

WEEKLY WORD



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The Second Sunday in Lent

Choosing to Forget

by Pastor Kendall Meyer

Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." Genesis 41:51

Some things should be forgotten. Joseph could have wasted his life holding onto a grudge because he suffered. As a youth, his brothers sold him into slavery and he was forced to live in a hostile land. He spent his teenage and adult years away from his beloved father. Joseph even spent time in prison. In spite of all he endured, he harbored no resentment. In fact, he named his son Manasseh, which means "forgetting." He explained, "For God... has made me forget."

Many people allow their stomachs to churn all day, their minds to storm all night and their souls to be full of hatred as they replay the moment when someone had wronged them. In fact, bitterness is the most dangerous of all plagues to healthy Christian living. It will eat away at the vitality of your spiritual life until your once-vibrant faith is in shambles. It is the cancer of the soul claiming millions of victims each year.

Yet there is a cure for this plague. One of the most beautiful words in any language is the word "forgive." The word is a common one, but the essence of the word is in the last half, give. To *forgive* means to give someone a release from the wrong that he or she has done to you. It means to give up any right of retaliation and not call it back to mind.

That's how God forgives. God's forgiveness is based on choosing not to call to mind whatever wrong has been committed. God forgives those who come to him through the blood of Christ, calling to mind Jesus and a hill called Calvary. That is how God forgets.

Are there moments/events in your past that you need to forgive and forget? If so, allow God to work in your life like he did in Joseph's life. For it is far better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember.

Sermon Series

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| Feb. 16-17 | Repair a Broken Relationship |
| Feb. 23-24 | Live in the Moment |
| March 1-2 | Attempt the Impossible |
| March 8-9 | Share Your Faith |

Strategic Planning Updates

If you have not received a Strategic Planning magazine and a DVD, pick them up at the Information Center. Please take some time to read and listen to the materials provided.

In addition, the Strategic Plan notebook containing all the research findings is located at the Information Center and on our Web site.

If you have questions or comments, please attend the following open forums:

Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9-10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17 from 7-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21 from 7-8 p.m.

Remember to keep this process in your prayers as we prepare to vote on March 1-2.

VBS

Register today!

With all the snow and cold weather, we look forward to spring break at Gloria Dei. That's right, children ages 3 years to grade 5 are invited to three days at the "Power Lab" Vacation Bible School. See Page 7 for more details.



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Congregational Vote

The Governing Board has requested a congregational vote on the proposed Strategic Plan using a paper-ballot process on the following days:

**Saturday, March 1 from 4-8 p.m. or
Sunday, March 2 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Sample	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Strategic Plan Voter Ballot March 2008	Sample
<p>This voter ballot is for a voting member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church to express their approval or non-approval of Gloria Dei's Strategic Plan, dated February 2008. Indicate your vote at the bottom of this page.</p> <p>To pass, this vote requires that 2/3 of those who voted will have voted in favor of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The direction provided by the congregation will be either "YES"- approve for implementation the Strategic Plan, or "NO" - non-approval of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>A "Yes" vote indicates your approval of the Strategic Plan and allows the Gloria Dei Governing Board to move forward with implementation of the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan calls for relocation of the congregation to another site. Further congregational approvals are needed for the purchase of land, sale of the existing church property, and church operating budget.</p> <p>A "No" vote indicates your non-approval of the Strategic Plan and will require the Gloria Dei Governing Board to reevaluate the Strategic Plan for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. A revised strategic plan would be developed and presented to the congregation for voter approval.</p>		
<p><u>VOTE FOR ONLY ONE</u> <u>PLACE AN "X" IN THE DESIRED SPACE</u></p>		
<p>YES _____ (approval of and implementation of the Strategic Plan)</p>		
<p>NO _____ (non-approval of the Strategic Plan)</p>		

Voters will receive this paper ballot on March 1 and 2.

In order for the Strategic Plan to be accepted by the congregation, the vote will require that 2/3 of those who voted will have voted in favor of the Strategic Plan.

The Qualifications

All members 18 years of age by March 1, 2008 are eligible to vote. Voting stations will be located in rooms 130 and 132. Members will sign in and receive a paper ballot. The completed ballot will be placed in a secured container. Ballots will be counted immediately following the close of voting on Sunday, March 2, 2008. Results will be posted on the church Web site at 8 a.m. March 3, 2008, barring any technical difficulties, and mailed to all church members by postcard, postmarked on March 3, 2008.

Absentee Ballots

If you requested an absentee ballot by the February 15, 2008 deadline, please remember that absentee ballots returned to the church office by U.S. mail must be postmarked by Monday, February 25, 2008. Absentee ballots may also be placed in the secured ballot container during voting hours.

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Lenten Services

Our third Lenten service will be this Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7:15 p.m. The traditional service will be held in the sanctuary with a contemplative moment of silence at the end of the service. The contemporary service will be held in the Family Life Center with a sermon simulcast from the sanctuary.

Feb. 20
"Sorrowing Servant"
Feb. 27
"Smitten Servant"
March 5
"Silent Servant"
March 12
"Satisfied Servant"

Missed a service?

No problem.
Download it from our Web site:
www.gloriadeionline.com

Gloria Quilters

Begin a quilt now to support the efforts of our Honduras mission team.



Gloria Quilters will meet Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in rooms 131 and 132. Please bring the needed supplies and a sack lunch. If you have any questions, contact Connie at 987-1516 or sewjazzy@mchsi.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham
9 a.m. (FLC)
Rev. Tim Phillips
10:30 a.m.
Rev. Kendall Meyer
Preacher:
Rev. Kendall Meyer
Scripture Reading:
Matthew 18:21-35
Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:
Brian Gilg
Nicholas Petersen
Cara Setsodi
Elders:
Tim Mueller
Steve Junge
Tim Radig
Ushers:
Northwind
Jeff Eckhoff
7:45 a.m.
Ken Andresen
Carol Andresen
Alan Grunst
Bob Knief
Dean Mohr
Ken Peterson, Sr.

Ken Peterson, Jr.
Dale Readinger
Ken Wunsch
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Bruce Brock
Tom Berg
Dan Devries
Paul Drake
Don Franzen
Eric Hoffman
Jason Hoffman
Bob Kuefner
Kurt Kromminga
Ron Oolman
Paul Rusch
10:30 a.m.
Gabe Nelson
Todd Schwarz

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 or Joan Kickbush after 5 p.m. at 987-4864 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our church family

Prayers

- For the family of Phyllis Bisbee, who lost their father
- For Carol Wemndt's friends, Kristy, Jon and Trevor
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For Kim Marsh, who is recovering from surgery
- For Mo and Lou Grotheer with the loss of Mo's sister
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For the continued healing of Richard Counley's daughter, Cheryl
- For the health of Diane Mahaffey
- For the continued health of John McKeighan

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church will travel to North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hill, Minn., on Saturday, Aug. 5 to see “The Thorn,” a passion play that focuses on the crown of thorns that Jesus wore.

The bus will leave Trinity at 9 a.m., stop for lunch, and attend the 3 p.m. performance. On the way back, the bus will stop for supper and arrive at Trinity at 10 p.m. The cost for the trip including bus and play tickets is approximately \$60; meals are not included. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 20. For more information, call Bev at 279-3609.

30-Hour Famine

Be Seen. Be Heard. Be Hungry.

Friday, Feb. 29- Saturday, March, 1

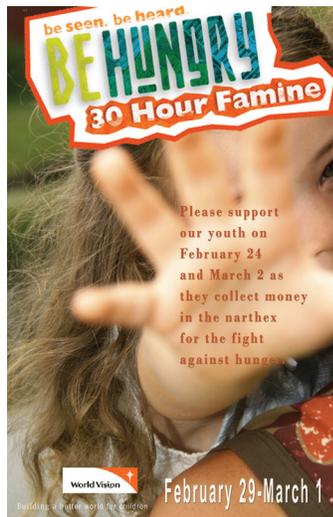
Once again, our teens will participate in the World’s Vision 30-Hour Famine, an international youth movement to fight hunger.

During this year’s event, the youth will stay busy with various servant events in the community, watch videos on the impact of hunger and play games that promote awareness of life outside of America.

The teens will accept donations in the narthex on Feb. 24 and March 2. All donations will be multiplied four times by a U.S. governmental grant.

Last year’s event was attended by 60 youth and raised almost \$12,000.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Phillips at tnk4jc1@msn.com or 254-1036.



Mark this date!

The youth will be in the narthex accepting donations on Sunday, Feb. 24 and March 2.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

Discovery 101:

The next class begins April 2.

Discovery 101 is a class for those who are new to the Lutheran Church. Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 276-1700.

Discovery 201:

Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.

If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church or you have completed Discovery 101, you are invited to Discovery 201. This four-hour event is for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

First-time Visitors:

Sign the friendship pad in the pew or at the Information Center and check “wish to join Gloria Dei.” All who wish to join must attend Discovery classes.

Sign-up:

If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204 or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

All are Welcome:

Whether you are new to Gloria Dei, thinking about joining or have been a member for years, you are welcome at all of Gloria Dei’s activities.

Welcome New Members:

We will welcome our new members from our recent Discovery 201 class next weekend.

Softball

Men's League

The Gloria Dei softball league begins Thursday, April 17. It will play on either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights at 6:15, 7:15 or 8:15 p.m. in a 14-game schedule. The season ends during the Saturday tournament on June 28. The cost is \$40 per person. If you are interested, please contact Bill Clark at 515-491-8543 or billclark@mchsi.com.

Couples' Co-ed Softball

If you are looking for something fun to do this summer—consider joining our softball team, designed especially for couples, on Sunday nights. It is a great way to do something as a couple with other adults. All levels of expertise are invited. If you are interested, please contact Trina Mazza at 270-2105.

Spring Clean-Up

**Saturday, March 8
8 a.m. to noon**

Rumor has it—green is under all the white ground covering and we are going to find it. Join us for spring clean-up on Saturday, March 8 from 8 a.m. to noon.

We will clean the grounds in preparation for the upcoming Easter services. If per chance, the weather does not cooperate, we will try again on Saturday, March 22. If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center or call Brandon at 710-5483.

**Sign-up today at the
Information Center.**

Honduras Mission Team

Is a mission trip on your bucket list?

The Honduras Mission team has 15 open spots for the upcoming mission trip in June. Please pray and consider this awesome must-do trip. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Recycled Christmas Cards

The Honduras Mission team needs recycled fronts of religious Christmas cards for their mission trip to Honduras. Please save your cards and put them in the donation card box located in the narthex.

Collections

The following items are being collected in the trunk located in the narthex for the Honduras mission trip in June.

- Vitamins • Adult and children's Tylenol • Hair gel
- Hair pretties • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste
- Dental floss

Chaplain Award

At the recent National LCMS-ELCA Military and VA Chaplains conference, Rev. Rich Steinke was awarded the Bronze St. Martin



Rev. Rich Steinke

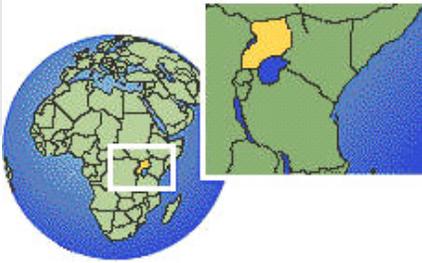
of Tours medal in recognition of 20 years of pastoral care to military service members and their families. He has served as a VA Chaplain in Helena, Mont. and Indianapolis, Ind., and currently serves at the Central Iowa VA Hospital in Des Moines.

An award in the name of St. Martin of Tours is particularly appropriate for Lutheran chaplains because Martin Luther was named after him.

According to tradition, Martin of Tours was a Roman Army officer who encountered a poor beggar shivering in the cold. Martin drew his sword and cut his military cape in two pieces and covered the beggar with one half of the cape. That night, Christ appeared to Martin in a dream, wearing half the cape. The vision led to Martin's conversion and baptism. Soon the church set a special day in his honor, St. Martin of Tours day, celebrated on November 11.

Years later, Hans and Margarethe Luther took their newborn to be baptized on November 11 and named him Martin Luther, in honor of St. Martin of Tours.

Mission Corner



The Kampala Lutheran Church, the main church in Uganda, consists of a tent structure.

Uganda

The Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda was established in 1994, after an evangelist from Ghana was invited to begin work there since there were no Lutheran pastors. Currently, there is one pastor, Charles Bemeka, who oversees 42 Lutheran churches. Each church ranges in attendance of 120-400 worshippers each Sunday and is led by trained leaders using voices, drums, and music synthesizers.



Pastor Charles Bemeka surrounds himself with children.

In recent years, Gloria Dei has partnered with the churches by hosting a Ugandan worship conference last year; bringing two leaders to the United States where they attended a worship conference in Texas and participated in worship and the daily activities of Gloria Dei; supporting Waako Yeko as he attends seminary school; and sending needed supplies to the churches.

“We want to equip the churches with what they need for indigenous worship,” said Steve Kohtz, Director of Worship Ministries. “It is really important to enable them with the right tools, so that they can do ministry within their own culture.”

As the months unfold, Gloria Dei will continue to equip the Ugandan churches by collecting items, supporting the seminar student and supporting other needs as they arise.

Left: Local women officially greet all those who come to worship. Their applause and praises can be heard throughout the village. Top Right: Local people joyfully worship the Lord. Bottom Right: Alex Musegula, National Director of Worship, (left) and Ronald Muyamba, National Media Director (far right) plays drums with a local musician.



Uganda Fact Sheet

Official Language
English

Secondary Language:
Luganda

Religions:
Christian and Muslim

Government:
Democratic Republic

Economy:
Agriculture (Coffee)



Third Grade Bibles

Third grade is an important year in a child's development. To help remind them of the assurance that they have in Jesus Christ, parents and 3rd-grade students will walk through the scriptures for six weeks during the Lenten season on Feb. 20, 27 and March 5 and 12. During that time, parents and students will highlight verses in scripture together. All 3rd graders (even if you don't regularly attend Wednesday's Faith Alive or if you are not a member) should attend this special family time.

If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Faith Alive Room Changes

Please note the following room changes starting next week for grades 2-4:

Grade 2	Feb. 20-March 12	Move to room 130	6:15-6:55 p.m.
Grade 3	Feb. 20-March 12	Move to sanctuary <i>(Parents and children-Bible Highlighting)</i>	6:15-6:55 p.m.
Grade 4	Feb. 20-March 12	Move to room 130	6:15-6:55 p.m.

Midweek Meal Menu:

Feb. 20

Nachos grande

Feb. 27

Chicken noodle soup

Cost: \$2.50 per person.

Children under 3 eat free.

Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.

Sign up today!

Vacation Bible School
Grow **Power Lab**
DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER
March 17-19
from 9-11:30 a.m.

Invite your neighbors!

Power up as we experience God's amazing power through his Word. Each day we'll discover some amazing science facts and have some wacky fun while learning that Jesus gives us the power to be helpful, be thankful, be brave and live forever!

If you are interested in helping, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Cost: Free

Register today at www.gloriadeionline.com or the Information Center.

Kindermusik Updates

Due to the inclement weather and Vacation Bible school, the following changes have been made to Kindermusik.

Tuesday evening Village Kindermusik

No class Tuesday, Feb. 19 and March 18.

Last class will be Tuesday, March 25.

Tuesday evening Our Time and Young Child Kindermusik

No class Tuesday, March 18.

Last class on April 15.

Wednesday Our Time and Imagine That Kindermusik

No class Wednesday, March 19.

Last class on April 9.

Fun Night

Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The second annual Family Fun Night will be Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for a great evening of fun for young children and their families. Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool parents will organize and sponsor the event, but all are invited. Look for more details to follow.

Consignment Sale

Go through your closets and get a jump on spring cleaning. Tiny Treasures will sponsor a consignment sale Friday, March 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you would like to be a seller, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305 or go to the preschool office to sign up for a number and get a seller's packet. Sellers receive 70 percent of their sales and the preschool keeps 30 percent. Drop off will be Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

Please contact Terry if you can help with the set-up on Thursday and/or the sale and clean-up on Friday.

A Week Filled with Hearts and Love



Tiny Treasures Preschool enjoyed many activities last week as they celebrated Valentine's Day and sang at the VA Hospital.

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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

The Badger Homecoming

Feb. 17: No rehearsal

Feb. 24: Scene 2 rehearsal from 12-2 p.m.

30-hour Famine

Friday, Feb. 29 and Saturday, March 1

Famine fast begins Friday, Feb. 29 at 12:30 p.m.

Registration starts at the church Friday, Feb. 29 from 6-6:30 p.m.

Event ends on Saturday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner.

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb.

Now open to grades 7-12! Dare 2 Share's Survive Training Tour will equip senior high youth to live strong and stand firm in a culture of fear due to global and personal uncertainty. Cost is \$25 for the first 20 sign-ups (\$35 thereafter), which includes registration, transportation, food and housing. If you would like more information, contact Tim.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway

We will offer a junior high educational time, Castaway, on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

Wednesday: Confirmation

Please note: During Lent, Confirmation will be held Wednesdays from 6:15-7 p.m.

March 5:

Because of the snow date, we have changed the Confirmation conferences from Feb. 27 to March 5.

Grades 6-7, March 5: No class.

Parent, student and teacher conferences will be held.

Grade 8, March 5: Parent and student Confirmation meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. in rooms 131-33. Robe measurements will be taken.

Junior High Ministry Opportunity

Join Hope Ministries as they reach out to the poor on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.. We will work at the Bargain Center and pass out groceries to the homeless.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38 for a Bible study.

Wednesday: The Point

Join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. The evening activities will consist of a hang-out time, praise, teaching and interactive discussions.

Feb. 20 Topic: Relationships with Parents and Adults

Coffee with Tim

Need someone to talk with? Tim will be at Starbucks across from Wynnsong Theatre on 86th on Mondays anytime from 3:30-6 p.m. to talk about good times, frustrations or just to have a cup of coffee.

Senior High Cafe 923

Sunday, Feb. 17 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Come, hang out and play games.

Week of February 17 - February 23

Sunday, February 17

- 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. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Cafe 923
- 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Open Forum
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 18

- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Sewing Class
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose-Driven Bible Study

Tuesday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child

- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Open Forum
- 7:30 p.m. Foreign Mission MAT

Wednesday, February 20

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Refocus Mtg.
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, February 21

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Open Forum

Friday, February 22

- Youth Survive Tour
- 11:45 a.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:30 p.m. Home Builders

Saturday, February 23

- Youth Survive Tour
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$19,661
YTD Offering	\$979,609
YTD Budget	\$995,676

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	121	75
7:45 a.m.	192	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	342	
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	62	30
10:30 a.m.	295	
Total	1012	105

Lenten Services, February 13 (Attendance)	
Traditional	233
Contemporary	56
Total	289

Week of February 24 - March 1

Sunday, February 24

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Family-focused Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. High School Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study; Lifelight
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian 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. Uncle Phil's Diner 2 Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 25

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, February 26

- 8:00 a.m. Urbandale Color Guard
- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Village
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik: Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday, February 27

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Imagine That
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik: Our Time
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Music Alive
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, February 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Ministry Focus Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community Group
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, February 29

- 11:45 a.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:00 p.m. 30-Hour Famine
- 6:30 p.m. Homebuilders

Saturday, March 1

- 30-Hour Famine
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Vote

Last Week's Educational Attendance					
	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:20 p.m.	Wed. 6:15 p.m.	Misc.
Preschool	6	27	25	27	Music Alive
Elementary	15	46	28	95	48
Total	21	73	53	122	Wed. Meal
Junior High		30			134
Senior High		7			

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

Welcome

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.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

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 southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children to when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

With the exception of the 7:45 a.m. service, the first 20 minutes of each worship service is designed for families to worship together. At that point in the service, children and youth will be invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them as outlined below.

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Grace Place, our weekend educational time, for children ages 3 to fifth grade at three different times: Saturday from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9:20-10 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:50-11:30 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place. They will gather outside of worship and leaders will escort them to their classrooms.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a study on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 134-38. Adults are invited to join us for an in-depth journey using materials from the Lifelight series in rooms 131-33 from 9:20-10:20 a.m.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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 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.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 Family-focused • 10:30 Contemporary
Educational Times: 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary
Grace Place at 5:50 p.m. • Staffed nursery from 5:15 p.m.