



WEEKLY WORD



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First Sunday in Advent

A Month to Pay Tribute to the King

December marks the time when we celebrate the greatness of the Savior of mankind being born into the world. Take some time to review all the wonderful opportunities at Gloria Dei. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors as we bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

Advent by Candlelight

Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Advent by Candlelight is designed for women to prepare for the Christmas season.

Off the Beaten Path Advent Devotional

An adult devotional is available at the Information Center, which will explore passages from the Old Testament.

“Advent” ures Advent Devotional

A child’s devotional is available at the Information Center written especially for children.

Dinner Theatre

Dec. 7-8 at 6:30 p.m.

This is a must before the holiday begins. The youth will serve a dinner and perform the play, “Ugly Duckling.”

Advent Services

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Join us as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas message.

Advent Services with Children’s Christmas Programs

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at 7:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Grades 3-5: Wednesday, Dec 5 at 7:15 p.m.

Grades K-2: Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:15 p.m.

Preschool: Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m.

Christmas Cantata

Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 and 7 p.m.

Invite your friends and neighbors to this year’s cantata, “Dwell,” as musicians, singers and writers lift praise in celebration of the meaning of Christmas.

Family-focus Christmas Eve Service

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

This family-focus service will feature the sights, sounds and exploration of the very first Christmas with a special emphasis on helping young children understand the importance of Jesus’ birth.

Contemporary Christmas Eve Service

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

Join us for our contemporary candlelight service in the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. with a sermon simulcast from the sanctuary.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

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

Our traditional candlelight services in the sanctuary are at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

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

Take time to celebrate the birth of our Lord on Christmas day.

New Years Eve Service

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

Get ready for the new year by joining us as we worship our Lord.



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Holiday Opportunities

For more detailed information about December’s opportunities, pick up a Holiday Opportunities brochure today at the Information Center.

Giving Statements Mailed

Year-to-date giving statements have been mailed to each family in the congregation. This is a record of all giving through November of this year and will give an accurate total of giving with one month left in the year. A final record of giving will be mailed after the first of the year for income tax purposes. If the year-to-date statement was not received or if you have questions, please call Steve Kammeyer at 276-1700, ext. 202.

Pictorial Directory

Thank you to everyone who participated in having their pictures taken for the upcoming pictorial directory. We had such a great response that it was necessary to add additional dates through the end of September. For this reason, the entire process has been pushed back and we now expect to have our new pictorial directory delivered by February 2008. Thank you for your patience!

China Update

For the next several weeks, there will be an opportunity to stop in the narthex between services to hear about the work in China and Tibet.

Please take a moment to stop and see pictures of the Christian church, which was built in a remote mountain village with funds from Gloria Dei. The opportunity to build this church was made possible with more than five years of humanitarian support in the region. The Gospel has been brought to life through enhanced living conditions, educational opportunities, and medical and dental clinics.

Partnering with the Shining City Foundation (SCF), we continue to support priority needs in the area. In September, several members of Gloria Dei had the opportunity to establish a relationship with the Lucky Star Orphanage School in Lhasa, Tibet. There are about 50 children in this school, who continue to need basic necessities such as bedding and food provisions. A mattress and quilt for a child can be provided for \$20, and a week-long supply of rice, wheat, and cooking oil for all 50 students costs only \$50. There is no administrative cost involved, so every dollar contributed goes to project support.

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. The photos are by our lead contact in the area, who is also an award-winning photographer.

Thank You

We want to extend a huge thank you for opening up your homes to the African Children Choir and their sponsors. The concert and their stay with us was a success because of your hospitality. Thank you very much.

– Steve Kohtz and Amy Jo Wiese

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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the 73rd birthday of Andrew Varley.

Bake Sale

Naomi Circle will be hosting a bake sale Sunday, Dec. 2 in the narthex after worship services. Proceeds will go toward one of their ministry projects.

Honduras Updates

The Honduras team will meet Sunday, Dec. 2 at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Also, the team is collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, children's and adult vitamins and tylenol in a trunk in the narthex.

Walking in the Light

Pastor Baldwin's sermon, "Repent, the Kingdom is at Hand," will be aired on "Walking in the Light" next Sunday at 10 a.m. on PRAISE 940 AM.

Dedication

The members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, invite the congregation of Gloria Dei to a dedication service for their new Family Life Center on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist: 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary) Rev. Kendall Meyer 9 a.m. (FLC) Steve Kohtz 9 and 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) Rev. Kendall Meyer	Lynn Hays Acolytes: Andy Dorn Emily Brush Devin Elbert Elders: Tom Westby Marvin Deer Rod Serbus 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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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 nation

Prayers

- For the extended stay in the Philippines for Daffodil Miller and family
- For the cancer treatment options for Jack Pfrimmer
- For Mike Marten's brother-in-law, David Redd, who was taken to hospice
- For Phyllis Greenwood's friend, Sandra Regnier, who is continuing with cancer treatments
- For the grieving family of Richard Cushing
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For Monica Pingel's sister, Patty, who is ill
- For Larry Shafer, who is battling cancer
- For Charlene Stewart
- For Roger Schmidt
- 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.



Essence of the Heart

Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.



Advent by Candlelight: Essence of the Heart

Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m in the Family Life Center.

Don't forget about Monday night's Advent by Candlelight. "The Essence of the Heart" will be a time to prepare for the upcoming Christmas season. Come expecting a night full of great desserts, fun fellowship, and a wonderful musical program of Christmas melodies and Advent readings.

It is not too late to join us!

If you are interested in attending and do not have a reserved seat, please call Pastor Meyer today at 278-5544, ext. 224.

Note: Please park in the east end of the parking lot. We want to make room for guests who will be attending the Service of Remembrance in the sanctuary. Thanks!

Holiday Planning

Please remember to invite your friends and family to all the holiday activities at Gloria Dei.

- **Advent Worship (Sanctuary)**
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at 7:15 p.m.
- **Advent Worship with Children's Programs (FLC)**
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at 7:15 p.m.
- **Advent By Candlelight (FLC)**
Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary)**
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 and 7 p.m.
- **Family-focused Christmas Eve (FLC)**
Monday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.
- **Christmas Candlelight Eve Services (Sanctuary)**
Monday, Dec. 24 at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve Contemporary Service (FLC)**
Monday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.
- **Christmas Day (Sanctuary)**
Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 29 (FLC)**
Northwind Service at 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 30 (Sanctuary)**
Worship Services at 7:45, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
(Please note: the 9 a.m. Family-focused service will not be held)



Check Out the Bookstore

Check out the Toolshoppe for your one-stop holiday shopping. We have many household items that will add Christmas cheer to your house during the holiday season. Thank you and see you soon!

Scrapbook Fellowship

Please join us for a fun time of getting together, talking, laughing and getting work done on our scrapbook projects. We will meet Friday, Dec. 14 in rooms 131-33 from 8:30 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Advent Devotional



Pick up the Advent Devotional at the Information Center today. The devotional goes off the beaten path to study promises found in the not-so-studied passages of the Old Testament. Large-print versions are also available.

David Phelps

Dove Award nominee, David Phelps, will perform at Grace Church, 4200 East 25th Street, Des Moines, Monday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 and \$25 at Wellspring Christian Resource or by calling 265-0199.

youth presents:
dinner theatre
Buy your tickets today!
Ugly Duckling
One More Weekend Left.
Friday, Dec. 7
Saturday, Dec. 8
at 6:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Buy your tickets by calling the church office at 276-1700.

Free childcare is provided.
Reserved Seating Only:
\$10 per person

Proceeds go toward the youth ministry

Giving Tree: Take a Tag from One of the Trees



Gloria Dei has adopted more than 30 families from Lutheran Social Services, AGAPE Pregnancy Center and families who have called our church for help.

1. Please visit our giving trees, which are located in the narthex and Gathering Place.
2. Pick a tag(s) and purchase the item(s) on the list.
3. Wrap the items (unless it is groceries or toiletries)
4. Securely attach the tag to the outside of the package.
5. Return items to either tree by or before Sunday, Dec. 9.
6. Pray for families in need.
7. Join us Saturday, Dec. 15 from 1-3 p.m. in the Family Life Center to help with the pick-up and deliveries.
8. Gather your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers and adopt an entire family!

If you are interested in adopting an entire family, or have questions concerning the mission, please contact Joy Linquist at joy@linquists.com or 276-3052.

Pick up a tag today and return it next week!

Circle Meetings



Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes, 986-3697. Please bring books and bears for AGAPE Pregnancy Center.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Chef's Kitchen for a holiday get-together.

Volunteer of the Year

Habitat for Humanity has awarded Larry Baak the 2007 Construction Volunteer of the Year award. Larry became involved in Habitat through Gloria Dei and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. According to Lance Henning, Executive Director of Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity: "Larry has spent a considerable number of hours working on Habitat houses and it's always a joy for other volunteers to be around his positive and helpful nature. Helping on four houses through the course of the year, he was typically on site three or four days a week and it is not uncommon to see him volunteering 5 days a week when needed. Habitat is thankful for his on-site leadership, as he often served as the site supervisor and helped to guide other volunteers in construction."

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.



Congregational Care Corner

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

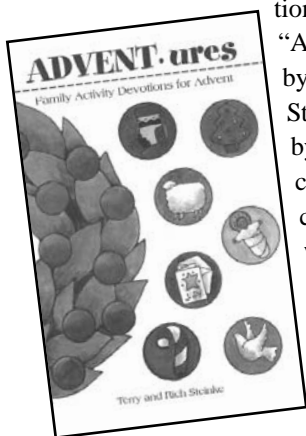
Stepping Stones starts Thursday, Jan 17 from 6:30-8 p.m.
If interested, please call Lynn Meyer at 986-5653.

Kindermusik Brochures

Please pick up January's Kindermusik brochure at the Information Center. Classes fill quickly! If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Advent Devotions

Pick up an Advent Devotion at the Information Center today. The "Advent-ures" written by Rich and Terry Steinke, is published by Creative Communications and feature a cut-out Advent wreath with candles. Each devotion has stickers, which corresponds to the daily message.



Important Dates

December Dates

Dec. 5, 12 and 19

Advent services at 7:15 p.m.

Faith Alive will dismiss at 6:55 p.m.

Youth will dismiss at 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

No children or youth activities.

Weekend of Dec. 22-23 & 29-30

No children or youth activities.

Children's Christmas Programs

Come and see our children as they offer Christmas programs during Advent Services in the Family Life Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:15 p.m.

Grades 3-5: "The Big, Big Story"

Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:15 p.m.

Grades K-2: "Hold On To Your Hat"

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9-10 a.m.

Preschool: Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m.

Preschool: "The Best Gift"

Rehearsals: Saturday, Dec. 8 and 15 from 10-11 a.m.

Reminder: All rehearsals are one hour and are in the Family Life Center.

Preschool Christmas Program

Calling all parents of children ages 2 years old to prekindergarten.

If you have a preschooler, check out the bulletin board today for information and registration for this year's Christmas program, "The Best Gift of All" on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m. Fill out the yellow form and place it in the gift box. Then take a CD of songs (one per family) for your child to listen to and practice. Inside each CD package is a script for you to practice with your child. Since most of the learning can occur at home, we will hold only two rehearsals: Saturday, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 from 10-11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Midweek Meal Menu:

Dec. 5 - Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup and Bread

Dec. 12 - Potato Bar

Dec. 19 - Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup

Dec. 26 (No Faith Alive)

Cost: \$2.50 per person. Children under 3 eat free.

Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center

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Junior & Senior High

Dinner Theatre

Dec. 7 and 8

The play, "Ugly Duckling," is a medieval play about a king and queen trying to marry off their daughter.

Tickets can be purchased at the church office Monday - Friday from 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19

Youth will be dismissed at 7:05 p.m. for Advent services.

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.

Junior and Senior High Paint-ball

Sunday, Dec. 16

We will meet at the church at noon, travel to Action Jack's and return at 5 p.m. Sign up is by Dec. 9 at the youth bulletin board. Cost is \$15, plus paint-balls \$20 for 500.

Junior High - Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

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

Wednesday: Confirmation

Join us for Confirmation on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Junior High Cafe 923

Friday, Dec. 14 from 6-9 p.m.

Join us for our Christmas party at Cafe 923. Please bring an unwrapped toy between \$5-10, which will go to a children's charity.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us today from 9-10 a.m in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

Wednesday: The Point

New! Check us out on our website to view our video-taped Bible studies. Go to the youth page and click on the "New Online Bible studies" link.

Join us this Wednesday as we hang out starting at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center. The evening activities consist of praise, teaching and activities.

Dec. 5: Social Justice

Dec. 12: Can I Really Make a Difference?

Dec. 19: Christmas Party- Details will follow.

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb.

Dare 2 Share's Survive Training Tour will equip teenagers to live strong and stand firm in a culture of fear due to global and personal uncertainty. Cost is \$25, which includes transportation, food and housing. If you would like more information, contact Tim; registration information will be mailed in January.

Week of Dec. 2-Dec.8

Sunday, December 2

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Naomi Bake Sale
- 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; Lifelight
- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight Setup
- 5:30 p.m. Community Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Cantata Dancers Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Beta Cottage Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 3

- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight
- 7:00 p.m. Remembrance Service

Tuesday, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Group
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik - Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer

- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik - Our Time
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Services
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Service (Children's Program 3-5)
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 8:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, December 6

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Beta Cottage Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, December 7

- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (K-2)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (Preschool)
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 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. Dinner Theatre

Outpouring of Love

General Fund Offerings	\$20,722
YTD Offering	\$570,197
YTD Budget	\$663,784

Last Week's Attendance (Nov. 17-18)

Northwind		Communion	
7:45 a.m.	137	7:45 a.m.	136
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	343	9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	266
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	113	10:30 a.m.	182
10:30 a.m.	267		
Total	1025		
Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday	148	Communion	121
Thanksgiving Service, Thursday	168	Communion	129

Week of Dec.9-15

Sunday, December 9

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
 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 6:00 p.m. Cantata Dance Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 10

6:00 p.m. Care Callers
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
 6:30 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Women's Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study

Wednesday, December 12

9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal

5:30 p.m. Music Alive
 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. The Point
 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
 7:15 p.m. Advent Service
 7:15 p.m. Advent Service (Children's Program K-2)
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
 8:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Thursday, December 13

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, December 14

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 5:30 p.m. Directors Cantata Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923
 6:30 p.m. Urbandale Singers Concert

Saturday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Rehearsal
 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:00 p.m. Cantata
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
 7:00 p.m. Cantata

Last Week's Attendance (Nov. 24-25)

Northwind	172	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	123		
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	346	Northwind	106
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	69	9 a.m. (FLC)	30
10:30 a.m.	271		
Total	981	Total	136

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	NA	NA	NA	28	Music Alive
Elementary	NA	NA	NA	84	53
Total	NA	NA	NA	112	Wed. Meal
Junior High	NA	NA	NA		180
High School	NA	NA	NA		

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 twenty 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

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

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 Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38.

Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m., or a study that parallels the new sermon series from 10:20-11:20 a.m. in rooms 135-37.

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.