

**December 9, 2007**  
Second Sunday in Advent

## Holiday plans

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 Services

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

Join us as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

### Advent Services with Children's Christmas Programs

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

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.*

Must see! Invite your friends and neighbors to this year's cantata, "Dwell."

### Family-focused Christmas Eve Service

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

This family-focused service will feature the sights, sounds and exploration of the very first Christmas with an emphasis on helping young children understand the importance of our Savior's 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 Year's 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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## Celebrating Advent together



left: Faith Alive students perform at Christmas program last week.

Center and right: Alexia and Luke Murano, and Nathan and Jaime Fageroos enjoy the Gingerbread Tea.

Gloria Dei halls are bursting with activities as we begin to celebrate the birth of our Savior. From the Gingerbread Tea to Advent by Candlelight to our Advent services, we are excited to celebrate this time of year together as a family.

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## Our community



The Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team has been researching studies on our community to understand the past and future trends. According to all indicators, the section of Urbandale inside the interstate loop is projected to grow 10.5 percent in the next five years and the section west of the interstate is slated for a 39.4 percent growth rate. Urbandale's growth is on a similar upward trend with neighboring cities, such as Waukee at 30.2 percent, Grimes at 12.8 percent and Johnston at 23.3 percent.

Other studies of the Urbandale vicinity have reported that the average age is mid-to-late 30s, with a median income from \$65,000 to \$100,000 and has 2 1/2 -3 children per family.

Research also showed that 25,000 people in the Urbandale, Grimes, Clive, Waukee area do not have a church home. When questioned about the qualities they wanted in a church, 39 percent stated that connections with members were paramount, 30 percent wanted a clear belief statement, 29 percent looked for worship style with relevant sermons, and 25 percent wanted convenience.

Even more interesting is why they returned to a church: 45 percent returned due to worship style, 35 percent returned because of a clear belief statement,

25 percent returned because of the connections and another 25 percent returned because of convenience.

When asked about the most desirable characteristic of a church, 44 percent of the survey reported family focus was vital and 43 percent indicated the importance of sermons on current and practical issues.

(Please note that respondents could choose up to three factors in each of the above questions; thus, the total percent amount equals more than 100.)

As we plan for the future, it is imperative to evaluate the current and future trends of the community that we live in. In doing so, we will reach more people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

## Children's Christmas programs

Last Wednesday, children in grades 3-5 offered a wonderful Christmas program during the Advent service in the Family Life Center. If you missed this one, two more children's Christmas programs in the Family Life Center will be offered.

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

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



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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Dec. 9 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



**R**yan Wyatt Gilster born Nov. 8, 2007 to Wes and Brenda (nee Lewis) Gilster. Ryan's spiritual sponsor is Kevin Boozikee.

## Walking in the Light

Pastor Baldwin's sermon, "Surrounded by the Father's Love," 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.

## 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.

## Servers

**Officiant/Liturgist:**

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
Rev. Kendall Meyer  
9 a.m. (FLC)

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

Rev. Ron Burcham  
**Preacher:**  
Rev. Ron Burcham

**Scripture Reading:**  
Isaiah 2:6-9  
Luke 14:15-24

**Organist:**

Kathy Stange

**Acolytes:**

Andy Dorn  
Emily Brush  
Devin Elbert

**Elders:**

Devin Wren  
Ken Meythaler  
Gary Wasko

**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

## 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 Jackee Brienzo, who lost her sister
- For Elaine Gebhardt
- For Jay McGovern
- For Wendell Dickey
- For the health of Sue Davis' mother, Stella Armstrong
- For the Kollmorgen family, who lost Marilyn's mother
- For the cancer treatment options for Jack Pfrimmer
- For Mike Martens' brother-in-law, David Redd, who was taken to hospice
- For the grieving family of Richard Cushing
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For favorable test results for Diane Mahaffey
- 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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com) with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

C a n t a t a

# D w e l l

**Invite your friends and neighbors! Join the orchestra, choir, bells, dancers and readers as they express the truth of how Jesus became flesh and dwelt among mankind.**

**Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 & 7 p.m.**

## DMARC donation



Left to right: *Deb Timmons and Meri Mohr present a check to Sister Sandra Rodemyer. • The warehouse located at 3816 36th Street stores food items to help individuals and families.*

In the last year, Naomi Circle has had two church-wide campaigns to raise money to purchase items for the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) food pantry. Last Tuesday, Deb Timmons and Meri Mohr, representatives from Naomi Circle, presented Sister Sandra Rodemyer, food pantry director, with a check for \$3,450 from Gloria Dei.

DMARC, an interfaith agency that does not receive any federal or state funds, receives support from approximately 150 congregations in the Des Moines community. The food pantry helps to meet the short-term needs of the hungry in the metro area. When individuals or families need emergency help, they may access one of the eight pantries in Des Moines and vicinity.

Although DMARC receives food items, they prefer cash donations as the most effective and efficient way of helping stock the items needed for the pantry. A typical week's invoice for food purchases can range between \$8-9,000.

If you have any questions, or would like to help at the food pantry, please call 277-6969.

## Christmas caroling

Please join us Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. for a Faith Alive meal (\$2.50 per person)

before heading out for a Christmas caroling extravaganza. After singing our hearts out to the homebound of our congrega-

tion, we will come back for the Advent services at 7:15 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Julie DenHerder at 240-1626.



## Check out the bookstore

Check out the Toolshope 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!

## 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 you did not receive a statement 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.

## David Phelps

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

## Circle meetings



**Naomi Circle** will meet Thursday, Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m. in rooms 131/33 for a Christmas brunch. Please bring an ornament for the Christmas exchange.

**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.

## Thank you

Thank you for all your support from last week's bake sale. We raised \$344 for Hope Ministries. We appreciate your support.  
— Naomi Circle

## 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.

## Ride Needed

Athena Anderson, a member of Gloria Dei, needs a ride from Ankeny to church on Sundays. If you can help, please call the church office at 276-1700.

## 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 they are groceries or toiletries).
4. Securely attach the tag to the outside of the package.
5. Return items to either tree by or before Friday, Dec. 14.
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](mailto:joy@linquists.com) or 276-3052.

**Please return your gifts by Friday, Dec. 14!**

### Advent devotions

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



### 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 five 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](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com).



## Congregational Care Corner

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

### **Contact Information:**

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or [tphillips@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tphillips@gloriadeionline.com)

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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, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.**

## Important dates

### December Dates

**Dec. 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.

## Midweek Meal

### Menu:

Dec. 12  
Potato Bar

Dec. 19  
Grilled Cheese  
Tomato Soup

Dec. 26  
(No Faith Alive)

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

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



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## Junior & Senior High Holiday schedule

**Wednesday, Dec. 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 paintball

**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 paintballs at \$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 Web site 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. 12: Can I Really Make a Difference?

Dec. 19: Christmas Party

Join us for food and games and bring an unwrapped toy valued between \$5-10 for a children's charity.

### 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.



*The youth's "Ugly Duckling" dinner theatre was a success.*

# 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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$56,225
YTD Offering	\$634,836
YTD Budget	\$693,956

Last Week's Attendance			
Northwind	102	<b>Communion</b>	
7:45 a.m.	146	7:45 a.m.	126
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	313	9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	252
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	165		
10:30 a.m.	266	10:30 a.m.	195
<b>Total</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>
Advent Service (Sanctuary)	160		
Advent Service (FLC)	246		

# Week of Dec. 16-Dec.22

## Sunday, December 16

- 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; 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
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Paintball Activity
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, December 17

### Tuesday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Tiny Treasures Christmas Dinner and Program
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Spirit Nourishers Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group Bible Study

## Wednesday, December 19

- 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 Services
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Service (Preschool Children's Program )
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

## Thursday, December 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music Group
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

## Friday, December 21

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Girl's Basketball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Oil Painters Class

## Saturday, December 22

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

### Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	4	23	21	35	<b>Music Alive</b>
Elementary	16	62	28	99	66
Total	20	85	49	134	<b>Wed. Meal</b>
Junior High		29			143
High School		7			

# 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

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.