

WEEKLY WORD



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First Sunday in Advent

The Courage of Joseph

by Pastor Kendall Meyer

Have you ever had to make a decision and weren't sure what the right one should be? In the Christmas story, Joseph needed to make a decision. He discovered his wife Mary, with whom he was betrothed, was pregnant. One thing he did know for certain—the child was not his own. So, he was faced with a decision: proceed with the betrothal and marriage or divorce her?

Matthew 1:19 informs us of his thought process: *“Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.”*

Based on what Joseph knew, the “right” decision was to divorce her quietly. No need to make a big deal. No need to have her stoned, which was the penalty of an unwed pregnancy under the law in Deuteronomy 22. No need to ask Mary's family to return the dowry money. No, Joseph decided to do it quietly. In doing so, he was showing that he was merciful to Mary.

But there's an interesting twist! Matthew 1:20 states, *“But after he (Joseph) had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife...”*

The actual thought process of a “righteous” man was in reality wrong in the eyes of God. What we

think is right and merciful may be opposite to God's thoughts. God was encouraging Joseph to continue the betrothal with Mary and take her home as his wife. God wanted Joseph to have the courage to do the right thing, which was contrary to Joseph's original decision.

God is also calling us to lead our lives with the same courage, the courage of Joseph. What does that look like in our everyday life? It is interesting to realize that God desires for us to become “God-pleasers” and not “man-pleasers.” For example, if you are Christmas shopping and the cashier gives you an extra \$20 by accident, do you tell the cashier? The eyes of the world would encourage you to take the money because it was the cashier's fault and consider it a gift. But as Christians, we need to have the courage of Joseph and do what is right in God's eyes, despite what the world or our natural thoughts conclude. Would you have the courage to tell the cashier of the mistake and return the extra \$20? This is a simple illustration, but it strikes at the heart of what God is calling us to do—to have courage to do what is right in the eyes of God despite what is right in the eyes of man. Joseph had the courage, and so do we!

Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land that the Lord promised on oath to your forefathers.
Deuteronomy 6:18

“What we think is right and merciful may be opposite to God's thoughts.”

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Starbucks and Stravinsky

Join us as we share the sounds, aromas and tastes of the season in the Gathering Place starting today, Dec. 3. All profits go to the upcoming Uganda trip.



Advent Devotional

Advent devotionals are available today at the Information Center. Pastor Meyer, Karen Hoff, Jim Riddle and Sue Wilson wrote this devotional.



Small Group Sign-up

Stop by the small group sign-up table in the narthex today. We will be starting a small-group study in January.

Upcoming Classes

2007 Weddings

Are you planning to be married at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in 2007? A pre-marriage class will meet in rooms 130/132 on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning January 16. This class is required and will meet for 6 weeks. It is also a great option for people getting married elsewhere (i.e. back home). The cost per couple is \$20. You can sign up for this class by e-mailing Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Discovery 101

Our four-week new member class for people wanting to join Gloria Dei from a non-Lutheran background will be offered Wednesday nights in rooms 127/129 from 6:30-8 p.m. starting January 10. You can sign up by calling the church office or e-mailing Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

DivorceCare

Our support group ministry will hold a class for those who have gone through the pain of divorce, which will meet Tuesday nights in the Youth Center from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning January 9. The ministry is offered for a suggested donation of \$18. You can register for the class by completing a registration form found at the Information Center. Registration will be limited to 20 participants. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

GriefShare

Our grief support ministry will begin its winter session on Thursday nights in the Youth Center from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning January 4. This ministry is offered for a suggested donation of \$18. You can register for this class by completing the registration form at the Information Center. Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to this comforting ministry. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship
7:45, 9, 10 and 10:30 a.m.
Staffed Nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Educational Times at 9:20 & 10:20 a.m.

Saturday Schedule

Saturday Worship at 5:30 p.m.
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m.
Staffed Nursery from 5:15 p.m.

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276-1700



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the 10th wedding anniversary of Pastor Tim and Kim Phillips.

LHM Advent Devotions

An Advent devotion, "Love Was Born at Christmas," is available from Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) starting today. The devotions are no longer available as printed booklets, but can be downloaded from <http://www.adventdevotions.net>. If you have any questions, please call 800-752-9636.

Worship Service Ministry Partners

We are thankful for our helpers today who assist in providing a great place to worship.

Elders:

Tom Westby
Marvin Deer
Randy Walford

Ushers:

Northwind
Randy Bosworth
Brad Gerke
Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Dennis Dean
Mike Collins
Joe Gilg

Kory Meyeraan

Dan Timmons
9:00 a.m.
Jeff Monson
Don Pevestorf

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Alex Meyer
Cole Scavo
Kofi Manteaw

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

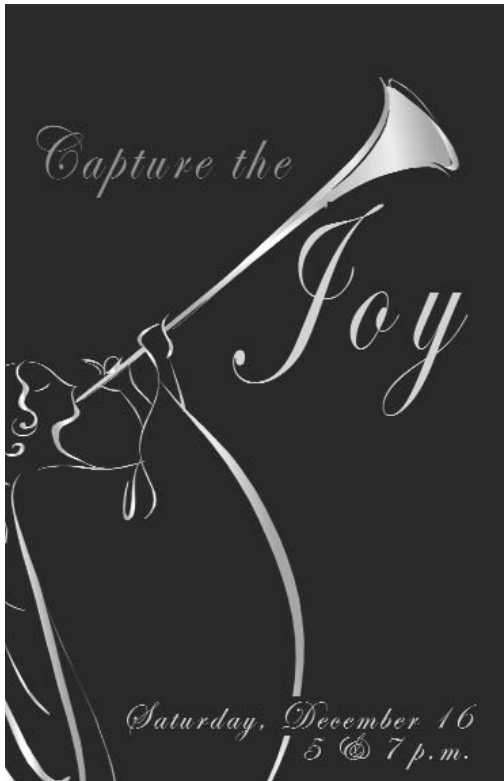
- For our nation and the freedom we enjoy
- For our families

Prayers

- For Amy Joe Wiese's grandfather, who has had cancer surgery
- Dawson Peterson, son of Wade and Laurie, who is at Blank Hospital
- For Rachel Onsrud's mother, Norma, who is recovering from ovarian cancer surgery
- For our children's Christmas programs
- For our Christmas services
- For those who have lost loved ones this year

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.



THE RETURN MEN

Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors for this year's cantata:

"Capture the Joy"
Saturday, Dec. 16 at 5 and 7 p.m.

If you are interested in participating, please call the church office at 276-1700.

Orchestra Rehearsals:

Wednesday, Dec. 6 6:15-6:45 and 8-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 6:15-6:45 and 8-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16 9-12 a.m. (dress rehearsal)

Giving Tree: Take a Tag from One of the Trees



Share with God's people who are in need.
– Romans 12:13

Our families are in need. The families have been given to us by Lutheran Social Services, Hope Ministries, and AGAPE Pregnancy Center.

1. Please visit our giving trees, which are located in the narthex and Gathering Place.
2. Take tags from the tree and purchase the gifts.
3. Return the wrapped gifts to the trees by Sunday, Dec. 10.

Thank you to the many people who have called to volunteer. If have further questions regarding the mission, contact Joy Linquist at joy@linquists.com or 276-3052.

Advent by Candlelight

The Family Life Center will open today, Sunday, Dec. 3 from 2-5 p.m. to set up your table. You also may set up on Monday. Please have your tables completed by 6:15 p.m. Monday evening. Programs will be available at set-up time and also name tags if you need them. You will need to put chairs at your table according to the number of guests joining you. If you have not paid your hostess fee, please do so when you set up.

This will be a great beginning to the Advent season with friends, fellowship, food and music. Thank you for serving as a hostess.

Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Group to Play Christmas Music

Higher Power, a local gospel group, will sing Christmas music at Hope Lutheran Church, 3857 E. 42nd Street, on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and a free-will offering will be taken.

Bake Sale Next Week

Honduras Mission Team 2007 will be hosting a bake sale Sunday, Dec, 10. Come grab some goodies to eat or take home! Proceeds will go to support the mission trip in June 2007.

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. Also, if you are planning on purchasing items that need to be ordered, such as Gloria Dei's logo clothing, we recommend you order today because of the holiday rush. Thank you and see you soon!

Rehearsal Times

Thank you for sharing your musical talents during the Advent Lessons and Carols services on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 7:45, 9 and 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Julie DenHerder at 251-4632.

Orchestra Rehearsals:

Thursday, Dec. 7	6-8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 14	No rehearsal unless needed
Wednesday, Dec. 20	6-7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	6-8 p.m. (Dress rehearsal)

Choir Rehearsals:

Thursday, Dec. 7	6-8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 14	No rehearsal unless needed
Thursday, Dec. 21	6-8 p.m. (Dress rehearsal)

Please note: The 10 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center will not be offered Dec. 24 and 31.

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Books & Gifts

LWML News



Hungry for Holiday Goodies?

Don't miss the annual Naomi Circle holiday bake sale on Sunday, Dec. 3 between services in the narthex. Proceeds from the sale will go toward Naomi's mission, DMARC, Emergency Food Pantry and China's Shining City.



Meeting Dates &

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 14. at 9:30 a.m. at church for their annual Christmas brunch.

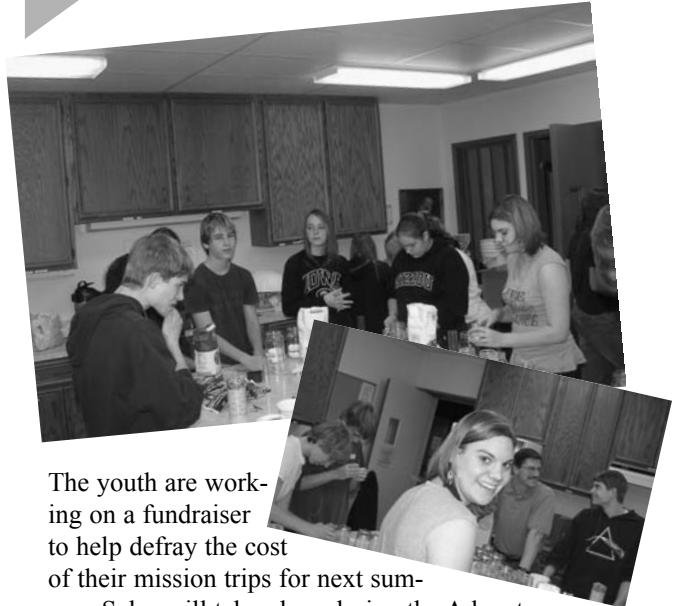
Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Petersen, 109 N. Jacob, Grimes, 986-3697.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will have a Christmas party on December 11 at 5:45 p.m. For additional information, please contact Leanna Hansch at 277-1615.

Gloria Dei Youth Fundraiser



The youth are working on a fundraiser to help defray the cost of their mission trips for next summer. Sales will take place during the Advent meal on Wednesdays, Dec. 6 and 13 and during worship services on Dec. 9-10 and 16-17. The items being sold are:

- Brownie in a jar - \$8
- Cupcake in a cup - \$5
- Hot cocoa mix (pint) - \$5

Keep these items in mind for Christmas gifts for day-care providers, teachers, co-workers, secret santas, neighbors, friends and more.

RUSH

A retreat for young adults at Camp Okoboji

Memorial Lutheran Church and Student Center, Ames, will sponsor a retreat for young adults Dec.30-Jan 1 at Camp Okoboji. High school seniors are invited to join with college-age adults for two-and-a-half days of teaching, fellowship and fun. RUSH is an acronym for Resolve, Unite, Share, Heal. The cost is \$62. For more information or to register, go to: <http://www.rushwithchrist.org>.


New Life Ministry Action Team

Do you like babies? Do you enjoy celebrating births? Do you like to support our youngest members? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to join the New Life Ministry Action Team. This team will support families with newborns by visiting, listening and presenting items from the congregation to our newest families. We need grandmothers and new moms and all those in between. We need people who like to visit, cook and sew. If you are interested in joining this new and exciting ministry, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305 or terry@gloriadeionline.com.

Walking in the Light

Pastor Baldwin will share his message based on 1 John 1:5-7 on “Walking in the Light,” next Sunday at 10 a.m. on 1150 AM KWKY.


Wednesday's Meal




December 6

- Hot Dog
- Tater Tots
- Tropical Fruit

The cost per meal is \$2.50; children ages three and under eat free.





5 p.m.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Come scrap with us—work on your albums or Christmas gifts! We’ll be meeting on Friday Dec 8 in rooms 131-133 by the kitchen



throughout the day between 8:30 am and 11 p.m. Come and go as your schedule allows. For more information, contact

Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Tiny Treasures Updates

Two teachers from Tiny Treasures, Salena Reimer, lead teacher for the two classes for three-year-olds and Anna Wiescorek, assistant teacher of the three-year-old class and four-and-five-year-old class, will be leaving in December. Both of these teachers have been very important to our preschool program; Salena is a busy mom and some family needs have made it necessary for her to stop teaching and Anna’s husband is being transferred out of state. They will be hard to replace. Please keep our school and especially this transition in your prayers.

God has already provided a replacement teacher for Salena’s position—Christy Marshall (a preschool mom from last year) has accepted the position and brings lots of experience and excitement to the job. But we still need a replacement for Anna’s assistant teacher position on Monday-Friday from 8:30-noon. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Christmas Plans

Children's Christmas Programs

Elementary Children

All elementary students in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in this year's Christmas program, "A Piece of Christmas," during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 17. We will rehearse from 8-9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 9 and 16.

Preschool Children

Preschool children ages 2-5 are also invited to participate in our Christmas program, "The Shepherds' Christmas," Sunday, Dec. 17 at the 9 a.m. service. The practices are as follows:

- Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 16 from 8-8:45 a.m.

Cookie Bakers Needed

We need sugar cookies baked for Christmas Eve. You can use your favorite recipe or refrigerated cookie dough. A cookie cutter can be picked up at the Information Center. Please bake 25 cookies, put them in your freezer, and return them Dec. 22-23 or the morning of Dec. 24. We also need frosting makers. We are asking for only one batch of frosting to be delivered Dec. 22-23 or the morning of Dec. 24.

Faith Alive: Get Ready to Experience Bethlehem

Bethlehem Village will be the focus of Faith Alive for the next three weeks. All Faith Alive students and their friends should go directly to their classrooms. All children in preschool to fifth grade will take part in the village experiences. All classes will dismiss at 7:05 p.m.; preschool and kindergarten children will return to their classrooms and grades 1-5 will dismiss from the Family Life Center. Advent worship begins at 7:15 p.m. in the sanctuary and families are encouraged to worship together. Join us for a special time as we hear the news of our Messiah, Jesus, born in a small village called Bethlehem!



Give the Gift of Kindermusik

A new session of Kindermusik will start in January. For more details, pick up a class brochure at the Information Center.

New! Gift certificates for families to attend Kindermusik can be purchased at the Tool Shoppe today.

Advent Schedule

Please remember that Faith Alive dismisses at 7:05 p.m. for Advent worship Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

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Wednesdays

Service Hours

Seventh grade will be doing services hours at the midweek Market Place during the month of December.

No confirmation classes on December 27.



Junior High

Castaway

Join us this Sunday at 9:20 or 10:20 a.m. for a high-energy time of study and fellowship.

Topic: Taking A Quick Look Phil. 3:12-14

No Castaway on Sunday, Dec. 24 and 31.

Senior High

Fundraiser

The youth are working on a fundraiser to help defray the cost of trips next summer. Sales will take place during the Advent meal on Wednesday, December 6 and 13 and during worship services on Dec. 9-10 and 16-17. The items being sold are:

- Brownie in a jar - \$8
- Cupcake in a cup - \$5
- Hot cocoa mix (pint) - \$5

One-Eighty: Senior High Youth Event

Saturday, December 9, 7:30 pm

- Will be held at Johnston High School
- \$5 admission fee at the door
- Jodi Weatheron's testimony (Jodi is from MTV's Road Rules X-TREME and The Duel)
- Live music provided by Walnut Creek Church band
- Food, games, raffle, prizes
- Outreach event: bring your friends who don't know Jesus
- Questions: 276-3557 or 180@Cornerstone, DM.com

Senior High Dodgeball Challenge/Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17, 6-9 pm

- Teams of 6 (each team must have at least one male/female playing)
- Registration fee: bring an unwrapped toy \$10 or less to the event
- Register your team by Dec. 13
- Outreach event: bring friends
- Free food
- Prizes

The Island

Join us this Sunday from 6 to 9 pm as we gather at the Island.

Topic: Challenge The Ordinary

The Island will not meet on December 24 and 31.

Week of December 3-9

Sunday, December 3

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Naomi Circle Bake Sale
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. Relevant Topics
- 9:20 a.m. Stepfamily Survival
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:20 a.m. Castaway
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 6:00 p.m. The Island- Psalm 18:2
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 4

- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight

Tuesday, December 5

- 8:00 a.m. American Lung Training
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ - Machine Shed
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 7:00 p.m. Westover's Remembrance Service

Wednesday, December 6

- 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. Gloria Dei Orchestra and Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive (Bethlehem Village)
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chapel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You Class
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Worship
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei's Infusion Worship Team

Thursday, December 7

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Thirsty Worship Team
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Book of Luke Bible Study

Friday, December 8

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Saturday, December 9

- 8:00 a.m. Elementary Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Outpouring of Love (Nov. 26)	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,369
YTD Offering	\$496,185
YTD Budget	\$589,820

Attendance for Nov. 26			
Northwind	120	Thanksgiving	
7:45 a.m.	116	Tuesday, Nov. 21	151
9 a.m.	369	Thursday, Nov. 23	206
10 a.m.	100	Communion	
10:30 a.m.	228	5:30 p.m.	81
Total	933	10:00 a.m.	61

Week of December 10-16

Sunday, December 10

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Bake Sale
- 9:20 a.m. Relevant Topics
- 9:20 a.m. Stepfamily Survival
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:20 a.m. Castaway
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Young Couples with Children
- 6:00 p.m. The Island- Psalm 18:2
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, December 11

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Spirit Nurturers
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose-driven Bible Study

Tuesday, December 12

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Restorative Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermuisk Imagine That

Wednesday, December 13

- 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. Gloria Dei Orchestra and Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive (Bethlehem Village)
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chapel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You Class
- 6:15 p.m. Lead Gloria Dei
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Worship
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei's Infusion Worship Team
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Bells

Thursday, December 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Iowa Lutheran Teacher's Conference
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Thirsty Worship Team
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Restorative Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. Daisy Brownie Troop
- 7:00 p.m. Book of Luke Bible Study

Friday, December 15

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Saturday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. Elementary Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 8:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Bells
- 10:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Family Pickup
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:00 p.m. Cantata
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. No Grace Place
- 7:00 p.m. Cantata

Educational Attendance for Sunday, Nov. 19 and Wednesday, Nov. 29

	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:20	Wed., 6:15	misc.
Preschool	6	24	18	22	Music Alive
Elementary	8	77	27	90	65
Junior High	5	33	13	102	Wednes. Meal
High School				7	63
Total	19	134	58	221	

Christmas Schedule

Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends to all the Christmas activities as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

• **Monday, Dec. 4**

Advent by Candlelight at 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 6**

Advent service at 7:15 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 13**

Advent service at 7:15 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 16**

“Capture the Joy” Cantata at 5 and 7 p.m.

• **Sunday, Dec. 17**

Children’s Christmas programs
 9:00 a.m. Preschool children
 10:30 a.m. Elementary children

• **Wednesday, Dec. 20**

Advent service at 7:15 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 23**

Northwind Service at 5:30 p.m.

• **Sunday, Dec. 24**

Advent Lessons and Carols services at 7:45, 9, and 10:30 a.m.

Please note: There will be no 10 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center.

• **Sunday, Dec. 24**

Family-friendly service at 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center

• **Sunday, Dec. 24**

Christmas Eve traditional services at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

• **Monday, Dec. 25**

Christmas Day service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

• **Saturday, Dec. 30**

Northwind service at 5:30 p.m.

• **Sunday, Dec. 31**

Regular Sunday services at 7:45, 9, and 10:30 a.m. Communion will be offered.

Please note: There will be no 10 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center.

• **Monday, Jan. 1**

Office closed

Special Note to parents:

Faith Alive will dismiss at 7:05 p.m. on Dec. 6, 13 and 20 for Advent worship. Faith Alive will not be held Dec. 27 and will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Grace Place will not be held Saturday, Dec. 16 to Sunday, Dec. 31. Enjoy the holidays with your family in worship! We will start again Saturday, Jan. 6 and Sunday, Jan. 7.

