

WEEKLY WORD



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The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

A Biblical Act of Service

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

Today marks our last message on “Family Values,” where we have covered practical ways to connect with our families. Whether it is finding time for casual talks, meals, games, movies or service opportunities, it is vital to connect with the families that God has given to us.

In light of spending so much family time together in the last month, you may have noticed that the family is a perfect place to practice God’s precepts—most notably love and forgiveness. Think about it. It is relatively easy to love those you don’t live with. But how about our extended-stay roommates whose history may be marked with undesirable habits, attitudes or words? Not to mention those fun little personality quirks.

Let’s look at a similar situation—Jesus with his disciples. They spent countless hours together in a variety of situations. And if you recall, most of those situations did not reveal favorable traits of the disciples. In fact, the list of offenses was rather long. And yet Jesus showed them his love in an act of service—he washed their feet, their dirty, grimy and filthy feet.

Jesus’ affectionate act was completely opposite from the acceptable societal norm; they should have been washing his feet for it was the responsibility of the lowest of servants to wash their master’s feet. Jesus, the only one who is worthy of being served, performed this lowly task as an example for us to follow:

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. John 13:14-15

“You should do as I have done for you,” these nine words should inject new life into all of our family relationships. Just think what he has done for us.

Forgiveness: When we were dead in sins, he forgave us.
Love: When we were completely unlovable, he loved us.
Grace: When we deserved punishment, he gave us grace.

Jesus masterfully gives us everything that we need. Then, he gently encourages us by this act of service to give away to others the rich gifts that he has deposited into our lives.

Be kind and loving to each other and forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ. Ephesians 4:32

Isn’t the family unit a perfect environment for the re-gifting process?

Upcoming Message Series:

Join us as we take an in-depth look into the life of Jesus:

- February 7-8: Key Moments in Jesus’ Life - Baptism
- February 14-15: Key Moments in Jesus Life - Temptation
- February 21-22: Key Moments in Jesus’ Life - Transfiguration

what’s
NEW!
this week!

Bible Studies

Spend time warming up in God’s Word during one of our Bible studies. See page 7 for more details.

Book Sale

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

Family Fun Night

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 18 for an evening of fun. See page 8 for more details.

Simulcast

Learn practical applications from God’s Word via satellite in one powerful morning session. See page 6 for more details.

Concert

You won’t want to miss this interactive concert for the entire family. See page 6 for more details.

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Strategic Plan Updates

Celebrations: As our congregation continues to grow, we are thrilled to be able to provide people with the tools needed to help them in their particular life stage.

Most recently, our Women's Bible Connections successfully launched morning and evening sessions, which offer women a time to gather for devotions and fellowship along with time in small groups to cover a variety of topics. We continued to add support groups to our Thursday Care Night offerings, and more than 20 couples are learning how to build a strong foundation for a healthy and lasting marriage in our Tuesday night premarriage classes. We praise God for his great provisions!



The Call Process

What? The pastor got a call? Does that mean he's leaving us? Since the call process is unique to church ministry and not found in the business world, it can often be misunderstood. God has given congregations the right to choose and call a pastor to carry out the work of teaching, preaching, and administering the Sacraments (Baptism and Lord's Supper) in their midst and on their behalf (i.e. Acts 1:21-26; 2nd Corinthians 8:18-19). When a congregation calls a pastor, it means that the congregation desires that particular pastor to do ministry on their behalf. At any time, a pastor might receive a call, whether he is looking for one or not. The pastor who receives the call needs to prayerfully discern whether God wants him to continue his ministry at his current place or go to the calling congregation. He can accept or decline the call.

Call Received

Pastor Meyer has received a call from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School in Des Moines to be their pastor. He asks that you would keep him and his family in your prayers while he considers the call. Any questions or thoughts are appreciated as he tries to discern what God wants him to do.

Front Desk Administrative Assistant

Gloria Dei is looking for a full-time front desk manager and administrative assistant who has a passion for people and the ministry at Gloria Dei. Work includes answering phones, greeting people, managing a variety of data entry applications, assisting pastors with various projects, ordering supplies and overseeing other office tasks.

Attention to detail, good communication skills, knowledgeable on Microsoft Office products and an ability to work with lots of people in a variety of situations are a must. If you are interested, please go to our Web site for additional information.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the 5:30 p.m. service is for:



Michael John Sowden born Dec. 3, 1994 to William and Dana (nee Dalbey) Sowden. Michael's spiritual sponsors are Michael Noah and Brian Hovey.

Envelopes for Food Drive

Gloria Dei will collect monetary donations for DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council, which will enable DMARC to purchase items from a warehouse at a reduced rate, thus obtaining more items for their food pantry.

Envelopes are provided in today's Weekly Word. 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 today, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15. If you have any questions, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360. Thank you for your help.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

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:

Devin Wren

Ken Meythaler

Gary Wasko

Ushers:

Northwind

Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.

Ken Andresen

Carol Andresen

Alan Grunst

Bob Knief

7:45 a.m. (continued)

Dean Mohr

Ken Peterson Sr.

Dale Readinger

Ken Wunsch

9 a.m.

Bruce Brock

Dan DeVries

Don Franzen

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bob Kuefner

Kurt Krominga

Ron Oolman

Paul Rusch

10:30 a.m.

Gabe Nelson

Todd Schwartz

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 25:34-46 (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 the health of Stephanie Metterle, friend of the Phillips family
- For the Linquist family, who lost their grandfather, Alfred DeLaria
- 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 all the current economic situations

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.

Ministry Partners Needed

Are you a missionary who is afraid to fly? Now you can serve without leaving the church, let alone the country. Do you possess the gift of hospitality?

We are seeking ministry partners to simply eat and converse with individuals attending our Care Night meal on Thursday evenings. Most of the people who attend are not members of Gloria Dei and many need to hear of the love of Jesus.

Gloria Dei member Brian Peter recently had the opportunity to attend a Thursday evening meal. "It is a great opportunity to show the warmth that we have here at Gloria Dei and minister to the hurting of our community. The food is great, too," he commented.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elaine Klinefelter through the church office at 276-1700.

Urbandale Food Pantry

Urbandale Food Pantry needs your help. Please drop off the following items in the designated food box in the narthex: 15 oz. shampoo or conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, sanitary napkins and diapers.

Diana's Angels

Diana's Angels will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran, 3857 E. 42nd Street, Des Moines. They will be assembling packets for sewing projects; no experience is needed. If you have any questions, contact Lois Cole at 288-1250.

A Kind Reminder

Please help us be good stewards of our utilities. If you need to change the temperature of a thermostat, please do not turn it above 72 degrees, and please turn it back to 66 degrees when leaving. Thank you!

Thank You

Dear Honorable Missionaries at Gloria Dei:

Your kind gift for the Oliver family couldn't have come at a better time. We have been a little short on their support and the Lord must have had you zeroed in to provide at this important time. Dr. Oliver is truly doing an amazing job as he is teaching in the seminary there and providing instruction for pastors going into mainland China. God bless you for your help and encouragement. –Gary W. Thies, Director of Mission Central

Holy Week Schedule

The staff is once again excited about celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, so they have been planning for this year's worship services and events.

Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion: Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lenten Worship: Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion: Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and in the Family Life Center.

Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, and 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

In addition, curriculum is being written by Ministry Action Teams and our staff for adults, youth and children that will parallel the series of messages leading up to Easter. We are currently finalizing the Easter weekend worship times; we will publish the times in the next few weeks.

Please note: Midweek Meal, Faith Alive and Confirmation will not be held on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Women of Faith Weekend

Friday, May 1 from 7–9:30 p.m. • Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines



Join the Women of Faith for a 2-day event where you will laugh, cry and realize that you're not alone. Gloria Dei has reserved a block of 25 seats for \$75 each (an alternative Friday-only package can be purchased). If you are interested, please contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224 by Feb. 20. For more information about the "Grand New Day" event, go to the Women of Faith Web site at www.womenoffaith.com.

Fireproof Your Marriage

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, will show "Fireproof" on Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at no cost to the participants. They have purchased the rights to show the movie, which has affected marriages throughout the nation.

Love Yourself with a Good Book

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

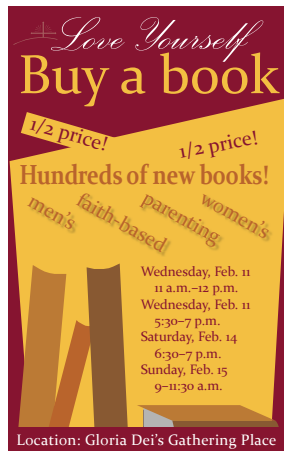
Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

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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.



Housing Needed

Overnight housing is urgently needed for members of the Valparaiso University Choir who will be in concert at Central Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 3. Transportation from the concert to your home, lodging for the night, and breakfast the next morning would be required. If you are interested in helping, please contact Wayne or Kathy Wagemann at 225-2569 or kwagemann@msn.com.



Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Alice Wegner, 3916 79th Street, Urbandale.

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 12 at 9 a.m. at the home of Melva Wenndt, 3601 Western Hills Drive, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Please bring your material for the blankets and/or scarves. If you have questions about the material, please call Mina Woolman at 270-9125.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leona Standridge, 7905 Prairie, Urbandale.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Myra Willms, 3835 38th Street, Des Moines.

Kindergarten Information Night

Bring your children to the kindergarten information night on Monday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran School, 5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines. Learn about the opportunities of Christian education at Mount Olive, which has National Lutheran School Accreditation and is also certified by the state of Iowa. For more information call 277-0247.

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. For further information, check out www.gloriadeionline.com.

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. 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Chicken Noodle Soup

Orchestra

We are in need of brass players for Easter and a few other upcoming offerings. If you play trombone, tuba, bassoon, tenor sax, bass clarinet, cello or bass, please join us. We are looking for other musicians in the orchestra as well!

The orchestra rehearses every Wednesday from 7:40-8:40 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Call Julie DenHerder today at 251-4632 to reserve your spot.

FREE Concert

Swen & Dean

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

Fun interactive concert for all ages!
Family Life Center

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.



Honduras Mission Trip

It is not too late to become a member of the mission team that will share the love of Jesus with the people of Honduras from June 26–July 4. For more information, contact Bill Clark at billclark@mchsi.com or 491-8543.

The following are the payment installment deadlines for the trip:

- March 7, 2009 - \$200 deposit (\$100 of the deposit is non-refundable)
- April 27, 2009 - \$945 second payment and final names due to WGO.
- June 19, 2009 - \$700 final payment due to WGO.

Thrivent Builds Breakfast

You're invited to the "2009 Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Breakfast Ask" on Saturday, Feb. 7 in the Family Life Center. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.; breakfast and the program run from 8-9 a.m.

Through "Thrivent Builds Homes," all funds raised will go directly to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity to help build homes with families facing critical housing needs. Learn how the program works and hear stories of lives transformed through volunteerism and home ownership. Admission is free; however, guests will be asked to prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or ongoing pledge of support.

Please RSVP to Bill Clark at billclark@mchsi.com or 491-8543.

Bible Study for Parents

Join us for a Bible study for parents of teenagers on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center.

River Bend, a six-week Bible study led by Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry, will help parents navigate through their children's teen years. Even though parents cannot predict their teenager's future, they can prepare for some of the unfamiliar waters that lie ahead, just around the river bend.

If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger, at 278-5544, ext. 212.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Reminder: It's a heavenly time! Wednesday morning Bible study at 10 a.m. will look at some popular perceptions of heaven and whether they agree with the words of Scripture.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study:

Thursday Morning Men's Bible study at 6:30 a.m. will dive into the book of Job as we pick out the nuggets that can help us as we strive to live as Christian men in this society. In addition, you can enjoy coffee and sports talk.

Weight Loss Class Changes Nights

Thursday's weight loss class has switched to Mondays at 6 p.m. Please feel free to attend. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 276-1700.

Twice the Scrapbook Fun

Friday, Feb. 13

Saturday, Feb. 14

Now you can work on your scrapbooks on Friday, Saturday or both. Friday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and go as you like. We meet in rooms 131/133.

Saturday will include childcare, but it must be reserved by

contacting Laura Ammann at 778-9161.

For more information contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.



Book Club

Feb. 4 - "The Shack," by William Young.

Gloria Dei's book club is an informal discussion group of Christian books, which meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:15-7:25 p.m. in the Cry room.

Summary of Book: Mack Philips took his three children on a camping trip. Just as they were about to leave the campsite, the two older kids' canoe overturned and Mack went to help them. When his back was turned, the unspeakable happened, Mack's youngest daughter, Missy, was abducted by a known child predator. After a massive search, evidence of Missy showed up at an abandoned cabin. Although they never found her body, everyone knew the worst had happened. For the next four years "a great sadness" fell over Mack and his family, until a note from God showed up in his mailbox. What happens next will move you to a greater understanding of God's unfailing love for us all.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought sack lunches, blankets, coats, and candles. All of the items have been distributed. Thank you to Joe Stevens, homeless advocate, for coming to Faith Alive Wednesday night to talk to about the homeless plight in Des Moines. – De Ann McCue and Penny Schramm

Family Game Night

Imagine an evening without cooking and cleaning up! Families are encouraged to attend Faith Alive on Wednesday, Feb. 18 for a fun family game night. Families will have an opportunity to eat dinner together at 5:15 p.m. (\$3.50 per person), and worship together in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. before playing and/or attending a concert by Swen and Dean. Do you have a fun game you'd like to bring to share? Let DeAnn or Penny know so they can save a space for it! Don't miss this fun, exciting family evening. Regular Faith Alive will not be held that evening.

Grace Place Notes

February 1, 2009: Our focus this week is on the story of Jesus and the little children. In our sin, we are like small children: helpless, dependent and needy. So Jesus came to bestow his love and eternal gifts upon us. Parents could discuss, "How did Jesus show his compassion on these little children? How does Jesus shower his compassion on us?"

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 or Penny Schramm at 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.

Tiny Treasures Updates



Fall Registration: Classes are filling fast. All morning 4-year-old and pre-kindergarten classes are full with waiting lists; the afternoon 4-year-old, the afternoon pre-kindergarten and the morning 3-year-old classes are still open.

Playgroup: Only a few days until the first days of Tiny Treasures Playgroup. The new classroom, 126, is ready for the Tuesday and Friday morning playgroups from 9:15–11:15 a.m. We have two openings for the Tuesday class.

Don't delay! Register today! Registration forms for both programs are in the plastic racks throughout the building. For more information, contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Grilled Cheese
Hot Dog/Chili Dog

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

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Service and Mission Hours

Sign up at the youth bulletin board today for service and mission hours.

Eighth Grade

Please turn in your Urban Plunge registration forms by Feb. 1 to Tim or the office. We need at least three parents to attend; the Youth Ministry will cover the cost for the parents.

Confirmation

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

Parent Teacher Conference

A bit different, but shorter meeting.

Parents will gather together in your children's classroom for a brief meeting from 6-6:15 p.m. Please bring your child's tracking form with 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. 1: The Urge: What was God thinking?

Junior High Cafe 923

Friday, Feb. 6 from 6-9 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a fun time in the Family Life Center and Youth Center. Pizza will be available for \$1 a slice.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-38.

Wednesday: The Point

Topic: Feb. 4: Service: Changing Lives

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

We will have dinner theatre rehearsal today at 4 p.m. in the Youth Center. The rehearsals will continue through March 22.

Senior High Cafe 923

Sunday, Feb. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Invite your friends for a meal and watch the big game.

Grades 6-12 Opportunities

Swen and Dean Concert

Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the FLC

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. Packets are available 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 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,) \$20 for 500 paintballs. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Feb 11.

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: Navigating through Turmoil

Week of Jan 31-Feb. 6, 2009

Saturday, January 31

- 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 1

- 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. Lighthouse 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 with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:30 a.m. Music Focus Group
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 2

- 8:00 a.m. Iowa Dept. of Education Monthly Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Faculty Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:45 p.m. Dance 2
- 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study

Tuesday, February 3

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 3 (continued)

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, February 4

- 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. Faith Alive/Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

- 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

Friday, February 6

- 9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of WDM
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923

Scripture Base on Giving:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	220	147
7:45 a.m.	104	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	296	
9 a.m. (FLC)	54	24
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	317	
Total	991	171

Outpouring of Love)	
General Fund Offerings	\$16,530
YTD Offering	\$934,636
YTD Budget	\$1,006,710

Week of Feb. 7-14, 2009

Saturday, February 7

7:30 a.m. Thrivent Builds Breakfast
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, February 8

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
 2:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

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
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Group
 6:00 p.m. Governing Board

Tuesday, February 10 (continued)

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. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

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. Faith Alive/Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, February 12

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle Meeting
 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
 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Group
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, February 14

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
 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	10	22	19	27
Elementary	24	48	30	128
Total Children	34	70	49	155
Junior High		21	9	87
Senior High		12		36
Total Youth		33	9	123

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.

Weekly Bible Reading: Matthew 25:34-40

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

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