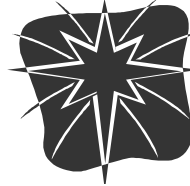


December 24 and 31, 2006

Christmas Eve and 1st Sunday after Christmas

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” (Luke 2:31-32)

How did Simeon know that Mary and Joseph’s infant was the promised Messiah? We know that Simeon had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he beheld the child, but how did he know this infant was the one? Certainly God revealed it to him, but was he also looking, waiting, and even expecting to see Jesus? Even his response to seeing Jesus states; “...you have prepared in the sight of all people...” Even though people could see Jesus and the prophetic signs announcing his birth, not everyone saw him.

This Christmas and even into the New Year, I pray that you will see Jesus. One of my favorite songs we sing around here is: “Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you.” It is so easy to go through the holiday season and everyday life and never see our Savior. We see the amount of work that needs to be accomplished, the dishes stacked up after the Christmas feast, and the gifts that need to be purchased, but do we see Jesus?

Like Simeon who approached life looking, waiting and expecting to see Jesus, we too can confidently face Christmas and a New Year with the assurance he is with us. We do not have to face life alone.

Has he not promised, that he will always be with you? He will not disappoint you. He is there! We just need to open the eyes of our heart to see him.

What a wonderful gift that God has given us...himself. He has given us himself to be with us every step along life’s path and even into eternity.

God bless your Christmas celebration and may he be with you throughout the New Year.

In Christ,



Rev. Ronald Burcham,
Senior Pastor

Christmas & New Year’s Services


- **Sunday, Dec. 24***
Sunday Services:
7:45, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary)
- **Sunday, Dec. 24**
Family-friendly Service:
4 p.m.
(Family Life Center)
- **Sunday, Dec. 24**
Traditional
Christmas Eve:
4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m.
(Sanctuary)
- **Monday, Dec. 25**
Christmas Day Service:
9:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary)
Offices closed
- **Saturday, Dec. 30**
Northwind service:
5:30 p.m.
(Family Life Center)
- **Sunday, Dec. 31***
Sunday Services:
7:45, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary)
Communion will be offered.
- * **Please note:**
The 10 a.m. worship service in the Family Life Center will not be offered
- **Monday, Jan. 1**
Offices closed


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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 24 is for:


 Isaac Anthony Carlos born October 21, 2006 to Luandino and Megan (nee Franzen) Carlos. Issac's spiritual sponsor is Kirsten Franzen.


 Reagan Frances Dammeier born October 8, 2006 to Kasey and Jaci (nee Troen) Dammeier. Regan's spiritual sponsors are Jon and Christy Troen.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 7:45 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 31 is for:

 Charlotte Grace York born November 20, 2006 to Tyler and Jennifer (nee Hensel) York. Charlotte's spiritual sponsors are John Hensel and Jessica Hensel.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 31 is for:

 Drake Michael Boeckholt born July 18, 2002 to Donald and Sarah (nee Norris) Boeckholt. Drake's spiritual sponsors are Rebecca Norris and Heather Wright.

 Brooklyn Elizabeth Boeckholt born March 14, 2006 to Donald and Sarah (nee Norris) Boeckholt. Brooklyn's spiritual sponsors are Heather and Jeffrey Wright.

Women's Connections Begins in January

Women's Connections starts on Monday, Jan. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. Join us as we connect to Jesus and each other through worship, study and fellowship.



January's Sessions:

Breaking Free: This Beth Moore study draws several parallels between the captive Israelites and today's Christians, focusing on making freedom in Christ a daily reality.

Daniel: Explore Beth Moore's newest study. We will see that Daniel faced pressures and temptations similar to those of a Christian in today's world.

Jesus, the One and Only: Using Luke, the other Gospels, and additional Scriptures, Beth Moore brings participants to new insights and understanding of the life of Christ.

Really Bad Girls of the Bible: This study demonstrates one truly life-changing concept—the sovereign power of God to rule our hearts and lives with grace, compassion, and hope.

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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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Governing Board
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Offerings

In order to receive giving credit for 2006, your offering must be received by Sunday, Dec. 31, or postmarked by Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006. All items postmarked after Dec. 30 or received after Dec. 31 will be credited to 2007, even if the date is written for 2006.

In addition, if you are anticipating making stock contributions in the first part of 2007, you may want to consider accelerating them to 2006, so that your 2006 tax return will reflect the deductions or tax savings.

Your gifts to support our ministry are always appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Giving Envelopes: Please pick up your giving envelopes today in the narthex. **Please note:** The 2007 envelopes have a different numbering system than last year's; therefore, destroy all your old envelopes. If you have any questions, contact Bill Wishman, business manager, at 276-1700.

Congratulations DeAnn

DeAnn McCue, Director of Family Ministry, celebrated 10 years of service at Gloria Dei on Thursday, Dec. 21. Although words seem inadequate, we are so thankful for her love, creativity and insights that she has brought to us.

– Pastor Burcham and the staff of Gloria Dei

Worship Service Ministry Partners

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

Elders:

December 24

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

December 31

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:

Dec. 24

Kathy Stange

Dec. 31

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Dec. 24

Katie Gilg

Cole Scavo

Kofi Manteaw

Christmas Eve

Jake Hermanson

Max Wissler

Rachel Dubas

Dec. 25

Pastor Meyer

Dec. 31

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 the family of Daph Miller, whose father has died in the Philippines
- For the health of Bruce Wardenburg
- For Dwight and Marilyn Carlson's granddaughter, Kiley
- For the health of Dawson Peterson
- For the health of Chuck and Shirley Hoveland
- For Howard Ingersoll, who is battling cancer
- For our Christmas services
- For those who have lost loved ones this year
- For all who visit Gloria Dei to be strengthened in their faith
- For all those traveling during the Christmas season

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.

Upcoming Classes

If you are interested in any of the following classes, please sign up at the Information Center or e-mail Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

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 six weeks. The cost per couple is \$20.

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.

DivorceCare

Our support group ministry will hold a class for those who have gone through the pain of divorce on 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.

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. Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to this comforting ministry.

Do You Know the Benefits of a Small Group?

By Pastor Kendall Meyer, Director of Adult Ministry

Are you feeling lonely? Maybe when you come to church you are feeling disconnected because you don't know anyone. In large churches, countless faithful Christians find the church an incredibly lonely place. I don't want that to happen to you. It is easy to think to yourself, "I don't have the time to make small-group connections." Since time is a precious commodity, which seems to be getting scarcer and scarcer, the question should move from, "Do I have time for this?" to "Do I want to invest time in this?"

Becoming part of a small-group community allows us to make significant relationships with others at Gloria Dei. These relationships not only give support, encouragement, and sense of connectedness that we all desire, but also provides a wonderful atmosphere to grow in our relationship with Jesus. Is that a worthy investment of your time? I say YES! Start making an investment today by stopping by the small-group connections table to sign up and be placed into the small-group community.

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!

Honduras Mission Trip

We have open spots for our Honduras mission trip June 23-30. If you are interested, please contact Bill Clark at bill.clark@equitrust.com or Pastor Tim at 278-5544, ext. 204. We need a response by Jan. 24, 2007.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who made the cantata a success. Thank you to the performers who made the cantata possible and for the support people who took care of the details. Without all of you, we would not have had the great opportunity to *Capture the Joy* of the Christmas season. Merry Christmas and Thank You.

– Julie DenHerder, Aaron McCullough and Chris Onsrud

Uganda Updates

At the end of December, a team from Gloria Dei will be traveling to Uganda to lead a worship conference. Pastor Burcham, Steve Kohtz, Chris James, Stan Greenwood, Jennifer Simpson, Travis Smith and Hilton and Denise Galabuzi



Kampala, Uganda

will travel approximately 26 hours to Kampala, the capital of Uganda, which is approximately 85 percent more populated than Des Moines. Kampala, built on seven hills, has all the modern necessities (minus the good coffee places) of Des Moines.

The team will stay in several houses within the city as they prepare for the three-day worship conference starting Wednesday, Jan.

3, for 34 Ugandan congregations.

“Our goal is to assist the Lutheran congregations to develop a blended format for worship, so that they can reach their neighbors and friends with the relevant and contemporary message of Jesus Christ,” said Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministry.

On Friday, Pastor Burcham, Senior Pastor, will be teaching the lay leaders and the two pastors on how to construct messages that relate to their culture.

“I want to teach tools and techniques of sermon building that will translate into their culture, so that ultimately lives are changed,” said Pastor Burcham. “Although the gospel message remains the same, the applications need to be relevant to their culture and not ours. It needs to be practical with real-life applications.”

On Saturday, the team has been invited to a Ugandan wedding and on Sunday they will travel across the equator to Jinga, a small city on the mouth of the Nile River where they will attend a church service at the Nakabonga Congregation.

Please keep the team, the conference and the congregations in your prayers.



Members of the Nakabonga congregation.



Meeting Dates & Times

Mary-Esther Circle

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Hazel Schroedel, 5212 Cody Drive, West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. at Holmes Oldsmobile (Hickman & I-35) to help assemble food packets for the African Mission Project. At noon, the group will go to the Machine Shed restaurant.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will be held Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Myra Willms, 3835 38th St., Des Moines.

Giving Tree: God's Love Shown



Clockwise from top left: An adopted family picks up gifts • Logan Mitchell helps deliver gifts to the church • Joy Linquist and her boys stop from the busyness of Saturday morning's activities. • The Family Life Center's perimeter was completely lined with gifts.

What started out as a small-family project, spilled to a neighborhood, then to a small group and landed at Gloria Dei as a project known as Giving Tree. A few years ago, Joy and Clayton Linquist decided to provide Christmas presents for a family in need; on Saturday, Dec. 16 more than 30 families received groceries, gifts and toiletries as the Family Life Center was lined with presents given by members of Gloria Dei.

Joy's stories are almost as abundant as the gifts that were given. She tells about losing a family's phone number and how the family reached them at a very late date. Joy considered telling them it was too late for adoption, and then a family from Gloria Dei "just happened" to inquire about adopting a family.

"It was amazing," said Joy. "When I was ready to give up on a family because of not having the correct phone number or other details, God wouldn't let me. God wouldn't let us

quit. He wanted to reach out to these people."

She also tells of a small group who adopted a family of six and was able to provide for everything on the family's list except for two bicycles. The group decided to put the two bike tags back on the tree, praying that somehow the need would be met. When the adopted mother picked up the presents on Saturday, she was overwhelmed by the generosity of gifts, which included two bikes.

Joy begins planning for Giving Tree in October when she meets with Lisa Scherer, Lori Martin, Nancy Wiggins, and Stacy Howe. They receive families from Agape Pregnancy Center, Lutheran Social Services, and Hope Ministries and word of mouth. This year they made a few changes though. In an attempt to live out the Gloria Dei's mission of bringing Jesus Christ to



Abundant gifts.

people for the first time and a life time, they encouraged the adopted families to pick up the gifts at church instead of having the gifts delivered. They also included information about the Christmas story, the church and spoke encouraging words to the families.

“We wanted to give people more than just gifts,” said Joy. “We wanted people to experience church in a positive way and to know that Christians care about them.”

She also incorporated her three boys, Alexander, Allen and Jackson into the outreach. They invited all the neighborhood children to a “Wagon Pizza Party,” where 17 children ate pizza and listened to a simple gospel message before heading out with their wagons to ask neighbors for non-perishable food items.

“It was great,” Joy said. “The children asked lots of questions about God afterwards.”

The blessings of the Giving Tree extends beyond the adopted families. When Laura Ammann’s family decided to adopt an entire family, they experienced the importance of giving.

“We wanted to teach our children the importance of not keeping everything to themselves,” said Laura. “At first, we thought it was too much to adopt an entire family, but once we made the faith step, we were amazed how blessed our entire family became knowing that we were helping another family. It was amazing.”

Joy plans on continuing with this project next year. If you are interested in helping next year, please contact Joy at joy@linquists.com.

A Huge Thank you

We would like to thank the following people for another successful year, supporting over 30 families:

The congregation of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church as every tag is important!

Clayton Linquist and Todd Wiggins for delivering presents

Jody Kimberley for supporting and pick-up day

Marilyn and Dwight Carlson for delivering presents and much more

Hy-Vee for donating the turkeys

Northview Drive in Urbandale for donating food and gifts

Kia at Lutheran Social Services

Hope Ministries

Jan at Agape Pregnancy Center

Scott and Laura Ammann Family for adopting a family.

Brent and Cindy Mitchell for adopting families

Cindy and Kevin Freese for adopting a child in honor of their son Alec

Bobbi Downey and family for adopting families

Meri Mohr for coordinating two families

Naomi Circle for adopting a family

Helping Hands Christcare Group for adopting a family

Kay Readinger and the entire XYZ group for adopting a family

Connie Mautz for donating a tree and writing Christmas Cards

The Davis Family for donating a tree.

Anonymous Family for donating a tree

Shirley Kramer for helping as a contact person

Kim Brienzo and Sarah Circle for adopting a family

Michelle and Laura as well as the entire office

Pastors Phillips, Burcham, and Meyer for supporting this ministry

Chris and Brian for helping with the video segments

Karen Kennedy for taking photos

Tim Kightlinger and the youth group volunteers for saving our backs

Alex, Allen, and Jackson Linquist for inviting friends and sharing with God’s people in need.

A special thank you to the women of the group: Nancy Wiggins, Lori Martin, Lisa Scherer, and Stacy Howe. It takes much coordination, prayer, time, effort and muscles to make this mission work. I am truly blessed to work with women like you.

– Sincerely, Joy Linquist

New Life Ministry Action Team

If you love babies and would like to use that gift as a ministry partner, please join the New Life Ministry Action Team. This team will make initial contact with newborns and their families starting in January. We need lots of specialty workers on this team for the following activities:

- Sewing baby bags to give to families on a visit.
- Cooking a simple meal to give to a family on a visit.
- Visiting a family with a newborn.
- Helping a family with extra needs, such as cleaning, laundry, errands, etc.

If you are interested in this nurturing ministry, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Tiny Treasures Updates

Tiny Treasures has the following positions available in February:

Playgroup Teachers:

Three part-time (3 hours per week) positions working with our playgroup program for two and three-year-olds (children must be three by September 2007 and toilet-trained). This program runs on Fridays from 9:15-11:15 a.m. in February through May. Teachers must be nurturing and have experience with young children.

If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Playgroup

Tiny Treasures will hold a Friday morning playgroup for children ages 2 1/2 to 3 1/2.

- February-May 2007
- 9:15-11:15 a.m.
- \$40 a month

For more information, pick up a brochure at the Information Center.



Christmas Programs DVDs Available

DVD's from the preschool and elementary Christmas programs can be purchased in the Toolshoppe today. Pre-purchased copies can also be picked up.

Sermons Available

The current weekend sermon on CDs can be picked up in the Toolshoppe immediately following the 7:45 a.m. worship service on Sundays.

Scrapbook Fellowship



Start the new year scrapbooking last year's photos. Join us Friday, Jan. 12 from 8:30-11 p.m. in rooms 131/33. If you have any questions, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Thank you

Thank you to those that purchased items from the youth fundraiser. Your support for future conferences and gatherings is appreciated.

Switched by Mistake

A man's tan trench coat with "MCK" on the inside collar was mistakenly taken from the coatrack and a similar one was left in its place. Please call 276-6118 to make the switch.

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Junior High

Café 923

Café 923 will be Friday, Jan. 5 from 6-9 p.m. Join us for a great evening of fun, food, friends, and fellowship.

Wednesdays

No confirmation classes on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3; but join us as we start again on Wednesday, Jan 10.

Sixth grade will continue with their current studies.

Seventh grade topics will study "The Commandments, Quicky through the New Testament, and They're not like us (different non-christian religions)."

The eighth grade will study the *Apostles' Creed*.

Castaway

No Castaway on Sunday, Dec. 24 and 31.

Join us for next year on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 9:20 or 10:20 a.m. for a high-energy time of study and fellowship.

Topic: "Are We Going to Ride on the Clouds in Heaven"

Senior High

Planning Session

Senior High planning session will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 5-8 p.m. Free pizza and pop will be provided.

Super Bowl Party

Senior High Super Bowl party will be held in the Youth Center Sunday, Feb. 4 from 5-10 p.m. Bring a food item to share.

The Island

The Island will not meet on December 24 and 31, but will begin again on Sunday, Jan. 7 from 6-9 p.m.

Young Adults

Bowling outing: Thursday, Dec. 28.

Meet at the church by 5 p.m or meet at the Merle Hay Mall Food Court at 5:15 pm.; we will go bowling after eating.

Young Adult Ski Trip: Jan. 2-5.

Cost for rental and hotel is \$250; there will be an additional cost for food. If more than eight people attend, the cost may increase. Sign up and pay by Thursday, Dec. 28 by contacting Tim Kightlinger phone at 779-3995 or e-mail at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

Mark Your Calendar!

The 30-hour famine will be held April 27-28, 2007. In 2006 our group was one of the highest fundraisers for the World Vision's 30-hour famine organization. All teens 12 years and older are invited to participate in saving kid's lives! An initial planning meeting will be in January. Those that feel led to help with the organization of this year's event, please contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or e-mail: TNK4JC1@msn.com.

Week of December 24-January 1

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- 7:10 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:45 a.m. Advent and Carols Service in Sanctuary
- 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal for Advent
- 9:00 a.m. Advent and Carols Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m. No Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. No Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:00 a.m. No Contemporary Service in the Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. No Castaway
- 10:20 a.m. No Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:20 a.m. No Journey with Dr. Luke
- 10:30 a.m. Advent and Carols Service in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Service in FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary
- 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary

Monday, December 25

- Offices Closed
- 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, December 26

- No Preschool
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday, December 27

- No Preschool
- 10:00 a.m. No Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 6:15 p.m. No Faith Alive
- 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei's Infusion Worship Team

Thursday, December 28

- No Preschool
- 6:30 a.m. No 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

Friday, December 29

- No Preschool
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Saturday, December 30

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. No Grace Place

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:20 a.m. No Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:00 a.m. No Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. No Grace Place, Ages 2-Grade 5
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 1, New Year's Day

- Office Closed

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$57,654
YTD Offering	\$648,256
YTD Budget	\$670,250

Attendance (Dec.16-18)			
Northwind	83	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	160	7:45 a.m.	136
9 a.m.	464		
10 a.m.	41		
10:30 a.m.	646	Advent	
Total	1394	Wednesday, Dec. 20	244

Week of January 2-January 13

Tuesday, January 2

No Preschool
 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

Wednesday, January 3

No Preschool
 6:15 p.m. No Faith Alive
 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei's Infusion Worship Team

Thursday, January 4

No Preschool
 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
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, January 5

3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 6:00 p.m. Jr. Cafe 923

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Traditional-Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 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, January 8

3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball
 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Freedom from Smoking
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
 5:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
 6:45 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Discovery 101
 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
 6:15 p.m. Lord, I Want to Know You
 6:15 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
 7:30 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra
 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei's Infusion Worship Team

Thursday, January 11

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
 6:30 p.m. Daisy Brownie Group
 6:00 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

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

Lots of Memories and More to Come!

We have been excited to offer so many wonderful activities during the Christmas season. Truly, the Lord has blessed us with an abundance of talent, resources, and willing hearts to help bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime.

