

WEEKLY WORD



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February 21 and 22, 2009

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Congregational Meeting Called

A congregational meeting has been called by the Governing Board of Gloria Dei for Sunday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to decide if the congregation would like to call a candidate from the Seminary, as we did with Pastor Meyer, or to fill the position of Director of Adult Ministries with a pastor from the field.

Four years ago the congregation called a candidate who would graduate that spring from the Seminary. By calling a candidate to Gloria Dei, we believed we were fulfilling the part of our vision to be an equipping center for the church at large. We understood that a candidate usually remains in his first congregation three-five years, but felt that Gloria Dei would serve as a training ground for a young pastor and equip him to be more effective in ministry if he decided to accept a call to another congregation. This has certainly been the case with Pastor Meyer. He has served our congregation well, been mentored by Pastor Burcham, matured in ministry, and is now ready to lead his own congregation.

Since Pastor Meyer has accepted the call to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, we must again decide how to fill his position. We can either call a candidate from the Seminary or call a pastor who has experience in the field. The timing is tight, but possible for us to call from the Seminary if we choose to go this route. Requests for a candidate must be turned into the District president by the end of February. This means that review of candidates and interviews needed to be completed by the middle of February. With this short timeframe, some preliminary work needed to be completed prior to the congregational meeting on March 1. The work completed to date is as follows:

- A congregational profile, job description and a copy of our Strategic Plan was sent to the placement office of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to see if there were some candidates that could serve our needs.
- Pastor Burcham and Executive Director Bill Jesse reviewed profiles of the 10 candidates.
- Pastor Burcham traveled to St. Louis to interview four candidates on the campus of the Seminary and one candidate by phone.
- The Governing Board has formed a call committee according to the by laws of our congregation. The committee consists of the following individuals: Wally Haase, Becky DeVries, Nancy Schwartz, Connie Cook, Darwin Bartels, Marv Deer, Tim Mueller, Marv Rohn and Laurie Peterson.
- The Governing Board has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 1 at 1 p.m.

If the congregation decides to call a candidate from the Seminary, we will need to take that action during the meeting on March 1 and send the necessary paperwork to the District president.

If the congregation decides to call a pastor with experience, we will ask the District office for a list of names and the members of Gloria Dei will be asked to submit the names of pastors we should consider.

what's
NEW!
this week!

Taco Time

Everyone loves tacos, so join us on Sunday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. See page 7 for more details.

Kitchen Fund Raiser

Tupperware and Pampered Chef items for sale. See page 5 for more details.

Important Dates:

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 25 at
6:30 p.m. in the
Sanctuary

(Midweek meal,
Faith Alive and
Confirmation
will not meet.)

Thursday Lenten Worship

March 5 at
6:30 p.m.
in the
Sanctuary

See page 6 for
more Lenten
and Easter
worship times.

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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 the architects at SVPA to determine what piece of land would best meet



the needs of the ministry at Gloria Dei. The SVPA and the Facilities Focus Group 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 and teams in your prayers as we desire to have "God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Ministry Celebrations:

Last Wednesday, more than 250 individuals, ranging from elementary students to senior citizens enjoyed the Swen and Dean concert in the Family Life Center.

"It was exciting to see the huge response from our congregation and other churches to this concert," said Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry. "I am looking forward to many more times like this."



The audience had a great time at the Swen and Dean's concert.



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.

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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 22 during the 9 a.m. worship service is for:



Tanner Nathan Christensen born Oct. 5, 2008, to Nathan and Julie (nee Yeager) Christensen. Tanner's spiritual sponsors are Bruce and Diane Christensen and Natalie Christensen.



Brice Alexander Lumley born Jan. 16, 2009, to Trent and Melanie (nee Thompson) Lumley. Brice's spiritual sponsors are Richard Thompson and Randall Thompson.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 22 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service is for:



Vanessa Kay Wise born Nov. 6, 2008, to Justin and Lynelle (nee Miller) Wise. Vanessa's spiritual sponsors are Lana Miller, Daniel Wise, Jason and Mindy Dammen.

Lenten Devotionals

Please pick up a Lenten devotional, "Your Nail" by Arden W. Mead, at both Information Centers today. This Lenten devotion is intended to revive the Christian practice of taking time to reflect, ponder and consider the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.



Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

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

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

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

Preacher:
Rev. Kendall Meyer

Organist:
Kathy Stange

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

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

Elders:
Tom Westby
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus

Ushers:
Northwind
Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.
Ken Andresen
Carol Andresen
Alan Grunst
Bob Knief
Dean Mohr

7:45 a.m. (continued)
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:

2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Matthew 17:1-13 (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 those who are unemployed
- For the family of Tom Fel-dotto, whose mother, Sharon Otto, passed away
- For the health concerns of Dean Grimm, brother of Bruce Grimm
- For Jodi Jensen's mom, who is battling cancer
- For the health concerns of Bev Bellile
- For our nation as we 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 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 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 whom 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!

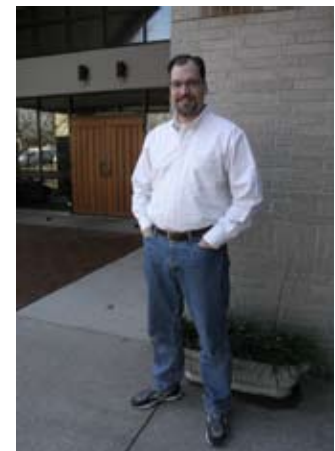
I invite you to be part of a new small group meeting at Gloria Dei that begins on Thursday evening, March 5. My prayer is that you will be able to find peace as I did, as it relates to your situation. This group is for those who are employed, unemployed, between jobs or just looking for something different. 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 continues to count all the blessings that God has given to him.

Dinner Theater

Reserve the date! March 26-29

The youth are forming a dinner theatre, "In Praise of Miss Brown," which is a heart-tugging depiction of the impact a teacher had on high school students. Tickets can be purchased starting March 7.

Thursday, March 26, Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28

Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at 12 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Kightlinger at 278-5544, ext. 212.

New Beginnings

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Starting in March, Gloria Dei will be offering help to those who are unemployed or looking for a career change. We will offer the following opportunities:

1. Support Groups and Workshops

Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. (No registration or fees)

March 5	Support Group
March 12	Support Group
March 19	Support Group Workshop: Medical Insurance (David Van Ahn)
March 26	Support Group
April 2	Support Group Workshop: Resume Writing (Tracy Barton)
April 16	Support Group
April 23	Support Group Workshop: Interviewing (Jackie Van Ahn)
April 30	Support Group
May 7	Support Group Workshop: Job Market (Sue Gibbons)
May 14	Support Group
May 21	Support Group Workshop: Financial Planning/Mortgage (Jim Miles and Paul Kramer)

2. Resource Room (No registration or fees)

Visit our resource room where we have computers, printers and individuals that can help you with your job search. Call Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700 for specific times.

3. Message Series

Join us as we hear a series of messages on "New Beginnings" starting Feb. 28-March 1.



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 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.

Worship Summit

Worship leaders, singers and band members are invited to the Worship Summit Event on March 7 from 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei. Check out our Web site for more information.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

The staff is once again excited about celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

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

Easter Worship, Saturday, April 11: Contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
Contemporary-blend worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship, Sunday, April 12: Traditional worship with orchestra at 7:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Traditional worship with orchestra at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary
H3 family worship simulcast at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center
Contemporary worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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

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.

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 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.

Sunday Brunch

The Urbandale Lioness and Lions Clubs invite members of the congregation to the Annual Scholarship Brunch, Sunday, March 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ralph Whitten Shelter House at Lions Park in Urbandale. Adult tickets are \$5 and tickets for children under 10 years old are \$3. Proceeds will go to the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Urbandale.

Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Iowa Health Hospice is recruiting hospice volunteers. Their next orientation session will be Friday, March 6 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The volunteers complete an orientation about their philosophy, end of life care issues, documentation, confidentiality and patient care. For more information or to register, please contact Sara Sullivan at sullivanl@ihs.org or telephone 557-3287.

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. 26 at 5:30 p.m. Chicken Casserole

Taco Time Sunday, Feb. 22

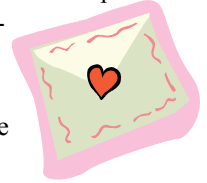
Sunday, Feb. 22 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool families are sponsoring this fun and delicious fund-raiser. Money raised will support the costs of the AriSon Concert, April 18 at 7 p.m. AriSon is a Christian singing group from Nashville. Their music can be heard through the halls of preschool, Music Alive and VBS. Preschoolers and others will entertain diners with some of their music. Attendees will be able to have walking tacos, hard shell tacos or taco salad. A very special "Make Your Own Sundae on Sunday" station will finish off your wonderful evening. Don't miss it. We want everyone to come.

Attention: Gloria Dei Members: If you would like to learn more about this ministry and help connect it to Gloria Dei, we would love for you to interact with the preschool families as a helper with the supper. If you are able to work a 45-minute shift, please see Terry today.

Stamp-A-Stack

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



XYZ

Tuesday, March 3 at 9 a.m.

Join this Extra Years of Zest group as they converse and pray together on the first Tuesday of every month at the Machine Shed.

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

Vacation Bible School

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

Children ages 3 through fifth grade are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School during spring break.

Register today! Fill out the registration form at the Information Center.

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.

Summer Camps

Pick this year's summer camps brochure up at the Information Center today!



You can register today by filling out the registration form in the brochure or online.

Faith Alive Meal

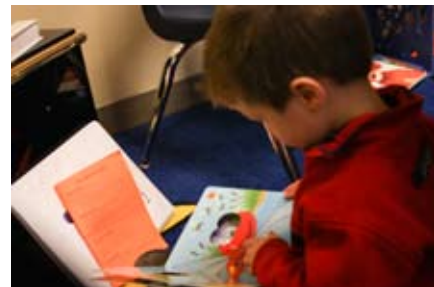
Wednesday, Feb. 25

No Meal

Ash Wednesday

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

Tiny Treasures Playgroup



Tiny Treasures Playgroup welcomed 14 little ones. Mrs. Joyce Turek and Mrs. Rochelle Haas teach and nurture these students on Tuesdays and Fridays. Their new classroom, room 126, is full of interesting things to discover. Learning to separate, share and try new things are some of the curriculum that will help them adjust to our regular Tiny Treasures' program this fall. If you are interested, there are two Tuesday spots open for enrollment.

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Mission Opportunities

Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

Confirmation students and their parents will depart Gloria Dei and travel to Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona. We will put together food pouches to be sent to various areas of the world. We will return to church by 12:30 p.m.

Confirmation

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

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

Urban Plunge

Friday, Feb. 27: We will depart from Gloria Dei at 2 p.m. We will return Sunday, March 1 at 4 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The 10 Commandments Class will meet Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 6-6:15 p.m. in room 131-33.

Sunday: Castaway

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

Feb. 22: How to Keep from Sinking

March 1: How to Get Dressed Up to Really Live

Café 923

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

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

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

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

Wednesday: The Point

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

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

The rehearsals will continue each Sunday at 12 p.m. through March 22.

Café 923

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

Come and hang out with us as we play games in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. Dinner will be served.

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Parents of eighth grade confirmands will meet Wednesday, March 11 from 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the narthex.

What's Next

Parents of eighth grade confirmands are invited to a two-week study on helping your teenager grow spiritually. Join us in the narthex Wednesday, March 25 and April 1 at 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12 Opportunities

WILL STARVE FOR FOOD!

A meeting for all registered participants will be held Wednesday, March 25 from 7:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Center.

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. Contact Kim Phillips at 254-1036 or tnk4jc1@msn.com or Tim Kightlinger at 278-5444, ext. 212.

Week of Feb. 21-27, 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. Cans 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
- 8:00 p.m. Call Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Conferences for Ten Commandments Class
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
- 7:30 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei

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

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	151	
7:45 a.m.	146	120
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	321	223
9 a.m. (FLC)	60	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	320	208
Total	998	551

Outpouring of Love)	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,177
YTD Offering	\$1,028,580
YTD Budget	\$1,107,381

Week of Feb. 28-March 7, 2009

Saturday, February 28

2:00 p.m. Kindermusik Chapter Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, March 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. 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 with Communion
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Iowa Department of Education
 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
 3:30 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, March 3

9:00 a.m. XYZ Meeting
 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, March 3 (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. SPI MAT Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning 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
 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
 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, March 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. Lenten Worship Service

Friday, March 6

9:30 a.m. MOM's Club of West Des Moines
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Café 923
 7:00 p.m. Worship Summit 2009 Conference

Saturday, March 7

8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministries Training
 8:30 a.m. Worship Summit 2009 Conference
 9:30 a.m. Kids Against Hunger
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion in Family Life Center
 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	11	22	24	
Elementary	21	52	34	
Total Children	32	74	58	
Junior High				
Senior High				
Total Youth				

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 the church office at 276-1700.



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 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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