



# WEEKLY WORD



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Last Sunday after Epiphany

## The Convictions of Champions

by Karen Kennedy, staff

Olympic gold medalist, Janica Kostelic, has many medals lining her trophy case: she's won six Olympic medals in skiing, five World Championships and two World Cups. Her wins cannot be attributed to a lineage of champions—she grew up in Croatia, a fairly "mountainless" country, which was plagued by war; skiing was not even on their national radar. Under the guidance of her poor father, they traveled across Europe, sleeping in cars or tents to race in junior competitions. Her 13-year career continues to climb, but her health wavers; she's had 11 knee surgeries, a thyroid removed, which has impaired her vision and during her recent race, she had the flu while going down the slope to win the gold.

After winning, she said, "It was a nice day for skiing and racing and I enjoy it a lot. The run was a lot of fun but I found out that I was pretty tired at the arrival. I needed ten minutes to recover my breath. I just take one race at a time."

Her conviction to concentrate on each race, overlooking major obstacles and inconveniences, has transformed her to one of the best women skiers in the world because the race became more important than her own comfort.

Let's turn back to the Old Testament to look at another woman whose conviction was also noteworthy. Esther, an orphan and a Jew, became the queen to King Ahasuerus. After the king's right-hand man, Haman, made a decree to destroy all the Jews throughout the kingdom, Esther had a decision whether to remain in the comforts of

queen hood or reveal her ancestry to her husband and suffer the apparent consequences. She chose the latter and said, "I will go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish." Esther 4:16

Thankfully, before she acted on her conviction, she fasted, and sought God. And through a series of divine interventions, she and her people were spared from Haman's death sentence.

In the New Testament, Paul departed from his comfortable Pharisaical ways when he was called to serve the Lord Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus. *But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 3:13b,14

Paul resolved to leave his past trophies behind and pursue heavenly medals. At the end of his life, he concluded that he had fought a good fight, had finished his course and had kept the faith.

We too are faced with a competition and even though we are inundated with distractions, problems and oppositions, we can strive to win the gold as we look to him with the conviction of a champion.

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.* Hebrews 12:2-3



rekindle + refuel + reveal

### Ablaze Studies

#### Conviction Vs Convenience

This week is the last week of Ablaze, Phase I.

We will continue with Phase II April 22 and 23.

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## Discovery 201: Welcome to Gloria Dei

Next Sunday from 3-7 p.m.

Join us next Sunday, March 5 from 3-7 p.m. for Discovery 201, a class for those joining Gloria Dei. Come meet the staff and learn more about Gloria Dei and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. To register or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700.

## Lead Gloria Dei

It's not too late to join us for one or more sessions of Lead Gloria Dei. These sessions are designed to help members of the congregation learn more about how Gloria Dei functions. It is an opportunity to understand the blessings, challenges and possibilities that exist in a large church. Since last week's meeting was cancelled, please join us for the topic of "Congregational Size Theory and the Effect on Ministry" Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. in the board room.

## 30-Hour Famine

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.... Matthew 25: 35*

Grab a youth and ask about the 30-hour famine held this weekend. They completed Bible studies and a service project canvassing Urbandale for food donations for DMARC. They also learned about the impacts of hunger with a goal to raise \$10,000 for hunger relief.

It is not too late to contribute to their goal, just go to the Information Center or ask a high school youth.



## Tiny Treasures Playground



The plan for the playground equipment is finalized and we need to move forward on the ground preparation and walkway. If you have experience in this area and could help as a consultant, please call Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

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### Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship  
8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Classes  
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Staffed Nursery  
8 a.m.-noon

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:30 a.m. service is for:

**C**laire Elizabeth Onsrud, born January 13, 2006 to Chris and Rachel (nee Willems) Onsrud. Claire's spiritual sponsors are Jeffrey and Sheryl Geerts.

### Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are placed on the altar in celebration of the 10th Wedding Anniversary of Andrew and Kateri Mears.

### Walking in the Light



Tune in each Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

on AM 1150 KWKY for "Walking in the Light" Pastor Baldwin will begin a new series on the different

"characters" of the Lenten story.

### 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 Pennie in the church office, 276-1700, or contact 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 military

### Prayers

- For Harold Mindermann, who is undergoing tests
- For Julie and Valerie Detlefsen, as they grieve the loss of their father
- For Larry Birk, who is undergoing tests
- For the health concerns of Harlan Dippold
- For the Kelley family; who are grieving
- For the Baumgarten family, who are grieving
- For upcoming Vacation Bible School
- For the two mission teams preparing to depart to Uganda and to Louisiana
- For our military's safety in Iraq

### Prayer Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail pennie@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

# Servers

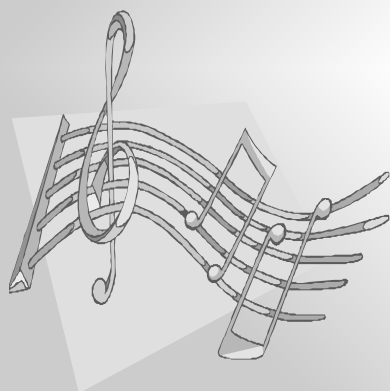
<p><b>Elders:</b> Tom Westby Marvin Deer Randy Walford</p> <p><b>8 a.m.</b> Carol Andresen Ken Andresen Cheryl Corbett Bob Knief Ken Petersen, Sr. Ken Petersen, Jr. Dale Readinger Norm Rinderknecht</p>	<p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Bruce Brock Dan DeVries Don Franzen Dennis Hays Scott Rix Dan Timmons Art Tucknott Joel Woehler</p>	<p><b>11 a.m.</b> Jeff Eckhoff Bill Fellows Ron Wheeler</p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Kathy Stange</p> <p><b>Acolytes:</b> Nick Smith Maggie Dreyer Ben Clausen</p>
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## Musicians Wanted and Needed

*Refuel the spirit that lives within you through song!*

*Reveal the power of God's message by sharing your musical gifts!*

The Gloria Dei Chorale, Alleluia Ringers and Orchestra are in need of singers and instrumentalists for Holy Week preparations and weekly offerings. All interested musicians—junior high through adult—are welcome at any time and no audition is required. We have a special need for trumpets, clarinets, and female singers (especially altos).



All groups rehearse on Wednesday evenings:

- The Gloria Dei Chorale rehearses from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.
- Alleluia Ringers rehearse from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- The Gloria Dei Orchestra rehearses from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

For more information, please contact Aaron McCullough at 314-4201 or Julie DenHerder at 251-4632.

## Faith Alive Meal

This week's meal:

- Cripito
- Green Beans
- Apple Sauce

## Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at Alice Wegner's, 3916 79th Street, Urbandale, 276-1456.

## Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, March 9 at 9 a.m. at Millie Obrecht's, 621 33rd Street, West Des Moines.

## Diana's Angels to meet at Hope

Hope Lutheran Church LWML has opened their March meeting for a work night for the Des Moines area Diana's Angels project. The meeting will be Thursday, March 2 at Hope Lutheran Church, 3857 East 42nd Street, Des Moines at 7 p.m. They will hand out more packets of fabric for anyone who enjoys sewing. And for those who like to crochet, they need booties. For more information, contact Lois Broman at 225-9602 or bromlo@msn.com.

## Honduras Mission Trip

A meeting for those who went to Honduras last year and for those who are interested in going this year will be Sunday, Feb. 26 at 12:15 p.m. in rooms 131/133.

## Dinner Theatre



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry Presents:

Come and join us as we take a trip to the 50s for an evening of food, music and fun on April 27-30. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now.

## ***Ablaze*: Thought of the Week** **Conviction vs Convenience**

Do I put my own convenience before God's Will?

Moses asked God to send someone else to do the job. God's solution was to have Aaron become Moses' mouthpiece.

"I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him." Exodus 4:15-16

## **Kitchen Help Needed**

We need kitchen help on Wednesday evenings for serving and clean-up. If you would like to help, please sign up in the kitchen, a sheet is posted on the refrigerator. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## **Sunday Adult Bible Studies**

*Ablaze* small-group studies will meet today at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center and on Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Gathering Place (the former library).

**Lifelight** will meet to study the Gospel of Luke at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

**What the Bible Says About Parenting** will meet at 9:30 a.m. in room 139.

**Playing God, Redesigning Life** will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

## ***Ablaze* Small Groups Facilitators**

A new study will be provided for those groups that would like to continue during the period of Lent. The study will focus on the different religious feasts that are mentioned in scriptures, which will culminate with a study of the Passover meal. Please ask your group if they would be interested. If they are, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

## **A Note from Iowa District West**

For the month of March, LCEF is offering an 18-month Special Fixed Rate Investment for individuals and LCMS organizations at 5 percent, 5.09 percent APY, in support of increasing loan demand from our churches and schools. For more information, contact Carole L. White at 877-439-5233.

## **Scrapbook Fellowship**

Join us for Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, March 10 in rooms 131-133. Come anytime between from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. If you aren't sure what scrapbook fellowship is all about, feel free to stop by and check out the progress. For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.



## **Oil Painting**

Please join us for a splash of color as we paint masterpieces, and fellowship with one another on Friday, March 3 at 6 p.m. in room 135/37. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.

## The Let's Get to Know the Governing Board Series

# Let's Get to Know Doug Pals

Enthusiasm, teamwork and competition were so built into his childhood that Doug Pals now passionately shares those values with his family, his business and his church.

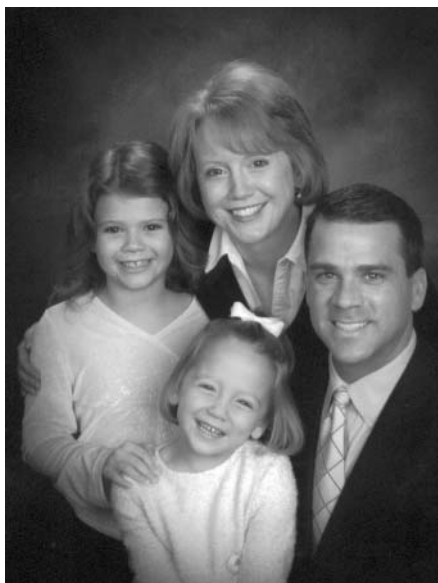
Doug grew up on a farm in north central Iowa with a strong foundation of teamwork among his two sisters and brother. His father, a teacher and coach by profession, and mother taught their children how to work, have a zeal for the job at hand and how to play sports fervently. His grandfather's special influence was teaching Doug golf at the age of seven and he has been hooked ever since.

"Living and working on a farm was a great way to grow up and learn about life," Doug said.

When he graduated from high school in 1986, he went to Northwestern College, where he met his wife, Julie, during their freshman year. They were married two years later. Doug's athletic background became profitable when he was able to supplement his income by working as a referee in "over 60" basketball games their senior year. And even though they "froze" in their rented trailer, Doug looks back on those days with fond memories. "Those were great times, we didn't even know how poor we were, we just had fun," said Doug.

After graduating with a degree in communication studies, Doug landed his first job in Spencer, Iowa, to help with their downtown economic development. He then worked with the telecommunications industry until he had the chance to use his "passion of marketing and communica-

tions" by starting his own company, Re: Sourceful Communications. This three-year company now helps independent phone companies in Iowa market their services to the community. Since local phone companies are not accustomed to the industry's increasing competition, he creates marketing plans, develops campaigns and builds teams, which will embrace and withstand the competition. "It's important to build a right team, and to place people in the right position." Doug said.



*Doug Pals shares his enthusiasm with daughters Elizabeth and Madeleine, and his wife Julie.*

Since Doug works from home, he spends lots of time with Julie, and their two girls, Madeleine, 9, and Elizabeth, 6. Even though both girls follow Julie's love for music, Doug's athletic abilities are not too far from the girls' heart—both are involved in sports and dance.

"I love the flexibility of working for myself," said Doug. "I can be the kids' softball or soccer coach, attend school activities and just be around for them."

His enthusiasm extends to his church and faith life. He came to Gloria Dei in 1999 and has served on the Governing Board for almost three years. He enjoys the board's "collective passion for ministry" and also likes how Gloria Dei provides ample opportunities "for people to use the abilities that God has given them." He gravitates to Colossians 3:23, which reflects his childhood upbringing, "that whatever you do, work at it with all your heart."

"I try to glorify God by using the talents and skills that He has given me, and to witness through my actions," said Doug. "I fall short a lot, but the goal for everyday is the same—to do my best with what He has given me."



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### **Bible Study Today at 9:30 a.m.**

Join us today as we dive into God's Word.

Grades 6-8

*Ablaze* studies today!

Grades 9-12 in Y. C.

**Today:** Healthy Friendships

**Next Week:** Are your Choices Wise?

### **Wednesday Studies at 6:15 p.m.**

#### **Confirmation: Grades 6-8**

Our confirmation studies will be Christian Life Training (CLT).  
Join us this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

6th Grade Rooms 130, 131-133

7th Grade Rooms 135-137

8th Grade FLC

#### **High School: Grades 9-12**

Small-group Ablaze Bible studies continue Wednesday.  
Topic: I want to. I have to. I want to I have to.

#### **Parents' Bible Study/Support Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.**

Please join us for discussion, support and encouragement.  
Led by Vicki Larimer. Topics: "Its All About Love:  
It's a Three-letter Word"

### **30-Hour Famine**

Thank you for your prayers and financial support during the 30-hour famine. The youth were able to learn the realities of hunger.

## **Parent Resources**

Parents can pick up our newsletter with calendar; *Plugged In*, a magazine published by Focus on the Family, which concentrates on the teen culture; and other various publications at the display near the youth bulletin board.

## **Senior High Youth**

### **Summer Mission Trip, July 6-17**

We have 19 teens and 6 adults signed up for our mission trip to New York this summer. We will run a VBS for the inner city churches. If you are still interested, please talk to Tim as soon as possible.

### **Dinner Theatre Rehearsals**

Join us Sunday in the Youth Center from 5:30-7 p.m. and Wednesday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

## **Junior High Youth**

### **Stock the Kitchen**

If your name begins with K-Q, it's your month to help stock the Youth Center kitchen with snacks and drinks. Please drop off the supplies in Tim's office.

If you would rather make a cash donation for kitchen supplies, a donation drop box is located outside the Youth Center. Thanks!

### **Cafe 923**

Join us as we hang out and have fun Friday, March 10 from 6-9 p.m.

## **Teen Band Rehearsal**

Teen band rehearsal will not meet today. See you next week.

# Summer Day Camps

*Preschool fun for ages 3-5*

## **Preschoolers and Parents**

We will create and take home a food project made from this Saturday morning class.

Dates: Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m.  
June 17, July 8 and 22

Cost: \$10 per session; register for all three and save \$5!

*Preschool fun for ages 3-5*

## **Beginning Ballet**

Dancers should come ready to have fun. Please bring a ballet leotard, tights and ballet shoes.

Dates: Mondays from 6:30-7 p.m.  
June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Cost: \$25

*Preschool fun for ages 3-5*

## **Friday Story Time**

Each day will feature a story theme with a story teller and activity. Parent/adult must attend.

Dates: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.  
June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, and July 21.

Cost: Free

*Ages 7-17*

## **Drama Camp**

Learn and perform a full-length musical in one week. The musical "Snow White" will be the featured show.

Dates: June 26-30 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cost: \$125

*Completed Grades 1-5*

## **Science Camp**

Each day campers will discover God's power in his awesome creation.

Dates: July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cost: \$125

*Completed Grades K-5*

## **Sports Camp**

Join the fun as we learn the basics of basketball and soccer.

Dates: July 24-28 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$30

*Completed Grades K-5*

## **Fine Arts Camp**

Students will have the opportunity to discover the finer arts during this camp.

Dates: July 24-28 from 1-3 p.m.

Cost: \$50

*Completed Grades K-7*

## **Girls Camps**

Girls Camps are designed for girls to experience what life was like in a gone-by era.

### **Little Girl Camp (Completed K-1)**

Dates: July 17-21 from 9 to 11:30 am.

Cost: \$75

### **Girl Camp (Completed 2-4)**

Dates: July 17-21 from 9 to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$125

### **Next Generation Girl Camp (Completed 5-7)**

Dates: July 17-21 from 9 to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$125

**For more information:  
Grab a brochure at the  
Information Center  
or online at  
[www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com)**



# Fiesta!

Where kids are fired up about Jesus.



This is our fourth year for Vacation Bible School held during spring break. It begins March 20-22 from 9-11:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to fourth grade. It is a safe place for wild fun and at the same time a place to hear about God's amazing love.



We are one of the few churches in the nation that offers Vacation Bible School during spring break. There is no cost for the three fun-filled mornings!

Families can register online at:

[www.gloriadeionline.com](http://www.gloriadeionline.com) or at the Information Center.



What: Fiesta!  
Where: Gloria Dei  
When: March 20-22  
Time: 9-11:30 a.m.  
Ages: Age 3-Grade 4  
Cost: Free!  
Register: Now!

## Volunteers Needed

**We need you!**

For three fun-filled mornings, don't miss this opportunity to serve. We always have lots of children at our VBS, so we need lots of people to help. We need teachers and helpers at every level. If you can help, please sign up on the Fiesta bulletin board by the Family Life Center on Saturday or in the narthex on Sunday! Training is next Sunday, March 5 at 11 a.m. Please write your name, phone number and job preference on the sign-up sheet. See you at the Fiesta!

# Week of February 26-March 4

**Sunday, February 26**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Ablaze Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101 -RM 127/129
- 9:30 a.m. Lifelight - Gospel of Luke
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible says About Parenting
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - RM 109

**Monday, February 27**

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition

**Tuesday, February 28**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elder's Meeting - Rm 127/129

**Wednesday, March 1**

- ASH WEDNESDAY
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
  - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
  - 5:30 p.m. Music Alive

- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra
- 6:00 p.m. LEAD - Board Room
- 6:15 p.m. Ablaze Bible Study - Gathering Place
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: Parenting Teenagers
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 5:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Service
- 8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

**Thursday, March 2**

- 8:00 a.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice -FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Am. Lung Assn. - Rm 131/133
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting Seminar
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures Ministry Action Team
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - Rm 139
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

**Friday, March 3**

- 12:00 p.m. Renee Luinstra's Scrapbooking Group
- 6:00 p.m. Oil Painting

**Saturday March 4**

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service

Outpouring of Love for the Lord	
General Fund Offerings	\$16,842
YTD Offering	\$798,061
YTD Budget	\$766,085

Attendance			
Northwind	206		
8:00 a.m.	197	Communion	164
9:30 a.m.	425	Communion	323
11 a.m.	208		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1036</b>		

# Week of March 5-11

**Sunday, March 5**

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery 101 -Rm 127/129
- 9:30 a.m. Lighthouse - Gospel of Luke
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. What the Bible says About Parenting -
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. Discovery 201
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Rm 109

**Monday, March 6**

- 6:00 a.m. BSF Leaders meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Together In Transition

**Tuesday, March 7**

- 8:30 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ's (Extra Years of Zest)
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Board Room
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik
- 1:00 p.m. Christcare Bible Study Group
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice -FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting - Rm 127/129
- 6:00 p.m. BSF
- 6:30 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball - FLC

**Wednesday, March 8**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Meyer
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Alive Orchestra
- 6:00 p.m. LEAD - Board Room
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study: What the Bible Says about Parenting
- 5:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. The Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive Education
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Service
- 8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
- 8:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

**Thursday, March 9**

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Knitters
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - Rm 139
- 7:00 p.m. Starfish Savers

**Friday, March 10**

- 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Scrapbooking
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Cafe 923

**Saturday, March 11**

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening "Northwind" Service with Communion

Grace Place, Sunday School and Faith Alive Attendance					
Sat., Early Childhood	12	Sun., Early Childhood	73	Faith Alive, Early Childhood	30
Sat., Grades 1-5	17	Sun., Grades 1-5	149	Faith Alive, Grades 1-5	80
Sat., Grades 6-8	11	Sun., Grades 6-12	52	Faith Alive, Grades 6-12	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>

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Northwind

*"Halleluiah" (Your Love is Amazing)*  
*"Psalm 40"*  
*"Let the Praises Ring"*

**Drama**

*"Days of Elijah"*  
*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"You are My King" (Amazing Love)*

**Gospel Reading:** (NIV) John 14:15-27

**Children are Invited to Grace Place**

**Offering**

*"Take My Life"*

**Sermon:** Pastor Ron Burcham

**Old Testament Reading:** (NIV) Exodus 4:13-17

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Communion**

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

*"Above All"*

*"Lord Reign in Me"*

**Blessing and Announcements**

8:00 a.m.

**Musical Offering:** *"Chey Chey Koolay,"*  
*Offered by Music Alive, Grades 3-5*

**Welcome**

**Drama**

*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LW 198, 3 Vs.*

**Invocation**

*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LW 198, 1 Vs.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LW 201, 2 Vs.*

**Old Testament Reading:** (NIV) Exodus 4:13-17

**Musical Offering:** *"Keep Your Lamps,"*

*Offered by The Gloria Dei Chorale*

**Gospel Reading:** (NIV) John 14:15-27

**Apostles' Creed**

*"Take My Life, O Lord, Renew" LW 404; 3 Vs.*

**Sermon:** Pastor Ron Burcham

*"Take My Life, O Lord, Renew" LW 404; 2 Vs.*

**Gathering of the Offerings**

**Musical Offering:** *"Everywhere I Go,"*

*Offered by Music Alive, Grades 1-5*

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayers**

**Benediction**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory" LW 398, Vs. 3*

9:30 a.m.

**Musical Offering:** *"Chey Chey Koolay,"*  
*Offered by Music Alive, Grades 3-5*

**Welcome**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Drama**

*"Let it Rise"*

*"Days of Elijah"*

**Invocation**

*"Days of Elijah"*

*"You are My King" (Amazing Love)*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LW 201, Vs. 2*

**Old Testament Reading:** (NIV) Exodus 4:13-17

**Musical Offering:** *"Keep Your Lamps,"*

*Offered by The Gloria Dei Chorale*

**Gospel Reading:** (NIV) John 14:15-27

**Apostles' Creed**

*"Take My Life, O Lord, Renew" LW 404; 2 Vs.*

**Sermon:** Pastor Ron Burcham

*"Take My Life, O Lord, Renew" LW 404; 1 Vs.*

**Gathering of the Offerings**

**Musical Offering:** *"Everywhere I Go,"*

*Offered by Music Alive, Grades 1-5*

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayers**

**Benediction**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory" LW 398, Vs. 2*

11:00 a.m.

*"Psalm 40"*

**Welcome**

**Drama**

*"Let it Rise"*

*"Days of Elijah"*

*"You are My King" (Amazing Love)*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"You are My King" (Amazing Love)*

**Communion**

*"Taste and See"*

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

*"Above All"*

**Gospel Reading:** (NIV) John 14:15-27

*"Take My Life"*

**Sermon:** Pastor Ron Burcham

**Old Testament Reading:** (NIV) Exodus 4:13-17

*"Let the Praises Ring"*

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

*"Lord Reign in Me"*

**Blessing**

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

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.