

# WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

**February 14 and 15, 2009**

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

## Response to Help

What started as a topic of discussion at a staff planning retreat eight days ago has blossomed into a strong network of ministry partners and sponsors who have one agenda—to help those who have been displaced from their current employment.

Last Tuesday, a committee officially met to discuss how the church could assist those who have been displaced. But things were well underway before they even met—room 129 was designated as a resource room and 10 computers were donated by Wolfe Eye Clinic. In addition, several other companies and members have volunteered their services to help.

“It is exciting to see the incredible response from our staff, congregation and community,” said Pastor Phillips, Director of Congregational Care.

Starting in March, our message series, “New Beginnings,” will address the issues of the day. See page 2 for more details.

If you or someone you know is currently unemployed, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 for further information. More information will be in next week’s Weekly Word. Meanwhile, please keep those who have lost their jobs in your prayers.

## A Letter from Pastor Meyer

On Jan. 25, 2009, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Des Moines had a congregational meeting and decided to call me to be their pastor. After much deliberation and prayer, my family and I have decided to accept the call. My last day in the office at Gloria Dei will be Friday, Feb. 27.

I want to take this moment to tell you how grateful my family and I are for the opportunities we have had here at Gloria Dei. Over these past three and a half years with you, the love, acceptance and support we received have been so appreciated. We treasure the relationships we have built. Gloria Dei certainly is an equipping place as there have been many opportunities for me to learn and grow as a pastor.

I especially give a heartfelt thanks to the Gloria Dei staff. It is through their support and encouragement that I learned what it is like to be part of an incredible team. And finally, I thank Pastor Burcham for investing the time to mentor me as I learn what it means to be a servant. It is his openness and deep love for this congregation that I will carry with me as my family and I follow the Lord’s leading to Mt. Olive.

– In His Service, Pastor Kendall Meyer

### Message Series: Key Moments in Jesus’ Life

February 14-15: Temptation

February 21-22: Transfiguration

what’s  
**NEW!**  
this week!

### Taco Time

Everyone loves tacos, so join us. See page 8 for more details.

### Book Sale

Join us for an incredible book sale today. See page 5 for more details.

### Family Fun Night and Concert

Join us Wednesday, Feb. 18 for an evening of fun. See page 6 for more details.

### Simulcast

Learn practical applications from God’s Word via satellite in one powerful morning session. See page 7 for more details.

### Bible Study Change

Sunday’s 10:30 a.m. Bible study will not meet this week; it will resume next week.

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## Strategic Plan Updates

**Land Selection Progress:** In the last several months, the Facilities Focus Group has diligently searched for parcels of land that will meet the criteria and the assigned weights in the site selection matrix completed with member feedback from last fall's town hall meetings. They have been working alongside of the architects at SVPA to determine what piece of land would be the best to meet the needs of the ministry at Gloria Dei. The SVPA and the Facilities Focus team are performing due diligence, examining topography, zoning, costs, potential building and parking lot placements and identifying the pros and cons of each property.



When all the research and data is fully completed, the Facilities Focus Group will present its final recommendation to the members of Gloria Dei in a series of cottage meetings planned this spring.

Meanwhile, it is vital to keep the entire process in your prayers as we desire to have "God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

### Ministry Destinations:

**Equipping Center:** An integral part of our G.R.A.C.E. vision is to be an equipping center where God's Word is applied to daily life and leaders are trained. Recently, Gloria Dei has agreed to host two national simulcasts produced by Church Communication Network, CCN.

The first simulcast in the Family Life Center on Feb. 21 will feature NFL head coach Tony Dungy, who will speak on finding the path to uncommon significance. A few weeks later on March 7, a worship summit in central Iowa will be held.

"We are excited to provide a place where individuals can be trained, encouraged and blessed," said Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministries.

Both of these conferences will be open to anyone in the congregation. For more information, please see pages 4 and 7.

## Messages Series: New Beginnings

Join us as we search the Scriptures for hope and an anchor in everyday situations, some of which are in our control and others that are out of our control.

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Feb. 28 and March 1 | Vision for the Future               |
| March 7 and 8       | Dealing with Loss                   |
| March 14 and 15     | Finding Your Identity               |
| March 21 and 22     | Healthy Lifestyle - Spiritually Fit |
| March 28 and 29     | Healthy Lifestyle - Physically Fit  |

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## Food Drive Envelopes

Gloria Dei will collect monetary donations for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council, so they can purchase more items from a warehouse at a reduced rate to stock their food pantry.

Envelopes can be picked up at the Information Center. Make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line. Please write your offering envelope number on your check or on the insert included in the envelope. The envelopes and checks can be placed in the mail or in the offering plate on Feb. 15. If you have any questions, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360. Thank you for your help.

## Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

**Sunday, March 8 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**

Welcome to Gloria Dei is a one-day interactive experience for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Come meet the staff and others who are joining. Learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership.



Childcare and a meal are provided. If you are interested, contact the church office at 276-1700.

## Servers

### Officiant/Liturgist:

*Northwind (FLC):*  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Rev. Ron Burcham

*9 a.m. (FLC):*  
Rev. Tim Phillips

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)*  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

**Preacher:**  
Rev. Kendall Meyer

**Organist:**  
Kathy Stange

### Acolytes:

*7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Caleb Gibson

*9 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Drew Hays

*10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):*  
Laura Schwartz

**Elders:**  
Tim Mueller  
Steve Junge  
Tim Radig

**Ushers:**  
**Northwind**  
Jeff Eckhoff

**7:45 a.m.**  
Ken Andresen  
Carol Andresen  
Alan Grunst

### 7:45 a.m. (continued)

Bob Knief  
Dean Mohr  
Ken Petersen Sr.  
Dale Readinger  
Ken Wunsch

### 9 a.m.

Bruce Brock  
Dan DeVries  
Don Franzen  
Eric Hoffman  
Jason Hoffman  
Bob Kuefner  
Kurt Kromminga  
Ron Oolman  
Paul Rusch

**10:30 a.m.**  
Gabe Nelson  
Todd Schwartz

### Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 4:14-16; Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

## 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 with your request.

## Thanksgivings

- For our families
- For our country

## Prayers

- For Steve Lutz, M.D., New Guinea medical missionary
- For those who are unemployed
- For Les Stave, who is grieving the loss of his father
- For the health of Stephanie Metterle, friend of the Phillips family
- For Australians suffering the loss of loved ones
- For Julie Reese (and family), who is battling leukemia
- For Wendell Dickey's health concerns
- For the healing of Chad Smith
- For our new president
- For our nation as they work through the current economic situations

## 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.

## With Adversity Comes Opportunity

Tim Mueller has been a member at Gloria Dei for 40 years and has recently been displaced from a local insurance company, where he worked for 20 years. Tim has been married to Ronda for 19 years, and has three children, Jessica, Sarah and Marisa. Tim desires to help those who are unemployed, so he has joined the ministry action team that is forming a concrete plan to help those in need. The following is a letter from Tim:

Have you or someone you know been affected by a result of the downturn in the economy? Of course, we all have in one way or another—some more directly than others. Be it job loss, furloughs or the mere unrest of wondering if your job is safe—you are not alone.

It's estimated that 73,000 Iowans are currently unemployed, many of who are right here in our community. The ones you know about are those who are able to talk about their situation. There are a whole lot more you do not know about because their pride might be holding them back, they are embarrassed by their situation or frankly they are still in shock and overwhelmed not knowing what they are going to do or even where to begin. You are not alone!

Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, *For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* During difficult times such as these, it is easy to forget that it is not about you or me but what God has planned for us. You are not alone!

My name is Tim Mueller. I'm 41 years old and was recently laid off. This is a brief look into my dealings with job loss. My prayer is that by revealing my situation, you can put a face on this issue that is affecting so many families.

For the last 20 years I worked for a large insurance company in West Des Moines. This was the first and only full-time job I have had since graduating from college. When I learned of being laid off I was devastated. I experienced all the emotions one would expect, given the circumstances. (In retrospect, I believe all these emotions are necessary as part of the recovery and re-entry process.) Over the next couple of weeks my days were consumed with anger, fear and bitterness to the point where I was not sleeping at night and felt like I had a pit in my stomach. Aside from the obvious financial impact, the reality of not having insurance set in. These two issues, along with many others, needed immediate attention. But I found out that I am not alone.

The turning point for me, outside the support of family and friends, was a referral I received from a friend. He told me about a group of people who meet once a week to network and share their trials, tribulations and victories that had occurred during the previous week. Based solely

on his recommendation, I followed my gut and attended a meeting. I can't express what an impact that hour and a half had on me. I left the meeting with a totally different outlook than when I arrived. There we sat sharing, confiding and, yes, giving thanks for what we did have. It was a positive outlook on a negative situation that completely changed my perspective. I am not alone!

The Bible tells us, *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.* – Phillipians 4:6-7. You are not alone!

I invite you to be part of a new small group meeting at Gloria Dei that begins on Thursday evening, March 5. My prayer is that you will be able to find peace as I did, as it relates to your situation. This group is for those who are employed, unemployed, between jobs or just looking for something different. It will be a group of Christ-centered, like-minded individuals who are experiencing a lot of the same things. If you or someone you know is going through similar struggles, I encourage you to join us.

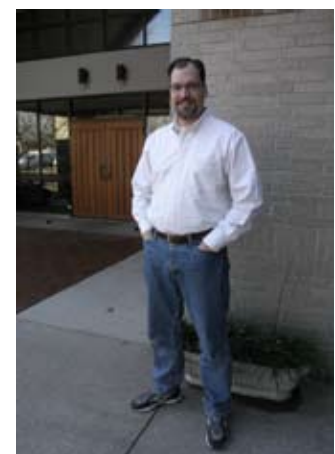
*Praise be to God, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.* – 2 Corinthians 1:3

No matter what your situation... you are not alone.

Please watch the Weekly Word for additional details on the small group, upcoming seminars, available resources and a series of messages that will be available in March.

Your friend in Christ,

Tim Mueller



*Tim Mueller continues to count all the blessings that God has given to him.*

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March 7, 2009  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
8301 Aurora Ave.  
Urbandale, Iowa

Cost:  
\$49 (groups +10) • \$69 (now-Feb. 27) • \$89 (Feb. 28-March 7)

## Love Yourself with a Good Book

During Valentine's weekend we have a deal for you! Gloria Dei's has hundreds of new books that were purchased but never used. These current books will be half-price in the Gathering Place on:

**Saturday, Feb. 14 from 6:30–7 p.m.**

**Sunday, Feb. 15 from 9–11:30 a.m.**

The four categories of books are faith-based, women's, men's and parenting. Authors include: Max Lucado, Philip Yancey, Patsy Clairmont, Rick Warren, Kay Arthur, Liz Curtis Higgs, Ken Sande and many more.

*Love Yourself*  
**Buy a book**

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men's faith-based parenting women's

Wednesday, Feb. 11  
11 a.m.–12 p.m.  
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5:30–7 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 14  
6:30–7 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 15  
9–11:30 a.m.

Location: Gloria Dei's Gathering Place

## Godz Guys

Godz Guys will perform Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Waukee Christian Church, 29043 T. Ave., just west of Waukee off Hickman Road.

## Kitchen Fund-raiser

The kitchen staff and ministry partners are hosting a fund-raiser to help purchase silverware, salad bowls, trays, a serving cart, large bowls, storage containers and other miscellaneous tools. In addition, they are exploring the possibilities of replacing the center counter top.

Please come to the kitchen on Sunday, Feb. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. to purchase Tupperware and Pampered Chef items. All proceeds will go toward purchasing the items and/or replacing the counter top. If you have any questions, contact Faith Spark at 278-8318 or Robin Stewart at 250-1076. Thank you for your support.

## Urbandale Food Pantry Requests

Urbandale Food Pantry has developed a personal product rotation system to help better meet the needs of our community. As a result, they have requested that Gloria Dei donate diapers, especially size large (4-6), in February. Please drop them off in the boxes in the narthex or by the Family Life Center. Thanks for helping those in our community.

# Join Us Wednesday

## 1 Family Game Night

Wednesday, Feb. 18  
5:15-7:30 p.m.

Families are encouraged to attend fun family game night.

**5:15-6 p.m.**

Families eat together in the Family Life Center (\$3.50 per person).

**6-6:15 p.m.**

Families worship together in the Sanctuary.

**6:15-7:30 p.m.**

Families play games in classrooms 131-139 and/or attend a free concert in Family Life Center.

Please note: Regular Faith Alive will not be held that evening.

**2 FREE Concert**  
Family Life Center

Swen & Dean

Wednesday, Feb. 18  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

eat • worship • play • jam

## Men's Summer Softball League

Attention all men 16 years and older! Are you ready for softball? Sign up has begun and we need you! Join us for some great times and fellowship.

No experience necessary! Games will begin April 20. If interested, please contact Tim Kightlinger at [tim@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:tim@gloriadeionline.com) no later than March 20. The cost is \$30 per person (based on 14 players) for the 14-game season. So sign up today!



## Book Club

Join the Gloria Dei Book Club for a discussion of "The Shack" by William P. Young. This exciting book, about a man who journeys to a cabin to find answers about his child's abduction and death, leads to some questions about God. Pastor Phillips will join us to answer questions about the book. Look for us on Wednesday, March 4, 6:15-7:30 in the cry room. Questions? Contact Heather Schmitz at 371-5875.



## Free Simulcast

Join us live via satellite on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Family Life Center. Learn how to find your path to uncommon significance from NFL head coach Tony Dungy; Stephen Arterburn, bestselling author; Bill Dallas, founder and CEO of Church Communication Network; and Bill Butterworth, author and Hal Holbrook Award winner.

## Notes of Thanks

**T**hank you so much for your continued support of the Urbandale Food Pantry. Your generosity goes a long way in helping our residents in need!

– Sincerely, The Urbandale Food Pantry

**T**hank you so much for all the gifts you provided our family at Christmas. Our girls enjoyed playing with the play kitchen set. Your generosity was overwhelming.

– God bless, Khadiga Agona and family.

**T**hank you so very much. We are overwhelmed with the generosity your church members showed us this Christmas season. We are new to the United States and this was a complete surprise for us.

–Thank you again, Hei Moo and Family

## Household Items Needed

Lutheran Family Services, 3116 University, Des Moines, needs 200 bed frames and mattresses (all sizes), as well as basic furniture, chairs, tables and kitchen supplies (pots, pans, mixing bowls, etc.) for refugee families. If you have something to donate, please contact Betsy Leimetter at 271-7412. If you are unable to drop off the item(s) at 3116 University, they provide pick-up service.

## Care Night

**Thursdays from 5:30-8 p.m.**

Our Care Night support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. Childcare is provided. Thursday meals are available to Care Night participants and anyone in the congregation who would like a warm dinner (\$3.50) and fellowship.

**Thursday, Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m.**

Beef Stew

## Gloria Quilters

In the last several years, Gloria Quilters have donated their masterpieces to the



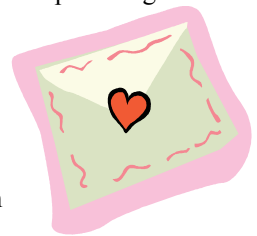
people in Honduras. Please join them again for this mission on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 8:30–4 p.m. in rooms 130-34. Please bring a sack lunch. No experience is required, just willing hands! For more information, contact Norma Rohn

at [mrohn@aol.com](mailto:mrohn@aol.com).

## Stamp-A-Stack

How would you like to have 15 hand-stamped cards ready to mail out?

Come to a Stamp-A-Stack on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. You will make three different pre-designed cards, five of each card. Each card will come with an envelope. The cost is \$25; a portion will go back to



Gloria Dei. Registration is required by contacting Shani Fjelsted at 259-4099 or [shanifjelsted@mchsi.com](mailto:shanifjelsted@mchsi.com).

## Vacation Bible School

**March 16-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.**

Mark your calendars! Children ages 3 through fifth grade are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School during spring break. Registration information will be following soon.

**Ministry Partners Needed:** We are in the process of recruiting adults and youth to help with this year's Vacation Bible School, Crocodile Dock. If you are interested in helping, please contact DeAnn McCue at [deann@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:deann@gloriadeionline.com) or Penny Schramm at [penny@gloriadeionline.com](mailto:penny@gloriadeionline.com) or call 276-1700.



**Items needed:** Save your gallon (or nearly a gallon) ice cream buckets with lids. We need 250 buckets and lids. Please bring them to the Information Center as soon as possible.

## Ready to Jam?

AriSon, a Christian group from Nashville with Iowa roots, will perform at Gloria Dei on April 18 at 7 p.m. They will also be a part of the Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Many of our preschool and elementary children have been exposed to AriSon's music. Hosting the concert will be a wonderful adventure for Gloria Dei and Tiny Treasures Preschool. We plan on raising funds to pay for the cost of the entire concert by hosting three fund-raisers in the next few months.

### AriSon Records

In 2004, Brian Williamson decided to start a new label that would reach a broader audience with fresh new music that would appeal to everyday people of all ages. "God is Great," "Talking about Jesus," and "Arise in Song" are a few of their popular CDs. Get a glimpse of their music at [www.arisonrecords.com](http://www.arisonrecords.com)



**Fund-raiser:** "Taco Time" will be the first fund-raiser. Join us for walking tacos, hard-shell tacos or taco salads on Sunday, Feb. 22 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Top it off by creating Sunday sundaes. Tiny Treasures preschoolers will sing AriSon songs. In addition, a few video clips from AriSon will be shown. A free-will offering will be received at the door. All profits will go toward the cost of hosting the concert.

Don't miss it!

## Faith Alive Meal

**Wednesday, Feb. 18**  
Sloppy Joes

\$3.50 per person  
(children under 2 eat free)

## Grace Place

**February 15:** The story "Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter" serves as the focus of Grace Place. Just as Jesus by Word and touch raised the dead girl to life, so by his Word and Sacraments he destroys death and raises us to eternal life. Questions for discussion include: How did Jesus heal this little girl? How does Jesus heal us from the sickness of sin?

 presents:

# Taco Time!

Free-will donation!

-  taco salads
-  walking tacos
-  hard-shell tacos
-  +sundaes

Sunday, Feb. 22 • 4:30–6:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center

 a fundraiser for the AriSon Concert on April 18 at 7 p.m.



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## Junior High Grades 6-8

### Mission Opportunities

**Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.**  
Kans for Kids at Holmes Collision Center in Clive. We will sort cans that will be redeemed for money to help Kids Against Hunger. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Feb. 18.

### Confirmation

We need confirmation students to sign up to acolyte for the 7:45 a.m. service in March.

**Feb. 18-** No Confirmation. Join us for the Swen and Dean concert.

**Feb. 25-** No Confirmation. Join us for the Ash Wednesday service.

### Urban Plunge

If you have not turned in your registration, please do so today.

### Parent Teacher Conference

#### Check the signs for classroom changes.

Parents will gather together in classrooms for a brief meeting on Feb. 18 from 6-6:15 p.m. Please bring your child's tracking form with you to the meeting. If you have questions regarding your child or about Confirmation, please stay afterwards to talk with the teacher.

### Sunday: Castaway

Join us Sunday for Castaway at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

**Feb. 15:** The Urge: What's a Junior Higher to Do?

## Senior High Grades 9-12

### Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-138.

### Wednesday: The Point

**Feb. 18:** No Point. Join us for the concert.

**Feb. 25-** No Point. Join us for Ash Wednesday service.

### Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

We will have dinner theatre rehearsal Sunday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. in the Youth Center. The rehearsals will continue each Sunday at 12 p.m. through March 22.

## Grades 6-12 Opportunities

### Swen and Dean Concert

**Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the F.L.C.**

Come and join us for this fun, interactive concert. Invite your friends and your neighbors.

### WILL STARVE FOR FOOD!

World Vision's 30-Hour Famine is underway. Pick up packets for teenagers age 12 and older by April 17-18. Registration deadline is March 28. A meeting for all registered participants will be held at the end of March. Contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or [tnk4jc1@msn.com](mailto:tnk4jc1@msn.com) or Tim Kightlinger at 278-5444, ext. 212.

### Paintball Fun

**Sunday, Feb. 15:** Depart church for Action Jack's at 11:45 a.m.; return by 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person (\$15 if you have your own equipment) and \$20 for 500 paintballs.

### Buccaneers Outing

Junior and senior high youth and their families are invited to a Buccaneers game on Saturday, Feb. 21. Cost per person is \$10 and includes a ticket, hot dog, chips and a soda. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Feb. 15. We'll depart the church at 6 p.m. and return after the game is over.

### River Bend Bible Study

**Mondays from 7-8 p.m.**

Parents of teens: Please join us for a Bible study.

Topic: Identity

# Week of Feb. 14-20, 2009

## Saturday, February 14

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Open Your Hearts to the Homeless
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

## Sunday, February 15

- 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. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-Up
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:45 a.m. Paintball for Junior and Senior High
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, February 16

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
- 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Dance 2
- 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

## Tuesday, February 17

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time

- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4
- 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

## Wednesday, February 18

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Family Night (No Faith Alive)
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Swen and Dean Concert
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Rehearsal for Brass
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, February 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

### Scripture Base on Giving:

*Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19*

| Worship                | Attendance  | Communion  |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Northwind              | 180         | 75         |
| 7:45 a.m.              | 160         |            |
| 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)     | 372         |            |
| 9 a.m. (FLC)           | 79          | 38         |
| 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) | 366         |            |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>1157</b> | <b>113</b> |

| Outpouring of Love     |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund Offerings | \$22,282    |
| YTD Offering           | \$995,629   |
| YTD Budget             | \$1,073,824 |

# Week of Feb. 21-28, 2009

## Saturday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministries Training  
 8:30 a.m. Dare to be Uncommon  
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters  
 9:00 a.m. Kans for Kids Against Hunger  
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion  
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place  
 6:00 p.m. Buccaneer's Game for Junior and Senior High Families

## Sunday, February 22

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion  
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study  
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study  
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place  
 9:20 a.m. Castaway  
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-Up  
 10:30 a.m. Death and Resurrection Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 10:50 a.m. Castaway  
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place  
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  
 4:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Fund-raiser Taco Time  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday, February 23

9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.  
 3:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball  
 6:00 p.m. Dance 1  
 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class  
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball  
 6:45 p.m. Dance 2

## Tuesday, February 24

11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time  
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands  
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice

## Tuesday, February 24 (continued)

6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time  
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That  
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child Semester 4  
 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage Class  
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball  
 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

## Wednesday, February 25

10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

## Thursday, February 26

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group  
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time  
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing Club  
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir  
 5:30 p.m. Care Night

## Friday, February 27

2:00 p.m. Urban Plunge

## Saturday, February 28

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

### Last Week's Educational Attendance

|                       | Sat. 5:50 p.m. | Sun. 9:20 a.m. | Sun. 10:50 a.m. | Wed. 6 p.m. |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Preschool             | 7              | 29             | 24              | 22          |
| Elementary            | 27             | 48             | 47              | 107         |
| <b>Total Children</b> | <b>34</b>      | <b>77</b>      | <b>71</b>       | <b>129</b>  |
| Junior High           |                | 23             | 12              | 89          |
| Senior High           |                |                | 13              | 28          |
| <b>Total Youth</b>    |                | <b>23</b>      | <b>25</b>       | <b>117</b>  |

# Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

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.

## 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 southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

## Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

## Children

**Grace Place - preschool and elementary children:** We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

## Youth

**Junior high: Castaway:** For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

**Senior high students:** Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36 this week.

## Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



## 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 and Sundays 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.

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## Weekly Bible Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

**Saturday Evening:** 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

**Educational Times:** Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon