

WEEKLY WORD



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January 19 and 20, 2008

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

God's Clear Directions to a Disciple

This week Pastor Burcham will continue with a series of messages about the importance of putting the Lord into the center of all our thoughts, especially when we are faced with a major-life decision. After all, God understands our hearts and situations much better than what our five senses dictate. Take Ananias' predicament in Acts 9 when he received an unexpected vision from the Lord that told him to: "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul."

Of course, Ananias did not like the vision because he knew of Saul's reputation. Every bone in his body told him not to go, but he decided to obey the voice of the Lord and went to minister to this ex-villain of the Christian church.

Perhaps, Ananias remembered Proverbs 3:5-6:

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.

Ananias sets a great example in the mechanics of walking with the Lord. First, he heard the voice of the Lord and then he obeyed the direction of that voice.

Remember, Ananias was simply noted as a "certain disciple," not a heavy-spiritual overachiever like Peter or Phillip, and yet the Lord worked a

mighty work within him. Can't the Lord do the same for us as we seek his will in our lives?

The same godly principles that can work in our private lives can also work collectively in our church. As you are aware, our church's future is at a crossroads. We have been blessed with growth since the first worship service in 1963 when eight families gathered at Olmsted Elementary School. We now have five worship services with an average attendance last year of 989. And if the first few weeks of this year are any indicator of a growth trend, we will easily reach the 1,100 mark.

As we have communicated in the last several months, we have prayed and researched for more than two years for a plan that would help usher Gloria Dei into the future. Now we need your prayers and input. We ask for you to do a few things to help us. This week, you will receive the Ministry Destination section of the Strategic Plan in the mail. Please take time to read and pray about the specific opportunities outlined in the document. We then encourage you to attend the Cottage Meetings and Open Forums in February.

Throughout the weeks to come, we all need to pray and seek God's will and anticipate God's direction to be as clear as it was to Ananias.

Cottage Meetings:

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

Open Forums:

Saturday, Feb. 16	9-10 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 17	7-8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 19	7-8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21	7-8 p.m.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Childcare provided.

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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 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 have any questions, contact Elyse Brimeyer at 664-0283 or elyseflagg@gmail.com.

Cantata and Christmas DVDs

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

Prayer

The following is a prayer that is applicable to decision-making from the Portals of Prayer booklet:

Lord, you have brought me to a new beginning this day. Thank you for the life and breath to which I awoke this morning. I am grateful for your Holy Spirit leading me in faith today. I will face choices, some simple and mundane, others possibly monumental. Some already make me anxious. Others I cannot see coming. Guide me, so that each move I make today is a step of faith and trust in you. And although you know I will stumble, pick me up again in your forgiveness, and move me forward in your plan for me. I ask not that you bless what I decide to do, but that you will lead me to do what you have already blessed. Marked with your name, I pray, Amen.

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Stewardship notes

Final giving statements for 2007 were mailed last week. If you do not receive a statement, please contact Steve Kammeyer in the church office at 276-1700, ext, 202.

New Ministry Action Team Formed

A new ministry action team has formed: Beacon of Blessings. Their mission is to be a beacon to the community by providing ongoing opportunities to be Christ-like in reaching out with compassion to fellow human beings who are struggling with some of life's basic needs.

To start up this ministry, the team needs to know what other groups at Gloria Dei are currently ministering to the poor. If your group supports an ongoing mission to the poor, please contact Paula Spark at 371-7972. This will help them to catalog what is being done and where to go from here. Thanks for your help. More information about this new team will be available in the future.

Godz GuyZ

Godz Guyz newly released CD "The Potter" is available in the narthex for purchase for \$15. Included on the CD are several songs written by Dalend Mackey and also the "Lord's Prayer." Pick up your copy today! Part of the proceeds from the CD sales will help to benefit Hospice organizations in Iowa.

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. 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:

Acts 15:1-21

Organist:

Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Jacob Snyder

Emma Anderson

Eric Bass

Elders:

Tim Mueller

Steve Junge

Tim Radig

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 our church family

Prayers

- For the Iowa Guard Unit from Des Moines that will be leaving for Iraq
- For the complete recovery of Peggy Wolfe
- 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 21
The Gathering Place
(Use the Family Life Center west entrance)

It is not too late to join us!
Monday, Jan. 21
6:30 p.m. fellowship
6:45 p.m. 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



Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a breakfast event on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The event will focus on the Thrivent Builds projects in the Des Moines area for 2008. Lance Henning, Executive Director of the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity and one of the Habitat families will speak. During the event, the 2008 financial and resource planning will be discussed and financial and time commitments will be turned in. Financial commitments can be gifts-in-kind (products used in homes or time donated by tradesmen) or monetary contributions. If you are interested in attending the event or want to help with the 2008 projects, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or billclark@mchsi.com. The goal is to raise \$30,000 in funds and gifts-in-kind and provide volunteers to build two new homes and remodel an existing home. For more information go to: www.gdmhabitat.org.

Honduras Mission Trip

The following items are being collected in the trunk located in the narthex for the June's Honduras mission trip. Thank you for your help!

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





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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.

Concert begins
at 6 p.m.

Cost:
Free-will
donation.

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Location: Family Life Center
and Youth Center

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:

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

Divorce Support Group

DivorceCare: Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Adult Grief Support Group

GriefShare: Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children Grief Support Group

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

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.

Kindergarten Information

Parents: Bring your children to a kindergarten information night at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines, Monday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 277-0247.

Preschool VBS 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.

Announcing Spring Break VBS



Vacation Bible School

March 17-19
Monday-Wednesday
9-11:30 a.m.

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 to live forever! Registration information will follow.

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

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:

**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

Uncle Phil's Dinner 2: The Badger Homecoming

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.

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

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.

Topics:

January 23: Managing Expectations of People
January 30: Concert

Coffee with Tim

Grab your friends and meet Tim at Starbucks across from Wynnsong Theatre on 86th on Mondays anytime from 3:30-6 p.m.

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m.

Hang out, play, watch the game and bring food to share.

Buy it today!

Youth Sweatshirts

They are in and they can be bought!

Check out our youth sweatshirts at the Toolshoppe for \$24.



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
- 10:30 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
- 8:00 a.m. No Tiny Treasures Preschool
- 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

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$30,589
YTD Offering	\$877,597
YTD Budget	\$874,988

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Foreign Mission MAT

Thursday, January 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. American Lung Association
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Music
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball
- 5:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Ministry Focus Group
- 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

Saturday, January 26

- 8:30 a.m. Blood Center Blood Drive
- 3:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Attendance for Jan. 5-6			
Northwind	197	Communion	
7:45 a.m.	165	Northwind	118
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	355	9 a.m. (FLC)	24
9 a.m. (Family Life Center)	47		
10:30 a.m.	309		
Total	1073		
		Total	142

Week of Jan. 27-Feb. 2

Sunday, January 27

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

Monday, January 28

- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Sewing Class
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, January 29

- 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
- 6:30 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 30

- 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. Youth's Concert
- 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 31

- 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 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, February 1

- 9:00 a.m. Mom's Club of WDM
- 6:00 p.m. Cafe 923

Saturday, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. Cottage Meeting
- 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
- 6:45 p.m. Cottage Meeting

Last Week's Educational Attendance					
	Saturday, 5:50	Sunday, 9:20	Sunday, 10:50	Wed., 6:15	Misc.
Preschool	7	41	22	23	Music Alive
Elementary	23	53	32	75	39
Total	30	94	54	98	Wed. Meal
Junior High		33			105
High School		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.



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 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.

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.