

WEEKLY WORD



A Publication of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

January 12 and 13, 2008

The first Sunday after the Epiphany

G.R.A.C.E. Continues

We make countless decisions every day. Some require minor effort, while others require prayer, contemplation, discussion and wisdom. This week, Pastor Burcham will begin a three-week series of messages on the important criteria to be remembered when approaching a crossroad in life. Our prayer is that these messages will not only be relevant to our personal lives and decisions, but also in our life together as the body of Christ here at Gloria Dei.

As we have communicated in the last several months by Weekly Word articles and the "Sharing Grace Moments," our congregation is approaching a major intersection. We continue to grow, and by all other studies, will continue to do so. We have also learned that the staff, four Ministry Action Teams and other leaders have researched and studied the growth possibilities from a variety of perspectives and will present their recommendation to the church during the following Cottage Meetings:

Saturday, Feb. 2	9-11 a.m.	FLC
Saturday, Feb. 2	6:45-8:45 p.m.	FLC
Sunday, Feb. 3	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	FLC
Monday, Feb. 4	6:30-8:30 p.m.	FLC
Tuesday, Feb. 5	6:30-8:30 p.m.	FLC
Thursday, Feb. 7	6:30-8:30 p.m.	FLC

Since the information given out at the Cottage Meetings will be vast, we will also offer Open Forums where members of the Strategic Planning Ministry Action Team, the Governing Board and Pastor Burcham will be present to listen to and answer questions. These Open Forums will be held:

Saturday, Feb. 16	9-10 a.m.	135/137
Sunday, Feb. 17	7-8 p.m.	135/137
Tuesday, Feb. 19	7-8 p.m.	Youth Center
Thursday, Feb. 21	7-8 p.m.	135/137

In the background of all the research, studies and prayers have been the guiding light of our G.R.A.C.E. vision. We firmly believe that we have been called to be a congregation that will be a growing, relationship-centered church, serving as a beacon to our community, courageous in sharing the love of God with all people, and equipping them to deal with the challenges of life and becoming leaders in the kingdom of God.

Guiding Scriptures

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

Psalm 29:4

Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say.

Isaiah 28:23

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

in all your ways acknowledge him,

and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



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Sermon Series

Our three-week series of messages on making godly decisions will begin today.

Jan. 12-13
Seeking God's Voice

Jan. 19-20
Seeking God's Direction

Jan. 26-27
Seeking Godly Consensus

Stewardship notes

Final giving statements for 2007 will be mailed by Jan. 15. If you do not receive a statement, please contact Steve Kammeyer in the church office at 276-1700, ext. 202.

In addition, please remember to pick up your giving envelopes, which are located on the tables as you enter or exit the narthex.

Purpose-Drive Bible Study

The Purpose-Driven Bible Study will meet Monday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. in room 129. If you have any questions, please contact Melva Wenndt at 225-7511.

Smart Discipline

Hope Lutheran, 3857 East 42nd St., Des Moines, will host "Smart Discipline," Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 6-8 p.m. "Smart Discipline" is a program to assist parents with ways to encourage their children to obey. Please pre-register by calling 265-2057.

Take Time to Sing

For those who have been involved in the choir or for those who would like to join us this spring, please sing with us starting Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 6-6:45 p.m. in rooms 134-138. We would love new voices for our 2008 musical offerings and Easter celebration music. The Gloria Dei Chorale, a 40-50 member adult choir, sings a mix of traditional/traditional blend music twice a month at the 7:45 and 9 a.m. worship services.

No previous experience is needed and new voices are always welcome! If you are interested in joining this group, please join us on Jan. 16. If you have any questions, contact Elyse Brimeyer at 664-0283 or elyseflagg@gmail.com.

Diana's Angels

Come join the Diana's Angels group Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Hope Lutheran Church, 3857 E. 42th St., Des Moines. They will set up at 6:30 p.m. to start tracing patterns, cutting material and packing the sewing kits. No experience is needed; they will provide the training. Diana's Angels prepare layette sets for newborn babies, who do not survive after birth. If you have any questions, please contact Lois Cole at 288-1250, Ann Carrick at 789-9504 or Michele Banwart at 201-5174.

Cantata and Christmas DVDs

The pre-ordered Cantata or children's Christmas program DVDs are available at the Toolshoppe today for \$10 each. If you did not order a DVD, the Toolshoppe is stocked with extra copies, which can be purchased for \$10.

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Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the start of Women's Bible Connections.

Mission Central News

Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor, will be giving a mission presentation on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 20 at 8 and 10:30 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3900 Ashworth Rd., West Des Moines.

Spanish Class

Come learn Spanish with the Honduras mission team on Thursdays at 7 p.m. This is an introductory class for beginners and will meet in rooms 134-138. Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700, ext. 204 for more details.

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 in January.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

9 a.m. (FLC)

Rev. Kendall Meyer

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Scripture Reading:

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

Jacob Snyder

Emma Anderson

Eric Bass

Elders:

Terry Woolman

David Graaf

Vic Kesse

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Dave Disney

Lou Grotheer

Mo Grotheer

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

9 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Greg Haessler

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Tom Richards

Tim Mueller

Chad Oehlert

10:30 a.m.

Kevin Kelley

David Sengpiel

Colleen Sengpiel

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 families

Prayers

- For the Iowa Guard Unit from Des Moines that will be leaving for Iraq
- For the grieving family of Vicki Larimer, who lost her mother, Rita Ingham
- For the grieving family of Dennis Lensch, who lost his mother Doris Lensch
- For Theresa Erpelding's health
- For the health of Cara Setsodi
- For Diane Metz, who is battling cancer
- For Jay McCowen
- 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.

Women's Bible Connections

Monday,
January 14

The Gathering Place

(Use the Family Life Center west entrance)

All courses begin this Monday!
Join us as we begin our winter session:
6 p.m. short sample
6:30 fellowship
6:45 p.m. all classes begin

winter courses

- † BETH MOORE'S A HEART LIKE HIS, PART 2
- † FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S THE TRUTH PROJECT, PART 2
- † NOURISHMENT FOR YOUR BODY & SOUL
- † GETTING A GRIP ON YOUR DAILY LIFE
- † ACTS: MEN AND WOMEN SHARING THEIR FAITH



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 February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12. During that time, parents and students will highlight verses in scripture together. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held Monday-Wednesday, March 17-19 from 9-11:30 a.m. Watch for registration information in the coming weeks!

Interesting in helping? Contact DeAnn at 278-5544, ext. 207.

Saturday, Jan. 19 • 6:30 p.m.

Soups On!

Cost: Free-will donation



Proceeds to go the Honduras mission trip.



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"You're Amazing"
"My Surrender"

*Enjoy the music
Enjoy the culture
Enjoy each other*

Invite your friends and neighbors



Wednesday, January 30

Merging Culture's Concert:

Kaboose

hip-hop/rap

Doors Open
at 5:45 p.m.

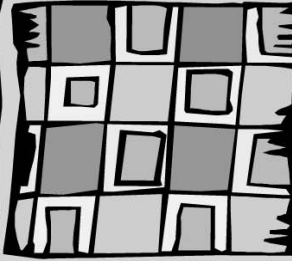
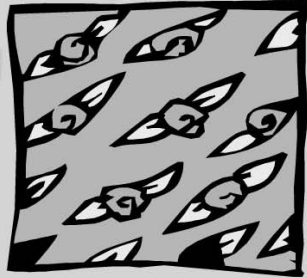
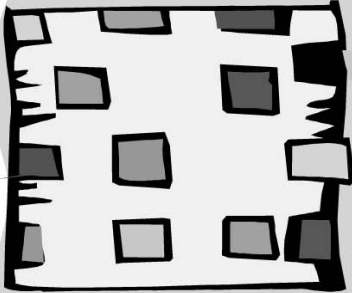
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at 6 p.m.

Cost:
Free-will
donation.

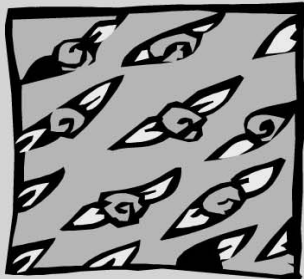
Anavox

contemporary rock

Location: Family Life Center
and Youth Center



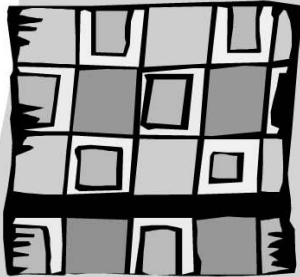
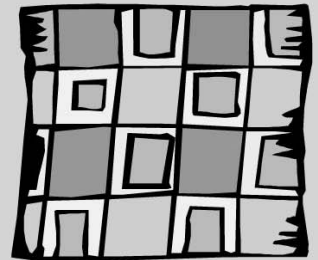
Starts
Saturday,
Jan. 19
from 8:30 a.m.
to 4 p.m.



Gloria Dei Quilters

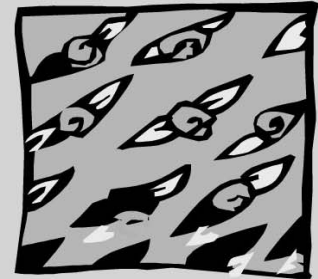
Join the Gloria Quilters on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or whatever time is convenient for you. Whether you are an accomplished quilter, an intermediate or a new quilter, come and help contribute to the number of quilts that will be taken to Honduras. Last year over 50 quilts were sent and they need even more this year.

Please note: If you are new to quilting, please let Norma know, so she will have enough helpers to walk you through every necessary 'thread' to construct a beautiful quilt. The only equipment that you will need is access to a sewing machine.



**For more information
or to register, contact:**

Norma Rohn at 253-0523 or
mrohn@aol.com



**For more information
or to register, contact:**

Connie Cook at 987-1516
or sewjazzy@mchsi.com.

Help Needed

Spring break will be here before we know it. VBS curriculum has been chosen and planning can begin. Since this is a busy time, we are looking for a pair of leaders (perhaps moms of preschoolers), who would be interested in helping to organize the preschool part of VBS. Some of the benefits of being a ministry partner leader would be:

- The time is clearly defined.
- VBS has a beginning and end with a short-time commitment (March 17-19).
- Materials are always exciting and creative.
- The rewards far outweigh the time.

Prayerfully consider getting involved. If you are interested, please contact Terry Steinke at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Wish to join Gloria Dei?

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 the Discovery classes.

New to the Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 101 and Discovery 201.

Transferring from another Lutheran church?

You are invited to attend Discovery 201.

Discovery 101: Wednesday, Jan. 16 - Jan. 30 at 6 p.m.

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, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

Discovery 201 is a four-hour event for everyone joining Gloria Dei. Dinner and childcare are provided. For more information, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Sign-up

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



Congregational Care Corner

**Join us
this week!**

Bringing Jesus Christ to the hurting for the first time and for a lifetime.

Contact Information:

**Pastor Tim Phillips, 278-5544, ext. 204
or tphillips@gloriadeionline.com**

Congregational Care, a ministry of Gloria Dei aimed at supporting people in difficult situations, will launch a variety of services in January that will bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. Please feel free to join us at any time for all of our adult support groups; new people are always welcome.

Current Support Groups:

Cancer Support Group

BCS Group: Thursday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Divorce Support Group

DivorceCare: Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Adult Grief Support Group

GriefShare: Thursday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children Grief Support Group

Stepping Stones starts Thursday, Jan. 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. If you are interested, please call Lynn Meyer at 986-5653.

Part-time Positions

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool has two part-time positions that need to be filled as soon as possible.

- Teacher for Playgroup:**
 Our playgroup (for children 3 years old by Sept. 15, 2008) needs one teacher. We have a lead teacher and one assistant teacher, but we need a third person. This position runs every Friday from Feb. 1-May 23 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The actual playgroup class is 9:15-11:15 a.m. The other time will be used for room and class preparation. Experience with little ones is required.
- Administrative Assistant:**
 The preschool office needs help with filing, organizing and computer work on Wednesdays for six hours. This person needs to be able to work in a daily routine or on a variety of projects.

If you are interested, please take an application at Information Center or in Terry's mailbox at the east end of the building.

Midweek Meal

Menu:

January 16

Goulash

Jan. 23

Walking Tacos

Cost: \$2.50 per person.
Children under 3 eat free.

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



tiny treasures
lutheran preschool

Tiny Treasures lutheran preschool

Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool is preparing for its fourth year. God has truly blessed our school with wonderful staff, students and families as we share the message of a loving Savior to more than 100 little ones.

If you know of someone (neighbor, friend or relative) looking for a preschool, please pick up our 2008/09 brochure at the Information Center today.

Changes in the program this year are a slight registration and tuition increase and an optional third day class for the 3-year-olds.



Pick up the 2008/09 brochure today at the Information Center. Registration fee is \$45. Please register soon as class sizes are limited.

2008/09 Classes

3-year olds: Must be 3 by 9/15/08.

- **3-year-olds morning • \$90/mo.**
Mon. and Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.
- **3-year-olds morning • \$120/mo.**
Mon., Wed., and Fri. 9-11:30 a.m.
- **3-year-olds morning • \$90/mo.**
Tues. and Thurs. 9-11:30 a.m.
- **3-year-olds morning • \$120/mo.**
Tues., Thurs. and Friday 9-11:30 a.m.

4-year olds: Must be 4 by 9/15/08.

- **4-year-olds morning • \$120/mo.**
Mon., Wed., Fri. 9-11:30 a.m.
- **4-year-olds afternoon • \$120/mo.**
Mon., Wed., Fri. 12:30-3 p.m.

PreK's: Must be 4 by 9/15/08 and going to school in the fall of 2009.

- **Prekindergarten morning • \$175/mo**
Mon.- Fri. 9-11:30 a.m.
- **Prekindergarten afternoon • \$175/mo**
Mon.- Fri. 12:30-3 p.m.

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Junior & Senior High

Mark Your Calendar

We have lots of great activities planned for the beginning of the year.

Uncle Phil's Dinner 2: The Badger Homecoming

Castings: Sunday, Jan. 13 at noon in the Youth Center.

Rehearsals: Sunday, Jan. 20 and 27 from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Anavox and Kaboose Concert

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center. Free-will donation will be collected.

30-hour Famine Meeting

A mandatory meeting for parents and youth, who would like to participate in the 30-hour Famine will be held Sunday, Feb. 10 at 8:45-9 a.m. or 10:15-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center.

30-hour Famine

Mark your calendar for the 30-hour Famine on Friday, Feb. 29 and Saturday, March 1.

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

Confirmation will be held Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Senior High - Grades 9-12

Sunday: Bible Study

Join us at 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.

Topic: January 16: Managing Things and Stuff

January 23: Managing Expectations of People

January 30: Concert

Survive Tour

February 22-23 in Lincoln, Neb.

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; registration deadline is in January 13.

Buccaneers Outing

Junior and senior high youth and families are invited to a hockey game on Friday, Jan. 18 when the Buccaneers meet the Sioux City Musketeer's. Tickets are \$10 per person; sign up with Tim or at the church office by Jan. 13. We will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and car-pool together.

Buy it today!

Youth Sweatshirts

They are in and they can be bought!

Check out our youth sweatshirts at the Tool-shophe for \$25.



Week of Jan. 13-19

Sunday, January 13

- 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 Casting
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 14

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 15

- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Care Callers
- 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, January 16

- 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 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. Discovery 101
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, January 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, January 18

- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Outing

Saturday, January 19

- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Honduras Soup Fundraiser

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$25,692
YTD Offering	\$846,424
YTD Budget	\$844,816

Attendance for Jan. 5-6			
Northwind	182	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	154	7:45 a.m.	138
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	386	9 a.m.	294
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	69	10:30 a.m.	224
10:30 a.m.	335		
Total	1126		
		Total	656

Week of Jan.20-26

Sunday, January 20

- 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 Bible Study
- 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. CareCallers
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 21

- 8:00 a.m. Urbandale Color Guard Practice
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Purpose Driven Bible Study

Tuesday, January 22

- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:00 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, January 23

- 8:30 a.m. American Lung Association
- 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. Discovery 101
- 6:00 p.m. The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra

Thursday, January 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. American Lung Association
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-marriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Class

Friday, January 25

Saturday, January 26

- 8:30 a.m. Blood Center Blood Drive
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance

	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	10	31	26	24	Music Alive
Elementary	19	64	28	87	46
Total	29	95	54	111	Wed. Meal
Junior High		34			125
High School		8			

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.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

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 Sunday, Jan. 6 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.

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.