

WEEKLY WORD



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February 7 and 8, 2009

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Key Moments in Jesus' Life

by Pastor Tim Phillips, Director of Congregational Care and Assistant Pastor

A unique pregnancy. An amazing birth. A dramatic childhood. And now a dynamic and powerful baptism. These are some of the events of Jesus' life that we'll examine in a sermon series beginning this week. We lead off with an exploration into the significance of Jesus' baptism.

Let's imagine the setting of Jesus' baptism: John is standing in the Jordan river preaching a sermon of repentance and calling all to come and be baptized. John is a true fanatic—picture Troy Polamalu in a shepherd outfit! John lived in the wild deserted places and dedicated his life to preparing the way for the Messiah. His voice rings out over the waters and people respond—crowds were going down to the river to be baptized—and Jesus was among them. After a short conversation he is baptized. John tells the rest of the story:

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17

Why was Jesus baptized? Certainly not for the reasons we are baptized: he had no need for forgiveness; he possessed eternal life; and he was already the Son of God. So what was the point?

When John asked him "Why?" Jesus simply replied, "It is necessary now to fulfill all righteousness." Certainly, Jesus' baptism made a clear and public statement about who he was and what purposes he was to fulfill. But is there more?

In reflection we might go beyond the theology and ponder the question, "Why was I baptized?" It is clear in Matthew 28:18-19 that Jesus commands us to baptize and make disciples:

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

In obedience to Christ's command I was baptized as a baby and brought up in the Christian faith. My sponsors supported my parents in their promise to teach me the Word of God and bring me to church. I still receive Christmas cards from my godmother! What began with my baptism has continued to this day—and each day I remember the gifts I first received at that time: God's forgiveness, eternal life and membership in his family.

Message Series: Key Moments in Jesus' Life

February 7-8: Baptism

February 14-15: Temptation

February 21-22: Transfiguration

what's
NEW!
this week!

Children's Concert

A jamming concert is slated in April. See page 8 for more details.

Book Sale

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

Family Fun Night and Concert

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

Simulcast

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

Easter Worship Times

To graciously host more guests and members during Easter, we have added another worship time, see page 4 for more details.

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Strategic Plan Updates

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

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

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

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



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. A pastor might receive a call at any time, 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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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, Feb. 8 are provided by Dan and Jill Schultz in celebration of Andrew's 17th birthday on Feb. 11.

Food Drive Envelopes

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

Envelopes can be picked up at the Information Center. Make checks payable to Gloria Dei with "DMARC" written on the memo line. Please write your offering envelope number on your check or on the insert included in the envelope. The envelopes and checks can be placed in the mail or in the offering plate on Feb. 8 and Feb. 15. If you have any questions, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360. Thank you for your help.

Response to Help the Unemployed

Gloria Dei is working on a comprehensive response to help those who have been displaced from their current employment. If you or someone you know is currently unemployed, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 for further information. More information will be in next week's Weekly Word. Meanwhile, please keep those who have lost their jobs in your prayers.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

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9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

Preacher:

Rev. Tim Phillips

Organist:

Shirley Roberts

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Caleb Gibson

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Drew Hays

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Laura Schwartz

Elders:

Terry Woolman

Vic Kesse

Ushers:

Northwind

Jeff Eckhoff

7:45 a.m.

Ken Andresen

Carol Andresen

Alan Grunst

Bob Knief

7:45 a.m. (continued)

Dean Mohr

Ken Petersen Sr.

Dale Readinger

Ken Wunsch

9 a.m.

Bruce Brock

Dan DeVries

Don Franzen

Eric Hoffman

Jason Hoffman

Bob Kuefner

Kurt Kromminga

Ron Oolman

Paul Rusch

10:30 a.m.

Gabe Nelson

Todd Schwartz

Scripture Readings:

Roman 6:1-7; Matthew 3:13-17 (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 Cyndee Kusy and family, who are grieving the loss of her father
- For those who are unemployed
- 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 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.

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.

Building Healthy Families

Planning to send flowers to someone special for Valentine's Day? Make their day: communicate a Christian message of love and hope and support Lutheran Family Services (LFS) by purchasing flowers through the LFS Web site at www.LFSiowa.org. Click on the red roses link and order flowers from Christian Flower, a nationwide flower delivery service. LFS will receive 10 percent of your purchase to support their ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Family Services of Iowa at 251-4900.

Urbandale Food Pantry Request

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

ATTEND THE LARGEST WORSHIP TRAINING EVENT EVER! LIVE VIA SATELLITE

PAUL BALOCHE LINCOLN BREWSTER ROSS PARSLEY

BRIAN DOERKSEN KATHRYN SCOTT

WORSHIP SUMMIT MARCH 7, 2009

INCLUDING EXCLUSIVE TAPED INTERVIEWS WITH DARLENE ZSCHECH AND ISRAEL HOUGHTON

ATTENTION!
WORSHIP LEADERS, SINGERS AND BAND MEMBERS!

Be challenged to go deeper in your heart for worship.
Learn practical ideas to make worship services more effective.

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

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

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:

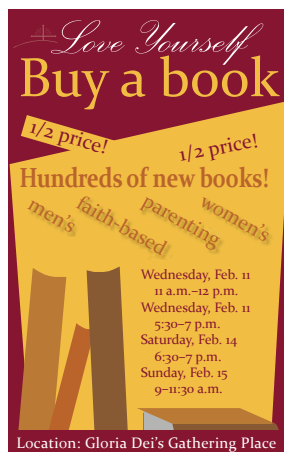
Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

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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.



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

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 Wennedt, 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.

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.

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 needed in the kitchen. Thank you for your support.

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. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Meatloaf

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.

Meeting the Goal

Due to the generous response from the members of Gloria Dei, 405 casseroles were delivered to the Salvation Army, which topped the 400 goal of Katie Gilg and Allissa Rice. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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

**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.

Thank You

Dear Gloria Dei Homeless Supporters,

Thank you so much for allowing us the opportunity to present to you and your children last Wednesday night! The outpouring of lunches, candles, blankets and other items was overwhelming!

The quantity and quality of the lunches show how much time, thought and love you and your children put into them, and how much you care for our city's homeless people! The pictures and words of hope drawn on many of the sacks was a nice touch. They make people smile and know they are being thought about. We love to share with our homeless friends how many people are thinking about them and praying for them, and we've had the opportunity to mention the people from Gloria Dei on a number of occasions these past few months.



A camp south of downtown is a home for homeless adults.

In total we received 284 lunches last Wednesday evening, which was in addition to the lunches we had picked up the week before (well over 300 lunches in total)! This was enough to take care of unsheltered homeless people through the next couple weeks—plus the homeless people staying at Central Iowa Shelter and the women staying at the YWCA.

Thanks again for the opportunity to visit with your children, and for everything you are doing to make a difference in the homeless community. Sincerely, Joe, Jacki and Caleb Stevens, Homeless Outreach

Twice the Scrapbook Fun

Friday, Feb. 13 and 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.

Stamp-A-Stack

How would you like to have 15 hand-stamped cards ready to mail out? Come to a Stamp-A-Stack on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. You will make three different pre-designed cards, five of each card. Each card will come with an envelope. The cost is \$25; a portion will go back to Gloria Dei. Registration is required by contacting Shani Fjelsted at 259-4099 or shanifjelsted@mchsi.com.

Gloria Quilters

In the last several years, Gloria Quilters have donated their masterpieces to the people in Honduras. Please join them again for this mission on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 8:30–4 p.m. in rooms 130-34.



Please bring a sack lunch. No experience is required, just willing hands! For more information, contact Norma Rohn at mrohn@aol.com.

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.

Ready to Jam?

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

AriSon Records

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



Fund-raiser: "Taco Time" will be the first fund-raiser. Join us for walking tacos, hard-shell tacos or taco salads on Sunday, Feb. 22 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Top it off by creating Sunday sundaes. Tiny Treasures preschoolers will sing AriSon songs. In addition, a few video clips from AriSon will be shown. A free-will offering will be received at the door. All profits will go toward the cost of hosting the concert. Don't miss it!

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Feb. 11
Walking Taco

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

Grace Place Notes

February 8:

"Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed" is the lesson for Grace Place today. The miracle of healing the paralytic confirms that Jesus, the Son of Man, has authority on earth to forgive sins and that he came to deliver all believers from sin, death and the power of the devil. Consider discussing: In addition to healing the paralyzed man, what does Jesus tell him? How has Jesus healed us from our sickness of sin?

February 15:

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

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Mission Opportunities

Saturday, Feb. 14, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the church kitchen. Open your hearts to the homeless and help put together casseroles. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Feb. 11.

Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

Kans for Kids at Holmes Collision Center in Clive. We will sort cans that will be redeemed for money to help Kids Against Hunger. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Feb. 18.

Confirmation

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

Urban Plunge

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

Parent Teacher Conference

A bit different, but shorter meeting.

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

Sunday: Castaway

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

Feb. 8: The Urge: What Went Wrong

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. 11: Service: Making a Difference

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

We will have dinner theatre rehearsal Sunday, Feb. 8 at 12 p.m. in the Youth Center. Next Sunday, Feb. 15, rehearsals will be at 5 p.m. The rehearsals will continue through March 22.

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) and \$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 Rebellion

Week of Feb. 7-13, 2009

Saturday, February 7

- 7:30 a.m. Thrivent Builds Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 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. 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
- 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.
- 11:30 a.m. Messiah Lutheran Church Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Dance 1
- 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Class
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries Training
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:45 p.m. Dance 2
- 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 10

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. 4th Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time

Tuesday, February 10 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Group
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board
- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 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. Communication Focus Group
- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball

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	210	
7:45 a.m.	159	129
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	341	247
9 a.m. (FLC)	89	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	340	207
Total	1139	583

Outpouring of Love)	
General Fund Offerings	\$35,583
YTD Offering	\$972,189
YTD Budget	\$1,040,267

Week of Feb. 14-21, 2009

Saturday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study

Tuesday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 17 (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

Wednesday, February 18

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

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20

- 3:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball

Saturday, February 21

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

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	24	19	28
Elementary	23	61	44	112
Total Children	34	85	63	140
Junior High		20	15	86
Senior High		13		
Total Youth		33		

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 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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