

WEEKLY WORD



February 23 and 24, 2008

A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

The Third Sunday in Lent

Frequently Asked Questions

Several questions surfaced during the recent Cottage meetings and Open Forums, so we thought we would publish a few of them. A more expanded version can be found on our Web site (www.gloriadeionline.com). If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call the church office.

Question: Have you identified potential sites for the relocation? If so, where are they?

Answer: We are aware of a number of pieces of land within four or five miles of our current facility. All are located in the Urbandale/Johnston area, but we will not have any serious discussions with potential sellers until the Strategic Plan has been approved by the congregation. If the plan is approved, we will take a more in-depth look at our site needs and identify parcels of land that meet those needs. The congregation will need to vote again to approve the site and purchase of land.

Question: How big do we want to get? Have we considered staying the same size?

Answer: We have not really discussed the potential size of our congregation, as that is not the focus of this plan. The plan is focused on expanding our ministries to bring Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime. Our human side likes the intimate feeling of knowing everyone at church, but God calls for us to go forth and

make disciples of all nations. More than 50 percent of our community does not have a church home, and our call from Christ is to reach out with the good news to all people and not limit ourselves.

Question: If the Strategic Plan is approved, how soon would you ask the congregation to make a decision on purchasing a piece of land?

Answer: After the congregation approves the Strategic Plan, we will begin the search for a suitable site with the goal of purchasing a piece of land in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Prior to buying land, the congregation must vote to approve the purchase.

Question: What happens to the building we are in now?

Answer: The Strategic Plan calls for selling our current facility once we have moved to our new location. However, the existing facility will not be sold until it is approved by a congregational vote. At this point, we do not know what the market value of the current building is but have conservatively estimated the value at \$4.5 million.

Vote

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

Remember to keep this process in your prayers as we prepare to vote next weekend. For more voting information, see page 2.

Welcome New Members

We officially welcome our newest members into the Gloria Dei family at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. service. Please take some time to greet them. See Page 4.

30-Hour Famine

The teens will accept donations in the narthex Sunday, Feb. 24 and Sunday, March 2. Please keep them in your prayers as they participate in the 30-Hour Famine from Friday, Feb. 29- Saturday, March 1.



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 Next Weekend

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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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 24 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Sophia Kay Hudson born Jan. 24, 2008 to Andrew and Susan Hudson (nee Anderson). Sophia's spiritual sponsors are Scot and Heidi Markla.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 24 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Danielle Eve Bowman born Nov. 15, 2007 to Christopher and Tonya Bowman (nee Smith). Danielle's spiritual sponsors are Shane and Kim Smith.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Ann Hinson from her loving family.

Lenten Devotional II

Pick up your Lenten Devotional II, "The Journey with Jesus," today at the Information Center.



Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 19:13-15

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Brian Gilg

Nicholas Petersen

Cara Setsodi

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

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 the health concerns of Kay Clark
- 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 for 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.

Welcome New Members!



Nathan and Erika Bonnett



Marla and Scott Byers



Gary Engelbart and Sara Brinkman
(Ethan)



Nicole and Michael Gathercole
(Kayla, Rae and Avery)



Curtis Giesking and Amy Terrazzino



Elizabeth and Ryan Glade



Joseph Lang



Jason and Michelle Olson
(Sydney and Spencer)



Tina and Wade Riedinger
(Caroline and Hannah)



Kathy and Bob Sams



Lacey Schiesl



Corey and Anne Soppe
(Logan)

Citizens Scholarship Foundation

The Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Urbandale, “Dollars for Scholars,” will host a fund raiser brunch on Sunday, March 2 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ralph Whitten Shelter House in Lions Park. The cost for omelets, pancakes, muffins and drinks is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

The foundation was started in 1962 and has helped more than 780 students with their higher-education tuition.

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.

Mary Esther Circle

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, March 13 at 9 a.m. at the home of Sandy Rinderknecht, 3204 Vine, West Des Moines.

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Ellen Allen, 4208 69th Street, Urbandale.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the church in rooms 131-33. Please bring your material.



Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Rd., Des Moines.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Whether you’re 20 years or 2 months behind, come spend some time with us at Scrapbook Fellowship on Friday, March 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in rooms 131 and 133. This is a come-and-go group, so come whenever you can; we’d love to have more participants! For more information, contact Deb Kesse at 251-8324 or DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Prayer Breakfast

Mark your calendar for the 2008 Iowa Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, March 20 from 7:15-8:45 a.m. at the Polk County Convention Complex, 501 Grand Ave., Des Moines. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. David Noebel, president of Summit Ministries, will be the keynote speaker and Faith Baptist Bible College Chorale will provide the music. To register call 253-9600.

Spring Clean-Up

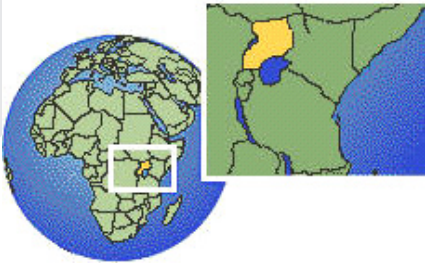
**Saturday, March 8
8 a.m. to noon**

Join the outside fun as we prepare for the upcoming Easter services by cleaning up our grounds.

(If per chance, the weather does not cooperate, we will try again on Saturday, March 22).

Sign-up today at the Information Center.

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)



Easter – Opportunities to Serve

With record attendance expected for the Easter weekend services, it is very important to make the worship experience comfortable and inviting to our guests and members. In order to make things run smoothly, it requires members to volunteer their time and talents. Please take some time to review all ways to serve during our five Easter services. If you decide to help, write your name on the sign-up sheet at the Information Center in the narthex, drop a note off in the church office, contact the person listed below, or send an e-mail to Dan Snyder at drs301@msn.com.

Ushers:

Sign up early, so you can help at the service of your choice. **Time:** Each worship service. **Contact:** Steve Junge at 276-0740 or any Elder.

Greeters:

We need friendly people at the north and south narthex entrances, and the Family Life Center doors to greet our guests. **Time:** Each worship service. **Contact:** Alice Wegner at 276-1456.

General Church Cleanup:

Light work, such as cleaning up flower beds, sweeping, picking up trash, and resetting the curbs. **Time:** Saturday, March 8 from 8 a.m. to noon. **Contact:** Show up at 8 a.m. or contact Bill Clark at 276-2517.

Easter Setup:

Prepare sanctuary and Family Life Center for services, install signage and outside banners, and move chairs. **Time:** Saturday, March 22, 8 a.m. to noon. **Contact:** Show up at 8 a.m. or contact Dan Snyder at 967-4190.

Easter Cleanup:

Remove signage and banners, and stack chairs 30 minutes after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service. **Contact:** Dan Snyder at 967-4190.

Easter Sunday Shuttle:

In order to accommodate our new guests, simply park your car at Urbandale Middle School and ride shuttle to and from services. No sign up necessary.

Family Life Center Hosts 10:30 Simulcast:

If the 10:30 a.m. service is filled to capacity, we need hosts to graciously redirect the overflow crowds into the Family Life Center. **Contact:** Dan Snyder at 967-4190.



Easter Services:

Saturday, March 22	5:30 p.m.	Contemporary in Family Life Center
Sunday, March 23	7:30 a.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Traditional in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Family-focused in Family Life Center
Sunday, March 23	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary in Sanctuary

Kindermusik Updates

Tuesday evening Village Kindermusik

No class Tuesday, March 18.

Last class will be Tuesday, March 25.

Tuesday evening Our Time and Young Child Kindermusik

Last class on April 15.

Wednesday Our Time and Imagine That Kindermusik

Last class on April 9.

Consignment Sale

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.

Midweek Meal Menu:

Feb. 27

Chicken noodle soup

Cost: \$2.50 per person.

Children under 3 eat free.

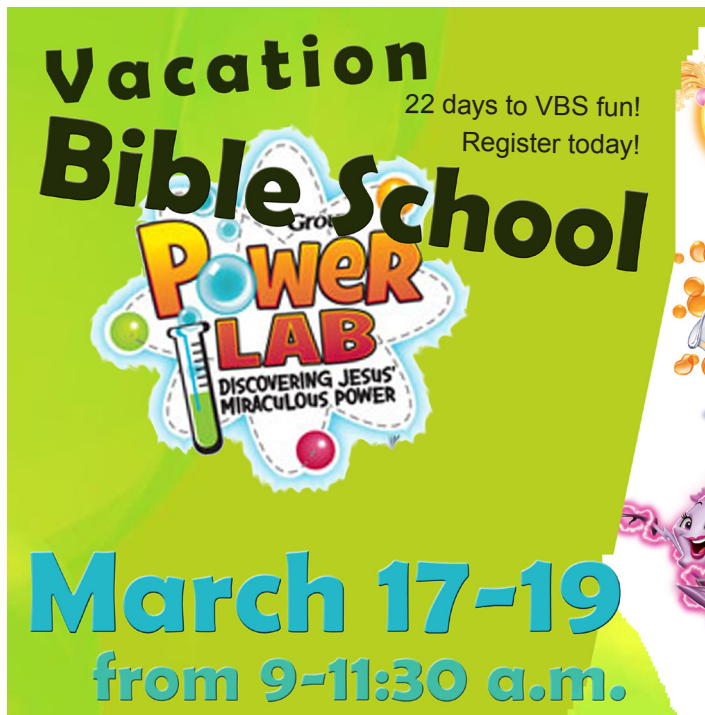
Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.

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.

Sign up today!



Vacation Bible School
22 days to VBS fun!
Register today!

Power Lab
DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER

March 17-19
from 9-11:30 a.m.

The advertisement features a green background with a white dashed border. It includes a cartoon lightbulb character with a smiling face, a cartoon beaker character with a face and arms, and a cartoon girl character with pink hair and wings. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large blue font for the dates and times.

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.

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Junior & Senior High Youth

Uncle Phil's Diner 2:

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.

Paint ball

March 9 from 11:45-5 p.m.

Action Jacks, Colfax

Join us for some paint-ball fun. Meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. Sign-up at the bulletin board. Cost is \$15 per person, \$10 if you have your own equipment and \$20 for 500 paint balls.

Concert

Friday, March 28 at 8 p.m.

The Comatose Tour, featuring Skillet, Thousand Foot Krutch and Decyfer Down will be playing at the Val Air Ballroom. Meet at the church at 6 p.m.; cost is \$22.85. If interested, please sign-up at the bulletin board. Payment is due to Tim by Sunday, March 23.

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.

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

Hope Ministry

Join Hope Ministries as they reach out to the poor on Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We will work at the Bargain Center and pass out groceries to the homeless.

Service Hours

If you still need service hours, you can help with spring clean up on March 8 or VBS from March 17-19. Confirmation requirements are due by March 30.

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. 27 Topic: Relationships with Friends

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. 24 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Come, hang out and play games.

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; Lighthouse
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, February 25

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 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

- 8:00 a.m. American Lung Association
- 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. Congregational Vote
- 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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$17,558
YTD Offering	\$1,009,984
YTD Budget	\$1,025,858

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	210	
7:45 a.m.	67	53
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	145	87
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)		
10:30 a.m.	125	71
Total	547	211

Lenten Services, February 20 (Attendance)	
Traditional	183
Contemporary	64
Total	247

Week of March 2 - March 8

Sunday, March 2

- 7:00 a.m. Congregational Vote
- 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
- 10:20 a.m. Being an Effective Christian
- 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. Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. Iowa Teacher's Conference
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive Team Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, March 4

- 9:00 a.m. Grief Share Facilitators
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ Monthly Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Homeschool Class
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Volleyball
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 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

Wednesday, March 5

- 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
- 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
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Services
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, March 6

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Connections Ministry Focus Group
- 5:00 p.m. Jayhawks Spirit Cheerleading Registration
- 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. Spanish Class

Friday, March 7

- 8:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Consignment Sale
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Mom's Club of WDM
- 11:45 a.m. Beginning Ballet
- 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923
- 6:30 p.m. Home Builders

Saturday, March 8

- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Spring Cleaning
- 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

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	12	10	6	24	Music Alive
Elementary	20	30	15	86	46
Total	32	40	21	110	Wed. Meal
Junior High		31			118
Senior High		77			

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.