday, January 5

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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$42,869
YTD Offering	\$737,783
YTD Budget	\$754,300

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	75	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	150	7:45 a.m.	134
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	346	9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	250
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	73		
10:30 a.m.	323	10:30 a.m.	207
Total	967	Total	591
Advent Service (Sanctuary)	165		
Advent Service (FLC)	326		

Week of Jan. 6-12

Sunday, January 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. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lighthouse
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 7

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 8

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Machine Shed)
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Spirit Nourishing Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball

Wednesday, January 9

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Assoc. of Adoption
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, January 10

- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scout
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class for Honduras

Friday, January 11

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923

Saturday, January 12

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Honduras Mission Soup Fundraiser
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Cast Party

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	0	31	15	25	Music Alive
Elementary	11	62	30	80	38
Total	11	93	45	105	Wed. Meal
Junior High		32	10	81	126
High School		10		20	

Welcome to Gloria Dei

Welcome

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.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the Narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children to when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.



Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

Starting back Jan. 5 and 6. We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - youth

Starting back Jan. 6. For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sunday, Jan. 6 from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lighthouse series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional □ 9:00 Traditional □ 9:00 Family-focused □ 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. □ Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. □ Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.